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- * 4609 MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF SOLAR PANEL METERS—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

Could the Minister advise who is responsible for the maintenance and repair of the meter/readers installed on solar panels for the purpose of recording and reporting energy stored?

Answer—

A customer's energy retailer is the primary contact for customer queries regarding meter reading, maintenance and repairs on solar panels.

The energy retailer will arrange a repair or inspection if the issue is the retailer's responsibility. If the customer is unable to resolve the issue with their retailer, they can contact the Energy & Water Ombudsman NSW (EWON) to raise a complaint and have the matter investigated.

- * 4610 ACCESS TO CEMETERY PLOT LOCATION INFORMATION—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Local Government—

- (1) Can the Minister advise if there is public access available to plot information for gravesite locations?
- (2) If Local Councils restructure their cemetery plot locations, what responsibility do they have to make this information public?

Answer—

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Lands and Property.

- * 4611 SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT TEST—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

The Selective High School Placement test assesses student's academic capability for entry into selective schools, is this method the most heavily weighted criteria for a student's successful entry into these schools?

Answer—

Performance in the selective high school placement test is the only criteria used for Year 7 placement in a selective high school, with the exception of boarding places at the three Department of Education boarding schools as follows:

- For boarding places at Farrer Memorial Agricultural High School and Yanco Agricultural High School, placement is based on academic merit and an interview.
- For boarding places at Hurlstone Agricultural High School, placement is based on performance in the selective high school placement test, academic merit and an interview.

- * 4612 TEMORA HOSPITAL KEY WORKER ACCOMMODATION—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

With respect to Key Worker Accommodation to help attract, recruit and retain more healthcare works to the region:

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Would the Minister advise what key worker accommodation is planned as part of the \$95 million Temora Hospital redevelopment?

Answer—

I am advised:

Murrumbidgee Local Health District and Health Infrastructure are prioritising sites for remaining funds as part of the \$15 million Key Health Worker Accommodation program. The Temora township will be considered as part of the prioritisation.

* 4613 COOLER CLASSROOM PROGRAM—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

With respect to the \$500 million Cooler Classroom Program:

- (1) Will the Minister please provide an update on the progress of the Cooler Classroom program implementation in schools?
- (2) Will the Minister please advise at what stage is the Cooler Classroom program in the following schools:
 - (a) Ardlethan Central School?
 - (b) Aria Park Central School?
 - (c) Barellan Central School?
 - (d) Barmedman Public School?
 - (e) Binya Public School?
 - (f) Bongongo Public School?
 - (g) Boorowa Central School?
 - (h) Bribbaree Public School?
 - (i) Caragabal Public School?
 - (j) Coolamon Central School?
 - (k) Cootamundra Public School?
 - (l) Cootamundra High School?
 - (m) Cowra Public School?
 - (n) Cowra High School?
 - (o) EA Southee Public School?
 - (p) Elouera Special School?
 - (q) Eurongilly Public School?
 - (r) Ganmain Public School?
 - (s) Gooloogong Public School?
 - (t) Greenethorpe Public School?
 - (u) Grenfell Public School?
 - (v) Gundagai Public School?
 - (w) Gundagai High School?

- (x) Gundagai South Public School?
- (y) Holman Place?
- (z) Holmwood Public School?
- (aa) Illabo Public School?
- (bb) Jugiong Public School?
- (cc) Junee North Public School?
- (dd) Junee Public School?
- (ee) Junee High School?
- (ff) Maimuru Public School?
- (gg) Marrar Public School?
- (hh) Matong Public School?
- (ii) Monteagle Public School?
- (jj) Mulyan Public School?
- (kk) Murringo Public School?
- (ll) Murrumburrah Public School?
- (mm) Murrumburrah High School?
- (nn) Nangus Public School?
- (oo) Naradhan Public School?
- (pp) Narrandera East Infants School?
- (qq) Narrandera Public School?
- (rr) Narrandera High School?
- (ss) Quandialla Public School?
- (tt) Stockinbingal Public School?
- (uu) Tallimba Public School?
- (vv) Temora Public School?
- (ww) Temora High School?
- (xx) Temora West Public School?
- (yy) Ungarie Central School?
- (zz) Ungarie High School?
- (aaa) Weethalle Public School?
- (bbb) West Wyalong Public School?
- (ccc) West Wyalong High School?
- (ddd) Wombat Public School?
- (eee) Woodstock Public School?
- (fff) Wyalong Public School?
- (ggg) Young North Public School?

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- (hhh) Young Public School?
(iii) Young High School?
- (3) Will the Minister please advise the details on how the maintenance of these cooling systems will be managed moving forward?
- (4) Will the Minister please advise how is the Government ensuring that schools with older infrastructure or those in more remote and regional areas have not been overlooked as part of this program?

Answer—

The department continues to work with schools to address their heating and cooling needs on a case-by-case basis. The department's maintenance program and other works, including air conditioning upgrades, are assessed in consultation with schools.

* 4614 FARM FIRE UNITS—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the —

With respect to Farm Fire Units:

- (1) Will the Minister please advise the progress of the trials for the Farm Fire Units?
- (2) Will the Minister please advise how many Farm Fire Units are now registered?
- (3) Will the Minister please advise what are the set standards for Farm Fire Units?
- (a) Who is responsible for checking these Farm Fire Units meet the set standards?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The second Farm Fire Fighting Vehicle trial concluded on 31 March 2025.
- (2) Under the trial, Farm Fire Fighting Vehicles that nominate for the trial are exempt from registration. As at 21 March 2025, 142 nominations had been received for the second trial.
- (3) The standards for the trial are set in the Trial Fact Sheet:
<https://www.nsw.gov.au/sites/default/files/noindex/2024-12/Farm-Fire-Fighting-Vehicle-factsheet-December-2024.pdf>.

This does not change the requirement for heavy vehicles to meet vehicle standard requirements under the Heavy Vehicle National Law. For the duration of the trial, a self-declaration from the nominating operator was required.

* 4615 GRENFELL CHILDCARE CENTRE—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

With respect to Grenfell Childcare Centre:

- (1) Will the Minister please advise the status of the Grenfell Childcare Centre?
- (2) Will the Minister please advise how is the Government supporting the community of Grenfell who are awaiting on a commitment of funding for a new childcare and Long Day Care centre in Grenfell?

Answer—

Please see answer to Budget Estimates 2024-25 supplementary question 19.

- * 4616 SMALL SCHOOLS—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

With respect to Small Schools:

- (1) Will the Minister please advise what does the Government take into consideration when it comes to moving an operational school into a school in recess?
- (2) Will the Minister please advise what community consultation is conducted when an operational school is looking to move into a school in recess?
- (3) Will the Minister please advise what are the triggers for an operational school to be moved into a school in recess?
- (4) Will the Minister please advise what is the Government doing to support communities who need these schools to remain operational, especially in rural and regional areas?

Answer—

The Department of Education website provides information on the change in future school operation procedures at: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/policy-library/policies/pd-2021-0477-05>.

- * 4617 HOSPITAL MAINTENANCE PROGRAM—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

With respect to Hospital maintenance program:

- (1) Minister you previously advised in your response on 10 September 2024 to a question on notice in relation to the Government's investment of \$250 million to deliver critical maintenance program at hospitals and health facilities across New South Wales, that NSW Health entitles are working with the NSW Ministry of Health to prioritise their critical assets, is this now completed?
 - (a) If so, what was the outcome?
 - (b) If not, when is the deadline for this to be complete?
 - (c) What was identified for the following facilities:
 - (i) Boorowa Multipurpose Service?
 - (ii) Coolamon-Ganmain Multipurpose Service?
 - (iii) Cootamundra Hospital?
 - (iv) Gundagai Multipurpose Service?
 - (v) Junee Multipurpose Service?
 - (vi) Murrumburrah-Harden Hospital?
 - (vii) Narrandera Hospital?
 - (viii) Temora Hospital?
 - (ix) West Wyalong Hospital?
 - (x) Young Hospital?
 - (xi) Canowindra Soldiers Memorial Hospital?
 - (xii) Cowra Hospital?
 - (xiii) Grenfell Multipurpose Service?

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Answer—

The \$250 million Critical Asset Maintenance Program (CAMP) will assist Health entities to mitigate asset replacement risks over the next 5-7 years to improve patient outcomes and enhance sustainability through improved asset management practice and planning.

The Ministry of Health is working with Health entities and CAMP governance to define critical asset priorities for finalisation of the CAMP business case.

- * 4618 REGIONAL JOB CREATION FUND—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

With respect to the Regional Job Creation Fund:

- (1) Will the Minister please advise what is happening around the Regional Job Creation Fund?
- (2) Will the Minister please advise what is the Government doing to support existing businesses in regional New South Wales to grow and increase productivity?
- (3) Will the Minister please advise what is the Government doing to fund projects to create and maintain regional jobs?

Answer—

I am advised that:

- (1) Relevant details regarding the Regional Job Creation Fund can be found at [Regional Job Creation Fund | NSW Government](#).
- (2) A full list of grants is available at [Grants and funding | NSW Government](#).
- (3) See answer 2.

- * 4619 HEAVY VEHICLE ACCESS FUNDING—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the —

With respect to Heavy Vehicle Access:

- (1) Will the Minister please provide what funding opportunities are available to Councils for Heavy Vehicle Access routes and upgrades?

Answer—

I am advised:

Councils can apply for funding through the Australian Government's Safer Local Roads and Infrastructure Program (SLRIP). This program supports safer and more efficient roads across Australia. Funding is open to State, Territory, and Local Governments through a merit-based application process. Projects must align with at least one key focus area: road safety, productivity, bridge renewal, resilience, sustainability, or heavy vehicle rest areas.

- * 4620 TARGETED EARLIER INTERVENTION PROGRAM—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Inclusion—

With respect to the Targeted Earlier Intervention program:

- (1) Would the Minister please advise which areas were selected to be part of this program?
- (2) Would the Minister please advise how is the success of this program measured?
- (3) Would the Minister please advise how do other areas interested in this program apply?
- (4) Would the Minister please advise what is the long-term implementation of this program to continue?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1 - 4) The Targeted Earlier Intervention (TEI) program delivers a wide variety of early intervention support services to children, young people, families and communities across NSW. Most current TEI providers were allocated contracts in 2020, under the former government. In 2023/24, 468 service providers delivered 502,678 sessions of service, across 1,470 outlet locations in NSW, across metropolitan, regional and rural locations. Locations of funded services can be found at <https://dcj.nsw.gov.au/children-and-families/support-for-children-young-people-and-families.html>.

A 2024 independent evaluation of the TEI program measured the success of the program and is available on the NSW Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) website at <https://dcj.nsw.gov.au/service-providers/deliver-services-to-children-and-families/targeted-earlier-intervention-program/targeted-earlier-intervention-evaluation.html>.

- * 4621 ST IVES INDOOR SPORTS CENTRE—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) Can the Minister provide an update on the St Ives indoor sports centre?
- (2) When will the centre be completed?

Answer—

Updates about the project are available on the School Infrastructure website at: https://www.schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au/content/dam/infrastructure/projects/s/st-ives-sports-centre/2025/january/St_Ives_Isc_-_Project_Update_-_December_2024.pdf.

- * 4622 COOLER CLASSROOMS PROGRAM - DAVIDSON ELECTORATE—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) Have the following Davidson electorate schools received the Cooler Classrooms Program:
 - (a) Davidson High?
 - (b) Killara High?
 - (c) Ku-ring-gai High?
 - (d) Lindfield Learning Village?
 - (e) St Ives High?

Answer—

Applications for funding under Round 2 of the Cooler Classrooms Program were unfunded by the previous Liberal Government when announced in 2019.

The Department of Education continues to work with schools on a case-by-case basis to address their heating and cooling needs. The department's maintenance program and other works, including air conditioning upgrades, are assessed in consultation with schools.

- * 4623 NEW SOUTH WALES FIREFIGHTERS - CANCER RISK REDUCTION AND SUPPORT—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

In relation to the risk of developing cancer by New South Wales firefighters:

- (1) How is the Government ensuring safety to our firefighters?

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- (2) If a firefighter develops cancer, are they provided insurance?

Answer—

The highest priority of both Fire and Rescue NSW (FRNSW) and the NSW Rural Fire Service (RFS) is the health and safety of firefighters whilst protecting the community.

I am advised:

- (1) FRNSW has implemented a Reducing Firefighter Exposure to Carcinogens Program to minimise firefighter exposure to toxins. Key initiatives under this program include a clean firefighter policy and updated decontamination procedures and protocols, investment in new personal protective equipment (PPE) and an enhanced laundry system as part of new station design principles. The RFS has also rolled out a range of new PPE, training in decontamination practices and laundry facilities alongside other practical cleaning options.
- (2) All NSW firefighters are covered by the workers compensation scheme for injury or illness arising from their duties.

- * 4624 LINDFIELD LEARNING VILLAGE - INTERNAL INVESTIGATION INTO FORMER LEADERSHIP TEAM—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

In relation to the internal investigation in relation to Lindfield Learning Village's former leadership team:

- (1) Has the investigation concluded?
 - (a) If yes, will the findings of this investigation be made public?
 - (b) If no, when will the investigation be concluded?

Answer—

Professional and Ethical Standards Directorate investigations are confidential. The investigation has concluded.

Mr Ben Rekić was appointed as the new Principal of Lindfield Learning Village and commenced in the position on 2 December 2024. Mr Rekić is working closely with two newly appointed deputy principals; Dennielle Woskanian who commenced on 5 February 2025 and Michelle Gleeson who will be commencing on 28 April 2025. Mr Rekić has a strong focus on academic excellence underpinned by explicit teaching. The school received outstanding HSC results with the school ranking as the 10th comprehensive school in the State in 2024. The school is also ranked first across North Sydney schools in regard to Year 9 NAPLAN Reading achievement.

- * 4625 NORTHERN BEACHES COUNCIL - ALCOHOL EXPENDITURE—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Local Government—

Northern Beaches Council states on their website, "In the 2023/24 financial year Council spent \$17,777 on catering for Councillors attending these Council meetings and briefings. That includes the cost of meals (\$17,281) and cost of alcohol (\$496)."

- (1) Is serving alcohol at council meetings in accordance with the New South Wales Office of Local Government's (OLG) policies?

Answer—

I am advised:

Under section 252 of the Local Government Act 1993, councils are not permitted to pay an expense or provide a facility to councillors other than in accordance with a councillor expenses and facilities policy adopted under that section.

The Office of Local Government (OLG) issued a non-mandatory, best practice councillor expenses and facilities policy for use by councils on 27 June 2017. OLG's model policy provides that "appropriate refreshments" are to be provided for council meetings, council committee meetings, councillor briefings, approved meetings and engagements, and official council functions as approved by the general manager. The model policy expressly excludes alcohol from the definition of "appropriate refreshments". Northern Beaches Council (Council) has adopted the model policy.

OLG is aware that information published on Council's website indicates that it spent \$496 in the 2023/24 financial year on alcohol for councillors. OLG has written to the Council requesting further information about this apparent non-compliance with its policy.

- * 4626 HOUSEHOLD SOLAR SUPPORT—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

How is the Government supporting households to adopt solar for their homes?

Answer—

In September 2024, the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water released the NSW Consumer Energy Strategy, which supports households and businesses to access energy saving technologies like solar panels.

The Strategy commits \$290 million in new funding and outlines 50 actions to encourage uptake of energy saving technologies in homes and small businesses, through new targets and incentives, as well as practical resources and legislative reforms designed to remove barriers to installation of energy saving technologies including solar.

This includes \$238.9 million to design and deliver a new Home Energy Saver program to provide targeted financial support to eligible customers to install energy saving technologies.

The NSW Government is also supporting apartment residents to install solar by partnering with the Australian Government to deliver a new \$25 million Solar for Apartment Residents (SOAR) program. This program will deliver grants to contribute to the costs for multi-unit buildings to install shared rooftop solar.

The NSW Government is also partnering with the Australian Government and Community Housing Providers to invest \$175 million to carry out energy efficiency upgrades in approximately 24,000 social housing properties across NSW through the Social Housing Energy Performance Initiative (SHEPI). Energy performance upgrades include installation of solar systems and solar sharing.

- * 4627 COLONOSCOPIES SERVICE PERFORMANCE - ORANGE—Mr Philip Donato to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

- (1) Are patients at Orange now routinely weeks to months overdue for colonoscopies, which is a vital procedure for the investigation and prevention of bowel cancer?
- (2) Can the Minister please advise whether this service performance is being monitored and measured?
 - (a) If so, where is this data being captured?
 - (b) What measures are being implemented to reduce delays in these procedures being performed?

Answer—

I am advised:

Orange Health Service monitors patient access and manages theatre sessions to increase capacity for colonoscopies as required. Patients may also be transferred to another Western NSW Local Health District hospital for their procedure, as a way to manage demand and capacity, and for sustainable access to services.

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* 4628 TREATMENT DELAYS - CANCER PATIENTS AT THE ORANGE HEALTH SERVICE—Mr Philip Donato to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

- (1) Have there been treatment delays to numerous cancer patients at the Orange Health Service?
 - (a) If confirmed, what steps are being taken to treat cancer patients in timeframes determined by the treating clinicians?

Answer—

I am advised:

Patients are booked for treatment within timeframes that are considered clinically appropriate by their treating specialists. Orange Health Service has processes in place to prevent delays occurring.

* 4629 CLINICIAN WORKFORCE AT ORANGE HEALTH SERVICE—Mr Philip Donato to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

- (1) Have waiting times outside the hospital to see a surgeon extended to double that of Australia generally?
- (2) Have clinician workforce in both the Orange Health Service and the Western NSW Local Health Service reduced to below sustainable levels in key disciplines including breast cancer surgery, urology and vascular surgery?
- (3) Have job applications been made from suitable candidates in these medical disciplines at Orange Health Service?
- (4) If yes to the above (1) – (3), could you please advise why this downward trend in clinician workforce at Orange Health Service continues?

Answer—

I am advised:

Surgeons at Orange Health Service are Visiting Medical Officers in private practice. Orange Health Service has no visibility of waiting times outside of hospital.

There has been an increase in the specialist medical workforce at Orange Health Service, following recent recruitment of a specialist breast cancer surgeon and 2 specialist urologists. The health service does not have a specialist vascular surgery service and refers those patients to Royal Prince Alfred Hospital. In January 2025, Orange Health Service welcomed 22 new medical interns.

* 4630 TRADE AND INVESTMENT COMMISSIONER UNITED KINGDOM AND EUROPE - VACANT ROLE—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Better Regulation and Fair Trading, Minister for Industry and Trade, Minister for Innovation, Science and Technology, Minister for Building, and Minister for Corrections—

Given recruitment for the Trade and Investment Commissioner United Kingdom and Europe is ongoing, for how long has the role been vacant?

Answer—

I am advised:

- A new Trade and Investment Commissioner United Kingdom and Europe commenced on 27 March 2025.

* 4631 ELECTRIC BUS DEPOT IN MACQUARIE PARK - TRANSPORT—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Transport, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—

- (1) Is the Government delivering an Electric Bus depot in Macquarie Park?
 - (a) If so, what is the address?
 - (b) If so, when will it be delivered?
 - (c) If so, what is the current status of its delivery?
 - (d) If so, what consultation occurred with bus industry stakeholders to determine the configuration of the depot?
 - (e) If consultation occurred, were any issues raised throughout this process?

Answer—

The NSW Government is delivering the new Macquarie Park Bus Depot (The Depot), which will be located at 1A and 1B Talavera Road, Macquarie Park.

The Depot is expected to be completed in 2027, with new battery electric buses continuing to be rolled out for service until 2028.

Transport for NSW worked closely with the Region 7 bus operator, Busways, and its workforce, battery electric infrastructure technical experts, and industry to determine the most suitable configuration for the site.

Relevant feedback provided during the public consultation for the Macquarie Park Review of Environmental Factors can be viewed in the Submissions Report on the Transport for NSW website:

<https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/system/files/media/documents/2024/Macquarie-Park-Bus-Depot-REF-Submissions-Report.pdf>.

Community awareness and engagement has been ongoing since 2023 with community project updates, local briefings and a range of feedback channels provided for organisations and the community seeking more information. Notifications, environmental reports, and the latest updates can be viewed on the Transport for NSW website:

<https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/projects/current-projects/macquarie-park-bus-depot>.

* 4632 ELECTRIC BUS DEPOT IN MACQUARIE PARK - ENERGY—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) Is your Department working with Transport for NSW on the delivery of a new electric bus depot in Macquarie Park?
- (2) Are you aware of any challenges associated with delivering adequate power to this location?
 - (a) If so, what are these challenges?
 - (b) If so, what is the Government doing to address these challenges?
 - (c) If so, are these challenges prevalent at any other electric bus depots in New South Wales, and if so, which specifically?

Answer—

- (1) No, Transport for NSW is delivering this project.
- (2) No.

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* 4633 NEW COMMUNITY PRESCHOOLS—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) How many new community preschools have opened in the previous 12 months to:
 - (a) 31 December 2024?
 - (b) 31 December 2023?
 - (c) 31 December 2022?
 - (d) 31 December 2021?
 - (e) 31 December 2020?
- (2) Does the Government have any plans to fund additional community preschools in 2025 or beyond?
 - (a) If so, where will these new preschools be located?

Answer—

The NSW Government funds community preschools through the Start Strong for Community Preschools program which supports the delivery of affordable quality preschool education for 3-to 5-year-old children. New community preschools can apply for Start Strong funding as outlined in the program guidelines.

* 4634 STRATA LEGISLATION REFORMS—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Better Regulation and Fair Trading, Minister for Industry and Trade, Minister for Innovation, Science and Technology, Minister for Building, and Minister for Corrections—

- (1) Does the Government have plans to reform Strata legislation to specifically deal with strata manager fees and commissions?
 - (a) If so, how will these reforms be designed to benefit strata occupants?
 - (b) If so, what consultation will take place with strata industry stakeholders?
 - (c) If so, will these planned reforms likely become law during this current term of Parliament?

Answer—

I am advised:

- The Government is undertaking consultation on options for reform to address concerns regarding strata manager fees and commissions.
- Feedback from consultation will be reviewed to determine future reform agenda.

* 4635 LOW AND MID-RISE HOUSING POLICY - SUBMISSIONS PUBLICATION—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) Will Council and other non-individual submissions to the Low and Mid-Rise Housing policy be made public?
 - (a) If so, when?

Answer—

I am advised:

It is not intended to publish council and other non-individual submissions to the Low and Mid-Rise Housing Policy.

The Submissions report: Low and Mid-Rise Housing Policy is available at <https://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/policy-and-legislation/housing/low-and-mid-rise-housing-policy/feedback-on-the-low-and-mid-rise-housing-policy>.

* 4636 ASSUMED WALK SPEED - TRANSPORT FOR NSW PUBLIC TRANSPORT ACCESSIBILITY LEVEL—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Transport, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—

- (1) What is the assumed walk speed utilised in the Transport for NSW Public Transport Accessibility Level (PTAL)?
- (2) How does this speed compare to the United Kingdom's Design Manual for Roads and Bridges or Transport for London's PTAL methodology?
- (3) If there is disparity with one or both of these references, what explanation can be given for the difference in walk speed assumptions?

Answer—

I am advised:

The assumed walking speed used in the NSW Public Transport Accessibility Level (PTAL) measure is 4 kilometres per hour. PTAL assumes that people will walk up to 400 metres to a bus service and up to 800 metres to a rail, light rail, metro, or ferry stop. This is a slower assumed walking speed and shorter distance than is used in the United Kingdom. Transport for London's PTAL methodology assumes 4.8 kilometres per hour, 640 metres to a bus and 960 metres to rail or Tube service.

The standard walking distances (400 metres for bus, 800 metres for other modes) have been in use across NSW since 2013. This is in both government and academic literature, including the Integrated Public Transport Service Planning Guidelines, Sydney Metropolitan Area (2013): <https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/sites/default/files/media/documents/2017/integrated-pt-service-planning-guidelines-sydney-metro-dec-2013.pdf>.

* 4637 DEPARTMENTAL USE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE - HEALTH—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

- (1) Does your Department use any form of artificial intelligence (AI) (such as Chat GPT, Microsoft Copilot or similar tools) for the drafting of media releases, speeches, reports, research or any other drafting activity?
- (2) Is there a policy that relates to this matter?
 - (a) If so, can you please provide a direct URL?

Answer—

I am advised:

NSW Health complies with the NSW Department of Customer Service Circular 'Use of Artificial Intelligence by NSW Government Agencies' (DCS-2022-01). Information on the whole of government requirements is available on the Digital NSW website: <https://www.digital.nsw.gov.au/policy/artificial-intelligence>.

NSW Health has released supplementary mandatory guidance on the use of Generative Artificial Intelligence available: https://www1.health.nsw.gov.au/pds/Pages/doc.aspx?dn=IB2024_059.

* 4638 PUBLIC TRANSPORT TICKET CHECKS - DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PAYMENT TYPES—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Transport, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—

- (1) Is there any difference between the information displayed when an Authorised Officer or Police Officer checks public transport tickets by scanning an Opal Card, compared to a contactless card or device?

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- (a) If so, what are the differences for each payment type?

Answer—

I am advised:

There are minimal differences in information displayed in the Opal Revenue Protection Application when an Authorised Officer or Police Transport Command officer checks passenger tickets, whether an Opal Card or a credit/debit card. When a ticket is checked, the same information is displayed in the main Opal Revenue Protection Application scan result screen for ticket compliance, regardless of card type (Opal card or credit/debit card). Officers can check additional information on Opal cards, such as the Opal card number, the current balance and the last top update and time.

- * 4639 MANDALONG ROAD UPGRADE—The Hon. Greg Piper to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—

When is construction on the Mandalong Road upgrade at Morisset expected to commence?

Answer—

I am advised:

Construction is expected to start in 2026. Transport for NSW will continue to work with council and consult with key stakeholders and keep the community informed as the project progresses.

- * 4640 SPEERS POINT TRANSPORT NETWORK UPGRADE—The Hon. Greg Piper to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—

When is construction on the Speers Point transport network upgrade expected to commence?

Answer—

I am advised:

Timing for construction of the Speers Point transport network upgrade is not yet confirmed and is dependent on planning approvals. Work to refine the traffic modelling and design is ongoing, with a business case expected to be completed mid-2025.

- * 4641 ROAD TOLL EXEMPTIONS—Ms Jacqui Scruby to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Transport, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—

- (1) Which road tolls in New South Wales have exemptions in place for holders of Department of Veterans Affairs Cards?

- (a) Of those, which types of Veterans cards are eligible for each exemption?
(b) How many applications have been applied for, for these exemptions per year since 2015?

- (2) Has the Government considered exempting all persons with Veterans cards from all road tolls in New South Wales?

- (a) If yes, why hasn't this been implemented?
(b) Is there a timeline proposed for implementation of a complete toll exemption?

- (3) Has any research been conducted on the financial impact of providing toll exemptions for veterans?

- (a) If yes, what were the results of that research?

- (4) What would be the financial impact for the Government of a full exemption of tolls in New South Wales for veterans?

- (5) Has there been any public consultation or feedback from veterans' organisations regarding toll exemptions for veterans in Sydney and New South Wales?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The Sydney Harbour Bridge and Tunnel has exemptions, which are available to: Department of Veterans' Affairs OVA Veteran Gold Card holders, printed with Totally and Permanently Incapacitated (TPI), and Drivers of modified vehicles with hand controls. TPI Veterans are also exempt from paying vehicle registration.

Since 2015, there have been a total of 495 applications for these exemptions, the breakdown by year is below:

- 2015 - 72
- 2016 - 82
- 2017 - 30
- 2018 - 46
- 2019 - 32
- 2020 - 21
- 2021 - 13
- 2022 - 44
- 2023 - 68
- 2024- 69
- 2025 -18

Exemptions for all veterans has not been specifically considered as part of the toll reform process. The Sydney Harbour Bridge and Tunnel are government-owned roads. All other tolled motorways are privately owned.

- (2) Research on the financial impact of providing toll exemptions for veterans was not conducted as part of the toll review process.
- (3) Transport for NSW is unable to estimate the financial impact without detailed data on the number of veterans that meet the eligibility criteria.
- (4) Consultation with veteran organisations was not specifically conducted as part of the toll review process. Public consultation was open to all members of the public to provide a submission to the review.

* 4642 TREE VANDALISM—Ms Jacqui Scruby to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) How many incidents of tree vandalism have been reported per year for the years from 2020-2025 in:
- (a) Greater Sydney?
- (b) Postcodes:
- (i) 2101?
- (ii) 2102?

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- (iii) 2103?
 - (iv) 2104?
 - (v) 2105?
 - (vi) 2106?
 - (vii) 2107?
 - (viii) 2108?
 - (ix) 2084?
- (2) How many of those reports have been investigated?
- (3) What percentage of those reports resulted in fines or prosecutions?
- (4) How many fines have been issued in relation to tree vandalism per year for the years from 2020-2025 in:
- (a) Sydney?
 - (b) Postcodes:
 - (i) 2101?
 - (ii) 2102?
 - (iii) 2103?
 - (iv) 2104?
 - (v) 2105?
 - (vi) 2106?
 - (vii) 2107?
 - (viii) 2108?
 - (ix) 2084?
- (5) What was the average monetary value of fines issued?
- (6) Does the Government have a system in place for tracking the number and locations of trees affected by vandalism?
- (7) Is there any collaboration between local authorities, community groups, or environmental organisations to monitor and prevent tree vandalism?
- (8) What is the process for replacing or restoring trees that have been vandalised?
- (9) How much has the Government spent per year for the last 5 years on addressing tree vandalism, including costs for replacement and restoration?

Answer—

- (1 – 9) These questions should be referred to the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, the Hon Paul Scully MP.

* 4643 AMBULANCE WAIT TIMES—Ms Jacqui Scruby to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

- (1) What is the average ambulance response time in:
- (a) New South Wales?

- (b) Sydney?
- (c) North Sydney Local Health District?
- (2) What is the median P1A case response time in:
 - (a) New South Wales?
 - (b) Sydney?
 - (c) North Sydney Local Health District?
- (3) What is the median P1 case response time in:
 - (a) New South Wales?
 - (b) Sydney?
 - (c) North Sydney Local Health District?
- (4) What is the median P2 case response time in:
 - (a) New South Wales?
 - (b) Sydney?
 - (c) North Sydney Local Health District?
- (5) How many Taxpayer Funded ambulances are allocated to the North Sydney Local Health District for:
 - (a) Day shift?
 - (b) Afternoon shift?
 - (c) Night shift?
- (6) How many ambulances are allocated to the North Sydney Local Health District for day shift under the NSW Ambulance minimum staffing levels (PAR) system for:
 - (a) Day shift?
 - (b) Afternoon shift?
 - (c) Night shift?
- (7) How many ambulances are currently stationed in:
 - (a) Narrabeen?
 - (b) Mona Vale?
 - (c) Avalon?
- (8) How many intensive care cars are currently stationed in:
 - (a) Narrabeen?
 - (b) Mona Vale?
 - (c) Avalon?
- (9) How many primary care cars are currently stationed in:
 - (a) Narrabeen?
 - (b) Mona Vale?
 - (c) Avalon?

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- (10) What was the longest ambulance wait time recorded in Pittwater each year in 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025?
- (11) How often do wait times exceed the recommended or expected time frame for emergency responses in:
 - (a) New South Wales?
 - (b) Sydney?
 - (c) North Sydney Local Health District?
- (12) Is there a plan to increase the number of ambulances or staff in Pittwater to address wait times?
- (13) How is the Government planning to address potential future increases in demand for ambulance services due to population growth in Pittwater?
- (14) Has the Government conducted any recent reviews or audits of ambulance wait times in Pittwater and/or the North Sydney Local Health District, and if so, what were the findings?
- (15) Has there been any community or patient survey data gathered regarding satisfaction with ambulance response times in Pittwater?

Answer—

I am advised:

NSW Ambulance conducts regular analysis of all locations within NSW to identify areas of growing demand for the prioritisation of resources.

NSW Ambulance activity and performance data is publicly available on the Bureau of Health Information website at <https://www.bhi.nsw.gov.au>.

Fleet numbers are varied to meet operational need as required, and services are subject to change when identified through operational requirements.

All NSW Ambulance paramedics are Registered Health Professionals with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Authority and are trained and equipped to safely provide a range of advanced clinical interventions and treatments.

Intensive care paramedics are a specialist clinical role in NSW Ambulance and sometimes respond in sedans, motorbikes, aircraft, and class 1 Mercedes sprinter ambulance.

Paramedics are a mobile workforce. Vehicles and their paramedic crew are moved throughout their shift to provide geographical coverage of ambulance resources across NSW. During periods of higher demand, NSW Ambulance can fluidly deploy resources.

NSW Ambulance patient experience data is publicly available on the Productivity Commission website at p.c.gov.au.

* 4644 GROSS POLLUTANT TRAPS—Ms Kobi Shetty to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) Does the Government have any plans to develop a program that will provide consistent oversight of the use, monitoring and maintenance of Gross Pollutant Traps across New South Wales?
 - (a) If yes, what are the plans?
 - (b) If no:
 - (i) What steps, if any, have been taken to develop such plans?
 - (ii) What considerations, if any, have been entered into regarding such plans?

Answer—

- (1) The NSW Government does not currently have a dedicated program for consistent oversight of Gross Pollutant Traps (GPTs) in NSW.
- (a) Please see response above.
- (b) (i) There is no plan to develop a dedicated program.
- (ii) Local councils are responsible for managing stormwater control measures (including GPTs), with the exception of some areas of Greater Sydney where Sydney Water is responsible.

* 4645 MULTI-LEVEL PARKING AT WHITE BAY—Ms Kobi Shetty to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Transport, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—

- (1) Does the Government have any plans to develop a multi-level parking station within the Bays West Port Precinct?
- (a) If yes:
- (i) What are the plans?
- (ii) What community consultation has been, or will be carried out in relation to the plans?
- (b) If no:
- (i) What steps, if any, have been taken to develop such plans?
- (ii) What considerations, if any, have been entered into regarding such plans?

Answer—

I am advised:

Port Authority of New South Wales (Port Authority) has gone to market to seek a contractor to design and build a car parking facility at the White Bay Cruise Terminal.

Port Authority's Glebe Island and White Bay Community Liaison Group were advised that Port Authority had commenced an open market process to find a contractor to design and build the car park at their meeting held on 4 March 2025. Further community and stakeholder consultation on the project is planned. A key component of this consultation will be the exhibition of the Review of Environmental Factors, which will be placed on public exhibition for a 28-day period.

* 4646 PART 1 OF SCHEDULE 2 OF THE LEGAL PROFESSION UNIFORM LAW APPLICATION REGULATION 2015 (NSW)—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Attorney General—

With reference to the decision in *Coal & Allied Operations Pty Ltd v Crossley* [2023] NSWCA 182 and the power of the court to correct typographical errors:

- (1) Will you seek to correct Part 1 of Schedule 2 of the Legal Profession Uniform Law Application Regulation 2015 (NSW)?
- (a) If so, when?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Legal Profession Uniform Law Application Regulation 2015 (Regulation) is scheduled for staged repeal on 1 September 2025 under section 10 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1989 unless remade earlier. Work is underway for a new Regulation to be made prior to 1 September 2025. The Court of

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Appeal's decision in *Coal & Allied Operations Pty Ltd v Crossley* [2023] NSWCA 182 will be considered as part of this process.

- * 4647 LUNG HEALTH MOBILE CLINIC—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

With reference to protecting workers from dust diseases through the Lung Health Mobile Clinic:

- (1) Is the schedule published on the icare website, last updated 15 October 2024, currently accurate?
- (2) How many appointments have been requested through the icare website, broken down by month and electorate or region?
- (3) How many employers requiring lung screening for 30 or more workers have applied for the service?
- (4) Could you please provide a list of the locations visited by the mobile clinic to date, including the duration of each stay?
- (5) How many appointments and visits were conducted by the service during its most recent period in Sydney?
- (6) Could you please advise the scheduled dates and locations for the mobile clinic's visits to the following local government areas:
 - (a) Shellharbour?
 - (b) Kiama?
 - (c) Shoalhaven?

Answer—

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Treasurer.

- * 4648 MENINGOCOCCAL B—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

With reference to the Government's announcement, on 11 March 2025, that free immunisation from respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) will be available to all newborn babies from 17 March 2025:

- (1) Does the Government plan to extend this same level of protection to all newborns by funding a comprehensive, state-wide Meningococcal B vaccination program, ensuring equitable access for all families?
- (2) Does the Government plan to adopt a catch-up program for Meningococcal B for children younger than two and young people 15-19 years old?
- (3) Could you please provide the annual number of Meningococcal B cases reported in New South Wales for the past five years?
- (4) Could you please provide an estimate of the number of infants, children, and young people in New South Wales who remain unvaccinated against Meningococcal B?

Answer—

I am advised:

Meningococcal B vaccine is free under the National Immunisation Program for:

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children aged 2 months, 4 months, 6 months with certain medical conditions, and 12 months; and

- people of all ages with certain medical conditions;

Data on NSW meningococcal cases is publicly available on the NSW Health infectious disease data webpage.

NSW Health does not have data on the number of infants, children, and young people in NSW who are not vaccinated against meningococcal B disease.

- * 4649 SCHOOL TRAVEL PASS REFUSALS—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

With reference to the School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS):

- (1) How many of the following have been issued this year:
 - (a) free school travel passes?
 - (b) School Opal cards?
 - (c) Both?
- (2) Can you provide a breakdown by each school for the Kiama electorate?
 - (a) If not, why not?
- (3) For the Kiama electorate, how many applications for each category were refused (2024-25)?
- (4) For the Kiama electorate, how many requests were made for a review of any decision and how many decisions were upheld?
- (5) In relation to (1) to (4), how does this compare each year for the last five years?
- (6) What support is there for parents who cannot afford a bus pass and have been refused the subsidy scheme?
- (7) How many Ministerial interventions in relation to the granting of subsidies have you approved since coming to office?

Answer—

This program is administered by Transport for NSW. Questions should be referred to the Minister for Transport.

- * 4650 SAFE PASSAGE OVER M1 MOTORWAY IN BOMADERRY (CONTINUED)—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the —

With reference to Question 1103 and your answer on 26 September 2023:

- (1) Did you consult with the Minister for Education and Early Learning or local schools on the need for a safe pedestrian passage between Bomaderry and the Nowra Bridge for pedestrians to cross the M1 Motorway on receipt of my earlier question?
 - (a) If so, when?
- (2) How many complaints has your department received in relation to safe passage across the M1 Motorway in Bomaderry since my question in September 2023?
- (3) Can you provide an update and timeline on the proposed future upgrade to fully signalise the Princes Highway/ Moss Vale Road/ Cambewarra Road intersection to cater for additional urban development in the area that included additional signalised pedestrian crossing for the Highway at this location?

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Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Between August and October 2023, Transport for NSW carried out consultation with the community and stakeholders as part of the Nowra bypass and transport improvements project. As part of this consultation, a targeted survey was issued to organisations, businesses, service providers and representatives of secondary and tertiary education providers.
- (2) Transport for NSW has received feedback from the Member for Kiama's office on behalf of four members of the public in relation to the safe passage across the Princes Highway in Bomaderry since September 2023.
- (3) Transport for NSW is investigating pedestrian and cycling improvements in addition to traffic efficiency and road safety improvements, at the intersection of the Princes Highway, Moss Vale and Cambewarra roads. Options include a signalised intersection that would provide a signalised crossing at the Princes Highway. This project is in the planning phase and will move into the development and delivery phase once funding is confirmed.

* 4651 JUSTICES OF THE PEACE—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Attorney General—

With reference to Justices of the Peace:

- (1) How many Justices of the Peace (JPs) have been sworn in each year for the last five years?
 - (a) Kiama?
 - (b) Shellharbour?
 - (c) South Coast?
 - (d) Wollongong?
 - (e) Heathcote?
- (2) For the same electorates, how many JPs have resigned each year for the last five years?
- (3) Similarly, how many JPs have been struck off the Register each year for the last five years?
- (4) Similarly, how many JPs speak a language other than English?
- (5) For New South Wales or the above electorates, if possible, how many JPs have had a civil liability case brought against them in carrying out their roles in New South Wales each year for the last five years?
- (6) Would the Government consider providing stamps for new JPs?
 - (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

With respect to Justice of the Peace (JP) statistics as of 1 April 2025:

- (1) The number of people appointed to the office of JP in each year across the specified regions for the past five years is outlined in the table below:

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Total
Kiama	204	360	351	396	373	275	1959
Shellharbour	69	132	147	164	174	124	810
South Coast	98	138	143	159	104	115	757

Wollongong	251	462	480	547	482	414	2,636
Heathcote	129	248	282	253	238	228	1,378

- (2) For the same electorates, JPs who resigned in each year across the specified regions for the past five years is outlined in the table below:

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Total
Kiama	17	14	2	8	15	6	62
Shellharbour	5	6	0	3	6	1	21
South Coast	7	5	1	4	12	4	33
Wollongong	9	12	9	10	13	8	61
Heathcote	8	3	7	7	3	3	31

- (3) No JPs have been removed from office in the electorates of Kiama, Shellharbour, South Coast, Wollongong, and Heathcote during the past five years.
- (4) A total of 453 JPs have identified as speaking a language other than English, distributed as follows:
- Kiama: 76
 - Shellharbour: 54
 - South Coast: 19
 - Wollongong: 224
 - Heathcote: 80
- (5) The NSW Government is not aware of any reported civil liability case brought against a JP in relation to their performance of JP duties within the past five years.
- (6) In NSW, stamps are not provided to JPs because they are not considered essential for fulfilling JP functions. JPs can handwrite the required information, which includes the necessary wording, their JP number, and their signature, to complete their duties effectively. This approach ensures that JPs can perform their responsibilities without reliance on additional tools, minimising costs and adhering to the principle of public expenditure efficiency. Using a stamp remains a personal choice and is entirely optional.

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* 4652 DROUGHT TRIGGERS AND DROUGHT ASSISTANCE—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

- (1) Can the Minister advise what the current trigger points are for drought affected farmers to access assistance?
- (2) Can the Minister advise if there is still a requirement for an emergency declaration for drought assistance to be available to primary producers?

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Answer—

- (1) There are no 'trigger points' linked to drought assistance provided by the NSW Government. The Drought Ready and Resilient Fund is available to primary producers in NSW to fund a broad range of products, activities and services aimed at improving drought preparedness and climate variability resilience.
- (2) There is no requirement for emergency declarations. The NSW Government does not declare drought or exceptional circumstances which is consistent with the National Drought Agreement. This is an approach agreed and endorsed by all State and Territory Governments and the Australian Government in 2013.

* 4653 INCENTIVES TO ATTRACT AND RETAIN POLICE OFFICERS IN THE CENTRAL WEST AND CENTRAL NORTH—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

- (1) Can the Minister advise what incentives and initiatives are currently available to attract and retain Police Officers in the Central West and Central North Command, particularly in its smaller stations?
- (2) Can the Minister advise what the current full-time equivalent vacancy rate is for the Central West Command and what percentage of serving officers are on full duties?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) In July 2024, the NSWPF launched 'You Should Be A Cop In Your Hometown', a recruitment campaign designed to attract applicants to 12 regional areas and giving new recruits from regional NSW the opportunity to serve in, or near, their hometown after they graduate from the Goulburn Police Academy.

These areas include Albury Police Station, Bathurst Police Station, Coffs-Clarence Police District (PD), Dubbo/Wellington Police Station, Griffith Police Station, Hunter Valley PD, Mid North Coast PD, Moree Police Station, Nowra Police Station, Richmond PD, Tamworth Police Station and Wagga Wagga Police Station, with placements dependent on operational needs. Whilst these are the focus locations, there is potential for recruits from all regional locations to be allocated to their hometown.

From 1 July 2023, a total of \$7.5 million over five years is being invested to attract police to remote communities across NSW and encourage them to stay in these communities for up to five years. The incentive scheme enables officers to determine how they want to use their incentives and recognises the unique operating environment and community engagement requirements of remote and special remote locations. Cash incentives commenced from 1 July 2023 each year for five years to the value of \$36,000 for Remote Locations; \$31,000 for Special Remote Locations; and \$19,000 for Remote Offshore Location (Lord Howe Island).

- (2) The NSW Police Force publishes employee information for each Police Area Command and Police District in its annual report. Staffing numbers at any particular police station can fluctuate daily in response to leave, crime trends and operational requirements.

All police positions attached to a Police Area Command or Police District are flexible resources available to respond to incidents across the local area. Local resources are supplemented by specialist police (highway patrol, major crime squads, covert resources, and others) who are managed centrally but can be deployed across boundaries in response to operational needs.

* 4654 LOWER DARLING-BAAKA TUBE FISHWAY TRIAL NEAR MENINDEE—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

- (1) Can the Minister advise, how many native inland freshwater fish have been moved via the Fishheart tube near the Lake Wetherell outlet since its installation?
- (2) How many carp have been eliminated?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The system is not yet fully operational, and the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (the Department) is yet to conduct analysis of fish moving in the system. This will commence when the unit is in operation. The Department will conduct monitoring and evaluation over the next two fish migration seasons.
- (2) The commissioning phase of the project has focussed on optimising the movement of native fish and training associated Artificial Intelligence to distinguish between various fish species. The opportunity to utilise this technology to remove non-native species such as carp will be an important part of the future operation of the system.

* 4655 MAINTENANCE DELIVERY SERVICES—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, and Minister for Youth—

In relation to mid- to high-rise public housing buildings bounded by Elizabeth Street, Phillip Street, Young Street, and Redfern Street, Redfern:

- (1) Is Programmed Facility Maintenance Pty Ltd the relevant maintenance delivery partner?
 - (a) What specific services is the maintenance delivery partner contracted to perform and how often?
- (2) Are the same sub-contractors engaged by the relevant maintenance delivery partner across each of these buildings to deliver essential services including but not limited to concierge, common area cleaning, and gardening?
 - (a) If sub-contractors are engaged for other services, could you please list these services?
- (3) What quality assurance frameworks are in place to ensure that sub-contractors complete the work for which they are engaged and that this work is to a satisfactory standard?
 - (a) What oversight, if any, does Homes NSW have of maintenance delivery services?
 - (b) What ramifications, if any, exist for work that is not completed to an acceptable standard?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) No, Downer Group is the head contractor.
 - (a) The head contractor (Downer Group) is responsible for coordinating and allocating work for subcontractors. All maintenance works are undertaken according to timeframes outlined in the Responsive and Programmed Maintenance (RAPM) contract.
- (2) and (2a)

The head contractor is responsible for the coordination and allocation of work for subcontractors.

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- (3) All quality assurance processes undertaken by Homes NSW which includes the auditing of work order completions and invoices, and inspection of properties and sites are done directly with the head contractors.
- (4) (a) Key performance indicators are used to have oversight on head contractors' timeliness, quality of work and work order administration.
- (b) Homes NSW may issue a notice to the head contractor requiring them to remedy any non-conformance or non-compliance under the RAPM contract. If Homes NSW identifies a defect or other non-compliance with any requirement of the Contract following post-work inspection, it may then recover the predetermined sum from the head contractor.

* 4656 WATERLOO METRO QUARTER—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, and Minister for Youth—

In relation to the Waterloo Overstation Development ('Metro Quarter'):

- (1) What is the total number of apartments?
- (2) Of this total number, how many will be used for:
 - (a) Market housing?
 - (b) Public housing for people on the Social Housing Register – general list?
 - (c) Public housing for people fleeing domestic or family violence?
 - (d) Public housing for tenants being relocated from Waterloo South?
 - (e) Social housing managed by a registered Community Housing Provider?
 - (f) Aboriginal Housing?
 - (g) Essential worker housing?
 - (h) Affordable housing managed by a registered Community Housing Provider?
 - (i) Any other type of “diverse” housing (please specify)?
- (3) Regarding the social housing and affordable housing components specifically, which registered Community Housing Provider(s) are managing these?
- (4) How are the above tenure types distributed across the development (i.e. are tenants with different tenure types separated on different floors, sides of the building etc. or are they mixed throughout the building)?
- (5) What is the mix of studio / one-bedroom / two-bedroom / three-bedroom / more than three-bedroom apartments?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) All 70 new apartments will be new social homes.
- (2) (a) Zero.
- (b) Zero.
- (c) Zero.
- (d) Zero.

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- (e) All 70 apartments will be used as social housing, managed by Link Wentworth Community Housing, a community housing provider (CHP), and earmarked for tenants relocating from Waterloo South public housing.
 - (f) Homes NSW is targeting around 15% of all new social homes in Waterloo South (including the 70 apartments) to accommodate Aboriginal residents.
 - (g) Zero.
 - (h) Zero.
 - (i) Zero.
- (3) Link Wentworth will be managing all 70 apartments on behalf of Homes NSW under a lease. Birribee Housing will manage Aboriginal residents under a sublease.
 - (4) All 70 apartments will be used as social housing.
 - (5) The 70 apartments will be a mix as follows:
 - 26 x studios
 - Two x one bedrooms
 - 34 x two bedrooms
 - Seven x three bedrooms
 - One x four bedroom.

* 4657 PREMIER'S MULTICULTURAL COMMUNITY MEDALS - MULTICULTURALISM—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, Minister for Sport, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—

In relation to the Premier's Multicultural Community Medals:

- (1) How are individuals and organisations who are nominated for these medals shortlisted?
- (2) Which individuals and/or groups are involved in the nominee assessment and shortlisting process?
- (3) Against what criteria are shortlisted individuals and organisations assessed and by whom?
- (4) Do you, in your capacity as the Minister for Multiculturalism, have any involvement in the assessment and awarding process?
- (5) Does the Premier have any involvement in the assessment and awarding process?
- (6) What, if any, background checks, references, or research is conducted on individuals who are nominated, shortlisted, or awarded?

