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18 FEBRUARY 2026

(Paper No. 681)

* 5026 POLICE AND COUNTER-TERRORISM—CRIMINAL CHARGES AGAINST NSW POLICE OFFICERS—The Hon. Rod Roberts 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) During the period 1 February 2022 to 30 September 2025, how many serving NSW Police Force officers were charged with criminal offences arising from, or connected to, the exercise of their official duties?
- (2) Of the officers referred to in (1), how many were subsequently convicted of the offence or offences with which they were charged?
- (3) Of the officers referred to in (1), how many had the criminal charges against them subsequently dismissed, withdrawn, not proceeded with, or found not guilty?
- (4) Of the officers referred to in (3), how many have subsequently commenced civil proceedings against the State of New South Wales or the NSW Police Force seeking damages arising from the charges originally brought against them?
- (5) In respect of the civil proceedings referred to in (4), what is the total quantum of damages claimed by those officers?
 - (a) What is the total amount paid by the State of New South Wales to date, whether by way of settlement or judgment, in respect of those claims?
 - (b) What is the total amount of legal costs incurred by the State of New South Wales in defending those claims?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) 59.
- (2) 21.
- (3) 23.
- (4) Nil.
- (5) Nil.

25 FEBRUARY 2026

(Paper No. 686)

* 5039 SPORT—BERRY SPORT AND RECREATION CENTRE—The Hon. Natalie Ward 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 revenue for the Berry Sport and Recreation Centre in financial years:
 - (a) 2021-2022?
 - (b) 2022-2023?
 - (c) 2023-2024?
 - (d) 2024-2025?
- (2) What was the total operating costs for the Berry Sport and Recreation Centre in financial years:
 - (a) 2021-2022?
 - (b) 2022-2023?

- (c) 2023-2024?
- (d) 2024-2025?

Answer—

I am advised that:

(1)

- (a) \$1,084,163
- (b) \$2,167,416
- (c) \$2,286,024
- (d) \$2,637,610

(2)

- (a) \$2,034,552
- (b) \$2,768,454
- (c) \$2,713,422
- (d) \$3,065,344

- * 5040 SPORT—BORAMBOLA SPORT AND RECREATION CENTRE—The Hon. Natalie Ward to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, Minister for Sport, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—

Ministers' obligations under the NSW Ministerial Code of Conduct (the **Ministerial Code**) are set out in the Appendix to the *Independent Commission Against Corruption Regulation 2017*.

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Answer—

I am advised that:

(1)

- (a) \$813,319
- (b) \$1,656,439
- (c) \$1,993,221
- (d) \$1,957,686

(2)

- (a) \$ 2,166,182
- (b) \$2,689,307
- (c) \$3,000,101
- (d) \$2,595,142

- * 5041 SPORT—BROKEN BAY SPORT AND RECREATION CENTRE—The Hon. Natalie Ward 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 revenue for the Berry Sport and Recreation Centre in financial years:

- (a) 2021-2022?
- (b) 2022-2023?
- (c) 2023-2024?

- (d) 2024-2025?
- (2) What was the total operating costs for the Berry Sport and Recreation Centre in financial years:
- (a) 2021-2022?
- (b) 2022-2023?
- (c) 2023-2024?
- (d) 2024-2025?

Answer—

I am advised that:

- (1)
- (a) \$1,328,674
- (b) \$2,914,900
- (c) \$2,447,224
- (d) \$2,322,833
- (2)
- (a) \$3,338,697
- (b) \$4,415,816
- (c) \$4,839,403
- (d) \$3,535,987

* 5042 SPORT—POINT WOLSTONCROFT SPORT AND RECREATION CENTRE—The Hon. Natalie Ward to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, Minister for Sport, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—

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Answer—

I am advised that:

- (1)
- (a) \$2,070,473
- (b) \$4,302,881
- (c) \$3,964,292
- (d) \$4,355,684
- (2)
- (a) \$3,083,259
- (b) \$3,483,484
- (c) \$3,432,823
- (d) \$3,775,245

- * 5043 SPORT—SYDNEY ACADEMY OF SPORT AND RECREATION—The Hon. Natalie Ward to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, Minister for Sport, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—

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Answer—

(1)

- (a) \$3,686,847
- (b) \$9,891,912
- (c) \$9,242,165
- (d) \$8,283,508

(2)

- (a) \$6,345,178
- (b) \$7,453,627
- (c) \$8,398,411
- (d) \$8,871,947

- * 5044 SPORT—JINDABYNE SPORT AND RECREATION CENTRE—The Hon. Natalie Ward to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, Minister for Sport, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—

Ministers' obligations under the NSW Ministerial Code of Conduct (the **Ministerial Code**) are set out in the Appendix to the *Independent Commission Against Corruption Regulation 2017*.

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Answer—

I am advised that:

(1)

- (a) \$1,461,199
- (b) \$6,141,940
- (c) \$5,458,395
- (d) \$5,373,962

(2)

- (a) \$3,967,186
- (b) \$5,939,044
- (c) \$6,129,489
- (d) \$6,443,727

- * 5045 SPORT—LAKE AINSWORTH SPORT AND RECREATION CENTRE—The Hon. Natalie Ward to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, Minister for Sport, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—

Ministers' obligations under the NSW Ministerial Code of Conduct (the **Ministerial Code**) are set out in the Appendix to the *Independent Commission Against Corruption Regulation 2017*.

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Answer—

I am advised that:

(1)

- (a) \$1,241,899
- (b) \$5,161,251
- (c) \$2,856,886
- (d) \$3,058,104

(2)

- (a) \$3,018,458
- (b) \$3,414,772
- (c) \$3,768,984
- (d) \$3,595,509

- * 5046 SPORT—LAKE BURRENDONG SPORT AND RECREATION CENTRE—The Hon. Natalie Ward 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 revenue for the Lake Burrendong Sport and Recreation Centre in financial years:

- (a) 2021-2022?
- (b) 2022-2023?
- (c) 2023-2024?
- (d) 2024-2025?

(2) What was the total operating costs for the Lake Burrendong Sport and Recreation Centre in financial years:

- (a) 2021-2022?
- (b) 2022-2023?
- (c) 2023-2024?
- (d) 2024-2025?

Answer—

I am advised that:

(1)

- (a) \$896,519
- (b) \$1,361,676
- (c) \$1,611,887
- (d) \$1,239,387

(2)

- (a) \$2,235,539
- (b) \$2,886,070
- (c) \$2,370,510
- (d) \$2,273,381

* 5047 SPORT—LAKE KEEPIT SPORT AND RECREATION CENTRE—The Hon. Natalie Ward 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 revenue for the Lake Keepit Sport and Recreation Centre in financial years:

- (a) 2021-2022?
- (b) 2022-2023?
- (c) 2023-2024?
- (d) 2024-2025?

(2) What was the total operating costs for the Lake Keepit Sport and Recreation Centre in financial years:

- (a) 2021-2022?
- (b) 2022-2023?
- (c) 2023-2024?
- (d) 2024-2025?

Answer—

I am advised that:

(1)

- (a) \$1,012,083
- (b) \$1,585,765
- (c) \$1,800,749
- (d) \$1,468,962

(2)

- (a) \$2,096,898
- (b) \$2,488,919
- (c) \$2,455,681
- (d) \$2,264,725

* 5048 SPORT—MILSON ISLAND SPORT AND RECREATION CENTRE—The Hon. Natalie Ward 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 revenue for the Milson Island Sport and Recreation Centre in financial years:

- (a) 2021-2022?
- (b) 2022-2023?
- (c) 2023-2024?
- (d) 2024-2025?

- (2) What was the total operating costs for the Milson Island Sport and Recreation Centre in financial years:
- (a) 2021-2022?
 - (b) 2022-2023?
 - (c) 2023-2024?
 - (d) 2024-2025?

