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(Paper No. 595)

- * 4582 EDUCATION AND EARLY LEARNING—KAMBORA PUBLIC SCHOOL—The Hon. Chris Rath to ask the Minister for Finance, Minister for Domestic Manufacturing and Government Procurement, and Minister for Natural Resources representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

(1) In relation to Kambora Public School in Davidson in Term 4, 2025, will before and after school care continue as normal?

(a) If not, where will students be able to have before and after school other than Kambora?

(b) If not, how will students be able to be transported safely to before and after school?

Answer—

Please refer to answer to LA Question on Notice 6077.

- * 4583 EDUCATION AND EARLY LEARNING—KAMBORA PUBLIC SCHOOL TRANSFER PAYMENT—The Hon. Chris Rath to ask the Minister for Finance, Minister for Domestic Manufacturing and Government Procurement, and Minister for Natural Resources representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

(1) In relation to Kambora Public School in Davidson that is being placed into recess in Term 1, 2026, will the \$500 given to families for students transitioning to another school include students attending Independent and Catholic schools?

(a) If not, why?

(b) Can families invoice the Department for Education for amounts above \$500?

Answer—

Please refer to LA Question on Notice 6077.

- * 4584 EDUCATION AND EARLY LEARNING—KAMBORA PUBLIC SCHOOL MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING SUPPORT—The Hon. Chris Rath to ask the Minister for Finance, Minister for Domestic Manufacturing and Government Procurement, and Minister for Natural Resources representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

(1) In relation to Kambora Public School in Davidson that is being placed into recess in Term 1, 2026, can families invoice the Department for Education for mental health and wellbeing support for students at Kambora?

(a) If not, why?

Answer—

Please refer to LA Question on Notice 6077.

- * 4585 POLICE AND COUNTER-TERRORISM—INCIDENTS INVESTIGATED UNDER STRIKE FORCE PEARL—The Hon. Mark Latham to ask the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales representing the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

(1) I refer you to the answer provided to the recent Budget Estimates, on notice, by the acting Police Commissioner Peter Thurtell regarding serious attacks on people and property motivated by antisemitic ideology, such that, "Fourteen incidents were investigated under Strike Force Pearl which were at the higher end of offending, being attacks on synagogues, graffiti, firebombings, attacks on cars and attacks on houses", and ask:

(a) of these 14, how many were investigations of incidents that did not lead to any charges being laid?

- (b) of the remaining (where charges were laid), how many were perpetrated by:
 - (i) Iran or agents of the Iranian regime?
 - (ii) other foreign agents?
 - (iii) people associated with and paid by organised crime figures?
- (c) Of those not covered by (a) and (b) (that is, were a product of genuine homegrown anti-semitic ideology), what was the nature of the incident and what criminal proceedings have been pursued by the NSW Police Force?

Answer—

I am advised that:

- (1)
 - (a) All 14 incidents have resulted in charges being laid.
 - (b)
 - (i) Strike Force Pearl investigated 14 incidents which were at the higher end of offending, being attacks on synagogues, graffiti, firebombings, attacks on cars and attacks on houses. The NSW Police Force has nil holdings in relation to Iran or agents of the Iranian regime perpetrating these incidents.
 - (ii) Strike Force Pearl investigated 14 incidents which were at the higher end of offending, being attacks on synagogues, graffiti, firebombings, attacks on cars and attacks on houses. The NSW Police Force has nil holdings in relation to foreign agents perpetrating these incidents.
 - (iii) 13.
 - (c) Two people were charged with Use Carriage Service to menace/harass/offend, Sec 474.17 Criminal Code, in relation to the Bankstown nurses' incident where a live-stream conversation recorded threats against Jewish patients attending Bankstown Hospital. One of those people was additionally charged with Threaten Violence to Group, Sec 80 .28A Criminal Code.