Answer—

All nominations for the Multicultural Community Medals are reviewed and assessed by an independent panel of judges. Judges for the 2025 medals are highlighted in the event's digital program here: 2025 Premier's Harmony Dinner Program - Multicultural NSW (<https://multicultural.nsw.gov.au/2025-premiers-harmony-dinner-program/>). Judging criteria specific to each medal category were used by the judges to assess nominations.

The Minister for Multiculturalism and Premier are not involved in assessment of the award nominees.

Reference checks are conducted on all winners and police checks are conducted on all individual winners.

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- * 4658 PREMIER'S MULTICULTURAL COMMUNITY MEDALS - PREMIER—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Premier—

In relation to the Premier's Multicultural Community Medals:

- (1) How are individuals and organisations who are nominated for these medals shortlisted?
- (2) Which individuals and/or groups are involved in the nominee assessment and shortlisting process?
- (3) Against what criteria are shortlisted individuals and organisations assessed and by whom?
- (4) Do you, in your capacity as Premier, have any involvement in the assessment and awarding process?
- (5) What, if any, background checks, references, or research is conducted on individuals who are nominated, shortlisted, or awarded?

Answer—

I am advised:

I refer to the response by the Minister for Multiculturalism to Question on Notice No. 4657.

- * 4659 SYDNEY LOCAL ENVIRONMENT PLAN 2012—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

In relation to the City of Sydney Council's current actions to bring a number of formally state significant sites into the Sydney Local Environment Plan (LEP) 2012:

- (1) Do these efforts exclude the Redfern Public Housing Estate and Waterloo Central and North planning precincts, all of which remain as the only sites under the South Sydney LEP 1998?
 - (a) If so, why?
- (2) Is the Government preventing Council efforts to move the aforementioned sites into the Sydney LEP?
 - (a) If so, on what basis is the Government preventing these efforts?

Answer—

I am advised:

This is a matter for the City of Sydney Council.

The planning proposal was initiated by Council, and decisions regarding the inclusion or exclusion of specific sites fall within its remit.

- * 4660 METHODOLOGY FOR ASSESSING SOCIAL AND TRANSITIONAL HOUSING NEED—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, and Minister for Youth—

In relation to Homes NSW, Land and Housing Corporation, and other Government-led plans and strategies for expanding social and transitional housing:

- (1) What methodology is used to assess how much social housing, by dwelling count, is required in each Local Government Area and for what time frame is need assessed (e.g. for the next year, next five years, or for the next 10 years)?
- (2) What methodology is used to assess how much transitional housing, by dwelling count, is required in each Local Government Area and for what time frame is need assessed?
- (3) In what policy or legislation is this methodology set out?

- (4) How regularly are assessments of this nature made?
- (5) Are local councils or any other relevant entities or organisations made aware of the results of such assessments?

Answer—

- (1) Homes NSW uses a range of data to analyse and compare demand for social housing across the 128 local government areas (LGA) of NSW. Data includes the NSW Housing Register (i.e., the social housing waitlist) and additional factors that identify where households are struggling with housing costs, such as rental and mortgage stress and Commonwealth Rent Assistance receipt.

Most data used in the analysis is from publicly available sources such as the Australian Bureau of Statistics and Department of Social Services. Some data is sourced from internal Department of Communities and Justice teams, such as the Small Area Housing Assistance Need model, developed by Family and Community Services Insights, Analysis and Research, which estimates additional need for social housing based on household incomes at the Census.

In addition to assessing demand for social housing by LGA, Homes NSW assesses access to services, environmental risk (i.e., suitability of site for residential development), and opportunities to increase housing supply. These factors guide the provision of social housing in well located and well serviced locations with lower environmental risk.

Homes NSW uses the above methodology to guide the development of its new housing supply pipeline across NSW, to deliver on the target to build 8,400 new social homes by mid-2031, as part of the Building Homes for NSW program.

- (2) The NSW Social Housing Assistance Commissioning Data Report contains the total number of NSW households eligible for social housing. In addition, the report includes the number of households experiencing homelessness waiting to be housed.

Commissioning data is updated annually and publicly available at <https://www.facs.nsw.gov.au/resources/publications/nsw-social-housing-assistance-commissioning-data-report>.

In addition, the New Supply Commissioning Data Supplement provides data on unmet needs for Specialist Homelessness Services and Temporary Accommodation at the LGA level. These may be used to plan for crisis and transitional housing supply.

The data supplement is updated annually by Homes NSW and shared with housing and homelessness organisations under an Acknowledgement of Non-Disclosure of Confidential Information.

- (3) The Homes NSW Pipeline Development Framework documents the process that Homes NSW undertakes to determine the location of new social housing supply, including developments and acquisitions.
- (4) Demand assessments are updated as data is released. For example, NSW Housing Register data is updated annually, whereas Census data is updated every four years.
- (5) Homes NSW conducts social housing demand assessments internally and shares relevant data with local Councils and other organisations as appropriate.

* 4661 SOCIAL HOUSING – LAKE MACQUARIE ELECTORATE—The Hon. Greg Piper to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, and Minister for Youth—

In the Lake Macquarie electorate (postcodes 2259, 2264, 2265, 2267, 2278, 2282, 2283, 2284, 2285, 2323):

- (1) How many social housing dwellings are owned by the Government?

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- (2) How many social housing dwellings are managed by third-party Community Housing Providers?
- (3) How many social housing dwellings are managed by HomesNSW?
- (4) How many social housing dwellings owned by the Government:
 - (a) have been vacant for longer than 3 months?
 - (b) are vacant because they are unsafe or uninhabitable?
- (5) How many dwellings being delivered or planned for delivery by the Government will be built in compliance with the Silver Livable Housing Design Standard, published by the Australian Building Codes Board?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) As of 30 June 2024, there were 932 social housing dwellings owned by the Government in the Lake Macquarie Electorate.
- (2) As of 30 June 2024, 395 dwellings were managed by Community Housing Providers (CHPs) and 27 by Aboriginal Community Housing Providers (ACHPs).
- (3) As of 30 June 2024, 873 social housing dwellings were managed by Homes NSW (727 public housing dwellings owned by DCJ, 122 AHO-owned dwellings and 24 dwellings privately owned and head-leased).
- (4)
 - (a) As of 28 February 2025, 4 public housing properties in the Lake Macquarie electorate have been vacant for over 3 months. As of 31 December 2024, of the government-owned properties managed by a community housing provider, there were 7 vacant for over 3 months in the Lake Macquarie electorate.
 - (b) As of 28 February 2025, 2 out of the 4 public housing properties were vacant because of extensive termite damage. As of 31 December 2024, one government-owned property managed by a community housing provider was vacant because it was untenable.
- (5) NSW is one of the states that did not adopt National Construction Code (NCC) Part G7 Liveable housing design. However, Homes NSW delivers all new housing in accordance with the 2023 NSW Land and Housing Corporation (LAHC) Design Requirements, which stipulate a minimum standard of Liveable Housing Australia (LHA) Silver Level under the Liveable Housing Design Guidelines produced by Liveable Housing Australia. The NCC requirements are based on the LHA requirements and are very comparable.

* 4662 SOCIAL AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING – LAKE MACQUARIE ELECTORATE—The Hon. Greg Piper to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, and Minister for Youth—

Which Community Housing Providers operate in the Lake Macquarie local government area?

Answer—

I am advised:

The following Community Housing Providers manage Homes NSW commissioned properties in the Lake Macquarie local government area:

- Bahtabah Local Aboriginal Land Council
- Home In Place (Australia) Limited

- My Foundations Youth Housing Ltd
- Pacific Link Housing Limited
- Samaritans Housing
- St Vincent de Paul Housing
- Uniting (NSW.ACT)
- Wesley Community Services Limited
- Westlakes Miners' Retirement Village Ltd
- Women's Housing Company Ltd.

All registered Community Housing Providers are listed on the National Regulatory System for Community Housing's website <https://nrsch.my.salesforce-sites.com/providersearch/>.

- * 4663 UNEMPLOYMENT RATE - PEOPLE WITH DISABILITY—Ms Robyn Preston to ask the Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Inclusion—

Is the Government on track to reduce the unemployment rate of those with a disability as mentioned in the Budget Estimate hearing held on 3 September 2024?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) In reference to page 28 of the relevant transcript, my answer related to the NSW Government's commitment to increase the number of people with disability employed by the NSW Public Service to 5.6%.

Work to achieve this commitment is continuing and led by the Office of the Public Service Commissioner (OPSC) and the Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) in conjunction with all departments and agencies which are undertaking activities to support increased employment.

OPSC provides coordination and secretariat support for implementation of the recommendations made by the 2022 NSW Government Disability Review. These include:

- adopting a consistent definition of disability based on the social model
- guidance to support authentic communication and leadership in departments and agencies to build inclusive cultures
- training and support to upskill people managers and embed inclusive practices, and
- issuing a statutory direction to government sector agencies from the NSW Public Service Commissioner, requiring agencies to implement a workplace adjustment policy that meets minimum standards by 1 November 2025. OPSC produced a model policy and other supporting resources to assist agencies to comply with the direction.

The next NSW Public Sector census is due in June. Findings will be released in the second half of 2025, and will provide the latest reporting on the number of people with disability employed by NSW agencies.

- * 4664 HEALTHY MINDS, SAFER SITES CAMPAIGN UPDATE—Ms Robyn Preston to ask the Minister for Industrial Relations, and Minister for Work Health and Safety—

- (1) Can the Minister provide an update on the 'Healthy Minds, Safer Sites' campaign?
(2) Has this campaign been impacted by the resignation of New South Wales Psychiatrists?

Answer—

I am advised:

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- (1) Between November 2024 and April 2025, SafeWork NSW inspectors visited more than 404 construction sites across NSW as part of the campaign, to talk with employers, workers and health and safety representatives about how to manage psychosocial risks at work.

As of 24 March 2025, SafeWork NSW had issued 24 improvement notices related to psychosocial hazards identified during these visits. These notices serve as a clear reminder that psychological health and safety must be treated with the same level of priority as physical safety.

The campaign is being well received by industry, with employers and workers demonstrating a strong commitment to fostering mentally safe workplaces.

SafeWork NSW has also received positive feedback about the new Action Plan for managing psychosocial risks in construction with many businesses actively using the Action Plan to better identify hazards, implement effective controls, and strengthen workplace practices around psychological health and safety.

- (2) No.

- * 4665 SCHEYVILLE NATIONAL PARK - OCCUPATION LICENCE NEGOTIATIONS—Ms Robyn Preston to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

Can the Minister provide any updates on the Occupation Licence negotiations between Hunter Anzac Memorial Limited and NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service regarding the site at Scheyville National Park?

Answer—

Hunter Anzac Memorial Limited (HAML) holds an existing occupation licence for parts of Scheyville Camp Precinct in Scheyville National Park.

In March 2025, as an outcome of negotiations between HAML and the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service, HAML was granted a licence for works and subsequent occupation in relation to a building known as 'Long Tan Place House' in Scheyville National Park.

- * 4666 UPGRADE OF RICHMOND ROAD UPDATE—Ms Robyn Preston to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—

Can the Minister provide an update on the upgrade of Richmond Road or a briefing to the Member for Hawkesbury?

Answer—

I am advised:

Transport for NSW has two active road upgrade projects along Richmond Road. These are:

- Richmond Road upgrade between M7 Motorway and Townson Road, Marsden Park, and
- Richmond Road upgrade between Elara Boulevard and Heritage Road, Marsden Park.

Planning is ongoing to further develop the section of the Richmond Road Corridor between Townson Road and The Driftway - ensuring the project aligns with strategic transport priorities and community needs.

Further information on the North West Growth Area and the abovementioned projects is publicly available on the Transport for NSW website.

* 4667 APPREHENDED VIOLENCE ORDERS—Mr Michael Regan to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

- (1) Does the Government collect data on the percentage of Apprehended Violence Orders (AVO) and Apprehended Domestic Violence Orders (ADVO) that are renewed prior to their expiry period?
 - (a) If yes, what percentage of orders were renewed during 2023?
 - (b) If yes, what percentage of orders were renewed during 2024?
 - (c) If not, why not?
- (2) Has the Government explored opportunities to improve the processes for renewing an AVO or ADVO to better support victim-survivors of violence?
- (3) Why is the onus on the victim-survivor to apply to renew the AVO or ADVO, rather than on the perpetrator to seek a revocation?
- (4) When an AVO or ADVO is due to lapse, does NSW Police or any other agency notify either the defendant or applicant of the order that it is due to lapse?
 - (a) If yes, how much notice is provided?
- (5) How many Indefinite Apprehended Domestic Violence Orders were granted between:
 - (a) July 2023 - December 2023?
 - (b) January 2024 - June 2024?
 - (c) July 2024 - December 2024?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) This question should be directed to the Attorney General.
- (2) The NSW Government supports the Women's Domestic Violence Court Advocacy Services which provides help and support for women seeking assistance for domestic and family violence including how to get protection from the court including with ADVOs. •

Importantly, victims are urged to report all incidents of domestic and family violence to police. If an ADVO is in place and any breaches occur, or if there are additional reports of domestic violence, police will assess the situation and may seek to obtain a new provisional ADVO on the victim's behalf. This process ensures that the conditions and duration of the new ADVO effectively protect the victim by addressing any heightened risks or changes in circumstances, by extending the expiry date and/or amending the conditions of the ADVO.

- (3) Police require evidence from either the victim or other sources to substantiate the requirement for a new ADVO prior to the expiry of the current ADVO. The onus does not solely fall on the victim, rather, police must apply for a new ADVO if circumstances surrounding the domestic and family violence incident warrants the application - sometimes irrespective of the victim's input. Alternatively, police will strongly consider making an Application to Vary an ADVO if they become aware of circumstances where a change in conditions or expiry date warrants such an application.

Any 'interested party' to an ADVO can make application to revoke an ADVO. Interested parties include the protected person, a guardian of the protected person, or the defendant. Section 72D of the Crimes (Domestic and Personal Violence) Act 2007 gives discretion to the court to notify police and any interested party of the existence of an application to vary or revoke a final or interim order when one of the protected persons is a child. The final or interim order does not necessarily have to be a police-initiated order. This section also allows the court to give consideration for both police and the interested party to appear in the proceedings for the application. The court must also

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consider it to be in the best interests of the child that police and any interested party appear in the proceedings.

- (4) The NSW Police Force does not perform this function but does ensure all parties to an ADVO are provided with a copy of the ADVO which includes the expiry date.
- (5) This question should be directed to the Attorney General.

* 4668 KANGAROO CULLING AND THE LICENCE TO HARM—Mr Michael Regan to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) In the 2023-24 financial year, how many actions were taken against holders of the Licence to Harm Kangaroos for breach of licence conditions?
- (2) Were any Licence to Harm Kangaroos cancelled in relation to concerns for animal cruelty between July 2023 to June 2024?
- (3) Does the National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) routinely contact licence holders to ensure they are adhering to the conditions of their licence?
- (4) On average, how long does a Licence to Harm Kangaroos usually last for?
- (5) Has the Government taken action to implement Recommendation 8 from the 2021 Parliamentary inquiry into the Health and Wellbeing of Kangaroos and Other Macropods in New South Wales?
- (6) Has the Government taken action to implement Recommendation 20 from the 2021 Parliamentary inquiry into the Health and Wellbeing of Kangaroos and Other Macropods in New South Wales?

Answer—

- (1) Nil.
- (2) No.
- (3) Yes, this is undertaken on a case-by-case basis.
- (4) Three months and may be extended, if requested.
- (5) Yes.
- (6) The NSW Government noted the recommendation from the Parliamentary Inquiry. No action has been taken.

* 4669 SEDIMENTATION AT THE FOREST HIGH SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION SITE—Mr Michael Regan to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) What is the current status of the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) investigation into the 10th January 2025 pollution event reported in connection to the Forest High School construction site at Allambie Heights?
 - (a) If the investigation is not concluded, when is it expected to conclude?
- (2) Given the EPA fined the construction company ADCO Constructions in November 2024 in relation to the pollution flowing into nearby Curl Curl Creek, will the EPA consider additional fines for ADCO Constructions for any subsequent pollution events?
- (3) Has the EPA received reports of pollution events at this location since the 10th January 2025?
 - (a) If yes, what are the dates of each pollution event currently being investigated?

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- (4) Are pollution events likely to continue to occur at this location until the construction on the new Forest High School is completed later in 2025?
- (a) If so, has the EPA acknowledged this concern?
- (5) Referring to Question on Notice 4252, is the Government able to provide an update on the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure's consultation with the EPA with regard to the existing regulatory framework for managing sediment runoff at construction sites?
- (6) Following the fine issued to ADCO Construction in November 2024, did the Minister confirm in writing that the EPA had commenced discussions with key stakeholders about the potential for a fish survey at Manly Dam and Curl Curl Creek?
- (a) If so, what is the status of these discussions?

Answer—

- (1) The NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) has concluded its investigation. There was insufficient evidence to determine the source of the pollution event on 10 January 2025.
- (2) The EPA investigates reports of pollution and considers appropriate regulatory action in line with the regulatory policy which is available on the EPA website at <https://www.epa.nsw.gov.au/Publications/About/2024p4550-Regulatory-Policy>.
- (3) Yes.
- (a) 24 January 2025. The EPA inspected the site on that day and observed no discharge.
- (4) ADCO Constructions has implemented a range of measures, which if implemented appropriately, will minimise the risk of future water pollution events.
- (5) Following discussions with Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure, the EPA is working directly with NSW Department of Education about the design, planning and management of stormwater/sediment controls at their future construction sites.
- (6) The Minister is aware that the EPA has commenced discussions with key stakeholders about a potential fish survey in Curl Curl Creek.

* 4670 WAKEHURST PARKWAY—Ms Jacqui Scruby to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—

- (1) How many times was the Wakehurst Parkway closed due to flooding in each of the following years:
- (a) 2021?
- (b) 2022?
- (c) 2023?
- (d) 2024?
- (e) 2025?
- (2) For how long on each of those occasions was Wakehurst Parkway closed?
- (3) On each of those occasions, at which site or sites of the four known flooding locations (Oxford Falls Road West, Oxford Falls Grammar School, The Bends and the Academy of Sport) was the flooding located?
- (4) How was the \$13.1 million allocated to Transport for NSW in 2021 for fund mitigation works along the Wakehurst Parkway spent, or how is it planned to be spent?
- (5) How was the \$13 million allocated to Transport for NSW in 2023 for fund mitigation works along the Wakehurst Parkway spent, or how is it planned to be spent?

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- (6) Has the Department conducted a risk assessment of the proposed upgrades for the Elanora Rd intersection, including the removal of the slip lane?
- (a) If so, will the removal of the slip lane create more risk by requiring a break in traffic in both directions?
- (7) Has the Department considered raising the road at any time, including during construction of the Northern Beaches Hospital?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) and (2)

Wakehurst Parkway was closed due to flooding:

- (a) 2021 - 5 times, an average of 6 hours per closure.
- (b) 2022 - 22 times, an average of 18.5 hours per closure.
- (c) 2023 - 7 times, an average of 5.5 hours per closure.
- (d) 2024 - 8 times, an average of 8.24 hours per closure.
- (e) 2025 - 1 time for an average of 2.74 hours.
- (3) There is only one sensor located at a low point in The Bends that triggers the closure of the flood gates on Wakehurst Parkway, which incorporates all four sites. Transport for NSW is unable to distinguish which of the four locations is flooded during the closure.
- (4) \$13.1 million in funding was allocated for Wakehurst Parkway. Northern Beaches Council was provided the \$13.1 million as a grant to optioneer and progress design, site investigations, planning approvals, engagement and construction at Oxford Falls Road West, The Bends and the Academy of Sports.
- (5) \$7.1 million of the funding announced in the NSW 2023-24 Budget enabled Transport for NSW to progress planning for the Wakehurst Parkway improvements, including flood mitigation at Oxford Falls. The \$5.9 million balance was granted to Northern Beaches Council to support its flood mitigation program of work for Wakehurst Parkway.
- (6) Transport for NSW considered the current unsafe arrangement of the intersection and investigated multiple options to improve it. Transport for NSW has developed a safer design that considers property, environmental, engineering, construction, funding constraints and social impacts. The approved design has been through a rigorous planning approval process, including public display of a Review of Environmental Factors. The design presented and approved for construction was assessed as providing the best and safest solution. Risk assessments were undertaken on the design at each stage of development. By prioritising safety first, motorists turning right out of Elanora Road may need to wait longer for a gap during periods of high traffic flow or make a left turn to find a more appropriate intersection to turn around or take an alternative route. Please note, it is understood the reference to a 'slip lane' is the informal holding bay at the Elanora Road and Wakehurst Parkway intersection.
- (7) Transport for NSW investigated flood mitigation opportunities to improve the flooding immunity of Wakehurst Parkway. Preliminary investigations identified high environmental risks and project costs which were considered unacceptable, Transport for NSW implemented measures that improve the management of road closure events, including:
- A closed-circuit television camera (CCTV) covering areas of likely first point of flooding to improve the response to closing and opening Wakehurst Parkway when impacted by flood waters.

- CCTV's at the intersection of Powderworks Road and Mona Vale Road to enable improved intersection efficiency based on observed network conditions.
- A series of variable message signs (VMS) to provide road users with improved real time information on alternate routes in times of road closures and assist in broader network management.

The Wakehurst Parkway Improvements project is delivering some localised flood improvements to Wakehurst Parkway between Dreadnought Road to Oxford Falls Road to achieve a one in five year Annual Recurrence Interval (ARI). Some raising of the road levels, in combination with other improvements to drainage and earthworks infrastructure is included within the design.

* 4671 30KM/HR SPEED ZONES—Ms Jacqui Scruby to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—

- (1) How many 30km/hr speed zones are in place in total across:
 - (a) New South Wales?
 - (b) Sydney?
 - (c) Pittwater?
- (2) What are the criteria for implementing a 30km/hr speed zone?
- (3) How many traffic accidents have been recorded within the Manly town centre 30km/hr speed zone in each month of:
 - (a) 2023?
 - (b) 2024?
 - (c) 2025?
- (4) Are there current proposals for the introduction of more 30km/hr speed zones in Pittwater?
 - (a) Has the NRMA been consulted with on those proposals?
 - (b) How will the new 30km/hr speed zones be monitored and enforced?
 - (c) Has the impact on emergency services response times been considered?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) There are 47 existing 30km/h speed zones in NSW. Twenty-one of these 30km/h speed zones are in the Greater Sydney region. There are no 30km/h speed zones in the Pittwater electorate.
- (2) The criteria for implementing 30 km/h speed zones are covered under section 9.4.10 of the NSW Speed Zoning Standard (2023). The Speed Zoning Standard (2023) is publicly available at: <https://standards.transport.nsw.gov.au/search-standard-specific/?id=TBA%20-%200004459:2022>.
- (3) The number of recorded crashes in the 30km/h speed zones in Manly town centre by month for 2023 and 2024 are shown in the table below. There were 11 casualties from these 12 crashes in 2023 and 2024, including three moderate injuries, six minor/other injuries and two uncategorised injuries. 2024 data is preliminary and subject to change. There are no recorded crashes to date in 2025.

	2023	2024
January	0	0

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February	0	1
March	0	0
April	0	0
May	0	0
June	1	2
July	3	1
August	0	0
September	1	0
October	0	2
November	1	0
December	0	0
Total	6	6

- (4) There are current proposals to introduce additional 30km/hr speed zones in Pittwater. These proposals are part of the Northern Beaches Council's ongoing efforts to enhance road safety and reduce traffic-related incidents. The proposed zones include areas with high pedestrian activity and vulnerable road users.

Speed Zone changes on State-controlled roads, carried out due to factors such as road safety, traffic patterns and alignment with broader safety strategies, do not require formal public consultation. Public notification is carried out once a speed zone change is approved by Transport for NSW and ready for implementation.

The road design and traffic calming measures will naturally encourage drivers to adhere to the speed limit. These zones will be monitored by Transport for NSW and the local Council to ensure compliance and effectiveness. Enforcement will be carried out by NSW Police, as with any other posted speed limit.

Emergency services are notified as part of the process. Travel time calculations are conducted to assess the potential impact on response times. This ensures that any changes to speed zones do not adversely affect the ability of emergency services to respond promptly.

* 4672 CORONIAL PROCESS—Ms Jacqui Scruby to ask the Attorney General—

- (1) What was the average wait time for coronial investigations to be completed in each of the years from 2020 – 2025?
- (2) What processes has the Government implemented since 2023 to speed up the wait time?
- (3) What are the factors that affect coronial postmortem reporting timeframes?
- (4) What is being done to address the national shortage of specialist forensic pathologists?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) On time case finalisations within a 12 and 24 month period:

	Cases finalised <=12 months		Cases finalised <=24 months	
	No.	%	No.	%
2023-24	5,598	78.7	6710	94.3
2022-23	6,384	84.7	7264	96.4
2021-22	5,952	88.3	6528	96.8
2020-21	5,639	87.5	6221	96.6
2019-20	5,833	83.6	6770	97.0

Over the same period, there has been an increase in lodgements (deaths reported) in the NSW coronial jurisdiction, while the number of finalisations has varied (including due to impacts on the jurisdiction throughout the COVID-19 pandemic):

	Lodgements	Finalisations	Clearance rate (%)
2023-24	7,342	6949	96.4
2022-23	7,476	7446	99.9
2021-22	7,330	8117	110.4
2020-21	6,304	6367	99.5
2019-20	6,506	6862	104.7

- (2) On 14 February 2024, the NSW Government tabled the Report of the Statutory Review of the Coroners Act 2009 in Parliament. In late 2024, the Department of Communities and Justice made available funding for the appointment of two non-magistrate coroners for up to 18 months to assist in addressing the increasing workload in the coronial jurisdiction. Expressions of Interest for the two non-magistrate coroner roles were advertised in March 2025.

Following the mass casualty event at Bondi Junction in April 2024, the NSW Government allocated additional funding for a Deputy State Coroner to be appointed to backfill the State Coroner, while Her Honour hears the inquest into this event.

Significant work has also been undertaken by the State Coroners Court to ensure the efficient and effective triaging of coronial matters, including the issuing of case notes, case management notes, assistant coroner delegations and training, trials of short-form autopsy reports and specific coronial pathways for natural cause deaths.

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- (3) This question should be directed to the Hon. Ryan Park MP in his capacity as the Minister for Health as NSW Health Pathology is responsible for the completion of post-mortem reports and associated timeframes.
- (4) This question should be directed to the Hon. Ryan Park MP in his capacity as the Minister for Health as NSW Health Pathology is the responsible employers of forensic pathologists who work as part of the coronial process.

* 4673 SYDNEY FISH MARKETS—Ms Kobi Shetty to ask the Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, Minister for Sport, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—

Regarding the new Sydney Fish Markets building at Blackwattle Bay:

- (1) When will the new building be complete and ready for its tenants to take up occupation?
- (2) Will the terms of any lease agreement between the Government and/or its agencies and the Sydney Fish Market be made public?
- (3) What are the Government's plans for the building, if any, in the event that the Sydney Fish Markets are unable to meet the terms of its agreement?
- (4) When will the final construction and other operational costs of the building be made public?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The new Sydney Fish Markets is expected to be complete by end of 2025 before being handed over to the Sydney Fish Market Pty Ltd for fit-out before operation.
- (2) The commercial agreement between NSW Government and Sydney Fish Market Pty Ltd has been in place since 2019. The lease agreements are commercial in confidence.
- (3) The NSW Government is working closely with SFM and has made options available to assist.
- (4) The new Sydney Fish Market construction budget remains on budget at \$836 million.

* 4674 MUSIC EDUCATION SERVICES - REGIONAL, RURAL AND REMOTE AREAS—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Transport, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—

- (1) What is the methodology for funding New South Wales conservatoriums?
- (2) What strategies are in place to encourage New South Wales schools to participate in music education activities and engaging with conservatoriums?
- (3) How does this methodology address the unique challenges faced by students from rural, remote, and disadvantaged backgrounds?
- (4) What resources are provided to expand music education services to regional, rural, and remote areas?
- (5) What measures are in place to ensure the long-term sustainability of regional conservatoriums?

Answer—

- (1) I am advised this is a matter for The Hon. Prue Car, MP, Minister for Education and Early Learning as the responsible Minister for education services in NSW.
- (2) Please refer to answer for question 1.
- (3) Please refer to answer for question 1.

(4) Please refer to answer for question 1.

(5) Please refer to answer for question 1.

* 4675 QON 2822 FOLLOW-UP—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

In reference to QON2822:

- (1) Of the Permanent Firefighters in the Goulburn electorate, what is the breakdown of male and female staff?
- (2) Does the Goulburn facility provide adequate amenities for Fire Station staff?
- (3) Does the Government have a long-term strategy to ensure that facilities are appropriate for use?
- (4) If yes, what priority is:
 - (a) Goulburn?
 - (b) The Southern Highlands?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Goulburn Fire Station is staffed by 16 males and four females.
- (2) Yes.
- (3) FRNSW follows the guidelines set by the Whole of Government Asset Management Policy.
- (4) FRNSW continues to monitor the current condition status of fire stations to inform the prioritisation of capital works.

* 4676 BANGO WINDFARM—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) Has the New South Wales Department of Planning ensured that all Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) recommendations, including the radar activation system, have been implemented at Bango Windfarm?
- (2) If not, what is the reason for its non-installation?
- (3) What mechanisms are in place to ensure compliance with CASA's recommendations in wind farm projects?
- (4) Is the Department currently monitoring Bango Windfarm's compliance with the stated Independent Planning Commission (IPC) conditions?
- (5) If non-compliance is identified, what steps will be taken to address the issue?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1 - 2)

Yes. In June 2019, CASA approved the wind farm's aviation lighting plan, which does not include a radar activation system. The Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) did not propose or recommend a radar activation system for the Bango Wind Farm.

- (3) Compliance with the conditions of development consents and project approvals are monitored by the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure's Compliance Branch through:
 - Departmental inspections

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- The review of monitoring and incident reports, and independent audits required to be submitted by proponents
- Information provided by other Government agencies and councils on potential breaches
- The investigation of complaints made by members of the public.

(4) Yes.

(5) Where a potential non-compliance is identified, the Department will conduct a preliminary assessment to determine the lead agency to investigate. When the Department leads the investigation:

- It establishes incident fact and determines whether a breach has occurred
- Following investigation, the evidence is analysed, evaluated and used to determine the appropriate regulatory response, including any relevant enforcement, in line with the Department's Compliance Policy.

* 4677 REGIONAL CROWN LAND APPLICATIONS FUNDING—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, Minister for Sport, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—

Can the Minister confirm whether regional Crown Land applications will be awarded funding through the Crown Reserve Improvement Fund?

Answer—

The current Crown Reserves Improvement Fund (CRIF) funding round is still under assessment. Announcement of the outcomes will occur in the coming months.

The grant funding criteria are published on the Crown Lands website:

<https://reservemanager.crownland.nsw.gov.au/funding/crif>.

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* 4678 MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

Can the Minister provide:

- (1) For the years 2020-2024 (inclusive), could you please provide the number of new motor vehicle registrations for the following local government areas:
- (a) Liverpool?
 - (b) Campbelltown?
 - (c) Camden?
 - (d) Wollondilly?

Answer—

This question should be directed to the Minister for Roads.

- * 4679 YEAR 1 SCREENING PROGRAM—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

With respect to the Government announcement dated 4 March 2025 regarding Year 1 checks, can the Minister advise:

- (1) Will any schools within Holsworthy be part of the trial?
- (2) What specific measures are in place to ensure that all Year 1 students are provided with equal access to these screenings?
- (3) Are there any additional support services or interventions available for students who may require further assistance based on the screening results?
- (4) How will the results from the number screening checks be used to tailor future educational programs or support structures in schools?

Answer—

Under the former NSW Liberal Government, there was no number screening check in place and education outcomes fell. The Minns Labor Government is now introducing a number screening check in NSW, to improve numeracy outcomes across the state.

Schools from across the state will participate in the Term 2, 2025 trial, with all NSW Public Schools undertaking the Number Screening Check from 2026. The Department of Education is providing resources and guidance to schools as part of the rollout of the check, including support for interventions such as small group tutoring.

- * 4680 UPGRADE OF FIFTEENTH AVE - ANNOUNCEMENT ART—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—

Can the Minister please provide a link to the artwork of the poster on the easel used to announce the \$1 billion upgrade of Fifteenth Ave?

Answer—

I am advised:

The map used for the announcement of the \$1 billion upgrade to Fifteenth Avenue is publicly available on the Transport for NSW project website (<https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/projects/current-projects/liverpool-to-airport-transit-corridor>).

- * 4681 PRESCHOOL DRIVE SUBSIDIES—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—

- (1) Can the Minister advise whether the trial for the Preschool Drive subsidy has concluded?
 - (a) Will the Preschool Drive Subsidy be implemented permanently across regional and rural areas in New South Wales?
 - (i) If so, when?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Preschool Drive Subsidy Pilot was a joint Transport for NSW and the Department of Education initiative conducted over the 2022 and 2023 school years. The Preschool Drive Subsidy Pilot has been reviewed by Department of Education with support from Transport for NSW. The Department of Education is currently preparing the final Report which will be submitted to the NSW Government for its consideration and determination of any further program arrangements.

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- * 4682 TERTIARY DRIVE SUBSIDY—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—

Would the Minister consider introducing a drive subsidy scheme for rural and remote tertiary students who need to travel long distances but who have no viable or economic public transport options for them to reach their chosen campus?

Answer—

I am advised:

Tertiary students receive concession travel arrangements. These include concession fares on all public transport in NSW, including all NSW TrainLink services.

Tertiary students also have access to other Commonwealth Government supports such as the Tertiary Access Payment and the Fares Allowance available through Centrelink to offset travel expenses.

The NSW Government offers a range of transport concessions to support regional apprentices and trainees with travel and accommodation costs associated with off-the-job vocational training. These include:

- the Vocational Training Assistance Scheme (VTAS), providing allowances for travel and accommodation.
- the Continuing Apprentices/Trainees Placement Service, (CAPS) which funds relocation assistance.

More information on the VTAS and the (CAPS) program can be found at:

<https://www.nsw.gov.au/education-and-training/resources/vtas-guidelines>

I encourage any apprentice or trainee needing support with training-related travel to contact Training Services NSW on 1300 772 104 for assistance.

For university students, Youth Allowance, Austudy or ABSTUDY benefits may be available from Services Australia to assist with costs. Students should also contact their university for information on support services.

The NSW Government remains committed to making training accessible and affordable for regional students, and current government concessions and programs will continue to provide targeted assistance where needed.

- * 4683 SAFE ABORIGINAL YOUTH PROGRAM—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

- (1) What transport and outreach services have been implemented in Bourke and Wilcannia under the Safe Aboriginal Youth (SAY) program?
- (2) Which service providers deliver these programs?
- (3) What are the performance indicators for these funded services?

Answer—

I am advised:

Youth Justice NSW has delivered safe transport and structured activities as part of the Safe Aboriginal Youth (SAY) program through the PCYC in Bourke and Maari Ma Health Aboriginal Corporation, WINGS Centre in Wilcannia, up to 31 March 2025.

A new provider contract commencing 1 April has been awarded to Regional Enterprise Development Institute (REDI.E) to deliver the SAY program in these locations.

DCJ contracts include a range of reporting requirements.

- * 4684 NORTHERN BEACHES HOSPITAL - HEALTHSCOPE CONTRACT—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

In relation to Northern Beaches Hospital:

- (1) When does the current contract end with Healthscope to be the operator?
- (2) Has Healthscope broken/not adhered to obligations in their operations in accordance with the Project Deed that was signed?
 - (a) If yes, what obligations have been broken/not adhered to?

Answer—

I'm advised:

The Northern Beaches Hospital Project Deed will expire in 2038 for the public portion unless an option to extend is exercised. The private portion of the Project will expire in 2058.

NSW Health is unaware of any breach of the Project Deed.

- * 4685 NORTHERN BEACHES HOSPITAL - HEALTH CARE COMPLAINTS COMMISSION—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

In relation to the Northern Beaches Hospital:

- (1) Does the Health Care Complaints Commission (HCCC) have full power and authority to investigate complaints that raise serious issues of public health or safety?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Health Care Complaints Commission (HCCC) may receive and deal with complaints concerning:

- The professional conduct of registered and non-registered health practitioners,
- An alleged breach by a relevant health organisation (i.e. a health organisation which is not a public hospital, private health facility or public health organisation) of a breach of the code of conduct for relevant health organisations or alleged breaches relating to advertising requirements for health services, the code or a prohibition order, or
- A health service which affects, or is likely to affect, the clinical management or care of an individual client.

After assessing a complaint, if a complaint relates to a significant issue of public health or safety, the HCCC must investigate it.

During an investigation, the HCCC has the power to obtain information, records and evidence from any person if this would assist in an investigation and authorised persons have the power to enter and search premises, seize equipment, drugs or substances, require the production of records, and require people at the premises to furnish information for the purpose of an investigation.

- * 4686 FUNDING CODE 6101 / FUND 6101 - UNSPENT FUNDS—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

What is the Government's policy in relation to funds that have currently not been spent under Funding Code 6101/Fund 6101?

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Answer—

This year, the NSW Labor Government has delivered an increase to public school budgets of more than \$700 million as part of a record investment in rebuilding public education. Funding is allocated each year based on the needs of each school's student cohort.

- * 4687 NATURAL RESOURCE ACCESS REGULATOR SCOPE—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, and Minister for Youth—

With respect to the scope of responsibility and works undertaken by the Natural Resource Access Regulator (NRAR):

- (1) Would the Minister advise if NRAR is undertaking surveys to understand farmer's water needs including, potential expansion plans, water trading and future farm planning and types of crops grown?
 - (a) If so, can you please provide the rationale behind this action, given that NRAR is an enforcement agency?
 - (b) how will these results assist NRAR in future compliance activities?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Natural Resources Access Regulator (NRAR) will survey lower Murray River water users as part of a pilot project to reduce the risk of water law breaches below the Barmah Choke.

The project was prompted by continuing growth in the amount of irrigation reliant permanent plantings downstream of the Murray's narrowest point - the Barmah-Millewa Reach. This means higher demand for irrigation water that may exceed the volume able to pass through the choke point, especially during dry periods. Compliance risk rises when this water delivery challenge combines with the likely high cost of traded water during dry periods.

The risk is that with all those pressures, water users may not comply with the rules, which is what NRAR aims to prevent by proactively addressing the potential for non-compliance before it occurs. Assisting water users to understand their legal obligations and intervening early lessens the risk of widespread non-compliance affecting the supply of water downstream during these acute events.

This engagement with landholders is being used to support a risk assessment of water use below the Barmah-Millewa Reach, and to inform NRAR's regulatory priorities and pro-active campaigns. The assessment will identify areas under irrigation and different crop types which are at greater risk of unlawful activity. This work directly informs NRAR's risk-based, evidence-led compliance approach.

The engagement by NRAR is voluntary and does not involve the exercise of any specific powers to compel the provision of information or records. Survey responses are anonymous.

- * 4688 NSW GOVERNMENT WATER ENTITLEMENTS—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, and Minister for Youth—

With respect to the Water Sharing Plans across the Murray Darling Basin:

- (1) Would the Minister advise how many access licences are held by the Government that are not identified as licensed environmental water under section 8 of the Water Management Act 2000, but are intended to be used for environmental purposes?
- (2) What is the total Megalitre unit share of water held under these licences, in particular:

- (a) Murrumbidgee?
- (b) Murray?
- (c) Lower Darling?
- (d) Lachlan?
- (e) Macquarie & Cudgegong?
- (f) Namoi?
- (g) Peel?
- (h) Gwydir?
- (i) Border Rivers?

Answer—

I am advised:

- At 30 June 2024 there were 74 surface or groundwater water access licences (WALs) in the Murray-Darling Basin held by NSW Government agencies for environmental purposes.
- Note that some of these are zero share WALs
- Of these, 10 WALs meet the definition of licensed environmental water (LEW) as defined by section 8b of the Water Management Act 2000. These WALs have a total of 451,215 shares.
- The remaining WALs held for environmental purposes, that do not meet the definition of LEW, have 616,346 shares.
 - Murrumbidgee: 383,044
 - Murray: 128,634
 - Lower Darling: 0
 - Lachlan: 27,390
 - Macquarie & Cudgegong: 52,786
 - Namoi: 0
 - Peel: 0
 - Gwydir: 17,092
 - Border Rivers: 0
 - Barwon-Darling: 5,542
 - Lower Murrumbidgee Alluvium : 1,857.

* 4689 PROGRAM SUBMISSIONS—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, and Minister for Youth—

With respect to the Billabong and Murrumbidgee Floodplain Management Plans:

- (1) Would the Minister advise the total number of submissions received under these plans?
 - (a) Were all submissions included in What we Heard Reports?
 - (i) If not, why?
 - (b) Were all submissions submitted to the management committee preparing these plans?

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Answer—

I am advised:

(1)

- (a) Community consultation as part of developing the draft Murrumbidgee Valley Floodplain Management Plan occurred over two stages. All submissions were summarised in the What we heard reports that are published on the NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water's (the department's) website.

Stage 1 public consultation (25 March to 5 May 2024) - 33 submissions.

Stage 2 public exhibition (19 August to 29 September) - 30 submissions.

Community consultation as part of developing the draft Billabong Creek Floodplain Management Plan is in progress. All submissions were summarised in the What we heard report that is published on the department's website.

Stage 1 public consultation (8 October to 25 November) - 100 submissions.

- (b) All submissions received at each stage of plan development are reviewed in detail by the department's floodplain management experts prior to making recommendations to an interagency working group. Draft What we heard reports and any proposed changes to the draft floodplain management plans in response to community feedback are reviewed by this group. Key experts from the NSW Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (agriculture and fisheries interests) and the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (water, environmental and First Nations interests) are represented on this group.

* 4690 SALE OF NSW WATER ENTITLEMENTS—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, and Minister for Youth—

- (1) Was NSW High Security and General Security water recently sold by Duxton Water?
- (2) Did the Federal Water Minister announce that New South Wales water entitlements are being delivered to South Australia?
- (3) If yes to (1) and (2), how are these New South Wales water entitlements being delivered to South Australia?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Yes. Details of this sale are publicly available.
- (2) No. The 6 March 2025 media release by the Federal Water Minister and the South Australian Water Minister referenced the importance of the 450 gegalitres (GL) of additional environmental water to South Australia.
- (3) Questions regarding the use of environmental water should be directed to the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder.

* 4691 UNREGULATED RIVER WATER SHARING PLANS—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, and Minister for Youth—

With respect to the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water's fact sheet on the Murrumbidgee Unregulated River:

- (1) Will any rule changes lead to large reductions in access to water?
- (a) If so, would the Minister advise what the expected megalitre water savings has been estimated to be due to these changes?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The department has considered submissions made to the draft water sharing plan that was put on public exhibition.

The department is yet to recommend to me a final draft water sharing plan for concurrence and approval.

I understand that the rule changes will not lead to large reductions in access to water. Noting that some of the access rule changes set out in the public exhibition draft have been modified or removed in response to the feedback received.

For changed flow-based rules in some water sources or management zones, the frequency of access will be similar, moderately or slightly less.

For new rules concerning natural off-river pools, existing use conditions for individual users will continue to apply, subject to assessment by year 6 of the new plan.

For new rules concerning water sharing plan prescribed wetlands, existing use may continue, but there will be restrictions on increasing the capacity for extraction.

- (a) The reduction in access is expected to be minimal or moderate.

* 4692 WATER SHARING PLANS RULE CHANGES—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, and Minister for Youth—

With respect to the Murrumbidgee Unregulated Water Sharing Plan:

- (1) Have there been rule changes in relation to prescribed wetlands and off-river pool rules?
- (a) If so, have the off-river pools been identified on a map?
- (b) Will landholders be individually contacted where the new rules apply?
- (c) What are the consequences of non-compliance with rule changes?
- (d) What consultation will be carried out with landholders where these rules will be applied retrospectively to already endorsed water sharing plans?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Not yet. However, there are proposed rule changes in relation to prescribed wetlands and off-river pool rules in the draft replacement Murrumbidgee Unregulated Water Sharing Plan, which is expected to commence on 1 July 2025.

- (a) No, off-river pools have not been identified on a map. “Off-river pools” are defined in the dictionary to the plan.

- (b) No, not all landholders will be contacted individually. Best efforts were undertaken to publicise the exhibition of the draft water sharing plans (held between Nov 2024 to Feb 2025), and the revised approach to proposed wetland rules in March 2025, which included:

- letters to water access licence holders

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- EDM (email) to all Water Group stakeholder lists
- Public advertising in local print, radio and social media,
- EDM on revised approach to prescribed wetlands to all Water Group stakeholder lists, updated to include all landholders that made a submission on wetlands during public exhibition
- Updates at WaterNSW Customer Advisory Group meetings.

Prior to 1 July 2025, all stakeholders who made a submission about specific proposed prescribed wetlands and rules during public exhibition or the March 2025 period of comment will be contacted individually to clarify how the finalised rules will apply to those specific wetlands.

- (c) Non-compliance with water sharing plan rules is subject to enforcement by the Natural Resource Access Regulator.
- (d) The department will revisit the maps and rules in the 6 inland unregulated water sharing plans made in 2024 and are developing a plan for further consultation in those areas in the second half of 2025.

* 4693 COMMUNITY TRANSPORT IN MURRAY—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—

- (1) How many operators are contracted in the electorate of Murray to provide community transport to enable residents to access appointments, essential services and reduce the effects of isolation?
 - (a) In particular which providers are available in:
 - (i) Griffith?
 - (ii) Leeton?
 - (iii) Deniliquin?
 - (iv) Hay?
 - (v) Wentworth?
 - (vi) Hillston?

Answer—

I am advised:

In the electorate of Murray, there are seven community transport providers who have contracts with Transport for NSW to provide community transport services.

The following community transport providers are available in the identified areas:

- Griffith: Intereach Ltd
- Leeton: Narrandera Shire Council
- Edward River Council (previously Conargo and Deniliquin area): Intereach Ltd
- Hay: Hay Shire Council
- Wentworth: LiveBetter Community Services Ltd
- Carrathool: Carrathool Shire Council.

This information is publicly available on the Transport for NSW website:

<https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/system/files/media/documents/2024/community-transport-providers-for-customers-dec-24.pdf>.

- * 4694 INTERVALLEY TRADES—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, and Minister for Youth—

With respect to intervalley trades in New South Wales:

- (1) Would the Minister advise:
 - (a) What are the caps on the trades between zones?
 - (b) What are the rules around intervalley trades (IVTs)?
 - (c) Is there compliance with these IVT rules?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1)
 - (a) The Murrumbidgee intervalley trades (IVT) has a rolling, volumetric delivery (cap) on trade of 100 gegalitres - the maximum capacity transferable out of the Murrumbidgee without negatively impacting the environment or entitlement holders via transmission loss, etc.

The balance (of net trade) is calculated daily to accommodate changes in the system based on trade into the Murrumbidgee, Murray-Darling Basin Agreement system operations and changes from water deliveries.
 - (b) The IVT rules are primarily managed according to:
 - (i) The Water Sharing Plan for the Murrumbidgee Regulated River Water Source 2016 (NSW).
 - (ii) The Basin Plan 2012 (Cth)- section 12.23.
 - (iii) Access Licence Dealing Principles Order 2004 (NSW).

To manage IVT trading opportunities using the above legislation:

 - (i) IVT trades are only accepted when the volumetric triggers to open IVT trading are met, and trade is opened. These include the main 2 triggers, where:
 - (A) The balance of net trade out of the valley reduces to below 85 gegalitres (GL);
 - (B) The balance of net trade into the valley increases to greater than 15GL.
 - (ii) WaterNSW is responsible for tracking the IVT balance and will announce market openings/closings.
 - (iii) Once open, trading applications are received and processed until such time as the next available trade will cause the IVT balance to exceed 1 00GL (and subsequently close). Unprocessed trades may remain queued for up to 7 days, in case the daily IVT balance may reduce enough to allow these applications to be processed without retriggering the 1 00GL limit. Once the queue has been closed for 7 days, any unprocessed applications are subsequently refused. (Note that the open trading period may be only seconds, or many months, depending on market demand.)
 - (iv) The NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (NSW DCCEEW) can also announce the opening and closure of allocation trade i.e. if a dam spills.

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- (c) The IVT account balance calculations and applications are monitored and validated by WaterNSW and NSW DCCEEW. Updated account balance information is published at 9am each business day on the WaterNSW website.

Interstate and intervalley trades are governed under schedule D of the Murray Darling Basin Agreement.

The Commonwealth Inspector General of Water Compliance (IGWC) also has oversight of water trading in the Basin.

- * 4695 MURRUMBIDGEE WATER ALLOCATIONS—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, and Minister for Youth—

(1) Would the Minister advise if allocations are low?

(a) If so, why?

(b) Have rules changes impacted these low allocations?

(i) If so, which rules?

Answer—

I am advised:

Unfortunately, the allocation has been the lower than the past 5 years. The low allocation is due to low inflow into Burrinjuck and Blowering dams. So far this year, inflows have been at the second lowest level experienced since 2009. The allocation level this year is comparable to years with similar storage volumes around this month.

There have been no rule changes.

- * 4696 CONCORD HOSPITAL UPGRADE—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

Does the Government plan to upgrade the Concord Hospital emergency department?

Answer—

I am advised:

A refurbishment and expansion of the Concord Hospital Emergency Department (ED) is underway.

- * 4697 TRAFFIC LIGHT SEQUENCE IN DRUMMOYNE—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—

Does Transport for NSW plan to adjust traffic light sequencing to reduce traffic congestion throughout Victoria Road in Drummoyne?

