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* 7347 ADDITIONAL BUS SERVICES—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Transport, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—

(1) Can the Minister advise what plans are there to add additional bus stops within:

- (a) Holsworthy Electorate?
- (b) Sutherland Shire?

(2) What additional buses will be added for peak hour times for bus stops:

- (a) 963?
- (b) 962?
- (c) 960?
- (d) 902X?
- (e) 965?
- (f) 961?
- (g) 865?
- (h) 866?
- (i) 869?
- (j) 901?
- (k) 902?

Answer—

I am advised

(1) Transport for NSW (Transport) currently delivers a range of regular and frequent bus services across the Holsworthy electorate and Sutherland Shire, providing strong connections to key centres including Liverpool, Sutherland and Holsworthy stations. These services support commuter and local travel, particularly during peak periods.

Transport does not currently have plans to add additional bus stops in the Holsworthy electorate or the Sutherland Shire. However, customers benefit from an established network of well-located stops, which continue to be enhanced through ongoing improvements to customer information and accessibility.

(2) Transport currently provides a network of peak hour bus services across the listed routes, supporting commuter demand across the region. Peak hour information on these routes is as follows:

- Routes 960, 962 and 962 provide regular peak hour connections between Padstow Station and Sutherland Station, with route 960 operating 10 minutes during peak times. Routes 961 and 961 also provide passengers with regular peak services from to and from Sutherland.
- Routes 901, 902 and 902X provide peak connections to Holsworthy Station, with routes 901 and 902 also connecting to Liverpool Station.
- Routes 865, 866, 869 provide regular peak hour connections to Liverpool Station, with route 869 also connecting to Ingleburn Station.

The NSW Government is continuing to invest in bus services across the State. The 2025-26 NSW

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Budget includes \$150 million to support additional bus services, including \$26 million for new buses. Over the next three years, service improvements in this region will be considered as part of this broader bus uplift program. In addition, Transport is developing a NSW Bus Plan, informed, among other inputs, by the Bus Industry Taskforce, which will identify initiatives to improve public transport networks over the next 10 years. This planning work will consider population growth and changing travel needs across NSW, including in the Holsworthy electorate and Sutherland Shire.

Transport is also enhancing the customer experience at existing bus stops through the rollout of new wayfinding signage, B-Poles, improving visibility, accessibility and real-time information for passengers across the network.

* 7348 EV CHARGING STATIONS—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—

In relation to electric vehicle charging stations:

- (1) Can the Minister advise how many electric vehicle (EV) charging stations there are in the following suburbs:
 - (a) Holsworthy?
 - (b) Wattle Grove?
 - (c) Hammondville?
 - (d) Moorebank?
 - (e) Liverpool?
 - (f) Prestons?
 - (g) Lurnea?
 - (h) Bangor?
 - (i) Menai?
 - (j) Alfords Point?
 - (k) Lucas Heights?
 - (l) Sandy Point?
 - (m) Voyager Point?
 - (n) Pleasure Point?
- (2) How many of these EV charging stations are funded by the Government?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The NSW Government is committed to making EV charging infrastructure accessible, equitable and affordable across the state. To date the NSW Government has approved the roll out of over 3300 government funded charging ports. Further information on EV chargers in these areas can be found at: <https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/projects/electric-vehicles/charging-an-electric-vehicle/nsw-electric-vehicle-charging-map>
- (2) Two charging sites in Prestons and Liverpool with six charge ports have been funded by the NSW Government. The NSW Government has co-funded four charging ports at the NRMA Fast charging site in Prestons, and two charging ports at the JOLT charging site in Liverpool.

- * 7349 WORKERS COMPENSATION—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Minister for Industrial Relations, and Minister for Work Health and Safety—

Can the Minister advise what reforms the Government has proposed to the workers compensation system that do not disadvantage workers with psychological injuries, particularly in high-risk professions such as nursing?

Answer—

I am advised:

The reforms that passed Parliament in February 2026 with the support of the Opposition were designed to address the systemic problems the workers compensation system was encountering when dealing with workers who had psychological injuries.

The reforms are a key part of the Government's attempt to align the state's workers compensation, industrial relations and workplace health and safety frameworks to achieve better outcomes for the workers and employers of New South Wales.

The Government will continue its efforts to build a workers health and safety system that can deliver on its core objectives of preventing injuries, supporting injured workers in recovery and return to work, and ensuring that the most seriously injured workers can continue to receive the care and support that they need.

To complement the reform, the Minns Labor Government has delivered a record \$344 million Mentally Healthy Workplaces package, which:

- Provides new wraparound psychological services for injured workers,
- Funds a dedicated Psychosocial Advisory Service, to provide tailored advice to businesses, business owners, and workers, and
- Helped to establish SafeWork NSW as a standalone regulator, with 51 additional inspectors. 20 of the new inspectors are psychosocial focussed inspectors, who bring expertise in psychology, trauma-informed practice, anti-bullying and workers compensation.

Additionally, in October 2025, the NSW Parliament passed changes to the Industrial Relations Act which:

- Changed the objects of the Act to include the elimination of workplace bullying and sexual harassment,
- Expanded the Industrial Relations Commission (IRC)'s ability to deal with workplace disputes including WHS disputes, and
- Provided all workers with a 'one-stop-shop' in the IRC for handling complaints, to support workers before they are injured, and to support workers' return to work.

- * 7350 NSW FIREARMS REGISTRY INTEGRATION WITH THE AUSTRALIAN FIREARMS INFORMATION NETWORK—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

- (1) Can the Minister confirm the date when the NSW Firearms Registry fully integrated with the Commonwealth Australian Firearms Information Network (AFIN)?
- (2) Can the Minister confirm that the details of all New South Wales firearms license holders, including full name, addresses, and details of all firearms held, now appear on the AFIN in close to real time?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) 13 May 2021.

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- (2) The AFIN receives daily automatic updates from the NSW Police Force. This upload contains updates made in the preceding 24 hours to Permits to Acquire, firearm details and history, and firearm licence records, which include full name, addresses and details of all firearms held.

* 7351 IPTAAS FUEL REBATE—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

Given the significant increase in fuel costs, will the Minister review the IPTAAS (Isolated Patients Travel and Accommodation Assistance Scheme) fuel rebate to ensure it remains aligned with current fuel prices?

Answer—

I am advised:

NSW Health provides the most generous health travel and accommodation assistance subsidy rebate of any Australian jurisdiction.

* 7352 ACCESS TO COONABARABRAN POLICE STATION—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

- (1) Is the Minister aware that Coonabarabran Police Station does not currently provide wheelchair-accessible access?

- (a) If not, can the Minister investigate the provision of funding to upgrade the station and ensure safe, accessible access for people with a disability?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Yes.

- (a) Solutions to provide wheelchair accessibility at Coonabarabran Police Station are actively being investigated.

In the interim, should an individual be unable to physically access Coonabarabran Police Station, they have the option to report online, call the Police Assistance Line or Crimestoppers, or an officer can attend their residence, subject to officer availability and operational demands.

* 7353 CHEMOTHERAPY SUPPORT SERVICES AT GRENFELL—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

With respect to chemotherapy support services at Grenfell:

- (1) How many current nursing staff at Grenfell Multi-Purpose Health Service are qualified to perform Baxter chemotherapy pump de-accessing?
- (2) Why are qualified staff at Grenfell Multi-Purpose Health Service not currently providing Baxter chemotherapy pump support?
- (3) Are cancer patients in Grenfell currently required to travel 108 kilometres to Cowra multiple times a week for chemotherapy support services?
 - (a) If so, why?
- (4) What reviews are the Government currently undertaking to deliver service arrangements for chemotherapy patients in the Western NSW Local Health District?

Answer—

I am advised:

Baxter chemotherapy pump support is not currently provided at Grenfell Multi-Purpose Health Service as there are no staff who have completed the required training and competency assessment. Workforce development opportunities are being explored to support appropriate training.

Efforts are being made to minimise travel for cancer patients where clinically appropriate and safe.

- * 7354 NATIVE VEGETATION REGULATORY MAPPING DATA—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

In relation to the reliability of Native Vegetation Regulatory Mapping data used for enforcement actions:

- (1) What specific steps have you taken to ensure that enforcement decisions made under their portfolio are supported by accurate, current, and scientifically defensible evidence?
- (2) How do you justify to affected landholders that penalties and restrictions imposed upon them are fair and lawful when they are based on data that lacks certainty and adequate empirical validation?
- (3) Does the Minister anticipate any adverse impacts, including financial or legal consequences, experienced by landholders as a result of enforcement actions based on this data?
- (4) Do you plan to suspend or review enforcement actions that rely on this mapping until its accuracy and scientific validity can be independently verified?
 - (a) If not, why not?
- (5) Can the Minister table all advice, reviews, or internal assessments regarding the reliability of this vegetation mapping and its suitability for enforcement purposes?

Answer—

- (1) Enforcement decisions are made following thorough investigations and when non-compliances are confirmed.
- (2) DCCEEW does not impose penalties or remedial requirements on landholders unless non-compliance is confirmed.
- (3) There may be financial and legal consequences for those who breach the law, where such breaches are established to a criminal burden of proof.
- (4) No.
 - (a) DCCEEW does not impose penalties or remedial requirements on landholders unless non-compliance is confirmed.
- (5) The Native Vegetation Regulatory map is one tool in a suite of tools used to determine compliance with environmental law. All investigations comprise multiple data sources and fact checking. This means that all the evidence gathered is robust and reliable.

- * 7355 BURRENDONG DAM—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, and Minister for Youth—

With respect to the proposal to increase the full supply level of Burrendong Dam:

- (1) Noting the Department's preliminary analysis in 2022 published in Macquarie-Castlereagh Regional Water Strategy: Analysis of using some of the flood mitigation storage in Burrendong Dam for water supply, which proposed raising the full supply level to 1306.5 gigalitres (a 13 per cent increase):
 - (a) Was this proposal the basis for current modelling that predicts a 5 to 7 per cent decrease in environmental flows to the Macquarie Marshes?

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- (2) How has the modelling addressed the benefits of the additional water supply being shared between water users, including the environment, Aboriginal water needs and town water supplies, as required following the 2022 analysis?
- (3) Will a 13 per cent increase in full supply level provide opportunities to share the benefits of water availability more evenly across town, Aboriginal, environmental and consumptive needs, as stated in the Department's 2022 analysis?
- (4) With a full supply level of 1306.5 gegalitres, can Burrendong Dam be operated in a manner that avoids a 5 to 7 per cent reduction in environmental flows to the Macquarie Marshes?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) (a) No. The 118 gegalitre (GL) [approx. 13% of the Flood Mitigation Zone (FMZ)] figure cited in the 2022 Regional Water Strategy documents was theoretical high-level system testing to explore FMZ feasibility without triggering broader regulatory or environmental consequences. That analysis was deliberately constrained to remain within the existing diversion limits. It was not primarily focused on town water security and did not include the Tinderbox drought in the historical data set.

The Macquarie-Wambool Full Business Case (FBC) assessment explicitly sought to test the sensitivity of the system to higher reserve volumes (300GL, 400GL and 900GL), recognising that meaningful town water security benefits would only emerge if the system were operated differently. The range comes from the 300GL option across a range of modelled scenarios.

- (2) The Phase 1 FBC investigations did not model the sharing of additional water between town, environmental, Aboriginal and consumptive needs as an implemented outcome.

The modelling used existing water-sharing, entitlement and prioritisation settings consistent with current Water Sharing Plans and Basin Plan requirements.

The purpose of Phase 1 was to inform options shortlisting, that is, to test whether operational changes to Burrendong Dam alone could materially improve town water security, and to identify the nature and scale of trade-offs that would arise under those scenarios.

The shortlisting assessment found that realising shared benefits across different user groups (such as town water, Aboriginal water, environmental water) under the FMZ option would require active optimisation of operating rules and allocation arrangements, supported by more granular hydrological and eco-hydrological modelling, and it would likely require regulatory approval.

The shortlisting report notes that this work would require a further two years of additional investigation, including:

- refinement of flow timing, frequency and sequencing outcomes critical to environmental and cultural values;
 - testing alternative operating and allocation scenarios to minimise impacts on Planned Environmental Water; and
 - engagement with the Murray-Darling Basin Authority (MDBA) and water-sharing processes to determine whether, and how, benefits could be redistributed.
- (3) The Burrendong FMZ was identified in the Macquarie-Castlereagh Regional Water Strategy as an option for further investigation, it was not presented as a preferred solution. The supporting 2022 RWS paper noted mixed community support and explicitly noted that any assessment would require:
 - dam safety and structural feasibility assessment

- environmental water, ecological and biodiversity assessment (impacts of changed inundation patterns and on Planned Environmental Water (PEW) in light of the MDBAs 'no net reduction' requirements)

While the 13 per cent increase was not modelled in the FBC, the Phase 1 FBC assessment found that the Burrendong FMZ option did not share the benefits of water availability more evenly across town, Aboriginal, environmental and consumptive needs.

Modelling indicated that General Security users experienced the greatest benefit, while town water security benefits were minimal. Benefits occurred at the detriment of environmental outcomes, particularly PEW to the Macquarie Marshes.

- (4) Operation of the dam at 113% of FMZ was not assessed in Phase 1 of the FBC. As set out in the 2022 RWS paper, operation of the dam at 113% would require additional assessment, including dam safety and environmental water, ecological and biodiversity assessments, to assess the impacts on inundation patterns and PEW. The outcomes of those assessments would inform consideration of whether operation at 113% is practical and permissible.

* 7356 TOXICITY RELATING TO SOLAR AND WIND FARMS—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

With respect to toxicity related to renewable energy sources:

- (1) What class of Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), Bisphenol A (BPA) or asbestos are used in the manufacture of solar panels, inverters, wind turbines, or associated electronics?
- (2) What controls are in place in relation to the levels of PFAS, BPA or asbestos used in renewable energy technologies and who is responsible for regulating them?
- (3) What controls are in place for environmental protection from PFAS, BPA, asbestos and other toxins over the lifecycle of wind and solar energy technologies, including those related to degrading components and the decommissioning of systems?
- (4) Whom is the independent experts responsible for testing, monitoring, and transparent reporting of contaminant levels onsite and in surrounding soil and water at solar, wind and battery infrastructure sites?

Answer—

- (1) The NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) does not hold this information.
- (2) Under the national Industrial Chemicals Environmental Management Standard (IChEMS) framework, the most common PFAS chemicals have been banned from import, export, use and manufacture from 1 July 2025. Australia phased out the use of asbestos from the 1980s and banned its use, sale or import in 2003. Asbestos in manufactured products are stopped at the border.

The EPA is not aware of any restrictions on the importation of materials containing Bisphenol A.

The Commonwealth Department of Environment, Energy, Climate Change and Water is responsible for regulating the import of articles containing PFAS. Border Force regulates the bans on importing asbestos.

- (3) Waste is regulated in NSW under the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997, the Protection of the Environment Operations (Waste) Regulation 2014 and the Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Act 2001. All wastes must be managed and disposed of lawfully.
- (4) The NSW EPA administers the NSW Contaminated Land Site Auditor Scheme with the aim of protecting the environment and human health through proper management of contaminated land.

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Accredited site auditors can be engaged to review investigation, remediation, and validation work done by contaminated land consultants.

- * 7357 MALLEE-BROOMBUSH ECOLOGICAL COMMUNITY—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

With respect to the recent Budget Estimates, the Minister stated that the Mallee-Broombush Ecological Community was listed in 2010 and that, at that time, any harvesting of the Critically Endangered Ecological Community required approval to clear, and that this requirement was known:

- (1) How was this requirement communicated to landholders in West Wyalong and Tallimba at the time of listing in 2010?
- (2) What specific mechanisms were used to notify these affected landholders?
- (3) Can documentary evidence of these notification processes be provided?
- (4) Which landholders in West Wyalong and Tallimba were formally notified?
- (5) What follow-up communications or compliance guidance was provided to these landholders to ensure awareness of the approval requirements?

Answer—

- (1) Public advertising in newspapers, publication of gazette notices, and notification to peak bodies, local councils and catchment management authorities.
- (2) Notification was undertaken through newspaper advertising in the Wagga Daily Advertiser, Southern Weekly Magazine, Western Magazine, Daily Telegraph and Sydney Morning Herald, publication of NSW Government Gazette notices, and direct correspondence to the NSW Farmers Association, approximately 30 local councils, and relevant catchment management authorities.
- (3) Yes
- (4) Individual landholder notification was not required under the Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995.

5-. Between 2017 and 2023, the Coalition provided little to no follow-up communication or compliance guidance to landholders.

In September 2025, DCCEEW released a mobile phone application, Check My Land, which allows users to review their property's mapping. The release of Check My Land was supported by a targeted social media advertisement campaign since June 2025, including Bland and Temora Shire Council areas from 16 February to 1 March 2026. The NSW Farmers Association has hosted DCCEEW and LLS at a series of information sessions, including in Forbes on 17 February 2026 and Cowra on 21 April 2026, which were attended by some West Wyalong landholders. Since December 2025, DCCEEW has engaged an independent consultant botanist with relevant regional experience to undertake an on-ground review of the Mallee Broombush Critically Endangered Ecological Community mapping across the properties of willing landholders. This survey offer is still open.

- * 7358 SCHOOL HOLIDAY MAINTENANCE—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

With respect to the school maintenance blitz over the recent school holidays:

- (1) Could the Minister advise how much is being expended on toilet and bathroom refurbishment at:
 - (a) Junee North Public School?
 - (b) West Wyalong Public School?

- (c) Grenfell Public School?
- (2) What are the start and completion dates for the works at these three schools:
 - (a) Junee North Public School?
 - (b) West Wyalong Public School?
 - (c) Grenfell Public School?

Answer—

The Minns Labor Government is working to tackle the significant backlog of vital maintenance projects left by the former Liberal National Government. As part of this work, our Government has delivered 612 bathroom upgrades across 484 schools at the same as delivering the schools that were promised by the Liberals and Nationals but never delivered.

Junee North Public School, West Wyalong Public School and Grenfell Public School were among 15 schools to receive bathroom upgrades. These works which include cistern replacement, roof replacements, remediation of pipework and accessibility works.

I note on 22 April, ICAC released its report into the operations of School Infrastructure NSW under the former Liberal National Government and the conduct of its hand-picked former chief executive. ICAC stated that "public money that had been put aside to build and improve schools for NSW children was instead spent on jobs for friends and associates of the chief executive".

It found that under the Liberals and Nationals, the government "failed to respond to warning signs of inappropriate and corrupt conduct" and that the former CEO had "uncurbed control of SINSW operations, which permitted questionable practices to occur without real internal challenge".

A copy of ICAC's report can be found at

<https://www.icac.nsw.gov.au/investigations/past-investigations/2026/school-infrastructure-nsw---operation-landan>.

- * 7359 BUSINESS CONNECT AND SUPPORT FOR EARLY CAREER TRADES—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education—

With respect to business skills and support for early career tradespeople:

- (1) How many apprentices do not finish their apprenticeship?
- (2) What is the follow-up process if an apprentice quits their apprenticeship?
- (3) What incentives does the Government offer to people to complete an apprenticeship?
- (4) Does the Government do any analysis of how many and why people leave their trades in the early years after completing an apprenticeship?
 - (a) If so what is the outcome?
 - (b) If not, why?
- (5) What is the Government doing to increase the financial, accounting and business management skills of early career tradespeople?
- (6) What business support is available for tradespeople once they start their own business?
- (7) How has support for tradespeople discontinued or been reduced as a result of budget cuts to the Business Connect Program?

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Answer—

- (1) Completion rates for apprentices and trainees across all states and territories is publicly reported by the National Centre for Vocational Education Research (NCVER).
- (2) If a training contract is cancelled, eligible apprentices and trainees are referred to the Cancellation and Placement Support (CAPS) program.
- (3) Information on supports for apprentices is available on the Department of Education website.
- (4) The NCVER reports publicly on outcomes and trends in the vocational education and training (VET) sector.
- (5) This question should be referred to the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government.
- (6-7) As above (5).

* 7360 CLASSES AT TEMORA TAFE—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education—

With respect to courses currently being run at Temora TAFE:

- (1) What courses are being taught at Temora TAFE in the current term?
- (2) How many teacher roles are currently vacant at Temora TAFE?
 - (a) Which subjects do these shortages effect?
- (3) What administrative roles are currently vacant at Temora TAFE?
- (4) What recruitment actions are currently being undertaken to fill teaching and administration staff vacancies at Temora TAFE?
- (5) What courses are not running at Temora TAFE despite willing and qualified teachers being available, and why are they not running?

Answer—

I am advised:

Courses being taught at TAFE NSW Temora relate to Woolclassing, Welding, Foundation Skills, Forklift Operations, and Applying First Aid and Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation.

As of 30 April 2026, there are no ongoing teacher vacancies with the specific location of Temora Campus.

TAFE NSW regularly reviews its course offerings to ensure access and flexibility for students and engages proactively with industry and community stakeholders. TAFE NSW is well positioned to respond to changes in demand for training.

* 7361 DISCREPANCIES IN MAPPED EXTENT OF CEEC VEGETATION—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

In relation to discrepancies in mapped extent of Coalition for Energy Efficient Communitation (CEEC) vegetation:

- (1) At the time of the 2010 determination, was the extent of the CEEC estimated to be approximately 2,200 hectares remaining?
 - (a) If so, why?
- (2) Did the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW) subsequently map the extent of this vegetation community at approximately 11,000 hectares?

- (a) If so, why
- (3) What specific scientific data, methodologies, and evidentiary sources were used to support the revised mapping that indicates such a substantial increase in the extent of this vegetation community?
- (4) How do the significant discrepancy between the 2010 estimate and the Department's current mapping be reconciled?
- (5) Does the revised extent undermine previous claims that this ecological community was at risk of becoming extinct?
- (a) If not, why not?
- (6) What independent validation or peer review has been undertaken to confirm the accuracy of the revised mapping?
- (7) Could the Minister table all scientific reports, data sources, and methodological explanations underpinning the Department's revised estimate of 11,000 hectares?

Answer—

(1-8) There is no Coalition for Energy Efficient Communion vegetation in NSW.

- * 7362 WOMBAT CROSSING ON ETON ROAD LINDFIELD—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—

In relation to Ku-ring-gai Council's request for funding for a raised wombat crossing on Eton Road in Lindfield:

- (1) Will Transport for NSW support this request?
- (a) If not, why?

Answer—

I am advised:

Transport for NSW (Transport) and the NSW Government offer a range of funding programs to support local councils in delivering road safety infrastructure. Councils have multiple opportunities throughout the year to submit project nominations under programs such as Towards Zero Safer Roads, the Australian Government Black Spot Program, the Federal Road Safety Program, and Get NSW Active.

Ku-ring-gai Council submitted an application under the Get NSW Active program 2025/26 funding round for the design and construction of a raised pedestrian wombat crossing on Eton Road, however was not successful in receiving funding as it was a very competitive process.

The Get NSW Active program is a competitive grants program and projects are assessed against criteria including project design and strategic merit and project management.

Further information regarding the Get NSW Active grant program, the application and assessment process, can be found on the website:

<https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/projects/current-projects/get-nsw-active>

- * 7363 INTERSECTION OF PACIFIC HIGHWAY, SHIRLEY, AND CLANVILLE ROADS IN ROSEVILLE—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—

In relation to the intersection of Pacific Highway, Shirley, and Clanville roads in Roseville:

- (1) How many accidents have taken place between:
- (a) 1 July 2024 and 30 June 2025?

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- (b) 1 July 2025 and present?
- (2) Is Transport for NSW monitoring this intersection?
- (3) Does Transport for NSW have plans to add this intersection to the list of locations to review for potential remedial road safety works?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) (a) Finalised data for the financial year from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025, at the intersection of Pacific Highway, Shirley Road, and Clanville Road in Roseville, shows there has been one reported minor/other injury crash reported resulting in one casualty.
- (b) Preliminary data for the financial year from 1 July 2025 to 15 May 2026, at this intersection, shows there has been one non-casualty (towaway) crash reported resulting in no casualties.

Please note:

- Data for 2025 and 2026, as at 15 May 2026, is preliminary and subject to change.
- The data for non-fatal crashes (including serious injuries) from 1 July 2025 are incomplete as the coding of these crashes' lags by a few months, so only fatal crashes are currently being reported for 2025 and 2026.

The Centre for Road Safety only reports on crashes recorded by the NSW Police Force, in which at least one person was killed or injured, or in which at least one motor vehicle was towed away.

- (2) Transport for NSW (Transport) undertakes active monitoring of the Pacific Highway and the interface with the adjoining local road network in Roseville. This includes real-time monitoring via CCTV cameras and site inspections. This provides Transport with the ability to respond to incidents and better understand traffic patterns and demands at different times of the day, different days of the week and different times of the year.

Reported crash data and other traffic incidents are also regularly reviewed and assessed to understand driver behaviour and inform planning for appropriate interventions and infrastructure upgrades.

Transport has reviewed the safety at the intersection of Pacific Highway, Shirley Road and Clanville Road, Roseville and submitted a nomination to the Towards Zero Safer Roads Program for undertaking further investigation and development work at this location. The nomination is undergoing evaluation and prioritisation as part of the next round of the program.

- (3) Transport advises that road safety projects are prioritised on a state-wide basis and assessed against the criteria including crash history, road geometry, traffic volumes and network-wide safety benefits.

* 7364 BUSHFIRE ZONE MAPS AND STATE SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) Does the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure refer to local councils and NSW Rural Fire Service bushfire prone land and/or bushfire zone maps when assessing State Significant Developments?

Answer—

I am advised:

Yes.

- * 7365 PRIVATE HEALTH OPPORTUNITIES AT NORTHERN BEACHES HOSPITAL—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

In relation to the media release from the Minister for Health on 2 March 2026 entitled, 'Northern Beaches community to continue to have access to private services' that stated "David Swan to provide independent expert advice on future private health opportunities at Northern Beaches Hospital with his recommendations expected next month":

- (1) Can the Minister release the recommendations?
 - (a) If not, why?

Answer—

As outlined in the Premier's Memorandum M2026-02 Maintaining Confidentiality of Cabinet Documents and Other Cabinet Conventions, Cabinet confidentiality applies to the deliberations of Cabinet and related Cabinet documents. The recommendations provided by the independent expert advisor are Cabin in Confidence.

- * 7366 CENTRAL COAST FERRIES OPAL CARD READERS—Mr Adam Crouch to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Transport, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—

- (1) Can the Minister advise if Opal card readers will be installed at:
 - (a) Veterans Hall Wharf?
 - (b) Lintern Street Wharf?
 - (c) Central Wharf Pine Avenue Wharf?
 - (d) Empire Bay Wharf?
 - (e) Woy Woy Wharf?
 - (f) Saratoga Wharf?
- (2) If so, can the Minister advise when the Opal card readers will be installed at the wharves mentioned?
- (3) If any wharves are not installed with Opal card readers, how will commuters access fare caps where Opal infrastructure is incomplete or inconsistent across wharves?

Answer—

I am advised:

Opal is currently being investigated for the Woy Woy to Empire Bay services. Transport for NSW will work with the Operator and conduct a feasibility study to understand the requirements for each wharf before any Opal infrastructure can be installed.

The Operator will continue to collect fares from customers on behalf of Transport for NSW, as is currently the case. Fare caps can only apply when Opal is introduced.

- * 7367 UPGRADE OF THE CENTRAL COAST HIGHWAY BETWEEN WAMBERAL AND BATEAU BAY—Mr Adam Crouch to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—

- (1) What is the current amount of funding allocated for the \$387 million upgrade of the Central Coast Highway between Wamberal and Bateau Bay?
 - (a) Given that no construction work has commenced, will the \$387 million budget be sufficient to deliver the project in full?

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- (b) Has a revised cost estimate been prepared by Transport for NSW, noting increased building costs nation-wide?
- (i) If so, when was the revised estimate provided?

Answer—

I am advised:

Construction on upgrades to the Central Coast Highway between Wamberal and Bateau Bay commenced in mid-2025, with the upgrade of the Tumbi Road intersection. The Australian and NSW Governments are investing \$65.5 million to upgrade the Central Coast Highway and Tumbi Road intersection.

* 7368 POLICE NUMBERS IN BRISBANE WATER POLICE DISTRICT—Mr Adam Crouch to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

- (1) Can the Minister advise the total number of police officers, excluding Highway Patrol, allocated to the Brisbane Water Police District for the years:
- (a) 2011?
 - (b) 2012?
 - (c) 2013?
 - (d) 2014?
 - (e) 2015?
 - (f) 2016?
 - (g) 2017?
 - (h) 2018?
 - (i) 2019?
 - (j) 2020?
 - (k) 2021?
 - (l) 2022?
 - (m) 2023?
 - (n) 2024?
 - (o) 2025?
- (2) Can the Minister advise the process for allocating police officers to a particular Police District?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The NSW Police Force publishes information regarding police officer numbers in its annual report. All police positions attached to Police Area Commands and Police Districts are flexible resources available to respond to incidents across the command or district. All local resources are supplemented by specialist police (such as highway patrol, major crime squads and covert resources) who are managed centrally but can be deployed across boundaries to meet community needs and respond to crime patterns and emerging issues.
- (2) Police officer allocations are determined by the Commissioner of Police based on operational requirements. Students are allocated to commands across NSW, in consultation with Region Commanders, based on a projected review of the operational capacities of each command along

with suitable vacancies for placement. The NSW Police Force regularly reviews and monitors the staffing requirements of commands.