* 4586 FINANCE—PAYROLL TAX—The Hon. Damien Tudehope to ask the Minister for Finance, Minister for Domestic Manufacturing and Government Procurement, and Minister for Natural Resources—

- (1) In each of these financial years, what was the dollar value of the payroll tax collected that came from assessments that were applied retrospectively:
 - (a) 2023/24?
 - (b) 2024/25?
- (2) In each of these financial years, what was the dollar value of the payroll tax collected that came from interest applied on retrospective assessments:
 - (a) 2023/24?
 - (b) 2024/25?
- (3) In each of these financial years, how many businesses were retrospective payments in addition to their principal payroll tax liability:
 - (a) 2023/24?
 - (b) 2024/25?
- (4) In each of these financial years, how many New South Wales businesses were assessed as being 'grouped' for the purposes of payroll tax:
 - (a) 2020/21?
 - (b) 2021/22?

- (c) 2022/23?
- (d) 2023/24?
- (e) 2024/25?
- (5) In each of these financial years, how many businesses were assessed as having employees above their declared number of employees (i.e. where contractors were determined to be employees):
 - (a) 2020/21?
 - (b) 2021/22?
 - (c) 2022/23?
 - (d) 2023/24?
 - (e) 2024/25?

Answer—

- (1)-(3) As payroll tax is a self-assessed tax for wages already paid, all payroll tax lodgements and assessments by businesses are for previous periods. Payroll tax is a self-assessed tax and liability arises at the time wages are paid or become payable. Revenue NSW may audit businesses to determine whether the correct amount of tax has been paid. If an audit discloses that tax that is payable and it has not been paid, or has been underpaid, Revenue NSW may issue an assessment requiring payment of tax, calculated from the date the liability arose.

- (4) Payroll tax legislation has allowed the 'grouping' of related businesses for more than fifty years and it is widely understood by businesses and tax agents.

The below figures are as at 14 October 2025.

- (a) 2020/21 - 17,571
- (b) 2021/22 - 17,884
- (c) 2022/23 - 18,203
- (d) 2023/24 - 18,585
- (e) 2024/25 - 17,951
- (5) As business operator parameters differ, it is not possible to provide data where assessments were determined solely on the basis that contractors were determined to be employees and no other factors were involved.

* 4587 PREMIER—BROKEN HILL LEAD RESPONSE GROUP—Ms Cate Faehrmann to ask the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage representing the Premier—

- (1) In September 2024, the Broken Hill Lead Response Group (BHLRG) requested that the Premier grant an extension of the BHLRG. Was this extension granted?
 - (a) If so, when was the BHLRG extended until?
 - (b) Is the BHLRG still meeting?
 - (i) Could you please provide the dates of all meetings of the BHLRG since September 2024?
- (2) Has the "Future Lead Strategy" for Broken Hill been finalised by the Broken Hill Lead Response Group?
 - (a) If so when was it finalised?
 - (b) If not, when is it expected to be finalised?
- (3) The 'Future Lead Strategy' and New Policy Proposal (NPP) attached to it was to be provided to NSW Treasury by November 2024. Did this occur?

- (a) How much funding was requested?
- (b) How much funding has been secured to support the Future Lead Strategy?

Answer—

I am advised:

An extension was granted until June 2026. The Response Group is still meeting and has met on 4 September 2024, 4 December 2024, 8 May 2025, 31 July 2025.

The Future Lead Strategy has not been finalised, as it is pending completion of work by the Office of Chief Scientist and Engineer. Neither the Future Lead Strategy, nor related NPP, was provided to Treasury in November 2024.

* 4588 NATURAL RESOURCES—MOOLARBEN COAL COMPLEX EL 6288—Ms Cate Faehrmann to ask the Minister for Finance, Minister for Domestic Manufacturing and Government Procurement, and Minister for Natural Resources—

- (1) Why was the northern section of Moolarben Coal Complex EL 6288 renewed until 2029?
- (2) How does this extension of exploration drilling meet the Government policy on a transition away from coal mining through the development of Future Jobs and Investment Authorities, with emphasis on the western coalfields?
- (3) Why are the reports provided in Review of Environmental Factors for exploration drilling programs not available for public access?
- (4) Why has the AGE Groundwater Report for the approved EL 6288 North 3A 3B Exploration program (APO 0001820) been withheld from public release?
 - (a) Will you commit to its release?
 - (i) If not, why?