Answer—

I am advised:

Transport for NSW is constantly reviewing the operation of traffic lights along Victoria Road in Drummoyne and on other approaches to Rozelle Interchange in order to provide the optimum conditions for drivers and pedestrians on the entire road network. As part of this process, minor adjustments are regularly made to intersection parameters to determine whether improvements can be made.

At the beginning of February, there is often a spike in congestion as traffic rebalances following the return to work, school and university. Understandably, this can lead to frustration for drivers who have become

accustomed to lighter traffic in the holiday period. Transport for NSW will continue to monitor traffic conditions and amend traffic signal operational parameters where required.

* 4698 MARLBOROUGH STREET DRUMMOYNE—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—

- (1) Has Transport for NSW changed the traffic light sequencing at the intersection of Westbourne Street and Victoria Road Drummoyne?
 - (a) If so, has this change created mass traffic jams on Marlborough Street Drummoyne?
- (2) Does Transport for NSW plan to adjust traffic light sequencing to ease traffic on Marlborough Street?

Answer—

I am advised:

Transport for NSW continually reviews the operation of traffic lights in Drummoyne, and on other approaches to the Rozelle Interchange, to provide optimum conditions for drivers and pedestrians on the entire road network. As part of this process, minor adjustments are regularly made to intersection parameters to determine if improvements can be made. This includes changes to Westbourne Street at its intersection with Victoria Road.

There is often a spike of congestion at the beginning of February, as traffic rebalances following the return to work, school and university. Transport for NSW appreciates this can lead to frustration for drivers who have become accustomed to lighter traffic during the holiday period. Transport for NSW continues to monitor traffic conditions and amend traffic signal operational parameters where required.

* 4699 CONCORD ROAD TRAFFIC—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—

- (1) How many complaints have been received since 1 July 2024 about traffic along Concord Road and particularly at the intersection of Concord Road and Parramatta Road, Concord?
- (2) Does Transport for NSW plan to change traffic light sequencing to ease congestion between Patterson Street and Concord Road, Concord?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Since July 2024, Transport for NSW has received 10 complaints about traffic on Concord Road, including three complaints about the intersection with Parramatta Road.
- (2) Transport for NSW is currently reviewing the operation of traffic signals on Parramatta Road through Concord which could impact traffic flow on Concord Road immediately north of its intersection with Parramatta Road. As part of this process, minor adjustments are regularly being made to the traffic signal parameters to determine whether improvements can be made to traffic conditions in this area.

This process is iterative and will be ongoing for the next few months. It should be noted that traffic volumes in this area are often greater than the operational capacity of the traffic signals, meaning that the signals can only distribute the delays at the various intersections.

* 4700 LYONS ROAD UPGRADE—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Transport, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—

- (1) Can the Minister please provide an update on works to upgrade Lyons Road?

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- (a) Have resurfacing works been scheduled?
- (b) If so, when will this occur?

Answer—

I am advised

This is matter for the Minister for Roads and Regional Transport.

- * 4701 YARALLA ESTATE—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

Does NSW Health have plans to better maintain Yaralla Estate?

Answer—

I am advised:

A maintenance program for Yaralla Estate is in place, with several projects underway or recently completed.

- * 4702 QUEENS ROAD, FIVE DOCK—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—

(1) Can the Minister please provide an update on works to upgrade Queens Road, Five Dock?

- (a) Have resurfacing works been scheduled?
- (b) If so, when will this occur?

Answer—

I am advised:

Transport for NSW has no road carriageway upgrades or resurfacing works planned at this location for the 2025-26 Financial Year period. However, Transport for NSW is aware of localised sections of pavement deterioration within the specified location and has identified these sites for inclusion in the future works programs. At this stage, Transport for NSW confirms that Queens Road, Five Dock remains in an adequate condition for continued safe use. Transport for NSW inspects Queens Road, Five Dock on a monthly basis to identify defects and schedule required repairs. Ad hoc inspections and maintenance are also carried out in response to customer feedback. Transport for NSW will continue to monitor the condition of Queens Road and carry out reactive maintenance as required.

- * 4703 CAR PARKING STATIONS NEAR METRO SITES—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Transport, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—

- (1) Does Transport for NSW have plans to provide commuter car parking at Five Dock Metro Station?
- (2) Does Transport for NSW have plans to provide commuter car parking at Burwood North Metro Station?
- (3) Does Transport for NSW have plans to provide commuter car parking at North Strathfield Metro Station?
- (4) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised

All Sydney Metro West stations including Five Dock, Burwood North and North Strathfield are designed to promote active and public transport access above the use of private vehicles. Stations have also been planned to integrate with other forms of public transport. As such, commuter car parking is not proposed at any of the stations along the Sydney Metro West alignment.

* 4704 RHODES STATION SAFE PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Transport, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—

- (1) Do you have an update about the pedestrian bridge between Rhodes Station and the shopping centre?
- (2) Does Transport for NSW have plans to approve traffic lights and/or a pedestrian crossing on Walker Street Rhodes outside of the train station?
- (3) How does Transport for NSW plan to ensure all commuters access Rhodes station safely?

Answer—

I am advised

The bridge connecting Rhodes Station to the Rhodes Central shopping centre was proposed by the Rhodes Central developer to be constructed as part of the shopping centre, at the developer's cost.

Sydney Trains provided landowners consent to the developer in 2017 to construct the 'breakthrough' into the station. This consent remains valid.

* 4705 OVER 50S PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Premier—

- (1) How many public sector employees are aged 50 years and older?
- (2) What percentage of public sector employees are aged 50 years and older?
- (3) What specific support does the Government provide to public service employees aged 50 years and older?

Answer—

I am advised:

144,637 non-casual public sector employees were aged 50 years and older as at the end of June 2024, based on the Workforce Profile 2024.

34.2% of non-casual public sector employees were aged 50 years and older as at the end of June 2024, based on the Workforce Profile 2024.

NSW Government employees can access a range of services to support their career development and employee wellbeing. These support services are provided through their individual agency. Services include, but are not limited to, wellbeing support and resources, flexible working arrangements, learning and development opportunities, and workforce transition processes.

* 4706 PASSENGER SERVICE LEVY—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—

How much revenue has been raised by the Passenger Service Levy since its inception?

Answer—

- (1) I am advised this question is more appropriately directed to the Minister for Transport.

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* 4707 SOCIAL HOUSING CARPARK FOBS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, and Minister for Youth—

- (1) What are you doing to ensure that carpark fobs in Homes NSW social housing complexes are only being used by authorised tenants?
- (2) Have you identified any gaps in lease agreements, the law or new technology that could ensure that these fobs are not able to be copied and used by unauthorised tenants?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1 - 2) Homes NSW only issues carpark fobs to authorised tenants, however, is aware of instances in which tenants share their fobs with others.

Homes NSW considers unauthorised use of carpark fobs to be a serious issue and handles all breach of lease agreements in line with the NSW Residential Tenancies Act.

Homes NSW is exploring solutions, including advancements in technology and changes to types of carpark fobs used, and welcomes ideas and feedback from local communities on this matter.

* 4708 ZERO EMISSION BUSES—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Transport, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—

- (1) What proportion of Greater Sydney's buses are:
 - (a) Zero emissions?
 - (b) Diesel?
 - (c) Natural gas?
- (2) Is New South Wales on track to transition all Greater Sydney buses to zero emissions by 2035?
- (3) What is the process for determining which buses are upgraded to zero emissions at what time?
- (4) How many buses will transition in:
 - (a) 2025?
 - (b) 2026?
 - (c) 2027?
- (5) How are zero emission buses allocated to bus routes and times of day?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) Greater Sydney buses comprise of approximately:
 - (a) Five per cent battery electric (zero emission).
 - (b) 88 per cent diesel.
 - (c) Seven per cent natural gas.
- (2) Transport for NSW is on track to deliver more than 1,700 Zero Emission Buses into service in Greater Sydney by 2028.
- (3) Under the Zero Emission Bus Program transition plan, diesel and compressed natural gas buses are replaced with battery electric buses. For Stage 1, eleven bus depots were identified for transition by

2028. Once a depot has been converted to battery electric technology, battery electric buses can be introduced into service.

The process for determining which buses are upgraded to zero emissions and the timing is determined during Final Business Case development. During this project phase, depots selected for conversion determine where battery electric buses can go into service. Other factors considered at this point include fleet age and type, forecast population growth and current service demand.

A Zero Emission Bus introduced at a depot will enable redistribution of the existing fleet, resulting in the oldest buses being retired from the broader Greater Sydney bus fleet.

(4) The approximate figures based on the current forecast per calendar year are:

- (a) 220.
- (b) 500.
- (c) 450.

Stage 1 of the Zero Emission Bus program will continue until the end of 2028 where the balance of the 1,500 buses will be delivered.

(5) Over 190 battery electric buses are currently operating from 12 depots across Greater Sydney and Newcastle. These buses are allocated for service based on operational requirements of the bus operators. This means that battery electric buses may not always serve the same routes or areas.

As the Zero Emission Bus Program progresses, passengers will see an increase of Zero Emission Buses in service with all Greater Sydney buses transitioned by 2035.

* 4709 NEW SCHOOL IN THE CASTLE HILL SHOWGROUND PRECINCT—Mr Mark Hodges to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

Having regard to question on notice 4343, which the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces referred to you:

- (1) Have you located any suitable land on which to build a new school in the Castle Hill Showground Precinct?
 - (a) If so, what steps have been taken to procure this land?
- (2) Have you taken any other steps to deliver for the needs of schools in the area?

Answer—

The Minns Labor Government's record investment in school infrastructure is delivering 7 new and upgraded schools in The Hills. This includes a new public school and high school in Box Hill and a new public school in Gables. Major upgrades at Rouse Hill High School, Matthew Pearce Public School, Excelsior Public School and Castle Hill Public School will also deliver a combined 91 additional new permanent classrooms, replacing 48 demountables.

Unfortunately, the former Liberal National Government failed to deliver a new primary school for Castle Hill during its 12 years in office. It should be noted that the former Liberal National Government did not commit to a new primary school at the Showground Precinct or commit any funding towards building a new school at that location. Furthermore, despite the former Liberal National Government commencing work on the North West Metro in 2011, it never provisioned land for a new school near any of the stations in The Hills.

* 4710 PARK AND RIDE METRO SERVICES - USE OF DEBIT/CREDIT CARD—Mr Mark Hodges to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Transport, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—

- (1) What percentage of Metro customers tap on with a debit/credit card as opposed to an Opal Card?

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- (a) If data is not captured in this detail, what percentage of customers across the Public Transport network tap on with a debit/credit card?
- (2) Are customers using the park and ride services at the metro stations required to tap their opal card at the pay terminal to prove they made a metro journey or else pay a \$30 fee?
 - (a) Are they able to tap their credit/debit card to show this instead?
 - (i) If not, why not?
 - (b) Are there any plans to allow those who tap on with a debit/credit card to use these carparks without incurring a fee?
- (3) How many fees for not tapping an Opal card at the pay terminal have been incurred at Metro parking stations?
 - (a) Could you please provide details by location?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) 36 per cent of customers travelling on Sydney Metro tap on and off with a credit/debit card, the remainder of customers tap on and off using Opal cards.
- (2) Public transport customers tapping on and off with a credit/debit card are entitled to free parking, provided they have registered for a Transport Connect account and linked the same credit/debit card details with the Park&Ride service.
- (3) Since Park&Ride launched, on average more than 95 per cent of customers using the car park continue their journey on public transport.

* 4711 QON 4380 FOLLOW UP—Mr Mark Hodges to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Transport, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—

Regarding your response to QON 4380, what is the expected timeframe of the Medium-Term Bus Plan?

Answer—

I am advised

In response to the Bus Industry Taskforce recommendations, Transport for NSW has drafted a statewide Medium-Term Bus Plan which is now undergoing internal review. The Medium-Term Bus Plan establishes the vision for improved bus services, fleet, depots, technology and other enabling infrastructure across NSW.

Transport for NSW has also commenced the development of the associated Business Case which will provide recommendations to NSW Government on the prioritisation of bus service improvements and enabling works for delivery over the medium-term. Transport for NSW will provide a timeframe in due course.

* 4712 QON 4381 FOLLOW UP—Mr Mark Hodges to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Transport, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—

Regarding your response to QON 4381:

- (1) What steps have been taken to ensure New South Wales drivers access the rebates to which they are entitled?

- (2) Considering that there is more unpaid claims than paid claims, will you consider the viability of a system of automatic rebates?
- (3) Considering that particular age-groups and locations may be more vulnerable to missing out rebates due to lack of awareness, why is this data not captured?
- (a) Will you consider capturing this data to better address this potential inequity?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) A number of media releases have encouraged motorists to lodge a claim. Information is also available on the Linkt, Service NSW and E-Toll websites:
- Linkt - <https://www.linkt.com.au/help/cashback-and-rebates/toll-relief-weekly-toll-cap/sydney>
 - Service - <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/claim-the-toll-relief-cap>
 - E-Toll - [New Toll Relief Scheme - \\$60 weekly cap | E-Toll](#)
- (2) The design of the \$60 cap scheme relies on the current rebate claim process to ensure eligibility requirements for the scheme, including enabling the motorists to read and accept the terms and conditions. No automatic rebate scheme design has been identified that would be able to easily discern between eligible and non-eligible trips and also be capable of efficient implementation.
- (3) Claims data by location and age is captured when claims are made. Eligibility data is not available at that same level of detail.

* 4713 DOUBLE PARKING FINES—Mr Mark Hodges to ask the Attorney General representing the Minister for Finance, Minister for Domestic Manufacturing and Government Procurement, and Minister for Natural Resources—

- (1) How many fines for double parking pursuant to Reg 189 of the Road Rules have been issued in:
- (a) The Hills Shire local government area:
- (i) Financial year 2025 to date?
 - (ii) Financial year 2024?
 - (iii) Financial year 2023?
- (b) Parramatta local government area:
- (i) Financial year 2025 to date?
 - (ii) Financial year 2024?
 - (iii) Financial year 2023?
- (c) Hornsby local government area:
- (i) Financial year 2025 to date?
 - (ii) Financial year 2024?
 - (iii) Financial year 2023?
- (d) Blacktown local government area:
- (i) Financial year 2025 to date?
 - (ii) Financial year 2024?
 - (iii) Financial year 2023?

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Answer—

(1 a – d) I am advised Revenue NSW does not hold data by Local Government Area.

* 4714 COOLER CLASSROOMS PROGRAM - CASTLE HILL—Mr Mark Hodges to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

(1) Have any schools in the Castle Hill Electorate received assistance under the Cooler Classrooms Program?

(a) If so, could you please provide details?

(b) If unable to provide data by electorate, could you please provide by Hills Shire local government area?

Answer—

The Department of Education continues to work with schools on a case-by-case basis to address their heating and cooling needs. The department's maintenance program and other works, including air conditioning upgrades, are assessed in consultation with schools.

* 4715 TECH SAVVY SENIORS PROGRAMME - HILLS SHIRE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA—Mr Mark Hodges to ask the Minister for Women, Minister for Seniors, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

(1) Does the Tech Savvy Seniors Programme run any services in the Hills Shire Local government area?

(2) How is access to this programme initiated?

Answer—

I am advised:

A list of training places are publicly available online: <https://www.nsw.gov.au/community-services/seniors-card/tech-savvy-seniors>.

All public libraries and community colleges are eligible to apply to participate in the program when applications open for 2025/26. Community colleges can apply through the Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) website. Local councils can apply through the NSW State library website.

* 4716 METRO BREAKDOWN BETWEEN CHERRYBROOK AND EPPING - 26 FEBRUARY 2025—Mr Mark Hodges to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Transport, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—

(1) Was there a Metro breakdown between Cherrybrook and Epping on the morning of 26 February?

(a) If so, what was the cause?

(b) Can you provide any relevant data insights into how many commuters were disrupted by this incident?

(c) What steps are being taken to mitigate a future breakdown of this nature?

(d) Are there any plans to improve capacity for emergency bus replacement in the event of a similar future breakdown?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1)

- (a) At 7.29am on 26 February, a train emergency braked between Epping and Cherrybrook. Two carousels were implemented between Tallawong and Castle Hill, and between Epping and Sydenham. Customers were kept informed via onboard and station announcements.

The train was manually moved to Cherrybrook Station at 8.20am where approximately 100 passengers alighted. Full line operation was restored by 8.22am.

ALSTOM is conducting a detailed investigation into the incident, which is still underway. In all instances, Sydney Metro's operational control system is programmed to react in the safest way possible.

- (b) The estimated number of passengers potentially impacted by the incident was 640.
- (c) The Sydney Metro operator, Metro Trains Sydney, has a robust incident management plan and staff are trained to respond to incidents 24/7, coordinated by a dedicated control room which can dispatch staff on the network to support the response and the emergency services.
- (d) The number of buses provided for an emergency replacement event is dynamic and may vary based on factors including: time of day, number of passengers impacted, alternative transport available, and replacement bus availability.

* 4717 REDUCED SERVICE FREQUENCY ON THE NORTHWEST METRO LINE - 3 MARCH 2025—Mr Mark Hodges to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Transport, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—

- (1) Was there a reduced service frequency on the Northwest Metro Line on the morning of Monday 3 March?
- (a) If so, what was the cause?
- (b) Can you provide data on the extra strain this disruption placed on services?
- (c) Are steps being taken to ensure these disruptions do not occur during peak use times?

Answer—

I am advised

(1)

- (a) On Monday 3 March, metro trains ran at a reduced frequency with a train every 8 minutes between 7am to 7pm. At all other times during this period, metro trains ran every 10 minutes.

The reduced service frequency was related to a possession on The M1 Northwest & Bankstown line, which was shut between Central and Sydenham station from 10pm Friday, 28 February to first services on Tuesday, 4 March. During this possession, the M1 Line operated from Tallawong to Central only.

This shutdown was essential to completing critical overhead wiring connections to allow train testing to begin on the Southwest line to Bankstown.

The conversion of the Southwest line to metro standards has been heavily disrupted by ongoing industrial action since work commenced in September 2024, and this possession was required to make up for lost time.

- (b) MTS is contracted to deliver 434 services on a typical Monday. On Monday 3 March, due to the possession, a service change notice was in place, and MTS was contracted to deliver 277 services during the day, which they achieved 100%.

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- (c) The majority of trackwork is done outside of peak times, mostly overnight or on weekends. Sometimes it is necessary to carry out trackwork on weekdays, where emergency trackwork is required or the works are critical to meet project needs. In the extraordinary event that trackwork is required on a weekday, Sydney Metro carefully consider all other options available to minimise impacts to customers.

* 4718 SYDNEY METRO TRACKWORK - 3 MARCH 2025—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Transport, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—

In relation to the Sydney Metro:

- (1) Was planned trackwork scheduled on Monday 3 March 2025?
- (a) If so, why?
- (b) Were alternatives outside the weekday peaks considered?
- (c) How was the trackwork communicated to commuters?
- (d) Will the Government review the decision to plan trackwork on weekdays, including any lessons for communication, crowding, and disruption to commuters?
- (2) Is there any future trackwork planned for weekdays?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1)
- (a - b) The M1 Northwest & Bankstown line was shut between Central and Sydenham station from 10pm Friday, 28 February, to first services on Tuesday 4 March. During this possession, the M1 Line operated from Tallawong to Central only. This shutdown was essential to completing critical overhead wiring connections to allow train testing to begin on the Southwest line to Bankstown.
- When scheduling trackwork, Sydney Metro carefully considers all options to minimise impacts to customers. In this case, the scope of work was required to be completed over three consecutive days, so Sydney Metro took the difficult decision to continue weekend trackwork into the following Monday.
- On Monday 3 March, metro trains ran at a reduced frequency with a train every 8 minutes between 7am to 7pm. At all other times during this period, metro trains ran every 10 minutes.
- Sydney Metro apologises to passengers inconvenienced by this work, but this allowed Sydney Metro to get one step closer to bringing fast and reliable metro services to the people of Southwest Sydney.
- (c) A media release was distributed on 2 March outlining the impacts of the disruption for 3rd March: <https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/newsroom-and-events/media-releases/media-date-updates-test/metro-trains-not-running-between>
- Transport media also completed a radio ring around. Trackwork information was displayed on posters, passenger information screens and digital advertising screens at stations, and announcements were also made on platforms and onboard services.
- Passengers can check travel alerts and trackwork by visiting transportnsw.info, subscribing to trackwork alerts from Transport for NSW, following lines or routes on Twitter/X, or downloading a Transport App such as Opal Travel.

(1d - 2)

The majority of trackwork and maintenance is completed outside of peak times, mostly overnight or on weekends. Sometimes it is necessary to carry out trackwork on weekdays, where emergency trackwork is required, or the works are critical to meet project needs. In the extraordinary event that trackwork is required on a weekday, Sydney Metro carefully considers all other options available to minimise impacts to customers.

- * 4719 WILLOUGHBY FIRE STATION—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

In relation to the Willoughby Fire Station:

- (1) Is a major upgrade of the station planned?
- (2) Has there been any planning for a renovation, including any business case or detailed designs?
- (3) Where is Willoughby on the priority list for station upgrades?
- (4) When will an upgrade of the station begin?

Answer—

I am advised:

Fire and Rescue NSW carries out regular and ongoing assessments of all its fire stations to determine current and future priorities for capital works and enhancements to firefighter facilities. Willoughby Fire Station is not identified as an immediate priority in the forward capital program.

- * 4720 SCHOOLS' ENROLMENT CAP - WILLOUGHBY—Mr Tim James to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) In relation to the following schools what is the school's current enrolment cap and the current number of students enrolled:
 - (a) ANZAC Park Public School?
 - (b) Cammeray Public School?
 - (c) Northbridge Public School?
 - (d) Willoughby Public School?
 - (e) Castle Cove Public School?
 - (f) Chatswood Public School?
 - (g) Artarmon Public School?
 - (h) Mowbray Public School?
 - (i) Middle Harbour Public School?
 - (j) Lindfield learning Village?
 - (k) Chatswood High School?
 - (l) Cammeraygal High School?
 - (m) Willoughby Girls High School?
 - (n) Killarney Heights High School?
 - (o) Killara High School?
 - (p) Mosman High School?

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Answer—

Enrolments information for NSW public schools is publicly available on the Data.NSW website.

- * 4721 NEW DIESEL ARTICULATED BUSES—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Transport, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—

In relation to the Government's purchase of 50 new diesel articulated buses:

- (1) How many of these will be allocated to the Willoughby Bus Depot?
- (2) How many will be allocated to the North Sydney Bus Depot?
- (3) When will these buses be delivered to those depots?

Answer—

I am advised:

The new articulated buses will be allocated to our intensively operated routes, such as the 333 and 500X. These routes are not operated by Willoughby or North Sydney depot.

The additional articulated buses will enable reallocation of existing fleet across Sydney to those routes with the highest patronage.

- * 4722 NORTH SHORE AND NORTHERN BEACHES ROAD NETWORK REVIEW—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—

When will the North Shore and Northern Beaches Road Network Review be released to the public?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Government is considering the findings of the North Shore and Northern Beaches Road Network Review and will make further announcements in due course.

- * 4723 NORTH SYDNEY AMBULANCE STATION—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

In relation to the North Sydney Ambulance Station:

- (1) What is the status of planning for the new ambulance station?
- (2) When will construction begin?
- (3) When will the station open?

Answer—

I am advised:

Planning and design development for the new North Sydney Ambulance station is underway.

Construction and operational timeframes will be confirmed as planning progresses and the community will continue to be updated.

- * 4724 607 PACIFIC HIGHWAY CHATSWOOD—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

In relation to 607 Pacific Highway Chatswood:

- (1) Has the site been transferred to Landcom to develop?

- (a) If yes, when did this transfer happen?
 - (b) What is landcom's plans for the site?
 - (c) What provision will be made for public facilities?
 - (d) What community consultation will be conducted?
 - (e) What are the project timelines?
- (2) Does the Government plan to include a new public school in future?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Landcom is in discussions with Sydney Metro, and undertaking due diligence investigations, to determine whether the Pacific Highway site is suitable for development.
- (2) The NSW Government is committed to coordinating land use and infrastructure planning to deliver critical social infrastructure, like schools, to meet current and future community needs.

* 4725 PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS ON THE LOWER NORTH SHORE—Mr Tim James to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

In relation to public high schools on the lower north shore:

- (1) Has Cammeraygal High School exceeded its enrolment capacity?
- (2) Has Chatswood High School exceeded its enrolment capacity?
- (3) Is there currently insufficient demand for a new high school in the St Leonards area?
- (4) Is planning for the St Leonards Education Precinct continuing?
 - (a) Does this include a high school?

Answer—

Enrolment information is available through the respective school's websites. Enrolments information for NSW public schools is publicly available on the Data.NSW website. After 12 years in office, the former NSW Liberal Nationals Government had undertaken very little work to progress this project. Tim James has not explained why this was not a priority when the Liberals were in government. The project is currently in planning, as the Department of Education continues to monitor service demand. Updates will be shared on the School Infrastructure website.

* 4726 NEW PUBLIC SCHOOL IN CHATSWOOD—Mr Tim James to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

In relation to a new public school in Chatswood:

- (1) Has the Government cancelled plans for a new public school at Chatswood?
 - (a) If yes, why?
 - (b) What future enrolment modelling was used to justify the decision?
- (2) Is any planning for a new school at Chatswood continuing?
- (3) Has there been any contingency planning for an alternative site for a future school at Chatswood if the Government misses the opportunity to locate it at the former metro dive site?

Answer—

Please refer to answer to Budget Estimates 2024-25, 25 February 2025 hearing Question on Notice 26.

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* 4727 BARIATRIC AMBULANCES - HUNTER ZONE 1 & 2—Mr Dave Layzell to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

My question is to the Minister for Health & the Minister for Regional Health:

- (1) How many bariatric ambulances are in the NSW Ambulance fleet?
- (2) Which NSW Ambulance stations are bariatric ambulances based?
- (3) How many bariatric ambulances operate from NSW Ambulance stations within:
 - (a) Hunter Zone 1?
 - (b) Hunter Zone 2?
- (4) What is the estimated on-road purchase price for an operational bariatric ambulance, if NSW Ambulance was to expand the existing fleet?
- (5) What would be the estimated response time for a bariatric ambulance to a high priority medical case from:
 - (a) Hamilton Ambulance Station to Clarence Town?
 - (b) Wahrenonga Ambulance Station to Clarence Town?

Answer—

I am advised:

NSW Ambulance operates a fleet of specialist vehicles to support the transport of bariatric patients. This fleet includes both light and heavy multi-purpose bariatric vehicles. All transport ambulances in the NSW Ambulance fleet are capable of carrying bariatric patients weighing up to 318kg. In some cases, NSW Ambulance may also transport bariatric patients by air ambulance.

The NSW Ambulance Response Grid has been designed to optimise the use of available ambulance resources while meeting the clinical needs of emergency patients/incidents.

NSW Ambulance activity and performance data is publicly available on the Bureau of Health Information website at www.bhi.nsw.gov.au.

The contracted price for commissioning a bariatric ambulance is confidential commercial information.

* 4728 FUNDING BOOST TO LITTLE WINGS—Mr Brendan Moylan to ask the Premier—

In relation to the \$600,000 one-off funding boost to Little Wings:

- (1) Has this funding been cut?
 - (a) If yes, why?
 - (b) If yes, by how much?
- (2) How will the Government continue to support air transportation for medical services to rural, remote, and regional services?

Answer—

I am advised:

This question should be directed to the Minister for Health and Minister for Regional Health.

- * 4729 DUTTON TROUT HATCHERY IN EBOR—Mr Brendan Moylan to ask the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

In relation to the Dutton Trout Hatchery in Ebor:

- (1) Are trout still being released into the streams?
- (2) Is this Hatchery closed?
 - (a) If so, why?
 - (b) When will it reopen?
 - (c) How will you mitigate the impact of the Hatchery's closure on tourism in the town of Ebor?

Answer—

- (1) Trout production and stocking streams from Dutton Trout Hatchery has been completed as per normal for the 2024-25 stocking season. Planning is currently underway for the 2025-26 season.
- (2) No.

- * 4730 OFFICE OF REGIONAL YOUTH—Mr Brendan Moylan to ask the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

In relation to the Office of Regional Youth:

- (1) Are there plans to restore the Office of Regional Youth?
 - (a) If not, why?
- (2) Are there plans to reinstate the Youth Taskforce?
- (3) How will you support young people in regional areas to meet their educational goals as well as improve social, mental, and physical wellbeing?

Answer—

This question should be referred to the Minister for Youth.

- * 4731 SCHOOL BUS FUNDING - NORTHERN TABLELANDS—Mr Brendan Moylan to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Transport, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—

In relation to funding for school buses in the Northern Tablelands:

- (1) Has funding been cut?
 - (a) If yes, by how much?
- (2) Have school bus routes recently been scaled back in regional areas?
 - (a) If so, why?
- (3) How will you help support small schools like Tingha Public School, Croppa Creek Public School, and Yetman Public School to fund school buses and find drivers?

Answer—

I am advised:

There has been no change to the contracts or funding with bus operators who provide services to Tingha and Yetman Public Schools.

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At the request of the operator, one bus route servicing Croppa Creek Public School, ended on 31 December 2024. To date, unfortunately, all avenues to retain this service have not been successful.

Transport for NSW is aware of the challenges faced by small schools where it has not been possible to engage a local operator or local drivers due to low patronage or other factors. The alternate school travel option for affected families is to apply for the School Drive Subsidy.

- * 4732 ROCKY RIVER PUBLIC SCHOOL—Mr Brendan Moylan to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

In relation to Rocky River Public School:

- (1) Have the serious structural issues in the historical main schoolhouse building been rectified?
 - (a) If not, why not?
- (2) When will students and staff be able to move back into the main schoolhouse?

Answer—

Independent structural engineers found that the structural issues to the building are unable to be rectified. Accordingly, the building will be replaced with a new building. It is anticipated that the new building will be ready for occupation in 2026.

- * 4733 GRIEFLINE FUNDING—Mr Brendan Moylan to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, and Minister for Youth—

In relation to funding for Griefline:

- (1) Does the Government provide any funding support for this service?
 - (a) If yes, has this funding been cut?
 - (i) If yes, by how much?

Answer—

I am advised:

Information about Australian Government funding for the Helpline is available on the Griefline website at <https://grieffline.org.au/breaking-grieffline-helpline-saved-for-now>.

The NSW Government funds Griefline for delivery of the Integrating Grief Program, which provides free counselling and support to NSW residents over the age of 18 who are struggling to cope with the death of someone significant to them. There has been no disruption to this program since it was first launched in 2022.

- * 4734 VIRTUAL STOCK FENCING—Mr Brendan Moylan to ask the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

In relation to virtual stock fencing:

- (1) Does the Government plan to legalise virtual fencing for commercial use?

Answer—

The NSW Government considers a range of measures to support the agricultural industry.

* 4735 WINTERBOURNE WIND PROJECT—Mr Brendan Moylan to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

In relation to the Winterbourne Wind project:

- (1) How are you engaging with the local community in relation to important stages of this project?
- (2) Did the developer miss the deadline for the response to submissions?
 - (a) If yes, why?
 - (b) How many times has the developer been given extensions to responding to submissions?
 - (c) When does the Department deem a project to be unfeasible?
- (3) Is this project delayed?
 - (a) If so, what is the reason for the delay of this project?
- (4) Is the project still going ahead?
- (5) Is this project financially viable?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure exhibited the application for community feedback from 18 November 2022 to 23 January 2023. The Department visited the project site and surrounds, meeting with nearby landowners on 6 and 7 November 2023. Additionally, the Department met a key community group on the site visit and has had a number of subsequent meetings and discussions with the community group.
The Department also exhibited the amended application from 8 October to 4 November 2024.
- (2) The Department provides a date for when the Submissions Report is expected to be submitted. However, the date is not considered a hard deadline and may be subject to change depending on the technical nature of the issues and number of submissions received.
 - (a) The proponent has requested the Department to change the expected lodgement date for the Submissions Report due to the additional assessment undertaken to address public submissions, residual issues raised by Government agencies and assessment of amendments to the project.
 - (b) The proponent has requested an extension:
 - five times for the Submissions Report responding to submissions from the exhibition of the Environmental Impact Statement and
 - once for the Submissions Report responding to submissions for the exhibited amendment report.
 - (c) The Department will be undertaking a detailed assessment of the project in line with the relevant policies and guidelines. The Department's assessment will be then referred to the Independent Planning Commission as the consent authority and the IPC will make the final determination on the project.
- (3) This is a matter for the proponent.
- (4) This is a matter for the proponent.
- (5) This is a matter for the proponent.

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- * 4736 INVERELL AMBULANCE STATION—Mr Brendan Moylan to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

In relation to Inverell Ambulance Station:

- (1) How much money has been secured for renovations?
- (2) What will the renovations involve?

Answer—

This question should be directed to the Minister for Health.

- * 4737 PERSONAL HARDSHIP ASSISTANCE PAYMENT APPLICATIONS - EX-TROPICAL CYCLONE ALFRED—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

To date, how many cyclone-affected Tweed Electorate individuals and dependents (postcodes 2483, 2484, 2485, 2486, 2487, 2488, 2489, 2490) applied for the Personal Hardship Assistance Payment following ex-Tropical Cyclone Alfred?

Answer—

I am advised that 22,683 applications have been received as of 14 April 2025.

- * 4738 PERSONAL HARDSHIP ASSISTANCE PAYMENT APPLICATION REJECTIONS - EX-TROPICAL CYCLONE ALFRED—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

To date, how many cyclone-affected Tweed Electorate individuals and dependents (postcodes 2483, 2484, 2485, 2486, 2487, 2488, 2489, 2490) who have applied for the Personal Hardship Assistance Payment following ex-Tropical Cyclone Alfred had their applications declined?

Answer—

I am advised that of the 22,683 applications received, 845 applications have been deemed ineligible as at 14 April 2025.

- * 4739 RESPIRATORY SYNCYTIAL VIRUS - NORTHERN NSW LOCAL HEALTH DISTRICT—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

- (1) How many cases of respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) have been recorded in the Northern NSW Local Health District in the following timeframes:

- (a) 2025 -year to date?
- (b) 2024?
- (c) 2023?

Answer—

I'm advised:

Information on respiratory syncytial virus activity in NSW, including by local health district, is available in the NSW Respiratory Surveillance Report on the NSW Health website at <https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/infectious/pages/data.aspx>.

* 4740 RESPIRATORY SYNCYTIAL VIRUS HOSPITALISATIONS - NORTHERN NSW LOCAL HEALTH DISTRICT—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

(1) How many cases of respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) recorded in the Northern NSW Local Health District have resulted in hospitalisation in the following timeframes:

(a) 2025 -year to date?

(b) 2024?

(c) 2023?

Answer—

I'm advised:

Most cases of RSV are mild, and do not necessarily lead to a presentation at a health care service. This means many cases of RSV are not diagnosed and therefore the number of notifications of RSV is an underestimate of the true incidence. Notifications of RSV are likely to represent more severe cases.

Using existing data sources, it is very complex to identify hospitalisations related to RSV.

Data on presentations and admissions coded to 'bronchiolitis' (a complication of RSV) can be used as a proxy for RSV hospitalisations in 0-4 year olds (since a large proportion of cases of bronchiolitis in this age group is attributable to RSV). Identifying RSV-related hospitalisations in other age groups is not possible.

Data related to notifications of RSV in Northern NSW residents of all ages is publicly available at www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/Pages/data.aspx

* 4741 FREE RESPIRATORY SYNCYTIAL VIRUS - TWEED—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

According to the most recent data available, how many infants and children in the Tweed Electorate (postcodes 2483, 2484, 2485, 2486, 2487, 2488, 2489, 2490) have received the free respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) since free immunisation commenced on 17 March 2025?

Answer—

I am advised:

Health services are not provided on an electorate basis.

* 4742 COST OF INSTALLATION OF NEW TECHNOLOGY AND TRUCK TURNING AREAS AT THE TUGUN BYPASS TUNNEL—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—

Regarding the installation of new technology and truck turning areas at the Tugun bypass tunnel:

(1) What was the total cost of the project?

(2) What was the cost split between the New South Wales and Queensland Governments?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) The total cost of the project was \$7.7 million.

(2) The cost was 100 per cent New South Wales.

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- * 4743 NUMBER SCREENING CHECK FOR YEAR 1 STUDENTS TRIAL - PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

Can you provide a list of the 150 New South Wales public school taking part in the Number Screening Check for Year 1 students trial launching in Term 2?

Answer—

Following a successful Phase 1 trial with 19 schools and more than 700 students in Term 4, 2024, the Year 1 Number Screening Check Phase 2 trial will be conducted across more than 160 public schools in Term 2, 2025. It will involve up to 7,000 Year 1 students.

- * 4744 E-BIKES AND E-SCOOTERS - UNSAFE AND ILLEGAL USE—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

Regarding e-bikes and e-scooters in New South Wales:

- (1) How many cautions have been issued within the Tweed Byron Local Area Command this year regarding unsafe or illegal use?
- (2) How many infringement notices have been issued within the Tweed Byron Local Area Command this year regarding unsafe or illegal use?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Eight.
- (2) Nil.

Note (1) & (2):

- Data current to 6 April 2025.
- Vehicle Type: Non Registrable Vehicle.
 - Sub-type: E-Bike or E-Scooter.
- Law Part Codes (Shared E-Scooters specific): 99636, 99637, 99638, 99639, 99640, 99641 , 99642, 99643, 99644, 99645, 99646, 99647, 99648, 99649, 99650, 99651.

- * 4745 E-BIKE AND E-SCOOTER RELATED INJURIES—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

Can you provide the number of emergency department presentations within the Northern NSW Local Health District this year for treatment for e-bike and e-scooter related injuries?

Answer—

I am advised:

Codified data on electric scooter (e-scooter), electric bike (e-bike) and related mobility option accidents is not currently available from NSW Health data collections.

- * 4746 SHORE POWER EQUIPPED CRUISE SHIPS—Ms Kobi Shetty to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Transport, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—

Noting the Minister's response to LAQON 1999 and the Parliamentary Secretary for Transport's contribution to debate on the Ports and Maritime Administration Amendment (White Bay Cruise Terminal - Shore Power) Bill 2024 on 20 March 2025:

- (1) Which of the Cruise Ships that are frequent visitors to White Bay Cruise Terminal have become shore power equipped since December 2023?
- (2) Which of the Cruise Ships that are frequent visitors to White Bay Cruise Terminal and are not currently capable of plugging into a shore power facility are expected to become shore power equipped before January 2027?

Answer—

I am advised:

Specific cruise vessel shore power queries, including retrofitting queries, are best directed to the respective cruise lines. However, with respect to cruise ships that regularly use White Bay Cruise Terminal, Port Authority of NSW advises that of the approximately 70 cruise ships that have already or are booked to call into White Bay Cruise Terminal in the 2024-25 cruise season, around 60 are shore power enabled.

- * 4747 DECLINE IN SCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVALS IN NEW SOUTH WALES SCHOOLS—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

Concerning the decline in school swimming carnivals in New South Wales schools:

- (1) What percentage of New South Wales schools have abandoned the annual swimming carnival each year for the last ten years?
- (2) Can you list swimming carnivals by school for the Kiama electorate and whether they occurred each year for the last ten years?
- (3) What percentage of eligible students in New South Wales schools participate in swimming carnivals at schools where they are still offered?
- (4) In relation to (3), can you provide this information for schools in the Kiama electorate?
- (5) What is the reported trend in New South Wales schools regarding participation in school swimming carnivals, specifically regarding the involvement of non-swimmers?
- (6) In New South Wales schools, how has the pandemic affected children's access to swimming lessons and how is the Government addressing this challenge?
- (7) What percentage of New South Wales schools offer swimming lessons as part of the curriculum?
- (8) In relation to (7), can you provide this information for schools in the Kiama electorate?
- (9) What financial support does the Government offer schools to hold swimming carnivals?
- (10) What learn-to-swim initiatives does the New South Wales Government support in the Kiama electorate?

Answer—

The PDHPE K-10 syllabus provides students opportunities to participate in a range of swimming activities and rescue skills, develop strategies to keep themselves safe and develop gross motor skills through water-based activities. Additionally, there are opportunities through the Physical Activity and Sports Studies syllabus and the Sport, Lifestyle and Recreation syllabus for students to extend their knowledge and skills associated with swimming, water safety and lifesaving.

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School swimming and water safety programs give NSW primary students the opportunity to learn vital swimming and water safety skills, catering for diverse cultural backgrounds and all socio-economic circumstances. Sporting events and carnivals are arranged by each individual school.

* 4748 DOG AND CAT REGISTRATIONS—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Local Government—

With reference to pet registrations:

- (1) What is the current total number of dogs and cats registered on the NSW Pet Registry?
- (2) Could you please provide a breakdown of the number of dog and cat registrations on the NSW Pet Registry, categorised by the following postcodes within the Kiama electorate: 2527, 2529, 2530, 2533, 2534, 2535, 2540, 2541, 2577, 2622?
- (3) Could you please provide the total number of dog and cat registrations recorded by each relevant local council for the following postcodes: 2527, 2529, 2530, 2533, 2534, 2535, 2540, 2541, 2577, 2622?
- (4) Could you please provide a report that details any data discrepancies found between the NSW Pet Registry and local council registration data for the following postcodes: 2527, 2529, 2530, 2533, 2534, 2535, 2540, 2541, 2577, 2622?
- (5) What specific data validation processes are currently in place to ensure the accuracy of information entered into the NSW Pet Registry?
- (6) What is the number of data audits performed on the NSW Pet Registry in the past 12 months?
- (7) How are pets removed from the registry when they pass away?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Available data on the current total number of dogs and cats registered on the NSW Pet Registry:

Total Registered	Cats	Dogs
2,491,538	561,628	1,929,910

- (2) Available data on the breakdown of the number of dog and cat registrations on the NSW Pet Registry.

Total Registered Animals Residing in Kiama Electorate 2527, 2529, 2530, 2533, 2534, 2535, 2540, 2541, 2577, 2622	Cats	Dogs
107,312	23,386	83,926

- (3) Available data on the number of dog and cat registrations recorded by each relevant local council for the nominated post codes are below:

Residing Post Code NSW	Total Dogs and Cats	Total Cats	Total Dogs
2527 – Kiama Municipal Council	9,905	1,983	7,922
2529 – Shellharbour City Council	9,029	1,682	7,347
2530 – Wollongong City Council	14,980	3,401	11,579
2533 - Kiama Municipal Council	7,323	1,533	5,790
2534 - Kiama Municipal Council	2,510	507	2,003
2535 - Kiama Municipal Council	4,574	959	3,615
2540 - Shoalhaven City Council	29,178	5,879	23,299
2541 - Shoalhaven City Council	17,630	4,622	13,008
2577 - Shellharbour City Council	10,623	2,556	8,067
2622 - Eurobodalla Council and Goulburn Mulwaree Council	1,560	264	1,296
	107,312	23,386	83,926

- (4) Office of Local Government does not hold and is not responsible for council registration data. The Office of Local Government is unable to assist in the provision of a discrepancy report for the above-mentioned postcodes due to data access, privacy, and cybersecurity policies.

- (5) The primary users who input data into the NSW Pet Registry are authorised identifiers and councils. They are responsible for ensuring the accuracy of the information entered.

However, to minimise data entry errors, new restrictions have been implemented around the microchip identification process in the Pet Registry, only allowing a maximum of 15 digits to be entered.

Pet owners and breeders access the Pet Registry via Service NSW's centralised login system, where their identity is verified through proof of identity documents. This ensures that only legally verified information is used in the pet registry accounts.

- (6) In the last 12 months, there have been ongoing data cleansing activities including updating and reducing duplicate records. As the Pet Registry has gone live within the last 12 months, a formal data audit program is not yet in place, and will be part of a larger Office of Local Government-wide information and records management policy and framework.
- (7) Under the Companion Animals Act 1998, notification must be given within 28 days after the animal dies. The owner can update their NSW Pet Registry account listing the pet as deceased or notify the local council. Veterinarians can also update the NSW Pet Registry as deceased. No microchip numbers are removed from the register; instead, their listing is updated to indicate they are deceased. Pet owners on the NSW Pet registry have a memorial page on their account where these pets can be displayed if they wish.

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* 4749 CALDERWOOD, NOWRA AND GOVERNMENT SCHOOL BUILDS—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) What is the scheduled completion date for the Calderwood Public School project?
- (2) Is a fast-track build, “volumetric modules” or “kit of parts” part of this project?
- (3) Will any aspect of the school be delivered using a public private partnership (PPP) such as the PPP model used at Tullimbar Public School?
- (4) How many school projects has RPS AAP Consulting Pty Ltd managed for the Department of Education in New South Wales?
 - (a) Can you name those schools?
- (5) Will you consider calls from the community to fast-track the delivery of this school?
- (6) When will planning commence for a new public high school at Calderwood?
- (7) When can parents begin to apply for enrolment for Calderwood Public School?
- (8) What is the scheduled completion date for the South Nowra/Worrigee school project?
- (9) What is the physical address designated for the South Nowra/Worrigee school site?
- (10) Could you please provide the most recent population growth monitoring statistics, as of March 19, 2025, for the Shoalhaven, Kiama, and Shellharbour Local Government Areas?
- (11) Could you please provide the specific eligibility criteria, as published in official departmental documents, for the 'Manufacturing for Schools' program?
- (12) Could you please provide a list of schools within the Kiama electorate that are included in the 'Manufacturing for Schools' program?
- (13) Could you please provide the documented start and completion dates for the following school projects: Jordan Springs Public School, Galungara Public School, Barramurra Public School, Estella Public School, Denham Court Public School?
- (14) Could you please provide a list of the 30 schools included in the 'Manufacturing for Schools' program, as officially published by the Department of Education?

Answer—

Please refer to answer to LA Question on Notice 4919.

* 4750 HALFWAY CREEK INSPECTION STATION—Mr Richie Williamson to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—

- (1) How many heavy vehicles were inspected at the Halfway Creek inspection station in the following years:
 - (a) 2020?
 - (b) 2021?
 - (c) 2022?
 - (d) 2023?
 - (e) 2024?

Answer—

I am advised:

Transport for NSW does not hold this information. This is a matter for the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator (NHVR).

* 4751 SOCIAL AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECTS - CLARENCE—Mr Richie Williamson to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, and Minister for Youth—

- (1) How many new social and affordable housing projects have been funded by the Government in the Electorate of Clarence since March 2023?
- (2) What is the total value of the projects?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Between March 2023 and February 2025, seven social housing projects have delivered 43 homes. In addition, two projects with a forecast yield of 35 public housing homes are under contract with builders.
- (2) The total NSW Government expenditure of \$18.93 million was for the delivered projects, and \$21 million is expected to be spent on the projects under contract.

* 4752 PAYROLL TAX - BUSINESSES IN CLARENCE—Mr Richie Williamson to ask the Attorney General representing the Minister for Finance, Minister for Domestic Manufacturing and Government Procurement, and Minister for Natural Resources—

- (1) How many businesses in the Clarence Electorate pay payroll tax and how much did they pay in the following years:
 - (a) 2022/23?
 - (b) 2021/22?
 - (c) 2020/21?

Answer—

- (1 a – c) I am advised that Revenue NSW does not hold data by State Electorate.

* 4753 FOUR CENT SENIORS DISCOUNT - CLARENCE—Mr Richie Williamson to ask the Minister for Women, Minister for Seniors, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

- (1) What's the total dollar value of discounts paid to seniors signed up for the Government's four-cent-per litres discount scheme in the electorate of Clarence in the following calendar years:
 - (a) 2023?
 - (b) 2024?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Government Seniors Card program does not provide direct fuel discounts to seniors. United Petroleum offers a four cent per litre discount to Seniors Card members as a participating business of the NSW Seniors Card program.

Data related to discounts provided by commercial entities, on a geographic or site-specific level is not available.

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* 4754 XPT SERVICE - PASSENGER DATA—Mr Richie Williamson to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—

- (1) In the 6 months to the 31 January 2025, based on tickets sold, how many passengers alighted/joined the XPT services at:
- (a) Grafton?
 - (b) Casino?
 - (c) Urunga?
 - (d) Nambucca Heads?

Answer—

I am advised:

Between 1 August 2024 and 31 January 2025 there was a total of 70,061 passengers that alighted and joined the XPT services on the north coast XPT services as per the below:

- Grafton: 10,075 passengers joined. 9,140 passengers alighted.
- Casino: 20,915 passengers joined. 20,296 passengers alighted.
- Urunga: 2,565 passengers joined. 2,532 passengers alighted.
- Nambucca Heads: 2,349 passengers joined. 2,189 passengers alighted.

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* 4755 ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN SCHOOLS—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) What steps is the Government taking to investigate the impact of Artificial Intelligence (AI) on student learning?
- (2) What training has the Department of Education offered to teachers regarding the use of AI in classrooms?
- (3) Does the Government have any plans to allow AI to be used in any exams?
- (a) If yes, what subjects?
- (4) What consultation has the Department of Education conducted with parents regarding the use of AI in New South Wales primary and secondary schools?

Answer—

The Department of Education launched a trial of its secure, department-built generative AI tool, NSWeduChat, in an initial group schools at the start of Term 1, 2024. The trial expanded to additional schools in Term 2, 2024. Trial schools are provided with resources to assist in communicating with parents and carers about NSWeduChat.

To support the implementation of NSWeduChat, the department has released self-paced Generative Artificial Intelligence (GenAI) in education professional learning, the NSWeduChat prompt library, and a GenAI Resource Library, along with launch workshop resources for school leaders to help staff begin using the tool.

The NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) does not allow the use of AI in any HSC examinations.

* 4756 POLICE CALLOUTS TO HIGH SCHOOL—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) Could the Minister please advise the exact number of police callouts to each of the following schools between 1 July 2023 – 30 June 2024:
 - (a) Lurnea High School?
 - (b) Al-Amanah College?
 - (c) Casula High School?
 - (d) Moorebank High School?
 - (e) Holsworthy High School?
 - (f) Lucas Heights Community School?
 - (g) Shire Christian School?
 - (h) Aquinas Catholic College?
- (2) In providing the number of callouts above, could you please provide the nature of the callouts?