- * 7369 TIN HUT FIREWOOD COLLECTION AREAS - ASSESSMENT—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

Will the Minister advise what assessment, if any, has been undertaken of the volume of dry firewood available for collection in the Tin Hut Firewood Collection Area within Murray Valley National Park?

Answer—

The NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) does not hold data on the total volume of available dry firewood currently in the Tin Hut Firewood Collection Area in Murray Valley National Park.

NPWS is aware that firewood availability is limited and both volume and quality are decreasing in all collection zones due to multiple floods and 15 years of collection.

- * 7370 TIN HUT FIREWOOD COLLECTION AREAS - WINTER—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

Will the Minister advise whether consideration has been given to opening an Emergency Provision Collection Area in Murray Valley National Park to provide residents with access to firewood for the 2026 winter heating season?

Answer—

On 7 May 2026, the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service opened an Emergency Collection Zone in Murray Valley National Park.

- * 7371 FIREWOOD COLLECTION AREAS—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

Will the Minister advise how many firewood collection areas are currently designated and open within national parks in the Murray electorate, and what the total estimated volume of available dry firewood is across those areas?

Answer—

There are currently two designated firewood collection zones open in national parks in the Murray electorate. NPWS does not hold data on the total volume of available dry firewood currently in these areas. NPWS is aware that firewood availability is limited and both volume and quality are decreasing.

- * 7372 SNOWY 1 CAPACITY—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

(1) Will the Minister advise what the current generation capacity of Snowy 1 is?

(a) What proportion of that capacity is currently available to the New South Wales electricity grid?

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Answer—

- (1) The Snowy Scheme currently consists of 8 major hydro power stations • (Snowy 1) with a total generation capacity of around 4,100 megawatts.
- (a) Around 2,600 megawatts or 63 per cent of the Snowy Scheme's total generation capacity is available to the NSW region of the National Electricity Market.

* 7373 SNOWY 1 CONSTRAINTS—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

Will the Minister advise what constraints, if any, currently limit the generation output of Snowy 1, including water availability, maintenance requirements and transmission capacity?

Answer—

Some of the Snowy Hydro Scheme's output is allocated to Victoria and therefore not considered available to NSW. The Snowy Hydro Scheme's contribution to NSW's electricity grid can be affected by electricity network or water limitations, although the Scheme is designed to cope with large water inflow variability.

Normally planned maintenance would have a minor impact (1 % less) to Snowy Scheme's maximum available generation output. From 2027 to 2030, Snowy Hydro has planned to progressively upgrade every unit at Tumut 1. During this period available generation will be reduced by 100 megawatts.

* 7374 ENERGY OUTPUT FROM SNOWY 1—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

Will the Minister advise what representations, if any, has been made to the Commonwealth Government or to Snowy Hydro Limited regarding increasing energy output from Snowy 1 to supply the New South Wales electricity market?

Answer—

I am advised the NSW Government has not made any representations to the Australian Government or to Snowy Hydro Limited to increase energy output from the Snowy Scheme to supply the New South Wales electricity market.

* 7375 ASSULT RATES FOR HILLSTON AND CARRATHOOL SHIRES—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Women, Minister for Seniors, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

- (1) Will the Minister advise the recorded domestic violence related assault numbers and rates for Hillston and Carrathool Shire for each of the past five years?
- (a) How those figures compare with the New South Wales rate?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The recorded number of incidents of domestic violence related assault in Hillston (suburb), Carrathool Local Government Area (LGA) and NSW for the five years to December 2025 are:

Region	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Hillston (suburb)	15	12	6	9	13

Carrathool (LGA)	21	18	15	14	15
NSW	32,140	33, 819	36,289	38,325	37,828

- (a) Hillston has a population of fewer than 2000. Small suburbs are excluded from rate calculations because minor changes in incident numbers can have a disproportionate impact on rates. The rate of domestic violence related assault incidents in Carrathool LGA and NSW for the five years to December 2025 are:

Region (rate per 100,000)	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Carrathool (LGA)	730.9	636.3	542.7	506.0	542.1
NSW	396.9	414.1	435.1	452.0	446.1

- * 7376 REFUGE OR CRISIS ACCOMMODATION IN HILLSTON—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Women, Minister for Seniors, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

- (1) Will the Minister advise whether the Government recognises the absence of a stand-alone domestic violence refuge or crisis accommodation option in Hillston as a service gap?

- (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

Under the Core and Cluster program, the NSW Government has invested \$426 million to build and operate 49 new women's refuges to support women and children escaping domestic and family violence.

36 of the 49 projects are located in regional and rural NSW.

Two refuges are confirmed for LGAs neighbouring the Carrathool Shire in Wagga Wagga and Griffith. The Wagga Wagga refuge is currently operational.

These refuges complement existing government funded specialist homelessness services women's refuges including:

Service Provider & Refuge Name	LGA
Linking Communities – Kulkuna Cottage Women's Refuge	Griffith
CatholicCare Willcania-Forbes – Forbes Women's Refuge	Lachlan Shire

- * 7377 SPECIALIST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICES—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Women, Minister for Seniors, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

- (1) Will the Minister advise what specialist domestic violence services are currently available to victim-survivors in Hillston?

- (a) Does the Government consider the current level of local service access to be adequate?

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Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) provides a range of specialist domestic violence services to support victim-survivors in Hillston and the Carrathool Shire.

DCJ funds five specialist domestic violence programs including the following services delivered by Linking Communities Network Ltd:

- Women's refuges to provide crisis accommodation and support including risk assessment and safety planning, outreach, case management to women and children experiencing domestic and family violence.
 - Domestic Violence Response Enhancement funding to better support women and children seeking support after-hours due to domestic and family violence.
 - Specialist Workers for Children and Young People for a path to recovery for children and young people up to 18 years of age residing in a women's refuge with their mother after escaping domestic and family violence, by providing tailored and focused specialist supports.
 - Staying Home Leaving Violence program to provide case-management support for women and children escaping domestic violence to enable them to remain safely in their own home or a home of their choice after ending a violent relationship.
 - Women's Domestic and Family Violence Service to assist women seeking legal protection at local court in Riverina and provides information, advocacy, safety planning and referrals.
- (a) The NSW Government is committed to providing appropriate, ongoing and wraparound support for victim-survivors, and to ensure that anyone leaving an abusive relationship in Hillston has a pathway to safety and recovery.

This is reflected in the current level of local service access and range of specialist domestic and family violence support available in the Carrathool Shire.

In the 2024/25 Budget the NSW Government also invested \$245.6 million as part of an emergency package to enhance support for domestic and family violence victim-survivors, with a focus on increasing support in regional and rural locations.

* 7378 ORCHARD HILLS PUBLIC SCHOOL—Mrs Tanya Davies to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) What is the total number of students currently enrolled in Orchard Hills Public School?
- (2) What is the projected growth of student enrolment in Orchard Hills Public School over the next 10 years?
- (3) When will Orchard Hills Public School obtain a school hall?
- (4) What is the total number of car parking spots available at Orchard Hills Public School?
- (5) Will there be an increase to the total number of car parking spots available at Orchard Hills Public School?
 - (a) If so, what is the projected increase in car parking spots and anticipated timeframe for completion?
- (6) Have there been any reported vehicle accidents in Orchard Hills Public School's carpark?
- (7) What measures are currently in place to ensure safety in Orchard Hills Public School's carpark?
- (8) Are there plans to upgrade the Orchard Hills Public School sewerage system from the current septic tank system?

- (a) If so, what is the anticipated timeframe for completion?
- (9) What measures are currently in place to deal with the noticeable sewerage smell on the Orchard Hills Public School grounds?
- (10) Will there be an increase to the total number of restroom facilities available at Orchard Hills Public School?
- (a) If so, what is the projected increase in restroom facilities and anticipated timeframe for completion?
- (11) How will the reduction in playground space arising from an increase in proposed demountables at Orchard Hills Public School be offset?
- (12) Will pedestrian footpaths be installed on streets surrounding Orchard Hills Public School? If so, what is the anticipated timeframe for completion?
- (13) What infrastructure will be delivered to ensure that Orchard Hills Public School's amenities can handle local population growth and meet the needs of increasing enrolment numbers and what is the anticipated timeframe for delivery of the infrastructure?

Answer—

The Minns Labor Government is committed to delivering the school infrastructure for our families in our fastest growing communities, particularly in North-West and South-West Sydney. For 12 years, for the former Liberal National Government failed to deliver the schools it promised for growing communities whilst neglecting schools such as Orchard Hills Public School.

I note on 22 April, ICAC released its report into the operations of School Infrastructure NSW under the former Liberal National Government and the conduct of the Liberals hand-picked former chief executive. The report outlined that staff were asked to change population data which had the "effect of diverting funds from North West and South West Sydney", including Badgerys Creek.

ICAC stated that "public money that had been put aside to build and improve schools for NSW children was instead spent on jobs for friends and associates of the chief executive".

It found that under the Liberals and Nationals, the government "failed to respond to warning signs of inappropriate and corrupt conduct" and that the former CEO had "uncurbed control of SINSW operations, which permitted questionable practices to occur without real internal challenge".

The Member can read more about how schools in Western Sydney were treated by the former Liberal National Government, including while the Member was a Minister, at <https://www.icac.nsw.gov.au/investigations/past-investigations/2026/school-infrastructure-nsw---operation-landan>.

* 7379 FIRE FIGHTER WORKFORCE—Mr Robert Dwyer to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

- (1) Given the ongoing shortage of trained firefighters in New South Wales, will the Minister advise whether Fire and Rescue NSW are reviewing its current recruitment and training framework to allow formal recognition of qualifications held by experienced firefighters relocating from interstate services?
- (2) Is the Government considering the introduction of a structured lateral entry pathway, supported by recognition of prior learning, skills assessment, and targeted bridging programs to enable qualified interstate firefighters to transition into permanent roles without repeating full recruit training?
- (3) What assessment has the Government made of the operational and workforce impacts caused by the inability of experienced interstate firefighters to enter New South Wales permanent ranks, particularly in regions such as Port Macquarie where stations are experiencing staffing shortfalls?

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- (4) If such reforms are not currently underway, will the Minister commit to initiating a formal review of interstate qualification recognition and reporting a timeframe for potential implementation?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Zero.
- (2) Fire and Rescue NSW carries out regular and ongoing assessments of all its fire stations to determine current and future priorities for capital works and enhancements to firefighter facilities.

* 7380 WOLLONDILLY KOALA CARE CENTRE—Mrs Judy Hannan to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

In relation to the Wollondilly Koala Care Centre:

- (1) Has the University of Sydney received the grant funding from the Government?
- (2) What is the scope of the funding grant?
- (3) How much of that grant has been transferred to the University of Sydney?
- (4) What is the evidence this project is substantially completed two years after the grant was announced?
- (5) What stage would this project might currently be at?

Answer—

- (1) The Department of Climate Change, Energy, Environment and Water and the University of Sydney's School of Veterinary Science signed a funding agreement in November 2024. Funding of \$4.5 million was paid to the University of Sydney in December 2024.
- (2) As stated in the funding agreement, the scope of the grant is to:
- (a) Create new purpose-built outdoor pens to house 6-8 koalas adjacent to the University's Wildlife Health and Conservation Hospital
 - (b) Upgrade internal biosecurity in the existing hospital building
 - (c) Upgrade clinical equipment and other miscellaneous items
 - (d) Purchase ambulatory field kit
 - (e) Supplement salaries
 - (f) Purchase consumables
 - (g) Purchase diagnostic services
 - (h) Establish a robust structure to support the administration and communication of grant outcomes. i. Complete financial acquittal.
- (3) The full \$4.5 million has been transferred to the University of Sydney.
- (4) Overall, the project is on track, as recorded in the project's 2024-25 annual progress report. The milestone to create new purpose-built outdoor pens to house 6-8 koalas adjacent to the Hospital is currently behind schedule. Construction of the pens is expected to begin in August 2026.
- (5) The project is in the implementation stage.

- * 7381 FLOOD PLANNING—Mrs Judy Hannan to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

In relation to the the application of the NSW Flood Prone Land Policy and the Flood Risk Management Manual (2023):

- (1) Is it a requirement under the NSW Flood Prone Land Policy and Flood Risk Management Manual that councils:
 - (a) Assess and model flood behaviour across the full range of flood events up to and including the Probable Maximum Flood (PMF)?
 - (b) Define the extent of the floodplain based on this full range of flooding, including the PMF?
- (2)
 - (a) Can local councils adopt a defined flood event (for example, the 1 per Australian Energy Producers or a 1 in 500 event) as the basis for planning controls and development assessment, while still identifying the broader floodplain extent including PMF?
 - (b) Does the merit-based approach apply only to the management of flood risk (e.g. planning controls), rather than the identification and definition of the floodplain itself?
- (3) Where flood studies identify land as being affected only by rare or extreme events (such as PMF) or minor overland flow paths:
 - (a) Are local councils expected to include all such land within flood-related notations on Section 10.7 Planning Certificates?
 - (b) Does the Government provide guidance on how councils should distinguish, in planning and communication, between areas of high flood constraint and those affected only by low-probability or low-hazard events?
- (4) Given the introduction of Disaster Adaptation Plans and broader regional flood and resilience frameworks:
 - (a) Can you confirm that the preparation and completion of detailed local flood studies (including PMF extent) remains a required and appropriate activity for councils or should it focus on primarily significant riverine flooding?
 - (b) How are these detailed studies intended to integrate with, or support, the newer regional-scale approaches?

Answer—

- (1)
 - (a) The Flood Risk Management Manual (2023) specifies that councils are to consider the full range of flood behaviour, including extreme events such as the Probable Maximum Flood.
This approach ensures councils and the NSW Government develop a shared understanding of flood risk and factor these risks into decision-making. This strengthens resilience through and ensures that flood risk is managed through a coordinated and integrated suite of measures, such as through on-ground mitigations, flood warning systems, land use planning and emergency management.
 - (b) The Flood Risk Management Manual (2023) defines the extent of the floodplain and flood prone land as land susceptible to flooding by the Probable Maximum Flood.
- (2)
 - (a) This question should be referred to the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, the Hon Paul Scully MP.
 - (b) This question should be referred to the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, the Hon Paul Scully MP.

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- (3) (a) This question should be referred to the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, the Hon Paul Scully MP.
- (b) This question should be referred to the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, the Hon Paul Scully MP.
- (4) (a) Local councils remain primarily responsible for managing flood risk within their local government areas, including preparing flood studies to understand local flood behaviour and risk.

In managing flood risks, councils are expected to consider the best available flood information, which may include locally commissioned flood studies. The scope and focus of flood studies should be proportionate to local conditions and risks, and may address riverine flooding, overland flow, coastal inundation or combined flood mechanisms, as relevant.
- (b) This question should be referred to the Minister for Recovery, the Hon Janelle Saffin MP.

* 7382 GOVERNMENT RESPONSES TO SELECT COMMITTEE ON REMOTE, RURAL AND REGIONAL HEALTH—Mrs Judy Hannan to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

In relation to the Legislative Assembly Select Committee on Remote, Rural and Regional Health report, 'The implementation of recommendations relating to the delivery of specific health services and specialist care in remote, rural and regional NSW', in particular, Recommendation 8 and Bowral (Public) Hospital and co-located Southern Highlands Private Hospital:

- (1) What is the title, author, date and name (i.e. at is the citation bibliographical reference) of the Government (NSW Health) audit report that was recommended by the Select Committee?
- (2) What was the summary of the audit of regional cancer centres operating out of both the private and public hospital?
- (3) What were the findings and recommendations of the audit of regional cancer centres operating at Bowral?
- (4) What is the comparison of out-of-pocket costs before and after Public-Private Partnership (PPP) signed between Bowral Private Hospital and the Government over the last three years?
- (5) What is the comparison of government costs to provide private health care to a public patient, relative to NSW Health directly providing health care to that (same) patient at Bowral Hospital over the last three years?
- (6) What health services including cancer health services are required to be provided by the private partner of the PPP in Bowral?
- (7) What gaps in services are provided by the public agency NSW Health, but not the private partner of the PPP in Bowral?
- (8) What is the waiting list (unmet demand) statistics at Bowral Hospital pre and post the PPP in Bowral?
- (9) How many cancer patients were treated at Bowral Hospital over the last five years?
- (10) How many cancer patients were transferred to other hospitals in Sydney, due to insufficient capacity at Bowral Hospital over the last five years?
- (11) How many cancer patients are transferred to other hospitals in Sydney, due to gaps in services in the PPP over the last five years?
- (12) What has NSW Health found to be disparities in these out-of-pocket costs in Bowral?

- (13) Are there any plans by NSW Health and/or South Western Sydney Local Health District to upgrade physical infrastructure (buildings, rooms, equipment) at Bowral Hospital for the benefit of cancer treatment of public patients?
- (14) Are there any funding commitments or business cases or options analysis to improve the capacity and range of Bowral Hospital cancer treatment available in the public system?
- (15) What is the Government doing to respond to the increased demand for cancer health treatment in Wollondilly Electorate in terms of reducing private and public transport travelling times?
- (16) What is the Government doing to reduce accommodation and travel costs incurred by patients travelling away from Bowral Hospital to other Public Hospitals in New South Wales to obtain cancer treatment?

Answer—

I am advised:

In 2025, NSW Health consulted with regional local health districts on cancer services to inform the NSW Government Response to the Select Committee's Report 2 on 'The implementation of

recommendations relating to the delivery of specific health services and specialist care in remote, rural and regional NSW'. The findings relating to Recommendation 8 are publicly available in the NSW Government Response, which is on the NSW Parliament website at

<https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/ladocs/inquiries/3034/Government%20response%20-%20Office%20of%20the%20Minister%20for%20Health,%20Regional%20Health.pdf>

South Western Sydney Local Health District has one private cancer centre which operates through the Southern Highlands Private Hospital in Bowral. There are no out-of-pocket costs for public patients accessing the centre.

Over the last 12 months, median wait times remained within expected priority treatment windows for chemotherapy treatment.

Cancer services are available through a networked model across NSW Health to ensure patients receive the safest and best clinical care at the most appropriate health facility.

NSW Health continues to monitor cancer service needs, including review of service models, capacity and access informed by population projections.

Financial assistance is available to eligible patients who are required to travel away from their local area to access cancer treatment through the Isolated Patients Travel and Accommodation Assistance Scheme (IPTAAS) and the Cancer Council NSW Southern Highlands Patient Transport Service.

- * 7383 EPA ENVIRONMENT LINE—Mrs Judy Hannan to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

In relation to the Environment Protection Authority's (EPA) Environment 24 hours /7 days a week Line:

- (1) What is the current service level (response time in days, hours and minutes) for calls made to the Environment Line made after 5pm on weekdays?
- (2) What is the current service level (response time in days, hours and minutes) for calls made to the Environment Line made on weekends?
- (3) What are the performance indicators that are used to monitor the EPA Environment Line?
 - (a) What are the measures of success or otherwise?
- (4) Are all sites where incidents are reported to the public, attended and inspected?

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- (a) If not all, what is the number and proportion in terms of calls made to the EPA Environment Line?
- (5) What is the average time that EPA representatives take to attend a site?
- (6) What is the average time for EPA to close out (issue final response) calls made to the Environment Line with the public reporter?

Answer—

- (1) 71 % of after-hours calls are answered within 60 seconds. The after-hours service provides callers with as much information as possible during the call.

Calls about incidents or reports that require further investigation trigger a case to be created and are escalated through to the NSW Environment Protection Authority's (EPA) regulatory teams. Investigations are conducted within a timeframe that allows evidence to be properly collected and assessed. Any matters reported to the after-hours team, where risk of immediate environment or human harm is identified, are escalated to a duty officer for immediate attention.

- (2) Refer to the answer to question (1).
- (3) Performance indicator: 'Grade of Service Target' (calls answered in 60 seconds).
 - (a) Measures of success:
 - The community can easily access the Environment Line at any time and trusts it as the primary channel for reporting environmental issues.
 - Environmental incidents and reports received through the Environment Line result in proportionate, risk-based regulatory action.
 - Information collected through the Environment Line is accurate, usable, and valuable for regulatory decision-making.
 - The Environment Line operates effectively with other agencies (e.g. referrals to councils, emergency services, etc.) and internal EPA teams.

- (4) No.
 - (a) In 2024-25, 5,183 reports to the EPA via the Environment Line triggered the creation of 3,164 cases requiring further investigation. Of those cases, approximately 6% required an onsite inspection. It is important to note that the EPA can investigate and resolve cases by many different methods, not just site inspections.

- (5) In 2024-25, for reports made through Environment Line that triggered the creation of a case for further investigation and a site inspection, the average number of days before the first site inspection took place was 21.

It is important to note that before site inspections occur, the EPA seeks further information, undertakes analysis, engages with appropriate regulatory authorities, like Councils, and conducts checks on environment protection licence holders. Where risk of immediate environment or human harm is identified, these matters are prioritised for urgent inspections.

- (6) In 2024-25, for reports made through Environment Line that triggered the creation of a case for further investigation and/or site inspection, the average number of days before resolution was 35.

* 7384 COAL INDUSTRY 2026-50—Mrs Judy Hannan to ask the Attorney General representing the Minister for Finance, Minister for Domestic Manufacturing and Government Procurement, and Minister for Natural Resources—

In regards to the NSW Government's Coal Industry 2026-50 strategy:

- (1) What is the statutory effect of the recently released Coal Industry 2026-50 document?
- (2) Is the Coal Industry 2026-50 directly linked in existing provisions of legislation governing existing coal mine operations in New South Wales?
- (3) On page 6 of the Coal Industry 2026-50 document, the Government position is to 'pilot emissions reduction initiatives, such as ventilation air methane, through Government programs' at existing coal mines, is this an additional requirement over and above or in lieu of any existing environmental planning and licence conditions of Tahmoor Colliery?
- (4) Can the Government confirm the new owner of Tahmoor Colliery if found would not be required to participate in the 'pilot emissions reduction initiatives, such as ventilation air methane, through NSW Government programs' at the existing coal mine?
 - (b) Or defer the introduction of emission reduction initiatives for a reasonable period after coal mine restart?
- (5) Can the Government confirm the Government and Future Jobs and Investment Authority would coordinate workers' return back to work in metallurgical coal mines in the event coal mine ownership and operations are uncertain, such as voluntary administration or liquidation?

Answer—

On behalf of the Minister I am advised that.

- (1) NSW Coal Industry 2026-50 is a whole of government policy document which reflects the NSW Government's policy positions and provides guidance to consent authorities in relation to coal exploration and mining.
- (2) No. NSW Coal Industry 2026-50 gives clear guidance to consent authorities to help inform decision making and the policy priorities of the NSW Government.
- (3) The NSW Government has invested \$15 million to demonstrate ventilation air methane (VAM) abatement technologies at the Appin coal mine. Results of the trial will help inform government agencies and provide evidence on the safe and effective implementation of abatement technologies.
- (4) Please refer to the answer above.
- (5) Emissions from coal mines are regulated under the Commonwealth Government's Safeguard Mechanism and the NSW Environmental Protection Authority. The NSW Environmental Protection Agency recently released the Greenhouse Gas Mitigation Guide for NSW Coal Mines. The requirements outlined in the Guide will be phased in from 1 July 2027.
- (6) The Commonwealth Government and the NSW Government provide support for workers impacted by unforeseen closure such as insolvency or restructuring of mining operations. The Future Jobs and Investment Authority will support each coal-producing region as the projected shift in demand for coal impacts coal-producing regions. Support will include requirements for workforce planning of expected closure of coal mine operations.

* 7385 ARTC AND TRANSPORT FOR NSW - SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS RAIL LINE—Mrs Judy Hannan to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—

- (1) How many passengers travelled on the Southern Highlands Line annually for the last 5 financial years?
- (2) For each of the last five financial years, how many scheduled passenger services on the Southern Highlands Line:
 - (a) Ran late, and what percentage of total services did this represent?
 - (b) Were cancelled, and what percentage of total services did this represent?

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- (3) How does this compare to the performance of trains across the Sydney Trains network for the same time period?
- (4) How many cancelled services were replaced with buses on the Southern Highlands Line each year for the last 5 financial years?
- (5) What were the primary causes of the delays or cancellations on the Southern Highlands Line over the last 5 years?
- (6) Under the Australian Rail Track Corporation's (ARTC) 60 year lease of the railway line:
 - (a) What are the ARTC's obligations to Transport for NSW (TfNSW) to prevent or minimise delays or cancellations to the passenger services on the Southern Highlands line?
 - (b) What obligations does the ARTC have to Transport for NSW in terms of managing and responding to incidents that disrupt passenger services on the Southern Highlands line?
- (7) What are TfNSW obligations for reporting on delays and cancellations to the ARTC, TfNSW and the public?
- (8) Does ARTC track KPIs performance metrics over time against passenger services, specifically or just XPT, Freight and Super Freight?
- (9) What are the forecast qualitative and quantitative impacts and outcomes of the Network Investment Program projects on the passenger services on the Southern Highlands line?
- (10) Was TfNSW involved in developing the ARTC Network Investment Program?
 - (a) If so, in what capacity?
- (11) How are ARTC reporting on the progress of the Network Investment Program in relation to passenger services on the Southern Highlands line?
- (12) Given an increase of 24 per cent in population in New South Wales between 2021-2041 is there a government strategy that considers capitalising on the growth opportunity to increase the reliability, capacity and frequency of passenger services on the Southern Highlands Line?
- (13) How many of the existing Endeavor and XPT trains servicing the Southern Highlands line will be replaced with new rolling stock as part of the Regional Rail Project upgrades?
- (14) When will the new Regional Rail Project fleet start operating on the Southern Highlands Line?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) and (3) Information regarding Sydney Trains' peak punctuality, including by train line, is available on the following Transport for NSW websites:

<https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/data-and-research/data-and-insights/public-transport-trips-all-modes>

<https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/data-and-research/data-and-insights/sydney-trains-and-nsw-trainlink-intercity-performance-reports>

- (2) (a)
 - FY 2021-22: 2268 delayed services (16.1% of services)
 - FY 2022-23: 3486 delayed services (23.7% of services)
 - FY 2023-24: 3173 delayed services (21.6% of services)
 - FY 2024-25: 5119 delayed services (35.0% of services)
 - FY 2025-26 (as at 30 April 2026): 4294 delayed services (35.1% of services).
- (b)
 - FY 2021-22: 650 cancelled services (5.1% of services)

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- FY 2022-23: 292 cancelled services (2.3% of services)
 - FY 2023-24: 192 cancelled services (1.9% of services)
 - FY 2024-25: 280 cancelled services (2.3% of services)
 - FY 2025-26 (as at 30 April 2026): 201 cancelled services (2.2% of services).
- (4) The total number of emergency replacement buses requested from the Transport Management Centre in relation to the Southern Highlands Line was:
- FY 2021-22: 48 buses
 - FY 2022-23: 56 buses
 - FY 2023-24: 34 buses
 - FY 2024-25: 44 buses
 - FY 2025-26 (as at 19 May 2026): 35 buses.
- (5) Factors that can affect on time running include speed restrictions imposed in response to track faults, as well as the need for ongoing track inspections, rectification works, and extended maintenance windows. Additional contributing factors include freight operator impacts, train service management challenges, and environmental and security related incidents.
- (6) (a) ARTC is contractually required under its lease with Transport for NSW to operate, manage and maintain the Southern Highlands Line in a manner that prioritises passenger services and minimises delays and cancellations. ARTC must apply Passenger Priority at all times. This needs to be achieved through timetable planning, daily train programming and real time train control, preserving existing passenger train paths and giving passenger services precedence over freight, in accordance with the Train Decision Factors. ARTC is responsible for network control, incident management, and the planning of maintenance and track possessions, which must be undertaken so far as reasonably practicable to minimise disruption to passenger services. ARTC must also maintain infrastructure to required standards, ensure linear continuity except for limited permitted interruptions, and meet prescribed performance KPIs for reliability, transit time delay and asset condition.
- (b) ARTC is contractually responsible for the management, control and response to incidents on the Southern Highlands Line that disrupt passenger services, as part of its obligation to exercise Network Control and Train Control for the network. This includes real time incident management, service recovery and coordination of operational responses to breakdowns, infrastructure failures, emergencies and other disruptions. In managing incidents, ARTC must apply Passenger Priority, ensuring passenger services are given precedence over freight services in real time decision making in accordance with the Train Decision Factors, including limiting avoidable passenger delays and implementing recovery plans where delays occur.
- ARTC must also manage incidents in a way that minimises disruption to passenger services, restores services as soon as reasonably practicable, and preserves linear continuity except where interruption is unavoidable due to emergencies or necessary works. Where incidents adversely affect passenger performance outcomes, ARTC must report on impacts through its performance and asset reporting processes and address any resulting KPI non-compliance through Cure Plans, if required.
- (7) Transport for NSW provides accurate, timely, and relevant information to the public regarding service disruptions, delays, and cancellations via Transportnsw.info; third-party apps, such as TripView; official social media channels; and announcements and messages at stations and onboard services.