Answer—

I am advised that:

- (1)
 - (a) \$1,262,721
 - (b) \$2,911,045
 - (c) \$2,713,633
 - (d) \$2,703,809
- (2)
 - (a) \$2,345,234
 - (b) \$3,074,193
 - (c) \$3,282,941
 - (d) \$3,553,222

12 MARCH 2026

(Paper No. 697)

5080 AGRICULTURE—NSW FOOD AUTHORITY INVESTIGATION AND ENFORCEMENT—Ms Abigail Boyd to ask the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

- (1) On pages 14 and 15 of the NSW Food Authority Annual Report 2024-25, there is reference to a targeted illegal slaughter investigation conducted by compliance officers involving investigations at 24 properties across seven Local Land Services regions. Can you please provide any further information about the investigation, the properties and operators involved and the offences detected under the Food Act 2003, Biosecurity Act 2015 and/or Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1979 as part of the investigation?
- (2) In relation to the "over 1,100 kg of processed meat and animal carcasses" seized as part of the investigation, can you please confirm the exact total amount of processed meat and animal carcasses seized?
 - (a) Can you break this down into the number of seizures, the type of animal/s involved, the nature of the offence, whether the premises had a history of unlicensed activity, whether the operator was a repeat offender and whether any seized product is suspected to have entered the retail, wholesale, direct-to-consumer markets or food service supply chain before detection?
- (3) Did the Food Authority seize any vehicles, equipment, labelling materials or advertising materials as part of the investigation?
 - (a) If so, can you please provide details of what was seized, the nature of the offence, whether the premises had a history of unlicensed activity, whether the operator was a repeat offender, the grounds on which the items were seized and whether any further enforcement action was taken alongside the seizure?

- (4) In relation to the two prohibition orders issued to mitigate serious public health risks relating to food for human consumption, can you please answer the following questions?
- (a) What was the scope of each prohibition order?
 - (b) Which alleged offences were each of the prohibition orders in relation to?
 - (i) Can you please provide a description of the nature and circumstances of each alleged offence, including the short title of the offence?
 - (c) On what date did each of the alleged offences occur?
 - (d) Which provisions of the Food Standards Code were specified in each prohibition order?
 - (e) What action was taken by the offender/s to ensure compliance with the relevant provisions of the Food Standards Code?
 - (f) On what date were each of the prohibition orders served?
 - (g) What is the status of each prohibition notice?
 - (h) Are the prohibition orders currently published on the Food Authority's public register?
 - (i) If so, what is the notice number and trade name for each?
 - (ii) If not, why?
 - (i) Did the Food Authority conduct any follow-up inspections or compliance reports as a result of either of the prohibition orders?
 - (i) If so, what was the nature of any follow-up action, and how long after the orders were issued did the follow-up action occur?
- (5) In relation to the four penalty notices issued, can you please answer the following questions?
- (a) Which alleged offences were each of the penalty notices in relation to?
 - (i) Can you please provide a description of the nature and circumstances of each alleged offence, including the short title of the offence?
 - (b) On what date were each of the penalty notices served?
 - (c) On what date did each of the alleged offences occur?
 - (d) For each penalty notice, has the penalty notice been fully or partly paid?
 - (e) For each penalty notice, was a penalty notice enforcement order under Part 3 of the Fines Act 1996 issued in respect of the penalty notice?
 - (f) For each penalty notice, is the penalty notice unresolved?
 - (g) Are the penalty notices currently published on the Food Authority's public register?
 - (i) If so, what is the notice number and trade name for each?
 - (ii) If not, why?
 - (h) Did the Food Authority conduct any follow-up inspections or compliance reports as a result of any of the penalty notices? If so:
 - (i) what was the nature of any follow-up action?
 - (ii) how long after the notices were issued did the follow-up action occur?
- (6) In relation to the three warning letters issued, can you please answer the following questions?
- (a) Which alleged offences were each of the warning letters in relation to?
 - (i) Can you please provide a description of the nature and circumstances of each alleged offence, including the short title of the offence?
 - (b) On what date did each of the alleged offences occur?
 - (c) Which provisions of the Food Standards Code were specified in each warning letter?

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- (d) What action was taken by the offender/s to ensure compliance with the relevant provisions of the Food Standards Code?
 - (e) On what date were each of the warning letters served?
 - (f) What is the status of each warning letter?
 - (g) What remedial action was specified in each warning letter?
 - (h) Did the Food Authority conduct any follow-up inspections or compliance reports as a result of any of the warning letters? If so:
 - (i) what was the nature of any follow-up action?
 - (ii) how long after the letters were issued did the follow-up action occur?
- (7) In relation to the three individual biosecurity directions issued, can you please answer the following questions?
- (a) Which alleged offences were each of the warning letters in relation to?
 - (i) Can you please provide a description of the nature and circumstances of each alleged offence, including the short title of the offence?
 - (b) On what date did each of the alleged offences occur?
 - (c) What actions did each direction contain, in terms of provisions that prohibit, regulate or control, or that require specific action from the business or operator?
 - (d) What action was taken by the offender/s following each direction to ensure compliance with the Biosecurity Act 2015 and/or the Food Act 2003?
 - (e) On what date were each of the directions issued?
 - (f) Did the Food Authority conduct any follow-up inspections or compliance reports as a result of any of the directions? If so:
 - (i) what was the nature of any follow-up action?
 - (ii) how long after the directions were issued did the follow-up action occur?
- (8) How many fines were paid, withdrawn and subject to further proceedings as part of the investigation?
- (9) Can you please break down which New South Wales agency issued the different enforcement actions throughout the investigation?
- (10) Did the investigation identify any breaches or offences under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1979?
- (11) Are any of the properties or operators subject to enforcement action as part of the investigation currently conducting any licensed activity in New South Wales?
- (a) If so, can you please provide details of the current operations?
- (12) Did the Food Authority or another agency commence any prosecutions as part of the investigation?
- (13) According to the NSW Food Authority Annual Report 2024-25, "due to the complexity of illegal slaughter investigations, the operation required comprehensive planning and coordination with multiple NSW agencies, including NSW Police, the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (RSCPA), Local Land Services (LLS), the Greyhound Welfare & Integrity Commission (GWIC), Racing NSW and Local Government", what was the nature of the involvement of each New South Wales agency in the investigation?
- (14) Were any greyhounds or horses in the remit of GWIC and Racing NSW identified as being involved in illegal activity throughout the course of the investigation?
- (a) If so, can you please explain the nature of this involvement, the number of greyhounds or horses involved and what subsequent action was taken as part of the investigation?

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- (15) Were any registered individuals in the remit of GWIC and Racing NSW identified as being involved in illegal activity throughout the course of the investigation?
- (a) If so, can you please explain the nature of this involvement and what subsequent action was taken as part of the investigation?
- (16) Did the operation investigate any illegally slaughtered or processed meat intended to be sold or distributed?
- (a) If so, where was it intended to be sold or distributed?
- (17) Can you provide any details or information about the scale, risk or prevalence of illegal slaughter activity identified through the investigation?
- (18) Had any of the properties or operators subject to enforcement action as part of the investigation previously been issued any prohibition orders, penalty notices, warning letters and biosecurity directions prior to the investigation?
- (a) Can you please provide details including the nature and outcome of any prior enforcement action, the alleged offences and the date the action was issued?
- (19) On page 45 of the NSW Food Authority Annual Report 2023-24, there is reference to the seizure of meat carcass from an unlicensed knackery and an unlicensed abattoir involving 320 kgs of horse meat, 114 kgs of pig fat and 41.24 kgs of beef mince, 157.39 kgs of lamb, 5.58 kgs sheep offal, 636 kgs meat from multiple species and 220 kgs of beef carcass, and 1.6 kgs of rabbit. On what date did each of the seizures occur, broken down into the estimated quantity that was seized from each property?
- (a) What was the outcome of each seizure?
- (b) Did the Food Authority conduct any follow-up inspections or compliance reports?
- (c) Did the Food Authority take any enforcement action against the offenders?
- (i) If so, what was each of the offences?
- (d) How many properties or operators were responsible for the unlicensed activity involving the seizures?
- (i) How many were repeat offenders?
- (ii) Are any of the offenders currently operating any licensed activity?
- (e) Are any of the seized products suspected to have entered the retail, wholesale, direct-to-consumer markets or food service supply chain before detection?
- (f) In relation to the 1.6 kgs rabbit, can you please provide any further information about the reasons for seizure, including whether any mislabelling was detected?
- (i) Was the rabbit seized alongside any other meat carcass from the same premises?
- (20) On page 16 of the NSW Food Authority Annual Report 2023-24, there is reference to a foodborne illness investigation where the Food Authority detected buffalo meat had been supplied by an unlicensed meat manufacturer which was issued a prohibition order. What was the scope of the prohibition order?
- (a) Which alleged offences was the prohibition order in relation to?
- (i) Can you please provide a description of the nature and circumstances of each alleged offence, including the short title of the offence?
- (b) On what date did the alleged offence/s occur?
- (c) Which provisions of the Food Standards Code were specified in the prohibition order?
- (d) What action was taken by the offender to ensure compliance with the relevant provisions of the Food Standards Code?
- (e) On what date was the prohibition order served?
- (f) What is the status of each prohibition notice?