Answer—

This question should be directed to the Minister for Police.

* 4757 HOLDING REDLICH APPOINTMENT—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Minister for Local Government—

- (1) To date, can the Minister advise the total value of work (dollar amount) undertaken by Holding Redlich as solicitors assisting the Public Inquiry into Liverpool City Council?
- (2) Was the Public Commissioner consulted or involved in the selection of the solicitors?
- (3) Was the Minister consulted or involved in the selection of the solicitors?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Holding Redlich were appointed to act as Solicitors assisting the Public Inquiry by the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure from the NSW Government Legal Services Panel. Expenditure by the Office of Local Government on legal services procured via the NSW Government Legal Services Panel are
contained in the NSW Government Legal Services Panel's annual report.
- (2) No.
- (3) No.

* 4758 HOSPITAL CATEGORISATION—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

With respect to Hospital Categories:

- (1) Will the Minister please provide the category assigned to each of the following?
 - (a) Murrumbidgee Local Health District:
 - (i) Boorowa Multipurpose Service?
 - (ii) Coolamon-Ganmain Multipurpose Service?
 - (iii) Cootamundra Hospital?

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- (iv) Gundagai Multipurpose Service?
- (v) Junee Multipurpose Service?
- (vi) Murrumburrah-Harden Hospital?
- (vii) Narrandera Hospital?
- (viii) Temora Hospital?
- (ix) West Wyalong Hospital?
- (x) Young Hospital?
- (b) Western Local Health District:
 - (i) Canowindra Soldiers Memorial Hospital?
 - (ii) Cowra Hospital?
 - (iii) Grenfell Multipurpose Service?
- (2) Will the Minister please provide further details as to what each category means?
- (3) Will the Minister please provide details as to how a hospital or multi-purpose service (MPS) is assigned this category?
- (4) Will the Minister please provide the details on contributing factors to have the category assigned to a hospital or MPS changed in anyway?
- (5) Will the Minister advise how this categorisation effects the numbers of staff?
- (6) Will the Minister advise how this categorisation effects the qualifications required by staff?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Health Information Bulletin NSW Hospital Peer Groups 2016 is available on the NSW Health website www1.health.nsw.gov.au/pds/Pages/doc.aspx?dn=IB2016_013.

The NSW Health Guide to the Role Delineation of Clinical Services is available on the NSW Health website at www.health.nsw.gov.au/services/Pages/role-delineation-of-clinical-services.aspx.

- * 4759 REGIONAL EVENTS ACCELERATION FUND—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

With respect to the Regional Events Acceleration Fund:

- (1) Would the Minister please advise how the Regional Events Acceleration Fund has supported regional New South Wales?
- (2) Would the Minister please advise what support is available to Regional New South Wales to promote events in the regions?

Answer—

- (1) Information on the Regional Events Acceleration Fund (REAF) can be found online here: <https://www.nsw.gov.au/grants-and-funding/regional-growth-fund/regional-events-acceleration-fund>.
- (2) Information on grant opportunities can be found here: <https://www.destinationnsw.com.au/regional-event-fund-2024-25>.

- * 4760 REGIONAL SPORT FACILITY FUND—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, Minister for Sport, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—

With respect to the Regional Sport Facility Fund:

- (1) Would the Minister please advise how the Regional Sport Facility Fund has supported regional New South Wales?
- (2) Would the Minister please advise what support is available for regional sporting infrastructure and facilities to promote sport and keeping active in the regions?

Answer—

I am advised that:

- (1) The Regional Sport Facility Fund provided \$50 million in funding over two-years, to support new and upgraded sporting facilities. The key objectives of the Fund are to:
 - increase the number and type of sporting facilities
 - improve the standard of existing sporting facilities
 - increase participation in sport.The Fund has assisted eligible organisations to develop quality core sport infrastructure that meet the current and future needs of communities.
- (2) The Office of Sport administers several grant programs to assist participation in sport and active recreation, including facility development. However, there are currently no open grant programs available for regional or metropolitan sporting infrastructure.

- * 4761 SCHOOL BASED APPRENTICESHIP AND TRAINEESHIP—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

With respect to students who wish to undertake a School Based Apprenticeship and Traineeship (SBAT):

- (1) If a school would like to offer a position for a student to undertake a traineeship to help them further their education to becoming a teacher, does the school need to fund this program?
 - (a) If so, why?
 - (b) And how much does it cost?
- (2) What financial assistance is available for students who wish to undertake a traineeship to become a teacher?
- (3) What financial assistance is available to schools who wish to take part in the SBAT program?

Answer—

School-based apprentices and trainees are members of school staff and as such are funded by schools. The training itself is fully funded under the NSW government's Smart and Skilled initiative. Schools can offer school-based traineeship positions to students in Certificate III in School Based Education Support. On completion of this qualification, students will be eligible for employment as School Learning Support Officers.

The department offers a range of scholarship opportunities to support future teachers, while undertaking an initial teacher education qualification at any recognised Australian university or tertiary institution. Information on the department's scholarship programs is available at

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/teach-nsw/get-paid-to-study>.

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- * 4762 TRANSPORT FOR STUDENTS IN REGIONAL AREAS—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—

With respect to transport access for students in rural and regional areas:

- (1) Will the Minister please advise what schools across the Cootamundra electorate do not have access to public transport for students to get to and from school?
- (2) Will the Minister please advise how are you working with the Minister for Education and Early Learning to ensure all students have access to transport to get to and from school?
- (3) Will the Minister please advise what is the Government doing to support children to get to and from school, especially in rural and remote areas?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) There are a range of different transport services and subsidies available to school students that depends on where they live and the location of the school they attend.
- (2 - 3) The School Student Transport Scheme provides eligible school students with subsidised transport between their home and enrolled school or TAFE. In rural and remote areas where public transport is not available, parents and carers of eligible students can access the School Drive Subsidy to drive the student to their enrolled school or the nearest transport pickup point to access a bus or rail service. The subsidy partly offsets the cost of driving the student.

Eligible boarding school students in rural and remote NSW can access free travel on NSW Train link rail and coach services for travel between their home and the enrolled school at the start and end of term. The Boarder Rail Pass and Long Distance Coach Travel Subsidy may also cover travel on specified occasions outside the start and end of term.

Transport for NSW is working with the Department of Education to develop new school student travel guidelines, which was a recommendation of the Bus Industry Taskforce.

- * 4763 SHEPI HOMES IN THE COOTAMUNDRA ELECTORATE—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, and Minister for Youth—

With respect to the Shepi Homes program:

- (1) Will the Minister please advise when will the upgrades to the 75 properties identified across the Cootamundra electorate commence:
 - (a) Bland LGA – 4 houses planned for upgrades?
 - (b) Cootamundra-Gundagai – 19 houses planned for upgrades?
 - (c) Temora LGA – 5 houses planned for upgrades?
 - (d) Cowra LGA – 33 houses planned for upgrades?
 - (e) Hilltops LGA – 14 houses planned for upgrades?
- (2) Will the Minister please advise when will these works be completed?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1)
 - (a) Planned to commence from July 2025.
 - (b) Planned to commence from July 2025.

- (c) Upgrades to properties in Temora LGA were completed in June 2020, prior to the introduction of the SHEPI program.
- (d) Work commenced in July 2024.
- (e) Work commenced in July 2024.
- (2) (a) Completion is expected by March 2026.
- (b) Completion is expected by March 2026.
- (c) Upgrades to properties in Temora LGA were completed in June 2020, prior to the introduction of the SHEPI program.
- (d) Upgrades were completed in December 2024.
- (e) Upgrades were completed in December 2024.

* 4764 SKILLS SHORTAGE IN REGIONAL NSW—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education—

With respect to the lack of trades people, especially in regional New South Wales:

- (1) Would the Minister please advise how many apprentices are currently employed across the Cootamundra electorate?
- (2) Would the Minister please advise what trades/qualifications are these apprentices undertaking?
- (3) Would the Minister please advise what action the Government is taking to support and encourage new apprentices?
- (4) Would the Minister please advise what incentives is the Government providing:
 - (a) To employers to put on apprentices?
 - (b) To those looking to take up an apprenticeship?

Answer—

- (1) As of 24 March 2025, 2,214 apprentices were employed across the Cootamundra electorate.
- (2) The apprentices are undertaking 60 qualifications.
The following are the top 5 trade qualifications:
 - Certificate III in Electrotechnology Electrician
 - Certificate III in Carpentry
 - Certificate III in Engineering - Fabrication Trade
 - Certificate III in Agricultural Mechanical Technology
 - Certificate III in Light Vehicle Mechanical Technology.
- (3) The NSW Government is taking comprehensive action to support and encourage new apprentices through a strategic mix of direct employment, financial support, and systemic reform. Key initiatives include:
 - Fee-Free Apprenticeships and Traineeships
 - Apprenticeship and Traineeship Roadmap 2024-2026
 - 1,000 NSW Public Sector Apprenticeships and Traineeships Program
 - Continuing Apprentices Placement Service (CAPS)

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- Educational Pathways Programs (EPP) and Regional Industry Educational Program (RIEP)
- Bert Evans Apprentice Scholarship
- Workplace Supervisor Training
- Vocational Training Assistance Scheme (VTAS)
- Travel Con cession Cards
- Vehicle Registration Rebate

(4)

- (a) Employers are supported through a range of incentives aimed at reducing costs and improving retention:
- Payroll Tax Rebate Scheme
 - Workers Compensation Premium Reductions
 - Continuing Apprentices and Trainees Placement Service (CAPS) Employer Support
 - Supervisor Workshops
- (b) Refer to the response to Question 3.

* 4765 INCREASED DEMAND ON RENTAL PROPERTIES—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Better Regulation and Fair Trading, Minister for Industry and Trade, Minister for Innovation, Science and Technology, Minister for Building, and Minister for Corrections—

With respect to increased demand on rental properties:

- (1) Would the Minister please advise how many people are currently on a wait list for rental properties across the following Local Government Areas:
- (a) Bland?
 - (b) Coolamon?
 - (c) Cootamundra-Gundagai?
 - (d) Cowra?
 - (e) Hilltops?
 - (f) Junee?
 - (g) Narrandera?
 - (h) Temora?
 - (i) Weddin?
- (2) Would the Minister please advise how long have these people been on a wait list?

Answer—

I am advised:

- There is no wait list for private rental properties.

- * 4766 STATE FOREST EXCLUSION FENCING—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

With respect to the State Forest Exclusion fencing:

- (1) Will the Minister please advise who is responsible for the cost and construction of exclusion fencing around State Forests?
- (2) Will the Minister please advise what requirements are put on landholders who border State Forests to install these exclusion fences?
 - (a) What financial support is available for these landholders to undertake these works?
 - (b) How many landholders are affected by these works around the Yarrangerry State Forest?
- (3) We have received feedback that the installation of exclusion fences around Yarrangerry State Forest, are resulting in more wildlife, predominantly kangaroos, on the roads:
 - (a) Would the Minister please advise what steps you and the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads, are taking around this issue to ensure the safety of road users with higher numbers of wildlife present on these roads?

Answer—

These questions should be referred to the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales and Minister for Western New South Wales, the Hon Tara Moriarty MLC.

- * 4767 PRIMARY SCHOOL OPPORTUNITY CLASSES—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

In relation to primary schools with opportunity classes:

- (1) How many opportunity classes are there currently in:
 - (a) Metropolitan Sydney?
 - (b) Rural or regional centres?
- (2) Does the Department of Education have plans to have more classes in:
 - (a) Metropolitan Sydney?
 - (b) Rural or regional centres?

Answer—

Opportunity classes are one of the ways the Department of Education provides support for academically gifted and high potential students. All NSW public schools provide high-quality education and programs to improve the talent development of high potential and gifted students, supported by the High Potential and Gifted Education Policy (HPGE Policy).

Further information is available on the department's website at:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/schooling/parents-and-carers/choosing-a-school-setting/selective-high-schools/choosing-a-school/opportunity-classes>.

- * 4768 KAMBORA PUBLIC SCHOOL - STUDENT ENROLMENT—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

How is the Department of Education supporting Kambora Public School to increase their student enrolments?

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Answer—

The NSW Government is working to ensure the NSW public education system provides a world-class education for families. The Minns Labor Government has been hard at work addressing teacher shortages, expand high potential and gifted education opportunities and implement evidence-based explicit teaching across every school.

* 4769 CONSULTATION FRAMEWORK - CHANGES TO LOCAL ENROLMENT AREAS—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) Does the Department of Education have a consultation framework when assessing changes to local enrolment areas?
 - (a) If yes, is this framework publicly available?
 - (b) If no, are their plans to develop a framework?

Answer—

The Department of Education regularly reviews and adjusts intake areas to reflect changes within a school community. This may be driven by population changes, or changes in permanent school facilities - such as the opening of new facilities. Decisions are always informed by local context.

* 4770 PUBLIC SCHOOL SUPPORT - BUSES FOR EXCURSIONS AND SPORTING EVENTS—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

How is the Department of Education supporting public schools with buses for excursions and sporting events, such as swimming and athletic carnivals?

Answer—

School sporting events, such as swimming and athletic carnivals and excursions, are important components of supporting the learning experiences for all students. Schools organise and supervise school excursions and sporting events. Principals are responsible for approving all excursions involving their school, with parental/carer permission for all student participants.

* 4771 GRAFFITI AT FOREST WAY AND WARRINGAH ROAD—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—

In relation to graffiti at Forest Way and Warringah Road:

- (1) In 2024-25, how much expenditure has been spent on removal and/or cleaning?

Answer—

I am advised:

ConnectSydney has spent \$38,163.14 in 2024-25 on graffiti removal and/or cleaning at the intersection of Warringah Road and Forest Way.

* 4772 BUSES IN REGION 14 - SERVICE CANCELLATIONS—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Transport, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—

In relation to the buses in Region 14, how many services were cancelled during the period:

- (1) 15 February 2025 to 28 February 2025?
- (2) 1 March 2025 to 14 March 2025?

- (3) 15 March 2025 to 31 March 2025?
 (4) 1 April 2025 to 14 April 2025?
 (5) 15 April 2025 to 30 April 2025?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) During the period 15 February 2025 to 28 February 2025 (inclusive), there were 92 trips cancelled. This equates to 0.47% of the 19,620 scheduled trips.
 (2) During the period 1 March 2025 to 14 March 2025 (inclusive), there were 42 trips cancelled. This equates to 0.21% of the 19,620 scheduled trips.
 (3) During the period 15 March 2025 to 31 March 2025 (inclusive), there were 77 trips cancelled. This equates to 0.34% of the 22,701 scheduled trips.
 (4) During the period 1 April 2025 to 3 April 2025 (inclusive), there were 14 trips cancelled. This equates to 0.28% of the 5,048 scheduled trips. Data is not yet available for 4 April 2025 to 14 April 2025.
 (5) Data is not available for 15 April 2025 to 30 April 2025.

* 4773 COMMERCIAL FISHING—Mr Michael Kemp to ask the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

- (1) How many rivers in New South Wales are open to commercial fishing?
 (2) For each river that is open to commercial fishing, could you please specify a commercial catch summary?
 (3) For each river that is open to commercial fishing, could you please specify a recreational catch summary?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) 21 rivers are open to some form of commercial fishing in NSW.
 (2) NSW commercial wild harvest by river (excluding beaches, lakes and other waters) where 6 or more Fishing Businesses reported activity.

2022/23 reported landings	Fishery	
Estuary name	Estuary General (gross kg)	Estuary Prawn Trawl (gross kg)
Tweed River	59,377	-
Richmond River	111,839	-
Clarence River	464,428	55,207
Nambucca River	41,785	-
Macleay River	106,185	-

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Camden Haven River	96,598	-
Manning River	42,223	-
Myall River	30,075	-
Hunter River	154,687	172,045
Hawkesbury River	119,671	166,321
Shoalhaven River, Crookhaven River	119,022	-
Other Rivers	6,412	-
2022/23 total reported landings (kg)	1,352,302	393,574

- (3) The full statewide recreational fishing surveys reports are available at <https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fishing/recreational/rfmp/research-surveys>.

* 4774 FORESTRY ROAD FUNDING—Mr Michael Kemp to ask the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

- (1) What was the allocated budget for Forestry road maintenance in the Oxley electorate for the years:
- (a) 2025?
 - (b) 2024?
 - (c) 2023?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Forestry Corporation is a State-owned corporation and does not budget or record expenditure by electorate.

* 4775 FISHING OPERATIONS—Mr Michael Kemp to ask the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

- (1) Are Haul netting and gill netting in the Hastings and Bellinger/Kalang Rivers prohibited?
- (a) Is the Macleay River exempt from this prohibition?
 - (i) If so, why?
- (2) Does the Department of Primary Industries release tens of thousands of juvenile mulloway into the Macleay River?
- (a) Are many of these fish captured in mesh nets before reaching legal size and discarded as bycatch?
 - (i) If so, how do these restocking efforts benefit amateur fishers in the long term?

- (3) On the Macleay River, is catch data from charter fishing operations included as part of the recreational fish catch statistics?
- (a) If so, could you please explain why?
- (b) Could you please provide a detailed breakdown of this data?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The Bellinger River (including Kalang River) and Hastings River are Recreational Fishing Havens where commercial fishing activities have been prohibited by regulation.
- (a) Recreational Fishing Havens were established in 2002 and 2003 in 30 areas, which did not include the Macleay River.
- (2) No.
- (3) No, charter fishing operations are not recorded as recreational fishing.

* 4776 WEST RYDE PARK&PAY—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

In relation to the West Ryde Park&Pay:

- (1) Can non-public transport users park freely and for extended periods on weekends?
- (a) If not, why?
- (2) If the reason is to preserve parking for public transport users attending special/major events on weekends, are non-public transport users still restricted from free and extended parking on weekends where there are no special/major events?
- (a) If so, why?
- (3) Are there any technical limitations on allowing non-public transport users to park freely and for extended periods on weekends, provided such an arrangement ceases if and when special/major events are held on weekends?

Answer—

I am advised these questions should be directed to the Minister for Transport.

* 4777 SCHOOL DEMOUNTABLES IN BUSHFIRE ZONES—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) Presented numerically as of the present date, what is the number of school demountables that are currently situated in a bushfire zone?
- (2) Presented numerically as of the present date, what is the number of school demountables that are planned in a bushfire zone?

Answer—

Information on demountables is available publicly on the School Infrastructure website.

* 4778 QON 4355 - FOLLOW UP—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

Can you list what (if any) differences existed between the information provided to your office by your Department in response to QON 4355 - Netball activity contingency plans, and your formal response provided on 18 March 2025?

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Answer—

Questions on notice are answered by the Minister and published on the NSW Parliament website.

It is indeed unfortunate that the former NSW Liberal Government did not deliver this project, despite promising to do so. The Minns Labor Government is now delivering the project for the local community.

* 4779 MEDICAL RESONANCE IMAGING - PUBLIC HOSPITALS—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

- (1) How is a typical Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) service funded in a New South Wales Public Hospital?
- (2) What is the average cost of providing an MRI service in a New South Wales Public Hospital?
- (3) What components contribute to the cost of running an MRI service in a New South Wales Public Hospital?

Answer—

I am advised:

MRI services attract activity-based funding linked to services expected to be performed.

Information about MRI classification can be found under the IHACPA Non-Admitted Patient (NAP) Establishment Type Classification on the IHACPA website.

Elements that contribute to the cost of running an MRI service are variable and include staffing, goods and services, maintenance service costs, information technology expenses, waste management, licencing, and capital equipment for building fitout and equipment.

* 4780 NSW HEALTH - DATA COLLECTION METHODOLOGY—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

- (1) Has there been any change to the methodology of collecting NSW Health emergency surgery wait time data at any stage in the past three years?
 - (a) If so, please advise in which year and the nature of the change?
- (2) Has there been any change to the methodology of collecting NSW Health elective surgery wait time data at any stage in the past three years?
 - (a) If so, please advise in which year and the nature of the change?

Answer—

I am advised:

There has been no change to the methodology for collecting NSW Health emergency surgery data or planned surgery wait time data at any stage in the past 3 years.

* 4781 MACQUARIE PARK EDUCATION CAMPUS—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

Is the information contained in the February 2025 Project Update for the Macquarie Park Education Campus accurate?

- (1) If so, what is the address of the site for the new schools which was acquired from Landcom in July 2024?
 - (a) Can you advise the specific latitude and longitude?
 - (b) What is the Lot/Deposited Plan number?

Answer—

Information regarding the project can be found on the school infrastructure website at <https://www.schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au/projects/m/macquarie-park-education-campus.html>.

* 4782 DEPARTMENTAL USE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE - EDUCATION—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) Does your Department use any form of artificial intelligence (AI) (such as Chat GPT, Microsoft Copilot or similar tools) for the drafting of media releases, speeches, reports, research or any other drafting activity?
- (2) Is there a policy that relates to this matter?
 - (a) If so, can you please provide a direct URL?

Answer—

AI use by department staff is subject to legal and policy requirements, including those related to data privacy, cybersecurity, and staff conduct. These apply alongside AI-specific guidance provided by the department. Free to use tools that do not meet the department's safety requirements are restricted.

Staff are supported with guidance on the responsible use of AI and are expected to use professional judgement and ensure alignment with ethical, safety, and conduct standards.

Detailed guidelines regarding the use of generative AI are published on the department's intranet pages. Publicly available guidelines regarding the use of generative AI is available on the department's website at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/education-for-a-changing-world/guidelines-regarding-use-of-generative-ai>.

* 4783 DEPARTMENTAL USE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE - MULTICULTURAL NSW—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, Minister for Sport, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—

- (1) Does Multicultural NSW use any form of artificial intelligence (AI) (such as Chat GPT, Microsoft Copilot or similar tools) for the drafting of media releases, speeches, reports, research or any other drafting activity?
- (2) Is there a policy that relates to this matter?
 - (a) If so, can you please provide a direct URL?

Answer—

I am advised:

- Multicultural NSW follows the NSW Artificial Intelligence Assessment Framework developed by Digital NSW and Cyber Security NSW.
- The Framework and guidance on using public generative artificial intelligence tools safely are available at the following links:
 - <https://www.digital.nsw.gov.au/sites/default/files/2024-05/Using-public-generative-artificial-intelligence-AI-tools-safely.pdf>.
 - <https://www.digital.nsw.gov.au/policy/artificial-intelligence/nsw-artificial-intelligence-assessment-framework>.

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* 4784 DEPARTMENTAL USE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE - NSW TREASURY—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—

- (1) Does your Department use any form of artificial intelligence (AI) (such as Chat GPT, Microsoft Copilot or similar tools) for the drafting of media releases, speeches, reports, research or any other drafting activity?
- (2) Is there a policy that relates to this matter?
 - (a) If so, can you please provide a direct URL?

Answer—

I am advised:

Treasury follows the NSW Artificial Intelligence Assessment Framework developed by Digital NSW and Cyber Security NSW.

The Framework and guidance on using public generative artificial intelligence tools safely are available at the following links:

<https://www.digital.nsw.gov.au/policy/artificial-intelligence/nsw-artificial-intelligence-assessment-framework>

<https://www.digital.nsw.gov.au/sites/default/files/2024-05/Using-public-generative-artificial-intelligence-AI-tools-safely.pdf>

* 4785 MITCHELLS FLAT SOLAR FACTORY—Mr Dave Layzell to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) Has there been opposition from local residents and farmers regarding the Mitchells Flat Solar Factory?
 - (a) Is the Government determined to proceed with the Mitchells Flat Solar Factory?
 - (i) If so, why?
- (2) Is the Government able to protect this primary production land (zoned RU1) for other appropriate use?
- (3) Is there extensive availability of mining rehabilitation and buffer land areas closer to existing electricity grid infrastructure to the North and West of Singleton?
 - (a) If so, how does the Government justify impacting Mitchell's Flat residents?
- (4) Did Elgin Energy engage with mining companies for a better location for their solar factory site?
 - (a) If not, how has the Government responded to this failure?
- (5) Does the Government have plans to commit to guidelines for renewable energy projects in the Hunter to mining rehab and buffer lands first?

Answer—

These questions should be referred to the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, the Hon Paul Scully MP.

* 4786 ADDITIONAL NORTHERN BEACHES BUSES—Ms Jacqui Scruby to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Transport, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—

- (1) Where will the new fleet of 60 buses on the Northern Beaches be parked when not in use?
- (2) Can the current Mona Vale and Brookvale Depots accommodate the fleet?
- (3) Are there sufficient bus drivers to drive the buses?
 - (a) If not, how many more are needed?
 - (b) What is the most recent strategy for increasing bus driver numbers?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1 - 2) Transport for NSW will work with the local operator to confirm parking arrangements for the new buses. The 10 new double-deck buses to operate on the B-Line route will be parked and kept at the Mona Vale Depot.

It is expected that the buses servicing the Northern Beaches will be accommodated within the existing depots, including North Sydney, Mona Vale and Brookvale.

- (3) As of the week ending 30 March 2025, there were 39 (5.2%) driver vacancies against the full driver establishment.

Transport for NSW's Bus Driver Recruitment campaign ran a four-week burst from 17 February to 23 March 2025. Another recruitment campaign is scheduled in the next few months.

* 4787 ARRESTS UNDER THE YOUTH OFFENDER ACT—Ms Jacqui Scruby to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

- (1) How many arrests have been made in the following postcodes in the past 12 months under the Youth offenders Act NSW in relation to theft or related offences:
 - (a) 2101?
 - (b) 2102?
 - (c) 2103?
 - (d) 2104?
 - (e) 2105?
 - (f) 2106?
 - (g) 2107?
 - (h) 2108?
 - (i) 2084?
- (2) How many arrests have been made in the following postcodes in the past 12 months under the Youth offenders Act NSW in relation to violence or related offences:
 - (a) 2101?
 - (b) 2102?
 - (c) 2103?
 - (d) 2104?
 - (e) 2105?

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- (f) 2106?
 - (g) 2107?
 - (h) 2108?
 - (i) 2084?
- (3) How many arrests have been made in the following postcodes in the past 12 months under the Youth offenders Act NSW in relation to criminal destruction and damage or related offences:
- (a) 2101?
 - (b) 2102?
 - (c) 2103?
 - (d) 2104?
 - (e) 2105?
 - (f) 2106?
 - (g) 2107?
 - (h) 2108?
 - (i) 2084?
- (4) How many arrests have been made in the following postcodes in the past 12 months under the Youth offenders Act NSW in relation to break and enter or related offences:
- (a) 2101?
 - (b) 2102?
 - (c) 2103?
 - (d) 2104?
 - (e) 2105?
 - (f) 2106?
 - (g) 2107?
 - (h) 2108?
 - (i) 2084?
- (5) How many arrests have been made in the following postcodes in the past 12 months under the Youth offenders Act NSW in relation to all other offences (not listed in 1-4 above):
- (a) 2101?
 - (b) 2102?
 - (c) 2103?
 - (d) 2104?
 - (e) 2105?
 - (f) 2106?
 - (g) 2107?
 - (h) 2108?
 - (i) 2084?

- (6) Of those arrests listed in 1-5 above:
- (a) what proportion of arrests result in a conviction?
 - (b) what proportion of convictions are recidivist offenders?
 - (c) how many offences relate to adult organised crime?
- (7) What is being done to address youth crime in New South Wales?
- (8) What is being done to address gang related crime in New South Wales?
- (9) What is the frequency of visibility policing in the following postcodes for each month in 2025 and corresponding months in 2024, 2023 and 2018:
- (a) 2101?
 - (b) 2102?
 - (c) 2103?
 - (d) 2104?
 - (e) 2105?
 - (f) 2106?
 - (g) 2107?
 - (h) 2108?
 - (i) 2084?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The table below shows the number of 'charges' in the nominated postcodes in the last 12 months under the Young Offenders Act (YOA) NSW, in relation to theft or related offences:

Post Code	Charges	Charges with a conviction	YOA Diversion
2101	4	0	6
2102	14	0	6
2103	2	0	3
2104	2	0	1
2105	0	0	0
2106	1	0	0
2107	1	0	8
2108	0	0	1
2084	0	0	0

- (2) The table below shows the number of 'charges' in the nominated postcodes in the last 12 months under the YOA NSW, in relation to violence or related offences:

Post Code	Charges	Charges with a conviction	YOA Diversion
2101	0	0	3

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2102	4	0	2
2103	1	0	2
2104	0	0	0
2105	0	0	0
2106	0	0	0
2107	1	0	0
2108	0	0	0
2084	0	0	0

- (3) The table below shows the number of 'charges' in the nominated postcodes in the last 12 months under the YOA NSW, in relation to criminal destruction and damage or related offences:

Post Code	Charges	Charges with a conviction	YOA Diversion
2101	0	0	0
2102	0	0	0
2103	0	0	0
2104	0	0	0
2105	0	0	0
2106	2	0	3
2107	1	0	0
2108	0	0	0
2084	0	0	0

- (4) The table below shows the number of 'charges' in the nominated postcodes in the last 12 months under the YOA NSW, in relation to break and enter or related offences:

Post Code	Charges	Charges with a conviction	YOA Diversion
2101	6	0	0
2102	5	0	0
2103	3	0	0
2104	3	0	0
2105	0	0	0
2106	0	0	0
2107	0	0	0
2108	0	0	0
2084	2	0	0

- (5) The table below shows the number of 'charges' in the nominated postcodes in the last 12 months under the YOA NSW, in relation to all other offences (not listed in 1-4 above):

Post Code	Charges	Charges with a conviction	YOA Diversion
2101	8	0	4
2102	11	0	12
2103	1	2	9
2104	0	0	1
2105	1	0	0
2106	6	1	2
2107	3	0	3
2108	0	0	0
2084	7	0	0

Notes 01 - Q5:

- Legal action date: 01/04/2024 - 31/03/2025 .
- Arrests are not a recorded measure in NSW Police Force systems. 'Charges' - counts of unique legal actions have been used in place of arrests.
- 'Charges' refer to a count unique legal actions with a legal action type of Field CAN, Future CAN, Bail CAN and No Bail CAN.
- 'YOA Diversions' refer to a count of unique legal actions with a legal action type of Warning YOA, Caution YOA and Conference YOA.
- A legal action may be linked to several incidents which occur at different locations. Because of this, it is possible that a single legal action is counted multiple times across different postcodes.
- A legal action may be linked to several offences with different offence categories. Because of this, it is possible that a single legal action is counted multiple times across different ANZSOC Divisions.

(6)

- Data for this question is recorded in the "charges with a conviction" column in questions 1-5.
- No legal actions with a conviction involved recidivist offenders.
- No legal actions were linked to adult organised crime.

(7) The NSW Police Force (NSWPF) Youth Strategy 2023-2025 provides a framework for the police response to youth crime in NSW. These measures aim to reduce youth involvement in crime and enhance community safety across New South Wales.

The tiered approach is a flexible, adaptable strategy addressing youth crime through prevention, intervention, and compliance-based policing as follows:

- Universal Initiatives - focus on community safety through education, public messaging, and fostering positive police-youth interactions.
- Tier Two - early intervention initiatives to support at-risk youth, aiming to preventing criminal behaviour through programs, mentoring and supported referrals to external support services.
- Tier Three - compliance: implement proactive and compliance-based policing initiatives to address serious youth offending.

Youth Action Meetings (YAMS) - involving local key government and nongovernment agencies coming together in a structured forum, share information, develop multi-agency action plans and

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implement tangible strategies to achieve improved outcomes for the young person, their families and communities.

Community Partnerships - involving collaboration with community organisations and partner agencies to deliver meaningful programs.

Operation SOTERIA was established to address the continued and ongoing increase in serious property related offending including aggravated break and enter offences, linked to the stealing of motor vehicles and other related criminal activities primarily in the Northern and Western regions of NSW.

This criminal activity primarily involves youths and young adults as offenders, and often involves those offenders' posting images and video of their involvement to social media to gain notoriety, increasing community fear. Operation SOTERIA has developed a two (2) pillar approach to counteract this crime through an overt operational response which will be supported by a focus on early identification and diversion of young people before they become entangled in this criminal lifestyle. The NSWPF Youth Command will focus on the prevention arm of Operation SOTERIA through youth intervention and diversion initiatives, with the intent to refer young offenders into suitable youth programs and YAMs.

- (8) The NSWPF employs a range of initiatives intended to reduce crime and maintain community safety, particularly in relation to serious and violent offending committed by individuals or groups. These initiatives utilise an appropriate and proportionate combination of prevention, disruption and response strategies.

Police Area Commands and Police Districts work closely and collaboratively with specialist units to share intelligence, proactively target, and engage nominated suspects and their associates to disrupt criminal behaviour. Disruption strategies include the deployment of highly visible and mobile proactive policing responses, compliance enforcement on known targets/associates to prevent opportunities to continue their criminal behaviour, and the use of powers such as Weapon Prohibition Orders, Firearm Prohibition Orders and Public Safety Orders. The recent introduction of knife scanning legislation has also been an effective approach to disrupting serious and violent offenders.

Commands promote, support and engage in established youth programs and where appropriate refer at-risk young people to partner agencies to divert young offenders.

The Criminal Groups Squad targets groups and individual members who engage in serious and organised crime, particularly those that have a propensity for violence or present a risk to the community of NSW.

Operation SOTERIA is a coordinated rapid-response strategy involving 60 officers being deployed across regional hotspots in response to an increase in serious property related offences including aggravated break, enter & steal linked to stealing of motor vehicles, in conjunction with youth diversion initiatives for young offenders identified during the operation.

Operation KELLA provides operational support to police area commands throughout North West Metropolitan Region to prevent and disrupt violent youth crime.

- (9) Police conduct regular proactive patrols in these areas as part of their normal duties.

* 4788 DEAD SEADRAGONS—Ms Jacqui Scruby to ask the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

- (1) How many dead seadragons have been reported to or recorded by the Department of Primary Industries in each year between 2020-2025 in the following postcodes:
- (a) 2101?
 - (b) 2102?

- (c) 2103?
 - (d) 2104?
 - (e) 2105?
 - (f) 2106?
 - (g) 2107?
 - (h) 2108?
 - (i) 2084?
- (2) Are these deaths being studied by the Department?
- (3) What is the cause of the deaths?

Answer—

- (1) Data is not available for the individual post codes listed. Seadragon deaths are reported sporadically by members of the public when they are found washed up on beaches. There are generally very few individual deaths reported, for example in March 2025 two individual Seadragons were reported at Collaroy Beach.
- (2) Seadragon deaths are reported occasionally in low numbers. Consequently, the Department has not run a specific research program into Seadragon death reports. Investigation would be triggered by any unexpected mortality event with large numbers of Seadragons involved that is not clearly attributable to natural circumstances.
- (3) The deaths reported are regarded as natural mortalities. Seadragon deaths are almost always related to periods of large swell, as was observed in March 2025. Seadragons are poor swimmers and can be easily swept ashore in turbulent conditions.

* 4789 ROAD SAFETY AUDIT FOR BRIDGE ROAD CYCLEWAY—Ms Kobi Shetty to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Transport, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—

With regard to a proposed permanent cycleway along Bridge Road, Forest Lodge and Glebe:

- (1) What plans, if any, does the Government have to commission an independent Road Safety Audit of the proposed cycleway?
- (2) If there are plans for an independent Road Safety Audit to be commissioned, will this be conducted before or after detailed design work is carried out for the cycleway?

Answer—

I am advised:

Transport for NSW conducted an independent Road Safety Audit in June 2023, and the findings were incorporated into the final design of the project. A further independent Road Safety Audit will be undertaken prior to the opening of the permanent Bridge Road cycleway to ensure the infrastructure meets safety standards. Following the completion of the project, a final-post opening safety audit will be conducted to confirm that all design outcomes have been achieved and that the cycleway is operating safely, as intended.

* 4790 TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS ALONG BRIDGE ROAD—Ms Kobi Shetty to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

With regard to Bridge Road that runs through Forest Lodge and Glebe:

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- (1) How many traffic accidents were attended by the NSW Ambulance service in each of the following calendar years:
 - (a) 2023?
 - (b) 2024?
 - (c) 2025 to date?
- (2) For each of the incidents referred to above, how many involved:
 - (a) An injury to one or more drivers of vehicles?
 - (b) An injury to one or more cyclists?
 - (c) An injury to one or more pedestrians?

Answer—

This question should be directed to the Minister for Health.

- * 4791 AIR QUALITY MONITORING AT WHITE BAY—Ms Kobi Shetty to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Transport, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—

With regard to air quality monitoring at White Bay:

- (1) What changes to the monitoring instrumentation are being implemented?
- (2) What relevant agencies have been or are being consulted to determine future monitoring requirements?
- (3) What community consultation is being or will be undertaken to determine future monitoring requirements?
- (4) When will the pause be lifted?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The monitoring instrumentation at White Bay is being replaced as the previous equipment had reached its end of life. The monitoring station is proposed to be installed at the same location as the previous equipment at Grafton Street. In addition, a new monitoring station has been installed at Glebe Island to provide further data covering the operations of the port. The monitoring parameters include the same pollutants as previously measured (sulphur dioxide and particles less than 2.5microns) and meteorological data. In addition, the monitoring will now also include nitrogen dioxide.
- (2) Information about the program was provided to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure as part of the approval for the Operational Environmental Management Plan for the White Bay Cruise Terminal. The original location of the monitoring station at Grafton Street, White Bay was selected in consultation with the NSW Environment Protection Authority. Port Authority of New South Wales has also provided information to NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water about the program.
- (3) Port Authority of New South Wales updates the Glebe Island and White Bay Community Liaison Group regarding the progress of the monitoring program and the installation of equipment. Local residents have been informed about the installation works at Grafton Street via letterbox drop.
- (4) The monitoring equipment has been procured, and installation is complete at Glebe Island. Testing and commissioning of this site is now underway, and monitoring data will be available on the Port Authority New South Wales website in coming months. The replacement monitoring station

proposed at Grafton Street has had the site prepared and the old station removed. The new equipment installation will commence following approval of a permit from Inner West Council.

* 4792 APPRENTICESHIPS IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Local Government—

Separately for each local government area in the Goulburn electorate, in relation to support provided for apprenticeships in Local Government:

- (1) What specific outcomes does the Government plan to achieve with the \$252.2 million investment in local councils?
 - (a) How will this be measured?
- (2) What criteria were used to identify the in-demand trades for this program?
 - (a) What trades have apprenticeships been provided for in each local government area in the Goulburn electorate?
- (3) Are there educational institutions being partnered with to ensure that trainees and apprentices receive quality training?
 - (a) If not, what is the criteria for educational institutions?
- (4) What pathways will be available for trainees and apprentices after completing the program?
 - (a) Will their position be retained on council or will they be encouraged to seek employment elsewhere?
- (5) How will the \$252.2 million be allocated across councils?
 - (a) Is there a formula based on size or need?
 - (i) If yes, could you please provide detail?
- (6) How will this initiative contribute to the local government workforce attrition beyond the initial six years?
- (7) What input have local councils and industry stakeholders had in shaping this program?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The Grant Guidelines for the Fresh Start for Local Government Apprentices, Trainees and Cadets Program identifies the program is to fund councils to employ 1,300 new apprentices, trainees and cadets over the next 6 years.

In addition, the Guidelines identify employment of these staff are expected to contribute to the following outcomes for councils:

- capacity building to form a stronger local government sector
 - positive social outcomes by generating local education, training and employment opportunities, particularly targeting youth
 - contribution to the outcomes from the National Agreement on Closing the Gap by increasing employment and education opportunities for Aboriginal people.
- (a) Each council that receives funding is required to report to the Office of Local Government on compliance with the Deed of Agreement and hence the funding Guidelines.
 - (2) The Grant Guidelines allow every eligible organisation to determine its own workforce priorities (in line with the assessment criteria in the Grant Guidelines) and seek funding accordingly.

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The Grant Guidelines are supported by assessment criteria and an independently chaired assessment panel to ensure equitable distribution of the funds.

- (a) Councils in the Goulburn electorate were provisionally approved for the following apprenticeship and traineeship positions in round 1:
- Goulburn Mulwaree Council:
 - 1 x apprentice motor mechanic
 - 2 x civil works traineeship
 - Upper Lachlan Shire:
 - 1 x apprentice parks and gardens
 - 1 x apprentice motor mechanic
 - Hilltops Council:
 - 1 x apprentice civil construction
 - 1 x tourism, communications and marketing assistant trainee
 - 1 x library services assistant
 - 1 x business analysis trainee
 - Wingecarribee Shire Council:
 - 1 x apprentice landscape construction
 - 1 x apprentice civil construction
 - Yass Valley Council - did not apply in round 1.
- (3) All apprentices and trainees employed through the Program will receive their training through TAFE NSW or a private Registered Training Organisation on the Government's approved Smart & Skilled provider list.
- (a) N/A
- (4 – 4a) Employment pathways post-program completion will be the responsibility of the relevant council as the hiring organisation. Given the ageing workforce, there is an expectation that councils will need to retain staff due to retiring employees or workforce attrition.
- (5) The process and formula for allocating the funding is outlined in the Grant Guidelines which involves an Assessment Panel with an independent Chair, and representatives from 4 key organisations with expertise in the program objectives. The Grant Guidelines are available on the OLG website.
- (a) and (i)
- The formula is based on council needs. The Assessment Panel considers the organisation's response to the below assessment criteria:
- addressing workforce challenges
 - career pathway
 - qualification and training
 - demonstrated need
- (6) In addition to the grant program, the Program includes a Workforce Development Strategy to ensure there is a focus on building the capacity and capability of local government organisations.
- In line with this strategy, the following initiatives will contribute to resolving local government workforce attrition beyond the initial 6 years:
- trade skills recognition program (recognition of prior learning program to award trade proficiency to skilled council employees)
 - upskilling of council employees (multi-skilling council employees)
 - council supervisor workshops (building mentoring capability to improve retention of new recruits)
 - schools engagement program (reaching future council employees).

These initiatives will build capacity and capability across councils, address the ageing workforce, and bring services back in-house.

- (7) A thorough consultation process was undertaken prior to program commencement. Industry stakeholders included:

- Local Government NSW
- The United Services Union
- Training Services NSW
- TAFE NSW.

These organisations were consulted on program design, including the development of the initial program guidelines.

Lessons learned from engagement with councils through the first grant funding round has informed improvements to the program, which have been implemented in round 2.

Councils are also directly engaged in the development of the Workforce Development initiatives through participation on a working group.

- * 4793 CROOKWELL HOSPITAL TELEVISIONS—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

In relation to the Crookwell Hospital:

- (1) Are televisions provided for patients admitted to Crookwell Hospital?

- (a) How many televisions are provided?

- (2) Are they all functioning?

- (a) If not, why?

- (b) At what capacity are the televisions functioning?

- (3) Are television upgrades planned?

- (a) If so, when?

Answer—

I am advised:

Televisions are provided in all inpatient bed spaces at Crookwell Hospital. There are 18 patient televisions in the facility. The LHD is working on plans to upgrade the televisions.

- * 4794 PARAMEDIC DATA - GOULBURN—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

- (1) How many paramedics are allocated to the following stations:

- (a) Bowral?

- (b) Moss Vale?

- (c) Colovale?

- (d) Goulburn?

- (2) What is the increase for each of these stations with the Regional 500 paramedic commitment?

- (3) How many calls do these paramedics at each station respond to, on average, each day?

- (4) What is the average response time for each of these stations?

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- (5) For each station, in a 24 hour period, on average, what time of day are the paramedics most required to attend incidents?

Answer—

I am advised:

Under the Strategic Workforce Infrastructure Team (SWIFT) program, Bowral and Goulburn Ambulance Stations have received staffing enhancements, supporting the establishment of additional overnight on-duty paramedic resources.

NSW Ambulance continues to consult with staff and unions about future enhancements as part of this program. Decisions relating to staffing profiles at the planned Colo Vale and Moss Vale Ambulance Stations have not been finalised.

NSW Ambulance activity and performance data is publicly available on the Bureau of Health Information website at www.bhi.nsw.gov.au.

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- * 4795 REGISTERED SCRAP METAL BUSINESSES – EFFECTS OF RECENT LAW AMENDMENTS—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

- (1) Have the Security Licensing & Enforcement Directorate (SLED) legislative amendments for scrap metal businesses, which prohibit cash trade with registered suppliers, resulted in unregistered suppliers becoming more sought after within the market?
 - (a) If so, can the Minister advise what is being done by the Police to ensure unregistered suppliers of scrap metal are being apprehended?
 - (b) What punishment is given to suppliers who have been caught illegally trading?
- (2) Can the Minister advise what incentives suppliers are given to ensure they continue to register their businesses?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The NSW Police Force has no evidence to indicate legislative amendments to the Scrap Metal Industry Act 2016 (the Act) commencing in September 2024 have resulted in unregistered suppliers becoming more sought after.
 - (a) Both the Motor Unit (Financial Crimes Squad, State Crime Command) and local Police Area Commands/Police Districts investigate identified breaches of, and ensure compliance with, the conditions of the Act. The Motor Unit works closely with frontline police to provide continuing education to ensure policing capabilities are maintained.
 - (b) The following penalty options may apply to suppliers who have been detected trading illegally:
 - Infringement notice for operating an unregistered business (under the Act)- 500 penalty units (\$5,500).
 - Interim closure notice for the business issued by police - 72 hour closure.
 - If operations continue, further infringement notices can be issued - 100 penalty units (\$1,100).
 - Application to the Local Court for a Long Term Closure Order.
 - Infringement notices for other offences under the Act include paying cash for scrap, failing to keep appropriate records, and making false or misleading statements.

- Offences under other Acts include receiving stolen property, dealing with proceeds of crime, and having suspected stolen goods in custody. These matters are dealt with by the Local Court or District Court, depending on the nature of the offence detected.
- (2) Scrap Metal businesses continue to register to establish themselves as reputable entities that comply with legislative requirements. The cost of registration is lower than the potential penalties for operating outside of these legislative requirements.

* 4796 INDEPENDENT PRICING AND REGULATORY TRIBUNAL - DRAFT DECISION FOR WATERNSW PRICING PROPOSAL 2025-2030—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, and Minister for Youth—

- (1) A draft decision from Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) for WaterNSW pricing proposal 2025-2030 was expected to be published in March 2025, can the Minister advise whether IPART is still on track to deliver this decision?
- (a) If not, when can we expect to see the decision published?
- (b) Does this mean the final decision will still be due in June 2025?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) sets the prices that monopoly services can charge for water and wastewater services for NSW.

Timeline for Prices for WaterNSW regional and rural bulk water from 1 July 2025 can be found here: <https://www.ipart.nsw.gov.au/review/water-rural-water/prices-watensw-regional-and-rural-bulk-water-1-july-2025>.

* 4797 PROPOSED PRICE INCREASE FOR WATER USERS—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, and Minister for Youth—

- (1) Do New South Wales Irrigators pay for 80% of capital expenses and 100% of operational expenses to manage waterways and infrastructure in our river systems?
- (2) Has WaterNSW now proposed to increase water users' prices by up to 22% every year for 5 years?
- (3) If yes to (1) and (2), can the Minister provide justification for the price rise?
- (4) Can the Minister advise whether WaterNSW has investigated raising capital through other sectors?
- (a) Why should our agricultural industry pay for WaterNSW increasing revenue requirements?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) No. The proportion of capital and operating costs that customers or government pays is set out in the NSW Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal's (IPART) cost sharing framework, which is based on an impactor pays approach consistent with the pricing principles adopted within the National Water Initiative. Cost shares are dependent on the activity undertaken and, while the cost share percentages for those activities are the same across all valleys, the actual revenue requirement (and bill impact) for each valley will depend on the level of expenditure in the valley. A breakdown of IPART's current determined user and government cost shares are summarised in Attachment 25 of WaterNSW's Pricing Proposal to the IPART.

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- (2) No. WaterNSW has not proposed increased prices, but rather it has proposed the level of prudent and efficient expenditure it requires to meet its legislative and regulatory obligations, as well as customer agreed levels of service, following an extensive 2-year engagement program. IPART is currently reviewing the level of expenditure proposed, and will separately and independently consider to what extent that expenditure is recovered from water users or the NSW Government (see Q1. above), before it then separately determines the maximum prices WaterNSW can charge water users over the next five-year regulatory period, covering 2025 to 2030. The full proposal is available online at <https://www.ipart.nsw.gov.au/waternsws-price-proposal>.
- (3) IPART is responsible for independently setting maximum water prices for WaterNSW's bulk water services and WAMC's water management services. The IPART review will ensure proposed services and costs are prudent, efficient and consider community views through detailed expenditure reviews and comprehensive public consultation.
- (4) IPART determines both the efficient costs that WaterNSW is able to recover and how these are recovered across customer segments.
 - (a) IPART also determines the proportion of costs that are recovered from users and government based on a detailed cost share assessment. IPART allocates the efficient costs of rural bulk water services between water customers and the NSW Government on the basis of the 'impactor pays' principle. That is, those that create the need to incur the costs should pay the costs.

* 4798 ROAD SAFETY EDUCATION PROGRAMS—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Transport, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—

Can the Minister advise of what regular programs are provided within schools on road safety and how often they are provided in the Barwon electorate?

Answer—

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport.

* 4799 NSW HOUSING PROPERTIES IN COBAR—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, and Minister for Youth—

- (1) Can the Minister please advise how many vacant NSW Housing properties there are currently in Cobar?
 - (a) Of these vacant houses, can the Minister please advise the reasons why they are vacant?
 - (b) Can the minister advise the current waiting list for NSW Housing in the Cobar Local Government Area?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) As of 28 February 2025, there were 13 vacant properties in Cobar managed by Homes NSW.
 - (a) Of these properties, the reason for vacancy is as follows:
 - Eight are being refurbished.
 - Five are vacant for standard restoration (in the process for standard vacant repair to make properties clean, safe and habitable).