For planned disruptions to booked services NSW TrainLink will contact the customer by SMS or email and advise of alternative transport arrangements. More information about service disruptions and replacement coaches is available: <https://transportnsw.info/regional-travel/booking-information/service-disruptions-replacement-coaches>

- (8) ARTC tracks KPI performance over time for passenger services, but not for all passenger services individually. Under the lease, ARTC's formal KPI framework primarily tracks performance against defined service classes, namely XPT (long distance passenger), Super-freighter freight, and General Freight, rather than every suburban or regional passenger service separately.
- (9) Targeted investments delivered under the Horizon 1 Network Investment Program on the Southern Highlands corridor will result in more reliable passenger operations including improved timetable resilience, reduced delays associated with congestion and temporary speed restrictions and improved ride quality. It will also result in an increase in the overall reliability and capacity of one of Australia's busiest mixed-use freight and passenger rail corridors.

However, as an example, over the past two years ARTC's annual maintenance program together with works delivered through the Network Investment Program have helped save 68 minutes' worth of cumulative temporary speed restrictions between Melbourne and Sydney, although many remain and new ones are added as track inspections occur.

- (10) ARTC engages regularly with its stakeholders from industry, customers and government including Transport for NSW, and these engagements have helped inform the development of the \$2.75 billion Network Investment Program. Additionally, ARTC and Transport for NSW meet regularly to address operational matters including performance.
- (11) ARTC is required to report on the progress and benefits of rail infrastructure projects it delivers on the rail network. This includes regular updates to the Federal Government as part of formal project delivery processes, public updates via the ARTC website, and updates to the community via formal and informal channels, such as email, notifications and social media.
- (12) The South-East & Tablelands Strategic Regional Integrated Transport Plan includes an initiative to "Develop a program of service and infrastructure improvements to reduce travel times for both freight and passenger services on the Sydney to Canberra rail corridor."

\$100 million in total has been allocated by the Federal (\$50 million) and NSW and ACT governments (\$25 million each) to complete priority upgrades to rail infrastructure between Sydney and Canberra in the short-term. Upgrades are expected to commence this year and be ongoing for up to five years, and will likely include:

- Investigations into additional services/increased frequency
- New boom gates and lights at level crossings to improve safety and increase train speeds
- Improvements to track alignments and turnouts
- Station and stabling improvements.

A business case will be created to plan the network upgrades and timetable changes needed to make passenger services faster and more efficient. It will also show how these improvements can support future growth along the whole corridor.

This program, together with a maintenance program already underway by ARTC in the Macarthur to Goulburn section, will increase the corridor's capacity, reliability and efficiency, complementing the incoming Regional Rail Fleet trains, which will start serving the line once testing and commissioning is complete. The new fleet will operate Southern Highlands Line Intercity services, as well as NSW TrainLink Regional services to Canberra, Griffith and Melbourne.

- (13) All of the existing Endeavour, Xplorer and XPT trains operating Southern Highlands Line Intercity services and NSW TrainLink Regional services will be replaced with new rolling stock as part of the Regional Rail Project.

- (14) The new trains are continuing to arrive, with 13 out of the 29 new fleet now in Australia. Of the trains in Australia, three are undertaking intensive testing and trialling of their bi-modal capability using both overhead electric and diesel power - an Australian first for passenger rail. The remaining trains are at the Mindyarra Maintenance Centre in Dubbo for testing and train completion work.

The first Regional Rail train will enter passenger service upon the completion of testing, modifications and safety accreditation from the Office of the National Rail Safety Regulator.

- * 7386 BOB BROWN FOUNDATION MARCH IN BELLINGEN - POLICE—Mr Michael Kemp to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

In relation to the recent Bob Brown Foundation March in Bellingen on the 22 March 2026:

- (1) What role did Transport for NSW play in approving this march on Hyde Street, Bellingen?
- (2) How did Transport for NSW assess the impact of this three-hour closure on local residents and businesses?
- (3) Were alternative options considered due to the opening of Waterfall Way? Such as:
 - (a) Cancelling the march?
 - (b) Suggesting it be held at a different location?
- (4) What criteria does Transport for NSW use to approve road closures for political events in regional areas, particularly on essential transport routes?
- (5) Will the Minister ensure that future approvals for politically motivated events on critical regional roads are limited to minimise disruption to local communities?

Answer—

I am advised:

This question falls within the portfolio responsibilities of the Minister for Roads and Minister for Roads and Minister for Regional Transport.

- * 7387 BOB BROWN FOUNDATION MARCH IN BELLINGEN - REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—Mr Michael Kemp to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—

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Answer—

I am advised:

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Transport for NSW was not involved in the approval of the march itself. Transport's role is limited to issuing a Road Occupancy Licence (ROL), which grants consent to implement traffic control measures on a State Road (Hyde Street). The event approval was provided by Bellingen Shire Council, and approval for a protest march was provided by the NSW Police Force.

The assessment was undertaken by Bellingen Shire Council as part of their approval process.

This was a decision for Bellingen Shire Council in consultation with NSW Police.

Event location would have been considered by Bellingen Shire Council as part of its assessment and approval process.

Closure of state-managed roads requires consent from Transport for NSW via a Road Occupancy Licence. This licence grants consent to implement traffic control measures on a State Road and is required for any activity likely to impact traffic flow, even if that activity takes place off-road.

Transport for NSW does not distinguish between event types when reviewing potential state road impacts. The main considerations for State Road closure are whether the proposed traffic management plan for the event complies with the relevant standards and whether there is a suitable, council-approved detour for non-event traffic available.

- * 7388 OOSH SERVICES—Mr Michael Kemp to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

In relation to the recent cessation of Out of School Hours (OOSH) services by Open Arms Care at both Bellingen and Urunga Public Schools from 4 July 2025:

- (1) On what date did the Department of Education first become aware that Open Arms Care would cease OOSH services at Bellingen and Urunga Public Schools?
- (2) On what dates did the Department contact potential replacement providers?
 - (a) How many providers were contacted in total?
- (3) What is the current status of securing a replacement provider, including:
 - (a) Whether a provider has been identified?
 - (b) Whether negotiations are underway?
 - (c) The expected commencement date of any new service?
- (4) What specific interim arrangements have been put in place for affected families since 4 July 2025?
- (5) What funding, incentives, or support packages (if any) has the Department offered to potential providers to establish services in Bellingen and Urunga?

Answer—

The Department of Education was informed that Open Arms Care would cease OOSH services at Bellingen Public School and Urunga Public School in May 2025, due to very low OOSH enrolments. The department subsequently identified and contacted 11 potential replacement providers, both locally and statewide. All 11 providers declined the offer, including the school's P&C, local council, local not-for-profits, local for-profits, and other OOSH providers across the state. No enquiries have been received from local families since May 2025.

- * 7389 LIMITED EXPRESS SERVICES—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Transport, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—

What (if any) plans does the Department have to restore limited express services between Eastwood Station and the Central Business District?

Answer—

I am advised:

Transport for NSW has no plans to restore limited stops or express bus services between Eastwood Station and the Central Business District (CBD). T9 rail services operate at a 15-minute frequency or better across the day and provides connections to Central, Town Hall and Wynyard stations within the CBD.

For travel to the CBD from Eastwood, customers can catch T9 rail services. The journey from Eastwood to Central Station is 32 minutes (35 minutes to Town Hall Station and 38 minutes to Wynyard Station).

Alternatively, customers can travel by T9 rail services to Epping Station and transfer to M1 Metro services to the CBD. Total travel time including transfers is approximately 31 minutes to Gadigal Station.

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

<https://transportnsw.info/trip-planner>.

- * 7390 MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT FOR PARAMEDICS—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

What (if any) additional mental health support is offered to paramedics in New South Wales as a feature of their employment?

Answer—

I am advised:

injuries, building resilience, and supporting staff recovery following illness or injury. These are found on the NSW Ambulance website under Staff Support Programs at

www.ambulance.nsw.gov.au/careers/paramedic/staff-support-programs.

There is also support available to staff and their families through various programs under NSW Ambulance's Family Support Network (www.ambulance.nsw.gov.au/get-involved/nsw-ambulance-family-support-network).

- * 7391 OPAL READER ERRORS—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Transport, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—

(1) Do Opal readers used by ticket inspectors ever display the message 'Can Not Read'?

(a) If so, what does this mean for determining the validity of a fare?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Opal Revenue Protection Application (ORPA) used by Authorised Officers may display a message indicating that "Tap information could not be retrieved". This message does not in itself indicate an invalid ticket, rather, it reflects the device was unable to retrieve the customer's tap information at that time. This may occur for the following reasons:

- Network connectivity interruption: Temporary issues such as poor or unstable network coverage, network blackspots, or high mobile device use can prevent the device from accessing card data.
- Device security validation (attestation) failure: ORPA performs a mandatory daily security check to confirm the device remains trusted for inspecting contactless payments. If this check fails (for example, due to a timeout, failed security checks, or detection of non-compliant applications), contactless payment inspection functionality is disabled, preventing retrieval of tap information.

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In these circumstances, the inability to read the card is a technical limitation rather than evidence of non-compliance. Authorised Officers are required to use alternative methods, where appropriate, to assess fare compliance, in line with established procedures.

- * 7392 RUNWAY RUN APRIL 2026 - CUSTOMER SERVICE—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

In relation to the Runway Run/Walk held on 26 April 2026 at Western Sydney International (Nancy-Bird Walton) Airport that was promoted on a website managed by the Department of Customer Service:

- (1) What role and/or duty of care did the Department have at any stage in the execution of this event?

Answer—

I am advised:

NSW Government had no involvement in organising the event. Questions regarding its organisation should be directed to the Commonwealth Minister for Infrastructure.

- * 7393 RUNWAY RUN APRIL 2026 - TOURISM—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, Minister for Sport, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—

In relation to the Runway Run/Walk held on 26 April 2026 at Western Sydney International (Nancy-Bird Walton) Airport that was promoted on a Destination NSW website:

- (1) What role and/or duty of care did the Department have at any stage in the execution of this event?

Answer—

I am advised that Destination NSW provided marketing and PR support to the Runway Run/Walk on 26 April 2026. Duty of care in the execution of events is the responsibility of the event owner.

- * 7394 PREPARATION FOR THE TRANSPORT WORKERS UNIONS CAMPAIGN - INDUSTRY AND TRADE—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Better Regulation and Fair Trading, Minister for Industry and Trade, Minister for Innovation, Science and Technology, Minister for Building, and Minister for Corrections—

What specific action (if any) have you taken as Minister for Industry and Trade in preparation for the Transport Workers Unions 'Our Roads, Our Skies, Our Future' campaign to ensure industry supplies and logistics across New South Wales are not directly or indirectly impacted by planned mass industrial action?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Government is aware of the TWU's campaign and is monitoring developments. Industrial action in this campaign is regulated under Commonwealth law and the Commonwealth's Fair Work Commission. Enquiries about industrial activity in NSW should be referred to the Minister for Industrial Relations.

- * 7395 PREPARATION FOR THE TRANSPORT WORKERS UNIONS CAMPAIGN - LOCAL GOVERNMENT—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Local Government—

What specific action (if any) have you taken as Minister for Local Government in preparation for the Transport Workers Unions 'Our Roads, Our Skies, Our Future' campaign to ensure local government waste operations across New South Wales are not directly or indirectly impacted by planned mass industrial action?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Government is not aware of impact on councils' waste operations directly arising from the Transport Workers Union's industrial campaign. The Government encourages all parties in industrial campaigns or actions to negotiate in good faith to resolve any matters in dispute.

- * 7396 PREPARATION FOR THE TRANSPORT WORKERS UNIONS CAMPAIGN - ENERGY—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

What specific action (if any) have you taken as Minister for Energy in preparation for the Transport Workers Unions 'Our Roads, Our Skies, Our Future' campaign to ensure oil, gas and fuel supplies across New South Wales are not directly or indirectly impacted by planned mass industrial action?

Answer—

The NSW Government is aware of the TWU's campaign and is monitoring developments. Industrial action in this campaign is regulated under Commonwealth law and the Commonwealth's Fair Work Commission. Enquiries about industrial activity in NSW should be referred to the Minister for Industrial Relations.

- * 7397 PREPARATION FOR THE TRANSPORT WORKERS UNIONS CAMPAIGN - EMERGENCY SERVICES—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

What specific action (if any) have you taken as Minister for Emergency Services in preparation for the Transport Workers Unions 'Our Roads, Our Skies, Our Future' campaign to ensure emergency services across New South Wales are not directly or indirectly impacted by planned mass industrial action?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Government is aware of the TWU's campaign and is monitoring developments. Industrial action in this campaign is regulated under Commonwealth law and the Commonwealth's Fair Work Commission. Enquiries about industrial activity in NSW should be referred to the Minister for Industrial Relations.

- * 7398 VACANT DEFECTIVE APARTMENTS—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for Better Regulation and Fair Trading, Minister for Industry and Trade, Minister for Innovation, Science and Technology, Minister for Building, and Minister for Corrections—

- (1) As of today's date, how many apartment developments in New South Wales have been completed but have not been issued an Occupation Certificate due to a Prohibition Order?
 - (a) What is the total number of dwellings in all of these developments combined?
 - (b) What are the street addresses of these developments?
 - (c) Of these prohibition orders, how many relate to:
 - (i) Waterproofing issues?
 - (ii) Structural defects?
 - (iii) Fireproofing issues?
 - (iv) Other (please specify)?
 - (d) Of these prohibition orders, how many were issued in each of the last five calendar years?

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- (2) What mechanisms, if any, does Fair Trading employ to compel developers of properties that are subject to a Prohibition Order to comply with the Order within a reasonable period of time?
- (a) What constitutes a 'reasonable period of time' in this context?

Answer—

I am advised:

- Building Commission NSW is the State's building regulator, responsible for overseeing building compliance and taking enforcement action, including issuing prohibition orders where serious defects are identified.
- For the most up-to-date list of prohibition orders issued by Building Commission NSW, please visit www.nsw.gov.au/departments-and-agencies/building-commission/register-of-building-work-orders.
- Based on the above records of active Prohibition Orders as at 26 May 2026, there is only one known site that is completed and does not yet have an Occupation Certificate.
- I understand the developer is currently working with the local council to obtain the required approvals, and the absence of an OC is attributable to council processes.
- The delay in issuing the OC is not due to Building Commission NSW regulatory action.
- Building Commission NSW works closely with builders and developers to ensure defects are rectified as quickly as possible so that an Occupation Certificate can be issued when appropriate.

* 7399 REVIEW OF THE NSW ANTI-DISCRIMINATION ACT—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Attorney General—

In 2023 the Attorney-General asked the NSW Law Reform Commission to review the NSW Anti-Discrimination Act and develop recommendations to the Government, in relation to this review:

- (1) When will the Commission publicly release a report and/or otherwise respond to the submissions received to the first consultation paper?
- (2) Has the Commission provided any advice, interim recommendations, findings, or any other documents to your office pertaining to the submissions and the current status of their review?
 - (a) If so, what was this and when was it provided?
- (3) What are the intended next steps, with indicative dates, in this process?
 - (a) Did you set a timeline for this review?
 - (b) Do you expect the NSW Law Reform Commission to make its report or any other findings public prior the next New South Wales state election that is scheduled for March 2027?
 - (i) If not, when is the intended date of publication?
- (4) Has the Government abandoned its pre-2023 state election policy commitment to 'update and reform the anti-discrimination framework and legislation to ensure protection for groups that are not adequately protected and [...] remove exemptions which privilege religion over other protected attributes'?
 - (a) If not, what is the timeline for delivering on this reform?

Answer—

I am advised:

In fulfillment of an election commitment, I referred the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (ADA) to the NSW Law Reform Commission (NSWLRC) for comprehensive review.

The Terms of Reference for the NSWLRC's Review of the ADA are available on the NSWLRC website: <https://lawreform.nsw.gov.au/projects/anti-discrimination-act-review.html>.

The first consultation paper for the review focused on prohibited conduct under the ADA and was released for public consultation between May and August 2025. Submissions in response to this first consultation paper are published on the NSWLRC's website.

The NSWLRC advises that it is preparing a second consultation paper focusing on procedural and enforcement aspects of the ADA for public consultation.

This review is ongoing and does not have a specific timeframe. This is consistent with usual practice for all Law Reform Commission reviews.

* 7400 REVIEW OF PART 3 OF THE NSW SUMMARY OFFENCES ACT—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Attorney General—

In 2025, the NSW Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) commenced a review of Part 3 of the NSW Summary Offences Act, in relation to this review:

- (1) How many submissions did the review receive?
- (2) What is the timeline of the review?
 - (a) When do you expect to see a final report, recommendations, findings, or other response to the submissions received and considered?
 - (b) Will the outcome of the review be made public?
 - (i) If not, why not?
- (3) Have you or your office been provided with an interim report, recommendations, findings, or other documents pertaining to the submissions received and considered?
 - (a) If so, what was this feedback and when was it provided?
- (4) What are the intended next steps, with indicative dates, of this review process?
- (5) Is the intention for the DCJ to provide a public report, recommendations, findings, or other response to the review before the next New South Wales State election that is scheduled for March 2027?
 - (a) If not, why not?
 - (b) If so, when can this public response be anticipated?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) conducted targeted consultation and received 16 substantive submissions from 30 stakeholders. Some stakeholders made joint submissions or endorsed other organisations' submissions. DCJ also considered all relevant submissions made to the Legislative Assembly Committee on Community Services' Inquiry into the Equality Legislation Amendment (LGBTIQ+) Bill 2023. The review has been finalised and is under consideration.

* 7401 SERIOUS ROAD CRIME—The Hon. Greg Piper to ask the Attorney General—

- (1) Does the Government intend to respond to Report 152 of the New South Wales Law Reform Commission's entitled, *Serious Road Crime*, dated February 2025?
 - (a) If yes, what is the timeline?

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Answer—

The NSW Government is carefully considering the recommendations from the NSW Law Reform Commission's report on Serious Road Crime.

* 7402 MANLY DAM FISH SURVEY—Mr Michael Regan to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) Can the Minister provide an update on the fish survey being conducted at Manly Dam?
- (2) How will the results of the survey be published?
- (3) What next steps will be taken if the endangered climbing galaxias fish is located in Manly Dam during the survey?

Answer—

- (1) The fish survey has been completed, and a draft report has been submitted to the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) for review.
- (2) The EPA is reviewing the report. Once the technical review has been completed, the EPA will provide the report to Northern Beaches Council.
- (3) Climbing galaxias were observed during the surveys. Northern Beaches Council - as the Manly Dam catchment manager - may wish to apply for funding from the Department Primary Industries and Regional Development Habitat Grants funded by the Recreational Fishing Trust to undertake any future projects to further support climbing galaxias.

* 7403 BROKEN LIFTS AT PEDESTRIAN BRIDGES IN WAKEHURST—Mr Michael Regan to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—

- (1) Given delays in fixing the lift at the Warringah Rd/ Starkey/ Ferguson Street intersection pedestrian overpass, will the signalised pedestrian crossing at road level be re-instated at this location, to be used when lifts are out of action?
- (2) Is the CCTV system active at this location and working correctly?
 - (a) If so, is footage passed to Police when incidents occur?
 - (b) If not, why not and when will it be operational?
 - (c) What are the contractual requirements to provide and maintain CCTV systems at key sites such as Forestville and Warringah Mall?
 - (d) Can the CCTV cameras be upgraded with new technology, such as facial and retina detection?
- (3) Given delays in repairing the lifts by a lack of suitable replacement parts:
 - (a) Are there any plans to keep supplies locally?
- (4) Given Transport for NSW, Connect Sydney, Cushman & Wakefield and Electra Lift manage this lift:
 - (a) Why is contact centre staff at each organisation in this chain unable to provide an answer to progress on the repair?
 - (b) Why does Electra Lift not respond promptly to requests from Cushman & Wakefield and my staff?
- (5) What can and is being done to raise the priority of broken/damaged lifts to ensure they are fixed promptly?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Transport for NSW is committed to and focused on ensuring the lifts are appropriately maintained and provide access to people of all needs to cross Warringah Road safely at this intersection. The process of arranging for the repairs of these lifts is underway and remains a priority for Transport for NSW.

In the event the lifts are out of order, the stairs located on either side of the pedestrian bridge remain open for pedestrians to continue crossing the bridge. However, for pedestrians who are mobility impaired, there is an at level signalised pedestrian crossing located at Warringah Road and Darley Street, which can be used as a formalised alternate route to cross Warringah Road.

Like the subject intersection, bus stops with regular bus services are also available in both directions at the Warringah Road and Darley Street intersection.

- (2) The CCTV cameras overlooking the pedestrian bridge lifts were repaired in February 2026 and are now fully operational. One remaining camera will be repaired after the lift repairs are completed.
 - (a) CCTV footage can be provided if available at the request of Police.
 - (b) Not available.
 - (c) Requirements relating to CCTV systems at key sites are addressed within the relevant contractual arrangements, which are currently being reviewed to ensure cameras are operational and effective.
 - (d) The use of facial and retina detection in public spaces is not a function Transport for NSW performs.
- (3) (a) The lift suppliers keep some critical parts at their warehouse and are able to quickly replace failed components to restore lift operation in many instances. As these lift failures have been associated with different component failures and generally not the same failure, it's difficult to determine what spare parts are required to be stocked.
- (4) (a) Service delivery responsibilities are spread across different parties. Contact centre staff can share updates available within their own systems, which may lag behind ongoing work and/or internal communication. Transport for NSW is continuing to review processes associated with this service delivery.
 - (b) Response timeframes will vary depending on the technical complexity and safety considerations of each repair, which varies between sites. In some cases, responses may also depend on internal workflows, parts availability, or the need to coordinate with other parties before providing a clear update.
- (5) Transport for NSW is proactively reviewing all processes associated with lift asset service delivery. This will include reviewing planned maintenance schedules to support more timely repair outcomes.

* 7404 GLENBOG STATE FOREST—Mr Michael Regan to ask the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

In relation to planned or imminent logging operations in Glenbog State Forest, can the Minister advise:

- (1) Are there community concerns regarding the impact of logging operations in Glenbog State Forest on threatened and vulnerable native species, including greater gliders, wombats, gang-gang cockatoos, flame robins, lyrebirds, squirrel gliders and yellow-bellied gliders?
 - (a) If so, what actions will be taken to address community concerns?
- (2) Has the Government reviewed recent citizen science survey data reportedly identifying 132 greater glider den trees, 7 large stick nests, 952 wombat burrows and more than 300 potential hollow-

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bearing trees, and what assessment has been undertaken of the ecological impact of logging in this area?

- (3) Given the reported presence of threatened species, wombat burrows and hollow-bearing habitat, will the Minister consider pausing or halting logging operations in Glenbog State Forest while these concerns are urgently investigated?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1-3) Operations are being planned in line with the requirements of the Coastal Integrated Forestry Operations Approval (CIFOA).

I expect Forestry Corporation, like all agencies I oversee, to follow the rules.

* 7405 SAFE STAFFING LEVELS AT THE SUTHERLAND HOSPITAL—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

- (1) When did 'Safe Staffing Levels' (nurse-to-patient ratios) commence at The Sutherland Hospital?
- (2) On how many occasions since then have there been fewer nurses on duty than required for 'Safe Staffing Levels' for the Emergency Department at The Sutherland Hospital?
- (3) On how many occasions since then have there been fewer nurses on duty than required for 'Safe Staffing Levels' for the Intensive Care Unit at The Sutherland Hospital?
- (4) On how many occasions since then have there been fewer nurses on duty than required for 'Safe Staffing Levels' in other parts of The Sutherland Hospital?

Answer—

I am advised:

Safe Staffing Levels has already begun implementation in 78 emergency departments across NSW, with more than 900 FTE nurses recruited to date. Safe Staffing Levels commenced at The Sutherland Hospital Emergency Department on 9 February 2026.

Planning is now underway to implement the next phase of the Minns Labor Government's historic staffing reforms to increase the number of nurses in our hospitals. The rollout will commence in a range of inpatient settings identified as Nursing Hours Per Patient Day (NHPPD) wards, including medical assessment units, general medical, surgical and specialty wards, such as neurology, respiratory, cardiology and oncology/haematology.

This is part of the Minns Labor Government's commitment to delivering 2,480 additional nurses and midwives for the rollout of Safe Staffing Levels.

* 7406 DOCTORS AT THE EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT AT THE SUTHERLAND HOSPITAL—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

- (1) How many doctors (by head count and by full time equivalent) were employed in the Emergency Department at The Sutherland Hospital:
- (a) As at 30 June 2022?
- (b) As at 31 December 2022?
- (c) As at 30 June 2023?
- (d) As at 31 December 2023?
- (e) As at 30 June 2024?

- (f) As at 31 December 2024?
- (g) As at 30 June 2025?
- (h) As at 31 December 2025?

Answer—

I am advised:

Local health districts and hospitals vary staffing profiles and numbers to appropriately meet operational needs as required. Vacancies are actively recruited to as they arise.

* 7407 DOCTORS AT THE EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT AT THE SUTHERLAND HOSPITAL - EXPENSE—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

- (1) What was the payroll expense for doctors in the Emergency Department at The Sutherland Hospital:
 - (a) In the 12 months to 30 June 2022?
 - (b) In the 12 months to 30 June 2023?
 - (c) In the 12 months to 30 June 2024?
 - (d) In the 12 months to 30 June 2025?

Answer—

I am advised:

Payroll expenditure in NSW Health is generally reported at the facility or local health district level, rather than by individual department and staff cohort.

Pay rates and conditions of employment for NSW Health employees are set out in the relevant industrial Award. All employees employed by NSW Health are entitled to the provisions of the relevant Award.

* 7408 DOCTORS AT THE EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT AT THE SUTHERLAND HOSPITAL - RECORDED HOURS—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

- (1) What was the number of recorded hours worked by doctors in the Emergency Department at The Sutherland Hospital:
 - (a) In the 12 months to 30 June 2022?
 - (b) In the 12 months to 30 June 2023?
 - (c) In the 12 months to 30 June 2024?
 - (d) In the 12 months to 30 June 2025?
 - (e) In the 6 months to 31 December 2022?
 - (f) In the 6 months to 31 December 2023?
 - (g) In the 6 months to 31 December 2024?
 - (h) In the 6 months to 31 December 2025?

Answer—

I am advised:

Please see response to LA 7406.

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* 7409 AIR CONDITIONING IN CLASSROOMS - HOLSWORTHY—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) Can the Minister advise, at which public schools in the Sutherland Shire Local Government Area and Liverpool Local Government Area is further air conditioning scheduled to be installed in:
 - (a) 2026?
 - (b) 2027?
- (2) For each school, in which part of the school is air conditioning scheduled to be installed?

Answer—

The Department of Education continues to deliver air conditioning upgrades in NSW public schools and works with school principals to address their heating and cooling needs on a case-by-case basis.

* 7410 PUBLIC EXHIBITION PERIOD FOR STATE SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

In relation to the recent change in planning rules reducing the minimum public exhibition period for certain residential State Significant Development (SSD) applications from 28 days to 14 days:

- (1) Will the Minister consider restoring the public exhibition period to 28 days to allow the community sufficient time to review and provide feedback on proposed developments?
 - (a) If there is no intention to restore the 28-day period, could the Minister explain the reasons for maintaining the shortened 14-day consultation period?

Answer—

I am advised:

Please refer to LA 6749.

* 7411 COURT HOUSE WAITING TIMES—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Attorney General—

- (1) As at the most recent date for which data is available, what is the current waiting time for a Defended Apprehended Domestic Violence Order Application to come to trial at Sutherland Court House and Liverpool Court House?
- (2) As at the most recent date for which data is available, what is the current waiting time for a defended criminal matter to come to trial at Sutherland Court House and Liverpool Court House where the defendant is not in custody?
- (3) As at the most recent date for which data is available, what is the current waiting time for a defended criminal matter to come to trial at Sutherland Court House and Liverpool Court House where the defendant is in custody?

Answer—

I am advised:

Wait times may vary due to hearing time estimates and judicial listing arrangements; “average time to list” outlined in the responses below refers to the period from listing to the hearing date.

- (1) As of 11 May 2026, the average time to list a defended apprehended domestic violence order application at Sutherland Local Court is approximately 19 weeks.

As of 11 May 2026, the average time to list a defended apprehended domestic violence order application at Liverpool Local Court is approximately 25 weeks.

- (2) As of 11 May 2026, the average time to list a defended criminal matter at Sutherland Local Court where the defendant is not in custody is 23 weeks.

As of 11 May 2026, the average time to list a defended criminal matter at Liverpool Local Court where the defendant is not in custody is 25 weeks.

- (3) As of 11 May 2026, the average time to list a defended criminal matter at Sutherland Local Court where the defendant is in custody is 19 weeks.

As of 11 May 2026, the average time to list a defended criminal matter at Liverpool Local Court where the defendant is in custody is 25 weeks.

* 7412 INTERNAL REVIEWS AT THE FIREARMS REGISTRY—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

- (1) What is the Firearms Registry's policy for conducting Internal Reviews?
- (2) Are requests submitted by business/employment licence holders prioritised ahead of requests submitted by recreational hunting and sport/target shooting licence holders?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The NSW Firearms Registry manages internal reviews in accordance with section 53 of the Administrative Decisions Review Act 1997 (NSW), Part 8 of the Firearms Act 1996 (NSW), or section 35 of the Weapons Prohibition Act 1998 (NSW).
- (2) Priority for internal review is provided to business/employment licence holders. Recreational hunting and sport/target shooting licence holder requests are assessed based on the date of receipt of their application.

