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(Paper No. 675)

* 4978 GAMING AND RACING—GWIC'S COMPLIANCE WITH NSW SEX DISCRIMINATION LAW—The Hon. Mark Latham 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 Aboriginal Affairs and Treaty, Minister for Gaming and Racing, Minister for Veterans, Minister for Medical Research, and Minister for the Central Coast—

- (1) Are you aware of the Greyhound Welfare & Integrity Commission (GWIC) action against the Gunning dog trainer Ms Chloe Bilal, punishing her for the alleged sins of her husband?
- (2) Is GWIC covered by the sex discrimination provisions of the New South Wales law?
 - (a) If so, how can it be persecuting an independent woman for the alleged offences of her husband?
- (3) Are you aware of the Gai Waterhouse precedent by which, again under the sex discrimination law, there is a clear legal precedent by which a woman in racing or training should not be disadvantaged by the alleged offences of her partner?
- (4) What action will you now take to ensure GWIC complies with the sex discrimination law of New South Wales?

Answer—

I am advised by the Greyhound Welfare & Integrity Commission (GWIC):

- GWIC assesses licensing applications in accordance with its Fit and Proper Person Framework and may impose conditions on a person's registration in accordance with section 47(4) of the *Greyhound Racing Act 2017*.
- On 14 October 2025, Ms Chloe Bilal applied for registration as an Owner Trainer.
- GWIC proposed to impose conditions on Ms Bilal's registration.
- Ms Bilal has lodged an appeal against the proposed conditions, with the matter currently before the Racing Appeals Tribunal.
- It would be inappropriate to comment further on the matter, which is currently subject to appeal.

* 4979 CLIMATE CHANGE—BUREAU OF METEOROLOGY WEATHER STATIONS—The Hon. Mark Latham to ask the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) In the Budget Statement on 2025-26 Performance and Wellbeing page 9-1, what allowance has been made in the comparisons with the "1961 to 1990 climatology" and average temperature for the opening of 22 new Bureau of Meteorology weather stations in New South Wales and Australian Capital Territory post 1990 in urban heat areas, also known as urban heat islands, that are in:
 - (a) Albion Park?
 - (b) Badgerys Creek?
 - (c) Bankstown Airport?
 - (d) Bellambi?
 - (e) Mount Annan?
 - (f) Canberra?
 - (g) Canterbury?
 - (h) Lake Macquarie?
 - (i) Gosford?
 - (j) Holsworthy Aerodrome?

- (k) Holsworthy Defence?
 - (l) Horsley Park?
 - (m) Maitland?
 - (n) Marsfield (Macquarie University)?
 - (o) Norah Head?
 - (p) Penrith Lakes?
 - (q) Richmond?
 - (r) Springwood?
 - (s) Sydney Harbour?
 - (t) Sydney Olympic Park?
 - (u) Sydney Olympic Archery Centre?
 - (v) Terry Hills?
- (2) Once the heat impact of these 22 new measuring stations is factored out of the post-1990 data, what are the revised climatology and temperature comparisons?

Answer—

(1)-(2)

The information provided in the NSW Budget 2025-26 Performance and Wellbeing Statement, page 9-1, references temperature data published by the Bureau of Meteorology on its website, under the Climate Change – Time series graphs section.

Any questions regarding this temperature data should be directed to the Bureau of Meteorology.

* 4980 TREASURER—BUREAU OF METEOROLOGY WEATHER STATIONS—The Hon. Mark Latham to ask the Treasurer—

- (1) In the Budget Statement on 2025-26 Performance and Wellbeing page 9-1, what allowance has been made in the comparisons with the "1961 to 1990 climatology" and average temperature for the opening of 22 new Bureau of Meteorology weather stations in New South Wales and Australian Capital Territory post 1990 in urban heat areas, also known as urban heat islands, that are in:
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 - (s) Sydney Harbour?
 - (t) Sydney Olympic Park?
 - (u) Sydney Olympic Archery Centre?
 - (v) Terry Hills?
- (2) Once the heat impact of these 22 new measuring stations is factored out of the post-1990 data, what are the revised climatology and temperature comparisons?

Answer—

I am advised this question is more appropriately directed to the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage.