- (b) Social housing applicant households on the NSW Housing Register by Allocation Zone are publicly available on the Social Housing Waitlist Data website as of 28 February 2025.

Allocation zone	Priority	General	TOTAL
COBAR	5	23	28

The above information can be accessed via: <https://dcj.nsw.gov.au/about-us/families-and-communities-statistics/social-housing-waiting-list-data.html>.

- * 4800 RURAL FINANCIAL COUNSELLING SERVICE—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

Can the Minister advise how the Rural Financial Counselling Service will continue to be easily accessible to rural and remote communities in light of the recent closure of the Bourke office?

Answer—

The Rural Financial Counselling Service (RFCS) is a Commonwealth administered program. The State does contribute funding, though the day-to-day operations are largely the responsibility the respective RFCS to manage, with the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry being the administering Commonwealth Department.

My Department have raised this matter with the RFC (Central and Southern NSW) who stated that the decision was made to move from the Bourke premises for a number of reasons including difficulty securing personnel and appropriate premises.

They have also advised that they will continue to service the farmers of Bourke, and that they are looking to reopen the service in Bourke if circumstances change.

- * 4801 KINCUMBER AMBULANCE STATION—Mr Adam Crouch to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

- (1) Does the Government remain committed to delivering an ambulance station at Kincumber in line with the previous Government's commitment? If so:
- (a) Can the Minister advise the amount funding allocated for the project?
 - (b) If site investigation has been undertaken for the project?
 - (i) Have any preferred sites been shortlisted or chosen for the project?
 - (c) Could you please provide a timeline for the start of construction and estimated completion date?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1)
- (a) The NSW Government is delivering a new ambulance station serving the community near Kincumber as part of the \$615.5 million NSW Ambulance Infrastructure Program.
 - (b) The land search and early planning for the project is continuing.
 - (c) Construction and operational timeframes for the new Ambulance Station will be confirmed as planning progresses and the community will continue to be updated.

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- * 4802 MACMASTERS BEACH RURAL FIRE BRIGADE STATION UPGRADE—Mr Adam Crouch to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

In QON 0498, you advised that “the NSW Rural Fire Service is committed to upgrading the Macmasters Beach Rural Fire Brigade station. Initial funding has been provided to begin a site analysis and survey and detailed design work, which will help inform final costings and funding decisions”. Minister, can you advise:

- (1) The dollar amount of the initial funding referred to in QON 0498 for undertaking site analysis and survey and design work?
- (2) What stage the upgrade is at, given the answer provided in QON 0498 is from 28 July 2023?
- (3) Will upgrades to the Macmasters Beach Rural Fire Brigade Station occur in the 2026-26 Financial Year?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) \$205,000.
- (2) A Review of Environmental Factors is being prepared for submission to Central Coast Council.
- (3) The upgrades will occur at the earliest opportunity.

- * 4803 CENTRAL COAST DEFERRED MATTERS LANDS PLANNING PROPOSAL—Mr Adam Crouch to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) Can the Minister advise as to when the Central Coast Deferred Matters Lands Planning Proposal will be finalised?
- (2) Was the Deferred Matters Lands Planning Proposal submitted to your office early last year?
 - (a) If so, why has it taken so long to finalise the Deferred Matters Lands Planning Proposal?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The Planning Proposal is expected to be finalised in early May 2025.
- (2) The proposal was submitted to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure for finalisation in 2024.

The assessment has required complex analysis of historic deferred zones and careful consideration of the 328 submissions received from agencies and the community in response to the proposal. The previous Liberal-Nationals government left this matter unresolved.

- * 4804 IMPACT ON TRAFFIC IN ROSEVILLE FROM DEVELOPMENT—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—

In relation to the impact on traffic in Roseville from development:

- (1) Is Transport for NSW conducting a review of traffic impacts in the Roseville area from increased high-density development near Roseville Station and the Pacific Highway?
- (2) What traffic monitoring has been conducted within, into, and out of the Findlay Avenue, MacLaurin Parade, and Corona Avenue area in the past five years?
- (3) Will any real-time traffic monitoring in the Roseville area be conducted to assess the impact of current and future developments?

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- (4) What measures have been considered to improve vehicular access and traffic-light-controlled entry and exit points to the affected neighbourhoods?
 - (5) Has Transport for NSW conducted any assessment of right-turn restrictions on the Pacific Highway at Findlay Avenue and Corona Avenue, and whether changes to these restrictions would improve traffic flow and safety?
 - (6) Has Transport for NSW conducted any forward-looking traffic modelling that considers Ku-ring-gai Council's proposed high-density development scenario 3b and its impact on local roads and Pacific Highway congestion?
 - (7) Has Transport for NSW considered long-term solutions, including new bypass roadworks or alternative routes to address congestion between Mona Vale Road and Gore Hill Freeway?
 - (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Transport Impact Assessment studies are currently being undertaken by Ku-ring-gai Council in each of the four Transport Oriented Development Tier 2 areas near Roseville, Lindfield, Killara and Gordon railway stations. Council's transport consultants are assessing the existing transport situation and the transport impacts of the NSW Government's Transport Oriented Development State Environmental Planning Policy, as well as Council's alternative scenarios.
- (2) In the past five years, no specific traffic monitoring/studies have been conducted within, or out of the Findlay Avenue, Maclaurin Parade, and Corona Avenue area.
- (3) Transport for NSW has no current plans to conduct real-time traffic monitoring in the Roseville area to assess the impact of current and future developments.
- (4) As part of the Boundary Street widening project completed in 2018, the intersection of Pacific Highway and Corona Avenue was converted from a left-in /left-out configuration, to a signalised fourth leg of the Pacific Highway/Boundary Street intersection.
- (5) Transport for NSW has reviewed the right turn restrictions at the intersection of Pacific Highway and Corona Avenue and there are currently no plans to implement changes at this intersection. Introducing a right turn movement out of Corona Avenue would require a significant change to the current traffic light phasing and would have a detrimental impact on operational efficiency of the intersection.

Transport for NSW has reviewed the right turn restrictions at the intersection of Pacific Highway and Findlay Avenue and does not have any plans to implement any changes. The signalised intersection of Pacific Highway and Maclaurin Parade provides motorists with right turn access to/from the Pacific Highway into/out of this part of Roseville.

- (6) Transport for NSW has not conducted any traffic modelling that considers Ku-ring-gai Council's proposed high-density development scenario 3b and its impact on local roads and Pacific Highway congestion. As this is Council's endorsed housing scenario to the Transport Oriented Development SEPP amendments, a Transport Impact Assessment will be prepared by Council's traffic consultants for Roseville and will primarily inform infrastructure provision and local development contributions plans.
- (7) Transport for NSW currently has no long-term plans to provide alternative routes or new by-pass options to address congestion on the Pacific Highway between Mona Vale Road and Gore Hill Freeway.

Transport for NSW is carrying out a network review of the State's key road corridors in Sydney's Lower North Shore and Northern Beaches, including the section of Pacific Highway through Chatswood and Roseville. The review will focus on opportunities to manage network performance

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and resilience at critical locations, facilitate the efficient movement of people and goods, and improve accessibility for public transport and active transport.

- * 4805 QON 4292 - FOLLOW UP—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—

In follow up to QON 4292:

- (1) What is the timeline and scope of works for the resurfacing of Willoughby Road in Naremburn and Willoughby?

Answer—

I am advised:

Transport for NSW plans to carry out pavement resurfacing works at the following locations in Financial Year 2025/2026: Willoughby Road, between Artarmon Road and Frenchs Road; and Willoughby Road, between Garland Road and 419 Willoughby Road.

In the interim, Transport for NSW will continue to monitor Willoughby Road and repair any potholes and minor pavement defects, as it is required.

- * 4806 ARTARMON AMBULANCE SUPERSTATION—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

In relation to the Artarmon Ambulance Superstation:

- (1) Are paramedics and ambulances from Artarmon allocated to work at other ambulance stations or areas?
- (a) If yes, how many crew shifts at Artarmon in the last 6 months were moved to outside areas?
- (2) Does reduced crew availability at Artarmon impact on wait times or service delivery?
- (a) If yes, how do wait times with full staffing compare with periods without shift movements?
- (b) How, if at all, is this impact mitigated?
- (3) Is there attempt to maintain rosters at the station with the use of advertised overtime?

Answer—

I am advised:

I can assure the community that there is adequate ambulance coverage to service the Artarmon community 24/7.

The location a crew starts or finishes does not fully determine where the work of any crew will be undertaken. Vehicles and their paramedic crew are moved throughout their shift to provide geographical coverage of ambulance resources across NSW.

NSW Ambulance varies staffing profiles and numbers to appropriately meet operational need as required. NSW Ambulance uses rostering best practice and provides a safe system of work for minimum staffing levels for paramedics.

- * 4807 DUST DISEASES IN TUNNELLING—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Industrial Relations, and Minister for Work Health and Safety—

In relation to dust diseases in tunnelling:

- (1) Is SafeWork NSW investigating a cluster of silicosis contracted by 13 workers on the M6 tunnel project?

- (a) How is SafeWork NSW responding and is compliance action under consideration?
- (b) When was SafeWork NSW aware of this cluster?
- (c) Has SafeWork NSW had any previous concerns with dust disease management on the M6 project?
 - (i) If yes, were any corrective actions required and any compliance actions taken?
- (2) Are there any clusters of dust diseases evident on other tunnelling projects?

Answer—

I am advised that SafeWork NSW is currently investigating the 13 cases of silicosis contracted by tunnelling workers. The investigation into the matter is ongoing and no further information can be provided at this time.

Protecting workers from silica-related disease is a regulatory priority for SafeWork NSW. This work is further supported by the establishment of the Tunnelling Dust Safety Expert Taskforce by the Government in early 2025, which reflects the NSW Government's steadfast commitment to preventing silica-related illness and strengthening protections for workers in the tunnelling industry.

SafeWork NSW is actively monitoring workplace exposure notifications, undertaking targeted compliance operations, and engaging directly with duty holders to enforce compliance with legal obligations. Where non-compliance is identified enforcement action is taken.

SafeWork NSW continues to work with health authorities, unions and industry stakeholders to identify emerging risks and drive improvements in dust controls and health monitoring practices, particularly in high-risk industries such as tunnelling.

- * 4808 ICARE NSW AND ITS INTERACTIONS WITH INJURED WORKERS—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Industrial Relations, and Minister for Work Health and Safety—

In relation to iCare NSW and its interactions with injured workers:

- (1) Does iCare NSW send requests regarding claims to injured workers late on Friday afternoons?
- (2) Are there any policies or strategies in place to mitigate the impact of iCare NSW's requests to already stressed and injured claimants?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) icare expects all Claims Service Providers (CSPs) to manage claims in accordance with the State Insurance Regulatory Authority (SIRA) Standards of Practice and the customer service conduct principles.

Case management hours of operation are Monday to Friday, therefore requests may be sent to injured workers during these times to ensure decisions can be made in a timely and efficient manner, noting that regulatory requirements may require communications on a specific day. A case manager has the discretion to defer requests to a later day if there is reason to believe that sending the request late in the week is likely to be detrimental to the injured worker.

- (2) Yes, there are such policies in place at icare and icare focuses on ensuring its staff and partners act with empathy, fairness, and professionalism, recognising the complex needs of those they serve.

- * 4809 607 PACIFIC HIGHWAY, CHATSWOOD—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, Minister for Sport, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—

In relation to 607 Pacific Highway, Chatswood:

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- (1) Was the decision made not to proceed with the Expression of Interest process?
 - (a) If so, when was this decision made?
 - (b) When was this decision communicated to tenderers?
 - (c) When was this decision announced publicly and by what method?
 - (d) Was the decision made to transfer the site to Landcom?
 - (i) If so, when was this decision made?
 - (ii) When was this decision announced publicly and by what method?

Answer—

As previously advised:

The previous NSW Government ran an Expression of Interest (EOI) campaign to secure a development partner for a mixed-use precinct on the site. This precinct was intended to include a primary school, shared open space, residential dwellings, retail and commercial space.

However, following a Government decision not to proceed with the development of a school on the site, the market process was terminated, and the proponents from the EOI stage notified. Any questions regarding the school should be referred to the Minister for Education and Early Learning.

The site was subsequently assessed through the Government Property Audit process and has been selected by Land com for future development.

Questions regarding future development plans for the site should be directed to the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces.

- * 4810 WATER PROJECTS IN THE WILLOUGHBY ELECTORATE—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, and Minister for Youth—

In relation to water projects in the Willoughby electorate:

- (1) What projects are being progressed to improve water and wastewater infrastructure?
- (2) Will this meet the projected population growth in the area arising from the Government's planning changes including the Crows Nest Transport Oriented Development and Low and mid-rise housing reforms?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Sydney Water has adequate trunk infrastructure capacity within its drinking water network to support the projected growth in the Willoughby electorate within the next five years. Local reticulation augmentations may be required and would be delivered by developers as needed.

Sydney Water has initiated projects to upgrade its wastewater system in the Willoughby electorate to support housing growth beyond 2029, resulting from the NSW Government's Transport Oriented Development program and low and midrise housing reforms.

Wastewater network amplification projects in Naremburn and Crows Nest as well as the amplification of the Willoughby wastewater submain will support continued housing and other growth in the Willoughby area beyond 2029.

Source control projects in Chatswood, Willoughby, Artarmon, Naremburn, St Leonards, Crows Nest, Cammeray, Wollstonecraft and North Sydney have commenced this year to reduce stormwater inflows into the wastewater network.

This will improve environmental outcomes and also free up some further capacity to support growth in this area.

(2) Yes, based on the current housing forecast.

* 4811 ROYAL NORTH SHORE HOSPITAL - ELECTIVE SURGERY WAITLIST—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

In relation to Royal North Shore Hospital:

(1) In the most recent period for which data is available:

- (a) How many are on the elective surgery waitlist?
- (b) How many on the waitlist have waited longer than clinically recommended?
- (c) What is the average time a patient waits on the waitlist?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Bureau of Health Information's Data Portal (<https://www.bhi.nsw.gov.au/activity-and-performance-profile>) provides information about the elective surgery waiting list and waiting times at Royal North Shore Hospital.

* 4812 NORTH SHORE POLICE AREA COMMAND—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

In relation to North Shore Police Area Command:

- (1) How many sworn officers and other staff are currently deployed to the Command?
- (2) What percentage is this of full establishment?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Police Force publishes information about employee numbers in each Police Area Command and Police District in its annual report. Staffing numbers at any particular police station can fluctuate daily in response to leave, crime trends and operational requirements.

All police positions attached to a Police Area Command or Police District are flexible resources available to respond to incidents across the local area. Local resources are also supplemented by specialist police (highway patrol, major crime squads, covert resources, and others) who are managed centrally but can be deployed across Police Area Command and Police District boundaries in response to operational needs.

* 4813 WORK LICENCES IN OXLEY—Mr Michael Kemp to ask the Minister for Better Regulation and Fair Trading, Minister for Industry and Trade, Minister for Innovation, Science and Technology, Minister for Building, and Minister for Corrections—

(1) How many licences in the categories of work listed below are held by residents of the Oxley Electorate (postcodes 2429, 2431, 2439, 2440, 2441, 2444, 2446, 2447, 2448, 2449, 2453, 2454, 2455):

- (a) Building work – general?
- (b) Carpentry?

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- (c) Electrical?
- (d) Plumbing, draining and gasfitting?

Answer—

I am advised:

Information relating to licences held by individuals residing in particular postcodes or Local Government Areas can be obtained on the Verify NSW website, at <https://verify.licence.nsw.gov.au/home/Trades>.

* 4814 VETERAN FUNDING—Mr Michael Kemp to ask the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Treaty, Minister for Gaming and Racing, Minister for Veterans, Minister for Medical Research, and Minister for the Central Coast—

- (1) Can the Minister for Veterans provide the following information regarding the Government's expenditure on veterans over the past 12 months:
 - (a) The total amount spent on veterans' programs, including but not limited to:
 - (i) The Veterans Employment Program?
 - (ii) Commemorative events?
 - (iii) Health and support services?
 - (iv) Other relevant initiatives supporting veterans?
 - (b) A breakdown of expenditure across these categories?

Answer—

Funding responsibility for veterans' services and programs predominantly lies with the Commonwealth Government.

However, the NSW Government provides additional programs and initiatives to support veterans and their families.

The 2024/25 NSW Budget provides \$8.950 million for a range of programs and important initiatives to support veterans and their families living in NSW, delivered in collaboration with the Commonwealth Government and ex-service organisations. These initiatives include and are not limited to:

- the Veterans Employment Program
- an annual program of commemorations and events in collaboration with the veteran community and ex-service organisations
- the care and maintenance of the State's war memorials.

Additionally, the NSW Government provides funding for the ongoing operations of the Anzac Memorial in Hyde Park to recognise and commemorate days such as Anzac Day, Remembrance Day and other significant anniversary events.

The NSW Government delivers a range of other grant programs which support community awareness and commemoration of Australian military service, as well as activities to support the wellbeing of veterans and their families living in NSW.

- * 4815 PERSONAL HARDSHIP ASSISTANCE PAYMENT APPLICATION REJECTIONS—Mr Michael Kemp to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

To date, how many cyclone-affected Oxley Electorate individuals and dependents (postcodes 2429, 2431, 2439, 2440, 2441, 2444, 2446, 2447, 2448, 2449, 2453, 2454, 2455) who have applied for the Personal Hardship Assistance Payment following ex-Tropical Cyclone Alfred had their applications denied?

Answer—

I am advised that of the 1,866 applications received, 54 applications have been deemed ineligible as at 14 April 2025.

- * 4816 CURRENT FIREARM PERMITS—Mr Michael Kemp to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

How many current Firearms Permits are held by people residing in postcodes in the Oxley Electorate (postcodes 2429, 2431, 2439, 2440, 2441, 2444, 2446, 2447, 2448, 2449, 2453, 2454, 2455)?

Answer—

I am advised:

The table below shows the number of current Firearms Permits held by people residing in postcodes in the Oxley Electorate as of 13 April 2025:

Postcode	Total Firearm Permits
2429	33
2431	8
2439	7
2440	51
2441	13
2444	47
2446	27
2447	9
2448	5
2449	4
2453	18
2454	15
2455	11
Total	248

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- * 4817 SOCIAL HOUSING IN OXLEY—Mr Michael Kemp to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, and Minister for Youth—

Regarding social housing in the Oxley Electorate (postcodes 2429, 2431, 2439, 2440, 2441, 2444, 2446, 2447, 2448, 2449, 2453, 2454, 2455):

- (1) How many individual homes are owned by the Government?
- (2) What is the breakdown of these homes by housing type (free-standing house, duplex, unit/apartment etc)?
- (3) How many individual homes are managed by Homes NSW?
- (4) How many individual homes are managed by a third-party provider?

Answer—

- (1) As of 30 June 2024, there was a total of 1,452 social housing dwellings in the Oxley Electorate. 1,113 of social housing dwellings were owned by the Government:

- 46 Aboriginal Housing Office (AHO) (46 owned by the government)
- 399 Aboriginal community housing and (173 owned by the government)
- 1,007 community housing dwellings (894 owned by the government).

- (2) Homes owned by the government in the selected postcodes, by housing type as of 30 June 2024:

	Cottage	Townhouse	Unit	Villa	Total
AHO owned and Aboriginal Community Housing Provider (ACHP) managed	148		11	14	173
AHO owned and DCJ managed	46				46
LAHC owned and Community Housing Provider (CHP) managed	486	21	164	223	894
Total Oxley Electorate	680	21	175	237	1113

- (3) As of 30 June 2024, 46 AHO properties were managed by Homes NSW.
- (4) As of 30 June 2024, 1,406 properties were managed by a third-party provider.

- * 4818 REASONS FOR POSSESSING AND USING REGISTERED FIREARMS—Mr Michael Kemp to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

- (1) Of the firearms registered in postcodes in the Oxley Electorate (postcodes 2429, 2431, 2439, 2440, 2441, 2444, 2446, 2447, 2448, 2449, 2453, 2454, 2455), what is the breakdown of genuine reasons for possessing and using these firearms:
 - (a) Sport/Target Shooting?
 - (b) Recreational Hunting/Vermin Control?
 - (c) Primary Production?

- (d) Vertebrate Pest Animal Control?
- (e) Business or Employment?
- (f) Rural Occupation?
- (g) Animal Welfare?
- (h) Firearms Collection?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The table below shows the breakdown of genuine reasons for possessing and using firearms for the firearms registered in the following postcodes in the Oxley Electorate as of 13 April 2025:

Genuine Reasons	Total Licence Categories
Target Shooting	554
Recreational Hunting/Vermin Control	12,749
Primary Production	3,131
Vertebrate Pest Animal Control	6
Rural Occupation	22
Firearms Collection	77
Business or Employment	77
Animal Welfare	385
Total	17,001

Note:

- Firearms are registered to a firearms licence category, not to a specific genuine reason.
- The above figures indicate the total number of licences issued for the noted Genuine Reasons for the Oxley Electorate postcodes.
- The total figure does not indicate the total number of licences issued as one licence may be issued for multiple licence categories and licence categories may have multiple genuine reasons provided for each.
- The genuine reason of Recreational Hunting Vermin Control (RHVC) may have up to 5 subcategories recorded against the one licence category for Category A and Category B. The available sub-categories are:
 - RHVC - Hunting Club
 - RHVC - Owner Rural Land
 - RHVC - Permission to Shoot
 - RHVC - Government Agency
 - RHVC - Game Hunting Licence

In the table above, each sub-category is included in the figures depending on the sub-categories substantiated by the licence holder. Therefore, one firearms licence may be issued for up to 5 subcategories for the genuine reason of RHVC.

- For the total number of licences in the table above, Genuine Reasons relate to 8,636 firearms licences. Noting, 1,671 of these licences have no registered firearms.

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* 4819 DERELICT BOATS—Ms Jacqui Scruby to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Transport, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—

- (1) How many vessels sank per year in the Pittwater estuary in each year from 2020 - 2025?
- (2) How many known derelict, unsafe or end-of-life vessels are moored in the Pittwater estuary?
- (3) Who is responsible for the clean up of derelict, unsafe or end-of-life vessels and any associated oil spills, pollution or contamination?
- (4) How many derelict, unsafe or end-of-life vessels have resulted in spills, pollution or contamination in each year from 2020 - 2025?
 - (a) For each spill, how much oil or fuel was leaked per vessel?
 - (b) How was that spill cleaned up?
 - (c) Was the impact on local wildlife measured and if so, what was the impact?
- (5) How many directions have been given to owners of derelict, unsafe or end-of-life vessels to remove the vessel, per year in the years from 2020-2025?
 - (a) How many of those directions have been complied with?
 - (b) How many have related to boats that have sunk?

Answer—

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Regional Transport.

* 4820 BALLS ON BEACH—Ms Jacqui Scruby to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) Has the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) determined the source of the balls that washed up on beaches in Pittwater in January 2025?
 - (a) If yes, what was the source?
- (2) What actions have been undertaken by the EPA to clean up the balls?
- (3) Are there issues with the Warriewood Resource Recovery Plant that lead to the balls?
- (4) Were there any breaches of licence conditions in relation to the balls?
 - (a) If so, what was the result of those breaches?

Answer—

- (1) Yes.
 - (a) Sydney Water's land-based sewage treatment network.
- (2) The balls were cleaned up by Northern Beaches Council with technical support and advice from the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA).
- (3) The EPA is yet to pinpoint the precise source or sources of the debris balls within the Sydney Water network.
- (4) The EPA's investigation is ongoing.
 - (a) Not applicable.

* 4821 VAPE SHOP RAIDS—Ms Jacqui Scruby to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

- (1) How many raids targeting illegal vapes and cigarettes have been carried out on shops in the following postcodes, per year in the years 2023, 2024 and 2025:
 - (a) 2101?
 - (b) 2102?
 - (c) 2103?
 - (d) 2104?
 - (e) 2105?
 - (f) 2106?
 - (g) 2107?
 - (h) 2108?
 - (i) 2084?
- (2) What was the outcome of each of the raids listed in (1)?
- (3) What was the percentage of the shops raided in (1) that were found to sell illegal vapes?
- (4) How many of those shops raided in (1) were fined or prosecuted for stocking or selling illegal vapes?
- (5) What was the average fine issued to shops in (1) that were fined?

Answer—

I am advised:

There were 419 retail inspections conducted in the Northern Sydney Local Health District from 1 January 2023 to 31 March 2025.

NSW Health reports on the number of illegal vaping goods seized on a quarterly basis on the NSW Health website.

* 4822 HEALTH IMAGING—Mr Richie Williamson to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

- (1) How many patients requiring medical imaging were transferred from Maclean District Hospital in:
 - (a) 2024?
 - (b) 2023?
 - (c) 2022?
- (2) How many patients requiring medical imaging were transferred from Grafton Base Hospital in:
 - (a) 2024?
 - (b) 2023?
 - (c) 2022?
- (3) How many patients requiring medical imaging were transferred from Casino and District Memorial Hospital in:
 - (a) 2024?
 - (b) 2023?

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(c) 2022?

Answer—

I am advised:

Northern NSW Local Health District does not capture the requested data.

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* 4823 ADMISSIONS FOR DETOXIFICATION—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

At the Broken Hill Hospital, in the 2024 calendar year:

- (1) How many people presented for detoxification of alcohol and other drugs?
- (2) How many beds are allocated to detoxification?

Answer—

I am advised:

In the 2024 calendar year, 25 people presented to Broken Hill Health Service for detoxification of alcohol and other drugs.

Medical beds are used for medically supervised detoxification management as needed, in line with the NSW Health Management of Withdrawal from Alcohol and Other Drugs Clinical Guidance.

* 4824 DOPPLER RADAR FAR WEST—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

- (1) Can the Minister advise if the Bureau of Meteorology has completed its health check of existing doppler radar investments within New South Wales?
 - (a) If not, when will this be completed?
- (2) Can the Minister advise if a new doppler radar for the Far West will undergo evaluation under the New South Wales Gateway Policy ?
 - (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

- (1) The Bureau of Meteorology review is due at the end of this financial year.
- (2) A decision to seek infrastructure funds for a new ground-based Doppler radar in the Far West has not been made. It will depend in part on the pending Bureau of Meteorology review, availability of funding, as well as the costs and benefits of alternative technologies.

* 4825 NATIONAL PARKS AND WILDLIFE SERVICE—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) What is the annual budget for National Parks and Wildlife Service in New South Wales (general operations and procurement)?
- (2) How much of this revenue is raised by the National Parks estate?

Answer—

- (1) NPWS does not receive separate appropriation from the NSW Government. NPWS is funded within the environment portfolio of DCCEEW. DCCEEW's financial details are in its annual report which can be found on the website.
- (2) Revenue accounts for 18% of the operating budget.

* 4826 MONA VALE ROAD POTHOLE—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—

In relation to Mona Vale Road between Gordon and Belrose, how many potholes have been filled in:

- (1) 2023?
- (2) 2024?
- (3) 2025?

Answer—

I am advised:

Transport for NSW is responsible for maintaining Mona Vale Road between the Pacific Highway, Gordon and Forest Road, Belrose. Where required, crews will carry out multiple pothole repairs per attendance at a location, and the below figures represent the number of pothole maintenance attendances, not the total number of potholes filled.

- (1) 2023: 81
- (2) 2024: 133
- (3) 2025 to date: 17

* 4827 ASSISTANCE FOR YOUNGER SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education—

How is the Government assisting younger people to consider running their own small business?

Answer—

The information requested does not fall under the responsibility of the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education. Please refer this question to the Minister for Small Business.

* 4828 MONA VALE ROAD WEST—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—

In relation to the \$250 million committed to Mona Vale Road West in the Commonwealth Budget:

- (1) What is the Government planning to spend on this piece of infrastructure?

Answer—

I am advised:

Federal funding commitments announced in the 2025-26 Federal Budget and State matching funding requirements are subject to the NSW Government's consideration and approval as part of the 2025-26 State Budget process.

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* 4829 NEW HOMES APPROVED - CENTRAL COAST LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA—Mr Adam Crouch to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) What is Government's estimate of the number of new homes which will be approved in the Central Coast Local Government Area:
- (a) In 2024-25?
 - (b) In 2025-26?
 - (c) In 2026-27?

Answer—

I am advised:

Central Coast Local Government Area has a target of 9,400 new homes to be completed by mid-2029.

* 4830 NEW HOMES COMPLETED - CENTRAL COAST LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA—Mr Adam Crouch to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) What is the Government's estimate of the number of new homes which will be completed in the Central Coast Local Government Area:
- (a) In 2024-25?
 - (b) In 2025-26?
 - (c) In 2026-27?

Answer—

I am advised:

Central Coast Local Government Area has a target of 9,400 new homes to be completed by mid-2029.

* 4831 NEW HOMES COMMENCED - CENTRAL COAST LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA—Mr Adam Crouch to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) What is Government's estimate of the number of new homes which will be commenced in the Central Coast Local Government Area:
- (a) In 2024-25?
 - (b) In 2025-26?
 - (c) In 2026-27?

Answer—

I am advised:

Central Coast Local Government Area has a target of 9,400 new homes to be completed by mid-2029.

* 4832 BOARDING HOUSES ACT 2012 AMENDMENTS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Better Regulation and Fair Trading, Minister for Industry and Trade, Minister for Innovation, Science and Technology, Minister for Building, and Minister for Corrections—

Can you provide a timeline on when the Legislative Assembly can expect amendments to the Boarding Houses Act 2012, in response to the 2020 statutory review, to be introduced?

Answer—

I am advised:

- the Government anticipates public consultation on a Bill to amend the Boarding Houses Act 2012 will occur later in 2025.

* 4833 HOUSING FOR INTERSEX PEOPLE—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, and Minister for Youth—

What specific housing support and services does the Government provide to intersex people?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Government provides a range of housing supports and services for people experiencing or at risk of homelessness. These services are inclusive and accessible to all individuals, including intersex people.

Homes NSW is committed to delivering services that are safe, respectful and non-discriminatory. This includes ensuring that people with diverse gender identities or sexual orientations are treated with dignity, respect and equity in line with our policies on inclusion and culturally safe practice.

More information about the homelessness supports available can be found on the Homes NSW website:

<https://www.nsw.gov.au/departments-and-agencies/homes-nsw/nsw-government-response-to-homelessness>

* 4834 PYRMONT EDUCATION NEEDS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) When was the last time a public school demand, supply access and opportunity study was done for Pyrmont?
- (2) How was expected demand for public primary and secondary schools in Pyrmont assessed for the following:
 - (a) The Blackwattle Bay redevelopment?
 - (b) The Bays West development?
 - (c) The City of Sydney proposed planning controls in Ultimo and Pyrmont from the Pyrmont Peninsula Place Strategy?
- (3) When was the last time childcare needs of Pyrmont have been assessed?
- (4) How was expected demand for childcare in Pyrmont assessed for the following:
 - (a) The Blackwattle Bay redevelopment?
 - (b) The Bays West development?
 - (c) The City of Sydney proposed planning controls in Ultimo and Pyrmont from the Pyrmont Peninsula Place Strategy?
 - (d) Closure of the Genius Early Learning Childcare centre?
- (5) What action is being taken to ensure Pyrmont children who attended the Genius Early Learning Childcare centre have access to childcare close to home following its closure?

Answer—

The Department of Education continuously reviews population projections, changing demographics and the impact of development as part of the ongoing planning and delivery of school infrastructure to meet

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the needs of local communities, including Pymont. The redevelopment of Ultimo Public School has provided additional capacity to cater for current and future enrolments across both Pymont and Ultimo.

In 2023, the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (!PART) was commissioned to undertake an Independent Market Monitoring Review (IMMR) of early childhood education and care (ECEC) services across NSW. This review focused on identifying areas with ECEC supply shortages and examining factors affecting affordability and accessibility. This review found that the Pymont area had good levels of supply, with a ratio of more than 3 ECEC places for every child aged 0-5.

- * 4835 TRESILLIAN FAMILY CARE CENTRE IN ARMIDALE—Mr Brendan Moylan to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

In relation to the Tresillian Family Care Centre in Armidale:

- (1) Will operational funding for the Tresillian Family Care Centre in Armidale be continued after 30 June 2025?
- (2) Will you consider lengthening the funding timeframe so that Tresillian has long term certainty?

Answer—

I'm advised:

Funding opportunities for the Tresillian Armidale Family Care Centre are currently being considered.

- * 4836 FUNDED PROGRAMS AND SERVICES - NORTHERN TABLELANDS—Mr Brendan Moylan to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—

What programs and services are currently being funded by the Government in the following local government areas:

- (1) Glen Innes Severn Shire Council?
- (2) Armidale Regional Council?
- (3) Inverell Shire Council?
- (4) Uralla Shire Council?
- (5) Walcha Council?
- (6) Gwydir Shire Council?
- (7) Moree Plains Shire Council?

Answer—

I am advised:

NSW Treasury does not keep central records on payments across government to specific councils.

Councils' annual reports provide information on payments received, including payments from government departments. These are publicly available on council websites.

- * 4837 LEGISLATION AMENDMENT - NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICES ASSETS—Mr Brendan Moylan to ask the Minister for Local Government—

Will legislation to amend the Rural Fires Act 1997 (Section 119) in relation to the ownership of NSW Rural Fire Services Assets be reconsidered by the Government?

Answer—

I am advised:

This matter was referred to the NSW Parliament's Public Accounts Committee (the Committee) as part of its inquiry into the assets, premises, and funding of the NSW Rural Fire Service, which commenced on 31 January 2024.

The Committee is currently considering the matter. The NSW Government will respond to the Committee's findings and recommendations once the committee has handed down its report.

* 4838 ACTIVE ENFORCEMENT OF VAPING LAWS - NORTHERN TABLELANDS—Mr Brendan Moylan to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

- (1) Is there any active enforcement of vaping laws, in particular the sale of illegal vapes and illegal tobacco, in the Northern Tablelands electorate?
- (2) What are you doing to tackle the continual sale of illicit tobacco and vapes in regional areas?

Answer—

I am advised:

NSW Health inspectors proactively visit retailers to monitor compliance across NSW and take enforcement action when breaches related to tobacco retailing laws and the sale of illegal vaping goods are identified. NSW Health Inspectors conduct retail inspections across the Hunter New England Local Health District.

The NSW Government has passed legislation to strengthen compliance and enforcement and introduced substantial penalties for suppliers of illegal vaping. Maximum penalties for illegal vape supply are \$1.54 million, prison sentences up to seven years, or both.

The NSW Government is also introducing a new licensing scheme to be phased in from 1 July 2025 and harsher penalties for a range of tobacco retailing offences. The new maximum penalties for selling tobacco not in the required packaging or without mandatory health warnings are up to \$154,000 for individuals and \$770,000 for corporations.

* 4839 OAKY DAM PROJECT IN ARMIDALE—Mr Brendan Moylan to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, and Minister for Youth—

In relation to funding for the Oaky Dam project in Armidale:

- (1) How will you support this project?
- (2) What are you doing to ensure residents in my electorate have water security?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The NSW Government is assisting Armidale Council by providing \$1.9 million funding under the Safe and Secure Water Program towards the initial development of the Armidale Water Security Project. The Project includes restoring Oaky Dam and building a pipeline from that dam to Armidale's water supply system. Detailed design and tender documents for the pumping and pipeline have recently been finalised.

In 2024, Armidale Council applied for \$2.3 million in Commonwealth funding under the National Water Grid Fund to support development of the full business case and EIS which was not supported.

Council has recently lodged a new National Water Grid Fund Expression of for the development of a Detailed Business Case and associated works.

- (2) The Government will continue to support Armidale Regional Council to conduct appropriate strategic planning to allow Council to assess available water security options and choose preferred options, in consultation with the community.

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The Government has finalised the North Coast and Gwydir Regional Water Strategies, which include the Armidale and Uralla regions. These strategies have a 20 to 40-year timeframe, and the prioritisation and implementation of actions recognises this. Delivery of actions span short, medium and long-term horizons.

Our regional water strategies are adaptive, which recognises that while all actions are important, we do not need to implement them all immediately, and we can structure our implementation approach to respond to changing conditions and priorities over time.

The Government has also provided funding in the Armidale region for a number of water projects including the Guyra Water Supply Project (\$6.4million), Dumaresq Dam Safety Upgrade (\$4.5million) and investigations for the Armidale water supply scheme, groundwater investigations and strategic planning.

- * 4840 SPREAD OF INVASIVE SPECIES—Mr Brendan Moylan to ask the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

In relation to the spread of invasive species:

- (1) Will funding be continued beyond June of this year to address the ongoing spread of harissia cactus in the Moree and Gwydir Local Government Areas?
- (2) What is the Government doing to manage and reduce the numbers of feral animals, in particular feral pigs, in the Northern Tablelands electorate?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Funding and support for addressing the spread of harrisia cactus in the Moree and Gwydir Local Government areas will continue beyond June 2025.
- (2) The NSW Government has invested \$26.1 million over 2 years to manage feral pigs and pest animals in NSW, including the Northern Tablelands electorate. Information on the program can be found here: <https://www.lls.nsw.gov.au/what-we-do/our-major-projects/feral-pig-and-pest-program-2024-2025>

- * 4841 PARAMEDIC ROSTERS—Mr Brendan Moylan to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

- (1) Does the Government plan to direct NSW Ambulance to backfill and maintain current and projected paramedic rosters?
 - (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

This question should be referred to the Minister for Health.

- * 4842 ADDITIONAL MAGISTRATES—Mr Brendan Moylan to ask the Attorney General—

- (1) Does the Government intend to increase the numbers of Magistrates (Local Court Judges) to deal with the high caseloads in the Local Court?
 - (a) If so, when is it expected that additional Magistrates / Local Court Judges will be sworn in?

Answer—

I am advised:

In December 2024, the Government appointed 10 new full-time magistrates to the Local Court. These magistrates commenced in early 2025.

The Chief Magistrate is responsible for the sitting and listing arrangements of the Local Court New South Wales.

- * 4843 BUNDLED FUNDING FOR MATERNITY CARE - REGIONAL NEW SOUTH WALES—Mr Brendan Moylan to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

Are there plans for bundled funding for maternity care in regional New South Wales?

Answer—

I am advised:

Capitated and bundled payments have been raised by the Commonwealth for future National Health Reform Agreement negotiations.

- * 4844 MCGRATH BREAST CANCER CARE NURSES - NORTHERN NSW LOCAL HEALTH DISTRICT—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

How many McGrath Breast Cancer Care Nurses are based in the Northern NSW Local Health District?

Answer—

I am advised:

There are 3 McGrath Breast Care Nurses in Northern NSW Local Health District.

- * 4845 RECOVERY ASSISTANCE POINT ATTENDANCE—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

To-date, how many people have attended each of the Recovery Assistance Points (RAP) established on the North Coast following ex-Tropical Cyclone Alfred?

Answer—

This question should be directed to the Minister for Recovery.

- * 4846 TOTAL REVENUE - FIXED SPEED/RED LIGHT CAMERAS AT TWEED HEADS SOUTH AND TWEED HEADS WEST—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Attorney General representing the Minister for Finance, Minister for Domestic Manufacturing and Government Procurement, and Minister for Natural Resources—

(1) Regarding the total revenue collected by the fixed speed/red light cameras at Tweed Heads South (Minjungbal Drive and Rivendell Drive) and Tweed Heads West (Gold Coast Highway and Cordyline Drive), what is the revenue breakdown between red light offences and speeding offences in the following timeframes:

(a) Financial Year to Date?

(b) 2023/24?

Answer—

(1) The total revenue collected for red light camera offences for:

Tweed Heads South - Minjungbal Drive and Rivendell Drive is:

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(a) July 2024 to 8 April 2025 - \$372,711.00

(b) 2023/24 - \$518,589.29

Tweed Heads West - Gold Coast Highway and Cordyline Drive is:

(a) July 2024 to 8 April 2025 - \$135,299.44

(b) 2023/24 - \$203,903.49

The total revenue collected for speeding offences for:

Tweed Heads South - Minjungbal Drive and Rivendell Drive is:

(a) July 2024 to 8 April 2025 - \$222,506.00

(b) 2023/24 - \$355,738.53

Tweed Heads West - Gold Coast Highway and Cordyline Drive is:

(a) July 2024 to 8 April 2025 - \$1,564,038.54

(b) 2023/24 - \$4,885,320.44

Note: Revenue figures may have increased from prior reports for the 2023/24 financial year as additional revenue has been collected, for fines issued in the relevant years stated.

- * 4847 SALE OF E-BIKES IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Better Regulation and Fair Trading, Minister for Industry and Trade, Minister for Innovation, Science and Technology, Minister for Building, and Minister for Corrections—

Regarding the sale of e-bikes in New South Wales:

- (1) What steps are being taken by NSW Fair Trading to ensure retailers in New South Wales, such as bike shops, are not selling modified e-bikes in which the electric motor assists the rider to travel more than 25km/hr?

Answer—

I am advised:

- It is not illegal to sell e-bikes that can travel (battery assisted) at speeds greater than 25km/hr. These e-bikes can be used on private property but are illegal to ride on NSW roads.
- The electric motor on an e-bike should not assist the rider when travelling faster than 25km/hr, however does not prevent the rider travelling faster with their own pedaling.
- There are two types of e-bikes that can be legally ridden on NSW roads:
- Electronically power assisted cycles which have a maximum continued rated power of 500 watts. This power output must be progressively reduced as the bicycle's speed increases beyond 6km/h and cuts off when the bicycle reaches a speed of 25km/h; and
- Power assisted pedal cycles which have one or more motors attached with a combined maximum power output of up to 200 watts. These bicycles cannot be propelled only by the motor and must weigh less than 50kg.

- * 4848 RENEWAL OF THE QUEENSLAND-NEW SOUTH WALES STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES AND PRIORITIES FOR CROSS BORDER COLLABORATION UPDATE—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

Can you provide an update on the renewal of the Queensland-New South Wales Statement of Principles and Priorities for Cross Border Collaboration which was due in early 2021?

Answer—

I am advised:

The renewed Queensland and NSW Memorandum of Understanding for Cross-Border Collaboration was signed by the NSW and Queensland Premiers and executed in April 2024.

- * 4849 THE WELCOME EXPERIENCE IN THE NORTHERN RIVERS REGION—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

Regarding The Welcome Experience in the Northern Rivers region:

- (1) How many essential workers (and their families) have been supported to move to the Tweed Local Government Area (or Northern Rivers region if information is not available by Local Government Area) since the Northern Rivers region joined the program?
- (2) Can you provide a breakdown of the agency or industry in which the essential workers supported by The Welcome Experience are employed?

Answer—

- (1) Relevant information related to the Welcome Experience can be found at <https://www.nsw.gov.au/regional-nsw/makethemove/welcome-experience>.

- * 4850 TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION - TWEED ELECTORATE—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, and Minister for Youth—

Regarding temporary accommodation provided in the Tweed Electorate (or Tweed Local Government Area if information not available by Electorate):

- (1) For the calendar year to date, what is the average number of rooms paid for by the Government per night?
- (2) What is the average cost to the Government of a room?

Answer—

I am advised, as of 1 April 2025:

- (1) For the calendar year to date 2025, the average number of rooms paid for by Homes NSW per night in the Tweed electorate is 190.
- (2) For the calendar year to date 2025, the average cost to Homes NSW of a room is \$230 per night in the Tweed electorate.

- * 4851 PUBLIC TRANSPORT FUTURES FOR THE NORTHERN BEACHES—Mr Michael Regan to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Transport, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—

- (1) Has there ever been any analysis or consideration, however preliminary, by the Government of the costs and benefits of a metro line to any part of the Northern Beaches?
 - (a) If so, when was this undertaken and what did it involve?
 - (b) If so, what were the indicative costs and benefits?
 - (c) If so, what is the current status of consideration of a metro line for the Northern Beaches?

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- (2) Has there ever been any analysis or consideration, however preliminary, by the Government of the costs and benefits of a metro line from Chatswood to Frenchs Forest?
 - (a) If so, when was this undertaken and what did it involve?
 - (b) If so, what were the indicative costs and benefits?
 - (c) If so, what is the current status of consideration of a metro line from Chatswood to Frenchs Forest?
- (3) Has there ever been any analysis or consideration, however preliminary, by the Government of the costs and benefits of a metro line from Chatswood to Dee Why?
 - (a) If so, when was this undertaken and what did it involve?
 - (b) If so, what were the indicative costs and benefits?
 - (c) If so, what is the current status of consideration of a metro line from Chatswood to Dee Why?
- (4) What corresponding population density increase is assumed by the Government when preparing and endorsing business cases for metro projects?
- (5) Has there ever been any analysis or consideration, however preliminary, by the Government of the cost and benefits of any other mass transit infrastructure options to any part of the Northern Beaches?
 - (a) If so, when was this undertaken and what did it involve?
 - (b) If so, what were the indicative costs and benefits?
 - (c) If so, what is the current status of consideration of mass transit infrastructure options for the Northern Beaches?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Government has not done analysis or considered a Sydney Metro line to the Northern Beaches, Dee Why or Frenchs Forest.

Sydney's Rail Future (2012) and Future Transport Strategy (2022) do not identify a future rail line for the Northern Beaches.

Committed Sydney Metro investments include:

- Sydney Metro Southwest: conversion of the T3 Bankstown Line (between Sydenham and Bankstown) to metro standards.
- Sydney Metro West: a new 24-kilometre underground metro railway between Parramatta and the Sydney CBD.
- Sydney Metro Western Sydney Airport: metro railway between St Marys and Bradfield via the new Western Sydney International Airport.
- The NSW Government has committed to completing business cases for potential future extensions of the Sydney Metro - Western Sydney Airport line north from St Marys and south from Bradfield.
- For the southern corridor, the Australian and NSW governments jointly committed \$100 million to complete an expanded scope business case which will consider a Metro connection between Bradfield and Campbelltown/Macarthur, and Metro and heavy rail alternatives for a connection between Bradfield and Leppington/Glenfield.
- For the northern corridor, the NSW Government has committed \$40 million to complete a business case which will consider a Metro connection between St Marys and Tallawong.

Transport for NSW and Sydney Metro use the NSW Government Population Projections published by the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure. These are available at:

<https://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/data-and-insights/population-projections>.

* 4852 POPULATION GROWTH AND INFRASTRUCTURE CAPACITY ON THE NORTHERN BEACHES—Mr Michael Regan to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) Has the Government done analysis of the capacity of existing and planned infrastructure on the Northern Beaches to meet the needs of additional population that will result from the current Government's planning reforms?
 - (a) If so, what is the determined available capacity, now and over coming years, of the following infrastructure for the Northern Beaches and how was it assessed?
 - (i) Public transport?
 - (ii) Schools?
 - (iii) Green space?
 - (iv) Traffic and roads?
 - (v) Recreation facilities?
 - (vi) Sewer connection?
 - (vii) Water supply?
 - (viii) Healthcare services?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Government's planning reforms and five-year local government area housing targets were informed by Infrastructure NSW analysis of infrastructure capacity and planned servicing.

The Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure, through the Urban Development Program, works with local councils, NSW agencies, utility providers and development industry peak bodies on an ongoing basis to determine state infrastructure needed to support planned growth.

The Department remains available to support Northern Beaches Council in considering options to fund infrastructure and will continue to work with Council to make sure infrastructure supports population growth in the area.

* 4853 PUBLIC TRANSPORT CAPACITY ON THE NORTHERN BEACHES—Mr Michael Regan to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Transport, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—

- (1) Has Transport for NSW provided advice to the Department of Planning regarding the capacity of bus services on the Northern Beaches to accommodate additional passengers resulting from planning reforms which will increase population density?
 - (a) If so, what was this advice?
- (2) Is the B-Line bus service currently running at capacity with current levels of demand and resource constraints, in particular during the AM and PM peak hours?
- (3) How much, if any, additional passenger demand could be accommodated on the B-Line service with current and committed resources, while maintaining acceptable levels of service?
- (4) Is the 160X bus service currently running at capacity with current levels of demand and resource constraints, in particular during the AM and PM peak hours?

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- (5) How much, if any, additional passenger demand could be accommodated on the 160X service with current and committed resources, while maintaining acceptable levels of service?
- (6) Is the Metro service from Chatswood to the Central Business District (CBD) (and return) currently running at capacity with current levels of demand and resource constraints, in particular during the AM and PM peak hours?
- (7) How much, if any, additional passenger demand could be accommodated on the Metro service from Chatswood to the CBD (and return) with current and committed resources, while maintaining acceptable levels of service?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Transport for NSW liaises with NSW Government departments, including the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure, on a range of public transport matters.

Transport for NSW analyses Opal data, passenger travel patterns and customer feedback to understand current and future travel needs of its customers. The findings from this analysis are then considered when planning public transport offerings in the area, particularly bus services, with the aim of implementing improvements that benefit the majority of customers.

- (2 - 3) On an average weekday in March 2025, approximately 3,600 passenger boardings were recorded on B-Line inbound services during the morning peak period (6 -10am). During the morning peak period, the scheduled capacity on B-Line inbound services is approximately 5,400, including seating and standing capacity.

On an average weekday in March 2025, approximately 4,000 passenger boardings were recorded on B-Line outbound services during the afternoon peak period (3-7pm). During the afternoon peak period the scheduled capacity on B-Line outbound services is approximately 5,700 (including seating and standing capacity).

- (4 - 5) On an average weekday in March 2025, approximately 600 passenger boardings were recorded on route 160X inbound services during the morning peak period (6-10am). During the morning peak period the scheduled capacity on route 160X inbound services is approximately 1,560, including seating and standing capacity.

On an average weekday in March 2025, approximately 700 passenger boardings were recorded on route 160X outbound services during the afternoon peak period (3-7pm). During the afternoon peak period the scheduled capacity on route 160X outbound services is approximately 1,560 (including seating and standing capacity).