- (g) Is the prohibition order currently published on the Food Authority's public register?
 - (i) If so, what is the notice number and trade name?
 - (ii) If not, why?
- (h) Did the Food Authority conduct any follow-up inspections or compliance reports as a result of the prohibition order? If so:
 - (i) what was the nature of any follow-up action?
 - (ii) how long after the order was issued did the follow-up action occur?
- (i) The annual report also referred to a further unlicensed meat processor producing a variety of meat products, including air-dried meat. What enforcement action was taken against this operator, if any?

5081 EMERGENCY SERVICES—LUCKNOW RURAL FIRE SERVICE BRIGADE—The Hon. Scott Barrett 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) What is the current status of the Lucknow Rural Fire Service (RFS) brigade?
- (2) How many active volunteers are there at the brigade to call upon?
- (3) If a tanker was called upon today, are there personnel available to respond?
- (4) How many resignations have there been in the past 12 months?
 - (a) What were the reasons given for these resignations?
- (5) How many dismissals have there been in the past 12 months?
 - (b) What were the reasons given for these dismissals?
- (6) What positions are currently vacant in the Lucknow brigade structure?
- (7) Have there been any callouts in the local area that Lucknow has been unable to respond to due to lack of volunteers?

5082 CUSTOMER SERVICE AND DIGITAL GOVERNMENT—MINISTERIAL ADVISORY GROUP—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 Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

- (1) What progress have you made in establishing the Ministerial Advisory Group (MAG) legislated in the Workers Compensation laws passed by the Parliament in November?
 - (a) Who is on the MAG?
 - (b) What are its terms of reference?
 - (c) When will it first meet?
- (2) Have expressions of interest been called for the three injured workers on the MAG?
 - (a) What has been the outcome?

5083 FINANCE—FORESTRY CORPORATION LOSSES IN 2025—Ms Sue Higginson to ask the Minister for Finance, Minister for Domestic Manufacturing and Government Procurement, and Minister for Natural Resources—

- (1) Did you, as the shareholder minister in the Forestry Corporation, receive any written or verbal advice from senior officers of the Forestry Corporation of NSW of the likely quantum of their annual loss for the 2024-25 financial year, before the Forestry Corporation's annual report disclosed a \$32 million loss?
 - (a) If so, when and from whom in the Forestry Corporation NSW did you receive that advice?

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- (b) If so, did that advice from the Forestry Corporation NSW officers identify any actions the Forestry Corporation would take to reduce its annual losses in the subsequent year, to stabilise its financial position, and lessen its need for public funds to underwrite its operations?
 - (c) If so, will you table that advice?
 - (d) If you did not receive advice on the likely quantum of the 2025 annual loss, or on actions to reduce its annual losses, why did officers of the Forestry Corporation NSW not provide such advice to you, as the shareholder minister in the Forestry Corporation?
- (2) Do you agree with the statement on the NSW Treasury website, that the role of NSW Treasury in relation to state-owned corporations includes monitoring "the performance of State-Owned Corporations (SOCs) on behalf of the Treasurer and the Minister for Finance"?
- (a) If so, did you receive any written or verbal advice from NSW Treasury officials following the Forestry Corporation's annual report disclosing a \$32 million loss for the financial year 2024-25, which referred to or discussed this annual loss of \$32 million?
 - (i) If so, when was the advice from NSW Treasury received?
 - (ii) Will you table that advice?
 - (iii) What was the substance of that advice from NSW Treasury officials?
 - (iv) If not, why did NSW Treasury officials not provide advice on the annual loss of \$32 million to you, as the shareholder minister in the Forestry Corporation?
- (3) Did NSW Treasury officials' advice on the Forestry Corporation's 2025 annual loss of \$32 million refer to:
- (a) the need to reduce annual losses and stabilise the NSW Forestry Corporation's financial position?
 - (b) any steps or actions recommended by NSW Treasury, that needed to be taken by the Corporation to rein in its worsening losses?
 - (c) concerns that prices for hardwood timber products did not cover the cost of their production, raised by the Auditor General in 2017 and also 2021?
- (4) Did you, as the shareholder minister in the Forestry Corporation, take any actions following her receipt of advice from NSW Treasury on the Corporation's \$32 million loss in 2025, to reduce annual losses, stabilise the Corporation's worsening financial position and mitigate the cost burden of underwriting the Forestry Corporation's annual losses on public funds?
- (a) If so, did the actions taken by you, as the shareholder minister include:
 - (i) requesting NSW Treasury to conduct a thorough audit of the financial accounts of NSW Forestry Corporation's hardwood division?
 - (ii) commissioning and receiving an independent review of the costs of production of hardwood native forest timber products?
 - (iii) requiring a comprehensive overhaul of the Forestry Corporation's product pricing policy?
 - (b) If these actions were not taken, what were the actions taken by you?
 - (c) If you took no actions, as the shareholder minister in the Forestry Corporation, following advice from NSW Treasury on the Corporation's \$32 million loss in 2025, why did you not take action to reduce annual losses, stabilise the Corporation's worsening financial position and mitigate the cost burden of underwriting the Forestry Corporation's annual losses on public funds?
- (5) Did you, as the shareholder minister in the Forestry Corporation, discuss advice from either the Forestry Corporation or NSW Treasury on the Corporation's \$32 million annual loss for 2025, with the Treasurer, as the senior shareholder minister in the Corporation?
- (a) If so, when was this advice discussed with the Treasurer?

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- (b) If so, did you and the Treasurer reach any conclusions, as the shareholder ministers in the Corporation, about the need to stabilise the financial position of the Forestry Corporation?
 - (i) If so, what were these conclusions?
 - (ii) If you and the Treasurer did not reach any conclusions, in your discussions as the shareholder ministers, on actions needed by the board in response to the Forestry Corporation's 2025 annual loss of \$32 million, why did you not reach any conclusions?
 - (c) If you did not discuss advice from NSW Treasury, or the Forestry Corporation, on the Corporation's \$32 million annual loss in 2025, with the Treasurer, why did you not discuss this advice with the Treasurer, as senior shareholder minister in the Corporation?
 - (6) Did you and the Treasurer agree on any recommendations that you would make, as the shareholder ministers, to the Forestry Corporation to reduce annual losses and help stabilize their financial position, following the \$32 million annual loss in June 2025?
 - (a) If so, what were these recommendations?
 - (b) If so, to whom in the Forestry Corporation were these recommendations made?
 - (c) If so, when were these recommendations made?
 - (d) If not, why did you and the Treasurer, as the shareholder ministers in the Forestry Corporation, not develop recommendations to help stabilize the financial position of the Forestry Corporation, following their \$32 million annual loss in June 2025?
 - (7) Did you, or any delegate of yours, attend any meeting(s) of the Forestry Corporation's board at which the 2025 annual loss of \$32 million was discussed?
 - (a) If so, when was/were the meeting(s) held?
 - (b) Did those meeting(s) with the board of the Forestry Corporation discuss:
 - (i) the need to stabilize the Corporation's worsening financial position?
 - (ii) any actions identified by officers of the Forestry Corporation to reduce annual losses?
 - (iii) any actions recommended by you and the Treasurer to help stabilise the Corporation's financial position?
 - (iv) any actions suggested by NSW Treasury to rein in the Forestry Corporation of NSW's worsening financial position?
 - (c) If so, what specific actions were discussed?
 - (i) What actions were agreed to be taken?
 - (d) If not, why did you not meet with the board of the Forestry Corporation?
 - (8) If you did not meet with the Corporation's board, did you, or your delegate, discuss the 2025 annual loss of \$32 million, the advice from NSW Treasury officials or advice from the NSW Forestry Corporation, in any meetings with any corporation officers, being:
 - (a) the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), being the sole executive director of the corporation?
 - (i) If so, on what dates and with whom were these discussions on this advice held?
 - (ii) If so, what actions or other outcomes were agreed to, by whom, in the Forestry Corporation, due to these discussions?
 - (iii) If not, why did you not discuss the advice from NSW Treasury officials on the 2025 annual loss of \$32 million with relevant officers of the Forestry Corporation?
 - (b) the Chief Financial Officer (CFO)?
 - (i) If so, on what dates and with whom were these discussions on this advice held?
 - (ii) If so, what actions or other outcomes were agreed to, by whom, in the Forestry Corporation, due to these discussions?