* 7413 ROAD CLOSURES IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—

- (1) What budget and resource allocation is available for the maintenance and inspection of the unsealed roads in the Unincorporated Area?
- (2) What is the size of the workforce servicing the Unincorporated Area?
- (3) Is surge capacity available after wet weather events?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) Transport for NSW undertakes road authority functions in the Unincorporated Area of Far West NSW, in the absence of a local council. Maintenance of unsealed roads in the Unincorporated Area is funded through broader state road maintenance programs.

In addition, expenditure associated with declared natural disaster emergency response activities is managed separately and claimed in accordance with applicable disaster funding arrangements.

- (2) Transport for NSW currently maintains an on-ground workforce of approximately 45 personnel supporting operations across the Unincorporated Area, supplemented by contractors and specialist plant operators as required.

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Following recent wet weather events and declared natural disaster response activities, additional resources have been engaged to support response and recovery works, including two contractor graders, one contractor loader and two additional loaders.

- (3) Transport for NSW uses surge capacity arrangements, including contractors and plant hire, to support inspection, restoration and emergency response activities following significant weather events, subject to operational priorities, safety requirements and resource availability.

Station owners and road users regularly contact local Transport for NSW supervisors to seek advice regarding road conditions, road closures, planned maintenance activities and estimated re-opening timeframes following wet weather events.

Road condition reports are updated and distributed when network conditions change, including instances of road closure and re-opening and significant weather events. These updates are provided to relevant stakeholders and operational partners, including the Transport Management Centre, with additional stakeholders requesting inclusion on the distribution list.

In addition, planned fortnightly roadwork schedules have been regularly distributed since recent natural disaster events to improve community awareness and assist travel planning.

Current road closure and traffic information is publicly available through Live Traffic NSW.

- * 7414 PROHIBITED WEAPON SUPPRESSOR PERMITS—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

- (1) What is the reason for the current delays in renewing prohibited weapon suppressor permits for Vertebrate Pest Animal Control (VPAC) licence holders in New South Wales?
- (2) Is it a policy of the Firearms Registry to refuse all new and renewal firearm suppressor permit applications?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Reviewing silencer permits for VPAC licence holders involves complex assessments to rigorously verify ongoing genuine reason and necessity under the Weapons Prohibition Act 1998. The process involves detailed review and, in many cases, further supporting documentation is requested from applicants. Timeframes can be extended where there are delays in receiving or assessing this additional information.
- (2) No. The Firearms Registry applies clear, consistently enforced guidelines to properly assess the necessity test for the genuine reason of 'business/employment purposes', as outlined in section 11 of the Weapons Prohibition Act 1998. Silencer permits have been issued to licence holders who have demonstrated the necessity to possess a silencer for the genuine reason of 'business/employment'.

- * 7415 WOOLLOOWARE BAY AQUACULTURE PRECINCT—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—

Further to the answers to LA QON 6970 and LA QON 7253:

- (1) Which government department/s or agency/ies is or are responsible for the Woollooware Bay Aquaculture Precinct?
- (2) Is any department or agency considering the feasibility of establishing the site as an aquaculture precinct for multiple businesses?
- (3) If yes to question (2):
- (a) Which department or agency?

- (b) When is it expected to conclude that work?
- (c) When is it expected to release the results of that work?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) The Woollooware Bay Aquaculture Precinct is jointly the responsibility of Transport for NSW (Transport) and the NSW Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD, Fisheries). Transport is responsible for land, infrastructure and delivery, while DPIRD Fisheries is responsible for aquaculture industry oversight, feasibility assessment and regulation.
- (2) Yes.
- (3) (a) Transport manages the site and infrastructure, with DPIRD Fisheries considering the feasibility of the site operating as an aquaculture precinct for multiple businesses.
(b) and (c) This is a matter for the Minister for Agriculture as DPIRD Fisheries can provide a response to timings.

* 7416 STUDENT PLACES AT COOK, MINERVA AND BATES DRIVE SCHOOLS—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) Separately for each school, how many student places were there at the Cook School, Minerva School and Bates Drive School:
 - (a) As at the date most recently available (specifying that date)?
 - (b) As at 30 June 2025?
 - (c) As at 30 June 2024?
 - (d) As at 30 June 2023?
 - (e) As at 30 June 2022?

Answer—

Specialist Education is a key focus for the Minns Labor Government in addressing teacher shortages, which grew to record levels under the former Liberal Nationals Government. Vacancies have fallen significantly as a result of the NSW Labor Government's efforts.

The Department of Education publishes data on support classes operating in NSW public schools at: <https://data.nsw.gov.au/data/dataset/nsw-education-specialist-support-classes-by-school-and-support-needs-type>. Information regarding student enrolments is publicly available on the NSW Government's Data.NSW hub.

* 7417 TOILET UPGRADES TO CARINGBAH PUBLIC SCHOOLS—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

What upgrades to toilets will occur at Caringbah North Public School and Caringbah Public School by 30 June 2028?

Answer—

School Infrastructure continues to work closely with school principals to address maintenance matters, as well as on potential opportunities to undertake further works. It is unfortunate that the Liberal National Government did not prioritise upgrades at Caringbah North Public School and Caringbah Public School during its 12 years in Government.

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The Minns Labor Government is working to tackle the significant backlog of vital maintenance projects left by the former Liberal National Government. As part of this work, our Government has delivered 612 bathroom upgrades across 484 schools at the same as delivering the schools that were promised by the Liberals and Nationals but never delivered.

I note on 22 April, ICAC released its report into the operations of School Infrastructure NSW under the former Liberal National Government and the conduct of its hand-picked former chief executive. ICAC stated that "public money that had been put aside to build and improve schools for NSW children was instead spent on jobs for friends and associates of the chief executive".

It found that under the Liberals and Nationals, the government "failed to respond to warning signs of inappropriate and corrupt conduct" and that the former CEO had "uncurbed control of SINSW operations, which permitted questionable practices to occur without real internal challenge".

A copy of ICAC's report can be found at <https://www.icac.nsw.gov.au/investigations/past-investigations/2026/school-infrastructure-nsw---operation-landan>.

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* 7418 MENAI-SUTHERLAND AFTERNOON SERVICES—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Transport, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—

- (1) How many complaints or customer feedback reports relating to overcrowding on Menai–Sutherland afternoon services have been received in the past 12 months?
- (2) Are any short-term mitigation measures (such as additional peak services, larger buses, or service retiming) being considered for afternoon peak periods?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) No complaints or customer feedback has been received about overcrowding on Menai-Sutherland afternoon services.
- (2) Transport for NSW acknowledges that during the afternoon school peak periods, there are large numbers of students travelling on school bus services from several schools in the Menai, Bangor and Barden Ridge areas towards Sutherland Station.

Transport for NSW is investigating opportunities to introduce additional capacity for students travelling from Shire Christian School. As with all transport improvements, any changes will be subject to operational constraints, including the cost of delivering extra services and the availability of resources.

* 7419 NATIONAL QUALITY STANDARDS FOR CHILDCARE CENTRES—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

According to the Daily Telegraph, 410 NSW Childcare Centres are currently rated as working towards the National Quality standards:

- (1) How many of those childcare centres in the following areas meet the standards and how many of those have failed to meet the expectations:
 - (a) Liverpool Local Government Area?
 - (b) Holsworthy Electorate?
 - (c) Sutherland Shire Local Government Area?

- (2) For the centres that have failed to meet expectations, how will their performance be managed?

Answer—

- (1) As at 1 May 2026, there were 409 NSW early childhood education and care services rated working towards the National Quality Standard (NQS).
- (a) In the Liverpool local government area, 162 services are rated meeting the NQS or higher, 18 services are rated working towards the NQS or lower, and 17 services do not have a quality rating because they are yet to be rated.
 - (b) In the State electoral division of Holsworthy, 69 services are rated meeting the NQS or higher, 5 services are rated working towards the NQS or lower, and 4 services do not have a quality rating because they are yet to be rated.
 - (c) In the Sutherland local government area, 188 services are rated meeting the NQS or higher, 15 services are rated working towards the NQS or lower, and 6 services do not have a quality rating because they are yet to be rated.
- (2) The NSW Early Learning Commission conducts regular, proactive monitoring of all services to ensure their ongoing compliance with the National Law and Regulations and sustained quality uplift. All services in NSW are expected to demonstrate an ongoing commitment to continuous improvement as part of their everyday practice, as this is central to the National Quality Framework.

The Commission has a low tolerance for services that fail to demonstrate improvement after being rated Working Towards the National Quality Standard and this approach is publicly available at https://education.nsw.gov.au/content/dam/main-education/early-childhood-education/operating-an-early-childhood-education-service/media/documents/policies/Services_rated_Working_Towards_the_National_Quality_Standard_Policy.pdf. Services rated Working Towards are subject to increased monitoring and regulatory oversight, including through more frequent inspections, and may be offered tailored improvement programs delivered by the Commission as well as the Australian Children's Education and Care Quality Authority (ACECQA).

For those services who do not make satisfactory progress following engagement with these programs or specific regulatory actions, the Commission may escalate its regulatory response, including targeted compliance action, reassessment and rating, enforcement action, or other regulatory interventions proportionate to the level of risk to children and non-compliance identified.

- * 7420 901 AND 902 BUS ROUTES—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Transport, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—

In relation to bus route 901 and bus route 902, can the Minister advise:

- (1) How many cancellations have occurred for:
- (a) Bus route 901 in:
 - (i) January?
 - (ii) February?
 - (iii) March?
 - (iv) April?
 - (b) Bus route 902 in:
 - (i) January?
 - (ii) February?

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- (iii) March?
- (iv) April?
- (2) Can the Minister provide a breakdown of these cancellations by weekdays compared to weekends?
 - (a) Bus route 901 for:
 - (i) Weekdays?
 - (ii) Weekends?
 - (b) Bus route 902 for:
 - (i) Weekdays?
 - (ii) Weekends?
- (3) Can the Minister provide a breakdown of cancellations during peak services:
 - (a) Bus route 901 for:
 - (i) AM Peak Time?
 - (ii) PM Peak Time?
 - (b) Bus route 902 for:
 - (i) AM Peak Time?
 - (ii) PM Peak Time?

Answer—

I am advised

(1)

	901 Bus Route		902 Bus Route	
	Cancellations	% Cancellations	Cancellations	% Cancellations
January	4	0.33%	1	0.08%
February	2	0.18%	2	0.18%
March	4	0.31%	2	0.16%
April	2	0.17%	3	0.26%

- (2) The breakdown of cancellations by weekdays compared to weekends:

	901 Bus Route		902 Bus Route	
	Cancellations	% Cancellations	Cancellations	% Cancellations
Weekday	10	0.26%	5	0.13%
Weekend	2	0.23%	3	0.35%

(3) The breakdown of cancellations during peak services:

* 7421 REDUCING OR DEFERRING TAXES FOR FARMERS—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Skills,

	901 Bus Route		902 Bus Route	
	Cancellations	% Cancellations	Cancellations	% Cancellations
AM Peak	3	0.23%	2	0.15%
PM Peak	5	0.32%	3	0.19%

TAFE and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

(1) Would the Minister consider reducing or deferring tax for farmers who are forced to sell cattle during drought conditions?

(a) If not, why?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1)&(a) Taxes directly relevant to the sale of cattle would mainly be the goods and services tax (GST), or company or personal income tax, all of which are the responsibility of the Australian Government.

There are tax arrangements already available to primary producers to smooth out tax obligations including five-year income averaging and the use of farm management deposits, however producers should seek professional advice relevant to their individual situation.

Further income tax relief or deferral proposals would be best referred to the Australian Government for consideration.

* 7422 INSURANCE PROVIDER PENALTIES—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Industrial Relations, and Minister for Work Health and Safety—

(1) Are penalties imposed on insurance providers who repeatedly pay claimants' service providers invoices late (beyond 10-day expectation)?

(a) If so, what do these penalties entail?

(b) If not, why?

Answer—

I am advised;

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As of April 2026, 95.4% of claimant invoices issued to Claims Service Providers (CSPs) are paid within 10 days by the relevant CSP.

The standard is established by Standard of Practice S10. Payment of invoices and reimbursements by State Insurance Regulatory Authority (SIRA).

icare will apply a performance management action plan with CSPs who fail to pay claimants within 10 days when these issues are not rectified.

Financial penalties can also be issued by icare if a CSP repeatedly fails to comply with the performance management action plan in accordance with the service agreement between icare and the CSP.

- * 7423 SILO ART FUNDING—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Transport, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—

Given the success and popularity of silo art projects across New South Wales, will the Government consider establishing dedicated funding for silo art initiatives in regional New South Wales?

Answer—

I am advised

Silo art projects are eligible under the Create NSW's Arts and Cultural Funding Program and the Regional Strategic Partnership Program. While the most recent funding rounds have closed, interested stakeholders can register for updates through the Create NSW's website: <https://www.nsw.gov.au/grants-and-funding/arts-and-cultural-funding-program>

- * 7424 MORTDALE FIRE STATION—Mr Mark Coure to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

(1) How many times was the Mortdale Fire Station temporarily offline in:

- (a) January 2025?
- (b) February 2025?
- (c) March 2025?
- (d) April 2025?
- (e) May 2025?
- (f) June 2025?
- (g) July 2025?
- (h) August 2025?
- (i) September 2025?
- (j) October 2025?
- (k) November 2025?
- (l) December 2025?
- (m) January 2026?
- (n) February 2026?

(o) March 2026?

(p) April 2026?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1)

- (a) 18
- (b) 14
- (c) 15
- (d) 16
- (e) 7
- (f) 9
- (g) 8
- (h) 13
- (i) 11
- U) 12
- (k) 9
- (l) 8
- (m) 19
- (n) 10
- (o) 7
- (p) 13

The duration can vary greatly. Per the response to Question on Notice 2565, a station can be offline for as short as 2 minutes.

* 7426 RIVERWOOD FIRE STATION—Mr Mark Coure to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

(1) How many times was the Riverwood Fire Station temporarily offline in:

- (a) January 2025?
- (b) February 2025?
- (c) March 2025?
- (d) April 2025?
- (e) May 2025?
- (f) June 2025?
- (g) July 2025?
- (h) August 2025?
- (i) September 2025?
- (j) October 2025?
- (k) November 2025?
- (l) December 2025?
- (m) January 2026?

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- (n) February 2026?
- (o) March 2026?
- (p) April 2026?

(2) Does the Government have plans to redevelop and/or expand the Riverwood Fire Station?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Zero.
- (2) Fire and Rescue NSW carries out regular and ongoing assessments of all its fire stations to determine current and future priorities for capital works and enhancements to firefighter facilities.

* 7427 BABBAGE ROAD IN ROSEVILLE AND ROSEVILLE CHASE—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—

Can the Minister provide an update to any pedestrian crossing changes being made on Babbage Road in Roseville and Roseville Chase?

Answer—

I am advised

Under the Road Safety Program, Transport for NSW is proposing to implement safety improvements on Babbage Road, Roseville Chase, consisting of the removal of the mid-block crossing, installation of pedestrian fencing along Babbage Road and construction of a new raised pedestrian crossing on Allan Street.

The project is currently in the design stage, and Transport for NSW is working closely with Ku-ring-Gai Council.

The community and local businesses were consulted on the project in late 2025. Community updates will be provided as the project advances and before construction work commences.

* 7428 ACCESS TO THE SYDNEY OPERA HOUSE—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Transport, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—

In relation to the Sydney Opera House, can the Minister provide an update on what support there is for people with a disability?

Answer—

I am advised

The Opera House is committed to providing barrier-free access and ensuring the site, building and experiences it offers are accessible and inclusive for all visitors. The Opera House delivers a broad range of accessibility services, performances, tours and programs supporting people with disability across mobility access, blind and low vision access, d/Deaf and hard of hearing access, relaxed and neurodiverse-friendly experiences, and disability-led participation.

Accessibility initiatives include mobility and concierge support services, accessible seating, ticketing arrangements, amenities and Changing Places facilities, level access tours, accessible wayfinding resources and dedicated viewing areas for major events. New lifts, escalators and level passageways allow patrons to travel independently from the Opera House car park to all levels of the Opera House, without having to navigate steps.

The Opera House offers audio described performances, tours and tactile experiences for blind and low vision patrons and support for guide dogs and assistance animals. It regularly presents captioned and

Auslan interpreted performances and tours for d/Deaf and hard of hearing patrons, and was the first major arts venue globally to install Auracast assisted listening systems alongside Frequency Modulation systems.

The Opera House supports disability-led participation and representation through dedicated programming, artist residencies, and productions featuring disabled artists and works created by and featuring people with disability.

The Sydney Opera House is also committed to fostering an inclusive and accessible workplace for staff, contractors and performers with disability, through its Workplace Adjustments Policy and through its inclusive employment initiatives and dedicated programs for people with disability, including people with intellectual disability and neurodiverse participants.

* 7429 PREMIER'S DEPARTMENT DISCLOSURES—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Premier—

(1) In relation to the Premier's Department website, when will the following updates be disclosed:

- (a) Premier and Minister's staff numbers at 31 December 2025?
- (b) Premier and Ministers' Domestic Travel Data at 31 December 2025?

Answer—

I am advised:

Information relating to Premier and minister's staff numbers can be found below:

<https://www.nsw.gov.au/departments-and-agencies/premiers-department/access-to-information/premier-and-ministers-staff-numbers>

Information relating to Premier and Ministers' Domestic Travel can be found below:

<https://www.nsw.gov.au/departments-and-agencies/premiers-department//access-to-information/premier-and-ministers-domestic-travel>

* 7430 LINDFIELD COLLEGE—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

In relation to Lindfield College, can the Minister outline what consultation took place in relation to recent changes, other than the name change?

Answer—

During 2025, the school conducted a comprehensive consultation process involving the school community, students, staff, parents, future parents and carers, the school Parents and Citizens Association, and the local Ryde Cammeray AECG. Over 1,000 responses were received. This feedback covered the areas of school communication, school leadership, factors impacting decisions to enrol, teaching approaches and student wellbeing. This feedback guided the school in the development of its 2026 – 2029 School Excellence Plan.

* 7431 TRAIN CORRIDOR BETWEEN ROSEVILLE AND GORDON—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Transport, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—

In relation to the train corridor between Roseville and Gordon, what plans are there to plant native trees and plants in the corridor?

Answer—

I am advised

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Since 1 January 2025, 171 native trees and plants have been planted between Roseville and Gordon as part of the biodiversity and replanting program, specifically through the Biodiversity Offset works at Killara Station.

There are no current plans for further planting to be carried out at this location.

* 7432 AVOCA DRIVE UPGRADE—Mr Adam Crouch to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—

- (1) For the Avoca Drive Upgrade, with an original combined budget of \$130 million (State and Federal contributions):
- (a) What is the current approved budget for the project?
 - (b) Given that the project is now not expected to commence until 2027, will the current budget be sufficient to deliver the project in full?
 - (c) What is the current estimated total cost to complete the project, including any cost escalation due to delays?
 - (d) When was the last revised cost estimate provided to Government for this project?

Answer—

I am advised

The Australian and NSW governments have committed \$130 million to upgrade Avoca Drive, Kincumber. The project remains within its allocated budget.

* 7433 COMMUNITY PRESCHOOLS—Mr Adam Crouch to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

In relation to Pretty Beach Community Preschool and Kinburra Preschool, Kincumber, can the Minister advise:

- (1) How much funding do they each receive in Start Strong Funding in 2026?
- (2) How does this compare to funding last year in 2025?
- (3) What impact will this change in funding have on both the Pretty Beach Community Preschool and Kinburra Preschool, Kincumber?

Answer—

Please refer to LA QON 7197.

* 7434 UPGRADE OF TUMBI ROAD AND CENTRAL COAST HIGHWAY INTERSECTION—Mr Adam Crouch to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—

- (1) What is the current expended budget of the Tumbi Road and Central Coast Highway intersection upgrade?
- (2) Why was the project's completion date pushed back from 2027 to 2028?
 - (a) Will the allocated \$65.5 million budget be sufficient to deliver the project in full, noting an additional year of works?
- (3) When was the last revised cost estimate provided to Government for this project?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) Central Coast Highway, Tumby Road intersection upgrade was awarded to Daracon. As per the State Budget Paper No. 3 (Infrastructure Statement) 2025-26 the expenditure to end of FY 25 was \$15.145 million, with an allocation of \$15.508 million in FY 2026.
- (2) The project's new completion date is based on the timing of the engagement of the main contractor.
 - (a) The project remains within its allocated budget.
- (3) The cost estimate for the project is reviewed regularly. The project remains within its allocated budget.

* 7435 DRUMMOYNE LOW AND MID-RISE HOUSING - PLANNING—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) What formal assessment records and supporting evidence did the Planning Department rely on to deem that Drummoyne be included in the Low and Mid-Rise Housing Policy area, despite the City of Canada Bay Council's objections?
- (2) What bus and ferry service data, transport analysis, service frequency information or advice from Transport for NSW was used to assess that Drummoyne met the public transport criteria for inclusion in the policy?
- (3) How did the Department consider and respond to Canada Bay Council's formal submission of 22 February 2024 and subsequent feedback from workshop comments requesting that Drummoyne be excluded from the policy?
- (4) Why was Drummoyne retained in the final list of Low and Mid-Rise Housing areas when other centres around Sydney were excluded following council workshops?
- (5) Are there pre-Executive Council assessment documents (for example, technical assessments, officer recommendations or centre comparison tables) relating to Drummoyne that can be publicly released?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The Department's approach to selecting Low and Mid-Rise housing areas is publicly available on the Department's website at www.planning.nsw.gov.au/policy-and-legislation/housing/low-and-mid-rise-housing-policy/site-selection.
- (2) The Department considered public transport in Drummoyne using transport data and advice from Transport for NSW, some of which is publicly available.
- (3) City of Canada Bay Council's submission and feedback, provided through workshops, were considered as part of the policy development process. A summary of the engagement outcomes is publicly available at www.planning.nsw.gov.au/policy-and-legislation/housing/low-and-mid-rise-housing-policy/feedback-on-the-low-and-mid-rise-housing-policy.
- (4) Council feedback was used to inform the process for selection of centres, rather than to determine final outcomes.
- (5) Government information relating to the selection process is Cabinet-in-confidence.

* 7436 DRUMMOYNE LOW AND MID-RISE HOUSING - TRANSPORT—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Transport, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—

- (1) What bus and ferry service data, transport analysis, service frequency information or advice from Transport for NSW was provided to the Planning Department to assist in the assessment that Drummoyne met the public transport criteria for inclusion in the Government's Low and Mid Rise Housing policy?

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Answer—

I am advised

The Low and Mid Rise Housing Policy is about ensuring more homes are built in areas that are well-served by town centres and good public transport, so people can quickly and easily get to where they need to be. This means that more people will be able to live within walking distance of supermarkets, restaurants, and good public transport to get them to work and other places.

In selecting the sites for the policy to apply, Transport for NSW were provided with the opportunity to review and make comment on the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure's criteria for the selection sites. The criteria included proximity to essential services, major centres and public transport.

* 7437 RHODES TRAIN STATION—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Transport, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—

- (1) Can the Minister provide information about the delivery of an upgrade to the Rhodes Train Station Platform and provide the following information:
 - (a) Targeted opening date?
 - (b) Any negotiations that are currently being worked through with developers to support the growing population?
 - (c) Desired construction start date?
 - (d) Budget for this project?
- (2) Is Transport for NSW aware that the Rhodes train station platform often becomes overcrowded and causes an unacceptable public safety risk in peak hours?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) Transport for NSW is working with the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure, City of Canada Bay Council, and adjacent developers to monitor the timing and scale of development around Rhodes Station and the impact growth has on station usage. This coordinated approach helps ensure the timing and scale of growth are well understood and aligned with future station needs.

While Transport for NSW is not currently progressing with a plan for the delivery of an upgrade to Rhodes train station platform, it will continue assessing long-term requirements and opportunities for upgrades, while prioritising evidence-based planning and network-wide investment strategies.

- (2) The safety of passengers and staff is Transport for NSW's highest priority. Sydney Trains has Customer Management Plans in place for all stations, including Rhodes, should train platforms become overcrowded.

* 7438 BURWOOD NORTH REZONING—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) Is the Department of Planning aware of The Sydney Turpentine Iron-Bark Forest (TEC) located in Queen Elizabeth Park, Concord?
- (2) As the Forest is listed as Critically Endangered Ecological Community (CEEC) under the Environment Protection Authority and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (EPBC Act), what protections have been enacted by the Department to ensure no adverse environmental outcomes on the Forest and plant and bird life?
- (3) Has the Department assessed shadow casting from adjacent buildings into the Forest?
 - (a) If so, what protections will be imposed to protect the Forest?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Department is aware the Sydney Turpentine Iron-Bark Forest in Queen Elizabeth Park is directly outside the boundary of the Burwood North Metro Precinct. As part of the proposed rezoning of the precinct, the Department will assess if there is any overshadowing impact to the forest. The assessment will consider the Biodiversity Vegetation Assessment Report commissioned by the Department and feedback received during the recent exhibition, including from the NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, Environment and Water.

- * 7439 DRUMMOYNE LOW AND MID-RISE HOUSING - ROADS—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—

What, if any traffic data and analysis, in respect to capacity and traffic along Victoria Road and surrounding streets in Drummoyne was provided to the Planning Department to assist in the assessment that Drummoyne met the planning criteria for inclusion in the Government's Low and Mid Rise Housing policy?

Answer—

I am advised

I refer to the response to LA 7436.

- * 7440 500X BUS ROUTE—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Transport, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—

- (1) Will the 500X be retired upon the return of the 52?
- (2) Will the 52 stop less frequently in Drummoyne?
- (3) How will the Department ensure Drummoyne commuters will not be worse off?
- (4) Will the 52 stop at Victoria Road near Westbourne Street?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) From June 21, the 500X will be replaced with the new route 52, which will operate a more frequent 24-hour service, with services every 10 minutes during the day, every 20 minutes in the early morning and late evening, and every 30 minutes overnight. This new service will provide direct connections between Parramatta, Ryde and the Sydney CBD via Victoria Road. To cater for passenger demand the new service will be operated by high-capacity bendy buses, including 13 of the 50 new bendy buses now being delivered for Sydney's busiest bus routes.
- (2) Between Top Ryde and the City, the stopping pattern on route 52 will mostly replicate the stopping pattern of route 500X (including in Drummoyne), to improve travel times.
- (3) Transport for NSW is committed to providing the best possible services for passengers and continually monitors the bus network and makes changes, as required, subject to driver, bus and funding availability.
- (4) Route 52 will continue to stop at the bus stops on Victoria Road near Westbourne Street, in both directions.

Passengers are encouraged to plan their journeys ahead of the changes by visiting transportnsw.info and using the trip planner.

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* 7441 QUEENS ROAD, FIVE DOCK AND GIPPS AND PATTERSON STREETS, CONCORD—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—

- (1) During the Environmental Impact Statement for significant developments along Queens Road in Five Dock, approvals were given for construction trucks containing spoil to use Queens Road, Gipps Street and Patterson Streets, Why did Transport for NSW permit this use considering Gipps Street has a 3T limit and nearby Parramatta Road could accommodate these trucks?
- (2) When will Transport for NSW reseal these roads which are becoming degraded due to the frequent use of these trucks?
- (3) What safety measures has Transport enacted on these roads?
- (4) Is the 3Tonne Limit signage along Gipps St and Patterson Street adequate?
 - (a) If so, when was the signage last audited?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) Transport for NSW and the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure provided the Sydney Metro West project the relevant Conditions of Approval to use Gipps Street (between Loftus Street and Patterson Street) and Patterson Street (between Gipps Street and Concord Road) for construction haulage. The project is also permitted to use vehicles greater than 3 tonnes on Gipps Street.

The Sydney Metro West project does not use Queens Road in its construction activities.

Sydney Metro undertakes a rigorous process when planning construction activities and adheres to strict conditions to ensure construction impacts are minimised and mitigated.

- (2) The Sydney Metro West project adheres to the relevant Conditions of Approval should there be any road damage which has occurred as a result of the project's construction activities.
- (3) Sydney Metro's construction contractor developed a Construction Traffic Management Plan (CTMP) that details the traffic management arrangements, traffic devices and signage implemented to ensure the safe movement of construction vehicles to and from the site. A Road Safety Audit of the CTMP was also completed.
- (4) Transport for NSW has assessed there is adequate signage along Gipps Street to inform motorists of the 3-tonne load limit. Signage is installed at key decision-making points, such as the Patterson Street and Concord Road intersection, and relevant intersecting side streets, leading up to Gipps Street.

It should be noted that industrial businesses along Gipps Street/Queens Road are exempt from the 3T load limit as per Road Rule 104 as they have a destination within the load limit area.

* 7442 VICTORIA ROAD TIDAL FLOW SYSTEM—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—

In relation to LA QON 7294:

- (1) What metrics is Transport for NSW using to assess the improvement or deterioration of traffic conditions as a result of this trial?
- (2) Has the pausing of the tidal flow system made traffic improvements in Drummoyne?
- (3) What community consultation was conducted before the trial was enacted?
- (4) Were Members of Parliament made aware?
- (5) What improvements have the changes made to bus travel times?