- (6 - 7) Services departing Crows Nest Station travelling to Sydenham during the morning peak (between 8-9am), have an average loading of 80-90 per cent on a typical weekday in March. This is measured at the busiest point on the M1 Metro North West & Bankstown Line during the morning peak. This level of service is considered in line with the current passenger demand and there are no plans to change the current Sydney Metro timetable.

Transport for NSW is committed to providing the best possible services for passengers by using Opal data to monitor current passenger loading and modelling to forecast future loading. This helps inform decisions around timetable changes and frequency of services in operation.

* 4854 NEW HOMES COMPLETED - SUTHERLAND SHIRE—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) What is the Government's estimate of the number of new homes which will be completed in the Sutherland Shire:
 - (a) Between now and the next general election?

- (b) In 2024-25?
- (c) In 2025-26?
- (d) In 2026-27?

Answer—

I am advised:

Sutherland Shire Local Government Area has a target of 6,000 new homes to be completed by mid-2029.

* 4855 NEW HOMES COMPLETED - 2230 POST CODE AREA—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) What is the Government's estimate of the number of new homes which will be completed in the 2230 post code area:
 - (a) Between now and the next general election?
 - (b) In 2024-25?
 - (c) In 2025-26?
 - (d) In 2026-27?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure does not have dwelling completion forecasts by postcode.

* 4856 NEW HOMES COMPLETED - 2229 POST CODE AREA—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) What is the Government's estimate of the number of new homes which will be completed in the 2229 post code area:
 - (a) Between now and the next general election?
 - (b) In 2024-25?
 - (c) In 2025-26?
 - (d) In 2026-2027?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure does not have dwelling completion forecasts by postcode.

* 4857 NEW HOMES APPROVED - SUTHERLAND SHIRE—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) What is Government's estimate of the number of new homes which will be approved in the Sutherland Shire:
 - (a) Between now and the next general election?
 - (b) In 2024-25?
 - (c) In 2025-26?

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(d) In 2026-27?

Answer—

I am advised:

Sutherland Shire Local Government Area has a target of 6,000 new homes to be completed by mid-2029.

* 4858 NEW HOMES APPROVED - 2230 POST CODE AREA—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

(1) What is Government's estimate of the number of new homes which will be approved in the 2230 post code area:

- (a) Between now and the next general election?
- (b) In 2024-25?
- (c) In 2025-26?
- (d) In 2026-27?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure does not have forecasts for the number of homes that will be approved by postcode.

* 4859 NEW HOMES APPROVED - 2229 POST CODE AREA—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

(1) What is Government's estimate of the number of new homes which will be approved in the 2229 post code area:

- (a) Between now and the next general election?
- (b) In 2024-25?
- (c) In 2025-26?
- (d) In 2026-27?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure does not have forecasts for the number of homes that will be approved by postcode.

* 4860 NEW HOMES COMMENCED - SUTHERLAND SHIRE—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

(1) What is Government's estimate of the number of new homes which will be commenced in the Sutherland Shire:

- (a) Between now and the next general election?
- (b) In 2024-25?
- (c) In 2025-26?
- (d) In 2026-27?

Answer—

I am advised:

Sutherland Shire Local Government Area has a target of 6,000 new homes to be completed by mid-2029.

* 4861 NEW HOMES COMMENCED - 2230 POST CODE AREA—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) What is Government's estimate of the number of new homes which will be commenced in the 2230 post code area:
- (a) Between now and the next general election?
 - (b) In 2024-25?
 - (c) In 2025-26?
 - (d) In 2026-27?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure does not have forecasts for the number of homes that will be commenced by postcode.

* 4862 NEW HOMES COMMENCED - 2229 POST CODE AREA—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) What is Government's estimate of the number of new homes which will be commenced in the 2229 post code area:
- (a) Between now and the next general election?
 - (b) In 2024-25?
 - (c) In 2025-26?
 - (d) In 2026-27?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure does not have forecasts for the number of homes that will be commenced by postcode.

* 4863 QON 4528 - FOLLOW UP—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, and Minister for Youth—

Noting the answer to QON 4528, does Sydney Water plan to apply for a Crown Lands licence to undertake dredging to improve water quality in GyMEA Bay?

Answer—

I am advised:

Sydney Water has not applied to undertake dredging in GyMEA Bay. Dredging is not part of Sydney Water's regular operations and does not fall within its responsibilities.

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Water quality in Gymea Bay is managed by multiple agencies. Sydney Water plays a role in maintaining water quality through the management of wastewater infrastructure, it is not the overall responsible authority for Gymea Bay.

* 4864 OFFICER NUMBERS - MARCH 2025—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

- (1) As of the 31 March 2025, could you please provide the following numbers:
 - (a) What is the authorised strength of the NSW Police Force on this date?
 - (b) What is the current strength of the NSW Police Force on this date?
 - (c) How many police area commands or police districts are operating below authorised capacity across New South Wales?
 - (i) Can you please list these commands and/or districts including the authorised capacity and current capacity?
 - (d) How many vacancies are there in unsworn roles on this date?
- (2) On the 31 March 2025, how many officers are currently on:
 - (a) Sick leave?
 - (b) Maternity / Paternity leave?
 - (c) Injured?
 - (d) Long service leave?
 - (e) Any other forms of leave?
 - (f) Suspended with pay?
 - (g) Suspended without pay?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) (a – b, d)

The NSW Police Force publishes information regarding staff numbers in its annual report.

 - (c) (i) All police positions attached to Police Districts or Police Area Commands are flexible resources available to respond to incidents across the district. Staffing at any particular police station can fluctuate daily in response to crime trends and other intelligence-led operational requirements. All local resources are supplemented by specialist police (highway patrol, major crime squads, covert resources), which are managed centrally but can be deployed across boundaries to meet changing community needs and respond to changing crime patterns and emerging issues.
- (2) As of 31 March 2025:
 - (a) 345
 - (b) 352
 - (c) 1,528
 - (d) 132
 - (e) 1,314
 - (f) 23

(g) 8

Note: An individual may take more than one type of leave on the same day.

* 4865 BLAYNEY PARAMEDICS—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

- (1) When will the eight new paramedics based in Blayney begin work?
- (2) Is there a minimum time requirement these paramedics must stay in Blayney?
 - (a) If so, how long?
- (3) Was assistance provided to house the new paramedics in the Blayney Local Government Area?
- (4) With this cohort, how many of the 500 promised new paramedics are on the road and working in regional New South Wales?
- (5) For all ambulance stations within the Bathurst Electorate, could you please list the number of any more new recruits that will be joining these stations and when they plan to start?

Answer—

I am advised:

Under the Strategic Workforce Infrastructure Team program, Blayney Ambulance Station is expected to receive an enhancement of paramedics, who will commence operational shifts following finalisation of roster consultation with local staff and unions.

NSW Ambulance has deployed the first tranche of paramedics under the 'Regional 500' program and the second tranche is being deployed. NSW Ambulance continues to consult with staff and unions about future enhancements as part of the program.

NSW Ambulance staff may apply for vacant clinical positions across NSW in line with the relevant NSW Ambulance Operating Procedure. NSW Ambulance considers a range of factors, including resourcing, when determining release dates for staff as part of regular workforce planning activities.

* 4866 SPATIAL SERVICES RESTRUCTURE—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

In relation to the Spatial Services restructure:

- (1) Is Spatial Services being restructured?
 - (a) If so, can you please provide reasons behind the need for a restructure of Spatial Services?
 - (b) Is a name change to Spatial Technology necessary?
 - (i) If so, why?
 - (c) What is the budget for this name change?
 - (d) How many jobs will be lost in this restructure?
 - (i) Could you please list the locations these jobs will be lost from?
 - (e) What is the criteria to deem a role unnecessary and have it 'deleted'?
 - (f) Are there any senior roles being 'deleted'?
 - (i) If not, why?
 - (g) What impact will this restructure have on filed operations and deliverables from Spatial Services?
 - (h) Will Spatial Services keep their plane in this restructure?

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- (i) What operations or services will be removed or decreased as part of this restructure?
- (j) What current tenders or ongoing projects will be stopped or halted due to a reduction in staff able to complete this work?
- (k) Why is the Nowra office being closed?
- (l) Why is the Coffs Harbour office being closed?
- (m) Does the Government plan to keep the Bathurst office open for the next five years at a minimum?
- (n) Is this part of a centralisation of roles to metro areas?
- (o) Will there still be apprenticeship roles within Spatial Services?
 - (i) If so, how many and where will they be based?
- (p) When were you as Minister first made aware of this restructure?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Spatial Services division within the Department of Customer Service is being reviewed to ensure it is sustainably placed to meet the needs and priorities of the NSW community.

Following the Liberal-National government privatisation of the NSW land titles registry, which had previously funded these functions, Spatial Services has been operating above its allocated budget since FY18-19. This is not sustainable.

Employees and unions are being consulted on a proposed new structure and their views will be carefully considered before any changes are implemented.

The number and nature of positions affected as well as their location is subject to consultation. The department is providing support to staff through this process. It intends for most of the Spatial Services workforce to remain in the regions.

There is no current proposal to change the name of the division.

Core and legislative spatial services obligations will continue to be prioritised as part of the changes which will allow the division to operate within its ongoing budget for the first time since 2018-19.

* 4867 CENTRAL WEST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE - POLICE—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

- (1) What initiatives have you as Minister and the Government implemented to address domestic and family violence in the Central West, New South Wales?
- (2) As of 31 March 2025, does each police station in the Western Region have specialised domestic violence officer on staff and working?
- (3) Where is the Domestic Violence High Risk Offenders team based?
 - (a) How many are in this team?
- (4) What does the NSW Police Domestic and Family Violence Registry suggest is the main reason behind this increase in domestic and family violence in regional NEW South Wales and what strategies do they suggest for prevention?
- (5) Is there any Women's Domestic Violence Court Advocacy Service trials taking place in the Western region?
 - (a) If so, where?

- (6) Could you please outline the specific domestic and family violence training each officer receives, including when and if this training is received, refreshed or reviewed?
- (7) Will the Government implement a public register of domestic and family violence offenders?
- (8) How many individuals in the Western Region are using the Empower Me app?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The NSW Government has taken urgent action to address the unacceptable rates of domestic violence in our community through legislative reform, a \$245.6 million investment as part of an emergency package to enhance support for domestic and family violence victim-survivors and expand programs that reduce the rate of violence against women and children. The NSW Government strongly supports police to address domestic and family violence - from victim support, diverse reporting options and educating the public, to operations such as Amarak which target the most violent offenders.
- (2) Each Police District (PD) within Western Region has domestic violence officers. All domestic violence police positions attached to PDs are flexible resources available to respond to incidents across the district.
- (3) Dubbo and Tamworth.
 - (a) As of 6 April 2025, there are 10 staff attached to the Western Domestic Violence High Risk Offender teams.
- (4) Domestic violence is often influenced by a wide range of complex and interconnected factors, including social, economic, cultural and individual circumstances. In regional or remote areas, challenges such as geographical isolation, limited access to services and socioeconomic factors can contribute to an increased risk of offending and greater barriers to support. The efforts of police to engage the community has seen an increase in the confidence of the community to report domestic & family violence to police. An increased confidence in reporting is a factor for the increase in the rates of reporting domestic & family violence in regional areas.

This is supported by the Co-location program, that has seen Women's Domestic Violence Court Advocacy Service (WDVCAS) support workers embedded into seven (7) regional PDs to provide an multi agency support to victims of domestic violence.

Strategies for Prevention:

- Operation Amarak - focus on offenders and seeks to prevent and disrupt domestic violence.
- Intelligence-led approach to engage persons of interest - focus on Apprehended Domestic Violence Order (ADVO) compliance checks, bail compliance checks, prioritising persons wanted on outstanding warrants and offences.
- Orana Mid-Western PD - commenced a 12-month pilot program in collaboration with Mission Australia, to increase the uptake in Men's Behavioural Change programs.
- Region wide operations - focus on correctional facilities to ensure inmates are complying with non-contact conditions of their ADVO.
- Engagement - with the main residential hubs of itinerant and international workers in the Riverina PD; abattoirs and fruit picking regions, to educate employees on domestic and family violence and services available to reduce domestic violence.
- Domestic Violence High Risk Offender teams - operate across all three regions to prevent, disrupt and respond to serious domestic violence offenders.

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- (5) There are two locations that are currently participating in the Co-Location trial, being managed by WDV CAS, in conjunction with the NSW Police Force. The trial involves a WDV CAS domestic and family violence support worker, working from the police station and assisting victims of domestic and family violence when they come to the police station to make a report. This provides real time support for the victim whilst a report/ investigation is commenced by police.
- (a) The two (2) police stations participating in the trial in Western Region are Orange Police Station and Armidale Police Station.
- (6) The table below shows the domestic violence training provided to police officers, including when the training is received, refreshed or reviewed:

Domestic and Family Violence Training		Training received	Refreshed or Reviewed
Course/Workshop	Overview		
Domestic & Family Violence Fundamentals Course	Equips learners with relevant knowledge, skills and strategies to improve how operational police respond to domestic and family violence incidents.	Mandatory for officers completing the Constable Development Program for classes graduating from June 2021 (prior to increment progression to Senior Constable at 5 years) Open to all employees of the NSW Police Force to enrol in.	As a part of usual continuous improvement processes, the Domestic and Family Violence Instructors from the Crime Prevention Training Unit in consultation with the Domestic and Family Violence Command review and update training materials: • When legislation or SOPs change. • As a result of receiving files from LECC, Coronial Recommendations, or information from the Domestic and Family Violence Command. • Through feedback received on course evaluations (completed every course). • Every 3 years as a part of the normal re-endorsement processes.
Domestic Violence Evidence in Chief (DVEC course)	Overview of benefits of DVEC, legal pre-conditions, relevant offences and interview structure whilst obtaining evidence. It also provides information about the practicalities of using appropriate recording devices including the uploading and downloading process, service requirements, assisting the prosecutor and the court process.	Mandatory for officers completing the Constable Development Program for classes graduating from June 2021 (prior to increment progression to Senior Constable at 5 years) Open to all employees of the NSW Police Force to enrol in.	A continuous improvement register is maintained which tracks all updates and changes to the training materials.

Domestic Violence Officer (DVO) Course	Provides specific training for the role of a DVO that will elevate practical and supervision skills as a DVO. Provides the standardisation of police response and practice methods to domestic violence throughout the State.	Open to sworn officers or unsworn staff performing a domestic and family violence role.	
Mandatory Continuing Police Education (MCPE) 2022-2023 Domestic Violence - Coercive Control Phase 1 – Online Training	This is the first part in required learning on Coercive Control. It introduces new Coercive Control Legislation and how it will affect the offences available, definition of domestic violence offences, and the way the NSW Police Force approach domestic and family violence.	Available for all NSW Police Force employees and is mandatory for the 2022-2023 training year.	Mandatory Continuing Police Education (MCPE) training is required to be completed in set timeframes (generally within one year). The information is endorsed as correct for that time when it is published. As a result, these packages do not require refreshing or ongoing review. Each Officer receives domestic and family violence training when they attend the Police Academy and prior to attestation. This training (as is all training we deliver) is the subject of continuous development and responds to the evolving environment we work in.
MCPE 2023-2024 Domestic Violence - Coercive Control Phase 2 F-2-F Training	This is the second phase in required learning on Coercive Control. It provides detail as to how police are expected to respond when they recognise a coercive control offence in a domestic relationship. This training objective is to deliver a workshop that informs sworn officers' understandings of the new coercive control legislation and processes through practical	Available for all NSW Police Force sworn officers and is mandatory for the 2023-2024 training year.	

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	scenario-based applications and in line with current reporting, investigative and legal processes.		
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Note:

- Central West Region staff have the same access to training as all staff across New South Wales.
- A related Domestic and Family Violence MCPE training package is being developed for the 2025/26 training year, with a focus on the lived experience of Coercive Control.
- A Coercive Control training package is in development and will be a required part of the Constable Development Program.

In addition to the training listed above, the NSW Police Force Domestic & Family Violence Command provide the following bespoke and refresher training:

- MCPE 2023/24 - Coercive Control (online) Investigators Package.
- MCPE 2023/24 - Coercive Control (online) Prosecutors Package.
- MCPE 2024/25 - Implied Licence.

The Domestic and Family Violence Command regularly produces 'DV Insights' - providing clear and succinct information to assist police to interpret legislation and policy requirements when changes to legislation or policy occur, or when issues are identified. Quarterly, the Domestic and Family Violence Command delivers forums to NSW Police Force personnel involved in the strategic response to domestic and family violence, with updated information on the progress of reforms under the Domestic and Family Violence reform project.

- (7) There is no plan to implement a public register of domestic and family violence offenders.
- (8) The NSW Police Force does not hold specific data for external public users.

* 4868 CENTRAL WEST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE - PREVENTION OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Minister for Women, Minister for Seniors, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

- (1) What initiatives have you as Minister and the Government implemented to address domestic and family violence in the Central West, New South Wales?
- (2) What community education on gender-based violence initiatives have you or the Government implemented?
- (3) How much funding is allocated to regional New South Wales to prevent, educate and disrupt domestic and family violence?
 - (a) Could you please specify where funding is being allocated?
- (4) How much funding is allocated to metro New South Wales to prevent, educate and disrupt domestic and family violence?
 - (a) Could you please specify where funding is being allocated?
- (5) Will the Government implement a public register of domestic and family violence offenders?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The NSW Government delivers the following programs in the Central West region:

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- Safer Pathway program: The Women's Domestic Violence Court Advocacy Services (WDVCAS), for women, and local support services (LSS), for men provide victim-survivors with information, safety planning, referrals to local services, and case management for clients with complex needs. The current provider of Central West WDVCAS is plus community, and the LSS provider that covers this region is Orange Local Aboriginal Land Council.
 - Staying Home Leaving Violence (SHLV) program: This program supports women and children victim-survivors of domestic and family violence (DFV), addressing the threat of homelessness, financial insecurity, and personal and family safety by ensuring that women and children can remain safely in their own home or a home of their choice after leaving a violent relationship. The current providers of SHLV in the Central West region include plus community and CatholicCare Wilcannia-Forbes.
 - Legal Aid NSW Domestic Violence Unit (DVU): The DVU is a state-wide multidisciplinary service providing legal and other assistance to clients who have experienced DFV. The DVU uses a trauma-informed approach to provide advice and assistance, duty services and participation in Family Advocacy and Support Service (FASS) at the Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia, some complex casework and community legal education. Legal Aid NSW also provides legal assistance to people who have experienced or are experiencing DFV, as well as people who use DFV, through the Orange office.
 - Men's Behaviour Change Programs: This service holds people who use DFV to account while keeping victims safe through predominantly group-based programs and services that focus on working with men to enable them to recognise their violent behaviour and develop strategies to stop them from using violence. The current Men's Behaviour Change Providers in the Central West region include CatholicCare Wilcannia Forbes, Mission Australia Central and Far West NSW, Plus Community, and Relationships Australia NSW.
 - Men's Telephone Counselling and Referral Service: This statewide service works to prevent and reduce DFV by working with people using violence over the phone and online chat.
- (2 - 4) The NSW Government committed an additional \$245.6 million over four years in the 2024/25 Budget as part of a coordinated and multi-pronged response to DFV. This is a state-wide investment, including:
- \$48 million to roll out the SHLV program state-wide and to expand the Integrated Domestic and Family Violence Service (IDFVS).
 - Nearly \$24 million for specialist DV support workers within the justice system.
 - \$48 million to secure and increase funding for workers who support children accompanying their mothers to refugees.
 - Support of \$700,000 for the NSW Domestic Violence Line (DV line).
 - \$5 million for workforce training on the implementation of a newly developed risk assessment framework, and quality standards.
 - \$3.6 million to expand Domestic Violence NSW (DVNSW), which is the peak body for specialist services in New South Wales.
 - \$5 million in funding for research into perpetrators and effective interventions.

Additionally, the NSW Government has implemented a range of community education initiatives on gender-based violence, including Pathways to Prevention: NSW Strategy for the Prevention of Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence 2024-2028. This whole of government strategic plan is dedicated to preventing domestic, family and sexual violence (DFS) statewide. It takes a whole

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of population approach to encouraging healthy and safe relationships. The Strategy was released in September 2024.

The strategy is funded across three pillars of focus:

1. Progressing prevention in priority settings such as local communities, schools and early childhood, workplaces and sports clubs and organisations.
2. Supporting Aboriginal-led prevention.
3. Building centralised supports and the evidence base.

Pillar 1 includes a \$5.175 million Primary Prevention Multi-Year Partnerships Grants Program, which is currently open and for which regional service providers meeting eligibility can apply. More information about the grants is available at:

<https://dcj.nsw.gov.au/service-providers/grants/grants-open/nsw-primary-prevention-multi-year-partnerships-grant-program.html>.

Other community-based education initiatives against gender-based violence are facilitated through the Sexual Violence Project Fund, which provided grants to eligible projects targeted towards priority populations in NSW, including rural and remote communities. More information about the Fund is available at <https://dcj.nsw.gov.au/service-providers/supporting-family-domestic-sexual-violence-services/dfv-programs-funding/nsw-sexual-violence-project-fund.html>.

- (5) This question is a matter for the Minister for Police.

* 4869 REGIONAL MEDIA FUND—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

In relation to the Regional Media Fund:

- (1) How will the \$3 million in grants be distributed among the regional and rural newspapers?
- (2) Will there be a cap on individual grants?
- (3) What specific examples of outcomes were achieved from the first round of the Regional Media Fund?
 - (a) How have the 47 outlets that received grants utilised the funding?
- (4) What specific feedback from regional media stakeholders influenced the improvements made in the second round of the program?
 - (a) What improvements were made?
- (5) What measures will be taken to ensure that the application process for the second round of grants is accessible to all eligible media organisations?
 - (a) How many applications were made?
- (6) As referenced in the media release, what are the specific complex barriers that regional media outlets are currently facing, and how does this funding address those issues?
- (7) How will the Government measure the effectiveness of this funding in supporting regional media?
- (8) What specific changes does the Minister seek in regional journalism as a result of this funding initiative?

Answer—

- (1) Information on the Regional Media Fund Round 2 can be found here:

<https://www.nsw.gov.au/grants-and-funding/regional-media-fund-round-2/regional-media-fund-round-2-program-guidelines>.

(2) Refer to Question 1.

(3) Information on the Regional Media Fund Round 1 can be found at

<https://www.nsw.gov.au/grants-and-funding/regional-growth-fund/regional-media-fund-round-1>.

(4 – 8) Refer to Question 1.

* 4870 "HIT THE GROUND RUNNING" WORKSHOPS—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Local Government—

In relation to the "Hit the Ground Running" workshops held after the local government elections:

- (1) What were the participation rates among the nearly 1,300 newly elected councillors?
- (2) Have there been any assessments or evaluations to gauge the effectiveness of the training sessions for the councillors?
- (3) Beyond these initial webinars, what additional resources or support is available for councillors throughout their term?
- (4) What specific issues were targeted in the sessions?
- (5) Are there plans for ongoing professional development opportunities for councillors beyond this initial training?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Participation rates for live webinars across the 13 sessions was over 700 attendees. Recordings of the webinars are also available to view on the Council Portal on the Office of Local Government's (OLG) website. As of 2 April 2025, there had been over 600 viewings of the recordings.
- (2) OLG is evaluating the effectiveness of the Hit the Ground Running webinar series by surveying councils and participants.
- (3) OLG has a dedicated "Being a councillor" webpage to provide support to councillors. Content of the webpage includes the Councillor Handbook, which is a "how to" guide to being a councillor, and guidance for councils on how to develop and deliver ongoing professional development for councillors.
- (4) The Hit the Ground Running webinar series provided councillors with essential information to serve their community and fulfil their civic responsibilities. Topics covered included:
 - roles and responsibilities
 - making the most of meetings
 - integrated Planning and Reporting
 - the governing body and financial management
 - risk management and internal audit
 - appropriate conduct and ethical decision-making
 - corruption risks and prevention
 - working together
 - metropolitan strategic planning

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- local and regional strategic planning
 - Crown lands, Native Title, and Aboriginal land rights
 - town water services: a councillor's responsibilities
 - on-going professional development.
- (5) Under the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021, general managers of councils are required to ensure that an ongoing professional development program is delivered to the mayor and each councillor over the council term, to help them acquire and maintain the skills necessary for their roles. As noted above, OLG has issued Councillor Induction and Professional Development Guidelines to assist councils to develop and deliver an ongoing professional development program for all councillors.

* 4871 NEW PUBLIC HOMES - GOULBURN ELECTORATE—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, and Minister for Youth—

Specifically to the Goulburn electorate:

- (1) Of the 8,400 new public homes to be built, how many of these will be built within the following Local Government Areas:
 - (a) Goulburn Mulwaree?
 - (b) Vass Valley?
 - (c) Upper Lachlan Shire?
 - (d) Wingecarribee?
- (2) Of the above, how many of these will be for victim-survivors of family and domestic violence?
- (3) Of the above, how many will be new homes and how many will be replacement homes?
- (4) What is the projected need for social housing properties in the Goulburn Electorate over the next 10 years?
- (5) Has the timeframe to conduct maintenance and repairs to vacated social properties decreased since the introduction of the Building Homes for NSW program?
- (6) How many social housing properties in the Goulburn Electorate have been restored under this program?
- (7) What is the current average timeframe between tenant/s vacating properties and new tenant/s being able to move in?
- (8) What are the current numbers of homelessness in the Goulburn Electorate?
- (9) What funding under the Homelessness Innovation Fund has been provided to frontline homelessness services in the Goulburn Electorate?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Up to 55, but subject to change.
- (2) As part of the 2024/25 budget, the NSW Government committed at least 50 per cent of the 6,200 new social homes (8,400 total, including 2,200 replacements) to be prioritised for "women leaving domestic violence" and "victim-survivors of domestic and family violence."

Homes NSW aims to house an additional 3,100 women-led households experiencing or likely to be experiencing domestic, family violence (DFV) across our whole portfolio over the next seven years. While the budget commitment is over the next four years, building the new supply will take seven years.

New supply funding will be directed at right-sizing the portfolio, with a focus on delivering one- and two-bedroom dwellings. This reflects the currently priority need on the NSW Housing Register. New smaller homes will enable relocations of smaller and older households. This will make more family-sized homes available, including for victim-survivor families.

Homes NSW will continue to monitor and report on our commitment to ensure we are on track to meet our target. Numbers for 2024/25 will be made available in the second quarter of the 2025/26. There are no specific targets for particular LGAs.

- (3) Of the approximate 55 homes slated 11 will be replacement homes.
- (4) Homes NSW does not forecast social housing needs or the waitlist by electorates. Instead, Homes NSW models potential demand via social housing eligibility by LGA.

The waitlist in 2021 (i.e. expressed demand) for the LGAs mapped to the Goulburn Electorate was 8.7% (479/5500) of potential demand. Potential demand is based on Small Area Housing Assistance Need (SAHAN) estimates using ABS data. Using SAHAN projections for 2026 and 2031, Homes NSW can estimate expressed demand (waitlist numbers) in 2026 and 2031.

In 2026, Homes NSW estimates the waitlist will grow to 487 (i.e. 8.7% of 5,600) and 505 in 2031 (i.e. 8.7% of 5800). These projections assume the relationship between expressed demand and potential demand remains the same, with no substantial change to economic conditions. Any deterioration in economic conditions will see expressed demand at higher levels than these projections.

- (5) The average timeframe to complete vacant restoration works in the Goulburn electorate has slightly increased due to the program's aim to improve the standard of Homes NSW properties.
- (6) Under the program, in the Goulburn electorate, upgrade works have been completed to two homes with a further 21 homes undergoing upgrading works.
- (7) As of 28 February 2025, the average timeframe between tenants vacating properties and new tenants being able to move in is 84 days.
- (8) The 2024 Street Count figures identified three people sleeping rough in the Goulburn LGA. The 2025 Street Count figures will be released in May 2025.
- (9) So far, no proposals for homelessness services in the Goulburn electorate have been funded. This is within the first two assessment rounds of the Homelessness Innovation Fund. No applications from Goulburn have been received in the HIF first or second rounds.

* 4872 MARULAN PRIMARY SCHOOL - UPGRADE WORKS—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

Can the Minister confirm details surrounding the planning of upgrade works for Marulan Primary school in the Goulburn electorate?

Answer—

School infrastructure works with schools, including Marulan Public School, on their infrastructure needs. School community members can raise queries or share feedback through their school principal.

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* 4873 INDEPENDENT PRICING AND REGULATORY TRIBUNAL - PRICES FOR WATERNSW REGIONAL AND RURAL BULK WATER—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Premier—

- (1) Did you issue a letter to the Chair of Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) in August 2024 asking them to consider matters in relation to a price determination for Sydney Water Corporation and Hunter Water Corporation?
- (a) If so, will you again intervene?
- (2) Will you, prior to the finalisation of the IPART Report on Prices for Water NSW regional and rural bulk water users, consider using your powers under s 13(1)(c) of the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal Act 1992 to require the Tribunal to consider the cost of living impacts of increasing the cost of rural and rural bulk water charges on rural and regional communities?

Answer—

I am advised;

The letter for Sydney Water and Hunter Water was sent to IPART because of the potential bill impacts to individual customers across Sydney and Newcastle. In regional NSW, where two IPART price reviews are being undertaken, affected customers are large businesses as well as agricultural water users, town water suppliers and environmental water holders. IPART has noted that the 10 largest water licences affected by their determinations in regional NSW account for 31% of all water entitlements in NSW.

If IPART's draft report shows that there is a detrimental effect on individuals in regional NSW, then I will consider whether I need to issue further directions under section 13 of the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal Act 1992 (NSW).

* 4874 LAND TAX—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—

How will the Treasurer ensure increases in land tax due to value rise, won't create further cost of living pressures on landlords and tenants?

Answer—

I am advised:

The tax-free threshold for NSW land tax is \$1,075,000 which means that NSW has the highest tax-free threshold for land tax compared to any other State.

It is important to note that land tax is not paid on an owner's principal place of residence, and the taxable value is based on a 3-year average and accounts for the rising value of property in NSW.

Market rents are determined by the interaction between demand from tenants and supply of properties available to rent.

In the 2024-25 Budget, the NSW Government announced a range of housing and infrastructure policies to prioritise the supply of homes in NSW and to help address the housing crisis for renters, people wanting to enter the housing market, and vulnerable members of our community.

* 4875 AGRICULTURE COMMISSIONER—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, and Minister for Youth—

Would the Minister advise:

- (1) What meetings, since being appointed, have taken place with the Agriculture Commissioner in relation to:
- (a) Water and Agricultural Land Use Planning?
 - (b) Water Security?
 - (c) Water generally as it relates to agriculture and farming?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) (a) None.
(b) None.
(c) None.

* 4876 DECLARATION OF SIGNIFICANT WETLANDS—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, and Minister for Youth—

With respect to the recent review of the declaring of prescribed wetlands in the Murrumbidgee Unregulated River Water Sharing Plan:

- (1) Would the Minister advise:
- (a) Whether the same method was used to declare Significant Wetlands under the Murray Unregulated River Water Sharing Plan?
 - (b) Will these declarations now be reviewed?
 - (c) If not, why?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1)
- (a) No. The method and approach being used to identify WSP prescribed wetlands in the draft replacement Water Sharing Plan for the Murrumbidgee Unregulated River Water Sources 2025 (Murrumbidgee replacement plan) is different to that used to identify significant wetlands in the Water Sharing Plan for the Murray Unregulated River Water Sources 2024 (the Murray plan).
 - (b) Yes. Following important community feedback during the public exhibition period for the Murrumbidgee replacement plan the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (the department) developed a revised approach to identify and protect WSP prescribed wetlands within the Murrumbidgee replacement plan area. The department will be reviewing the mapping and protection of significant wetlands in the Murray unregulated plan area in the second half of 2025 as committed to publicly. Amendment to water sharing plans under the legislation requires both my approval as Minister for Water and the concurrence of the Minister for the Environment.
 - (c) N/A

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- * 4877 FLOW OPTION MITIGATION—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, and Minister for Youth—

With respect to the Reconnecting River Country Program:

- (1) Would the Minister advise:
 - (a) If the flow options have been finalised?
 - (i) If so, what mitigation approaches have been considered?

Answer—

- (1) (a) (i) I am advised:

The NSW Government submitted the Murrumbidgee Final Business Case for the Reconnecting River County Program to the Australian Government earlier this year. The Final Business Case includes a recommended upper flow limit option.

The Australian Government has now considered the Final Business Case and confirmed its continuing support for the program's delivery in the Murrumbidgee.

The NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water is currently working with the Australian Government to finalise an agreement and confirm delivery milestones for the Murrumbidgee project through to December 2026. Once this agreement is in place, the outcomes of the Final Business Case, including the selected flow limit option, will be made publicly available.

Acquisition of an interest in land, such as a flow easement, may be required to establish the flow corridor for proposed environmental water releases. In some cases, mitigation works may also comprise part of the agreement made with a landholder.

A range of different alternatives to easements were considered by the program and outlined in the Final Business Case. Flow easements provide an enduring right for river operators to inundate land affected by the proposed environmental water release. Flow easement terms also provide certainty to landholders and ensure landholders are appropriately compensated for any impacts from the proposed environmental water release. However, the program is exploring alternative approaches (e.g. a deed of release) for some properties that are minimally affected by the program flows.

- * 4878 MURRAY UNREGULATED RIVER WATER SHARING PLAN—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, and Minister for Youth—

With respect to the Murray Unregulated River Water Sharing Plan, would the Minister advise:

- (1) What community consultation was undertaken?
- (2) Were affected landholders contacted where Significant Wetlands were identified on private land?
- (3) How many individuals attended those consultation sessions?
- (4) What consideration was given to objections received?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) For the 2024 Murray Unregulated River Water Sharing Plan that Public Exhibition was between 9 October to 17 November 2023, included:

- Mass media advertising - print, radio, social media
- Information (including on proposed wetland rules) on the then Department of Planning and Environment - Water webpage (and Have Your Say page)-1068 views by 215 unique people
- Letters to WaterNSW Murray unregulated water licence customers - approximately 350
- Emails to other groups and individuals - approximately 400 general and 110 targeted stakeholders
- Webinar - 8 attendees, and additional views of the recording
- Face-to-Face events held in Deniliquin (9 attendees), Albury (7 attendees) and Tumbarumba (10 attendees)
- One-on-One video calls - 1 requested
- Phone calls - departmental staff made approximately 60 targeted phone calls.
- The department received 16 submissions.

Further consultation details are available in the What We Heard published on the department's website at <https://www.dpie.nsw.gov.au/water/our-work/plans-and-strategies/water-sharing-plans/outcomes-of-public-exhibition>.

- (2) The department publicised exhibition of the draft plan using a variety of direct and in-direct contact methods. See response to question 1 above.

In general, affected landholders were contacted directly if they had an unregulated river water access licence. The department also emailed and called approximately three dozen targeted licensees, mostly located on the floodplain downstream of Lake Mulwala, specifically to explain the proposed wetlands rules.

In some instances, landholders with mapped wetlands on their properties had only regulated river entitlement or no surface water access licences at all. With some exceptions, these landholders were generally not contacted directly.

- (3) Refer to the answer to question 1.
- (4) As a result of feedback during public exhibition, the department refined the method to identify significant wetlands which resulted in the revision of numerous wetlands.

* 4879 RECONNECTING RIVER COUNTRY PROGRAM BUSINESS CASE—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, and Minister for Youth—

With respect to the Reconnecting River Country Program, would the Minister advise:

- (1) When will the endorsed business case for the Murrumbidgee be available to the public?
- (2) What is the detailed phase of works which will be covered under the \$123 million of funding received from Commonwealth?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Earlier this year, the NSW Government submitted the Final Business Case for the Reconnecting River Country Program in the Murrumbidgee to the Australian Government. The Final Business Case recommends an upper flow limit option and outlines the investment needed to deliver the entire Murrumbidgee Project beyond December 2026.

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The Australian Government has confirmed its continuing support for the program's delivery up to December 2026. The Final Business Case is classified as Cabinet-in-Confidence and Commercial-in-Confidence. As such, they are not able to be publicly released. However, a summary of the Final Business Case will be made publicly available in the middle of this year.

- (2) The NSW Government is currently working with the Australian Government to finalise an agreement and confirm delivery milestones through to December 2026. Once this is confirmed, we will communicate the phase of works for the Murrumbidgee project delivery through to December 2026.

* 4880 **RULE CHANGE IMPACTS**—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, and Minister for Youth—

With respect to water rule changes across New South Wales, would the Minister advise:

- (1) If there are plans in place to undertake a regulatory impact statement to understand the impact of rules changes on bulk water users?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) It is not clear which rule changes the Member is referring to in the question.

However, the department is guided by the NSW Government's Guide to Better Regulation in preparing regulatory impact statements to inform proposed rule changes. Other forms of analysis are also undertaken in relation to rules changes even where a regulatory impact statement is not required.

Regulatory Impact Statement requirements apply to making of principal statutory rules under the Subordinate Legislation Act 1989 (SL Act). statutory rule means a regulation, by-law, rule or ordinance—

- (a) that is made by the Governor, or
(b) that is made by a person or body other than the Governor, but is required by law to be approved or confirmed by the Governor,

(There are some exemptions in sch 4 of the SL Act.)

If the member is referencing Water Sharing Plan rule changes, these plans do not fit into this definition.

* 4881 **DENILIQIN FIRE AND RESCUE TRAINING BUILDING**—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

- (1) Did the Deniliquin Fire and Rescue Training Building have a certificate of Compliance between 2005 and 2009?
(2) Have there been any reported safety issues during the past 20 years?
(3) Has the building or its safety protocols failed an inspection over the past 20 years?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Fire and Rescue NSW (FRNSW) lease the training building. This information would be in the possession of the landlord.

- (2) From the available records, the primary issue was with shower and toilet amenities. FRNSW has installed portable ablutions to ensure the wellbeing, health and safety of staff.
- (3) From the available records, the training building has no inspection failures.

* 4882 CABARITA WHARF FISHING NON-COMPLIANCE—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

- (1) How many times did the Marine Area Command Unit visit Cabarita Wharf in 2024 to respond to illegal fishing?
- (2) How many times have the Marine Area Command Unit visited Cabarita Wharf in 2025 to respond to illegal fishing?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) In 2024, the Marine Area Command conducted 319 proactive taskings of Cabarita Wharf, resulting in 122 recorded events related to illegal fishing.
- (2) As of 3 April 2025, the Marine Area Command has conducted 64 proactive taskings of Cabarita Wharf, resulting in 25 recorded events related to illegal fishing.

* 4883 PSYCHIATRIST RESIGNATIONS—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, and Minister for Youth—

- (1) How many psychiatrists have resigned from Concord Hospital since the start of 2025?
- (2) How many mental health locums are currently working at Concord Hospital?
- (3) What is the current permanent staffing arrangement at Concord Hospital's Centre for Mental Health?

Answer—

I am advised:

Since the start of 2025 to 17 April 2025, 6 Staff Specialist Psychiatrists have resigned from Concord Hospital and the Concord Centre for Mental Health and 5 temporary Visiting Medical Officers have been engaged.

There are 59 Staff Specialists and 17 Visiting Medical Officers engaged on 5-year contracts in Mental Health Services.

* 4884 EXECUTIVE RECRUITMENT AT SYDNEY LOCAL HEALTH DISTRICT—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

- (1) Are policies governing the recruitment of executive-level staff at hospitals within the Sydney Local Health District (SLHD) publicly available?
- (2) Are conflict of interest declarations required to be made for SLHD executives who appoint executive staff and managers at hospitals within SLHD?
- (3) Who at SLHD appoints executive staff and managers at hospitals within SLHD?

Answer—

Governing policies are publicly available for the recruitment of executive level staff.

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Recruitment for executive roles that are governed under the NSW Public Health System Awards are either undertaken by local health districts or the Ministry of Health. Award details are on the NSW Health website at <https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/careers/conditions>.

The Recruitment and Selection of Staff to the NSW Health Policy Directive ([PD2023_024](#)) outlines the mandatory standards to be applied when recruiting staff to the NSW Health Service. This includes conflicts of interests processes.

The convenor of the position appoints the executive staff member or manager at Sydney Local Health District. Delegation for approval of Senior Executive appointments may also sit with the Deputy Secretary, People Culture and Governance, depending on the level of the role.

The Ministry centrally manages all executive recruitment processes for roles graded as Senior Executive Band 1 to Band 3 in conjunction with the local direct line manager of the role. The Government Sector Employment Act 2013, the Health Services Act 1997 and various guidelines and frameworks relating to the employment of senior executives are used to recruit and hire executives.

- * 4885 CONCORD HOSPITAL WORK CULTURE—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

What activities and policies has Sydney Local Health District implemented to improve workplace culture at Concord Hospital following media reports which were made in 2023?

Answer—

I am advised:

Concord Hospital has a range of initiatives to improve workplace culture including a People Matter Committee with representatives from all levels in the hospital, a Wellness Coordinator located on the premises to assist in addressing staff health and wellbeing concerns, and monthly all-staff forums to provide updates and information.

- * 4886 NOISE CAMERAS IN RHODES—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) Could the Minister advise if it is possible to include the suburb of Rhodes in the trial of noise cameras?
- (2) Could the Minister please advise how the proposed locations for the noise camera trials were chosen?
- (3) Can Rhodes be included in a future noise camera trial?

Answer—

- (1) The NSW Government has committed to a trial noise camera detection system in the Bayside and Wollongong local government areas (LGAs). The trial will evaluate whether noise cameras can effectively identify noisy vehicles.
- (4) The Government chose Bayside and Wollongong due to well-known problems of 'hoon vehicle' behaviour. Locations for the noise camera trial within Bayside and Wollongong LGAs have been identified in consultation with the local councils, Transport for NSW, NSW Police, the community, and safety and technical advice from an electrical engineer.
- (2) Expansion of the trial may be considered once the trial is complete and the technology has been evaluated.

* 4887 CAPACITY ISSUES ON THE PARRAMATTA RIVER—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Transport, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—

- (1) How many complaints did Transport for NSW receive about capacity issues in:
 - (a) October 2024?
 - (b) November 2024?
 - (c) December 2024?
 - (d) January 2025?
 - (e) February 2025?
 - (f) March 2025?
- (2) What is the number of instances and also the number of passengers left behind due to ferries reaching capacity or cancelled services between 31 November 2023 - 1 December 2024 at:
 - (a) Cabarita Wharf?
 - (b) Drummoynes Wharf?
 - (c) Abbotsford Wharf?
 - (d) Chiswick Wharf?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1)
 - (a) 2
 - (b) 0
 - (c) 1
 - (d) 6
 - (e) 0
 - (f) Information is not yet available.
- (2)
 - (a) 29 instances and 393 passengers
 - (b) 21 instances and 240 passengers
 - (c) 22 instances and 332 passengers
 - (d) 23 instances and 263 passengers

* 4888 DATA FOR TAPPING ON AT TRAIN STATIONS—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Transport, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—

- (1) How many individuals "tapped on" at Concord West train station in 2024?
- (2) How many individuals "tapped on" at North Strathfield train station in 2024?
- (3) How many individuals "tapped on" at Rhodes train station in 2024?

Answer—

I am advised:

The total tap-ons, including weekdays, weekends and public holidays, are listed below:

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- Concord West Station: 547,323
- North Strathfield Station: 713,729
- Rhodes Station: 2,695,910

* 4889 ROSEBANK COLLEGE SCHOOL BUSES—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Transport, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—

- (1) Have Rosebank College students been left behind in Drummoyne, Russell Lea and surrounding suburbs, and not been able to get on a bus to school in the morning due to overcrowding?
 - (a) If so, what has Transport for NSW done since the start of 2024 to address this issue?

Answer—

I am advised:

Transport for NSW is aware of some overcrowding issues on services between Drummoyne and Five Dock to Roseback College.

From 25 February 2025, the route 502 trip, scheduled to depart Five Dock towards Cabarita Wharf at 7.56am, was extended to commence from Drummoyne at 7.46am, providing additional capacity between Drummoyne and Five Dock.

Transport for NSW continues to monitor these services, and so far, feedback suggests the problem has been resolved.

* 4890 FERRY PASSENGERS LEFT BEHIND—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Transport, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—

- (1) What is the number of instances and also the number of passengers left behind due to ferries reaching capacity or cancelled services on each of the ferry routes (latest figures over a one year period) between 31 November 2023- 1 December 2024?
 - (a) What are the patronage figures for all routes (same one year period)?
 - (b) What is the number of instances and also the number of passengers left behind for each wharf on the F3 Parramatta River Service (same one year period) due to vessels reaching capacity or cancelled services?
 - (c) What are the patronage figures for all wharves on the F3 Parramatta River service, (same one year period)?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1)
 - (a) Approximately 17,669,823 customers patronised ferry services between 1 December 2023 – 30 November 2024. There were 615 instances affecting 24,785 passengers where ferries had reached capacity or services were cancelled between 30 November 2023 - 1 December 2024.
 - (b - c) There were 75,799 reported daily average boardings for F3 Parramatta River route between 1 December 2023 - 30 November 2024. There were 437 instances affecting 9,297 passengers where F3 ferries had reached capacity or services were cancelled between 30 November 2023 - 1 December 2024.

- * 4891 CHANGES TO JASPER ROAD PUBLIC SCHOOL CATCHMENT AREA—Mr Mark Hodges to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

With respect to the Jasper Road Public School, 1 Jasper Road, Baulkham Hills, (“the school”) can the Minister advise:

- (1) Has the Department of Education made any changes to the catchment area of the school which will change the catchment for students seeking enrolment either:
 - (a) The school year which commenced on the first day of 2025?
 - (b) The school year which will commence on the first day of 2026?
- (2) If the Department of Education has made changes to the catchment area of the School can the Minister advise:
 - (a) What changes were made?
 - (b) When will the changes commence?
 - (c) What were the reasons for the changes?

Answer—

School catchment areas are publicly available on the Department of Education's School Finder website.

- * 4892 ENROLMENTS, JASPER ROAD PUBLIC SCHOOL—Mr Mark Hodges to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) With respect to the Jasper Road Public School, 1 Jasper Road, Baulkham Hills, (“the school”) can the Minister advise:
 - (a) was the number of students enrolled for the school year commencing 1 January 2023?
 - (b) What was the number of students enrolled for the school year commencing 1 January 2024?
 - (c) What was the number of students enrolled for the school year commencing 1 January 2025?
 - (d) What is the number of students projected to be enrolled for the school year commencing 1 January 2026?
 - (e) What is the number of students projected to be enrolled for the school year commencing 1 January 2027?

Answer—

Information regarding student enrolments is publicly available on the NSW Government's Data.NSW hub.

- * 4893 CHANGES TO EXCELSIOR PUBLIC SCHOOL CATCHMENT AREA—Mr Mark Hodges to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

With respect to the Excelsior Road Public School, 1 Rondelay Drive, Castle Hill NSW 2154, (“the school”) can the Minister advise:

- (1) Has the Department of Education made any changes to the catchment area of the school which will change the catchment for students seeking enrolment either:
 - (a) The school year which commenced on the first day of 2025?
 - (b) The school year which will commence on the first day of 2026?
- (2) If the Department of Education has made changes to the catchment area of the school can the Minister advise:
 - (a) What changes were made?

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- (b) When will the changes commence?
- (c) What were the reasons for the changes?

Answer—

See response to LA QoN 4891.

* 4894 ENROLMENTS, EXCELSIOR PUBLIC SCHOOL—Mr Mark Hodges to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) With respect to the Excelsior Road Public School, 1 Rondelay Drive, Castle Hill NSW 2154, (“the school”) can the Minister advise:
 - (a) What was the number of students enrolled for the school year commencing 1 January 2023?
 - (b) What was the number of students enrolled for the school year commencing 1 January 2024?
 - (c) What was the number of students enrolled for the school year commencing 1 January 2025?
 - (d) What is the number of students projected to be enrolled for the school year commencing 1 January 2026?
 - (e) What is the number of students projected to be enrolled for the school year commencing 1 January 2027?

Answer—

Please see answer to LA QoN 4982.

* 4895 CHANGES TO CASTLE HILL PUBLIC CATCHMENT AREA—Mr Mark Hodges to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

With respect to the Castle Hill Public School, 5 Les Shore Pl, Castle Hill NSW 2154 (“the school”) can the Minister advise:

- (1) Has the Department of Education made any changes to the catchment area of the school which will change the catchment for students seeking enrolment either:
 - (a) The school year which commenced on the first day of 2025?
 - (b) The school year which will commence on the first day of 2026?
- (2) If the Department of Education has made changes to the catchment area of the school can the Minister advise:
 - (a) What changes were made?
 - (b) When will the changes commence?
 - (c) What were the reasons for the changes?

Answer—

See response to LA QoN 4891.

* 4896 ENROLMENTS, CASTLE HILL PUBLIC SCHOOL—Mr Mark Hodges to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) With respect to the Castle Hill Public School, 5 Les Shore Drive, Castle Hill NSW 2154, (“the school”) can the Minister advise:
 - (a) What was the number of students enrolled for the school year commencing 1 January 2023?

- (b) What was the number of students enrolled for the school year commencing 1 January 2024?
- (c) What was the number of students enrolled for the school year commencing 1 January 2025?
- (d) What is the number of students projected to be enrolled for the school year commencing 1 January 2026?
- (e) What is the number of students projected to be enrolled for the school year commencing 1 January 2027?

Answer—

Please see answer to LA QoN 4982.