- (iii) If not, why did you not discuss the advice from NSW Treasury officials on the 2025 annual loss of \$32 million with relevant officers of the Forestry Corporation?
 - (c) the Chair of the board of directors of the Forestry Corporation?
 - (i) If so, on what dates and with whom were these discussions on this advice held?
 - (ii) If so, what actions or other outcomes were agreed to, by whom, in the Forestry Corporation, due to these discussions?
 - (iii) If not, why did you not discuss the advice from NSW Treasury officials on the 2025 annual loss of \$32 million with relevant officers of the Forestry Corporation?
 - (d) any individual directors of the Forestry Corporation?
 - (i) If so, on what dates and with whom were these discussions on this advice held?
 - (ii) If so, what actions or other outcomes were agreed to, by whom, in the Forestry Corporation, due to these discussions?
 - (iii) If not, why did you not discuss the advice from NSW Treasury officials on the 2025 annual loss of \$32 million with relevant officers of the Forestry Corporation?
- (9) Given the Forestry Corporation's financial position has deteriorated from a \$29 million loss in 2024 to \$32 million loss in 2025, why have you, as the shareholder minister in the Corporation, not taken appropriate action to instruct the board to reduce losses, improve Forestry Corporation's financial position and lessen the cost of underwriting losses from public funds?

5084 FINANCE—INDEPENDENT PRICING AND REGULATORY TRIBUNAL REPORTS—Ms Sue Higginson to ask the Minister for Finance, Minister for Domestic Manufacturing and Government Procurement, and Minister for Natural Resources—

- (1) Are you aware that the New South Wales Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) in its 2017 and 2021 reports reported that hardwood product prices do not cover the costs of production?
 - (a) If not, why?
- (2) Are you aware of the IPART's concerns about below-cost discount prices for hardwood products?
 - (a) What have you done to address these concerns?
- (3) What have you done, as one of the two shareholder ministers on the Board of the Forestry Corporation, to ensure that the Board and its senior managers comply with public sector principles for ethical management of public resources, such as 'fiscal responsibility', and 'putting the public interest first'?
 - (a) What have you done to ensure that senior management has taken the actions necessary to minimise its multi-million dollars annual losses?
- (4) Have you commissioned any 'due diligence' investigations into the financial liability of the NSW Treasury from the New South Wales timber industry's claimed 'right' to be paid compensation by the Government for the creation of the Great Koala National Park (GKNP)?
 - (a) If not, why?
- (5) Are you aware of any 'due diligence' investigations that have been undertaken, or are being undertaken, by NSW Treasury officials into the timber industry's claimed 'right' to be compensated for the Government's proposed creation of the GKNP?
 - (a) If not, why?
 - (b) If so, is there a legal basis for the Government being financially liable to pay compensation to the New South Wales timber industry for creating a new national park?
 - (i) What is this legal basis?

5085 TREASURER—FORESTRY CORPORATION AND NSW TIMBER INDUSTRY—Ms Sue Higginson to ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Are you aware that the New South Wales Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) in its 2017 and 2021 reports reported that hardwood product prices do not cover the costs of production?
 - (a) If not, why?
- (2) Are you aware of the IPART's concerns about below-cost discount prices for hardwood products?
 - (a) What have you done to address these concerns?
- (3) What have you done, as one of the two shareholder ministers on the Board of the Forestry Corporation, to ensure that the Board and its senior managers comply with public sector principles for ethical management of public resources, such as 'fiscal responsibility', and 'putting the public interest first'?
 - (a) What have you done to ensure that senior management has taken the actions necessary to minimise its multi-million dollars annual losses?
- (4) Have you commissioned any 'due diligence' investigations into the financial liability of the NSW Treasury from the New South Wales timber industry's claimed 'right' to be paid compensation by the Government for the creation of the Great Koala National Park (GKNP)?
 - (a) If not, why?
- (5) Are you aware of any 'due diligence' investigations that have been undertaken, or are being undertaken, by NSW Treasury officials into the timber industry's claimed 'right' to be compensated for the Government's proposed creation of the GKNP?
 - (a) If not, why?
 - (b) If so, is there a legal basis for the Government being financially liable to pay compensation to the New South Wales timber industry for creating a new national park?
 - (i) What is this legal basis?

5086 ENVIRONMENT—GREAT KOALA NATIONAL PARK AND TIMBER INDUSTRY—Ms Sue Higginson to ask the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) Have any discussions been held between the Government and the New South Wales timber industry regarding claims for the payment of compensation by the Government to the New South Wales timber industry for the Government's eventual creation of the Great Koala National Park?
 - (a) If so, who did you meet with from the New South Wales timber industry?
 - (i) When did it happen?
 - (b) If so, what were the terms of the compensation demands made by the New South Wales timber industry for the creation of the Great Koala National Park?
- (2) Have you made any commitments to the New South Wales timber industry regarding the payment of compensation to the industry for the Government's eventual creation of the Great Koala National Park?
 - (a) If so, what were they?
 - (b) If so, what was the legal basis for the Government's proposal to pay compensation to the timber industry for the Great Koala National Park?
- (3) Have any discussions been held between the Government and any environment advocacy groups, such as Nature Conservation Council, regarding the payment of compensation by the Government to the New South Wales timber industry for the Government's eventual creation of the Great Koala National Park?
 - (a) If so, who did you meet with from these advocacy groups?
 - (i) When did it happen?
 - (b) If not, why?

- (4) What due diligence have you undertaken with the NSW Treasury Office into the financial liability faced by the NSW Treasury from the New South Wales timber industry's claimed 'right' to be paid compensation by the Government for the creation of the Great Koala National Park?

5087 AGRICULTURE—FORESTRY CORPORATION TIMBER PRODUCT PRICING—Ms Sue Higginson to ask the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

- (1) Are you aware of Frontier Economics' report "Public native forest logging: a large and growing taxpayer burden" in 2023, and the New South Wales Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal's concerns in 2017 and 2021 that the prices the New South Wales Forestry Corporation charges the New South Wales timber industry for hardwood logs are below the costs of production and have been for many years?
- (2) What is the rationale for selling hardwood logs at below-cost discount prices, with public funds subsidising the costs of their production?
 - (a) How does this rationale align with the Government's principles for the ethical management of public resources by public sector bodies including state-owned entities like the New South Wales Forestry Corporation?
 - (b) How does this rationale align with the State's public sector management principles requiring "integrity, accountability" and "putting the public interest first"?
 - (c) How is this rationale fiscally responsible?
- (3) What work, if any, has been done to review the costs of production of native forest timber products, especially the current pricing policy of hardwood timber products?
- (4) Do you have any plans to recommend what the prices of hardwood timber products ought to be, in order to fully recover the costs of their production?
- (5) What work, if any, has been done to overhaul the New South Wales Forestry Corporation's timber product pricing policy?
- (6) In light of the breaches proven in the Land and Environment Court of New South Wales, carried out by the New South Wales Forestry Corporation and the million-dollar losses of their hardwood timber products, would you consider referring the New South Wales Forestry Corporation to the New South Wales Independent Commission Against Corruption?
 - (a) If not, why?

5088 CORRECTIONS—IN-CELL ONLINE VIDEO COUNSELLING FOR PRISONERS—The Hon. Aileen MacDonald 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) In correspondence to you dated 9 December 2025, the Community Justice Coalition raised concerns regarding the lack of access to confidential individual counselling services for prisoners in New South Wales correctional centres and proposed that prisoners be allowed to access online video counselling through existing in-cell tablet infrastructure. Has the Government formally considered this proposal?
- (2) Given that prisoners already have access to tablets and infrastructure that allow audio calls and video streaming from within their cells, what specific technological barriers prevent the use of those devices for confidential video counselling with external providers?
- (3) Does Corrective Services NSW permit external psychologists or counsellors to provide individual therapy to prisoners via secure video link?
 - (a) If not, why?
- (4) What assessment has Corrective Services NSW undertaken regarding the potential benefits of allowing prisoners to access independent counselling services through telehealth or video platforms?

- (5) How many psychologists, psychiatrists or counsellors are currently available within the New South Wales prison system to provide therapeutic counselling services to prisoners?
- (6) What proportion of prisoners currently receive regular individual psychological counselling while in custody?
- (7) What safeguards would be required to allow prisoners to access independent counselling services while maintaining appropriate privacy, security and operational controls?
- (8) Has the Government considered whether remote counselling delivered through prisoners' tablets could improve continuity of care when prisoners are transferred between correctional centres or released back into the community?
- (9) Has the Government examined models in other jurisdictions where prisoners receive counselling services via telehealth or video conferencing while in custody?
- (10) Will you commit to reviewing the feasibility of permitting secure in-cell video counselling with accredited external providers, including those funded through Medicare or privately funded by prisoners or their families?