Answer—

I am advised:

In August 2023, the holder of EL 6288 made a valid application seeking to renew EL 6288 for its full area for a further term. Exploration licences do not authorise mining activities. A full list of approved exploration activities in NSW can be found on the NSW Resources website:

<https://www.resources.nsw.gov.au/mining-and-exploration/land-access/exploration-and-mining-titles-and-process>. The application in question was assessed on its merits and was determined to meet all statutory and administrative requirements for renewal until 23 August 2029.

Review of Environmental Factors for assessable prospecting operations are published on the NSW Resources website:

<https://www.resources.nsw.gov.au/resources-regulator/exploration/exploration-activity-approvals>.

Further information in relation to the determination is not published and may include commercially sensitive material, land holder agreements, and other potentially proprietary information.

* 4589 NATURAL RESOURCES—BIODIVERSITY OFFSET FOR CENTRAL WEST ORANA RENEWABLE ENERGY ZONE—Ms Cate Faehrmann to ask the Minister for Finance, Minister for Domestic Manufacturing and Government Procurement, and Minister for Natural Resources—

- (1) Has the recently acquired biodiversity offset by EnergyCo known as 'Saddlers Creek' been blocked from transfer into the Goulburn River National Park?
 - (a) If so, why?

Answer—

This is a matter for the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage.

* 4590 NATURAL RESOURCES—HALT IN LAND TRANSFERS TO STATE CONSERVATION AREA—Ms Cate Faehrmann to ask the Minister for Finance, Minister for Domestic Manufacturing and Government Procurement, and Minister for Natural Resources—

- (1) How many transfers of land to the control of National Parks and Wildlife Service as State Conservation Areas have you agreed to over the past two years?
 - (a) Could you please provide details of all transfers?
- (2) How many proposals to transfer land to the control of National Parks and Wildlife Service as State Conservation Areas are currently before you?
 - (a) Could you please provide details for each proposed transfer?

Answer—

This is a matter for the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage.

* 4591 ENVIRONMENT—EXTRACTION MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR MOOLARBEN UNDERGROUND 4—Ms Cate Faehrmann to ask the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) What input have you had into the development of the Extraction Management Plan for the Moolarben Coal Complex for Underground 4 operations (please provide a copy of any written advice)?
 - (a) What input has your Department had into the development of the Extraction Management Plan for the Moolarben Coal Complex for Underground 4 operations (please provide a copy of any written advice)?
- (2) Do you support the community's demand for a 2km set back of mining operations to protect this fragile environment The Drip Gorge and Corner Gorge within Goulburn River National Park, and meet the conditions of approval for the mine?

Answer—

- (1) None.
 - (a) Agency submissions are all publicly available online.
- (2) The impact on the Drip and Corner Gorges in Goulburn River National Park was assessed by the DPHI during their assessment of the development application for the Underground 4 operations. This question should be referred to the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, the Hon Paul Scully MP.

* 4592 ENVIRONMENT—HALT IN LAND TRANSFERS TO STATE CONSERVATION AREA—Ms Cate Faehrmann to ask the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) How many transfers of land to the control of National Parks and Wildlife Service as State Conservation Areas have occurred over the past two years?
 - (a) Could you please provide details of all transfers?
- (2) How many proposals to transfer land to the control of National Parks and Wildlife Service as State Conservation Areas are currently before you?
 - (a) Could you please provide details for each proposed transfer?
- (3) What is the key factor preventing the transfer of lands to State Conservation Area protection?

Answer—

- (1) Land is often transferred to the National Parks and Wildlife Service without a particular reservation predetermined. In preparing to reserve land, the appropriate reservation category is identified by NPWS. Mineral interests are considered in identifying the appropriate reservation category. Where

land is to be reserved as a State Conservation Area (SCA), concurrence from the Minister or Ministers required under section 30D of the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974* is sought. Land reserved as SCA is reviewed every five years to consider if protection should be recategorized as either national park or nature reserve. The third and fourth reviews were combined and completed in 2025. The review can be found at <https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/publications/third-and-fourth-review-state-conservation-areas>.