- (6) Has the detailed review been finalised?
- (7) Will the detailed review be released?
- (8) Will it be publicly available for the community to review and provide comment?

Answer—

I am advised

Transport for NSW is assessing the travel time of both general traffic and buses between Huntleys Cove and Park Avenue in Drummoyne in both directions. Transport for NSW is also reviewing the traffic volume and comparing this with previous years. The trial was expected to improve travel time for bus passengers in both directions and improve travel time for general traffic in the westbound direction, with travel time maintained in the city bound direction.

The public was notified of the trial via Live Traffic Updates and Variable Message Signs on Victoria Road.

Transport for NSW has reviewed data from the first few months of the trial and will share preliminary findings soon.

- * 7443 LIME BIKES—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Transport, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—

In reference to the Government lifting the prohibition of lime bikes in the City of Canada Bay Council area:

- (1) What regulatory powers have been given to Council to remove Lime bikes that have been left abandoned, particularly in residential streets?
- (2) What regulatory powers have been given to Council to manage Lime bikes that pose a significant public safety risk, are left abandoned on roads, or are piled up and cause visual amenity impacts?
- (3) How does the Government regulate the necessity for helmets on these share bikes?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) & (2) Currently, NSW is still operating under voluntary arrangements between councils and sharing scheme operators. The Road Transport and Other Legislation Amendment (Micromobility Vehicles and Smartcards) Bill 2025 passed NSW Parliament in November 2025, and the draft regulations are being finalised based on feedback received during an extended consultation with key stakeholders. When the new regulatory framework takes effect, Transport for NSW, councils and operators will all have a role in managing sharing schemes.

Transport for NSW and councils will have stronger powers to hold operators to account against strict regulatory requirements. In the meantime, councils can take action under the Public Spaces (Unattended Property) Act 2021 to remove shared bikes that are parked in a way that is obstructing access to or within a public space or causing risk to people or environment.

- (3) When the regulations are made and the new framework takes effect, sharing scheme operators will be required to ensure that each device they make available for hire is equipped with an approved bicycle helmet, and can be penalised for non-compliance. Operators who are repeatedly non-compliant with this requirement may have their operator approval suspended or revoked.

- * 7444 NSW DRUG CHECKING TRIAL—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

- (1) Has assessment begun on the NSW drug checking trial to determine whether it reduced risks and harms associated with illicit drug use at music festivals?

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- (a) If so, when did it begin?
- (b) If so, who is undertaking the assessment and who is being consulted?
- (c) If not, when will it begin?
- (d) If not, who will undertake the assessment and who will be consulted?
- (2) Will there be a report on the assessment?
 - (a) If so, will it be public?
- (3) What steps will the Government take to respond to the assessment?
- (4) What is the expected timeframe for assessment and Government response?
- (5) Will drug checking resume at music festivals ahead of the summer music festivals season?
 - (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

I'm advised:

Researchers from the University of Sydney have undertaken an independent evaluation of the NSW drug checking trial. The Government plans to make the evaluation report public.

- * 7445 LIGHT RAIL PUBLIC TRANSPORT FOR SYDNEY FISH MARKET—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Transport, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—

With regard to the new Sydney Fish Market that opened in January 2026:

- (1) How does the Government plan to deal with overcrowding at the Wentworth Park light rail stop on the L1 Dulwich Hill Line while waiting for the platform upgrade works to be completed?
- (2) What data does the Government have on public transit through the Wentworth Park light rail stop?
- (3) When will the upgrades to the Wentworth Park light rail stop be completed?
- (4) Will upgrade works at the Wentworth Park light rail stop necessitate its closure for the duration?
 - (a) If so, for how long?
- (5) How will the Government future proof the public transport light rail access to the Sydney Fish Market to meet projected demand?
- (6) What steps are the Government taking to improve public transport services to the Sydney Fish Market?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) Transport for NSW (Transport) monitors patronage trends and service performance across the L1 Dulwich Hill Line. This includes monitoring during major community events, periods of increased demand, and assessing potential service increases where required. Adjustments are considered following a detailed review of customer travel patterns over a representative period to ensure changes align with demand. Since June 2023, Transport has implemented more than 650 additional weekly services to L1 Dulwich Hill Line. In November 2025, Transport implemented an additional 150 weekly services to address the increase in demand ahead of the opening of the new Sydney Fish Market. Should forecasted crowd volumes warrant, or platform closure be required, then supplementary bussing will be arranged.

Transport has also installed two additional Opal readers on the platform to improve the flow of passengers alighting at Wentworth Park light rail stop.

- (2) Transport collects data on public transport usage at the Wentworth Park light rail stop, including patronage data derived from Opal tap-on and tap-off records. In addition, the Wentworth Park L1 upgrade project has undertaken pedestrian and traffic counts at the light rail stop and surrounding areas and has data of passenger movement patterns and journeys to and from Wentworth Park light rail stop. Counts were undertaken in February 2026 at the below three locations. Pedestrian counts were undertaken at all three locations, while traffic counts were undertaken at location 2 and location 3.

- Location 1 - Wentworth Park light rail stop
- Location 2 - Wattle Street signalised crossing
- Location 3 - Bridge Road, Pyrmont Bridge Road and Wattle Street intersection

- (3) The project is currently in the planning phase as part of the NSW Government's Safe Accessible Transport program.

Transport is undertaking site investigations and developing concept designs to inform the scope of the upgrade. A construction timeline, including completion dates, will be confirmed once planning, design development and procurement processes are finalised. Transport will continue to keep the community informed as the project progresses, including key milestones and expected delivery timeframes.

- (4) Transport will determine access arrangements for the Wentworth Park light rail stop as part of detailed design and construction planning. Any requirement for temporary stop closures, and their duration, will be confirmed once the construction methodology is finalised. Works will be carefully staged to minimise disruption to passengers and maintain services where possible. Further information will be provided to the community ahead of construction.
- (5) The number of services to be provided on the network in the future is actively considered by Transport on an ongoing basis. Additionally, Transport is future-proofing the network by continuing to manage overcrowding through timetable adjustments, operational and reliability improvements.
- (6) In November 2025, Transport introduced approximately 150 extra L1 Dulwich Hill light rail services per week to cater for the increased demand that was going to be generated by customers travelling to and from the new Sydney Fish Market. Key changes include a six-minute frequency on weekends between 10am-7pm and increasing the frequency to every 10 minutes in the evenings.

The NSW Government has committed to the construction of a commuter ferry wharf at the Sydney Fish Market. Upon completion of the wharf, the new Fish Market will be served by a ferry service linking it to Barangaroo.

* 7446 MANAGING THE AFFAIRS OF PEOPLE UNDER FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AND/OR GUARDIANSHIP ORDERS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Attorney General—

- (1) Can the Attorney General provide a detailed update on the action the Government is taking in response to the recommendations of the 2023 Audit Office of New South Wales report Managing the affairs of people under financial management and/or guardianship orders?
- (2) Will the Government consider a formal framework for supported decision-making for the NSW Trustee and Guardian?

Answer—

I am advised:

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- (1) NSW Trustee and Guardian (NSWTG) accepted the recommendations from the Audit Office (either in full or in principle) and provided a progress update to the Legislative Assembly's Public Accounts Committee in November 2024. A key development has been the funding of NSWTG's IT legacy systems modernisation program, which is funded for three years and has co-dependencies with several of the planned initiatives to address the Auditor-General's recommendations.

In 2024, NSWTG established an Advisory Group in response to the Audit Office's recommendations, to ensure that the voice of customers and represented people is included in decision-making about NSWTG's strategic direction and services, and how these are delivered to customers. NSWTG has also partnered with the Intellectual Disability Rights Service to design and implement a training program for frontline staff working with customers with intellectual disability, the largest NSWTG customer cohort.

NSWTG continues to remain focussed on implementing the recommendations to enable it to continue to provide financial management and guardianship services more effectively and efficiently.

- (2) NSWTG's legal framework governs its role and the services it provides to customers. For customers who have a financial management order or guardianship order in place, decisions are made in accordance with the principles set out in its governing legislation, giving paramount consideration to our customers' welfare and interests. Wherever possible, the views of customers are sought. This means talking to the customer and important people in their life.

NSWTG and the Council for Intellectual Disability have commenced the Will, Preference and Capability project. This is a time-limited project to develop and trial a tool that records the will, preferences, capability barriers and enablers, and social history of a cohort of NSWTG customers. It aims to use a supported decision-making approach for NSWTG customers. The project operates within NSWTG's existing statutory role under the Guardianship Act 1987 and the NSW Trustee and Guardian Act 2009. The project outcomes will be used to inform future NSWTG operational practice.

* 7447 **OVERCROWDING ON SYDNEY LIGHT RAIL**—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Transport, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—

- (1) What data does the Government have on public transit numbers on the L1, L2 and L3 lines:
- (a) During the last twelve months?
 - (b) During peak and interpeak periods?
- (2) How does the Government plan to deal with overcrowding on the L1, L2 and L3 lines?
- (3) How is the Government assessing the safety of passengers during peak period overcrowding on light rail services?
- (4) Has there been a reduction in Alstom Citadis light rail vehicles operating on the L2 and L3 lines in the last twelve months?
- (a) If so, why?
- (5) What steps are the Government taking to increase public transport services on the L1, L2 and L3 lines?
- (6) How will the Government future proof the L1, L2 and L3 lines to meet growing passenger demand?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) Light rail patronage data for L1, L2, and L3 for the last 12 months (May 2025 to April 2026), including average weekday (excluding weekend and public holidays) boardings and a breakdown by AM peak, interpeak, and PM peak is shown below.
- (a) During the last twelve months, the average weekday daily boardings were 21,632 for L1, 43,422 for L2, and 43,972 for L3, giving a total of 109,026 average weekday daily boardings across the three lines.
- (b) Average weekday daily boardings by time period over the last 12 months

*Boardings Is based on Opal allocation model. It includes passenger interchange data and may have been adjusted as part of data cleaning and some transformations might have been applied to treat the data

Mode	Operator/Line	Average weekday [^] daily boardings* during AM peak (6-10am) during last 12 months (May 2025 to April 2026)	Average weekday daily boardings during interpeak (10am-3pm) during last 12 months (May 2025 to April 2026)	Average weekday daily boardings during PM peak (3-7pm) during last 12 months (May 2025 to April 2026)
Light Rail	L1	5,094	6,233	7,510
	L2	8,997	13,455	14,907
	L3	8,223	13,658	15,296
	Total	22,314	33,346	37,713

cleansing. It should be used in caution while reconciling with other data sources.

*LI patronage data is close to pre-COVID levels - the data does not include up to 1,000 trips per day by The Star staff, some school students and fare evaders.

[^] A Weekday excludes public holidays & weekend

- (2) Transport for NSW (Transport) regularly reviews patronage trends and service performance across L, L2 and L3 light rail lines. This includes monitoring during major community events and periods of increased demand, and assessing potential service increases where required.

Adjustments are considered following a detailed review of customer travel patterns over a representative period to ensure changes align with demand.

- (3) During peak periods and events, the safety of passengers under overcrowding conditions is assessed through formal risk management processes by Transport and Sydney Light Rail Operator Maintainer (O&M) AL TRAC and its subcontractor Transdev. These processes evaluate the likelihood of incidents, potential consequences, and appropriate mitigation measures.

Mitigation measures include the deployment of Customer Service Officers (CSOs) at light rail stops to assist passengers and support safe boarding and alighting across light rail platforms and services as well as timetable and service adjustments to manage demand.

Customer loading and service conditions are also monitored in real time through Transdev's

Operational Control Centre, including during peak periods and major events; and drivers also report crowding and passengers left behind on platforms. These arrangements support the safe operation of services during periods of increased demand.

- (4) There has been a reduction in Alstom Citadis light rail vehicles operating on L2 and L3 lines in the last twelve months. Fleet constraints were experienced during March and April 2026 for

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unscheduled light rail vehicle maintenance, unplanned flood related vehicle faults and a program of Citadis battery testing and changeover in response to recent thermal events. During this time supplementary bussing was arranged to address any shortfalls in light rail services. The O&M has forecast full fleet availability by August 2026 and until that time, fleet shortfalls may occur on some days.

The L1 Cracking Rectification Program has completed and all Urbos light rail vehicles are available for service, O&M will now review their deployment of Citadis loan vehicles on L1 and redirect these back to L2 and L3 where practical.

- (5) Transport and O&M monitors patronage, customer feedback and regularly reviews L 1, L2, L3 timetables to identify where demand is close to or exceeding capacity.

For example, in early 2025, analysis for L1 identified that demand challenges were being experienced between 11am and 7pm on both Saturdays and Sundays between Central Grand and Fish Market stops. As such, a service uplift to improve headways from 10 minutes to Sminute frequency was implemented on 29 March 2025. A further comprehensive L 1 timetable review was carried out mid-2025 and an uplift implemented on 21 November 2025 to address general post COVID patronage growth, recent developments along the L1 corridor and to meet the demands of the New Sydney Fish Market. Since June 2023, L 1 service uplifts have provided more than 650 additional services (refer to Table 1 below). A review of L2L3 patronage and timetable is scheduled for second half of 2026.

Transport regularly delivers service changes in times of higher demand, these include:

- (i) Service uplifts in Sydney CBD (Circular Quay to Central) during Sydney Trains City Circle closures (L2, L3);
 - (ii) Shuttle services between Central and Randwick on weekday morning and afternoon peaks for school/university students (L2, L3), an additional 12 services were added in late 2025 to address demand;
 - (iii) Shuttle services for sporting events and concerts held in the Moore Park precinct; and races held at Royal Randwick (L2, L3);
 - (iv) Service upifts during large public events such as VIVID and New Years Eve (L 1, L2, L3).
- (6) The Sydney Light Rail network incorporates features designed to support future service growth, including a power system capable of accommodating increased services.

Additional vehicles were procured for L2L3 to also cater for growing passenger demand. During the L1 cracking rectification program (now completed}, these vehicles were temporarily deployed to L1.

The number of services to be provided on the network in the future is actively considered by Transport on an ongoing basis.

* 7448 SMOKE-FREE ZONES IN PEDESTRIAN AREAS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

- (1) How does the Government enforce the ban on smoking and vaping within four metres of pedestrian access points to public buildings?
- (2) What consideration has the Government given to making the Sydney CBD a smoke-free zone?
- (3) What consideration has the Government given to establishing designated smoking zones in the Sydney CBD to ensure high-traffic pedestrian areas remain smoke-free?
- (4) Has the Government evaluated the use of designated smoking zones in jurisdictions such as the Philippines and Japan?
- (5) What steps are the Government taking to ensure pedestrians on Sydney's narrow streets are not exposed to second-hand smoke?

Answer—

I'm advised:

NSW Health Inspectors enforce the ban within 4 metres of an entrance to or exit from a public building under the Smoke-free Environment Act 2000. On the spot fines of \$300 may apply to individuals who do not comply with the '4 metre law', including at hospitality venues.

Outdoor smoking restrictions also limit where smoking can occur on streets, with smoking and vaping banned at public transport stops such as bus stops and taxi ranks.

Some NSW councils have introduced smoking bans in council-controlled outdoor areas, such as beaches, malls and parks. Local council rangers are responsible for enforcing smoke-free areas that have been introduced by a council.

NSW Health continues to monitor the evidence and implementation of smoking restrictions across jurisdictions to inform future directions and activities to strengthen smoke-free areas across the state.

* 7449 TAXI TRANSPORT SUBSIDY SCHEME FOR RIDESHARE PROVIDERS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Transport, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—

With regard to the independent Uber trial of subsidised services for community members with disability in 2026:

- (1) Has the Government evaluated the success of Uber's trial of subsidised services for community members with disability?
 - (a) If so, what percentage of trial participants reported that they support the permanent inclusion of rideshare in state-funded taxi subsidy schemes?
- (2) What steps are the Government taking to improve access to point-to-point transport services for people with disability?
- (3) What consideration has the Government given to extending the Taxi Transport Subsidy Scheme to include rideshare providers?
- (4) How will the Government's \$15 million emergency funding package be spent to ensure better transport support services for people with disability?
- (5) Will the Government consider extending the Taxi Transport Subsidy Scheme to rideshare providers to address the critical shortage of wheelchair accessible taxis in New South Wales?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) Transport is aware of the Uber trial of subsidised services for community members with disability. As reported by Uber, they conducted a three-month pilot across NSW, QLD, WA, TAS, SA and ACT which included 148 participants across both metro and non-metro areas. In their summary report, Uber notes pilot KPIs around reliability, independence and empowerment, confidence and overall user sentiment, all measured through surveys.
- (2) Following a series of roundtable discussions on the availability of wheelchair accessible services, the NSW Government responded to the Key Findings Report on 20 December 2024 by announcing a phased approach that committed to delivering actions which build sustainability and growth in the sector, and also improve wheelchair accessible services for people with disability and others who depend on these services to attend necessary health appointments, access employment and education services, and engage in broader social and community activities.

In the short term, the NSW Government is taking steps to help reserve the decline of wheelchair accessible services. This is being implemented via a \$15 million Emergency Funding Package. This

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package is currently being delivered over a 12-month period by both Transport for NSW and the NSW Point to Point Transport Commission. The \$15 million Emergency Funding Package includes:

- Up to \$12 million for the Wheelchair Accessible Taxi Driver Incentive Scheme to introduce a dynamic approach that increases the standard day rate for drivers, creates a higher rate for nights and creates a fixed public holiday rate to encourage greater availability at night and on public holidays.
- Over \$2 million in funding for WAT Operational Support Grants to assist with the higher costs associated with maintaining and operating a wheelchair accessible taxi compared to a standard taxi.
- \$750,000 for the development of standardised driver training courses, including an online component. The training is being developed in consultation with people with disability and will address improved customer outcomes and safety. People with disability will also be involved in supporting the delivery of training. Refresher courses will also be developed.

In addition to the \$15 million Emergency Funding Package, Transport for NSW also made available a further \$5 million for the existing Wheelchair Accessible Taxi Loan Scheme and set a new maximum loan value of \$125,000 to enable more interest-free loans to be offered to the taxi industry for the purchase and modification of vehicles as compliant wheelchair accessible taxis.

The NSW Government has also undertaken more lasting changes that protect passengers and penalise poor behaviour by operators. These reforms include:

- Introducing a disqualifying offence for drivers convicted of two or more refusals of a passenger travelling with an assistance animal or assistance animal in training, and the tripling of the fine for those animal refusal offences to \$3,000.
 - Tripling the fines to \$3,000 for first fare-related offences around overcharging, refusing fares and refusing to use a meter.
 - Introducing a \$60 flat fare from Sydney Airport to the CBD to eradicate rip-offs that blight the experience of visitors and tourists.
 - Drafting new regulations to fine taxi drivers \$3,000 for refusing to accept travel subsidy vouchers and cards from eligible participants.
 - Increasing the fine for taxi drivers who start the meter before a passenger in a wheelchair is safely secured in the vehicle from \$300 to \$3,000.
- (3) Transport for NSW is investigating new service models for accessible point to point services. This work will inform the NSW Government's potential approach to delivering provider-neutral incentives and subsidies across the point-to-point transport industry, including wheelchair accessible services.
- (4) Refer to Question 2.
- (5) Refer to the response to Question 3.

* 7450 HARBOUR PARK - BARANGAROO—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, Minister for Sport, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—

- (1) Why has the Government sought extensions on the Planning Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements for the Harbour Park twice?
- (2) Is Infrastructure NSW working towards lodging the environmental impact statement with NSW Planning by 9 December 2026?
 - (a) If so, when is it expected to be lodged?

- (b) If not, why not and what is the planned process for seeking planning approval for the Harbour Park and Barangaroo?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) The Government sought extensions to the Planning Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements for Harbour Park to ensure the environmental assessment remains robust and reflects the full Barangaroo precinct context, rather than considering Harbour Park in isolation. Planning is progressing in coordination with the wider Barangaroo precinct to ensure the best public outcome.
- (2) Infrastructure NSW continues to progress planning for Harbour Park as part of the broader Barangaroo precinct.
 - (a) An Environmental Assessment will be lodged once delivery arrangements and precinct integration are progressed.
 - (b) Planning is being undertaken in a coordinated, precinct-wide manner to ensure Harbour Park is delivered as an important piece of public open space and construction impacts on the community are appropriately managed. Harbour Park will go through a formal planning and consultation process before construction.

- * 7451 CAMMERAYGAL HIGH SCHOOL—Mr Tim James to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

In relation to Cammeraygal High School:

- (1) Did the Department consider purchasing the adjacent property to the Cammeraygal High School Senior Campus at 8 Rodborough Ave, Crows Nest?
- (2) Are there any plans to expand the school's capacity with land acquisitions to address current capacity constraints and future proof capacity?

Answer—

Upon coming to office, the Minns Labor Government commissioned an Enrolment Growth Audit to ensure schools are delivered where and when they are needed. In response to the recommendations, the Department of Education has improved its enrolment projections, using local, more granular data for planning, collaborating with councils and developers, prioritising land in growth areas, improving coordination across government and better monitoring high growth regions.

As part of this work the Department also more closely monitors population growth and enrolment demand. This includes analysing current and projected student numbers, residential development and the capacity of existing schools to ensure appropriate provision for local communities.

The department will continue to monitor population projections, development activities and enrolment trends to inform school infrastructure planning.

The enrolment growth audit was required due to the failures of the Liberal National Government. I note on 22 April, ICAC released its report into the operations of School Infrastructure NSW under the former Liberal National Government and the conduct of the Liberals' hand-picked former chief executive. The report outlined that staff were asked to change population data which had the "effect of diverting funds from North West and South West Sydney".

ICAC stated that "public money that had been put aside to build and improve schools for NSW children was instead spent on jobs for friends and associates of the chief executive".

It found that under the Liberals and Nationals, the government "failed to respond to warning signs of inappropriate and corrupt conduct" and that the former CEO had "uncurbed control of SINSW operations, which permitted questionable practices to occur without real internal challenge".

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The Member can read more about how school infrastructure was managed by the former Liberal National Government at <https://www.icac.nsw.gov.au/investigations/past-investigations/2026/school-infrastructure-nsw--operation-landan>

- * 7452 RESURFACING WILLOUGHBY ROAD—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—

What is the timeline for the resurfacing of the section of Willoughby Road, Willoughby from the Gore Hill freeway on-ramp to Garland Road?

Answer—

I am advised

ConnectSydney, on behalf of Transport for NSW, plans to scope this location by the end of the 2026 Financial Year. The results of this planned activity will influence future works.

Following the completion of scoping, ConnectSydney anticipates project delivery will commence within the 2027 Financial Year.

- * 7453 ALCOHOL ADVERTISING—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Treaty, Minister for Gaming and Racing, Minister for Veterans, Minister for Medical Research, and Minister for the Central Coast—

- (1) Is the Government considering any measures to restrict alcohol advertising at and around transport hubs, including adjacent privately owned precincts?
- (2) What current safeguards are in place to protect children who regularly pass through transport hubs from alcohol advertising?

Answer—

The NSW Government is not currently considering changes to the restrictions of liquor promotion at and around transport hubs, as it has not been a significant issue raised by the community.

Alcohol advertising by alcohol brands including in and around transport hubs are regulated under a national framework known as the Alcohol Beverages Advertising scheme (ABAC). It applies to marketing strategies across various formats and state and territory boundaries. The ABAC Responsible Alcohol Marketing Code sets key standards for the responsible content and placement of alcohol marketing in Australia: <https://abac.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/ABAC-Responsible-Alcohol-Marketing-Code-21-5-25.pdf>

In NSW, there are strict controls governing the promotion of alcohol products.

In relation to liquor promotions by licensees, licensees have obligations under the Liquor Act 2007 to maintain responsible attitudes and practices towards promoting and selling liquor.

Licensees must comply with the principles and related standards set out in the Liquor Promotion Guidelines: <https://www.nsw.gov.au/sites/default/files/noindex/2025-03/gl4001-liquor-promotion-guidelines.pdf>. These guidelines convey principles for running promotions responsibly and help to set standards for licensees to follow by providing examples of unacceptable practices. If a licensee runs a promotion that is inconsistent with any of the principles or related standards set out in the Guidelines, including having special appeal to minors, they may be subject to regulatory action. Liquor & Gaming NSW actively monitors liquor promotions run by licensed venues and also assesses complaints raised by the public.

The Liquor Act 2007 contains clear provisions that enable Liquor & Gaming NSW or the Minister to protect minors from liquor products that may appeal to them by prohibiting them from being sold, supplied or promoted. A liquor product may be declared undesirable if, relevantly, the name, design or packaging that is being promoted on a transport hub or anywhere else, is likely to be attractive to minors, the product is likely, for any reason, to be confused with soft drinks or confectionary, or is for any other reason likely to have a special appeal to minors.

Alcohol brand advertising at transport hubs is a matter for the Minister for Transport.

- * 7454 WEEDING AROUND ARTARMON STATION—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Transport, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—

In relation to the rail corridor in the vicinity of Artarmon railway station:

- (1) Is there any program of ongoing and regular weeding at this location?
- (2) Are any plantings of native or weed resistant plants planned at the location?

Answer—

I am advised

Sydney Trains has a Priority Weed Management Program that is focused on reducing the impact of weeds in accordance with the NSW Biosecurity Act 2015. This program is not strictly cyclic but is undertaken at the most appropriate times to mitigate weed propagation.

There are currently no plans to plant native or specialized weed-resistant plants in the area concerned.

- * 7455 TRAFFIC LIGHTS AT THE INTERSECTION OF GERARD AND MACPHERSON STREETS—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—

In follow up to LA QON 5144 in relation to the installation of traffic lights at the intersection of Gerard and Macpherson Streets, Cremorne:

- (1) What is the status of this project?
- (2) When is the installation of the traffic lights planned?

Answer—

I am advised

Transport for NSW is working with North Sydney Council to refine the design options for the signalisation of Macpherson Street and Gerard Street, Cremorne to enhance pedestrian safety at this intersection.

North Sydney Council is currently finalising the design, incorporating technical feedback provided by Transport for NSW.

As the design work is still underway, an installation timeframe is not yet available.

- * 7456 NEIGHBOURHOOD PROGRAMS—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

- (1) What proactive reporting and communications are in place to keep local communities informed about crime trends and specific incidents in their area?
- (2) Is the Government considering expanding community outreach and engagement through Neighbourhood Watch type programs and social media channels to improve crime awareness and prevention?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The NSW Police Force proactively reports through a range of media, including television, radio, online news platforms and social media, to keep communities informed about major unfolding events, public safety risks, crime prevention and community policing initiatives. Information is also disseminated through press releases, media conferences, public safety alerts and community safety campaigns.

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- (2) NSW Police Force Crime Prevention Officers continue to support Neighbourhood Watch by acting as a central police contact, participating in community meetings, sharing information on local crime trends and policing issues, and assisting with activities and events that aim to prevent and reduce crime.

The NSW Police Force maintains the Eyewatch program consisting of Facebook pages that communicate updates on local crime, incidents and emergencies, crime prevention advice, safety messaging and requests for public assistance.

The NSW Police Force is also trialling Eyewatch Instagram pages with the aim of expanding the program to engage with broader audiences, including young people.

- * 7457 147 AND 149 MOWBRAY ROAD—Mr Tim James to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

In relation to the Department of Education owned sites at 147 and 149 Mowbray Road, Willoughby that adjoin Willoughby Girls High School:

- (1) Are these two properties planned to be incorporated into the grounds of Willoughby Girls High School?
- (a) If so, what is the timeline for this to occur?
- (b) What facilities will be built on the land?

Answer—

The sites mentioned are owned by the department and within Willoughby Girls High School's boundary. The facilities are being used by the school for administrative functions. The school, which was upgraded in 2020, had been underutilised with 6 underutilised classroom spaces recently identified.

- * 7458 LOT 4B HERBERT STREET, ST LEONARDS—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, Minister for Sport, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—

Could the Minister provide an update on the sale of Lot 48 Herbert Street, St Leonards and anticipated timelines and processes to come?

Answer—

I am advised:

Submissions received in response to the Request for Tender are currently being assessed. An outcome of the evaluation process is anticipated by late 2026.

Any future development proposal for the site will be subject to further detailed assessment, stakeholder engagement, and all relevant statutory planning requirements and approvals.

- * 7459 SERVICE NSW - WILLOUGHBY—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

In relation to Service NSW:

- (1) What is the average waiting time for customers at Service NSW Chatswood?
- (2) Are there any plans to open new Service NSW centres in the Willoughby area?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The average waiting time for customers at Chatswood Service Centre varies based on a number of factors including transaction type, customer volumes and staff turnover.

- (2) Service NSW regularly monitors its network to identify potential service centre locations based on factors such as estimated population growth by region, and the distance to and utilisation of the nearest Service NSW service centres.