5089 FINANCE—FORESTRY CORPORATION COURT CASES—Ms Sue Higginson to ask the Minister for Finance, Minister for Domestic Manufacturing and Government Procurement, and Minister for Natural Resources—

- (1) Do you agree with the statement, posted on the NSW Treasury website, that NSW Treasury's role in relation to state-owned corporations includes "advising Portfolio and Shareholding Ministers about critical current and emerging issues that may affect the business" being State Owned Corporations (SOCs)?
- (2) Do you agree that decisions of the Land and Environment Court of NSW, NSW Court of Appeal and High Court of Australia regarding the Forestry Corporation's liability to prosecution for breaches of environmental law, constitute "critical current issues" or "emerging issues" that "may affect the forestry corporation" and hence warrant the provision of advice by Treasury?
- (3) Did you, in your role as senior shareholder minister in the Forestry Corporation, receive any written or verbal advice from NSW Treasury officials on the implications of the NSW Land and Environment Court's decision in *South East Forest Rescue Inc INC9894030 v Forestry Corporation of NSW* [2024] NSWLEC 7, delivered on 7 February 2024, being a critical issue that may affect the business of the Forestry Corporation of NSW?
 - (a) If so, when was the advice from NSW Treasury received?
 - (i) Will you table that advice?
 - (ii) What was the substance of that advice from NSW Treasury officials?
 - (b) If not, why did NSW Treasury officials not provide advice on the decision of the NSW Land and Environment Court in *South East Forest Rescue Inc INC9894030 v Forestry Corporation of NSW* [2024] NSWLEC 7, to you, as senior shareholder minister in the Forestry Corporation?
- (4) Did you receive any written or verbal advice from NSW Treasury officials on the implications of the decision of the NSW Court of Appeal in *South East Forest Rescue Inc (No.2) v Forestry Corporation of NSW* [2024] NSWCA 113, delivered on 16 May 2024, that found that the South East Forest Rescue Incorporated (SEFR Inc) had 'standing' to bring proceedings against the Forestry Corporation of NSW, being a critical issue that may affect its business?
 - (a) If so, when was the advice from NSW Treasury received?
 - (i) Will you table that advice?
 - (ii) What was the substance of that advice from NSW Treasury officials?
 - (iii) What actions did you take in response to that advice from Treasury, to improve the Forestry Corporation's compliance with applicable environmental laws?

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- (b) If not, why did NSW Treasury officials not provide advice on the decision of the NSW Court of Appeal in *South East Forest Rescue Inc (No.2) v Forestry Corporation of NSW* [2024] NSWCA 113, to you, as senior shareholder minister in the Forestry Corporation?
- (5) Did you receive any written or verbal advice from directors or senior officers of the Forestry Corporation of NSW on the implications of the decision of the NSW Court of Appeal in *South East Forest Rescue Inc (No.2) v Forestry Corporation of NSW* [2024] NSWCA 113, delivered on 16 May 2024, that found that SEFR Inc had 'standing' to bring proceedings against corporation, being a critical issue that may affect the business of the Forestry Corporation of NSW?
- (a) If so, when was the advice from Forestry Corporation received?
- (i) What was the substance of that advice from Forestry Corporation's officers?
- (ii) What actions did you take in response to that advice from Forestry Corporation to ensure the corporation improved its compliance with applicable environmental laws?
- (b) If not, why did Forestry Corporation officers not provide advice on the decision of the NSW Court of Appeal in *South East Forest Rescue Inc (No.2) v Forestry Corporation of NSW* [2024] NSWCA 113, to you, as senior shareholder minister in the Forestry Corporation?
- (6) Did you receive any written or verbal advice from NSW Treasury officials on the implications of the decision of the High Court of Australia in *Forestry Corporation of NSW v South East Forest Rescue Inc* [2025] HCA 15, delivered on 9 April 2025, that dismissed the corporation's appeal with costs, being a critical issue that may affect the business of the Forestry Corporation of NSW?
- (a) If so, when was the advice from NSW Treasury received?
- (i) Will you table that advice?
- (ii) What was the substance of that advice from NSW Treasury officials?
- (iii) What actions did you take in response to that advice from Forestry Corporation to ensure the corporation improved its compliance with applicable environmental laws?
- (b) If not, why did NSW Treasury officials not provide advice on the decision of the High Court of Australia in *Forestry Corporation of NSW v South East Forest Rescue Inc* [2025] HCA 15, to you, as senior shareholder minister in the Forestry Corporation?
- (7) Did you receive any written or verbal advice from directors or senior officers of the Forestry Corporation of NSW on the implications of the decision of the High Court of Australia in *Forestry Corporation of NSW v South East Forest Rescue Inc* [2025] HCA 15, delivered on 9 April 2025, that dismissed the corporation's appeal with costs, being a critical issue that may affect the business of the Forestry Corporation of NSW?
- (a) If so, when was the advice from Forestry Corporation received?
- (i) Will you table that advice?
- (ii) What was the substance of that advice from Forestry Corporation's officers?
- (iii) What actions did you take in response to that advice from Forestry Corporation to ensure the corporation improved its compliance with applicable environmental laws?
- (b) If not, why did Forestry Corporation officers not provide advice on the decision of the High Court of Australia in *Forestry Corporation of NSW v South East Forest Rescue Inc* [2025] HCA 15, to you, as senior shareholder minister in the Forestry Corporation?
- (8) Did you receive any written or verbal advice from NSW Treasury officials on the implications of the commencement on 28 August 2025, of a criminal prosecution of the Forestry Corporation by the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) for 29 offences alleged to have been committed between 1 January 2023 and 31 August 2023, in Tallaganda State Forest being *EPA v FCNSW* (case no. s 2025/00328967 to 2025/00328995) being a critical emerging issue that may affect the business of the Forestry Corporation of NSW?
- (a) If so, when was the advice from NSW Treasury received?
- (i) Will you table that advice?

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- (ii) What was the substance of that advice from NSW Treasury officials?
 - (iii) What actions did you take in response to that advice from Treasury to improve the Forestry Corporation's compliance with applicable environmental laws?
 - (b) If not, why did NSW Treasury officials not provide advice on the commencement of a further criminal prosecution of the Forestry Corporation by the EPA, for 29 offences in Tallaganda State Forest being EPA v FCNSW (case no. s 2025/00328967 to 2025/00328995), to you, as senior shareholder minister in the Forestry Corporation?
 - (9) Did you receive any written or verbal advice from the directors or senior officers of the Forestry Corporation of NSW on the implications of the commencement on 28 August 2025, of a criminal prosecution of the Forestry Corporation by the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) for 29 offences alleged to have been committed between 1 January 2023 and 31 August 2023, in Tallaganda State Forest being EPA v FCNSW (case no. s 2025/00328967 to 2025/00328995) being a critical emerging issue that may affect the business of the Forestry Corporation of NSW?
 - (a) If so, when was the advice from Forestry Corporation of NSW received?
 - (i) Will you table that advice?
 - (ii) What was the substance of that advice from Forestry Corporation of NSW directors/officers?
 - (iii) What actions did you take in response to that advice from Forestry Corporation of NSW to improve the Corporation's compliance with applicable environmental laws?
 - (b) If not, why did directors or officers of Forestry Corporation of NSW not provide advice on the commencement of a further criminal prosecution of the Forestry Corporation by the EPA, for 29 offences in Tallaganda State Forest being EPA v FCNSW (case no. s 2025/00328967 to 2025/00328995), to you, as senior shareholder minister in the Forestry Corporation?
 - (10) Did you, as senior shareholder minister in the Forestry Corporation, discuss advice from either the Forestry Corporation or NSW Treasury on the decisions of the Court of Appeal in *South East Forest Rescue Inc (No.2) v Forestry Corporation of NSW* [2024] NSWCA 113, and or the High Court of Australia decision in *Forestry Corporation of NSW v South East Forest Rescue Inc* [2025] HCA 15, with the Treasurer, as the other shareholder minister in the corporation?
 - (a) If so, when was this advice discussed with the Treasurer?
 - (b) If so, did you and Treasurer reach any conclusions, as the shareholder ministers in the corporation, about the need to improve the Forestry Corporation's compliance with applicable environmental laws?
 - (i) If so, what were these conclusions?
 - (ii) If you and Treasurer, as the shareholder ministers in the corporation, did not reach any conclusions on what actions were needed to improve the corporation compliance with applicable environmental laws, why did you not reach any conclusions?
 - (c) If you, as senior shareholder minister, did not discuss advice from NSW Treasury or Forestry Corporation, on the implications of recent court decisions for the corporation's business, with the Treasurer, why did you not discuss this advice with the other shareholder minister in the corporation?
 - (11) Did you and the Treasurer agree on any recommendations that you would make, as the shareholder ministers, to the board and or senior officers of the Forestry Corporation to improve the Corporation's compliance with applicable environmental laws, following the decision of the Court of Appeal delivered on 16 May 2024, *South East Forest Rescue Inc (No.2) v Forestry Corporation of NSW* [2024] NSWCA 113?
 - (a) If so, what were these recommendations?
 - (b) If so, to whom in the Forestry Corporation were these recommendations made?
 - (c) If so, when were these recommendations made?