* 4897 MINISTERS VISITS TO SCHOOLS IN THE CASTLE HILL ELECTORATE—Mr Mark Hodges to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) During the 58th term of the New South Wales Parliament has the Minister visited the following public schools and if so on what date did the Minister visit the school:
 - (a) Castle Hill Public School?
 - (b) Jasper Road Public School?
 - (c) Castle Hill Public School?
 - (d) Samuel Gilbert Public School?
 - (e) Baulkham Hills North Public School?
 - (f) Dural Public School?
 - (g) Annangrove Public School?
 - (h) Glenhaven Public School?
- (2) During the 58th term of the New South Wales Parliament has the Minister visited the following secondary schools and if so on what date did the Minister visit the school:
 - (a) Castle Hill High School?
 - (b) Baulkham Hills High School?
 - (c) Model Farms High School?

Answer—

Please see answer to Budget Estimates 2024-25 additional hearing supplementary question number 21.

* 4898 STATISTICS FOR NO STOPPING ON OR NEAR PEDESTRIAN CROSSING—Mr Mark Hodges to ask the Attorney General representing the Minister for Finance, Minister for Domestic Manufacturing and Government Procurement, and Minister for Natural Resources—

- (1) With respect to the offence of 'No Stopping on or near a Pedestrian Cross (Regulation 172 of the Road Rules 2014) how many penalty notices have been issued by The Hills Shire Council during the following financial years:
 - (a) Financial year ending 30 June 2023?
 - (b) Financial year ending 30 June 2024?
 - (c) Financial year ending 30 June 2025 to date?

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- (2) With respect to the office of 'No Stopping on or near a Pedestrian Cross (Regulation 172 of the Road Rules 2014) how many penalty notices have been issued by Parramatta Council during the following financial years:
- (a) Financial year ending 30 June 2023?
 - (b) Financial year ending 30 June 2024?
 - (c) Financial year ending 30 June 2025 to date?
- (3) With respect to the office of 'No Stopping on or near a Pedestrian Cross (Regulation 172 of the Road Rules 2014) how many penalty notices have been issued by Hornsby Shire Council during the following financial years:
- (a) Financial year ending 30 June 2023?
 - (b) Financial year ending 30 June 2024?
 - (c) Financial year ending 30 June 2025 to date?
- (4) With respect to the office of 'No Stopping on or near a Pedestrian Cross (Regulation 172 of the Road Rules 2014) how many penalty notices have been issued by Blacktown Council during the following financial years:
- (a) Financial year ending 30 June 2023?
 - (b) Financial year ending 30 June 2024?
 - (c) Financial year ending 30 June 2025 to date?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1 - 4) Revenue NSW does not hold data by Local Government Area.

* 4899 EMAIL FORWARDED TO THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION ON 25 MARCH 2025 REQUESTING A MEETING—Mr Mark Hodges to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) Has the Minister received my email of 26 March 2025 requesting a meeting?
- (a) If so, when will the Minister respond to the email?

Answer—

My office receives a large volume of correspondence, and works to respond to correspondence in a timely manner.

* 4900 NUMBER OF MOBILE SPEED CAMERA LOCATIONS—Mr Dave Layzell to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—

- (1) How many mobile speed camera locations are there in the following electorates as at 1 March 2025:
- (a) Albury?
 - (b) Ballina ?
 - (c) Barwon?
 - (d) Bathurst?
 - (e) Bega?
 - (f) Cessnock?

- (g) Clarence?
- (h) Coffs Harbour?
- (i) Cootamundra?
- (j) Dubbo?
- (k) Goulburn?
- (l) Kiama?
- (m) Lake Macquarie?
- (n) Lismore?
- (o) Maitland?
- (p) Monaro?
- (q) Murray?
- (r) Myall Lakes?
- (s) Northern Tablelands?
- (t) Orange?
- (u) Oxley?
- (v) Port Macquarie?
- (w) Port Stephens?
- (x) South Coast?
- (y) Tamworth?
- (z) Tweed?
- (aa) Upper Hunter?
- (bb) Wagga Wagga?
- (cc) Wollondilly?

Answer—

- (1) I am advised:

Mobile speed camera locations can span multiple electorate boundaries. In the list below, each location was assigned to a single electorate based on whether the longest segment is within that electorate. This approach ensures that no mobile speed camera location is counted more than once.

- (a) Albury - 40
- (b) Ballina - 48
- (c) Barwon - 17
- (d) Bathurst - 31
- (e) Bega - 35
- (f) Cessnock - 26
- (g) Clarence - 45
- (h) Coffs harbour - 24

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- (i) Cootamundra - 38
- (j) Dubbo - 31
- (k) Goulburn - 52
- (l) Kiama - 47
- (m) Lake macquarie - 31
- (n) Lismore - 59
- (o) Maitland - 25
- (p) Monaro - 42
- (q) Murray - 34
- (r) Myall lakes - 30
- (s) Northern tablelands - 43
- (t) Orange - 61
- (u) Oxley - 54
- (v) Port macquarie - 25
- (w) Port stephens - 39
- (x) South coast - 38
- (y) Tamworth - 46
- (z) Tweed - 29
- (aa) Upper hunter - 64
- (bb) Wagga wagga - 22
- (cc) Wollondilly - 28

* 4901 NUMBER OF INFRINGEMENT NOTICES—Mr Dave Layzell to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—

- (1) How many infringement notices have been issued in the following electorates as at 1 March 2025:
- (a) Albury?
 - (b) Ballina?
 - (c) Barwon?
 - (d) Bathurst?
 - (e) Bega?
 - (f) Cessnock?
 - (g) Clarence?
 - (h) Coffs Harbour?
 - (i) Cootamundra?
 - (j) Dubbo?
 - (k) Goulburn?
 - (l) Kiama?

- (m) Lake Macquarie?
- (n) Lismore?
- (o) Maitland?
- (p) Monaro?
- (q) Murray?
- (r) Myall Lakes?
- (s) Northern Tablelands?
- (t) Orange?
- (u) Oxley?
- (v) Port Macquarie?
- (w) Port Stephens?
- (x) South Coast?
- (y) Tamworth?
- (z) Tweed?
- (aa) Upper Hunter?
- (bb) Wagga Wagga?
- (cc) Wollondilly?

Answer—

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Finance.

* 4902 INFRINGEMENT NOTICES - GENERATED REVENUE—Mr Dave Layzell to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—

- (1) How much revenue has been generated as a result of the infringement notices issued in the following electorates as at 1 March 2025:
 - (a) Albury?
 - (b) Ballina?
 - (c) Barwon?
 - (d) Bathurst?
 - (e) Bega?
 - (f) Cessnock?
 - (g) Clarence?
 - (h) Coffs Harbour?
 - (i) Cootamundra?
 - (j) Dubbo?
 - (k) Goulburn?
 - (l) Kiama?

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- (m) Lake Macquarie?
- (n) Lismore?
- (o) Maitland?
- (p) Monaro?
- (q) Murray?
- (r) Myall Lakes?
- (s) Northern Tablelands?
- (t) Orange?
- (u) Oxley?
- (v) Port Macquarie?
- (w) Port Stephens?
- (x) South Coast?
- (y) Tamworth?
- (z) Tweed?
- (aa) Upper Hunter?
- (bb) Wagga Wagga?
- (cc) Wollondilly?

Answer—

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Finance.

* 4903 UPTAKE OF LOW AND MID-RISE REFORMS ON THE NORTHERN BEACHES—Mr Michael Regan to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) Has the Department of Planning estimated both the potential and likely utilisation of low and mid-rise zoning changes based on commercial development viability and/or other relevant factors?
 - (a) If so, what has this analysis involved?
 - (b) If so, what is both the potential and likely utilisation of these zoning changes across greater Sydney?
 - (c) If so, what is both the potential and likely utilisation of these zoning changes across the Northern Beaches Council Local Government Area?
 - (d) If so, what is both the potential and likely utilisation for the following town centres:
 - (i) Forestville?
 - (ii) Forestway?
 - (iii) Frenches Forest?
 - (iv) Dee Why?
 - (v) Warringah Mall?

- (2) Has the potential and likely utilisation of the low and mid rise planning reforms (announced in February 2025) been taken into account in determining the Northern Beaches Local Government Area housing target of 5,900 by 2029 (announced in May 2024)?

- (a) If so, how?
(b) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure estimates the Low and MidRise Housing Policy will deliver 112,000 additional dwellings across NSW during the National Housing Accord period, from July 2024 to July 2029.

Local housing targets were informed by planned and projected homes, which includes dwelling uptake from all NSW Government planning reforms.

- * 4904 ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN THE CREATIVE INDUSTRIES—Mr Michael Regan to ask the Attorney General—

- (1) What steps is the Government taking to ensure the protection of creative industries' intellectual property in response to increasing uptake of generative artificial intelligence (AI)?
- (a) Has there been any specific consideration of the threat generative AI poses to the voice acting industry?
- (2) Would implementing a requirement for labelling of generative AI content be within New South Wales Government jurisdiction?
- (3) Given the Government supported Recommendation 3 from the Legislative Council's inquiry into Artificial Intelligence in NSW, what is the Government doing to 'advocate to the Australian Government for greater protection of the copyright and intellectual property of those working in creative industries in light of the challenges presented by generative artificial intelligence.'?
- (4) Consistent with Recommendation 8 from the Legislative Council's inquiry into Artificial Intelligence in New South Wales, has the Government conducted a regulatory gap analysis in consultation with relevant industry, technical and legal experts to 1) assess the relevance and application of existing law to artificial intelligence, 2) identify where changes to existing legislation may be required and 3) determine where new laws are needed?
- (a) If yes, what is the status of this work?
- (b) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

This question should be directed to the Hon. Jihad Dib MP, in his capacity as the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government and to the Hon. John Graham MLC in his capacity as the Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music.

- * 4905 DEE WHY AMBULANCE STATION—Mr Michael Regan to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

- (1) What is the status of the delivery of the Dee Why ambulance station, announced in March 2023?
- (2) When can the Northern Beaches community expect this new station to be up and running?

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Answer—

I am advised:

The land search and early planning for the project is continuing as part of the NSW Government's \$615.5 million NSW Ambulance Infrastructure Program.

All potential sites undergo a thorough evaluation to ensure they meet the needs of the community and our emergency staff.

Potential sites are evaluated based on size, location, access and traffic considerations, along with other factors that may influence development timelines and costs.

Construction and operational timeframes will be confirmed as planning progresses and the community will continue to be updated.

* 4906 CLOSURE OF DEER VALE ROAD - REGIONAL HEALTH—Mr Dugald Saunders to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

- (1) Has the closure of Deer Vale Road until further notice seen emergency service response times in the region blow out from an eight minutes to 50 minutes?
 - (a) If so, can the Minister advise how the Government will ensure timely medical evacuations for critically ill residents who rely on this vital route for emergency access, noting the high levels of cloud cover and precipitation in Dorriggo?

Answer—

I am advised:

NSW Ambulance is aware of the road closure affecting the Deer Vale Road. There are alternate road accesses in place to reach impacted areas. While some on-road ambulance responses may be impacted until access is fully restored, NSW Ambulance can respond using a range of assets to ensure an appropriate response to an incident.

Bureau of Health Information data for the October to December 2024 reporting period shows the median time it took an ambulance to reach the highest priority (life threatening P1A) emergency cases in the Coffs Harbour Statistical Area Level 3, which includes Deer Vale, was 9.2 minutes, which is within the NSW Health target of a median of 10 minutes.

* 4907 CLOSURE OF DEER VALE ROAD - AGRICULTURE—Mr Dugald Saunders to ask the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

- (1) Has the closure of Deer Vale Road left local farmers unable to transport their livestock and produce, with no alternative route able to accommodate heavy vehicles?
 - (a) If so, what immediate support is the Government providing to assist affected farmers in the Deer Vale region?
 - (b) Has the Government conducted an assessment of the road closure's impact on the local agricultural sector?
 - (i) If so, what were the findings?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Deer Vale Road in Dorriggo has been closed due to a landslip that occurred during flooding associated with Tropical Cyclone Alfred between March 6th and 8th 2025, allowing only small trucks to access grazing properties.

- (a) Information on assistance available can be found here:
<https://www.nsw.gov.au/emergency/recovery/natural-disaster-declarations/fy-2024-25/tropical-cyclone-alfred-severe-weather-3-march-2025>
- (b) The NSW Government continues to collect damage assessment information from landholders as a result of the damage caused by Tropical Cyclone Alfred.

* 4908 CLOSURE OF DEER VALE ROAD - ROADS—Mr Dugald Saunders to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—

- (1) Has the closure of Deer Vale Road severely impacted local farmers' ability to transport livestock and produce?
- (a) If so, are there any immediate plans to allocate funding or resources for the repair and reopening of Deer Vale Road?
- (b) What interim measures are being considered to ensure farmers can continue transporting their livestock and produce while Deer Vale Road remains closed?

Answer—

I am advised:

The eastern portion of this road to Waterfall Way is currently restricted to heavy vehicles up to 11 metres in length, which is impacting the movement of livestock and produce. There are no heavy vehicle restrictions along the western portion of this road.

Transport for NSW representatives met with Bellingen Shire Council on Friday, 14 March to discuss both interim and longer-term arrangements to support restoration of this road through Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements, funded by both the Australian and NSW governments.

Bellingen Shire Council has completed emergency works at Deer Vale Road slip site. On Thursday, 17 April, the road re-opened to traffic, subject to certain traffic management conditions, including:

- a 40km/hr speed limit
- only one lane open to traffic with 'give way' directions in operation
- limited access to light vehicles, rigid heavy vehicles, and small articulated trucks (there is no access for B-doubles).

The geotechnical findings to date indicate the slip is a slow-moving failure governed by groundwater conditions, meaning in 'dry' conditions the temporary repairs will allow rigid heavy vehicles (e.g. school bus) and small articulated trucks (e.g. small milk tankers) access through the site. Bellingen Shire Council and its geotechnical staff have a management and monitoring plan in place and will adjust load limits as necessary.

Transport for NSW will continue to work closely with Bellingen Shire Council to assist in the development and submission of an essential public asset restoration (EPAR) claim for full restoration of this road. The EPAR claim will establish an approved reconstruction cost that will be met by the Australian and NSW governments, for Bellingen Shire Council to deliver the restoration of the damaged section of Deer Vale Road that has been caused by the landslide.

The timeframes for the permanent repair works will be informed by investigations, noting the complexity of this slope failure and to ensure the safety of workers, residents and road users.

* 4909 OFFICIAL VISITORS PROGRAM—Mr Dugald Saunders to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, and Minister for Youth—

Can the Minister advise:

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- (1) How many mental health Official Visitors are currently active in New South Wales as at 1 March 2025?
- (2) How many new Official Visitors joined the Official Visitor Program in 2024?
- (3) How many Official Visitors left the Official Visitor Program in 2024?
- (4) For every Local Health District in regional New South Wales, how many Official Visitors are allocated for each Local Health District?
- (5) Is \$42 an hour the current hourly rate of pay as at 1 March 2025?

Answer—

I am advised:

As at 1 March 2024, there are 81 active Official Visitors appointed in NSW.

28 new Official Visitors were appointed in 2024.

13 Official Visitors left in 2024.

Regional local health districts	Number of allocated Official Visitors
Central Coast	6
Far West	2
Hunter New England	12
Illawarra Shoalhaven	7
Mid North Coast	4
Murrumbidgee	4
Northern NSW	5
Southern NSW	3
Western NSW	10

\$42 per hour is the current hourly rate of pay.

- * 4910 MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT SERVICES FOR LANDHOLDERS—Mr Dugald Saunders to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, and Minister for Youth—

Can the Minister advise if the Government have plans to introduce any specific mental health support services for landholders who are being adversely impacted by the implementation of large-scale renewable projects across regional parts of New South Wales?

Answer—

I am advised:

Landholders can access mental health services through the Rural Adversity Mental Health Program. Information about the program is available at www.ramhp.com.au.

- * 4911 FERAL PIG BOUNTY—Mr Dugald Saunders to ask the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

Can the Minister advise if the Government have plans to introduce a feral pig bounty in New South Wales, in an attempt to control the feral pig population and minimise their impact on agricultural land and wildlife?

Answer—

The NSW Government is committed to addressing the invasive pest problems across NSW.

The Government has prioritised collaboration amongst stakeholders, landholders and government agencies as the proven and best approach to pest control.

The NSW Government is exploring a range of opportunities to manage invasive pests.

- * 4912 FIRST LAP VOUCHERS REDEEMED - REGIONAL NEW SOUTH WALES—Mr Dugald Saunders to ask the Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, Minister for Sport, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—

- (1) Can the Minister advise for each regional electorate in New South Wales the number of First Lap vouchers redeemed:

- (a) As at 30 June 2024?
- (b) In 2023?
- (c) In 2022?

Answer—

In response to the findings of the First Lap Voucher Program evaluation, which found that children from priority population groups including low socio-economic, multicultural and regional communities, utilised the vouchers less than the broader community, the Government launched a \$6M Learn To Swim program in 2025 which delivers free swimming lessons to targeted communities across the state.

I am advised that, for each regional electorate in New South Wales, the number of First Lap Vouchers redeemed for 2022, 2023, and 2024 are as follows:

Electorate	2024	2023	2022
Albury	265	1006	1899
Ballina	195	913	1650
Barwon	91	466	764
Bathurst	237	789	1639
Bega	153	745	1298
Blue Mountains	262	1222	1457
Cessnock	268	852	1834
Charlestown	434	1439	2846
Clarence	243	923	1617
Coffs Harbour	323	1223	2537
Cootamundra	183	687	1106

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Dubbo	283	1215	1685
Gosford	353	918	1863
Electorate	2024	2023	2022
Goulburn	167	797	1358
Hawkesbury	594	1481	2225
Keira	421	1363	2744
Kiama	357	1177	2491
Lake Macquarie	324	1169	2452
Lismore	189	823	1595
Maitland	326	1060	2331
Monaro	278	930	1667
Murray	194	596	1188
Myall Lakes	153	619	1102
Newcastle	315	934	2040
Northern Tablelands	162	603	1224
Orange	300	930	2031
Oxley	133	740	1381
Port Macquarie	167	688	1374
Port Stephens	215	687	1396
Shellharbour	362	1221	2582
South Coast	295	985	1890
Swansea	333	1134	2364
Tamworth	182	807	1639
Terrigal	405	1188	2273
The Entrance	386	1113	2271
Tweed	236	1066	2124
Upper Hunter	257	678	1112
Wagga Wagga	358	1224	1967
Wallsend	328	1097	2226
Wollondilly	261	848	2011
Wollongong	262	875	1928
Wyong	387	1394	2481

* 4913 ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS REDEEMED - REGIONAL NEW SOUTH WALES—Mr Dugald Saunders to ask the Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, Minister for Sport, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—

- (1) Can the Minister advise for each regional electorate in New South Wales the number of Active Kids Vouchers redeemed:
- (a) In 2024?
 - (b) In 2023?
 - (c) In 2022?

Answer—

In February 2024, the Active Kids Voucher Program merged with the Creative Kids Voucher Program to become a joint, means-tested program now called Active and Creative Kids, which is delivered by my colleague, the Hon Jihab Dib MP, Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government.

For the Active Kids Voucher Program, I am advised that, for each regional electorate in New South Wales, the number of Vouchers redeemed for 2022, 2023, and 2024 are as follows:

Electorate	2024	2023	2022
Albury	822	10121	10692
Ballina	569	10457	10851
Barwon	411	7294	8092
Bathurst	906	8766	10066
Bega	829	7461	7938
Blue Mountains	1041	10776	11382
Cessnock	1111	9946	10735
Charlestown	1307	13800	14957
Clarence	483	8005	8906
Coffs Harbour	807	10922	11608
Cootamundra	572	9335	10543
Dubbo	1001	10670	12144
Gosford	1039	10088	10800
Electorate	2024	2023	2022
Goulburn	491	8288	8721
Hawkesbury	1262	12985	13272
Keira	1112	11668	12433
Kiama	959	11036	11611
Lake Macquarie	742	9480	10096
Lismore	485	8457	9030
Maitland	1051	10812	11440
Monaro	647	8780	9115
Murray	647	9444	10107
Myall Lakes	659	7542	8313
Newcastle	996	8643	9095
Northern Tablelands	545	8222	9243
Orange	674	11534	12956
Oxley	817	8197	9163
Port Macquarie	1032	8945	10224
Port Stephens	697	8398	9293
Shellharbour	1054	11408	12588
South Coast	627	7999	8529
Swansea	1081	11522	12553

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Tamworth	610	10859	12222
Terrigal	1302	13004	14062
The Entrance	1075	11294	12316
Tweed	633	9874	10532
Upper Hunter	945	10671	12010
Wagga Wagga	764	11451	12506
Wallsend	1027	10638	11477
Wollondilly	1050	11246	11584
Wollongong	859	8473	9112
Wyong	1022	10342	11211

* 4914 CLOSURE OF DEER VALE ROAD - EMERGENCY SERVICES—Mr Dugald Saunders to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

- (1) Has the closure of Deer Vale Road until further notice seen emergency service response times in the region blow out from an eight minutes to 50 minutes?
 - (a) If so, can the Minister advise whether any funding has been allocated for the repair and reopening of Deer Vale Road?
 - (b) What immediate support is being provided to ensure timely emergency service access for affected communities?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Emergency service response times vary according to many factors including type of incident, location of incident and time of day.
 - (a) This question should be referred to the Minister for Roads.
 - (b) Emergency services utilise local knowledge, neighbouring brigades and units, and monitor road conditions to support timely emergency responses for the community.

* 4915 INDEPENDENT SAFETY AUDIT OF BRIDGE ROAD CYCLEWAY—Ms Kobi Shetty to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Transport, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—

- (1) Has Transport for NSW or any of its contractors conducted an Independent Road Safety Audit on the design for a permanent cycleway at Bridge Road, Glebe?
 - (a) If so:
 - (i) Which contractor undertook the work?
 - (ii) When was it undertaken?
 - (iii) Did it include an assessment of safety issues at night?
 - (iv) On which date did the auditor record their completion of the project?
- (2) On what date did Transport for NSW receive a copy of the Independent Road Safety Audit report on the design for the proposed cycleway which was commissioned by a local residents group Bridge Road Friends and conducted in August 2024 by the Traffic Engineering Centre?

- (3) What, if any, concerns were raised for Transport for NSW by the Bridge Road Friends report where it concluded that the proposed permanent cyclist facilities along Pyrmont Bridge Road would "not create a reasonably safe environment for cyclists, pedestrians, and motorists"?
- (4) What, if any, concerns were raised for Transport for NSW by the Bridge Road Friends report where it concluded that the proposed permanent cyclist facilities along Pyrmont Bridge Road "is likely to increase the conflict, number of incidents, and ultimately the chance of potentially severe collisions"?
- (5) What, if any, concerns were raised for Transport for NSW by the Bridge Road Friends' report where 14 of the 15 safety issues identified were referred to as high or extreme?
- (6) What, if any, action has Transport for NSW taken to amend the design following safety concerns that have been raised in the Bridge Road Friends' report?
- (7) If any amendments have been made to the design, have these been published, exhibited or notified?
- (8) Is the proposed cycleway width less than 1.2 metres in parts of the design when gutters are taken into account?
- (9) What advice, if any, has the Government or Transport for NSW obtained in relation to its legal liabilities or potential liability arising from the safety issues identified in the Bridge Road Friends Report that have been brought to their attention?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) A pre-opening Road Safety Audit was undertaken by DC Traffic Engineering Pty Ltd for Ventia-Boral-Amey Joint Venture, prior to the opening of the pop-up cycleway in September 2020.

The design stage Road Safety Audit was undertaken on 17 April 2023 and was a daytime audit only. It was undertaken by CCHD Pty Ltd as subcontractors to Celtic Civil Pty Ltd. The Road Safety Audit report was finalised on 19 June 2023.
- (2) Transport for NSW received the Traffic Engineering Centre's report in October 2024.
- (3) The Road Safety Audit submitted by the Friends of Bridge Road raised concerns with lane widths (both cycleway and general traffic), priority at pedestrian crossings, signage and line marking, sight distance for motorists turning into Bridge Road, bike rider interactions at bus stops, street lighting and use of footway by bike riders.
- (4 - 6) Transport for NSW has undertaken a review of all the items raised in the Friends of Bridge Road's submission and identified several points of difference. After four years of operation, the road safety data available for the existing pop-up implementation cannot reasonably support either the likelihood or the severity of risk assessed within the Friends of Bridge Road's submission.

Several amendments were made to resolve the Friends of Bridge Road's concerns, particularly relating to signage and lane markings.

A further independent Road Safety Audit will be undertaken prior to opening the permanent cycleway.
- (7) Amendments to an approved project's design are ordinarily only re-exhibited or publicly displayed when those changes meaningfully alter that design.

Minor signage amendments were made that did not fundamentally alter the functionality of the intersection or cycleway itself. As such these changes were not publicly communicated.
- (8) The gutter is included in the effective width of the cycleway. The minimum effective width of the cycleway is 1.2 metres.

- (9) Transport for NSW has established frameworks to manage risk and liability, including on any new road arrangements. In any case, Transport for NSW would promote the new road arrangements through an awareness campaign to ensure road users are aware of the changes, in line with business-as-usual practice.

* 4916 TEMPORARY TREATMENT OF RIGHT-HAND TURN ON BRIDGE ROAD—Ms Kobi Shetty to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Transport, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—

Regarding the Addendum Review of Environmental Factors for the Bridge Road cycleway, which refers to proposed temporary changes to Right turn bays at Ross Street and Glebe Point Road intersections to be made as part of the construction of the permanent cycleway:

- (1) What, if any, safety investigations have been conducted for the proposed temporary treatments for right hand turn lanes at Ross Street and Glebe Point Road?
 - (a) If investigations have been conducted:
 - (i) What are the nature and extent of the investigations?
 - (ii) When did they take place?
 - (iii) What organisation conducted these investigations?
 - (iv) Was a risk analysis undertaken?
- (2) What factors, if any, would prevent the incorporation of a permanent safe treatment for right hand turn lanes at Ross Street and Glebe Point Road into the cycleway design?
- (3) What advice, if any, has the Government or Transport for NSW obtained in relation to its legal liabilities or potential liability that would arise if accidents occur on the part of Bridge Road where the temporary treatments are installed?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Following extensive discussions with City of Sydney between October 2022 and February 2024, Transport for NSW agreed to trial shortened right-turn bays at this location to minimise shared traffic running and improve bike rider safety.

Transport for NSW comprehensively reviewed the proposed design, which was developed collaboratively with City of Sydney. Given the routine nature of this specific traffic treatment, an external safety review would not be required, nor considered to represent value for money. After the line marking changes have been made to the bays, Transport for NSW will monitor the impact and safety of these changes for a period of six to twelve months, to allow time for road user behaviour to change, unless any major safety or congestion issues are identified requiring adjustment to the layout.

As the Bridge Road Cycleway Addendum Review of Environmental Factors makes clear, the trial of shortened right turn bays is one of several new design features to improve safety. Careful consideration of relevant safety matters and associated risk analysis are a priority for Transport for NSW.

- (2) Transport for NSW will assess safety and traffic impacts during the 6-12 month trial to determine if the changes will be made permanent. A temporary Klemmfix barrier will be used to extend the separated cycleway during the trial; if the trial is successful, the Klemmfix will be replaced with a permanent concrete separator.
- (3) Transport for NSW has established processes to manage changes in traffic and road configuration. Any new arrangements are reviewed to ensure they meet the relevant safety standards and are

suitable for their intended use in a public road environment. Transport for NSW maintains responsibility for the road configuration at all times.

* 4917 PUBLICATION OF CONTRACT FOR BRIDGE ROAD CYCLEWAY—Ms Kobi Shetty to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Transport, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—

- (1) Has the Government, Transport for NSW or any other related department, office or agency entered into a contract regarding the construction of a permanent Cycleway on Bridge Road?
 - (a) If so:
 - (i) Does it omit any terms or provisions that would usually be required as standard for the type and nature of the contract?
 - (ii) Does it contain any unusual terms or provisions?
 - (iii) Does it contain any terms or provisions that are unusually favourable to the contractor?
- (2) What, if any, details of a contract have been published in relation to the Bridge Road Permanent Cycleway?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) A construction contract was awarded to Ferrycarrig on 18 February 2025.
 - (a) Transport for NSW is using a standard GC21 contract.
- (2) The successful contractor and contract value has been disclosed on the Buy NSW website.

* 4918 CAMPERDOWN DIVE SITE—Ms Kobi Shetty to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—
Regarding 500 new homes to be built at the former WestConnex dive site in Camperdown:

- (1) What will the discount to market rent be for the 200 build to rent properties offered to essential workers?
- (2) What is the definition of "essential worker"?
- (3) What eligibility criteria will apply to those essential workers who are seeking the discount to market rent?
- (4) How many Affordable Housing homes will be included in the remaining 300 dwellings?
- (5) Who will manage the Affordable Housing homes on this site?

Answer—

I am advised:

Landcom's Camperdown project includes at least 200 build-to-rent units to be offered to essential workers at a discount to market rent, through a separate subsidy. The NSW Government will retain ownership of these properties, with eligibility criteria and rental subsidy details to be made available closer to completion.

The remainder of the development will have at least 300 new homes with the ratio of market homes and affordable homes to be determined during the planning process and subject to feasibility. These affordable homes will be managed by a registered community housing provider and in accordance with the Affordable Housing Ministerial Guidelines.

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The NSW Government is still considering an appropriate definition for essential workers including a criterion for determining worker cohorts and geographical areas. Information about the Camperdown project is publicly available at <https://www.landcom.com.au/projects/camperdown>.

- * 4919 CALDERWOOD MASTERPLAN—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

Given the Masterplan for Calderwood involves a proposed public high school:

- (1) What work has commenced on planning for a public high school?
- (2) When do you anticipate a high school will be needed?
- (3) When will construction commence on the new high school?
- (4) What conversations has Education Infrastructure NSW had with Shellharbour City Council on this matter?
- (5) What pedestrian measures or investments are being made around the proposed school site to ensure safe access to these schools?
- (6) Will new public primary and high schools have accessible play equipment for students with disabilities?

Answer—

Updates on the Minns Government's work to deliver a new public preschool and school for Calderwood are made available on the School Infrastructure website.

Unfortunately, Gareth Ward, along with the Liberals and Nationals, let down the community of Calderwood during their 12 years in government, by failing to deliver a new public school for local families who were crying out for one. Mr Ward has not apologised for his refusal to ensure families in Calderwood had access to world class, public education in their suburb.

- * 4920 CAMBEWARRA PUBLIC SCHOOL—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

With respect to Cambewarra Public School:

- (1) Has there been a reduction in teacher numbers and classes at Cambewarra Public School?
 - (a) If so, how will you address any concerns regarding this?
- (2) Can you provide an update on the remediation of the mould-affected demountable buildings at Cambewarra Public School, as confirmed in the department's statement of 20 June 2024?
- (3) What specific measures have been implemented to prevent further outbreaks?
- (4) Can you provide a copy of the independent hygienist's report that led to the closure of the demountable buildings at Cambewarra Public School?
- (5) What plans does the Government have to upgrade Cambewarra Public School?

Answer—

All NSW public schools, including Cambewarra Public School, are staffed based on their actual student enrolments.

In July 2024, the affected buildings were removed from the school site and replaced with new classrooms ready for students and staff to use from Tuesday, 23 July 2024. Work has also been undertaken to improve stormwater drainage on the site.

* 4921 HOUSING DEMOGRAPHICS (CONTINUED)—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, and Minister for Youth—

With respect to Question 4371 and your answer on 18 March 2025:

- (1) Regarding the 30% of Homes NSW managed tenancies occupied by tenants born overseas, can the Minister provide a breakdown of this figure by:
 - (a) Citizenship status?
 - (b) Permanent residency status?
 - (c) Relevant visa categories, if applicable?
- (2) If not, why not?
- (3) Given that 30% of Homes NSW managed tenancies are occupied by tenants born overseas, and that language spoken at home data for these tenancies is not captured, what measures will the Minister implement to ensure effective communication and service delivery to these tenants, particularly regarding access to vital information and support services?
- (4) What measures are in place to help those in social housing born overseas find employment and work their way out of social housing?
- (5) Concerning the 24.2% of community housing tenants who identified as being from a non-English speaking background, and the 22.0% of community housing tenants who reported their main language as other than English, what specific language support services are currently provided to these tenants, and are there plans to expand or improve these services?
- (6) Regarding the postcode data provided for Homes NSW managed tenancies, what specific programs or initiatives are in place within these identified postcodes (2170, 2017, 2168, etc.) to address the unique needs of tenants born overseas, and how are these programs tailored to the diverse cultural and linguistic backgrounds of these residents?
- (7) Regarding the postcode data provided for community housing tenants, what specific programs or initiatives are in place within these identified postcodes (2077, 2111, 2112, etc.) to address the unique needs of tenants from non-English speaking backgrounds?
 - (a) How are these programs tailored to the diverse cultural and linguistic backgrounds of these residents?
- (8) What are the reasons that data on country of origin is not collected for community housing tenants?
 - (a) What are the reasons that language spoken at home data is not captured in the data source system for Public Housing and Aboriginal Housing Office managed tenancies?
- (9) Given the data provided, what plans does the Minister have to collect more comprehensive data on the cultural and linguistic backgrounds of social housing tenants, including country of origin and language spoken at home, to better inform policy and service delivery?
- (10) What financial resources are allocated to provide translation and interpretation services for social housing tenants?
 - (a) How is the effectiveness of these services evaluated?
- (11) Considering the lack of electorate-level data, how does the Minister plan to address the specific needs of social housing tenants born overseas or speaking languages other than English at the electorate level?
 - (a) What mechanisms are in place for local community input and feedback?

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(12) With respect to Question 4371, can you answer these questions for the following Local Government Areas:

- (a) Wollongong?
- (b) Shellharbour?
- (c) Kiama?
- (d) Shoalhaven?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) The below responses are current as of 30 June 2024.

- (a) 67.7% of tenants born overseas are Australian citizens.
- (b) 30.7% of tenants born overseas are permanent residents.
- (c) 0.06% of tenants born overseas are asylum seekers.
- 3% of tenants born overseas are refugees.
- 24% of tenants born overseas are sponsored/temporary migrants.

(2) Not applicable.

(3) A key deliverable of the Homes for NSW Plan is to continue to improve communication with Homes NSW tenants and applicants. This includes communicating with people who speak a language other than English at home. Homes NSW utilises interpreter and translation services, which are available in person or on the phone. The Homes NSW government website can be translated to several languages through Google Translate.

(4) As social landlords, Homes NSW and community housing providers (CHPs) work to ensure that residents are supported to apply for services and programs that enhance their access to education and employment. This includes the education scholarships, referral to employment services and cadetships.

Homes NSW does not collect this data on an individual tenant level but at a program level.

(5) Not-for-profit CHPs must provide high-quality homes and resident services in accordance with the performance benchmarks set out in the National Regulatory System for Community Housing and under contract to Homes NSW.

CHPs must provide accessible services including for residents from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds. These are targeted to the needs of local communities in the identified postcode areas. For example, this may include:

- Access to bi-lingual and multi-lingual staff employed by the community housing provider
- Access to the Telephone Interpreter Service
- Providing information on their websites in up to 40 different community languages
- Publication of resident communications in different community languages (e.g. resident handbook, information about programs etc.)

CHPs also ensure that the annual tenant satisfaction surveys are translated into different community languages. A third party typically conducts resident satisfaction surveys, and this information assists organisations to better understand tenant needs and informs service delivery improvements.

(6) The Homes NSW Surry Hills tenancy team currently runs a Chinese-English conversational group:

- These groups are held at the Northcott Community Centre, every Tuesday (2.30pm - 3.30pm).
- The Tenant Participation and Community Engagement (TPCE) Officer facilitates the group, and the group lead is a tenant representative who speaks Mandarin.
- The group is an English/Chinese coffee chat group, where participants learn basic greetings from each language.

In addition, the Homes NSW Surry Hills tenancy team will soon start a knitting group for multicultural communities. This group will commence after Easter 2025, and all communities are welcome. Chinese interpreters regularly attend Homes NSW 'workshops' held in Surry Hills and offer translation services.

(7) (a)

Individual CHPs work directly with tenants from culturally and linguistically diverse communities to identify needs and initiatives appropriate for each community. For example, to address needs, CHPs may implement programs and initiatives such as:

- Community events to celebrate cultural dates of significance (e.g., Lunar New Year)
- Regular drop-in sessions and community forums, which provide residents with ongoing opportunities to participate in social activities, receive information and share feedback in community languages
- Free English classes for community housing residents and household members
- Support coordination and referrals to local service providers, which provide specialist support to culturally and linguistically diverse communities.

Homes NSW does not collect data on specific programs and initiatives individual CHPs implement for their residents.

(8) Country of origin is not a mandatory field in CHIMES, which is the data management system for community housing data.

(a) 57.5% of tenancies had their main language captured in the data source system. Please note as "main language" is not a mandatory field; applicants are not required to provide this information if they do not wish to.

(9) Homes NSW collects information from application forms (Application for Housing Assistance, Transfer, Recognition as a Tenant, Rentstart and Rentchoice forms) about an applicants' country of origin and language spoken at home, which is recorded in the HOMES client management system. However, clients are not required to provide this information and can choose not to disclose it if that is their preference. The vast majority of clients provide this information, and it is used to inform service delivery.

(10) (a)

In 2023/24, DCJ's total expenditure on language services was \$4,099,985. This includes two formalised arrangements, including one with All Graduates for Homes NSW tenants and applicants. Approximately, 40% of this expenditure results from Homes NSW clients, however, it is not possible to break down the amount spent directly on social housing tenants' services. Effectiveness is monitored through a dedicated Relationship Manager, who ensures value for money, addresses issues, and oversees the delivery of appropriate services to clients and to Homes NSW.

(11) All properties and tenancies managed by Homes NSW can be mapped to local government areas (LGAs), or state and federal electorates. Data can be aggregated as required, and reports run on these levels.

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- (a) Homes NSW consults with the community before making policy changes. In addition, Homes NSW receives feedback from its tenants and residents through the MyHousing app, client feedback form, local Housing office, community engagement, or phoning the Housing Response Centre.

(12)

- (1) What percentage of tenants in social housing were born overseas as of the most recent reporting period?

- (a) Wollongong LGA = 11.7%
- (b) Shellharbour LGA = 7.9%
- (c) Kiama LGA = not applicable - no Homes NSW managed tenancies
- (d) Shoalhaven LGA = 0.0%

Please note the data relate to all people in Homes NSW managed tenancies as at 28 February 2025. As advised above, country of birth is not mandatory, hence these figures may be underestimated.

Community Housing Related data below:

- (a) Wollongong LGA = 10.86%
- (b) Shellharbour LGA = 3.80%
- (c) Kiama LGA = 3.06%
- (d) Shoalhaven LGA = 4.81 %

Please note: Country of origin is not collected.

- (2) What percentage of tenants in social housing speak a language other than English at home?

- (a) Wollongong LGA = 3.3%
- (b) Shellharbour LGA = 1.3%
- (c) Kiama LGA = not applicable
- (d) Shoalhaven LGA = 0%

Please note the data relate to all people Homes NSW managed tenancies as of 28 February 2025. As language spoken at home is not mandatory, these figures may be underestimated.

Community Housing data below

- (a) Wollongong LGA = 8.75%
- (b) Shellharbour LGA = 2.26%
- (c) Kiama LGA = 3.06%
- (d) Shoalhaven LGA = 0.54%

- (3) Could you provide a breakdown of the top 10 postcodes and electorates with the highest number of social housing tenants who were born overseas?

- (a) Postcodes with the highest number of residents born overseas in Homes NSW-managed tenancies in the Wollongong LGA:

- 2518
- 2500
- 2526

- 2519
- 2506
- 2052
- 2517
- 2530
- 2516
- 2505.

Postcodes with the highest number of residents born overseas in community housing managed tenancies in the Wollongong LGA:

- 2518
- 2500
- 2519
- 2526
- 2530
- 2506
- 2517
- 2502
- 2505
- 2525.

- (b) Post Codes with the highest number of residents born overseas in Homes NSW-managed tenancies in the Shellharbour LGA:

- 2528
- 2529
- 2527.

Postcodes with the highest number of residents born overseas in community housing managed tenancies in the Shellharbour LGA:

- 2528
- 2529
- 2527.

- (c) Kiama LGA (Homes NSW managed)- not applicable

Postcodes with the highest number of residents born overseas in community housing managed tenancies in the Kiama LGA:

- 2533
- 2534.

- (d) Shoalhaven LGA (Homes NSW managed) - none.

Postcodes with the highest number of residents born overseas in community housing managed tenancies in the Shoalhaven LGA:

- 2541

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- 2539
- 2540
- 2535
- 2538.

* 4922 NOWRA INMATE ESCAPEE (CONTINUED)—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Better Regulation and Fair Trading, Minister for Industry and Trade, Minister for Innovation, Science and Technology, Minister for Building, and Minister for Corrections—

With respect to Question 4395 and your answer on 19 March 2025:

- (1) Given the Minister's response that it is "inappropriate to comment further" due to ongoing investigations, what specific aspects of the investigation preclude the release of the number of prior escapes by Mr. Johnson, as requested in question (1)?
- (2) Regarding question (2), what specific security classification guidelines were applied to Mr. Johnson prior to his escape?
 - (a) How does his escape history align with these guidelines?
- (3) Concerning question (3), despite the ongoing investigation, can the Minister confirm the exact number of days Mr. Johnson was at large, as this is a matter of public record and not subject to investigative sensitivity?
- (4) With respect to question (4), can the Minister confirm the general categories of offences for which Mr. Johnson was in custody, without disclosing specific details that could compromise the investigation?
- (5) In relation to question (5), can the Minister confirm whether Mr. Johnson was in a minimum-security setting outside the prison walls at the time of his escape, as this is a matter of public safety and not necessarily tied to the details of the ongoing investigation?
- (6) Regarding question (5)(a), if Mr. Johnson was in minimum security, what specific risk assessments were conducted prior to his placement, and were these assessments reviewed in light of his history of escapes?
- (7) What specific measures are being implemented to review and improve security protocols at South Coast Correctional Centre to prevent future escapes, particularly in minimum-security settings?
 - (a) When will these measures be completed?
- (8) What is the timeline for the completion of the investigations into Mr. Johnson's escape?
 - (a) When can the Parliament and the public expect a comprehensive report on the findings?
- (9) Given the public concern regarding the security of correctional facilities, will the Minister consider a public inquiry into the circumstances surrounding Mr. Johnson's escape and the adequacy of security protocols at South Coast Correctional Centre?
 - (a) If not, will the Minister make the findings of the departmental investigation public?

Answer—

I am advised:

At 7.45am on Wednesday, 29 January 2025, a 44-year-old male minimum security inmate escaped South Coast Correctional Centre.

The inmate was recaptured by NSW Police at 4.30am on Friday, 7 February 2025.

Corrective Services NSW has reviewed the circumstances of the escape and responded accordingly, including implementing heightened supervision during inmate transfers and increased intelligence gathering at South Coast Correctional Centre.

- * 4923 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION'S INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DIRECTORATE—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

Regarding the Department of Education's Information Technology Directorate (ITD):

- (1) What is the planned percentage reduction of ITD staff roles that involve physical attendance at schools?
- (2) How many current ITD staff roles will be eliminated or transitioned to remote-only work?
- (3) What is the projected number of students participating in National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) in 2026, as forecasted by the Department of Education?
- (4) Following the planned restructure, what is the projected number of ITD field services staff expected to be available statewide for NAPLAN in 2026, according to departmental projections?
- (5) How many schools reported documented issues with device preparation for the 2024 NAPLAN assessments?
- (6) How many devices required documented remediation for the 2024 NAPLAN assessments?
- (7) What is the current documented average response time for on-site Information Technology (IT) support requests from schools, as recorded by the ITD?
- (8) What is the projected documented average response time for on-site IT support requests from schools following the planned restructure, as projected by the ITD?
- (9) What specific funding allocations, if any, will be provided to schools for local IT support if ITD field support is reduced?
- (10) What specific provisions are in place for ITD staff whose roles are made redundant, as outlined in official departmental policy documents?
- (11) Could you please provide a list of the specific consultation methods and dates used to engage schools regarding the proposed ITD restructure?
- (12) Could you please provide a record of any official correspondence received from relevant unions regarding the proposed ITD restructure?
- (13) Could you please provide a record of any official consultation with the Teachers Federation regarding the proposed ITD restructure, including dates and methods of consultation?
- (14) What is the projected amount of savings expected from the ITD restructure, and what are the Department's current plans for the allocation of these funds?

Answer—

The Department of Education Information Technology Directorate's (ITD) realignment reconfigures support teams to increase the number of "boots on the ground" roles. This aligns with the hands-on nature of school IT support and ensures more direct assistance for schools. The number of field services staff available statewide for NAPLAN in 2026 is expected to remain largely consistent. Consultation has occurred throughout the process.

- * 4924 SEVEN MILE BEACH CONSERVATION AREA—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

With reference to the decision in *Gerroa Environment Protection Society Inc v Minister for Planning and Cleary Bros (Bombo) Pty Ltd* (No 2) [2008] NSWLEC 254:

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- (1) Could you please provide a chronological list of specific actions taken by the Government in relation to the Gerroa Environment Protection Society Inc v Minister for Planning and Cleary Bros (Bombo) Pty Ltd (No 2) [2008] NSWLEC 254 decision, from March 2023 to the present?
- (2) What specific procedural steps remain outstanding for the registration of the Planning Agreement on the Title of Land for the Conservation Area?
- (3) Could you please provide a list of the specific legal or administrative complexities currently identified as unresolved in relation to the Gerroa Environment Protection Society Inc v Minister for Planning and Cleary Bros (Bombo) Pty Ltd (No 2) [2008] NSWLEC 254 decision?
- (4) What is the current projected date for the completion of the registration of the Planning Agreement on the Title of Land for the Conservation Area?
- (5) Could you please provide a list of meetings held between government representatives and Cleary Bros (Bombo) Pty Ltd, or any other stakeholders, in relation to the Gerroa Environment Protection Society Inc v Minister for Planning and Cleary Bros (Bombo) Pty Ltd (No 2) [2008] NSWLEC 254 decision, including the dates of those meetings?
- (6) What is the specific legal instrument that will be utilized to establish the Conservation Agreement, and what are its key provisions?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The decision was made by the Land and Environment Court of NSW on 2 September 2008. As such, no specific actions around the decision have been made.
- (2) The Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure expects lodgement of a planning agreement in May this year. Once an agreement has been finalised, then it can be registered on Title.
- (3) Refer to the answer for question 1.
- (4) The Department advises it is likely to be resolved by the end of 2025. Refer also to the answer provided for question 2.
- (5) As noted in the answer to question 1, the decision on this matter was made by the Land and Environment Court of NSW on 2 September 2008. As such, no specific meetings around the decision have been held.
- (6) It is a state planning agreement under section 7.4 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979. The key provisions are detailed under condition 16 of schedule 3 of the Court's development consent.

* 4925 SEARCH FOR MISSING PERSONS—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

With respect to search capabilities for missing persons:

- (1) What is the procedure for searching for missing persons, including children on the south coast?
- (2) Does this procedure for searching for missing persons change when the person is a child with a disability, and with specific reference to a sensory disability?
- (3) Could you please provide a list of agencies involved in local search and rescue operations that are automatically activated by the NSW Police Force when searching for a missing child with a disability?
- (4) Could you please provide a documented outline of the interagency communication protocols used by the NSW Police Force on the South Coast to coordinate search efforts for missing persons where there is immediate concern for safety?

- (5) Could you please provide copies of any existing Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) between the NSW Police Force and other emergency first responders regarding search capabilities for missing persons?
- (6) Does this memorandum of understanding contain specific provisions covering urgent searches for children and children with disabilities?
- (7) Does this memorandum cover urgent searches for older adults with cognitive impairment or cognitive decline?
- (8) Could you please provide a list of specific resources from other agencies that are routinely utilised by the NSW Police Force in missing person searches?
- (9) Could you please provide details of any formal training or information sharing protocols that exist between the NSW Police Force and other emergency first responders regarding the utilisation of their resources in searches for missing persons, particularly children with disabilities?
- (10) Could you please provide a list of circumstances under which Rural Fire Service and NSW Fire and Rescue resources, such as drones, are deployed in missing person searches?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The NSW Police Force Missing Persons, Unidentified Bodies and Human Remains Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) provide a comprehensive set of procedures for police to follow when searching for missing persons, including children. The procedures detail the immediate actions required upon receiving a missing person's report, including conducting a risk assessment whereby risk factors, vulnerabilities and other situational factors are analysed and evaluated to determine the appropriate level of investigative response, and to maximise the chances of locating the missing person quickly and safely.
- (2) The risk assessment considers vulnerability and a child with a disability would be assigned a higher risk rating, increasing the priority level of the investigation. A higher priority allows for the allocation of additional resources.
- (3) Agencies are activated appropriate to the situation, including the topography and location of the search area. The NSW Police Force has multiple local and specialised units involved in search and rescue operations, including those for missing children with disabilities. Additional external resources may be called upon, including:
 - NSW State Emergency Service (SES)
 - NSW Rural Fire Service (RFS)
 - NSW Ambulance
 - Fire & Rescue NSW
 - Marine Rescue NSW
 - Surf Life Saving NSW
 - VRA Rescue NSW
 - National Parks and Wildlife Services
 - Community volunteers
 - Local Councils
- (4) Where there is an immediate concern for a high-risk missing person on the South Coast, agencies such as the SES and RFS are alerted via the NSW Police Force Computer Aided Dispatch system.

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Other agencies such NSW Ambulance, OPSTAR and the Surf Lifesaver Westpac helicopter from Moruya may also be deployed.