* 7460 SHORT-TERM RENTAL REGULATIONS—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

In relation to short-term rentals, as initially asked of the Minister for Trading at March 2026 Budget Estimates but referred to the Minister for Planning:

- (1) Which agency or agencies are responsible for investigating and/or enforcing compliance with short-term rentals, including cap limits?
- (2) As of today's date, how many properties are:
- (a) Formally registered as unhosted short term rentals in New South Wales?
 - (b) Formally registered as unhosted short term rentals in the:
 - (i) City of Sydney Local Government Area?
 - (ii) Inner West Local Government Area?
 - (a) Estimated by the Government to be operating as unhosted short term rentals in NSW?
 - (b) Estimated by the Government to be operating as unhosted short term rentals in the:
 - (i) City of Sydney Local Government Area?
 - (ii) Inner West Local Government Area?
- (3) What action has the Government taken over the last 5 years to monitor compliance with short-term rental housing, including the cap limits on the number of days a property can be let for a short term rental?
- (4) Has the Government issued any warnings for failure to comply with zoning, caps or other restrictions on short term rentals?
- (a) If yes, how many and in which Local Government Areas?
- (5) Has the Government issued any fines for failure to comply with zoning, caps or other restrictions on short term rentals?
- (a) If yes, how many and in which Local Government Areas?
- (6) In the last twelve months, how many:
- (a) Times has the Government enforced a breach of the existing 180-day cap for short-term rentals in:
 - (i) New South Wales?
 - (ii) Greater Sydney?
 - (iii) The City of Sydney Local Government Area?
 - (iv) The Inner West Local Government Area?
 - (b) Short-term rental properties currently operate in each of the following:
 - (i) New South Wales?
 - (ii) Regional New South Wales?
 - (iii) Greater Sydney?
 - (iv) The City of Sydney Local Government Area?
 - (v) The Inner West Local Government Area?

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- (c) Complaints have been recorded by the Government regarding breaches of short-term rental regulations in each of the following:
 - (i) New South Wales?
 - (ii) Regional New South Wales?
 - (iii) Greater Sydney?
 - (iv) The City of Sydney Local Government Area?
 - (v) The Inner West Local Government Area?
- (d) What full-time equivalent staff have been allocated to enforce short-term rental regulation in New South Wales?
 - (i) What is the total cost of staffing and other resources dedicated to enforcement of short-term rental regulations in New South Wales?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Local councils are responsible for investigating and enforcing compliance with short term rental accommodation (STRA) planning controls, including property registrations, cap limits and fire safety standards.
 The Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure administers a STRA register to support councils to enforce compliance with the STRA planning framework and fire safety standards.
 NSW Fair Trading administers the STRA Code of Conduct. NSW Fair Trading has authority to investigate complaints and take disciplinary action.
- (2) As of today's date, the number of properties formally registered as non-hosted STRA dwellings in:
 - (a) New South Wales: 30,434.
 - (b) (i) in the City of Sydney local government area (LGA): 2,352.
 - (ii) in the Inner West LGA: 410.
 The Government does not have an estimate of the number of properties operating as non-hosted short-term rentals in NSW or by LGA.
- (3) This is a matter for local councils and the Minister for Fair Trading.
- (4) This is a matter for local councils and the Minister for Fair Trading.
- (5) This is a matter for local councils and the Minister for Fair Trading.
- (6) (a) This is a matter for the Minister for Fair Trading.
- (b) Short-term rental properties (hosted and non-hosted) currently operate in each of the following:
 - (i) New South Wales: 48,472
 - (ii) Regional New South Wales: 31,623
 - (iii) Greater Sydney: 16,849
 - (iv) The City of Sydney LGA: 3,708
 - (v) The Inner West LGA: 745
- (c) This is a matter for the Minister for Fair Trading.
- (d) This is a matter for the Minister for Fair Trading.

- * 7461 THREE STRIKES POLICY—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, and Minister for Youth—

In relation to the Antisocial Behaviour Management Policy that is in place with Homes NSW:

- (1) In each of the past five years, how many people have been evicted from Homes NSW Properties as a result of having 'three strikes' recorded within a 12-month period;
- (2) In each of the past five years, how many people have had 'three strikes' recorded within a 12-month period but not been evicted from the Homes NSW property in which they live?
- (3) What steps does Homes NSW take to ensure that nobody who is evicted following the recording of 'three strikes' within a 12-month period is evicted into homelessness?
- (4) Has the Government undertaken any evaluation of the impacts of the Antisocial Behaviour Management Policy, and specifically the 'three strikes' component described above, on Homes NSW tenants who may have complex needs that require wraparound support and not punitive action, for example neurodivergence or substance dependency issues?
 - (a) If so, by whom was this evaluation undertaken and when?
 - (b) Are the findings, recommendations, or other output of this evaluation publicly available?
- (5) Does the Government have any plans to abolish the Antisocial Behaviour Management Policy, and specifically the 'three strikes' component described above?
 - (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The number of households evicted for receiving three strikes within a 12-month period is shown below:

Financial Year	# of households
2020/21	6
2021/22	7
2022/23	5
2023/24	<5
2024/25	<5
Total	24

- (2) The number of households who had three strikes recorded within a 12-month period but not evicted is shown below:

Financial Year	# of households
2020/21	22
2021/22	15
2022/23	11
2023/24	9
2024/25	11

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Total	68
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- (3) Under the Residential Tenancies Act 2010 (NSW), Homes NSW is responsible to ensure that its tenants and neighbouring tenants have the quiet and reasonable enjoyment of their home.

Homes NSW does not automatically evict tenants following the recording of three strikes. Before any termination action, Homes NSW considers vulnerability and mitigating circumstances, refers tenants to support services and explores alternative responses to eviction. Where termination proceeds, Homes NSW works with support agencies to minimise the risk of homelessness.

- (4) Two evaluations have been completed:
- A 2019 evaluation by the Department of Communities and Justice, on the statutory review of sections 154D and 154G of the Residential Tenancies Act 2010 (NSW):
<https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/tp/files/79034/Statutory%20Review%20of%20s154D%20and%20s154G%20of%20the%20Residential%20Tenancies%20Act%202010.pdf>
 - A 2018 evaluation of Managing Antisocial Behaviour in Public Housing, by the NSW Audit Office, where Homes NSW (formerly FACS Housing) implemented all recommendations:
<https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/ladocs/inquiries/2598/Report%20-%20Examination%20of%20the%20Auditor-Generals%20Performance%20Audit%20Reports%20August%202018%20-%20January%202019.PDF>
- (5) No.
- (a) Homes NSW will conduct a review of the Anti-Social Behaviour Policy as part of its ordinary policy review cycle in the 2027/28 financial year.

* 7462 SOCIAL HOUSING ENERGY PERFORMANCE INITIATIVE—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, and Minister for Youth—

In relation to the Social Housing Energy Performance Initiative, in each financial year since 2024:

- (1) How many social housing properties in New South Wales have been upgraded through the initiative?
- (a) Of these, how many had the following upgrades:
- (i) Thermal shell upgrades?
 - (ii) Installation of efficient electric appliances?
 - (iii) Installation of solar systems?
 - (iv) Other (please specify)?
- (2) What was the total amount of funds spent through the initiative?
- (3) By Social Housing Allocation Zone, where were the upgraded properties located?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) As at 31 of December 2025, the NSW Social Housing Energy Performance Initiative (SHEPI), has upgraded 12,090 public housing properties managed by Homes NSW and the Aboriginal Housing Office (AHO).

Homes NSW does not hold consolidated data regarding SHEPI funding provided directly to Community Housing providers.

Financial Year	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26*
No. Properties	1,023	7,900	3,167

- (a) The following upgrades have been received by public housing properties (noting that one property may receive more than one of the categories below):
- (i) 3,376 thermal shell upgrades (ceiling roof insulation)
 - (ii) 6,187 energy-efficient electric appliance installations, including airconditioning, heat pump hot water systems, and electric cooktops
 - (iii) 3,651 solar system installations
 - (iv) 2,759 draft-proofing and window blind installations.

Financial Year	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26*
(i)	18	1,960	1,398
(ii)	282	5,269	636
(iii)	879	1,860	912
(iv)	76	1,677	1,006

- (2) As at 31 December 2025, \$75.2 million has been expended on the SHEPI program for public housing properties.

Financial Year	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26*
SHEPI funds expended	\$12.43m	\$47.2m	\$15.6m

- (3) The attached list shows the number of public housing properties upgraded under the SHEPI program by State Electorate as at 31 December 2025.

Note: *2025/26 data in the tables above is at 31 December 2025.

- * 7463 INNER CITY LOCAL ALLOCATION STRATEGY—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, and Minister for Youth—

In relation to the Inner City Local Allocation Strategy that was introduced by the former Government in 2018:

- (1) In each year since the policy was introduced, how many people were deemed ineligible to access Homes NSW properties in Redfern, Waterloo, Surry Hills, or Glebe?
- (a) Of these deemed ineligible, how many:
 - (i) Identified as First Nations; and

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- (ii) Were subsequently offered a tenancy in a Homes NSW property in another Inner City location?
- (2) Since March 2023, has the Government undertaken any evaluation of this Strategy and the impact it is having on tenants, particularly those who identify as First Nations?
- (b) If so, when and by whom was this evaluation undertaken?
- (c) If so, are the findings, recommendations, or other feedback arising from this evaluation publicly available?
- (3) Does the Government have any plans to abolish this Strategy?
- (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1)

Year	Amount
2018	3
2019	20
2020	42
2021	42
2022	48
2023	57
2024	36
2025	28
Total	276

- (a) (i) A total of 40 clients identified as First Nations. Of these:
- 31 were assessed as ineligible as they had been convicted of drug supply and/or manufacture within the last five years
 - Nine were deemed ineligible as they did not provide consent for Homes NSW to have the NSW Police Force conduct the Inner City Local Allocation Strategy (LAS) check.

The breakdown of the 40 clients assessed as ineligible for LAS since 2018 is below:

Year	Amount
2018	0
2019	5

2020	14
2021	8
2022	7
2023	4
2024	0
2025	2
Total	40

- (ii) Of the 40 clients, 17 were subsequently offered a tenancy in another Inner-City location outside of the LAS suburbs. Of these, four were housed by a Community Housing provider.

(2 - 3) Homes NSW is undertaking an internal review of the strategy, in consultation with the NSW Police Force.

No decision has been made regarding the future of the strategy as the review has not yet been finalised. The findings from the review will inform assessment of the effectiveness of the strategy and any future changes.

* 7464 MOREE SPECIAL ACTIVATION PRECINCT—Mr Brendan Moylan to ask the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

In relation to the Moree Special Activation Precinct (SAP):

- (1) What is the total value of funding no longer required as a result of the reduction in scope of the Moree SAP?
 - (a) How does this compare to the original budget allocation?
- (2) Will any funding no longer required be retained within the Northern Tablelands electorate or the New England North West region?
 - (a) If so, how will it be reallocated?
 - (b) If not, where will those funds be redirected?
- (3) In light of the reduced scope, does the Government maintain its projection that the Moree SAP will deliver 4,000 jobs?
 - (a) If so, what updated modelling supports this figure?
- (5) Will the Minister table that modelling?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The total value of funding not required will be determined after the scope reduction is reflected in the design of the works, and tenders have been received based on the reduced scope.
 - (a) Cannot be determined at this stage
- (2) The matter is under consideration of the Expenditure Review Committee and details are Cabinet-in-confidence.
 - (a) Funding will be allocated following a decision of the Expenditure Review Committee.

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- (b) As above.
- (3) The projection for jobs growth is based on full development of the SAP over an approximate 40-year horizon.
 - (a) Updated modelling has not been completed.
 - (b) There is no updated modelling to table.

* 7465 GUYRA MULTI-PURPOSE SERVICE—Mr Brendan Moylan to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

In relation to the Guyra Multi-Purpose Service (MPS) and diversional therapy services;

- (1) What amount has been budgeted for diversional therapy services at the Guyra MPS for each of the past three financial years?
- (2) What amount has been expended on diversional therapy services at the facility for each of those same financial years?
- (3) What specific diversional therapy programs and activities are currently funded at the facility?
- (4) Have there been any reductions, reallocations, or changes to funding for diversional therapy services at the facility over this period?

Answer—

I'm advised:

There have been no changes to services at the Guyra MPS over this period.

Diversional programs receive local fundraising, including through the hospital auxiliary. The therapist directs activities based on the preferences of residents.

* 7466 BACKTRACK YOUTH WORKS—Mr Brendan Moylan to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

In relation to recommendations of the Committee on Law and Safety on the community safety in regional and rural communities, will the Government return funding to BackTrack Youth Works, to allow for a teacher to be part of the program in Armidale?

Answer—

The Department of Education's Skills and Pathways Directorate has provided funding to BackTrack under the Youth Employment Social Impact Program since 2018. BackTrack is being funded under this program in 2026.

* 7467 BINGARA AND WARIALDA MULTI-PURPOSE SERVICES—Mr Brendan Moylan to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

What measures are being used at the Bingara Multi-Purpose Service and Warialda Multi-Purpose Service to ensure communications during the regular telecommunication disruptions that both towns are constantly faced with?

Answer—

I'm advised:

Health service managers at regional facilities such as Warialda MPS and Bingara MPS have access to multiple devices, including satellite devices, to access different telecommunications networks if required.

- * 7468 MOREE BAIL ACCOMMODATION MARUMA-LI WALAAY—Mr Brendan Moylan to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

In relation to the Moree Bail Accommodation Maruma-Li Walaay:

- (1) Are the staff trained in Lifesaving and CPR?
- (2) What measures are in place to ensure that the young residents have supervision while using the pool, dams or creeks onsite?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Yes
- (2) The program's comprehensive pool safety policy requires relevant staff to be physically present when young people are in the pool area. The dam on site is out of bounds, and there is no creek on site.

- * 7469 TELEHEALTH SERVICES—Mr Brendan Moylan to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

In relation to telehealth services and the use of My Emergency Doctor:

- (1) Can a patient receive an imaging test that includes contrast imaging when there is no doctor physically present?
 - (a) If no, what plans are put in place to ensure access to contrast imaging when no doctor is physically present in an emergency department?

Answer—

I'm advised:

Health care services across NSW are highly networked and have been developed to ensure patients receive appropriate care depending on their clinical needs.

Local arrangements ensure patient access to clinically appropriate imaging, including referral or transfer to another site where required.

- * 7470 DROUGHT ASSISTANCE MEASURES—Mr Brendan Moylan to ask the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

Noting that over half of the state is now drought affected:

- (1) Noting the absence of a standing, statewide transport subsidy scheme for fodder, water and livestock movements in New South Wales, what assessment has the Government or any relevant government department undertaken since 1 January 2024 of the financial impact of transport costs on drought-affected primary producers?
 - (a) How does current support compare, on a per-producer basis, to equivalent schemes that were in place from 2017 – 2020 in New South Wales?
- (2) What drought assistance measures, excluding concessional loan schemes and mental health support, are currently available to primary producers?
 - (a) For each program what are the eligibility thresholds, geographic limitations, application and approval rates, total funding allocated versus expended, and any identified unmet demand or waitlists?

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- (3) Has the Government received advice, modelling or stakeholder representations recommending the introduction or expansion of transport subsidies or direct drought payments?
- (a) If so, on what dates were these received?
- (b) What was the substance of that advice?
- (c) What were the reasons for any decision not to implement those recommendations?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1-3) Details of the NSW Government drought supports can be found at <https://www.droughthub.nsw.gov.au/>.

* 7471 NEW ENGLAND RENEWABLE ENERGY ZONE - WATER REQUIREMENTS—Mr Brendan Moylan to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) What assessment has the Government undertaken of total water requirements for construction of the New England Renewable Energy Zone (REZ) (including transmission infrastructure)?
- (a) What proportion of that demand is proposed to be sourced from potable town water supplies or storages that also service regional communities?
- (2) What approvals, licences or agreements have been sought or granted to access water from town water systems, regulated rivers, or groundwater sources that contribute to drinking water supplies?
- (a) What conditions or restrictions have been imposed to prevent adverse impacts on town water security?
- (3) Has the Government identified any risk that water required for REZ construction will reduce the availability, reliability, or quality of drinking water for local communities?
- (a) If so, what modelling or advice supports that assessment?
- (b) What mitigation or contingency measures are in place?
- (c) What consultation has occurred with affected local councils and water utilities?

Answer—

The Government understands water security is a serious issue for communities and councils in the New England region.

This is acknowledged in the Water and Wastewater Security study published by the Energy Corporation of NSW (EnergyCo) in December 2025 as part of the New England Regional Major Infrastructure Studies.

Renewable energy generation projects within NSW are required to secure their own water licences and allocations for construction and operational activities, just like other water users.

Water allocations are made in accordance with the rules in water sharing plans and the Water Management Act 2000 which prioritise local water utility and domestic and stock access licences over all other licences.

Where applicable, renewable energy proponents would also be required to comply with any conditions or requirements under the commercial agreements entered with local water utilities.

EnergyCo has engaged extensively with councils and key stakeholders through the development of the Regional Major Infrastructure Studies. This included around 30 meetings and workshops.

Consultation will now continue as EnergyCo works to develop appropriate solutions for the region.

The New England transmission project's Environmental Impact Statement will identify needs specific to that project and potential locations for this to be sourced.

The EIS will be exhibited later this year with submissions taken on it.

- * 7472 NEW ENGLAND RENEWABLE ENERGY ZONE - SUBSTATIONS—Mr Brendan Moylan to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

Why does EnergyCo require 334.55 hectares within the New England Renewable Energy Zone for the purpose of substations when comparable 500 kilovolts substations occupy approximately 4 hectares?

Answer—

Energy hub sites typically consist of major electrical equipment, secondary systems (such as monitoring and communication systems), and civil infrastructure such as access roads. Land will also be required for transmission lines passing through the energy hub and asset protection zone buffers. During construction, land may temporarily be required for ancillary facilities including offices, workforce accommodation, helicopter landing areas, concrete batching areas, and dedicated laydown and compound areas to manage delivery of plant and materials to work areas.

The claim that only 4 ha of land is required for a 500kV substation is incorrect; this amount of land would typically only comprise of the substation's core electrical equipment and would not account for the ancillary uses outlined above.

- * 7473 COMMUNITY PRESCHOOLS - MIRANDA—Ms Eleni Petinos to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

With respect to each community preschool in the Electorate of Miranda:

- (1) How much funding will each preschool receive in Start Strong Funding in 2026?
- (2) How much funding did each preschool receive in 2025?
- (3) What impact will this change in funding have on each preschool?

Answer—

Please refer to LA QON 7197

- * 7474 POLICE OPERATIONS - MIRANDA—Ms Eleni Petinos to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

- (1) How many incident reports relating to hooning and associated offences (including street racing, burnouts, doughnuts, drag racing, dangerous driving, speeding or being involved in a police pursuit) have been reported to the Sutherland Shire Police Area Command in the following years:
 - (a) 2026 to date?
 - (b) 2025?
 - (c) 2024?
 - (d) 2023?
- (2) How many police operations specifically targeting hooning and related offences have been conducted by the Sutherland Shire Police Area Command during the following periods:
 - (a) 2026 to date?
 - (b) 2025?

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- (c) 2024?
- (d) 2023?
- (3) Can the Minister provide for each postcode (2224, 2225, 2226, 2227, 2228, 2229, 2232, 2234) and for each of the following periods (2026 to date, 2025, 2024, 2023), a separate breakdown including:
- (a) The number of reported hooning and related offences?
- (b) The number of targeted police operations conducted?
- (c) The number of penalties issued, including a breakdown by offence type where available?
- (d) The number of charges laid?
- (e) The number of vehicles impounded or confiscated?

Answer—

I am advised:

There is no single definition for what incidents or offences constitute 'hooning'. Hooning behaviour falls across multiple offence types. These behaviours are addressed through a range of routine enforcement activities and through major road safety and enforcement operations, including Operation Furious.

Operation Furious is a high-visibility road safety operation initiative conducted by the NSWPF, targeting the enforcement of high-risk driving behaviours known to contribute to fatal and serious injury crashes.

The table below shows the number of days Operation Furious was conducted in the Sutherland Shire PAC:

* 7475 CAPACITIES AT SUTHERLAND HOSPITAL—Ms Eleni Petinos to ask the Minister for Health,

Year	Count of Operation Days
2023	20 days
2024	2 days
2025	6 days
2026 (to 17 May)	7 days

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

- (1) What is the total number of inpatient beds at Sutherland Hospital for each of the following years:
- (a) 2023?
- (b) 2024?
- (c) 2025?
- (d) 2026?
- (2) Can the Minister list every ward and clinical unit currently operating at Sutherland Hospital and provide:
- (a) The clinical specialty or purpose of the ward/unit?
- (b) The current number of beds allocated to each ward/unit?
- (3) What is the current surgical capacity at the Sutherland Hospital, including:
- (a) The total number of operating theatres?
- (b) The number of procedure rooms?
- (c) The average elective surgery wait time by speciality?

- (4) Given the Government's target of delivering approximately 6,000 additional homes within the Sutherland Shire by 2029, what population growth projections and service demand modelling has NSW Health undertaken in relation to Sutherland Hospital?
- (5) What funding has been allocated or proposed to expand capacity at Sutherland Hospital to meet population growth?
 - (a) If none, why not?
- (6) What capacity constraints, workforce shortages, or infrastructure risks have been identified in relation to accommodating projected population growth within the Sutherland Shire and at Sutherland Hospital?

Answer—

I'm advised:

The Sutherland Hospital website provides a list of all hospital wards, clinical units and beds at

www.seslhd.health.nsw.gov.au/sutherland-hospital

The Bureau of Health Information publishes information about average surgery wait times and data on surgery activity by specialty on its website at www.bhi.nsw.gov.au.

NSW Health uses Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure projections to inform population projections and base-case demand to 2041. The Sutherland Hospital Integrated Services Plan, published in 2019, includes population projections and service demand modelling to 2031. The plan is on the South Eastern Sydney Local Health District Health Plans website at

www.seslhd.health.nsw.gov.au/about-us/health-plans

Local health districts submit Capital Investment Proposals to the Ministry of Health for government consideration. Projects are prioritised against statewide investment needs and funding availability, as part of the NSW Government's annual budget deliberations

* 7476 ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS - TWEED—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—

- (1) Of the 3,300 Electric Vehicle (EV) chargers funded by the Government to date, how many are located within the Tweed Electorate?
- (2) Where are these chargers located in the Tweed Electorate?

Answer—

I am advised:

As of April 2026, there are six EV charging sites with 18 charging ports located in the Tweed electorate:

- Four charging ports are located at 2 Wharf Street, Tweed Heads
- Two charging ports are located at 2-4 Stuart Street, Tweed Heads
- Two charging ports are located at 9 Gunnamatta Avenue, Kingscliff
- Four charging ports are located at Leisure Drive, Banora Point
- Two charging ports are located at 98 Fraser Drive, Tweed Heads
- Four charging ports are located at Cabarita Beach Bowls and Sports Club, Cabarita Beach.

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- * 7477 ELECTRIC VEHICLES - TWEED—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—

Regarding Electric Vehicles (EVs):

- (1) Of the 117,000 EVs now registered in New South Wales, how many are registered to residents of the Tweed Electorate?
- (2) How many EVs were registered to residents of the Tweed Electorate 12 months ago?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) As at 17 May 2026, there were 860 Battery Electric, 2,699 Hybrid Electric and 204 Plug in Hybrid vehicles registered to residents of the Tweed electorate.
- (2) As at 31 May 2025, there were 576 Battery Electric, 1,980 Hybrid Electric and 86 Plug in Hybrid vehicles registered to residents of the Tweed electorate.

- * 7478 HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENT PARTICIPATION GRANT PROGRAM—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

Regarding the fourth round of the Health and Development Participation Grant Program:

- (1) Which preschools and/or long day care centres in the Tweed Electorate received a grant?
- (2) What was the grant amount for each of these centres in the Tweed Electorate?

Answer—

The NSW Government continues to invest in early childhood education and care (ECEC) services through a suite of grants and support programs. Under the Minns Labor Government, funding was delivered for the Health and Development Check in Early Learning Services Program which commenced rollout in June 2023 and is now operating across all local health districts in NSW.

Recipients of funding under the Health and Development Participation Grant are published on the NSW Grant Finder website at <https://www.nsw.gov.au/grants-and-funding/2026-health-and-development-participation-grant>

- * 7479 RED WATER DISEASE—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

Regarding red water disease, also known as bovine babesiosis:

- (1) How many cases have been confirmed within the Tweed Electorate?
 - (a) When were each of these cases confirmed?
- (2) Where were these cases located i.e. which suburbs or localities within the Tweed Electorate?
- (3) What cattle tick surveillance strategies are being implemented on the New South Wales and Queensland border and what is the timeline for implementation?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) A total of 7 cases of bovine babesiosis (red water disease) have been confirmed in the Tweed electorate in 2026 (calendar year to 12th May 2026).

- (a) Crystal Creek - 12/02/2026, Tyalgum - 25/02/2026, Byrrill Creek - 25/02/2026, Terranora - 27/03/2026, Durroby - 08/04/2026, North Tumbulgum - 22/04/2026, Piggabeen - 30/04/2026
- (2) See above
- (3) Current cattle tick surveillance strategies implemented on the New South Wales and Queensland border include:
- Operation Victa, which is conducted 4 times per year across the NSW Queensland Border. The operations undertake roadside vehicle checks in conjunction with NSW Police, Transport and the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator for RIFA and Cattle Tick checking compliance with interstate movement requirements.
 - In addition, there are 8 fixed Border Cameras undertaking 24-hour monitoring with interstate movement restrictions for cattle tick and RIFA.
- The NSW Independent Biosecurity Commissioner has recommended in her report Opportunities to improve the NSW Cattle Tick Program that NSW DPIRD develop and publish a new Cattle Tick Plan by 30 September 2026. NSW The NSW Independent Biosecurity Commissioner has recommended in her report Opportunities to improve the NSW Cattle Tick Program that NSW DPIRD develop and publish a new Cattle Tick Plan by 30 September 2026. NSW

* 7480 DRIVING TESTS - TWEED—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

- (1) Regarding driving tests conducted at the Tweed Heads Service NSW centre in the last 12 months:
- (a) How many driving practical tests have been conducted?
 - (b) How many heavy vehicle driving tests have been conducted?
 - (c) How many older driver practical on-road driving assessments have been conducted?
- (2) Regarding driving tests conducted at the Murwillumbah Service NSW centre in the last 12 months:
- (d) How many driving practical tests have been conducted?
 - (e) How many heavy vehicle driving tests have been conducted?
 - (f) How many older driver practical on-road driving assessments have been conducted?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1)
- (a) 1,903
 - (b) This is not offered at Tweeds Head Service Centre
 - (c) 445
- (2)
- (a) 986
 - (b) 11
 - (c) 161

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* 7481 LICENCE TYPES—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

- (1) How many of the following licence types are held by residents of the Tweed Electorate (postcodes 2483, 2484, 2485, 2486, 2487, 2488, 2489, 2490):
- (a) Car Learner licence?
 - (b) Car Provisional P1 licence?
 - (c) Car Provisional P2 licence?
 - (d) Car Full (unrestricted) driver licence?
 - (e) Learner rider licence?
 - (f) Rider Provisional P1 licence?
 - (g) Rider Provisional P2 licence?
 - (h) Full rider licence?

Answer—

I am advised this question should be directed to the Minister for Roads.

* 7482 NSW CROSS BORDER COMMISSIONER—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

Can the Minister provide an update on the appointment of a new NSW Cross Border Commissioner given current Commissioner Kalina Koloff will commence as the NSW Small Business Commissioner on May 25 2026, as well as any interim acting Commissioner arrangements?

Answer—

I am advised this is a matter for the Premier.

* 7483 BUSES IN ELANORA HEIGHTS—Ms Jacqui Scruby to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Transport, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—

- (1) In relation to bus routes servicing Elanora Heights, in particular the 191 and the 192:
- (a) What data informed the recent timetable reductions?
 - (b) How is demand for these services measured and forecast, and how is it determined whether services are appropriately sized for current and projected usage?
 - (c) What patronage analysis, load tracking or capacity modelling supported the decision to remove or reduce peak services?
 - (d) What community consultation was undertaken prior to implementing these changes?
 - (e) Who were the decision-makers and approvers for the 192 route reductions?
 - (f) Are the broader impacts on working families assessed as part of the decision-making process?
 - (g) How does the frequency and route coverage of these services compare to the old E89 route?
- (2) In relation to on-demand services in Elanora Heights:
- (a) How is demand for these services measured and forecast?

- (b) How is it determined whether services are appropriately sized for current and projected usage?
- (c) Is there increased investment in on-demand services to make up for the reduction in scheduled bus services?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) Routes 191 and 192 do not operate in or near Elanora Heights.

Routes 191 and 192 operate in the Avalon area, serving Clareville and Bilgola Plateau. Service planning is informed by Opal data, which shows current travel patterns and future demand, along with feedback from customers, operators and stakeholders. Changes are assessed against regional growth and the broader impact across suburbs.

Timetables are regularly optimised. Off-peak patronage on routes 191 and 192 averages fewer than two passengers per trip. The routes themselves have not changed and continue to provide local coverage. Compared to the former E89 (which ran limited peak-only trips), routes 191 and 192 offer more frequent, all-day, seven-day service, including hourly off-peak services and 20-minute peak frequencies.

Transport for NSW does not always undertake formal consultation for every adjustment, but instead uses data and operational insights, including Opal usage and operator input, to guide decisions.