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- (d) If not, why did you and Treasurer, as the shareholder ministers in the Forestry Corporation, not develop recommendations to improve the corporation's compliance with applicable environmental laws?
- (12) Did the Minister, as senior shareholder minister in the Forestry Corporation, discuss advice from either the Forestry Corporation or NSW Treasury on the decisions of the Court of Appeal in *South East Forest Rescue Inc (No.2) v Forestry Corporation of NSW* [2024] NSWCA 113, and or the High Court of Australia decision in *Forestry Corporation of NSW v South East Forest Rescue Inc* [2025] HCA 15, with the Minister for Agriculture, as the portfolio minister for the Forestry Corporation?
- (a) If so, when was this advice discussed with the Minister for Agriculture?
- (b) If so, did you and the Minister for Agriculture reach any conclusions, as the shareholder minister in and portfolio minister for the corporation, about the need to improve the Forestry Corporation's compliance with applicable environmental laws?
- (i) If so, what were these conclusions?
- (ii) If you, as the shareholder minister in the Corporation, and the Minister for Agriculture, as portfolio minister for the Corporation, did not reach any conclusions on actions needed to improve the corporation compliance with applicable environmental laws, why did you not reach any conclusions?
- (c) If you, as senior shareholder minister, did not discuss advice from NSW Treasury or Forestry Corporation, on the implications of recent court decisions for the Corporation's business, with the Minister for Agriculture, why did you not discuss this advice with the portfolio minister with responsibility for the corporation?
- (13) Did you and the Minister for Agriculture agree on any recommendations that you would make, as the shareholder minister and portfolio minister, to the board and or senior officers of the Forestry Corporation to improve the Corporation's compliance with applicable environmental laws, following the decision of the Court of Appeal delivered on 16 May 2024, *South East Forest Rescue Inc (No.2) v Forestry Corporation of NSW* [2024] NSWCA 113?
- (a) If so, what were these recommendations?
- (b) If so, to whom in the Forestry Corporation were these recommendations made?
- (c) If so, when were these recommendations made?
- (d) If not, why did you and the Minister for Agriculture not develop recommendations to improve the Forestry Corporation's compliance with applicable environmental laws?
- (14) Did you, or any delegate of yours, attend any meeting(s) of the Forestry Corporation's board at which the decision of the NSW Court of Appeal in *South East Forest Rescue Inc (No.2) v Forestry Corporation of NSW* [2024] NSWCA 113, delivered on 16 May 2024, that found that SEFR Inc had standing to bring proceedings against FCNSW, was discussed?
- (a) If so, when was/were the meeting(s) held?
- (b) Did those meeting(s) with the board of the Forestry Corporation discuss:
- (i) the need to improve the Corporation's compliance with applicable environmental laws?
- (ii) any actions identified by officers of Forestry Corporation to improve the Corporation's compliance with applicable environmental laws?
- (iii) any actions recommended by the Treasurer and Minister for Finance to improve the Corporation's compliance with applicable environmental laws?
- (iv) any actions suggested by NSW Treasury to improve the Corporation's compliance with applicable environmental laws?
- (c) If so, what specific actions were discussed?
- (i) What actions were agreed to be taken?

- (d) If not, why did you not meet with the board of the Forestry Corporation?
- (15) Did you, or any delegate of yours, attend any meeting(s) of the Forestry Corporation's board at which the decision of the High Court of Australia in *Forestry Corporation of NSW v South East Forest Rescue Inc* [2025] HCA 15, delivered on 9 April 2025, that dismissed the Corporation appeal against the Court of Appeal decision, was discussed?
- (16) If you did not meet with the Corporation's board, did you, or your delegate, discuss the decisions of the Court of Appeal *South East Forest Rescue Inc (No.2) v Forestry Corporation of NSW* [2024] NSWCA 113, and or the High Court of Australia in *Forestry Corporation of NSW v South East Forest Rescue Inc* [2025] HCA 15, or advice from NSW Treasury officials about these cases, in any meetings with any officers of the Corporation being:
- (a) the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), being the sole executive director of the Corporation?
- (i) If so, on what dates and with whom were these discussions on this advice held?
- (ii) If so, what actions or other outcomes were agreed to, by whom, in the Forestry Corporation, due to these discussions?
- (iii) If not, why did you not discuss the decisions of the Court of Appeal *South East Forest Rescue Inc (No.2) v Forestry Corporation of NSW* [2024] NSWCA 113, and or the High Court of Australia in *Forestry Corporation of NSW v South East Forest Rescue Inc* [2025] HCA 15, with relevant officers of the Forestry Corporation?
- (b) the Chief Financial Officer (CFO)?
- (i) If so, on what dates and with whom were these discussions on this advice held?
- (ii) If so, what actions or other outcomes were agreed to, by whom, in the Forestry Corporation, due to these discussions?
- (iii) If not, why did you not discuss the decisions of the Court of Appeal *South East Forest Rescue Inc (No.2) v Forestry Corporation of NSW* [2024] NSWCA 113, and or the High Court of Australia in *Forestry Corporation of NSW v South East Forest Rescue Inc* [2025] HCA 15, with relevant officers of the Forestry Corporation?
- (c) the Chair of the board of directors of the Forestry Corporation?
- (i) If so, on what dates and with whom were these discussions on this advice held?
- (ii) If so, what actions or other outcomes were agreed to, by whom, in the Forestry Corporation, due to these discussions?
- (iii) If not, why did you not discuss the decisions of the Court of Appeal *South East Forest Rescue Inc (No.2) v Forestry Corporation of NSW* [2024] NSWCA 113, and or the High Court of Australia in *Forestry Corporation of NSW v South East Forest Rescue Inc* [2025] HCA 15, with relevant officers of the Forestry Corporation?
- (d) any individual directors of the Forestry Corporation?
- (i) If so, on what dates and with whom were these discussions on this advice held?
- (ii) If so, what actions or other outcomes were agreed to, by whom, in the Forestry Corporation, due to these discussions?
- (iii) If not, why did you not discuss the decisions of the Court of Appeal *South East Forest Rescue Inc (No.2) v Forestry Corporation of NSW* [2024] NSWCA 113, and or the High Court of Australia in *Forestry Corporation of NSW v South East Forest Rescue Inc* [2025] HCA 15, with relevant officers of the Forestry Corporation?

5090 TREASURER—FORESTRY CORPORATION COURT CASES—Ms Sue Higginson to ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Do you agree with the statement, posted on the NSW Treasury website, that NSW Treasury's role in relation to state-owned corporations includes "advising Portfolio and Shareholding Ministers about critical current and emerging issues that may affect the business" being State Owned Corporations (SOCs)?