- (5) These documents are not publicly available.
- (6) Please refer to the answer to question 5.
- (7) Please refer to the answer to question 5.
- (8) Please refer to the answer to question 3.
- (9) The NSW rescue and emergency management arrangements provide a framework for emergency service organisations to assist the NSW Police Force with missing person searches. Some emergency service organisations, such as the NSW SES, possess dedicated resources for this purpose. Members of these organisations undertake formal training programs mapped to nationally recognised units of competency. The NSW Police Force can and do request other agencies to assist in search operations.
- (10) The NSW Police Force's Rescue & Bomb Disposal Unit has an arrangement whereby other agencies including Fire and Rescue NSW, VRA Rescue NSW, RFS and Surf Life Saving can be requested for drone support for searches for missing persons.

* 4926 **FAT BIKES**—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

With respect to the regulation and compliance of e-bikes, and particularly, “fat bikes”(aka overpowered e-bikes):

- (1) Can you outline the specific enforcement procedures used by NSW Police to identify and penalise the use of non-compliant e-bikes, particularly 'fat bikes,' on public roads and spaces?
- (2) What is the current number of registered e-bikes, categorised by type, within the New South Wales vehicle registration system?
- (3) What are the specific visual and technical criteria used by NSW Police to differentiate between non-compliant 'fat bikes' and motorbikes during roadside inspections?
- (4) Could you please provide a statistical report detailing the number of road fatalities in New South Wales involving compliant and non-compliant 'fat bikes,' broken down by year and month, for the period since 1 January 2020?
- (5) In relation to (4), can you provide a breakdown by electorate or Local Government Area?
- (6) Could you please provide a statistical report detailing the number of police-attended incidents involving serious injury or property damage related to the use of compliant and non-compliant 'fat bikes,' broken down by year and month, for the period since 1 January 2020?
- (7) What specific training is provided to NSW Police officers regarding the identification and enforcement of regulations related to non-compliant e-bikes, including 'fat bikes'?
- (8) What is the current number of non-compliant 'fat bikes' that have been seized by NSW Police since 1 January 2023, and what are the procedures for their disposal?
- (9) What are the specific technical specifications that define a non-compliant 'fat bike' under New South Wales road rules?
- (10) What is the number of infringement notices issued by NSW Police for the use of non-compliant 'fat bikes' and or e-bikes or e-scooters on public roads and spaces each year since 1 January 2023?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The NSW Police Force continues to target non-compliant e-bikes through enforcement operations. Non-compliant e-bikes are difficult to immediately distinguish from compliant e-bikes, as modifications made to otherwise compliant e-bikes that circumvent speed restrictions are problematic to identify through visual inspection alone. Primarily a non-compliant e-bike is identified through the manner in which it is being used, for example, exceeding 6 kilometres per hour whilst the rider is not pedalling.
- (2) This question should be directed to Transport for NSW.
- (3) Motorbikes typically have a larger frame size compared to 'fat bikes' due to the need to house an engine / fuel tank and other accessories. There are a number of obvious differences between the two vehicles upon roadside examination or whilst patrolling, such as:
 - Motorbikes have a registration plate affixed to the rear fairing
 - Turn indicators are fitted to motorbikes
 - Brake lights are fitted to motorbikes
 - Generally, the non-compliant fat bikes still have pedals whilst motorbikes do not
 - Motorbikes have a visible exhaust system and generally emit sound when running
 - Tyres - fat bikes have noticeably wider tyres than those fitted to motorbikes
 - Handlebars and controls on a motorbike are far more complex and there are a larger number of controls than on fat bikes
 - Motorbikes generally have an instrument cluster and speedometer whilst fat bikes do not
 - When observed in motion, motorbikes can travel at far greater speeds than fat bikes
- (4 - 6) 'Fat bikes' are not a recordable vehicle type in the NSW Police Force's Computerised Operational Policing System (COPs). Data would be contained in database narratives and cannot be extracted in a statistical format.
- (7) Commencing at recruitment, all NSW Police Force officers receive training on the enforcement of road transport legislation at the NSW Police Academy. Highway Patrol officers receive additional education and training during the Highway Patrol Education Course. Education and training are regularly reviewed to ensure best practice, in line with changes to transport legislation and emerging trends. At a local level, a number of commands have developed and delivered training packages regarding e-bikes to various police commands across NSW.
- (8) The NSW Police Force does not hold data relating to non-complaint 'fat bikes' or those seized. Disposals for any seized motor vehicles by the NSW Police Force requires a court ordered forfeiture. This results in the motor vehicle being forfeited to the Crown which is then responsible for the lawful disposal of the motor vehicle. The Crown, by definition is Transport for NSW who has the ability to waive the forfeiture, return the vehicle to the owner or dispose of the vehicle.
- (9) Vehicle standards and technical specifications relating to 'fat bikes' are administered by Transport for NSW. There are two types of e-bikes: e-bikes permitted that are power-assisted pedal cycles, primarily propelled through pedalling with an auxiliary motor capable of generating no more than 200 watts; and electrically power-assisted cycles with a maximum continuous rated power of 500 watts that cuts off when a speed of 25 km/h is reached or if the cyclist is not pedalling and the travel speed exceeds 6 km/h. Therefore, a non-compliant 'fat bike' that is either electrically power-assisted or power-assisted is defined as a bicycle ore-bike that exceeds these power restrictions or otherwise.
- (10) Refer to questions 4-6.

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* 4927 TRIPOLI WAY PLANNING—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—

With respect to the planning for Tripoli Way:

- (1) Regarding the Tripoli Way project, when did Transport for NSW last conduct traffic counts to inform design modelling?
- (2) Did Transport for NSW consult with NSW Planning regarding Tullimbar's growth projections?
 - (a) If so, on what date(s)?
- (3) If NSW Planning provided updated data, was this information incorporated into the road design and planning for Tripoli Way?
- (4) If modelling was undertaken, was the resulting data shared with Shellharbour City Council?
- (5) Have Transport for NSW or Shellharbour City Council identified any traffic or pedestrian safety concerns on Broughton Avenue arising from increased vehicle traffic associated with Tripoli Way (including alleged increased "rat running")?
- (6) If safety concerns were identified, what design modifications have been implemented to enhance road and pedestrian safety?
- (7) Following modelling and safety assessments, were any design revisions made in response to identified issues?
- (8) Regarding the design of the Tripoli Way and Tongarra Road (Illawarra Highway) intersection, as determined by Transport for NSW, what assessment has been undertaken of potential safety impacts on Broughton Avenue?
- (9) Has the Minister engaged in discussions with Shellharbour City Council concerning Stage 3 of the Tripoli Way project?
- (10) What funding opportunities are available from the NSW Government for Stage 3 of Tripoli Way?
- (11) Will Stage 3 of Tripoli Way be progressed?
- (12) How will any discrepancies in road standards between Stage 3 of Tripoli Way (connecting to the M1 southbound) and the southern section (connecting to Broughton Avenue, designated as a "local" road by Shellharbour City Council) be addressed, considering the potential designation of Stage 3 as a "state" road by Transport for NSW?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1 - 4) The traffic modelling which informed the design of Tripoli Way was undertaken by Shellharbour City Council, as this is a Council project.
- (5 - 6) Transport for NSW reviewed the proposed changes to the intersection of Illawarra Highway, Broughton Avenue and Tripoli Way, and considered the proposal to provide adequate safety for pedestrians and other road users. Transport for NSW ensured the proposed intersection upgrade met the relevant road design requirements and provided appropriate pedestrian infrastructure to safely cross the intersection.
- (7) Transport for NSW reviewed the design, together with the intersection traffic modelling for traffic efficiency and road user safety. A panel of Transport representatives identified in the design review that the proposed lane configuration, shared through and right turn lane from Illawarra Highway to Tripoli Way, was a safety concern and recommended no shared lanes be adopted into the design. As per standard procedure, a Road Safety Audit will be needed at Detailed Design stage. The audit must be carried out by an independent auditor accredited by Transport for NSW, and the auditor

cannot be from the same organisation that carried out the detailed design. Council will need to engage the auditor.

- (8) Transport for NSW reviewed the proposed connection of the existing roundabout at the intersection of the Illawarra Highway and Broughton Avenue. The assessment considered road safety implications for all legs of the intersection, including the existing Broughton Avenue. As per standard procedure, a Road Safety Audit will be required at Detailed Design stage for this roundabout.

- (9) I and my office regularly meet with Shellharbour City Council to discuss their roads and regional transport priorities.

(10 - 12)

No funding commitment has been made to progress Tripoli Way Stage 3, Terry Street to M1 Princes Motorway.

- * 4928 FUTURE USE OF OPEN SPACE IN CAMMERAY—Ms Felicity Wilson to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—

Given the ongoing community discussions regarding the future use of the open space in Cammeray, which will be created upon the completion of the Warringah Freeway Upgrade, can the Minister provide the following details:

- (1) What are the current plans for the use of this open space once the Warringah Freeway Upgrade is completed?
- (2) Who are the key stakeholders currently being consulted, or who will be involved in decisions regarding the future of this parkland?
- (3) What options are currently being considered for the use of the land?
 - (a) Specifically, does the Government have any current thinking on whether the open space will be used as parklands, developed into sporting fields, or repurposed for another use?

Answer—

I am advised:

The land at Cammeray Park, including land identified for the now cancelled Beaches Link project, is temporarily leased for the construction of the Warringah Freeway Upgrade and Western Harbour Tunnel projects.

Open space at Cammeray will be assessed under the Western Harbour Tunnel project. The development and use of Cammeray Parklands will be incorporated into the Western Harbour Tunnel Place Design Landscape Plan (Part 3) - Cammeray Parklands.

The detailed design and Place Design Landscape Plan will be developed using an integrated urban design approach, involving close collaboration with a broad, multidisciplinary project team. Including subject matter experts, key external stakeholders, North Sydney Council and the State Design Review Panel.

- * 4929 BERRYS BAY FORESHORE PARKLAND PROJECT—Ms Felicity Wilson to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—

- (1) Is the Berrys Bay Foreshore Parkland project, which is set to enter community consultation in mid-2025, the responsibility of the Western Harbour Tunnel Team?
- (2) What is the estimated timeline for the completion for the Berrys Bay Foreshore Parkland project?
- (3) Can the Minister outline the key milestones in the development and construction phases leading to the completion of the parkland?

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Answer—

I am advised:

The Berrys Bay Foreshore Parkland is part of the Western Harbour Tunnel Warringah Freeway Upgrade project's delivery obligations. The draft Place, Design and Landscape Plan for the Berrys Bay Foreshore Parkland is planned to be issued for consultation in mid-2025 and will be delivered prior to the opening of Western Harbour Tunnel in 2028.

Key milestones for the Western Harbour Tunnel Place, Design and Landscape Plan Berrys Bay Foreshore Parkland construction program include:

- To date - priority engagement with key local stakeholder groups, including North Sydney Council, has progressed well, helping inform the detailed design.
- Mid 2025 - open consultation on the draft Design and Landscape Plan.
- Quarter 3, 2025 - commence early work at Berrys Bay.
- End 2025 - complete design for the new interpretive Woodleys Shed structure and commence construction on the Western Harbour Tunnel.
- 2028 - opening of the Western Harbour Tunnel.

* 4930 CREMORNE POINT WHARF—Ms Felicity Wilson to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Transport, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—

- (1) Did work begin on the Cremorne Point Wharf nearly three years ago in mid-2022?
- (2) Have any temporary or permanent solutions to the wharf roof's removal been provided?
 - (a) If not, what is the updated timeline for the completion of the roof replacement at Cremorne Point Wharf?
 - (b) Can the Minister provide an explanation for the delay of the project and the steps being taken to ensure its timely completion?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Yes. Early work involved removal of the failed roof and make -safe works, followed by temporary measures to return the wharf to service.
- (2) Short-term measures were put in place to enable the wharf to remain open. The permanent solution is being developed.
 - (a) Works to replace the roof with a permanent solution are planned to start soon and conclude by the end of the year.
 - (b) Following removal of the roof, Transport for NSW Maritime commenced investigation to understand the root cause of the roof failure. This involved on-site testing and analysis, followed by development and extensive testing of models of the pontoons. The investigation phase of the work needed to be thorough to understand the nature of the problem that caused the failure.

The project involves the following steps:

- Removal of failed roof and make-safe works
- Temporary measures to return the wharf to service
- On-site investigation and analysis

- Development and testing of physical pontoon and roof models to understand pontoon and roof behaviour
- Design of new lightweight roof
- Fabrication of new lightweight roof off-site
- Installation and commissioning of new roof on-site.

* 4931 E-BIKES IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Ms Felicity Wilson to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Transport, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—

Given the increasing presence of e-bikes in New South Wales, specifically Sydney, and the concerns around pedestrian safety, can the Minister provide the following details:

- (1) What steps is the Government taking to ensure pedestrian safety in areas with a high concentration of e-bikes and shared bike lanes?
- (2) Is the Government considering introducing any new regulations to ensure e-bikes are parked responsibly and do not block pedestrian pathways, particularly in areas with high foot traffic or near public transport hubs?
- (3) Does the Government plan on engaging e-bike manufacturers to introduce measures that prevent their bikes from being left in a manner that obstructs walkways, thereby creating potential hazards for pedestrians, including those using wheelchairs or strollers?
- (4) Can the Minister provide any data on the number of e-bikes operating in Sydney during the following months of 2024/25:
 - (a) September?
 - (b) October?
 - (c) November?
 - (d) December?
 - (e) January?
 - (f) February?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Transport for NSW provides a range of community education resources for bicycle riders, including e-bike riders, and pedestrians, to help them understand how to share spaces safely and encourage safe behaviours. Transport for NSW has developed a suite of content, including fact sheets, a dedicated webpage and social media posts to increase awareness of safe riding practices for food delivery riders and safe bicycle riding. Resources are made available to road safety partners via the Towards Zero Collaboration Hub to extend messages into local communities.

The NSW Road Rules require people riding bikes on shared paths to give way to pedestrians. The NSW Police enforces the road rules.

- (2 - 3) Transport for NSW is exploring a regulatory framework to provide councils with powers to decide if shared devices can be made available for people to use in their area.

The proposed reforms would mandate operator agreements with the local council before making devices available for rent. The council would also be able to decide how many operators would be able to provide devices in the area and which operators to partner with. The operators and councils

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could then agree on how programs are managed, including parking and arrangements for the collection and re-distribution of devices.

- (4) Transport for NSW's research, undertaken in 2024, indicates that approximately 14% of households own at least one e-bike, with higher ownership levels in Central and Greater Sydney than in regional locations.

The overall fleet numbers of operational shared e-bikes across NSW vary by Local Government Area. Transport for NSW is undertaking a trial with select Councils to test a data platform to provide ongoing visibility into shared e-micromobility devices including fleet size, movement patterns and locations of interest.

* 4932 WESTERN HARBOUR TUNNEL PROJECT - TREE PLANTING—Ms Felicity Wilson to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Transport, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—

- (1) Is one condition of approval for the Western Harbour Tunnel project to plant 6,000 trees once the project is completed?
- (a) If so, can the Minister outline the Government's plan for replacing the 6,000 trees once the construction of the Western harbour Tunnel is completed?
- (b) To date, have less than 30 trees been planted?
- (i) If so, what is the reason for this slow progress?
- (ii) Are any steps being taken to expedite the planting process?
- (c) Is there any intention to incorporate landscaping alongside the tree planting efforts?
- (i) If there will be landscaping, what percentage of the 6,000 trees being replaced will be part of bushland, and what percentage will be within landscaped environs?
- (d) Can the Minister provide a specific timeline for the full replacement of the 6,000 trees, and can the Minister provide a schedule for when planting is expected to be completed?

Answer—

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Roads.

* 4933 SHUTTLE BUS SERVICES ALONG THE MILITARY ROAD CORRIDOR—Ms Felicity Wilson to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Transport, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—

- (1) Is there an ongoing bus crisis in North Shore, with a need for efficient public transport solutions?
- (a) If so, will the Government consider implementing shuttle bus services along the Military Road Corridor, dropping passengers at Victoria Cross Metro Station, as a means of providing higher-frequency bus services while keeping buses off the Sydney Harbour Bridge and out of the city?
- (i) Has the Government conducted any assessments or studies on the potential benefits and feasibility of such a shuttle bus service?

Answer—

I am advised:

On 4 August 2024, Transport for NSW made changes to some bus services to support Sydney Metro's launch from Chatswood to Sydenham. These changes improve connectivity to Sydney Metro services and

support integration into the broader public transport network, primarily in Sydney's North West and North Shore.

Military Road corridor customers can access the new Sydney Metro Victoria Cross Station via bus Routes 114 and 144. Route 144 offers a frequent service along Military Road, with services every 10 minutes during the day and every 20 minutes early morning/late evening, 7 days a week.

When planning bus changes that deliver the best outcomes for most customers, Transport for NSW analyses Opal data, passenger travel patterns and customer feedback to understand current and future travel needs.

- * 4934 APPROVAL PROCESS - IMPACT OF LOW AND MID-RISE PLANNING POLICY—Ms Felicity Wilson to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, and Minister for Youth—

Given the role of the Housing Development Authority in shaping housing policy and development in New South Wales, can the Minister:

- (1) Provide an update on how the approval process will be affected in light of the Low and Mid-Rise Planning Policy, with a particular focus on the town centres of Spit Junction, Cremorne, Neutral Bay, Low and Mid-Rise Stations of St Leonards, Wollstonecraft, Waverton, North Sydney, and Milsons Point, and the Crows Nest Transport Oriented Development precinct?
- (2) How does the Housing Development Authority assess and approve major housing developments in these areas, and what specific criteria are used to ensure these developments align with local planning and community needs?

Answer—

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Hon. Paul Scully MP, in his capacity as the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces.

- * 4935 NECESSARY PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE FOR NEW DEVELOPMENTS—Ms Felicity Wilson to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

How does the Government plan to ensure that new developments in the Low and Mid-Rise town centres of Spit Junction, Cremorne, Neutral Bay, Low and Mid-Rise Stations of St Leonards, Wollstonecraft, Waverton, North Sydney, and Milsons Point, and the Crows Nest Transport Oriented Development precinct are adequately supported by the necessary public infrastructure, such as transport, schools, and open spaces?

Answer—

I am advised:

Low and Mid-Rise locations were selected based on a set of criteria regarding access to goods and services, frequency and reliability of public transport, travel times on public transport, and critical infrastructure capacity. These areas have the necessary public infrastructure already available to communities to support current and future residents.

The NSW Government has committed \$520 million to fund community infrastructure as such as active transport, as well as new and improved public open spaces, within the TOD Accelerated Precincts including Crows Nest.

Further information is publicly available on the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure's website at

<https://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/plans-for-your-area/priority-growth-areas-and-precincts/st-leonards-and-crows-nest/crows-nest>

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* 4936 CONGESTION ON THE METRO—Ms Felicity Wilson to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Transport, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—

(1) Is the Metro running at full capacity during morning peak hour and struggling to take on passengers from the stops closest to the city including Crows Nest and Victoria Cross Stations?

(a) If so, how does the Government plan to address the congestion on the Metro so that passengers at Crows Nest and Victoria Cross Metro stations are able to board?

Answer—

I am advised:

Metro services departing Crows Nest Station travelling to Sydenham on the M1 Line between 8-9am, the busiest hour of the morning peak, have an average loading of 80-90 per cent on a typical weekday in March 2025.

To ensure the safety of customers across the network, a range of options are available to manage high passenger loads during peak times, including using live announcements to encourage passengers to spread along the platform, and capacity indicators on transport apps and passenger information screens. Metro Trains Sydney also manages the direction of escalators and Opal gates to help the flow of passengers through the station and can extend train dwell times, if required.

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4937 AIR CONDITIONING IN SCHOOLS—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

For each public school in the electorate of Holsworthy, can the Minister provide the number of classrooms/indoor learning spaces that currently do not have air conditioning?

4938 FREIGHT NOISE ATTENUATION PROGRAM—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Transport, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—

Can the Minister advise:

(1) Whether the Government plans to replace or reintroduce the Freight Noise Attenuation Program?

(a) If not, why not?

(2) How many properties have received funding to mitigate noise through the program since its inception?

(3) How many properties in the electorate of Holsworthy have received funding?

4939 OPERATION DEFIANCE—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

With respect to Operation Defiance, can the Minister provide:

(1) The number of directed inspections that have occurred since its inception?

(2) The number of vehicles that failed to pass a directed inspection?

(3) A list breaking down the make and model of cars that have been inspected and the number of vehicles that failed to pass the inspection?

4940 GOVERNMENT FERAL PIG MANAGEMENT SCHEME—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

The conclusion of the Feral Pig Management scheme is scheduled for June 2025.

- (1) Can the Minister advise whether the targeted areas have seen a decline in feral pig numbers?
- (2) Can the Minister provide a list of the targeted areas located in the Barwon electorate?

4941 HEALTHSHARE AND ITS MARKET SHARE OUTSIDE THE PUBLIC HOSPITAL SECTOR IN REGIONAL NEW SOUTH WALES—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Better Regulation and Fair Trading, Minister for Industry and Trade, Minister for Innovation, Science and Technology, Minister for Building, and Minister for Corrections—

- (1) Has HealthShare branched beyond public hospital laundry provision?
 - (a) If yes, considering many independent commercial laundry businesses in regional New South Wales would then be competing against the Government owned and operated HealthShare, does the Minister plan to investigate implementing the Government's small or medium enterprises (SMEs) and regional businesses initiative and its policies for this service?

4942 LOCAL SPORT GRANT PROGRAM—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, Minister for Sport, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—

- (1) Has the New South Wales Office of Sport announced they are evaluating the Local Sport Grant Program?
 - (a) If so, when can we expect to receive the outcomes of this evaluation?

4943 ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER HEALTH / MEDICAL SERVICES—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

With respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health / medical services:

- (1) Would the Minister please provide a list of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health / medical services for the following areas:
 - (a) Murrumbidgee Local Health District?
 - (b) Western NSW Local Health District?
- (2) Would the Minister please advise how many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health care workers are employed in these areas?
 - (a) How many are full-time / part-time / casual?
- (3) Would the Minister please advise how many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health care worker positions are currently vacant across these Local Health Districts?
- (4) Would the Minister please advise what systems are in place to support our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who do not have a health care worker where they live?

4944 DRUG AND ALCOHOL TREATMENT CENTRES IN THE RIVERINA—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

With respect to Drug and Alcohol Treatment centres across Regional New South Wales:

- (1) Would the Minister please advise how many Drug and Alcohol Treatment centres are across the Riverina, and their locations?
- (2) Would the Minister please advise of these centres how many are targeted specifically for women and children?

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4945 HOUSING DELIVERY AUTHORITY RECOMMENDATIONS—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

With respect to the recommendations from the Housing Delivery Authority (HDA):

- (1) Will the Minister please advise what regional areas have been identified by the HDA?
- (2) Will the Minister please advise how many potential homes have been identified?
- (3) Will the Minister please advise when will these recommendations be lodged?

4946 DROUGHT ASSISTANCE FOR RURAL AND REGIONAL AREAS—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

With respect to drought assistance for rural and regional areas:

- (1) Minister, could you please advise what immediate support is the Government providing to assist farmers and local economies, and how are these measures being communicated to ensure accessibility?
- (2) Minister, could you please outline the Government's long-term strategy to build drought resilience in regional areas, land management, and community support services?
- (3) Minister, could you please advise what steps are being taken by the Government to ensure that drought relief funding is equitably distributed across all affected regions, particularly to smaller or more remote communities that often face barriers in accessing support?
- (4) Minister, could you please advise how is the Government working with local councils and stakeholders to tailor drought assistance packages to the specific needs of each region, and if so, how is that input being integrated into policy decisions?

4947 QON 4464 FOLLOW UP—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

With respect to Foodbank School Breakfast 4 Health Program across the Cootamundra electorate:

- (1) Minister you previously advised in your response dated 25 March 2025, that as of January 2025, there are 35 schools in the Cootamundra electorate who are part of the School Breakfast 4 Health program, could you please list these 35 schools?
- (2) Will the Minister please advise what is the criteria for a school to be part of this program?
- (3) Will the Minister please advise why every school is not part of this program?

4948 HOSPITAL HELIPADS FOR REGIONAL AREAS—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

- (1) Minister, could you please advise which of the following hospitals in the Murrumbidgee Local Health District and Western NSW Local Health District have an onsite helipad?
 - (a) Murrumbidgee Local Health District:
 - (i) Boorowa Multipurpose Service?
 - (ii) Coolamon-Ganmain Multipurpose Service?
 - (iii) Cootamundra Hospital?
 - (iv) Gundagai Multipurpose Service?
 - (v) Junee Multipurpose Service?
 - (vi) Murrumburrah-Harden Hospital?
 - (vii) Narrandera Hospital?

- (viii) Temora Hospital?
- (ix) West Wyalong Hospital?
- (x) Young Hospital?
- (b) Western NSW Local Health District:
 - (i) Canowindra Soldiers Memorial Hospital?
 - (ii) Cowra Hospital?
 - (iii) Grenfell Multipurpose Service?
- (2) Minister, could you please advise for those facilities who do not have an onsite helipad, what are the alternative locations for a medical helicopter to land?
- (3) Minister, could you please advise to ensure those living in regional areas have access to emergency medical support, what is the Government doing to address gaps where this critical infrastructure is lacking?

4949 FUNDING ALLOCATION ACROSS THE STATE OF NEW SOUTH WALES—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—
With respect to funding allocation across the State of New South Wales:

- (1) Are there ongoing disparities in funding allocations across different Local Government Areas, particularly those with higher levels of socio-economic disadvantage or infrastructure needs?
 - (a) If so, what measures is the Government taking to ensure a more equitable distribution of funding?
- (2) Will you consider reviewing current allocation models to better reflect an even amount of funding across each Local Government Area rather than an electorate?

4950 ABORIGINAL LAND CLAIMS ACROSS THE COOTAMUNDRA ELECTORATE—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Treaty, Minister for Gaming and Racing, Minister for Veterans, Minister for Medical Research, and Minister for the Central Coast—
With respect to Aboriginal Land Claims:

- (1) Minister, could you please advise how many active land claims are there for each local government area across the Cootamundra electorate:
 - (a) Bland Shire?
 - (b) Coolamon Shire?
 - (c) Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council?
 - (d) Cowra Shire?
 - (e) Hilltops Council?
 - (f) Junee Shire?
 - (g) Narrandera Shire?
 - (h) Temora Shire?
 - (i) Weddin Shire?
- (2) Minister, could you please provide a map of each Aboriginal Land Claim across each of these local government areas?
 - (a) If not, then could you please provide a list of all sites relating to these claims?

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- (3) Minister, could you please advise are any of these claims impacting on the delivery of vital infrastructure to these local government areas?
- (a) If so, where and what is being done to work through any issues?
- 4951 NATIVE VEGETATION MAPPING IN THE BLAND SHIRE—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—
- With respect to native vegetation mapping in the Bland Shire:
- (1) Will the Government accept information provided by Local Land Services who conducted an on the ground review of the mapping?
- (a) If not, why?
- (2) Minister, could you please advise how is the Government working with the Threatened Species Scientific Committee to look at the Critically Endangered Ecological Community (CEEC) determination and its interaction with Broombush and eucalyptus oil harvesting?
- (3) Minister, could you please advise what is considered as ‘harvesting’ and what is recognised as ‘clearing’?
- 4952 INTERMENT SERVICES LEVY—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, Minister for Sport, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—
- In relation to the Interment Services Levy:
- (1) How is this levy communicated to dependents and families of the deceased?
- 4953 CHANGES TO KILLARA HIGH SCHOOL’S LOCAL ENROLMENT AREA—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- (1) Have you received a letter emailed in March 2025 by myself on behalf of the residents of Killara, Lindfield and Roseville, regarding changes to Killara High School’s local enrolment area?
- (a) If so, are you planning on replying to this correspondence?
- (2) Are you planning to allow a joint local enrolment area for Killara High and Lindfield Learning Village given they are different education models?
- 4954 QON 4551 FOLLOW UP—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—
- In relation to question and answer 4551:
- (1) Have the officer names been considered for addition on the:
- (a) The New South Wales Police Wall of Remembrance in the Domain?
- (b) The New South Wales Service Memorial in Surry Hills?
- 4955 QON 4625 FOLLOW UP—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Local Government—
- In relation to question and answer 4625:
- (1) Are there plans to appoint a commissioner(s) to conduct a public inquiry into Northern Beaches Council under section 438U of the Local Government Act?
- 4956 BUS SERVICE CANCELLATION IN REGION 14—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Transport, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—

- (1) In relation to the buses in Region 14, how many services were cancelled during the period:
- (a) 1 April to 14 April?
 - (b) 15 April to 30 April?
 - (c) 1 May to 14 May?
 - (d) 15 May to 31 May?
 - (e) 1 June to 14 June?

4957 NORTHERN BEACHES TAFE—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education—

In relation to Northern Beaches TAFE:

- (1) How many individual students were enrolled in:
- (a) 2019?
 - (b) 2020?
 - (c) 2021?
 - (d) 2022?
 - (e) 2023?
 - (f) 2024?
 - (g) 2025?
- (2) How are the following courses being supported:
- (a) Nursing?
 - (b) Cookery?
 - (c) Bakery/Patisserie?
 - (d) Hairdressing?
 - (e) Hospitality, Barista, Bar and Cafe skills?
 - (f) Childcare?
 - (g) Event management / Travel and tourism management?
- (3) How is the TAFE being promoted to potential students, including high school students?

4958 CASHLESS POKER MACHINES—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Treaty, Minister for Gaming and Racing, Minister for Veterans, Minister for Medical Research, and Minister for the Central Coast—

- (1) Is the Government on track to make every poker machine cashless by 31 December 2028?
- (a) If no, why not?

4959 GOVERNMENT SECTOR EMPLOYMENT ACT REVIEW UPDATE—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Premier—

Can you please provide an update into the review undertaken in relation to the Government Sector Employment Act, that includes termination payouts, that you announced in April 2024?

4960 EDEN RIDGE ELECTRICITY SUPPLY—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the

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Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) Have you received a letter emailed in December 2024 by myself on behalf of the residents of Eden Ridge in North Turramurra, regarding their electricity supply?

(a) If so, are you planning on replying to this correspondence?

4961 EUGOWRA HEALTH SERVICE – NURSE ACCOMMODATION—Mr Philip Donato to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

As a result of accommodation not being available at Eugowra, any new or agency nursing staff recruited to work at Eugowra Health Service is required to travel great distances each day from other community centres:

- (1) Given that access to accommodation within proximity to the workplace is essential for workplace sustainability, will consideration be given to sourcing and providing accommodation for nursing staff either in or nearby to Eugowra?

4962 EUGOWRA HEALTH SERVICE - NURSE STAFFING SHORTAGES AND BURNOUT—Mr Philip Donato to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

Regarding recent resignations of nurses at Eugowra Health Service and the subsequent strain on the remaining team:

- (1) Will you review full-time equivalent (FTE) nursing allocation at Eugowra Health Service to better match nurse workloads, and will consideration be given to increased staffing support through graduate or temporary nurse programs?

4963 TULLAMORE NURSE ACCOMMODATION—Mr Philip Donato to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

Regarding accommodation units at Tullamore presently being provided only for agency and Fly-In Fly-Out (FIFO) nursing staff, who predominantly service the Tullamore MPS and noting the distance from larger centres such as Dubbo and Parkes:

- (1) Will consideration be given to sourcing or building accommodation at Tullamore to provide non-agency/FIFO nursing staff, and therefore enable successful recruitment and retention of permanent nursing staff and provide a consistent staffing presence and capability?

4964 AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 6 PART 2 OF THE HOUSING STATE ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING POLICY—Mr Philip Donato to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

Chapter 6 Part 2 of the Housing State Environmental Planning Policy (SEPP) enables dual occupancy development in all R1, R2, R3 and R4 zones on land with a minimum lot size of 450 square metres, but prohibits that form of development on battle-axe blocks where potentially thousands of new homes could be created in established areas.

- (1) Does the Government plan to amend Chapter 6 Part 2 of the Housing SEPP to include the development of dual occupancy housing on battle-axe blocks, given the increasing popularity of Greenfield development affordable micro-lot housing in Sydney's west, southwest and northwest, where houses can be built on 300 square metre blocks of land?

4965 AMENDMENT TO THE APARTMENT DESIGN GUIDE—Mr Philip Donato to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

To enable low-income earners and first home buyers the opportunity to purchase their own property at half the cost of a new 1 bedroom apartment and relieve the pressure on the rental accommodation market:

- (1) Would you consider amending the Apartment Design Guide (ADG) to permit the construction of micro apartments with an internal area of 25 square metres and exempt them from the solar access and natural ventilation requirements of the ADG?
- 4966 GROWING NURSING SHORTAGES IN SMALL RURAL FACILITIES—Mr Philip Donato to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
To address the growing nursing shortages in rural health facilities, does the Government have any plans to:
- (1) Focus on home growing local nursing staff – career targeting of school students from Years 7/8?
 - (2) Provide more incentives for Enrolled Nurses to undertake Registered Nurse qualifications?
 - (3) Improve pay and conditions to attract and retain nursing staff?
 - (4) Initiate sponsorship training – such as a previous "Step Up pathway" which supported those with no nursing background to obtain their Assistant in Nursing (AIN) qualifications, the Enrolled Nurse (EN) qualifications, then Registered Nurse (RN) qualifications, while being financially supported?
- 4967 CROWN LAND WITHIN THE HILLS SHIRE COUNCIL LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA—Mr Mark Hodges to ask the Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, Minister for Sport, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—
In relation to portion of land which has been dedicated as reserved crown land which is situated within the Hills Shire Local Government Area please advise:
- (1) What is the lot and deposited plan number for each portion of land?
 - (2) With respect to each portion of land which has been dedicated as reserved crown land could you please advise whether the Hills Shire Council been appointed as the Crown Land Manager or the Council Manager in respect to each said portion of land?
- 4968 SALE OF CROWN LAND WITHIN THE HILLS SHIRE COUNCIL LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA—
Mr Mark Hodges to ask the Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, Minister for Sport, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—
In relation to Crown Land situated within the Hills Shire Council Local Government Area please advise:
- (1) Has the Minister, during the current term of the 58th Parliament, received a request by the Hills Shire Council in its capacity as the Council Manager or otherwise a request by another Crown Land Manager for the sale or disposal of dedicated or reserved crown land?
 - (2) If the answer to the above question is in the affirmative, could you please provide particulars of such request?
 - (3) Has the Minister, during the current term of the 58th Parliament, given consent pursuant to section 3.22(4) to the Hills Shire Council in its capacity as the Council Manager or otherwise to any other Crown Land Manager to sell or dispose of dedicated or reserved crown land?
 - (4) If the answer to the above question is in the affirmative, could you please provide particulars including the lot and deposited plan number of such dedicated crown land and the particulars of the Crown Land Manager?
- 4969 CONTRAVENTION OF LIMITATIONS OR RESTRICTIONS SPECIFIED IN THE MANAGERS APPOINTMENT—Mr Mark Hodges to ask the Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, Minister for Sport, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—
With respect to any portion of dedicated or reserved Crown Land which is situated within the Hills Shire Council Local Government Area:

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- (1) Has the Minister received notice from the Department of Land and Property that a Crown Land Manager has contravened a limitation or restriction specified by the provisions of the manager's appoint instrument?
 - (2) If the answer to the above question is in the affirmative, could please provide particulars?
- 4970 COMMUNITY TRANSPORT IN OXLEY—Mr Michael Kemp to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Transport, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—
- (1) How many people have been assisted by Community Transport (i.e. transported from one location to a second location) in the Oxley Electorate (residents of postcodes 2429, 2431, 2439, 2440, 2441, 2444, 2446, 2447, 2448, 2449, 2453, 2454, 2455) in the following timeframes:
 - (a) Year to date?
 - (b) 2024?
 - (c) 2023?
- 4971 FUNDING FOR DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITIES AND JUSTICE IN OXLEY—Mr Michael Kemp to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—
- (1) Can the Treasurer provide a breakdown of funding allocated by the Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) for the Nambucca Valley, Macleay Valley, Port Macquarie-Hastings Valley, and Bellingen Valley for the following periods:
 - (a) Year to date?
 - (b) 2024?
 - (c) 2023?
 - (d) 2022?
 - (e) 2021?
 - (f) 2020?
- 4972 DOG AND CAT REGISTRATIONS—Mr Michael Kemp to ask the Minister for Local Government—
With reference to pet registrations:
- (1) Could you please provide a breakdown of the number of dog and cat registrations on the New South Wales Pet Registry, categorised by the following postcodes within the Oxley electorate: 2429, 2431, 2439, 2440, 2441, 2444, 2446, 2447, 2448, 2449, 2453, 2454, 2455?
 - (2) Could you please provide the total number of dog and cat registrations recorded by each relevant local council for the following postcodes: 2429, 2431, 2439, 2440, 2441, 2444, 2446, 2447, 2448, 2449, 2453, 2454, 2455?
 - (3) Could you please provide a report that details any data discrepancies found between the New South Wales Pet Registry and local council registration data for the following postcodes: 2429, 2431, 2439, 2440, 2441, 2444, 2446, 2447, 2448, 2449, 2453, 2454, 2455?
 - (4) What specific data validation processes are currently in place to ensure the accuracy of information entered into the New South Wales Pet Registry?
 - (5) What is the number of data audits performed on the New South Wales Pet Registry in the past 12 months?
 - (6) How are pets removed from the registry when they pass away?

4973 **ILLEGAL PROTESTERS DIVERTING RESOURCES**—Mr Michael Kemp to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

- (1) Can the Minister provide a breakdown of the total estimated cost incurred by emergency services across New South Wales in responding to protest-related incidents, including but not limited to wages, vehicle deployment, equipment usage, and associated operational overheads, over these periods:
 - (a) Year to date?
 - (b) 2024?
 - (c) 2023?
- (2) Can the Minister also provide a regional breakdown of these costs specifically within the following postcodes of the Oxley electorate (2429, 2431, 2439, 2440, 2441, 2444, 2446, 2447, 2448, 2449, 2453, 2454, and 2455)?
- (3) Has the Government considered seeking restitution from protest organisers for the public costs incurred during emergency response operations to illegal stunts?

4974 **PAYROLL TAX - BUSINESSES IN OXLEY**—Mr Michael Kemp to ask the Attorney General representing the Minister for Finance, Minister for Domestic Manufacturing and Government Procurement, and Minister for Natural Resources—

- (1) How many businesses in the Oxley Electorate pay payroll tax and how much did they pay in the following years:
 - (a) 2024/current?
 - (b) 2023/24?
 - (c) 2022/23?
 - (d) 2021/22?

4975 **TROPICAL SODA APPLE FUNDING IN OXLEY**—Mr Michael Kemp to ask the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

- (1) Can the Minister provide a breakdown of funding spent on the control and management of Tropical Soda Apple weed in the following regions:
 - (a) Nambucca Valley?
 - (b) Macleay Valley?
 - (c) Port Macquarie-Hastings Valley?
 - (d) Bellingen Valley?
- (2) What is the Minister's financial forecast for the successful eradication of Tropical Soda Apple in these regions?
- (3) Does the Minister plan to support the eradication of Tropical Soda Apple on all Government-owned land tenures?

4976 **COST OF EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT PRESENTATIONS AND AMBULANCE CALL-OUTS FOR NON-URGENT AND SEMI-URGENT CASES**—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

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What is the total cost to the New South Wales Government and Federal Government of emergency department presentations and ambulance call-outs for non-urgent and semi-urgent cases (that could be seen by a General Practitioner instead) during the after-hours period?

4977 PATIENT TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS TO URGENT CARE CLINICS OR GENERAL PRACTICES—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

How many patients each year are unable to access after-hours care due to their inability to travel to an urgent care clinic (UCC) or general practice (e.g. aged care, low socio-economic status, disability affected), and how many of these patients ultimately call an ambulance or attend an Emergency Department?

4978 URGENT CARE CLINIC CONSULTATION COSTS—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

(1) Since their launch, how much total funding has been allocated to Urgent Care Clinics (UCCs) in New South Wales, and how many patients have been seen to date?

(a) What is the resulting cost per consultation?

4979 VICTORIA ROAD AT ENDEAVOUR STREET, WEST RYDE - PROJECT UPDATE—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—

What is the timeframe for completing the 'Victoria Road at Endeavour Street, West Ryde - Midblock signalised crossing enhancements', project under round 2 of the Road Safety Program 2023/24 – 2025/26?

4980 PARKING SHORTFALLS – MELROSE PARK—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

What plans does the Government have to address any community concern regarding parking shortfalls on the City of Ryde side of Melrose Park with the delivery of the new Melrose Park High School?

4981 THE HIGH POTENTIAL AND GIFTED EDUCATION POLICY - REVIEW—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

What plans do you have to evaluate and/or review The High Potential and Gifted Education Policy?

4982 AVERAGE WEEKEND THEATRE ON-SITE STAFFING LEVEL—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

(1) For each New South Wales Local Health District, what is the average weekend theatre on-site staffing level?

(a) How does the inclusion of birthing facilities impact a facility's level?

4983 NSW HEALTH GUIDELINES FOR WEEKEND THEATRE ON-SITE STAFFING—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

(1) What are the NSW Health guidelines for weekend theatre on-site staffing?

(a) How does this compare to the equivalent guidelines in Victoria?

(b) How does this compare to the equivalent guidelines in Queensland?

4984 QON 4635 FOLLOW UP—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

Why was the decision made not to publish Council and other non-individual submissions to the Low and Mid-Rise Housing policy?

4985 TRAIN STATION UPGRADES—The Hon. Greg Piper to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Transport, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—

- (1) What is the Government doing to ensure there is adequate parking at the following Transport Oriented Development (TOD) precinct train stations to accommodate current and projected patronage and, if relevant, what are the timelines:
 - (a) Booragul?
 - (b) Teralba?
 - (c) Cockle Creek?
- (2) Noting that in the 2021-2022 Budget, funding was allocated under the Commuter Car Park Program for a business case to support additional parking at Morisset train station, what is the NSW Government doing to ensure there is adequate parking at Morisset train station, a TOD precinct, to accommodate current and projected patronage and, if relevant, what is the timeline?
- (3) Noting that in the 2021-2022 Budget, funding was allocated under the Commuter Car Park Program for a business case to support additional parking at Fassifern train station, what is the Government doing to ensure there is adequate parking at Fassifern train station to accommodate current and projected patronage and, if relevant, what is the timeline?
- (4) What is the Government doing to improve accessibility at the following TOD precinct train stations and, if relevant, what is the timeline:
 - (a) Booragul?
 - (b) Teralba?
- (5) Noting funding was allocated under the Safe Accessible Transport Program for planning accessibility upgrades to Cockle Creek train station in June 2024, when is construction of these upgrades expected to commence?
- (6) Has the Government identified any of the following TOD precinct train stations, which cannot accommodate longer Intercity trains, for lengthening works and, if relevant, what are the timelines:
 - (a) Booragul?
 - (b) Teralba?
 - (c) Cockle Creek?

4986 ROAD SURFACE MAINTENANCE OF STATE ROADS—Mr Michael Regan to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—

- (1) What is the process for assessing the condition of road surfaces on state roads and deciding whether enhancement works occur?
- (2) What is the frequency and schedule of road surface condition assessments and subsequent maintenance arising from assessments?
- (3) Has there been any assessment of the condition of the road surface on the following state roads, and if yes, when did it occur, who undertook the assessment, what did it involve and what were the findings?
 - (a) A8 corridor (Pittwater Road, Condamine Street, Burnt Bridge Creek Deviation, Manly Road, Spit Road, and Military Road)?
 - (b) Warringah Road?
 - (c) Wakehurst Parkway?
 - (d) Forest Way?
- (4) Are there any planned enhancement works to improve the condition of the road surface on the following state roads:

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- (a) A8 corridor (Pittwater Road, Condamine Street, Burnt Bridge Creek Deviation, Manly Road, Spit Road, and Military Road)?
- (b) Warringah Road?
- (c) Wakehurst Parkway?
- (d) Forest Way?

4987 PERFORMANCE OF CONNECT SYDNEY—Mr Michael Regan to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—

- (1) What are the core operational responsibilities of Connect Sydney under their Sydney Roads Asset Performance Contract with Transport for NSW?
- (2) In the years since the Sydney Roads Asset Performance Contract commenced in 2020, has Connect Sydney met the performance framework conditions of the contract?
 - (a) If not, in what areas have they not performed and what have been the consequences?
- (3) Are the Monthly and Annual Reports required under the Performance Management section of the contract (p50) publicly available?
- (4) Does the performance framework, under the Sydney Roads Asset Performance Contract, capture Connect Sydney's responsiveness in actioning inquiries from citizens, local Members of Parliament, public transport operators, council and other stakeholders?
 - (a) If so, where and are these conditions being met?
 - (b) If not, why not?
- (5) How are decisions made by Connect Sydney about whether to action requests made by citizens, local Members of Parliament, public transport operators, council and other stakeholders, for example in relation to cleaning litter, graffiti or fixing potholes?
- (6) In relation to the Key Performance Indicator (KPI) 'Percentage of enquiries resolved appropriately' (Schedule 4, Appendix 1), what is the KPI target?
- (7) In relation to the KPI 'Percentage of enquiries resolved appropriately' (Schedule 4, Appendix 1), has this KPI target been met in each of the following years:
 - (a) 2020?
 - (b) 2021?
 - (c) 2022?
 - (d) 2023?
 - (e) 2024?

4988 INQUIRY INTO GREYHOUND RACING NSW—Mr Michael Regan to ask the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Treaty, Minister for Gaming and Racing, Minister for Veterans, Minister for Medical Research, and Minister for the Central Coast—

- (1) Will the report from the Greyhound Welfare and Integrity Commission (GWIC) Drake inquiry into Greyhound Racing NSW (GRNSW) be publicly available?
- (2) Has the due date for the Drake inquiry been extended twice from the 13th December 2024, as originally advised in the Terms of Reference, to the 30th April 2025, then again until the 31st July 2025?
 - (a) If so, why?
- (3) What is the Government's process in reviewing the GWIC report once it is received by the Minister?

- (4) What is the current status of the GWIC inquiry into the GRNSW Wyee rehoming facility?
 - (5) A report on the GWIC inquiry into Wyee rehoming facility was due to be provided to the Minister by the 5th July 2024, has this occurred?
 - (a) If yes, is the report publicly available?
 - (i) If yes, where can the public access the report?
 - (ii) If not, why not?
 - (b) If yes, what action has the Government taken to review and action the findings and recommendations highlighted in the report?
- 4989 NUMBER PLATE THEFTS—Ms Jacqui Scruby to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—
In the 2101, 2102, 2103, 2104, 2105, 2106, 2107, 2108, 2084, 2097 postcodes and in New South Wales can you please provide the answers by postcode and then New South Wales as a whole?
- (1) What is the number of reported number plates stolen in:
 - (a) 2024?
 - (b) 2025 to date?
 - (2) How many penalties have been issued for the theft of a number plate in:
 - (a) 2024?
 - (b) 2025 to date?
 - (3) How many penalties have been issued for the use of a stolen number plate in:
 - (a) 2024?
 - (b) 2025 to date?
- 4990 TREE VANDALISM—Ms Jacqui Scruby to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—
- (1) How many incidents of tree vandalism have been reported per year for the years from 2020-2025 in:
 - (a) Greater Sydney?
 - (b) Postcodes:
 - (i) 2101?
 - (ii) 2102?
 - (iii) 2103?
 - (iv) 2104?
 - (v) 2105?
 - (vi) 2106?
 - (vii) 2107?
 - (viii) 2108?
 - (ix) 2084?
 - (x) 2097?
 - (2) How many of those reports have been investigated?

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- (3) What percentage of those reports resulted in fines or prosecutions?
- (4) How many fines have been issued in relation to tree vandalism per year for the years from 2020-2025 in:
 - (a) Sydney?
 - (b) Postcodes:
 - (i) 2101?
 - (ii) 2102?
 - (iii) 2103?
 - (iv) 2104?
 - (v) 2105?
 - (vi) 2106?
 - (vii) 2107?
 - (viii) 2108?
 - (ix) 2084?
 - (x) 2097?
- (5) What was the average monetary value of fines issued?
- (6) Does the Government have a system in place for tracking the number and locations of trees affected by vandalism?
- (7) Is there any collaboration between local authorities, community groups, or environmental organisations to monitor and prevent tree vandalism?
- (8) What is the process for replacing or restoring trees that have been vandalised?
- (9) How much has the Government spent per year for the last 5 years on addressing tree vandalism, including costs for replacement and restoration?

4991 E-BIKE PENALTIES—Ms Jacqui Scruby to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

In the 2101, 2102, 2103, 2104, 2105, 2106, 2107, 2108, 2084, 2097 postcodes and in New South Wales can you please provide the answers by postcode and then New South Wales as a whole?

- (1) What is the exact number of penalties issued to e-bike users:
 - (a) In 2024?
 - (b) In 2025 to date?
- (2) What is the exact number of penalties issued to e-bike or pedal bike users for failure to wear a helmet:
 - (a) In 2024?
 - (b) In 2025 to date?
- (3) What is the exact number of penalties issued to e-bike or pedal bike users aged 16 and over for riding on a footpath:
 - (a) In 2024?
 - (b) In 2025 to date?

- (4) What is the exact number of penalties issued to e-bike or pedal bike users for carrying more passengers than the bike is designed for:
- (a) In 2024?
 - (b) In 2025 to date?
- (5) What is the exact number of penalties issued to e-bike or pedal bike users in the above postcodes for exceeding a speed limit:
- (a) In 2024?
 - (b) In 2025 to date?
- (6) What is the exact number of penalties issued to e-bike or pedal bike users in the above postcodes for negligent riding:
- (a) In 2024?
 - (b) In 2025 to date?
- (7) What is the exact number of penalties issued to e-bike or pedal bike users in the above postcodes for using a non-compliant e-bike:
- (a) In 2024?
 - (b) In 2025 to date?