Where appropriate, Transport engages with the community ahead of changes through targeted communication, including direct outreach, online resources, signage, and geotargeted campaigns, to keep passengers informed.

- (2) There is no current plan to increase the service levels on the Keoride On-demand service. Transport will continue to monitor demand on Keoride and where necessary adjust service levels in response to changed demand. As with all transport improvements, any changes will be subject to operational constraints, including the cost of delivering extra services and the availability of resources like vehicles and drivers.

* 7484 SHARK SAFETY AND MANAGEMENT—Ms Jacqui Scruby to ask the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

- (1) Has the Minister's Office been made aware of great white shark spotting in Narrabeen in the first week of May?
- (2) Will the drone program be extended over the winter?
- (3) If drones are being extended, which beaches?
- (4) Will current or future drone programs be extended to include dawn to dusk, recognising surfers surf outside patrol hours?
- (5) Can the Minister confirm if the footage from the drones is retained by the Department and that data is collected on the footage including shark identification and behaviour?
- (6) Is the data being used to ascertain shark numbers of target species?
- (7) Is the department planning significant updates to the SharkSmart app?
- (8) Is the Minister taking into consideration the spreadsheet shark encounter data being provided by surfers on the Northern Beaches?

Answer—

I am advised:

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- (1) The SharkSmart app alerted users that in the first week of May there were tagged target sharks detected by the tagged shark listening station at North Narrabeen, that our partner Surf Life Saving (SLS) NSW observed sharks at other beaches on the Northern Beaches, and that our contractor tagged and released a tiger shark from our SMART drumline at Narrabeen Beach.

(2-3) Following following beaches have had drone use extended up until 30 June 2026:

Kingscliff, Byron Bay Main Beach, Lennox Head, Town Beach, Port Macquarie, Tacking Point, Port Macquarie, Crowdy Head, Forster (incl. Tuncurry Beach), Dixon Park (incl. Bar and Merewether beaches), Avoca Beach, Avalon-Bilgola, Dee Why (incl. up to the southern side of Dee Why Lagoon at Long Reef), North Steyne (incl. Queenscliff and Manly), Maroubra, and Wanda (incl. Elouera and Greenhills).

- (4) The drones used in the Shark Management Program fly during daylight hours when weather conditions are suitable for flying and when visibility and light conditions are suitable for shark spotting.
- (5) Yes.
- (6) Aerial surveillance is an excellent real-time, short-term monitoring tool for observing sharks for beachgoer safety, however it does not provide the sort of data required to enable stock assessments of sharks or other marine fish.
- (7) Yes.
- (8) Yes, and I note that many of the sharks reported through that data collection were observed by drones as part of our partnership with SLS NSW.

* 7485 SERVICE NSW WAIT TIMES—Ms Jacqui Scruby to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

- (1) How often did customers wait longer than the 15-minute average wait time during busy periods over the past 6 months at the Warriewood Service NSW Centre?
- (2) What was the longest wait time for a customer to see a service representative at the Warriewood Service NSW Centre in each of the past six months?
- (3) What efforts are being taken to eliminate long wait times and staff shortages at the Warriewood Service NSW Centre?
- (4) What is the standard procedure for when a customer presents an issue at a Service NSW Centre and the attending staff member does not have the relevant expertise to resolve the customer's enquiry?
- (5) How many parking spots are available to customers at the Warriewood Service NSW Centre?
- (6) Given the minimum number of customer service staff required to be at any Service NSW Centre at any given time is only two, will the Minister consider increasing that number?

Answer—

I am advised:

Wait times across the Service NSW service centre network increased during 2025 after changes to overseas licence legislation to enhance road safety increased customer volumes. At the Warriewood Service NSW Centre, Service NSW has recruited an additional part-time team member with flexibility to increase hours as needed to support customer demand. Other measures being implemented include:

- Adjusting rosters and ticket queue management to provide appropriate coverage during peak periods.
- Continuing targeted training and development to build staff capability, productivity and overall operational efficiency.

As a result, average wait times have started to decrease.

Team members who are unable to resolve a customer enquiry after taking all appropriate steps will escalate the matter to a member of the leadership team or a designated subject matter expert.

Leaders provide guidance on complex enquiries, offer real-time support when barriers arise, and deliver ongoing feedback and coaching to help resolve issues efficiently.

Warriewood Service Centre is located within the Warriewood Square complex which has over 1,400 car parking spaces available to customers.

Typically, only smaller service centres in regional NSW operate with two team members. Customer demand in these centres does not necessitate the need for additional resourcing. There may be exceptional circumstances where only one team member may be at a centre and these situations are managed on a case-by-case basis.

* 7486 END OF LIFE VESSELS IN PITTWATER—Ms Jacqui Scruby to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—

In relation to LA QON 6729:

- (1) Which of the 15 policy options identified in the November 2025 Report on end-of-life vessels have been actioned?
- (2) Will Pittwater be considered for any pilot programs?
- (3) How many Maritime Officers operate in Pittwater?
- (4) How does the Government enforce compliance with Obstruction to Navigation Notices, given that in 2025, 102 notices were issued and only 19 vessels were removed?
- (5) Can the Minister explain why there was a significant increase in the number of notices issued from 2024 to 2025?
- (6) How many notices have been issued so far in 2026?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Transport for NSW exhibited an end-of-life vessels policy options document from late 2022 to early 2023, which included 15 policy options for consultation. In November 2025, Transport for NSW published the End of Life Vessels Community Consultation Report (the Report), which sets out the results of this consultation.

The following actions have been completed as described on page 15 (section 6.5) of the Report:

- Transport for NSW has made legislative amendments to the Marine Safety Act 1998 to provide a definition and clearer foundation for action against end of life vessels. Transport for NSW has also improved monitoring of end-of-life vessels by introducing a public register of statutory vessel notices.
- Transport for NSW is a member of the Australian Recreational Safety Committee and the Australia New Zealand Safe Boating Education Group. These groups and the Boating Industry Association have rolled out a national Responsible Boat Ownership campaign. Transport for NSW advocated for the campaign to be simplified to focus on the key message of increasing awareness of the responsibilities of owners for maintaining and caring for their vessels.

Transport for NSW will continue to consider the Report's findings in developing policies and actions to address end-of-life vessel management.

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(2) No pilot programs for end of life vessels are currently being considered. NSW Maritime continues to monitor vessels at or nearing end of life in Pittwater and carry out compliance and enforcement action where appropriate.

(3) There are eight Boating Safety Officers and one Senior Boating Safety Officer allocated to the Hawkesbury River/Broken Bay area. There are two dedicated Boating Safety Officers allocated to the Pittwater area. Additionally, there is assistance from NSW's Maritime Roving Compliance teams, including the Greater Sydney Roving Team and the Mobile Safety and Education Compliance Team.

(4) NSW Maritime may take compliance action, including taking custody of a vessel, where the owner or responsible person is unable to meet the requirements of statutory notices.

These actions are carried out in accordance with established policies and relevant legislative frameworks, including Part 5 Division 1A of the Marine Safety Act 1998. Where necessary, vessels may be seized under section 48 of the Act or managed in accordance with section 76 of the Act and clause 24 of the Marine Safety Regulation 2016, to facilitate their removal and disposal.

In many cases, these vessels are in poor condition, with the licensed controller carrying out only minimal maintenance required to remain compliant with mooring license conditions.

Many of the vessel owners do not have financial means or capability to comply with legislative notices.

(5) In February 2025, there was a legislation update of the Marine Safety Act 1998 Division 1A Unsafe vessels Parts 44 to 48, allowing for NSW Maritime to have better powers and focus in dealing with end-of-life vessels.

NSW Maritime has made a concerted effort to address the number of non-compliant and derelict vessels in the Pittwater area. Vessels that pose an environmental or safety risk are prioritised

(6) Six notices have been issued since beginning of the 2026 calendar year.

* 7487 LAND CLEARING - AGRICULTURE—Ms Jacqui Scruby to ask the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

With reference to LA QON 7327 and the Minister's response:

(1) How many hectares of land are currently approved to be cleared under the Local Land Services Act 2013 in New South Wales for the 2026 calendar year, broken down by LLS region?

(2) Noting that 2022 Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water data shows 58 per cent of all clearing on Category 2 regulated land was 'unallocated', what specific compliance measures is the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development taking to address this?

(3) How is the Government implementing its 2023 election commitment to stop runaway land clearing on rural lands?

(4) What is the total area of land (in hectares) cleared in New South Wales for each of the last five years (2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, and 2025), specifically categorised by:

(a) Native woody vegetation?

(b) Non-woody vegetation?

(c) Purpose of clearing (e.g., agriculture, infrastructure, forestry, and unallocated)?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Landholders can use permits granted up to 15-years ago to undertake activities now, and there are also some clearing actions that do not require approval, such as allowable activities.

Information on approvals granted under the Local Land Services Act 2013 in New South Wales can be found on the Local Land Services Website.

- (2) This is a matter for the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage.
- (3) The NSW Government is delivering on its election commitment to stop excess land clearing by taking action to better protect nature and improve the way native vegetation is managed on private land.

So far, we have strengthened approval processes for higher-risk clearing activities by ensuring greater assessment and accountability for higher risk Code approvals, including review by a technical advisory group supported by subject matter experts.

We have consulted the public on proposed updates to the Land Management Code, including changes to better protect the environment and improve the management of invasive native species.

We have rolled out a new Natural Capital Advisory program to give landholders practical, on-ground support.

In addition, we commissioned the Natural Resources Commission to carry out three reviews to identify further options to improve the land management framework. The reports will be considered in 2026.

We have also worked with the Natural Resources Commission to develop a monitoring, evaluation and reporting framework, and we are supporting NSW DCCEEW in the transition from the draft Native Vegetation Regulatory Map to a final map, including advice and assistance for landholders.

- (4) All publicly available land clearing information is available on the Statewide landcover and Tree Study (SLATS) Dashboard. The NSW Department of Climate Change Energy the Environment and Water is responsible for publishing information on land clearing activity in New South Wales.

* 7488 LAND CLEARING - ENVIRONMENT—Ms Jacqui Scruby to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

With reference to LA QON 7327 and the Minister's response:

- (1) Noting the 2023 independent review of the Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016 (Ken Henry Review), what legislative timeline is the Government committing to for new native vegetation laws?
- (2) What area of habitat for endangered species, such as koalas and the swift parrot, can currently be legally cleared in New South Wales without formal environmental assessment under current exemptions?
- (3) What are the estimated gross carbon emissions from land clearing in New South Wales for 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, and 2024?
- (4) How is the Government implementing its 2023 election commitment to stop runaway land clearing on rural lands?
- (5) What is the total area of land (in hectares) cleared in New South Wales for each of the last five years (2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, and 2025), specifically categorised by:
 - (a) Native woody vegetation?
 - (b) Non-woody vegetation?
 - (c) Purpose of clearing (e.g., agriculture, infrastructure, forestry, and unallocated)?

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Answer—

- (1) The NSW Government is delivering a range of reforms aimed at halting and reversing biodiversity loss and restoring our natural ecosystems. Priority reforms include strengthening the Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016 and developing a statutory Nature Strategy. The Government commissioned the Natural Resources Commission to provide advice on options for strengthening the management and protection of critically endangered ecological communities and non-woody vegetation (including grasslands), as well as options to further protect and restore biodiversity and ecosystem functions in regional landscapes and enhance value and support for landholders.
- (2) The NSW Government does not collect specific data that identifies the habitat areas for all endangered species that can be cleared without formal environmental assessment. Allowable activities permit landholders to clear for routine land management activities, such as fence line maintenance, without approval. Rural land may be cleared without authorisation from Local Land Services if the land is designated as category 1 - exempt land, although local council consents may still be required. Landholders may also clear along property boundaries under the rural boundary clearing code without further approval, where their local councils have opted in to the scheme.
- (3) This information is provided in Australia's National Greenhouse Accounts - Land use, land use change and forestry activity tables 2024, published by the Commonwealth Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (Commonwealth DCCEEW), 2026.
- (4) This question should be referred to the Minister for Agriculture.
- (5) The 2024 calendar year Statewide Landcover and Tree Study is underway and will be published in 2026. Data for 2025 is not available. Data for 2021, 2022 and 2023 is as follows:

a. Native woody vegetation

Year	Native wood vegetation (ha)	Total clearing (ha)
2021	25,960	81,185
2022	21,137	47,388
2023	32,847	66,498

b. Non-woody vegetation

Year	Non-wood vegetation (ha)	Total clearing (ha)
2021	55,225	81,185
2022	26,251	47,388
2023	33,651	66,498

c. Purpose of clearing

Year	Agriculture (ha)	Infrastructure (ha)	Forestry (ha)
2021	68,711	8,784	3,690
2022	36,889	7,153	3,346
2023	51,201	10,003	5,294

Unallocated clearing

Year	Authorised/presumed allowable (ha)		Unallocated (ha)	
	Woody	Non-woody	Woody	Non-Woody
2021	17,088	11,146	4,658	42,703
2022	12,186	4,267	4,737	20,942
2023	16,314	5,933	8,386	26,640

* 7489 LAND CLEARING - PLANNING—Ms Jacqui Scruby to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

With reference to LA QON 7327 and the Minister's response:

- (1) How many hectares of land clearing have been approved under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 and the State Environmental Planning Policy (Biodiversity and Conservation) 2021 for the 2026 calendar year?
- (2) Can the Minister provide a breakdown of these Environmental Planning and Assessment Act development approvals by State Electorate and Local Government Area?
- (3) What policies is the Department of Planning implementing to stop runaway urban tree canopy loss in coastal and metropolitan electorates like Pittwater?
- (4) How is the Government implementing its 2023 election commitment to stop runaway land clearing on rural lands?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) This is a matter for local Councils.
- (2) This is a matter for local Councils.
- (3) The Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure is progressing planning system reforms to deter illegal tree and vegetation clearing on both public and private land in urban areas. These reforms include strengthening penalties, improving compliance mechanisms, and supporting vegetation retention and replacement, which will contribute directly to maintaining and enhancing urban canopy.
- (4) This matter should be referred to the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales and Minister for Western New South Wales.

* 7490 SHARE OUR SPACE PROGRAM—Ms Jacqui Scruby to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

With reference to the Department of Education's Share Our Space program, which seeks to provide inclusive, high-quality play and recreation spaces for the community:

- (1) How many New South Wales public schools in the Pittwater electorate are currently participating in the Share Our Space program?
- (2) How many schools in the Pittwater electorate have been nominated by the public for inclusion in the program since 1 January 2024?
- (3) Regarding the state-wide operation of the program, what is the:
 - (a) Total number of schools currently active in the program?
 - (b) Total number of public nominations received to date?
 - (c) Total number of public nominations accepted?
 - (d) Total number of public nominations rejected, and what were the primary reasons for these rejections?
- (4) Can the Minister provide a breakdown of the number of participating schools for each electorate in New South Wales?
- (5) Regarding the 'Share Our Space' online map and school accessibility:
 - (a) How many schools are currently designated as open during school holiday periods only?

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- (b) How many schools are designated as open during the school term (weekends)?
- (6) How many schools, if any, have been removed from the program each year since its inception in 2017, and can you provide reasons for these removals?

Answer—

Two schools in the Pittwater electorate participate in the Share our Space program. Participating schools are listed on the Department of Education's website. In addition to free community access through Share our Space, schools across NSW also open their sites under community use agreements to enable community access.

The department welcomes nominations from members of the public, community organisations and local councils for schools to participate in the program. Nominations can be submitted by completing a community request form on the Share Our Space website at <https://www.schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au/what-we-do/we-support-communities/share-our-space.html>. All nominations are assessed against suitability criteria in consultation with the school.

- * 7491 SOCIAL, COMMUNITY, HOME CARE AND DISABILITY SERVICES FUNDING FOR DEPARTMENTAL CONTRACTORS—Ms Jacqui Scruby to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

Regarding the Government's commitment of \$122 million to support a 3.5 per cent pay rise for community service workers under the Social, Community, Home Care and Disability Services (SCHADS) Industry Award, as announced in late 2023:

- (1) Which specific programs or contract areas within the Department of Education have received a funding indexation or supplement to facilitate this pay rise for contracted staff?
- (2) In relation to question (1) if the Work Placement Service Program (WPSP) and the National Student Wellbeing Program (NSWP) are not included, how will the WPSP and NSWP be supported to meet increased award costs?
- (3) What formula or criteria did the Department use to determine which contractors or programs were eligible for the \$122 million funding pool?
- (4) What formal consultation process was undertaken with long-term educational service providers to identify the number of employees currently paid under the SCHADS Award prior to the \$122 million figure being finalised?
- (5) Noting the WPSP is in a 12-month contract extension, will any formal evaluation process including providers be undertaken to align mandatory work placement and HSC outcomes?
- (6) In relation to question (5), noting that extension will end on 31 December 2026, can you please advise on process, plan to market or other information, in relation to an appropriate evaluation of the program and its future?

Answer—

The National Student Wellbeing Program (NSWP) is a Commonwealth-funded initiative. The Department of Education's responsibility is to allocate these funds on behalf of the Australian Government to eligible NSW public schools, enabling them to access NSWP services.

Regarding mandatory work placement, school sectors will establish the procurement approach necessary to ensure schools are well supported in fulfilling the NSW Education Standards Authority's requirements from the start of the 2027 school year.

- * 7492 REGIONAL COACH NETWORK—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—

In relation to the recent regional coach network announcement:

- (1) Can the Minister list the 14 coach operators and where their 49 routes will run?
- (2) Of the 360 destinations, can the Minister list any new destinations and what services will now be coming to those locations?
- (3) Can the Minister provide a comprehensive timetable of Train Link coaches?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Port Stephens Coaches:

- Broadmeadow/Taree
- Wauchope/Pt Macquarie

B & E Blanch Pty Ltd:

- Moree/Grafton
- Ballina/Grafton
- Casino/Tweed Heads

Nowra Coaches Pty Ltd:

- Casino/Surfers Paradise
- Moss Vale/Wollongong

SB Coaches Pty Ltd:

- Casino/Brisbane

Cavanagh Bus & Coach:

- Inverell/Tamworth
- Inverell/ Armidale

Macphersons Walcha t/as Oxley Explorer:

- Armidale/Tenterfield
- Armidale/Port Macquarie
- Walcha/Walcha Road

Forest Coachlines:

- Narrabri/ Burren Junction or Wee Waa

Swan Hill Bus Lines Pty Ltd:

- Tamworth/Muswellbrook
- Dubbo/Tamworth
- Tamworth/Port Macquarie
- Dubbo/Bourke
- Dubbo/Lightning Ridge
- Coolabah/Brewarrina
- Broken Hill/Adelaide

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- Broken Hill/Dubbo
- Lithgow to Mudgee, Gulgong & Coonabarabran
- Lithgow/Nyngan or Dubbo

L C Dysons Bus Services:

- Queanbeyan/Wagga
- Wagga/Condobolin
- Cootamundra and Wagga/Tumbarumba
- Cootamundra/Griffith
- Wagga/Mildura
- Wagga/Echuca
- Wagga/Griffith
- Albury/Echuca
- Eden/Canberra
- Cootamundra/ Dubbo
- Cootamundra/ Bathurst
- Grenfell/Bathurst
- Grenfell/Lithgow Parkes/Condobolin

Deanes Coaches Group Pty Ltd:

- Bombala/Cooma

Qcity Transit t/as CDC Canberra:

- Jindabyne/Canberra
- Queanbeyan/Yass Junction
- Goulburn/Canberra
- Young/Yass Junction

Kmet Transport Services:

- Goulburn/Campbelltown

CDC Mildura:

- Broken Hill/Mildura
- Australia Wide Coaches Pty Ltd:
- Orange/Parkes
- Lithgow/Orange and Bathurst/Lithgow
- Lithgow/Parkes
- Orange/Bathurst.

- (2) Information is available here: <https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/news-and-events/mediareleases/more-journeys-more-often-revitalised-regional-coach-network-from>.

- (3) Timetables for current services can be found at <https://transportnsw.info/routes/nsw-trainlink>.

Contracted operators are currently undergoing route validation. This includes confirming new routes, new operators, and new stops. Once this work is complete, the new 1 July timetable will be confirmed and available to the public.

- * 7493 LIVE TRAFFIC - ROADS—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—

In relation to Live Traffic:

- (1) What is the process of from an incident happening to an alert appearing on Live Traffic?
- (2) What are the criteria that needs to be met for an alert to list 'road closed in both directions'?
- (3) What are the criteria that needs to be met for an alert to list 'road affected in both directions'?
- (4) What is the process for closing a highway due to an incident?
- (5) What is the process or criteria for establishing the time (hours, minutes etc) a road was officially closed for?
- (6) Does this time include the amount of time it takes to clear the backlog of traffic caused by the closure?
- (7) Is this timeframe (to clear traffic build up) recorded anywhere?
- (8) In recent months, has there been any changes to any related or above mentioned processes and or criterias?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) For unplanned alerts on Live Traffic pertaining to incidents/traffic arrangements on State managed roads:
 - The Transport Management Centre is alerted to the incident either by NSW Police, another emergency or partner agency, a call from a member of the public, or it is detected by Transport for NSW staff or the Transport Management Centre directly.
 - Operators in the Transport Management Centre will work with emergency services and Transport for NSW crews on-site to coordinate traffic arrangements.
 - Information about the incident is then communicated directly from the Transport Management Centre to Live Traffic by a team of public information professionals who work 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Planned alerts, local road information, and other information on Live Traffic NSW (Fires Near Me, Flood Sensor Data, interstate data) have different processes.
- (2) The road would need to be closed to all types of traffic in both directions. There may be scenarios where additional information is communicated, such as different diversion information for heavy vehicles.
- (3) The road would need to be opened to traffic in both directions, but with some level of impact or disruption to both directions. Where more specific information can be communicated, then that is communicated instead. For example, if the road was closed to all types of traffic eastbound, and westbound is reduced from 2 lanes to 1, then Live Traffic would be updated to reflect “eastbound closed, 1 of 2 westbound lanes closed”.
- (4) Transport for NSW has formally designated the Transport Commander Unit, along with specified staff such as Emergency Workers, to enable Transport Commanders to direct traffic and close lanes or roads where safety risks arise due to planned or unplanned incidents.

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Highway closures are managed through a coordinated approach between the Transport Management Centre, emergency services, and on-road commanders. Transport Management Centre provides central oversight by assessing incident information, determining whether a closure is required, and coordinating network-wide communications. Transport Commanders, supported by operational crews and working closely with emergency services where present, lead the on-ground implementation of closures, traffic control, and detours in line with established agreements. This collaborative approach ensures informed decision-making, clear communication, and a coordinated response, maintaining safety and managing the network effectively until it is appropriate to reopen the road.

- (5) Closure times are established through real-time communication with the Transport Management Centre and recorded as timestamped entries. Transport Commanders or crews advise Transport Management Centre of closures and reopening's via radio or phone, and operators log these updates in the Central Management Computer System. If a Transport Commander is not present, Police notifications provide a timestamped record.

These logged, time-stamped entries form the official record of when a road was closed and reopened.

- (6) The Central Management Computer System may note when lanes reopen and, in some cases, when congestion clears, but backlog clearance isn't consistently recorded. Once the site is safe and crews depart, the incident is closed and may be updated to "heavy traffic but clear" on Live Traffic NSW.
- (7) Significant traffic build-up and clearance timeframes are generally recorded within the Central Management Computer System job, which serves as the incident's detailed log.
- (8) No. This approach has been in place since September 2010.

* 7494 ACCESSIBLE TIMETABLES—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—

- (1) Can the Minister explain why Transport for NSW will not produce any further printable or digitally accessible PDF timetables of the public transport services available to members of the public who are affected by the Great Western Highway closure?
- (2) Whose decision was this?
- (3) Can the Minister advise what members of the public who do not have access to Trip Advisor website or have difficulties for a multitude of reasons using this website, are now supposed to do when they need to plan a trip using public transport?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) (2) To assist communities on both sides of the closure, Transport for NSW has introduced additional rail, bus and coach services, including:

- additional Sydney Trains services between Bathurst and Mount Victoria
- two fully accessible coaches providing free, turn-up-and-go NSW TrainLink services between Bathurst and Katoomba.
- amended school and route bus services to reduce student travel times.

Transport for NSW has confirmed that hard copies of the timetable are distributed to each of the stations that have the coach shuttle service. New hard copies are provided when the existing supply is exhausted.

- (3) Customers who are unable to access digital channels are still supported and can call 131500 or contact their service operator directly via the Transport's operator's website to obtain timetable

information in an alternative format. If the customer prefers, once they call 131 500 a hard copy of the timetable can be mailed to them.

General timetable information for public transport services for customers impacted by the closure of the Great Western Highway is also available at the Transport Greater Western Highway Road Closure at Victoria Pass website.

* 7495 LIVE TRAFFIC - TRANSPORT—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—

In relation to Live Traffic:

- (1) What is the process of from an incident happening to an alert appearing on Live Traffic?
- (2) What are the criteria that needs to be met for an alert to list 'road closed in both directions'?
- (3) What are the criteria that needs to be met for an alert to list 'road affected in both directions'?
- (4) What is the process for closing a highway due to an incident?
- (5) What is the process or criteria for establishing the time (hours, minutes etc) a road was officially closed for?
- (6) Does this time include the amount of time it takes to clear the backlog of traffic caused by the closure?
- (7) Is this timeframe (to clear traffic build up) recorded anywhere?
- (8) In recent months, has there been any changes to any related or above mentioned processes and or criterias?

Answer—

I am advised

I refer to LA 7493.

* 7496 JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTRES—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

In relation to the \$138 million investment into juvenile justice centres:

- (1) Can the Minister list each centre that will receive funding as part of this funding and what projects will be undertaken at those centres?
- (2) What is the timeline for completion of these projects?
- (3) If not mentioned above, can the Minister explain why Oberon Corrections Centre is not included?
- (4) Can the Minister outline the reasons why this centre has not been reopened?
- (5) What is the total number of juveniles in detention as of May 2026?

Answer—

I am advised that:

Details of the investment are available at: <https://dcj.nsw.gov.au/news-and-media/media-releases/2026/safer--more-secure-youth-justice-centres.html>

Oberon Correctional Facility is an adult facility and questions about the facility should be addressed to the Minister for Corrections.

As of 6 am on 25 May 2026, there were 231 young people in custody.

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* 7497 COMMUNITY BUILDING PARTNERSHIP PROCESS—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Premier—

In relation to the new community building partnership process:

- (1) Could the Minister explain the delay between express of interest closing on 8 May 2026 and grants being announced in January 2027?
- (2) Can the Minister provide assurances this grant announcement date will not be pushed back any further?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Member is referred to the program guidelines below:

https://www.nsw.gov.au/sites/default/files/noindex/2026-04/cs1646-cbp-2026-guidelines_web-tm-accessibility-accessible.pdf

* 7498 TRAFFIC LIGHTS AT THE KIRKHAM STREET AND BEECROFT ROAD INTERSECTION—Ms Monica Tudehope to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—

- (1) Has the Government taken a decision to install traffic lights at the intersection of Kirkham Street and Beecroft Road?
 - (a) If so, what are the specific progress dates for planning, installation, and use?

Answer—

I am advised

Transport for NSW has reviewed safety at the intersection of Beecroft Road and Kirkham Street and submitted a nomination to the Towards Zero Safer Roads Program for consideration of new traffic signals at this location. The nomination is currently undergoing evaluation and prioritisation as part of the next round of the program.

Transport for NSW advises that road safety projects are subject to a prioritisation process. Proposals are assessed against criteria including crash history, road geometry, traffic volumes and network-wide safety benefits. Depending on the outcome of this prioritisation process, the project may proceed to further development, including design. Delivery of the proposed works would be considered in future program years.

* 7499 TRAFFIC LIGHTS AT THE EVANS ROAD AND PENNANT HILLS ROAD INTERSECTION—Ms Monica Tudehope to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—

What is the timeline for determining a funding source for traffic lights at the intersection of Ray Road and Pennant Hills Road intersection?

Answer—

I am advised

The intersection upgrade to traffic control signals has been identified through ongoing collaboration between Transport for NSW and the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure as key infrastructure to support housing growth in the Carlingford and Telopea precincts.

Infrastructure of this nature that supports housing growth is coordinated through the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure's Urban Development Program, that aligns housing growth with infrastructure to inform funding allocations under the Housing and Productivity Contribution scheme.

Through this process, Transport for NSW has identified upgrading the Pennant Hills Road and Evans Road intersection to support housing within the surrounding Carlingford and Telopea precincts and

recommended the project be considered for future allocations from the Housing and Productivity Contribution scheme, subject to a Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure led prioritisation and governance process.

The upgrade of this intersection has been identified in the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure Greater Sydney Infrastructure Opportunities Plan, published in February 2026. This plan provides a list of state and regional infrastructure projects that are eligible to be delivered as works-in-kind under the Housing and Productivity Contribution scheme Works-in-Kind Guideline to support housing delivery.

Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure administers the Housing and Productivity Contribution framework and funding allocations for works, including prioritisation of funding for delivery.