- (a) From 1 October 2023 to 1 October 2025, no properties were acquired and reserved as SCA during this period. One previously acquired 59.7 hectare property was reserved as SCA during this period. The land was added to Livingstone State Conservation Area.
- (2) No proposals to transfer land to the control of National Parks and Wildlife Service are before me, however I have endorsed the transfer of 484 hectares for addition to Leard SCA. This land has not yet been transferred to NPWS.
- (3) See response to Question (1).

* 4593 ENVIRONMENT—BIODIVERSITY OFFSET FOR CENTRAL WEST ORANA RENEWABLE ENERGY ZONE—Ms Cate Faehrmann to ask the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) Is it correct that Resources Minister, Courtney Houssos, or NSW Resources has blocked the transfer of the entire EnergyCo biodiversity offset, 'Saddlers Creek' (preferred by the community to be known as 'The Drip block') from being transferred to Goulburn River National Park?
- (2) What negotiations have you had with the Minister for Resources on this matter?
- (3) Are you aware that this offset land also protects important water sources feeding The Drip?

Answer—

- (1) Before any transfer of land, the National Parks and Wildlife Service works with NSW Resources to resolve existing mineral interests.
- (2) None.
- (3) Long term protection of the surface and groundwater supply that feeds The Drip and the Goulburn River is a priority for the National Parks and Wildlife Service.

* 4594 PLANNING AND PUBLIC SPACES—EXTRACTION MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR MOOLARBEN UNDERGROUND 4—Ms Cate Faehrmann to ask the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage representing the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) How will the Extraction Management Plan for the Moolarben Coal Complex Underground 4 meet the conditions of approval?
 - (a) Could you please include details for each specific condition, including but not limited to conditions 73-80 relating to subsidence?
- (2) Why has there been no public consultation on the development of the Moolarben Underground 4 Extraction Management Plan?
- (3) What advice has your department received from the Independent Expert Advisory Panel for Mining?
 - (a) How has that advice been adopted in the Extraction Management Plan?
- (4) When will the Extraction Management Plan be finalized?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure is carefully considering the advice received regarding the Extraction Plan (EP) for the Moolarben Underground UG4 mining area. Where necessary, the Department will impose conditions to ensure the consent's performance measures outlined in the development consent are met.

- (a) Conditions 73 to 80 relate to subsidence performance measures, extraction plan requirements, and reporting requirements for the UG4 mining area.
- These conditions aim to ensure 'nil impact or environmental consequences' on The Drip and Goulburn River Gorge, and 'negligible impact or environmental consequences' on the Goulburn River and the bed of the Goulburn River.
- (2) Coal extraction in this area has already been approved following a comprehensive merit-based assessment including public consultation and is subject to strict post approval requirements.
- The extraction plan is a post-approval document that requires an applicant to provide technical information to demonstrate whether the performance measures of the development consent can be met. Under current planning legislation, public consultation is not required for the EP, as it is a post approval document.
- The Department is aware of the community's concerns regarding this extraction plan and its proximity to important natural features, including The Drip and Goulburn River National Park.
- The Department is monitoring the situation to make sure conditions are met and to protect key environmental values.
- (3) The Department has received advice on the EP from the Independent Expert Advisory Panel for Mining.
- (a) The Department requested the company to provide a response to the panel's advice. The Department will then carefully consider all information in its assessment of the EP.
- (4) The EP will be finalised once the Department has completed its assessment and all necessary information has been received.

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4656 LANDS AND PROPERTY—CROWN LANDS FIRE TRAIL MAINTENANCE—The Hon. Sarah Mitchell to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, Minister for Sport, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—

- (1) What was the total expenditure on fire trail maintenance in Crown Lands in:
- (a) 2019 - 20?
 - (b) 2020 - 21?
 - (c) 2021 - 22?
 - (d) 2022 - 23?
 - (e) 2023 - 24?
 - (f) 2024 - 25?
- (2) What is the forecasted expenditure to maintain fire trails in Crown Lands in:
- (a) 2025 - 26?
 - (b) 2026 - 27?
 - (c) 2027 - 28?