* 4981 FINANCE—BUREAU OF METEOROLOGY WEATHER STATIONS—The Hon. Mark Latham to ask the Minister for Finance, Minister for Domestic Manufacturing and Government Procurement, and Minister for Natural Resources—

- (1) In the Budget Statement on 2025-26 Performance and Wellbeing page 9-1, what allowance has been made in the comparisons with the "1961 to 1990 climatology" and average temperature for the opening of 22 new Bureau of Meteorology weather stations in New South Wales and Australian Capital Territory post 1990 in urban heat areas, also known as urban heat islands, that are in:
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- (2) Once the heat impact of these 22 new measuring stations is factored out of the post-1990 data, what are the revised climatology and temperature comparisons?

Answer—

I am advised that this question is best directed to the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage.

* 4982 ROADS AND REGIONAL TRANSPORT—MEDICAL DEFENCE FOR DRIVERS GROUP—Ms Cate Faehrmann 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 —

- (1) With regards to the expert working group advising on a medical defence for drivers prescribed cannabis, as mentioned by the Health Minister in his response to the Drug Summit on Tuesday 28 October 2025, who is on the group?
- (a) Can you please provide their names, positions and organisations?
- (b) How many times has it met to date?
- (c) How frequently will it meet before the end of the year?
- (d) Is the working group going to provide any written advice to the government, including how the scheme would work?
- (e) Will the group's advice be made public?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1)
- (a) The working group includes senior agency representatives from Transport for NSW, NSW Health, NSW Police, The Cabinet Office, and Department of Communities and Justice. These members provide road safety, health, policing, crime and social policy perspectives.
- The independent experts appointed to the group have expertise in road safety, drug and alcohol research and policy and pharmacology.
- (b) The group met eight times between May and December 2025.
- (c) There are no further meetings planned.
- (d) The group has prepared written advice for the NSW Government. As outlined in the Drug Summit response, this includes implementation considerations for any reform options.
- (e) The NSW Government is considering the advice from the group. It is anticipated that a decision about the Drug Summit recommendation will be made public and will be supported by appropriate information.

* 4983 POLICE AND COUNTER-TERRORISM—EARLY DRUG DIVERSION INITIATIVE DATA—Ms Cate Faehrmann 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) As part of the Early Drug Diversion Initiative (EDDI), how many people have been diverted into the program by the NSW Police Force since:
- (a) the commencement of the program on 29 February 2024?
- (i) Could you please provide a breakdown of drug type, quantity and Indigenous status?
- (ii) Could you please provide a breakdown by local area command?
- (b) 11 July 2025?
- (i) Could you please provide a breakdown of drug type, quantity and Indigenous status?

- (ii) Could you please provide a breakdown by local area command?
- (2) How many people in New South Wales have been charged with low-level drug possession since:
- (a) the commencement of the program on 29 February 2024?
- (i) Could you please provide a breakdown of drug type, quantity and Indigenous status?
- (ii) Could you please provide a breakdown by local area command?
- (b) 11 July 2025?
- (i) Could you please provide a breakdown of drug type, quantity and Indigenous status?
- (ii) Could you please provide a breakdown by local area command?
- (3) Since the EDDI began on 29 February 2024, how many people in New South Wales have been charged with low-level drug possession in total?
- (a) Since the commencement of the program on 29 February 2024:
- (i) could you please provide a breakdown of drug type, quantity and Indigenous status?
- (ii) could you please provide a breakdown by local area command?
- (b) Since 11 July 2025:
- (i) could you please provide a breakdown of drug type, quantity and Indigenous status?
- (ii) could you please provide a breakdown by local area command?
- (4) Since the EDDI came into effect on 29 February 2024, how many people have been diverted into the program by the NSW Police Force in total?
- (a) Could you please provide a breakdown by local area command?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1)
- (a) 1,964 unique individuals since 29 February 2024.
- (i) The table shows the number of people diverted to the EDDI program by the NSW Police Force since 29 February 2024 (to 15 February 2026), broken down by drug type, quantity, and Aboriginal status. Please see the [attachment](#).
- (ii) The table shows the number of people diverted to the EDDI program by the NSW Police Force since 29 February 2024 (to 15 February 2026), broken down by Police Area Command (PAC) and Police District (PD). Please see the [attachment](#).
- (b) 597 unique individuals since 11 July 2025.
- (i) The table shows the number of people diverted to the EDDI program by the NSW Police Force since 11 July 2025 (to 15 February 2026), broken down by drug type, quantity, and Aboriginal status. Please see the [attachment](#).
- (ii) The table shows the number of people diverted to the EDDI program by the NSW Police Force since 11 July 2025 (to 15 February 2026), broken down by PAC and PD. Please see the [attachment](#).
- (2)
- (a) 24,258 unique individuals since 29 February 2024.
- (i) The table shows the number of people in New South Wales charged with low-level drug possession since 29 February 2024 (to 15 February 2026), broken down by drug type, quantity, and Aboriginal status. Please see the [attachment](#).