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- (2) Do you agree that decisions of the Land and Environment Court of NSW, NSW Court of Appeal and High Court of Australia regarding the Forestry Corporation's liability to prosecution for breaches of environmental law, constitute "critical current issues" or "emerging issues" that "may affect the forestry corporation" and hence warrant the provision of advice by Treasury?
- (3) Did you, in your role as senior shareholder minister in the Forestry Corporation, receive any written or verbal advice from NSW Treasury officials on the implications of the NSW Land and Environment Court's decision in *South East Forest Rescue Inc INC9894030 v Forestry Corporation of NSW* [2024] NSWLEC 7, delivered on 7 February 2024, being a critical issue that may affect the business of the Forestry Corporation of NSW?
- (a) If so, when was the advice from NSW Treasury received?
- (i) Will you table that advice?
- (ii) What was the substance of that advice from NSW Treasury officials?
- (b) If not, why did NSW Treasury officials not provide advice on the decision of the NSW Land and Environment Court in *South East Forest Rescue Inc INC9894030 v Forestry Corporation of NSW* [2024] NSWLEC 7, to you, as senior shareholder minister in the Forestry Corporation?
- (4) Did you receive any written or verbal advice from NSW Treasury officials on the implications of the decision of the NSW Court of Appeal in *South East Forest Rescue Inc (No.2) v Forestry Corporation of NSW* [2024] NSWCA 113, delivered on 16 May 2024, that found that the South East Forest Rescue Incorporated (SEFR Inc) had 'standing' to bring proceedings against the Forestry Corporation of NSW, being a critical issue that may affect its business?
- (a) If so, when was the advice from NSW Treasury received?
- (i) Will you table that advice?
- (ii) What was the substance of that advice from NSW Treasury officials?
- (iii) What actions did you take in response to that advice from Treasury, to improve the Forestry Corporation's compliance with applicable environmental laws?
- (b) If not, why did NSW Treasury officials not provide advice on the decision of the NSW Court of Appeal in *South East Forest Rescue Inc (No.2) v Forestry Corporation of NSW* [2024] NSWCA 113, to you, as senior shareholder minister in the Forestry Corporation?
- (5) Did you receive any written or verbal advice from directors or senior officers of the Forestry Corporation of NSW on the implications of the decision of the NSW Court of Appeal in *South East Forest Rescue Inc (No.2) v Forestry Corporation of NSW* [2024] NSWCA 113, delivered on 16 May 2024, that found that SEFR Inc had 'standing' to bring proceedings against corporation, being a critical issue that may affect the business of the Forestry Corporation of NSW?
- (a) If so, when was the advice from Forestry Corporation received?
- (i) What was the substance of that advice from Forestry Corporation's officers?
- (ii) What actions did you take in response to that advice from Forestry Corporation to ensure the corporation improved its compliance with applicable environmental laws?
- (b) If not, why did Forestry Corporation officers not provide advice on the decision of the NSW Court of Appeal in *South East Forest Rescue Inc (No.2) v Forestry Corporation of NSW* [2024] NSWCA 113, to you, as senior shareholder minister in the Forestry Corporation?
- (6) Did you receive any written or verbal advice from NSW Treasury officials on the implications of the decision of the High Court of Australia in *Forestry Corporation of NSW v South East Forest Rescue Inc* [2025] HCA 15, delivered on 9 April 2025, that dismissed the corporation's appeal with costs, being a critical issue that may affect the business of the Forestry Corporation of NSW?
- (a) If so, when was the advice from NSW Treasury received?
- (i) Will you table that advice?
- (ii) What was the substance of that advice from NSW Treasury officials?

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- (iii) What actions did you take in response to that advice from Forestry Corporation to ensure the corporation improved its compliance with applicable environmental laws?
 - (b) If not, why did NSW Treasury officials not provide advice on the decision of the High Court of Australia in *Forestry Corporation of NSW v South East Forest Rescue Inc* [2025] HCA 15, to you, as senior shareholder minister in the Forestry Corporation?
 - (7) Did you receive any written or verbal advice from directors or senior officers of the Forestry Corporation of NSW on the implications of the decision of the High Court of Australia in *Forestry Corporation of NSW v South East Forest Rescue Inc* [2025] HCA 15, delivered on 9 April 2025, that dismissed the corporation's appeal with costs, being a critical issue that may affect the business of the Forestry Corporation of NSW?
 - (a) If so, when was the advice from Forestry Corporation received?
 - (i) Will you table that advice?
 - (ii) What was the substance of that advice from Forestry Corporation's officers?
 - (iii) What actions did you take in response to that advice from Forestry Corporation to ensure the corporation improved its compliance with applicable environmental laws?
 - (b) If not, why did Forestry Corporation officers not provide advice on the decision of the High Court of Australia in *Forestry Corporation of NSW v South East Forest Rescue Inc* [2025] HCA 15, to you, as senior shareholder minister in the Forestry Corporation?
 - (8) Did you receive any written or verbal advice from NSW Treasury officials on the implications of the commencement on 28 August 2025, of a criminal prosecution of the Forestry Corporation by the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) for 29 offences alleged to have been committed between 1 January 2023 and 31 August 2023, in Tallaganda State Forest being *EPA v FCNSW* (case no. s 2025/00328967 to 2025/00328995) being a critical emerging issue that may affect the business of the Forestry Corporation of NSW?
 - (a) If so, when was the advice from NSW Treasury received?
 - (i) Will you table that advice?
 - (ii) What was the substance of that advice from NSW Treasury officials?
 - (iii) What actions did you take in response to that advice from Treasury to improve the Forestry Corporation's compliance with applicable environmental laws?
 - (b) If not, why did NSW Treasury officials not provide advice on the commencement of a further criminal prosecution of the Forestry Corporation by the EPA, for 29 offences in Tallaganda State Forest being *EPA v FCNSW* (case no. s 2025/00328967 to 2025/00328995), to you, as senior shareholder minister in the Forestry Corporation?
 - (9) Did you receive any written or verbal advice from the directors or senior officers of the Forestry Corporation of NSW on the implications of the commencement on 28 August 2025, of a criminal prosecution of the Forestry Corporation by the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) for 29 offences alleged to have been committed between 1 January 2023 and 31 August 2023, in Tallaganda State Forest being *EPA v FCNSW* (case no. s 2025/00328967 to 2025/00328995) being a critical emerging issue that may affect the business of the Forestry Corporation of NSW?
 - (a) If so, when was the advice from Forestry Corporation of NSW received?
 - (i) Will you table that advice?
 - (ii) What was the substance of that advice from Forestry Corporation of NSW directors/officers?
 - (iii) What actions did you take in response to that advice from Forestry Corporation of NSW to improve the Corporation's compliance with applicable environmental laws?
 - (b) If not, why did directors or officers of Forestry Corporation of NSW not provide advice on the commencement of a further criminal prosecution of the Forestry Corporation by the EPA, for 29 offences in Tallaganda State Forest being *EPA v FCNSW* (case no. s 2025/00328967 to 2025/00328995), to you, as senior shareholder minister in the Forestry Corporation?

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- (10) Did you, as senior shareholder minister in the Forestry Corporation, discuss advice from either the Forestry Corporation or NSW Treasury on the decisions of the Court of Appeal in *South East Forest Rescue Inc (No.2) v Forestry Corporation of NSW* [2024] NSWCA 113, and or the High Court of Australia decision in *Forestry Corporation of NSW v South East Forest Rescue Inc* [2025] HCA 15, with the Minister for Finance, as the other shareholder minister in the corporation?
- (a) If so, when was this advice discussed with the Minister for Finance?
- (b) If so, did you and the Minister for Finance reach any conclusions, as the shareholder ministers in the corporation, about the need to improve the Forestry Corporation's compliance with applicable environmental laws?
- (i) If so, what were these conclusions?
- (ii) If you and the Minister for Finance, as the shareholder ministers in the corporation, did not reach any conclusions on what actions were needed to improve the corporation compliance with applicable environmental laws, why did you not reach any conclusions?
- (c) If you, as senior shareholder minister, did not discuss advice from NSW Treasury or Forestry Corporation, on the implications of recent court decisions for the corporation's business, with the Minister for Finance, why did you not discuss this advice with the other shareholder minister in the corporation?
- (11) Did you and the Minister for Finance agree on any recommendations that you would make, as the shareholder ministers, to the board and or senior officers of the Forestry Corporation to improve the Corporation's compliance with applicable environmental laws, following the decision of the Court of Appeal delivered on 16 May 2024, *South East Forest Rescue Inc (No.2) v Forestry Corporation of NSW* [2024] NSWCA 113?
- (a) If so, what were these recommendations?
- (b) If so, to whom in the Forestry Corporation were these recommendations made?
- (c) If so, when were these recommendations made?
- (d) If not, why did you and Minister for Finance, as the shareholder ministers in the Forestry Corporation, not develop recommendations to improve the corporation's compliance with applicable environmental laws?
- (12) Did you, as senior shareholder minister in the Forestry Corporation, discuss advice from either the Forestry Corporation or NSW Treasury on the decisions of the Court of Appeal in *South East Forest Rescue Inc (No.2) v Forestry Corporation of NSW* [2024] NSWCA 113, and or the High Court of Australia decision in *Forestry Corporation of NSW v South East Forest Rescue Inc* [2025] HCA 15, with the Minister for Agriculture, as the portfolio minister for the Forestry Corporation?
- (a) If so, when was this advice discussed with the Minister for Agriculture?
- (b) If so, did you and the Minister for Agriculture reach any conclusions, as the shareholder minister in and portfolio minister for the corporation, about the need to improve the Forestry Corporation's compliance with applicable environmental laws?
- (i) If so, what were these conclusions?
- (ii) If you, as the shareholder minister in the Corporation, and the Minister for Agriculture, as portfolio minister for the Corporation, did not reach any conclusions on actions needed to improve the corporation compliance with applicable environmental laws, why did you not reach any conclusions?
- (c) If you, as senior shareholder minister, did not discuss advice from NSW Treasury or Forestry Corporation, on the implications of recent court decisions for the Corporation's business, with the Minister for Agriculture, why did you not discuss this advice with the portfolio minister with responsibility for the corporation?
- (13) Did you and the Minister for Agriculture agree on any recommendations that you would make, as the shareholder minister and portfolio minister, to the board and or senior officers of the Forestry Corporation to improve the Corporation's compliance with applicable environmental laws,

following the decision of the Court of Appeal delivered on 16 May 2024, *South East Forest Rescue Inc (No.2) v Forestry Corporation of NSW* [2024] NSWCA 113?