4657 LANDS AND PROPERTY—CROWN LANDS HAZARD REDUCTIONS—The Hon. Sarah Mitchell to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, Minister for Sport, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—

- (1) What was the total expenditure on hazard reduction in Crown Lands in:
- (a) 2019 - 20?
 - (b) 2020 - 21?

- (c) 2021 - 22?
- (d) 2022 - 23?
- (e) 2023 - 24?
- (f) 2024 - 25?
- (2) What is the forecasted expenditure on hazard reduction in Crown Lands in:
 - (a) 2025 - 26?
 - (b) 2026 - 27?
 - (c) 2027 - 28?
- (3) What was the total area treated in:
 - (a) 2023 - 24?
 - (b) 2024 - 25?

4658 ROADS AND REGIONAL TRANSPORT—FIFTEENTH AVENUE—The Hon. Rachel Merton to ask the Special Minister of State, Minister for Transport, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy representing the Minister for Regional Transport, and Minister for Roads—

- (1) In relation to the upgrade of Fifteenth Avenue:
 - (a) what planning has been undertaken?
 - (b) what community consultation has been held, with whom, when and where?
 - (c) what future community consultation is planned, with whom, when and where?
 - (d) will property acquisitions be required to meet the announced four-lane carriageway expansion?
 - (e) how many properties will be impacted?
 - (f) what notice has been provided to property owners?
 - (g) is construction still planned to commence in 2027 as announced?
 - (i) If so, in what month?
 - (h) what is the completion date?
- (2) With Fifteenth Avenue being a critical link to the Western Sydney International Airport and the airport is scheduled to open 2026, what happens in the interim?
- (3) What is the anticipated increase in vehicle movements on Fifteenth Avenue following the opening of Western Sydney International Airport?
- (4) What plans are in place to address this increase?
- (5) What interim arrangements are under consideration to address increased vehicle movements on and surrounding Fifteenth Avenue?

4659 HOUSING—TURNER ROAD PRECINCT INFRASTRUCTURE DELIVERY AVENUE—The Hon. Rachel Merton to ask the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, and Minister for Youth—

- (1) In relation to the delivery of rezoned land available for housing construction and essential infrastructure in the Turner Road Precinct within the South West Priority Land Release Area, when will the Government provide:
 - (a) the necessary water connections to all lots in this precinct?
 - (b) the necessary wastewater infrastructure to all lots in this precinct?
 - (c) the necessary electricity connections to all lots in this precinct?
- (2) What is the anticipated date housing construction will commence in the Turner Road Precinct?

4660 HOUSING—CATHERINE FIELD PRECINCT INFRASTRUCTURE DELIVERY—The Hon. Rachel Merton to ask the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, and Minister for Youth—

- (1) In relation to the delivery of rezoned land available for housing construction and essential infrastructure in the Catherine Field Precinct within the South West Priority Land Release Area, when will the Government provide:
 - (a) the necessary water connections to all lots in this precinct?
 - (b) the necessary wastewater infrastructure to all lots in this precinct?
 - (c) the necessary electricity connections to all lots in this precinct?
- (2) Is there any provision for interim or alternate measures to allow housing to commence in the Catherine Field Precinct where lots are not currently serviced by water and wastewater infrastructure?

4661 HOUSING—AUSTRAL AND LEPPINGTON NORTH PRECINCT INFRASTRUCTURE DELIVERY—The Hon. Rachel Merton to ask the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, and Minister for Youth—

- (1) In relation to the delivery of rezoned land available for housing construction and essential infrastructure in the Austral and Leppington North Precinct within the South West Priority Land Release Area, when will the Government provide:
 - (a) the necessary water connections to all lots in this precinct?
 - (b) the necessary wastewater infrastructure to all lots in this precinct?
 - (c) the necessary electricity connections to all lots in this precinct?
- (2) Is there any provision for interim or alternate measures to allow housing to commence in the Austral and Leppington North Precinct where lots are not currently serviced by water and wastewater infrastructure?