- (ii) The table shows the number of people in New South Wales charged with low-level drug possession since 29 February 2024 (to 15 February 2026), broken down by PAC and PD. Please see the [attachment](#).
- (b) 9,416 unique individuals since 11 July 2025.
 - (i) The table shows the number of people in New South Wales charged with low-level drug possession since 11 July 2025, broken down by drug type, quantity, and Aboriginal status. Please see the [attachment](#).
 - (ii) The table shows number of people in NSW charged with low-level drug possession since 11 July 2025 (to 15 February 2026), broken down by PAC and PD. Please see the [attachment](#).
- (3) Refer to answer to question (2)(a).
 - (a) Refer to answer to question (2)(a)(i).
 - (b) Refer to answer to question (2)(a)(ii).
- (4) Refer to answer to question (1)(a).
 - (a) Refer to answer to question (1)(a)(ii).

* 4984 POLICE AND COUNTER-TERRORISM—POLICE DRUG ENFORCEMENT—Ms Cate Faehrmann 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) What was the total number of strip searches undertaken in:
 - (a) 2024?
 - (b) 2025?
- (2) What was the total number of strip searches where an illicit substance was found in:
 - (a) 2024?
 - (b) 2025?
- (3) Where an illicit substance was found as a result of a strip search, how many individuals were charged with possession of a prohibited drug under section 10(1) of the Drug Misuse and Trafficking Act 1985 in:
 - (a) 2024?
 - (b) 2025?
- (4) Of the individuals charged with possession of a prohibited drug under section 10(1) of the Drug Misuse and Trafficking Act 1985 as a result of a strip search, how many were convicted in:
 - (a) 2024?
 - (b) 2025?
- (5) Where an illicit substance was found as a result of a strip search, how many individuals were charged with supply of a prohibited drug under section 25(1) of the Drug Misuse and Trafficking Act 1985 in:
 - (a) 2024?
 - (b) 2025?
- (6) Of the individuals charged with supply of a prohibited drug under section 25(1) of the Drug Misuse and Trafficking Act 1985 as a result of a strip search, how many were convicted in:
 - (a) 2024?
 - (b) 2025?
- (7) What was the total number of strip searches undertaken as a result of a drug dog indication in:
 - (a) 2024?

- (b) 2025?
- (8) What was the total number of strip searches as a result of a drug dog indication where an illicit substance was found in:
- (a) 2024?
- (b) 2025?
- (9) Where an illicit substance was found as a result of a strip search from a drug dog indication, how many individuals were charged with possession of a prohibited drug under section 10(1) of the Drug Misuse and Trafficking Act 1985 in:
- (a) 2024?
- (b) 2025?
- (10) Of the individuals charged with possession of a prohibited drug under section 10(1) of the Drug Misuse and Trafficking Act 1985 as a result of a strip search from a drug dog indication, how many were convicted in:
- (a) 2024?
- (b) 2025?
- (11) Where an illicit substance was found as a result of a strip search from a drug dog indication, how many individuals were charged with supply of a prohibited drug under section 25(1) of the Drug Misuse and Trafficking Act 1985 in:
- (a) 2024?
- (b) 2025?
- (12) Of the individuals charged with supply of a prohibited drug under section 25(1) of the Drug Misuse and Trafficking Act 1985 as a result of a strip search from a drug dog indication, how many were convicted in:
- (a) 2024?
- (b) 2025?
- (13) For each music festival in New South Wales for which police with drug detection dogs were in attendance, broken down from 1 January 2023, what was the:
- (a) number of police officers in attendance?
- (b) number of drug dog handlers in attendance?
- (c) cost of User Pays Policing Services?
- (d) number of general searches undertaken?
- (e) number of strip searches undertaken?
- (f) number of people found with an illicit substance?
- (g) number of cannabis cautions given?
- (h) number of criminal infringement notices given?
- (i) number of attendees charged with possession of an illicit substance under section 10(1) of the Drug Misuse and Trafficking Act 1985?
- (j) number of attendees charged with supply of an illicit substance under section 25(1) of the Drug Misuse and Trafficking Act 1985?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1)
 - (a) 2,195
 - (b) 1,989
- (2)
 - (a) 891
 - (b) 720
- (3)
 - (a) 584
 - (b) 498
- (4)
 - (a) 443
 - (b) 305
- (5)
 - (a) 219
 - (b) 177
- (6)
 - (a) 134
 - (b) 61
- (7)
 - (a) 355
 - (b) 213
- (8)
 - (a) 217
 - (b) 132
- (9)
 - (a) 87
 - (b) 65
- (10)
 - (a) 28
 - (b) 14
- (11)
 - (a) 26
 - (b) 19
- (12)
 - (a) 12
 - (b) 5
- (13) The NSW Police Force is unable to provide this information within the limited timeframe to respond to a Question on Notice.