- (a) If so, what were these recommendations?
 - (b) If so, to whom in the Forestry Corporation were these recommendations made?
 - (c) If so, when were these recommendations made?
 - (d) If not, why did you and the Minister for Agriculture not develop recommendations to improve the Forestry Corporation's compliance with applicable environmental laws?
- (14) Did you, or any delegate of yours, attend any meeting(s) of the Forestry Corporation's board at which the decision of the NSW Court of Appeal in *South East Forest Rescue Inc (No.2) v Forestry Corporation of NSW* [2024] NSWCA 113, delivered on 16 May 2024, that found that SEFR Inc had standing to bring proceedings against FCNSW, was discussed?
- (a) If so, when was/were the meeting(s) held?
 - (b) Did those meeting(s) with the board of the Forestry Corporation discuss:
 - (i) the need to improve the Corporation's compliance with applicable environmental laws?
 - (ii) any actions identified by officers of Forestry Corporation to improve the Corporation's compliance with applicable environmental laws?
 - (iii) any actions recommended by the Minister for Finance and Minister for Finance to improve the Corporation's compliance with applicable environmental laws?
 - (iv) any actions suggested by NSW Treasury to improve the Corporation's compliance with applicable environmental laws?
 - (c) If so, what specific actions were discussed?
 - (i) What actions were agreed to be taken?
 - (d) If not, why did you not meet with the board of the Forestry Corporation?
- (15) Did you, or any delegate of yours, attend any meeting(s) of the Forestry Corporation's board at which the decision of the High Court of Australia in *Forestry Corporation of NSW v South East Forest Rescue Inc* [2025] HCA 15, delivered on 9 April 2025, that dismissed the Corporation appeal against the Court of Appeal decision that SEFR Inc had standing to bring proceedings against FCNSW, was discussed?
- (16) If you did not meet with the Corporation's board, did you, or your delegate, discuss the decisions of the Court of Appeal *South East Forest Rescue Inc (No.2) v Forestry Corporation of NSW* [2024] NSWCA 113, and or the High Court of Australia in *Forestry Corporation of NSW v South East Forest Rescue Inc* [2025] HCA 15, or advice from NSW Treasury officials about these cases, in any meetings with any officers of the Corporation being:
- (a) the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), being the sole executive director of the Corporation?
 - (i) If so, on what dates and with whom were these discussions on this advice held?
 - (ii) If so, what actions or other outcomes were agreed to, by whom, in the Forestry Corporation, due to these discussions?
 - (iii) If not, why did you not discuss the decisions of the Court of Appeal *South East Forest Rescue Inc (No.2) v Forestry Corporation of NSW* [2024] NSWCA 113, and or the High Court of Australia in *Forestry Corporation of NSW v South East Forest Rescue Inc* [2025] HCA 15, with relevant officers of the Forestry Corporation?
 - (b) the Chief Financial Officer (CFO)?
 - (i) If so, on what dates and with whom were these discussions on this advice held?
 - (ii) If so, what actions or other outcomes were agreed to, by whom, in the Forestry Corporation, due to these discussions?

- (iii) If not, why did you not discuss the decisions of the Court of Appeal *South East Forest Rescue Inc (No.2) v Forestry Corporation of NSW* [2024] NSWCA 113, and or the High Court of Australia in *Forestry Corporation of NSW v South East Forest Rescue Inc* [2025] HCA 15, with relevant officers of the Forestry Corporation?
- (c) the Chair of the board of directors of the Forestry Corporation?
 - (i) If so, on what dates and with whom were these discussions on this advice held?
 - (ii) If so, what actions or other outcomes were agreed to, by whom, in the Forestry Corporation, due to these discussions?
 - (iii) If not, why did you not discuss the decisions of the Court of Appeal *South East Forest Rescue Inc (No.2) v Forestry Corporation of NSW* [2024] NSWCA 113, and or the High Court of Australia in *Forestry Corporation of NSW v South East Forest Rescue Inc* [2025] HCA 15, with relevant officers of the Forestry Corporation?
- (d) any individual directors of the Forestry Corporation?
 - (i) If so, on what dates and with whom were these discussions on this advice held?
 - (ii) If so, what actions or other outcomes were agreed to, by whom, in the Forestry Corporation, due to these discussions?
 - (iii) If not, why did you not discuss the decisions of the Court of Appeal *South East Forest Rescue Inc (No.2) v Forestry Corporation of NSW* [2024] NSWCA 113, and or the High Court of Australia in *Forestry Corporation of NSW v South East Forest Rescue Inc* [2025] HCA 15, with relevant officers of the Forestry Corporation?

5091 PLANNING AND PUBLIC SPACES—INSTALLATION OF PAINTED BICYCLE LANES ON PYRMONT BRIDGE—The Hon. Jacqui Munro 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) Have you or the Department received correspondence regarding the installation of painted bicycle lanes on Pyrmont Bridge to improve safety and clarify movement for cyclists and pedestrians?
- (2) In relation to the correspondence received from a commuter who cycles between Glebe and Barangaroo via Pyrmont Bridge, can you please answer the following questions?
 - (a) Has the Department assessed the safety concerns regarding cyclist-cyclist and cyclist-pedestrian conflicts on the bridge?
 - (b) What action, if any, has been taken in response?
- (3) Has the Department undertaken any formal safety assessments, traffic studies or pedestrian/cyclist movement analyses of Pyrmont Bridge in the last five years?
 - (a) If so, when were these conducted?
- (4) Has the Department considered the installation of line markings or other delineation measures on Pyrmont Bridge to separate pedestrians and cyclists?
- (5) What engineering, heritage, or operational constraints exist that might prevent the installation of painted cycle lanes on Pyrmont Bridge?
- (6) Has the Department received any reports of crashes or near-miss incidents involving cyclists or pedestrians on Pyrmont Bridge in the last five years?
- (7) Will you commit to installing painted cycle lanes on Pyrmont Bridge?

5092 ENVIRONMENT—NATIVE VEGETATION REGULATORY MAP—The Hon. Jacqui Munro to ask the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) What data sources are used by the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW) to produce the Native Vegetation Regulatory Map, including land classified as Category 2 – Sensitive Regulated Land ("pink mapping")?

- (2) To what extent does the Native Vegetation Regulatory Map rely on satellite imagery or remote sensing data, and is DCCEEW investigating the use of higher-resolution data to improve mapping accuracy?
- (3) What work is DCCEEW currently undertaking to improve the quality, accuracy and resolution of native vegetation mapping across New South Wales?
- (4) How much funding has been allocated in each of the past three financial years to the development, maintenance and improvement of the Native Vegetation Regulatory Map?
- (5) When landholders raise concerns that mapped vegetation does not reflect the vegetation present on their property, what process does DCCEEW follow to review the mapping?
 - (a) Under what circumstances are on-ground inspections conducted by departmental staff?
- (6) Since 1 January 2023, how many requests has DCCEEW received to review or amend native vegetation mapping?
 - (a) In how many cases has the mapping been amended following review?
- (7) What assistance or support is currently available to landholders seeking to resolve discrepancies between the Native Vegetation Regulatory Map and the vegetation present on their land?
- (8) What is the average time taken for the NSW Threatened Species Scientific Committee to assess and determine submissions?
 - (a) How many submissions are currently awaiting assessment?
- (9) In relation to the Biodiversity Conservation and Local Land Services Legislation Amendment (Broombush and Blue Mallee Coppicing) Bill introduced by Ms Steph Cooke MP, did you request or direct DCCEEW to undertake any analysis of the potential impacts of the Bill?
 - (a) If so, what advice was provided?
- (10) Is the Government considering any reforms to improve the process for resolving disputes between native vegetation mapping and the actual vegetation present on a property?

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