4662 HOUSING—GLENFIELD PRECINCT INFRASTRUCTURE DELIVERY—The Hon. Rachel Merton to ask the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, and Minister for Youth—

- (1) In relation to the delivery of rezoned land available for housing construction and essential infrastructure in the Glenfield Precinct within the South West Priority Land Release Area, when will the Government provide:
 - (a) the necessary water connections to all lots in this precinct?
 - (b) the necessary wastewater infrastructure to all lots in this precinct?
 - (c) the necessary electricity connections to all lots in this precinct?
- (2) Is there any provision for interim or alternate measures to allow housing to commence in the Glenfield Precinct where lots are not currently serviced by water and wastewater infrastructure?

4663 HOUSING—SOUTH CREEK WEST PRECINCT INFRASTRUCTURE DELIVERY—The Hon. Rachel Merton to ask the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, and Minister for Youth—

- (1) In relation to the delivery of rezoned land available for housing construction and essential infrastructure in the South Creek West Precinct within the South West Priority Land Release Area, when will the Government provide:
 - (a) the necessary water connections to all lots in this precinct?
 - (b) the necessary wastewater infrastructure to all lots in this precinct?
 - (c) the necessary electricity connections to all lots in this precinct?

- (2) Is there any provision for interim or alternate measures to allow housing to commence in the South Creek West Precinct where lots are not currently serviced by water and wastewater infrastructure?

4664 HOUSING—ORAN PARK PRECINCT INFRASTRUCTURE DELIVERY—The Hon. Rachel Merton to ask the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, and Minister for Youth—

- (1) In relation to the delivery of rezoned land available for housing construction and essential infrastructure in the Oran Park Precinct within the South West Priority Land Release Area, when will the Government provide:
- (a) the necessary water connections to all lots in this precinct?
 - (b) the necessary wastewater infrastructure to all lots in this precinct?
 - (c) the necessary electricity connections to all lots in this precinct?
- (2) Is there any provision for interim or alternate measures to allow housing to commence in the Oran Park Precinct where lots are not currently serviced by water and wastewater infrastructure?

4665 HOUSING—LOWES CREEK MARYLAND PRECINCT INFRASTRUCTURE DELIVERY—The Hon. Rachel Merton to ask the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, and Minister for Youth—

- (1) In relation to the delivery of rezoned land available for housing construction and essential infrastructure in the Lowes Creek Maryland Precinct within the South West Priority Land Release Area, when will the Government provide:
- (a) the necessary water connections to all lots in this precinct?
 - (b) the necessary wastewater infrastructure to all lots in this precinct?
 - (c) the necessary electricity connections to all lots in this precinct?
- (2) Is there any provision for interim or alternate measures to allow housing to commence in the Lowes Creek Maryland Precinct where lots are not currently serviced by water and wastewater infrastructure?

4666 MUSIC AND NIGHT TIME ECONOMY—BAND ASSOCIATION OF NSW—The Hon. Jacqui Munro to ask the Special Minister of State, Minister for Transport, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—

- (1) When did you or your Department first make the decision to reduce or withdraw funding to the Band Association of NSW?
- (2) Was a cost - benefit or impact analysis conducted prior to the funding reduction?
- (a) If so, will you table that document?
- (3) What specific programs, grants, or support lines within Create NSW or the Arts portfolio were affected by this decision?
- (4) Were representatives from the Band Association of NSW consulted with prior to this decision being made?
- (a) If so, on what date(s) did the consultation occur and with whom?
- (5) Have you or your Department assessed the likely impact of this decision on regional and community music programs across New South Wales?
- (6) How many community or brass bands are affiliated with the Band Association of NSW?
- (a) How many of these are expected to be adversely affected by the funding cuts?
- (7) Will you commit to reviewing the funding decision in light of the impact on community music programs?

4667 HEALTH—FERTILITY TREATMENT REBATE—The Hon. Natalie Ward to ask the Minister for Finance, Minister for Domestic Manufacturing and Government Procurement, and Minister for Natural

Resources representing the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

- (1) How many people have received the \$2,000 Fertility Treatment Rebate-2 from 11 March 2025 to 23 October 2025?
- (2) Of the people who applied for the \$2,000 Fertility Treatment Rebate-2 from 11 March 2025 how many did not meet the new eligibility criteria?
- (3) How many people received the \$2,000 Fertility Treatment Rebate in 2024?
- (4) How many people received the \$2,000 Fertility Treatment Rebate in 2023?