* 4985 ROADS—VIDEO MATCHING FEES—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 Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—

- (1) For each of the financial years listed, how much revenue did the Government generate from video matching fees (VMFs) in dollar amounts:
 - (a) 2024-2025?
 - (b) 2023-2024?
 - (c) 2022-2023?
 - (d) 2021-2022?

Answer—

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Transport.

13 FEBRUARY 2026

(Paper No. 678)

* 5004 LOCAL GOVERNMENT—CAPITAL WORKS SPEND AND BUDGET PROJECTIONS—The Hon. Sarah Mitchell to ask the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales representing the Minister for Local Government—

- (1) Can you provide a breakdown of total capital works spend for 2023-24 and 2024-25 financial years, and budget projections for 2025-26, 2026-27, 2027-28 and 2028-29 financial years in your portfolios by New South Wales region, including greater Sydney, as defined by the maps in the 2025-26 budget paper entitled "Our plan for Regional New South Wales"?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Government provides detailed information about actual and forecast capital expenditure through the Budget papers, Half Yearly Review and Report on State Finances.

In particular:

- Budget Paper 3: Infrastructure Statement includes the details of all major capital projects, including estimated costs, portfolio area and location details.
- Budget Papers 1 and 4 include information on forecast expenditure over the forward estimates and information on expenditure by individual agencies.

* 5012 POLICE AND COUNTER-TERRORISM—MEDIA EVENT IN RELATION TO BONDI BEACH TERROR ATTACK—The Hon. Robert Borsak 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) While, like Mr Walter Mikac, Mr Stephen Bendle, Convenor of the Australian Gun Safety Alliance, and Ms Sarah Davies, Chief Executive Officer of the Alannah and Madeline Foundation, are no doubt experienced advocates in matters of grief, trauma, and victim support, neither Mr Bendle nor Ms Davies has any recognised professional qualifications, operational experience, or technical expertise in firearms legislation, firearms management, firearms regulation, or firearms enforcement. Notwithstanding that lack of firearms-specific expertise, both individuals participated in a meeting and subsequent media event with the Premier and you in Sydney on 22 December 2025, which was photographed, publicly distributed, and streamed live by the Australian Broadcasting Corporation, in connection with the Government's response to the Bondi Beach terror attack. Can you provide full and detailed answers to the following questions:

- (a) who initiated the initial contact that led to the meeting involving Mr Stephen Bendle and Ms Sarah Davies on 22 December 2025?
- (b) on what date was the initial contact made?
- (c) through what medium was the contact made, for example, email, telephone, meeting request, Ministerial diary request, or other?
- (d) which positions of ministers or police staff members, advisers, or officials were involved in arranging the meeting and media event?
- (e) what was the stated purpose of the meeting at the time it was arranged?
- (f) were minutes, notes, briefing papers, agendas, or talking points prepared for the meeting?
 - (i) If so, will you table those documents?
- (g) what advice, recommendations, views, or opinions were provided by Mr Bendle during the meeting?
- (h) what advice, recommendations, views, or opinions were provided by Ms Davies during the meeting?
- (i) were any of those views or recommendations specifically related to:
 - (i) firearms legislation?
 - (ii) firearms licensing?
 - (iii) firearms ownership?
 - (iv) firearms storage?
 - (v) firearms prohibition orders?
 - (vi) firearm seizure powers?
 - (vii) enforcement or compliance mechanisms?
 - (viii) regulatory changes to the Firearms Act or Regulations?
 - (ix) If so, what assessment was made by you or your department of the relevance of that advice given the lack of firearms-specific expertise of those individuals?
- (j) were any policy positions, draft legislation, or regulatory proposals altered, confirmed, or promoted following that meeting?
 - (i) If so, which specific changes were influenced, informed, or supported by information provided at that meeting?
- (k) prior to announcing or promoting post-Bondi firearms reforms, did you or Premier meet with:
 - (i) licensed firearm owners?
 - (ii) firearms safety instructors?
 - (iii) sporting shooting organisations?
 - (iv) firearms dealers?
 - (v) rural landholders or farmers?
 - (vi) pest management professionals?
 - (vii) hunting and conservation organisations?
 - (viii) If so, on what dates and with which organisations?
 - (ix) If not, why were those stakeholders not afforded equivalent access?
- (l) given that both Mr Bendle and Ms Davies are based in Victoria, did the Government provide any:

- (i) travel costs?
- (ii) accommodation?
- (iii) meals?
- (iv) appearance fees?
- (v) honoraria?
- (vi) reimbursements?
- (vii) other financial or in-kind support?
- (viii) If so, which department, office, or budget line funded those costs?
- (m) what was the total cost to the New South Wales taxpayers associated with their attendance, including staff time, security, media coordination, and logistics?
- (n) who authorised the media event and live broadcast?
- (o) was the media appearance planned in advance of the meeting?
- (p) were media outlets invited or notified by:
 - (i) your office?
 - (ii) the Premier's office?
 - (iii) the NSW Police Force media?
 - (iv) another government communications unit?
- (q) what role did Mr Bendle and Ms Davies play in shaping the public messaging associated with that media event?

Answer—

I did not meet with the Alannah and Madeline Foundation, nor the Australian Gun Safety Alliance about the Bill, prior to legislation being brought to the House. The Alannah and Madeline Foundation and the Australian Gun Safety Alliance were invited to the press conference due to their interest in the legislation as well as their history as strong advocates for gun safety in society.

No cost was incurred to taxpayers or the public regarding this media event, including any travel that may have been associated with it.

The media event was organised by the NSW Government to provide an update to the response to the Bondi terror attack on December 14, 2025.

3 MARCH 2026

(Paper No. 690)

5067 EDUCATION AND EARLY LEARNING—AUTISM SUPPORT CLASSES IN MANLY ELECTORATE—The Hon. Natalie Ward 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) How many students currently enrolled in primary schools in the Manly Electorate have a formal autism diagnosis?
- (2) How many primary schools in the Manly Electorate have a dedicated support class for students with autism?
 - (a) Could you please list these schools?
- (3) How many primary schools in the Pittwater Electorate have a dedicated support class for students with autism?
 - (a) Could you please list these schools?

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- (4) How many primary schools in the Wakehurst Electorate have a dedicated support class for students with autism?
- (a) Could you please list these schools?
- (5) If the Manly Electorate does not currently contain any primary schools with dedicated support classes for students with autism, why is this?
- (6) What plans does the Government currently have in place to provide dedicated support classes for students attending primary schools in the Manly Electorate?
- 5068 TRANSPORT—TIMELINE FOR DELIVERY OF NEW BUS FLEET FOR NORTHERN BEACHES—
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—
- (1) Of the 50 new diesel-powered articulated buses announced in March 2025, how many have entered service in Region 8 to date?
- (a) How many are expected to be in service in Region 8 by 31 December 2026?
- (2) Of the ten new double-decker buses announced in March 2025, how many have entered service to date?
- (a) How many are expected to be in service by 31 December 2026?
- 5069 YOUTH JUSTICE—YOUTH JUSTICE TELECOMMUNICATIONS—Ms Sue Higginson 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) As part of your scoping the telecommunications installation for tablets in cells, what quotes have you received, both total and per tablet?
- (a) Is it true that Youth Justice have received quotes of under one million dollars to put the computer system into each centre?
- (b) Considering that each child in detention costs \$1.1 million per year, wouldn't this be a good investment in reducing recidivism and creating a safer future community?
- (2) Would you concede that a child's time in a cell presents a unique opportunity to deal with personal interests using trusted outside support?
- (3) Shouldn't time in cells permit video calls with family, elders, learning music or art on the computers with mainstream teachers?
- (4) Do you support using telecommunications in cells to facilitate the import model giving the clear benefits?
- (5) What services are being offered to children in youth justice that have caused the additional \$300,000 in the last three years per child per year in custody?
- (6) What services are offered to those children at a cost of \$1.17 million a year as opposed to adults at \$140,000 a year?

Steven Reynolds
Clerk of the Parliaments