4668 BETTER REGULATION AND FAIR TRADING—REAL ESTATE LICENSE—The Hon. Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage representing 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) On 30 September 2025, News Limited reported in the article "Three days training and \$500k a year – quick qualification courses and the 'easy' path to real estate riches" that real estate agents are obtaining the qualifications required by Fair Trading to obtain a real estate licence in as little as three days through online providers:
 - (a) when was the last time Fair Trading reviewed the requirements to obtain a real estate licence in New South Wales?
 - (b) when is the next review scheduled?
 - (i) If no review is scheduled, what will you as Minister do to lift industry standards?

4669 ENERGY—REPAIR OF ELECTRICITY POLES AND WIRES—The Hon. Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) The Daily Telegraph on 25 July 2025, in an article titled 'Power struggle: Pole repairs take backseat as energy giants chase green profits': "The three biggest energy distributors in NSW – Endeavour, Essential and Ausgrid – have been accused of seconding workers who are meant to focus on keeping the lights on for the public, to compete with electrical contractors for work in the green energy space, despite a massive backlog of poles and wires repairs needing attention. Figures logged with the NSW Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) for 2023-24 show Ausgrid had 16,205 outstanding corrective tasks or fixes required across its network, while Essential had 14,970 and Endeavour 2699." In a further article reported in the Daily Telegraph on 29 September 2025, titled 'Red tape blocking roadside EV charging rollout in New South Wales': "The biggest energy distribution companies in NSW, Ausgrid, Endeavour Energy and government-owned Essential Energy are urging the Minns government to change laws allowing them to install and maintain kerbside EV chargers on electricity poles within their networks". Can you please advise:
 - (a) How does the Government ensure that energy distributors in New South Wales are appropriately ring-fencing technicians that repair poles and wires from installing EV charging stations that are funded through New South Wales Budget measures such as the \$199 million for the installation of thousands of publicly available EV charge ports across New South Wales?
 - (b) What enforcement actions are available to hold energy distributors accountable to their legislated obligations to repair poles and wires in New South Wales, particularly ahead of the upcoming Summer period, to prevent rolling blackouts due to maintenance failures and an overloaded grid?

4670 SKILLS, TAFE AND TERTIARY EDUCATION—COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS OF WESTERN SYDNEY UNIVERSITY—The Hon. Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, and Minister for Youth representing the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education—

- (1) In answers provided by Professor George Williams of Western Sydney University (WSU) to questions taken on notice in the budget estimates hearing of 29 August 2025, received on 2 October 2025 by PC3, the university confirmed that although the sublease of its tower at 74 Rickard Road, Bankstown, to TAFE NSW represents more than 25 per cent of the net lettable area, it has chosen to characterise this lease as being for university purposes in order to avoid paying commercial rent to Canterbury-Bankstown Council, the owner of the land. Given this response and since you provided the answer to QON3960:
- (a) have you requested a report from WSU on its commercial operations at 74 Rickard Road, Bankstown, utilising s32D of the Western Sydney University Act 1997?
 - (b) if so, will you table this report in Parliament or for scrutiny by Portfolio Committee No. 3?
 - (c) if not, why?

4671 CUSTOMER SERVICE AND DIGITAL GOVERNMENT—SERVICE NSW AND STAMP DUTY—
The Hon. Natalie Ward to ask the Special Minister of State, Minister for Transport, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy representing the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

- (1) How many people have received the \$2,000 Fertility Treatment Rebate-2 from 11 March 2025 to 23 October 2025?
- (2) Of the people who applied for the \$2,000 Fertility Treatment Rebate-2 from 11 March 2025 how many did not meet the new eligibility criteria?
- (3) How many people received the \$2,000 Fertility Treatment Rebate in 2024?
- (4) How many people received the \$2,000 Fertility Treatment Rebate in 2023?

Steven Reynolds
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