* 7500 TOLL CAP PROGRAM—Ms Monica Tudehope to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Transport, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—

- (1) Of the \$130 million in accrued but unclaimed relief identified as at Q1 2025 for the \$60 toll cap, what is the geographic breakdown by Local Government Area for the following Local Government Areas:
 - (a) Blacktown?
 - (b) Penrith?
 - (c) Liverpool?
 - (d) Campbelltown?
 - (e) Fairfield?
 - (f) Canterbury-Bankstown?
- (2) Has Transport for NSW assessed whether western Sydney drivers who actively claimed under the former 40 per cent rebate scheme are better or worse off in dollar terms under the current \$60 cap?
 - (a) If yes, what are the findings?
- (3) What toll expenditure data does Transport for NSW receive from concessionaires in connection with administering the cap scheme?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) There is no available rebate data for drivers who have not registered or claimed for the scheme.
- (2) The \$60 toll cap rebate is designed and delivered as a whole-of-network scheme, applying uniformly across all eligible users, rather than targeting cohorts such as previous rebate claimants. As a result, the program does not include such comparative analysis against prior schemes.
- (3) Transport for NSW does not receive toll expenditure data from concessionaires in connection with administering the cap scheme.

* 7501 CARLINGFORD HIGH SCHOOL DEMOUNTABLE—Ms Monica Tudehope to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) How many total students has Carlingford High School had each year from 2020-2026?
 - (a) Is this above average for a comprehensive high school?
- (2) What is the total amount of demountables installed at Carlingford High School in the following calendar years:

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- (a) 2023?
- (b) 2024?
- (c) 2025?
- (3) What is the average number of demountables at a New South Wales high school?
- (4) The NSW Department of Education School Infrastructure website states Carlingford High School currently has 29 demountables, how does this compare with schools of similar student sizes?

Answer—

Information on enrolments is available in the school's annual report. Information on demountables is available on the School Infrastructure website at www.schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au

The Minns Labor Government is committed to delivering the school infrastructure for our families in our fastest growing communities, particularly in Western Sydney. For 12 years, the former Liberal National Government failed to deliver schools where they were needed, leading to an overreliance on demountables. In Epping, 77% of the demountables on school sites in the electorate were placed there by the Liberals.

I note on 22 April, ICAC released its report into the operations of School Infrastructure NSW under the former Liberal National Government and the conduct of the Liberals hand-picked former chief executive. The report outlined that staff were asked to change population data which had the "effect of diverting funds from North West and South West Sydney".

ICAC stated that "public money that had been put aside to build and improve schools for NSW children was instead spent on jobs for friends and associates of the chief executive".

It found that under the Liberals and Nationals, the government "failed to respond to warning signs of inappropriate and corrupt conduct" and that the former CEO had "uncurbed control of SINSW operations, which permitted questionable practices to occur without real internal challenge".

The Member can read more about how schools in North West and Western Sydney were treated by the former Liberal National Government at <https://www.icac.nsw.gov.au/investigations/past-investigations/2026/school-infrastructure-nsw---operation-landan>

- * 7502 PUBLIC ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGERS—Ms Monica Tudehope to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) How many public electric vehicle (EV) chargers are there in the following suburbs:
 - (a) North Rocks?
 - (b) Carlingford?
 - (c) Oatlands?
 - (d) Dundas Valley?
 - (e) Telopea?
 - (f) Epping?
 - (g) North Epping?
 - (h) Beecroft?
 - (i) Cheltenham?
- (2) What criteria does the Government use to prioritise locations for publicly funded EV charging infrastructure?

- (3) How do the number of electric vehicle chargers in the Epping electorate compare with other electorates of population sizes?
- (4) Are there any plans to install electric vehicle chargers in the Epping Electorate?
- (a) If so, what are the specific dates planned for installation?
- (b) Where will they be located?

Answer—

Location (Suburb)	Total # Charging Plugs Installed
(a) North Rocks	12
(b) Carlingford	4
(c) Oatlands	0
(d) Dundas Valley	0
(e) Telopea	2
(f) Epping	0
(g) North Epping	0
(h) Beecroft	0
(i) Cheltenham	0

- (2) Chargers that the NSW Government supports are all owned and operated by private businesses and the Government does not mandate or identify specific sites. Proposed sites by charge point operators are assessed for grant funding against requirements within each funding round.

The NSW Government uses a range of criteria to prioritise locations for co-funding across the different types of public EV chargers that have been supported. These criteria are set out in the guidelines for each funding round.

- (3) Once the chargers that have been awarded funding through NSW Government programs are complete over the next 9 months, Epping is expected to have a similar number of charging plugs as electorates with a similar population and density of apartment buildings.
- (4) The NSW Government co-funded the installation of 24 kerbside charging ports and 12 fast charging ports in the Epping electorate, which are currently under development. These chargers are expected to be installed over the next nine months in the suburbs of Dundas Valley, North Rocks, Carlingford, Telopea and Epping.

* 7503 ELECTRIFICATION OF GOVERNMENT FLEET CARS—Ms Monica Tudehope to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) Are there any plans to electrify Government fleet cars?
- (a) If so, what is the timeline for replacing the current fleet?

Answer—

- (1) The Net Zero Government Operations Policy sets electrification targets for the NSW Government fleet.

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- * 7504 PENNANT HILLS ROAD AND EVANS ROAD INTERSECTION—Ms Monica Tudehope to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—

What work is the Department of Planning currently doing on the intersection of traffic lights on Pennant Hills Road and Evans Road Intersection?

Answer—

I am advised

I refer to the response to LA 7499.

- * 7505 SERVICE NSW IN EPPING—Ms Monica Tudehope to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

What criteria does the Government use for determining the locations of NSW Service Centres?

Answer—

I am advised:

Service NSW continually monitors the network to identify need and potential locations for new service centres. Evaluation includes estimated population growth, proximity to other service centres and availability of Mobile Service Centre visits.

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- * 7425 AQUINAS CATHOLIC COLLEGE BUS SERVICE—Mr Mark Coure to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Transport, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—

(1) Will the Minister consider implementing a direct school bus service from the Oatley electorate to Aquinas Catholic College in Menai?

(a) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised

Transport for NSW (Transport) will continue to investigate opportunities to introduce a new school service from the Oatley area to Aquinas Catholic College.

Currently, to introduce a new school service between Oatley and Aquinas College would require an additional bus and drivers to enable this.

Students can travel between Oatley and Aquinas College using the existing public transport network. However, it is acknowledged that this journey currently requires a combination of buses and rail trips to complete the journey.

- * 7506 EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

(1) What was the total number of ambulance call-outs and emergency department presentations in New South Wales for each month from January 2023 to April 2026?

(a) How do these figures compare to the previous decade average?

(2) What proportion of patients who left emergency departments without commencing or completing treatment (reported as 79,000 in New South Wales) were subsequently readmitted within 7 days?

- (a) What were their clinical outcomes?
- (3) Of the patients in triage category 3 who left without treatment, what percentage re-presented to any New South Wales emergency department within 48 hours?
- (4) What measures has the Government implemented since March 2024 to reduce the number of patients leaving Emergency Department without treatment, and what quantified impact has these measures had?

Answer—

I'm advised:

Activity and performance data for NSW hospitals and ambulance services is publicly available on the Bureau of Health Information website at www.bhi.nsw.gov.au.

* 7507 STAFFED OPERATING HOURS FOR LIVERPOOL POLICE—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

- (1) What are the current staffed operating hours for:
 - (a) Liverpool Police Station front counter services?
 - (b) The Liverpool Police Area Command office?
- (1) During what hours are members of the public able to access in-person assistance from on-site police officers at Liverpool Police Station?

Answer—

I am advised:

The current staffed hours where members of the public can access in-person assistance on-site at Liverpool Police Station is twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week.

* 7508 EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS - WAIT TIMES—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

- (1) What is the current median wait time for triage category 3 patients across New South Wales emergency departments, and how has this changed over the past five years?
- (2) How many adverse clinical incidents have been recorded in New South Wales involving patients who left Emergency Departments prior to treatment in the past three years?

Answer—

I'm advised:

Activity and performance data for NSW hospitals is publicly available on the Bureau of Health website at www.bhi.nsw.gov.au

* 7509 AMENDMENTS TO THE LAND MANAGEMENT (NATIVE VEGETATION) CODE 2018—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, Minister for Sport, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—

- (1) Can the Minister advise whether any draft amendments to the Land Management (Native Vegetation) Code 2018 are expected to be introduced in the near future?
 - (a) Does the Minister anticipate these proposed amendments will proceed?
- (2) If legislative changes are implemented, will they be introduced without notice, or will they be scheduled in advance to ensure landholders are given adequate notice of any impending changes?

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Answer—

I am advised that this is a matter for the Minister for Agriculture.

- * 7510 REVIEW OF THE NEW SOUTH WALES ENERGY REBATES—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

When are the outcomes expected for the review of the New South Wales energy rebates?

Answer—

The Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water has completed its review of NSW Energy Rebates with outcomes expected to be communicated in the second half of 2026.

- * 7511 WHITE CLIFFS MICROGRID INFRASTRUCTURE—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) Did staff from the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water meet with Essential Energy to discuss options for progressing Essential Energy's microgrid infrastructure rollout, particularly in White Cliffs?

- (a) If so, what were the outcomes of this meeting?

Answer—

- (1) Yes, Department staff have met with Essential Energy several times since November 2025 to discuss options for progressing Essential Energy's microgrid infrastructure rollout in Far West NSW, including at White Cliffs.

- (a) Essential Energy informed the Department on the status of its plans for microgrids in Far West NSW and the funding required to deliver this infrastructure. The Department is considering the options available to support Essential Energy in this work.

- * 7512 SAFETY AROUND SOLAR FARMS IN EMERGENCIES—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

With respect to preparedness, response and public safety around solar farm fires:

- (1) How many solar farm fires have occurred in New South Wales?
- (2) What training is provided to Fire and Rescue and NSW Rural Fire Service fire fighters specific to solar farms and related electrical and battery technology?
- (3) What are the special qualifications required by fire fighters to deal with solar farm fires?
- (4) What airborne toxins are produced by these fires and how do they effect the fire fighters?
- (5) What are the main risks solar farm fires pose to firefighters and nearby communities?
- (6) How do emergency services coordinate with solar farm operators during a fire?
- (7) How are current fire response plans different for solar farms compared to bushfires or industrial fires?
- (8) What equipment or technology is needed to safely manage fires involving solar panels or battery storage systems?

- (a) Do all emergency services have this equipment and technology?
- (b) If not why?
- (9) What lessons have been learned from solar farm fires?
- (10) How is public safety managed if a solar farm fire occurs near homes, schools, or farmland?
- (11) What consultation is undertaken with emergency services before new solar farm developments are approved?
- (12) How is the Government improving fire safety standards for renewable energy projects as the industry grows?

Answer—

I am advised:

Fire and Rescue NSW (FRNSW) and NSW Rural Fire Service (RFS) firefighters use a risk-based approach and appropriate firefighting doctrine to support incident management, supported by standard operating procedures and Australian and New Zealand Council for fire and emergency services (AFAC) guidelines.

Responses to solar farm incidents focus on managing electrical hazards, confirming safe power isolation, protecting surrounding exposures, and deploying comprehensive communications to key stakeholders, including operators, owners, local government, and partner agencies.

Agencies work with relevant stakeholders and use established warning systems to inform communities of specific, localised hazard risks.

Firefighters are trained on renewable energy systems, including for electrical incidents, and have access to a comprehensive suite of protective equipment including protection from chemical exposure during fires.

Agencies have established after-action review processes to analyse experiences, which inform updated doctrine and operational practice. Agencies also provide technical advice to stakeholders, including relevant planning authorities ahead of new renewable energy developments.

More information about planning, response plans, equipment, technology, and research pertaining to solar and broader renewable system fires can be found on the RFS Operational Protocols webpage, FRNSW's Battery and Charging Safety webpage, and the AFAC resources webpage.

- * 7513 AGED CARE FACILITIES ON CROWN LAND—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, Minister for Sport, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—

With respect to aged care facilities on Crown Land:

- (1) How many aged care facilities are located on Crown lands across New South Wales?
- (2) Could the Minister provide a list of aged care facilities located on Crown Land?
- (3) How many and which of these have sought rent concessions?
 - (a) How many have disputed land valuations?

Answer—

I am advised:

Crown Lands supports a wide range of uses under diverse and often complex tenure arrangements. The management of these tenures involves ongoing engagement with leaseholders and licence holders to ensure alignment with legislative requirements, community benefit, and sustainable land use outcomes.

Information relating to individual tenures, including the number, location, valuation matters and any concessional arrangements, is considered in the context of these broader management frameworks and may

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vary over time. Crown Lands continues to work collaboratively with relevant stakeholders, including aged care providers, to address operational and financial matters as they arise.

- * 7514 TOORALE NATIONAL PARK—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, and Minister for Youth—

With respect to the management of Toorale National Park:

- (1) What new or additional conditions were placed on the operators of Toorale National Park for the stop work order to be lifted by NSW Natural Resources Access Regulator in September 2025?
- (2) If those conditions had been in place prior to September 2025, how much overuse under environmental water licenses would have been recorded in the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 water years?
- (3) Has the Conservation Programs, Heritage and Regulation Group provided the Water Group with an assessment of the risk to the ecological and cultural values on the Western Floodplain at Toorale and can that be made public?
- (4) What is the Government doing to consider purchasing additional entitlements to mitigate any shortfall, or creating a special purpose access license, or amending the water sharing plan to provide additional flows to the Western Floodplain?
- (5) What assessments have taken place to consider the risk to ecological and cultural values downstream if any of these mitigating measures are implemented and water is diverted away from the Warrego and Darling Rivers?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The new conditions make clear that when any action is taken to operate Boera Dam and its associated infrastructure, that causes water to be diverted to the Western Floodplain instead of allowing it to pass downstream through the Warrego River, then this water is to be debited against a relevant water access licence. These approval conditions are publicly searchable through the NSW Water Register.
- (2) Nil, on the basis that sufficient water allocations were available.
- (3-5) The Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water is currently assessing the impacts of the changed operating conditions and options to address these impacts.

- * 7515 FUNDING CERTAINTY FOR DESTINATION NETWORKS—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, Minister for Sport, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—

With respect to urgent funding certainty for Destination Networks given that the current funding agreements for all seven Destination Networks, including Destination Riverina Murray, are due to expire on 30 June 2026:

- (1) Why has no renewal agreement been finalised despite the process commencing in August 2025?
- (2) How are you responding to advice from Destination NSW that no decision on Destination Network funding will be made until after the release of the NSW State Budget on 24 June 2026, given this timing falls just days before existing agreements expire?
- (3) What contingency arrangements are in place should the State Budget be delayed beyond 1 July 2026, leaving Destination Networks without any funding agreement?
- (4) How does the Government intend to mitigate the significant risks arising from this delay, including:

- (a) Job insecurity and potential loss of skilled regional tourism staff?
- (b) Inability for Destination Networks to undertake forward planning, enter contracts, or meet government tourism objectives?
- (c) The potential for personal legal liability for Directors under section 588G of the Corporations Act 2001 due to uncertainty regarding organisational solvency?

Answer—

I am advised that Destination NSW continues to engage with the Destination Networks to identify and develop a new funding model and establish funding certainty.

- * 7516 BURIAL SPACE IN SYDNEY—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, Minister for Sport, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—

With respect to burial space in Sydney:

- (1) How many burial plots are currently available in Sydney today, including those at Macarthur Memorial Park in Varroville, which opened in 2025?
- (2) How many burial plots will be available when additional capacity is opened at Wallacia and when is that anticipated?
- (3) Taking into consideration new capacity at Varroville and Wallacia, when is Sydney projected to run out of burial space and when will the data or modelling behind this projection be made public?

Answer—

I am advised:

Successive Government reports have identified NSW is facing a burial shortage crisis.

Public cemeteries across Sydney are running out of burial space. The exhaustion rate for some burial-reliant faiths remains at critical levels at existing Crown cemeteries, with some expected to run out of dedicated burial space in the next couple of years.

The Wallacia site has development consent for up to 40,000 burial plots. The timing for delivery of additional burial capacity is a matter for the operator.

- * 7517 SOLAR FARMS—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

With respect to solar farms:

- (1) How many solar farms are there located across New South Wales?
- (2) What evidence has been collated to assess the environmental risks which are associated with fires at solar farms?
- (3) What regulations are in place to prevent fires at solar farms?
- (4) What requirements are solar farm developers required to submit to ensure they are compliant with environmental management plans and eliminate potential fire risk?
- (5) How does the Government ensure solar farms are built in safe and suitable locations?
- (6) What role does climate change play in increasing fire risks at renewable energy sites?
- (7) What plans are in place to update environmental laws to reflect the growth of large renewable energy projects?
- (8) How are solar farms regulated and monitored for maintenance?

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Answer—

- (1) As at April 2026, NSW has 41 operating solar farms. Another 5 projects are under construction, 45 have planning approval, and 43 projects seeking planning approval.
- (2) Evidence on the environmental risks associated with fires at solar farms in NSW is drawn from a combination of incident data, applied fire research and environmental assessment processes held by Fire and Rescue NSW and the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure.

The Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure requires proponents to assess hazards (including fire), evaluate environmental impacts, and incorporate mitigation measures as part of the environmental impact assessment process for solar developments. This is undertaken for each proposal.
- (3) This question should be referred to the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, the Hon Paul Scully MP.
- (4) This question should be referred to the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, the Hon Paul Scully MP.
- (5) This question should be referred to the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, the Hon Paul Scully MP.
- (6) Information on the role of climate change in increasing bushfire impacts is available on the AdaptNSW website.
- (7) The NSW Government's commitments for updating environmental laws are set out in the NSW Plan for Nature. In line with the plan, the NSW Government has reformed the NSW Biodiversity Offsets Scheme to strengthen requirements for projects, including solar farms, to avoid and minimise biodiversity impacts, and to ensure there is transparency about offset obligations. The NSW Government is also working closely with the Australian Government on bilateral assessment arrangements following reforms to the Commonwealth Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999.
- (8) The NSW Government does not regulate the maintenance of solar farms, however projects are subject to ongoing planning conditions and safety requirements. This question should be referred to the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, the Hon Paul Scully MP, and the Minister for Industrial Relations and Minister for Work Health and Safety, the Hon Sophie Cotsis MP.

* 7518 WATER INFRASTRUCTURE IN THE BEGA VALLEY—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, and Minister for Youth—

With respect to investment in enabling water infrastructure in the Bega Valley:

- (1) What funding options is the Government able to offer Bega Valley Council for water infrastructure to underpin housing plans at Wolumla?
- (2) What is the Government doing to support Bega Valley Council in delivering the new Enterprise Precinct currently constrained by outdated and insufficient water and sewer infrastructure?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The NSW Government provides funding to regional Local Water Utilities through the Safe and Secure Water Program (SSWP) to support water infrastructure planning and delivery where there are identified risks to water quality, water security and environmental outcomes.

Council is currently preparing an updated Tantawangalo-Kiah Water Supply Strategy, supported through SSWP funding associated with the Yellow Pinch Water Treatment Plant planning project

(SSWP424, \$146,362.50). This work forms part of a broader program linking three water supply schemes to improve potable water quality and security outcomes for communities in the southern Bega Valley, including Candela, Merimbula, Pambula, Tura Beach, Eden and importantly Wolumla.

Council is completing additional analysis to inform infrastructure planning, including validation of supply options, staging of works, sizing of proposed centralised treatment plant. This work considers projected changes in demand across the supply system, including during peak periods and those associated with population and growth. Owing to the integration of the different schemes, water sources and wide area of coverage, this complex modelling and analysis will support robust a strategy that will inform prudent investment decisions.

The SSWP is primarily directed to infrastructure required to address identified public water supply and quality risks. The program does not fund infrastructure that is primarily required to service new development or housing growth; where this is required specifically to support new housing, funding is typically expected to be met through other mechanisms, such as developer contributions or local funding.

The Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water continues to work collaboratively with Council on these projects and will consider any future applications in line with program requirements and available funding.

- (2) The construction and operation of water and wastewater services is primarily the responsibility of Local Water Utilities such as Bega Valley Shire Council.

The NSW Government is currently working with Bega Valley Shire Council on a Preliminary Business Case to identify appropriate water security infrastructure for the nearby Brogo Bermagui region.

The Preliminary Business Case is jointly funded by the Australian and NSW Governments and builds on a recommendation from the South Coast Regional Water Strategy.

There are several other projects funded through the SSWP that have supported water and sewer infrastructure delivery throughout Council's area of responsibility:

- (1) Brogo-Bermagui WTP project - Project Completed.
- (2) Merimbula STP upgrade and Ocean Outfall project
- (3) Bega Sewerage Treatment Plant (STP) upgrade project
- (4) SSWP070 Bega/Tathra Water Treatment Plant (WTP) upgrade project
- (5) Tantawangalo water quality project
- (6) Yellow Pinch water treatment project.

- * 7519 LONG-TERM STABILITY OF DESTINATION NETWORKS—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, Minister for Sport, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—

With respect to supporting the long-term stability of Destination Networks:

- (1) When will the Government commit to providing interim funding certainty or bridging arrangements to ensure Destination Networks can continue operating beyond 30 June 2026?
- (2) Given that funding to Destination Networks has not been indexed to CPI since 2017, resulting in an estimated real reduction of approximately 30 per cent, will the Government commit to reviewing and increasing funding levels to ensure the ongoing viability and effectiveness of these organisations?

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- (3) What steps is the Government taking to ensure that the governance and funding model for Destination Networks supports long-term stability, workforce retention, and delivery of regional tourism outcomes across New South Wales?

Answer—

I am advised that Destination NSW continues to engage with the Destination Networks to identify and develop a new funding model to establish funding certainty.

- * 7520 COFFS HARBOUR YACHT CLUB—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, Minister for Sport, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—

With respect to the Coffs Harbour Yacht Club Crown land lease:

- (1) Why was the Coffs Harbour Yacht Club unable to secure long term tenure on their lease of Crown land managed by Coffs City Council?
- (2) How many staff lost their jobs on 31 March when the Club ceased hospitality trading?
- (3) Is the Minister aware that the Club now operates as a purely sailing and sporting club with no income from hospitality?
- (4) What is now planned for the Crown land and building where the Club formerly traded as a hospitality business?
- (5) Is the Minister aware of any engineering assessment of the building where the Club formerly traded as a hospitality business?
 - (a) If so, are there any recommendations in relation to the building?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The site the Coffs Harbour Yacht Club operates on is managed by Coffs Harbour City Council as the appointed Crown Land Manager.
The Club was unable to meet the application requirements for a new long-term lease, which required submission of a fully formed, costed proposal to redevelop the land, after its selected development partner withdrew.
- (2) Staffing matters are the responsibility of the Club.
- (3) The Club continues to operate as a sailing and sporting club from the building while Council manages the former hospitality component.
- (4) Future use of the site is a matter for Council as Crown Land Manager. It is currently exploring alternative options to optimise community and sporting use of the site.
- (5) The Department does not hold information on any engineering assessments.

- * 7521 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ACCOMMODATION - HILLSTON AND CARRATHOOL SHIRE—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, and Minister for Youth—

Will the Minister advise what domestic violence crisis accommodation, temporary accommodation and transitional housing is currently funded for Hillston and the Carrathool Shire area, including the number of beds or units available?

Answer—

I am advised:

In 2025/26, the NSW Government invested \$12.38 million (ex GST) for Specialist Homelessness Services (SHS) in Murrumbidgee which covers the Local Government Areas (LGAs) of Bland, Carrathool Shire, Griffith, Hay, Leeton, Murrumbidgee, Narrandera, Coolamon, Cootamundra Gundagai Regional, Hilltops, Junee, Lockhart, Snowy Valleys, Temora, Wagga Wagga, Albury, Berrigan, Edward River, Federation, Greater Hume Shire, Murray River and part of Murrumbidgee.

Through the SHS program, the following providers are funded to deliver services to the Carrathool LGA:

- Western Murrumbidgee Network Homelessness Service: Linking Communities Network Ltd: This service is contracted to support men, women, families, and young people, including the delivery of crisis and transitional accommodation services.
- Murrumbidgee Homeless Youth Assistance Program: Anglicare NSW, South NSW West, and ACT: This service is contracted to support children aged 12-15 years.

The number of women and children that can stay at a refuge varies depending on the configuration of families and the age of children residing at the refuge. The SHS program operates as a consolidated approach, meaning that funding and accommodation are not specifically allocated to people experiencing domestic and family violence (DFV).

There are no temporary accommodation (TA) providers in the Carrathool Shire. The nearest TA providers are in Griffith, West Wyalong, Condobolin, and Narrandera. If there are children in the household, or the client is fleeing DFV within the Carrathool Shire, Link2home can arrange TA in the towns that have been outlined.

Taxi vouchers may be issued on a case-by-case basis, particularly for clients escaping DFV. These require an out-of-guideline approval from a Housing Services Team Leader, based on safety risks and locational needs.

- * 7522 CRISIS ACCOMMODATION - HILLSTON AND CARRATHOOL SHIRE—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, and Minister for Youth—

Will the Minister advise how many women and children from Hillston or Carrathool Shire have been placed in domestic violence or homelessness accommodation outside Hillston in each of the past five years?

Answer—

I am advised:

Specialist Homelessness Services (SHS) with geographic coverage of Carrathool Local Government Area (LGA), including Hillston, are all located outside the LGA. As a result, women and children from this area who receive SHS accommodation are accommodated outside the LGA.

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Over the past five years, SHS data has recorded support for women from the Carrathool Shire including Hillston. Yearly counts are not provided publicly because the numbers are low and include suppressed values of fewer than five in some years. These are not publicly available due to confidentiality considerations.

* 7523 CRISIS ACCOMMODATION - HILLSTON AND CARRATHOOL SHIRE - ASSESSMENT—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, and Minister for Youth—

- (1) Will the Minister advise whether the Government has undertaken a needs assessment, service gap analysis or demand study for domestic violence housing in Hillston or Carrathool Shire?
- (a) If so, will the Minister table that assessment?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Government has not undertaken a specific needs assessment, service gap analysis, or demand study for domestic and family violence housing in the Carrathool Shire as doing so would tell us what we already know.

The NSW Government recognises the challenges faced by victim-survivors, particularly in rural and remote communities, and is committed to improving access to safe and secure housing and support.

The NSW Government has established the Homelessness Innovation Fund and Building Crisis Housing Plan to boost homelessness accommodation. This funding is available to local community housing providers and Specialist Homelessness Services to build new accommodation in their communities.

* 7524 TRAVEL ASSISTANCE - CRISIS ACCOMMODATION—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, and Minister for Youth—

Will the Minister advise:

- (1) What transport or travel assistance is available to women and children from Hillston who are required to leave their community to access safe accommodation?
- (2) What funding streams are currently available to support a domestic violence refuge, safe units, or other local accommodation response in Hillston?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Taxi vouchers may be issued on a case-by-case basis, particularly for clients escaping domestic and family violence. These require an out-of-guideline approval from a Housing Services Team Leader, based on safety risks and locational needs.

Specialist Homelessness Services (SHS) providers may be able to assist with transport and travel costs. Through the SHS program, services may include outreach, case management, links to education and training, brokerage, and crisis and transitional accommodation.

Brokerage can be an important tool for achieving positive housing outcomes for people accessing a homelessness service. Brokerage assistance from SHS program funds may be provided to a person who:

- is currently accessing an SHS

- has a current support plan in place
 - is also receiving non-brokerage support from the service provider.
- (2) In 2025/26, the NSW Government invested \$12.38 million (ex GST) for SHS in Murrumbidgee, which covers the Local Government Areas (LGAs) of Bland, Carrathool Shire, Griffith, Hay, Leeton, Murrumbidgee, Narrandera, Coolamon, Cootamundra Gundagai Regional, Hilltops, Junee, Lockhart, Snowy Valleys, Temora, Wagga Wagga, Albury, Berrigan, Edward River, Federation, Greater Hume Shire, Murray River and part of Murrumbidgee.

* 7525 CRISIS ACCOMMODATION - HILLSTON—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, and Minister for Youth—

- (1) Will the Minister advise what consideration, if any, the Government has given to establishing a dedicated domestic violence housing response in Hillston, including crisis accommodation, transitional housing or safe local units?
- (2) What consultation, if any, the Minister or the Department of Communities and Justice has undertaken with local service providers and community representatives regarding domestic violence housing needs in Hillston?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) The NSW Government considers domestic and family violence housing needs through broader work to strengthen housing and homelessness responses across NSW, including in regional and rural communities such as Hillston. In August 2025, the NSW Government released the NSW Homelessness Strategy 2025- 2035, which supports improved responses for people experiencing domestic and family violence. Additionally, the NSW government has committed that half of the 8,400 new social homes being built will be dedicated to housing women and children leaving violent relationships.

The NSW Government has established the Homelessness Innovation Fund and Building Crisis Housing Plan to boost homelessness accommodation. This funding is available to local community housing providers and Specialist Homelessness Services to build new accommodation in their communities.

- (2) The Department of Communities and Justice engages with service providers and stakeholders through existing service delivery, commissioning, and coordination arrangements. Local collaboration networks, including in Carrathool Shire, are being established to strengthen care coordination between housing, homelessness, and health providers. The needs of regional communities, including Hillston, will continue to be considered as housing and support services are strengthened.

* 7526 TRAVELLING STOCK ROUTES - FIRST NATIONS—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

Will the Minister advise whether the Government is currently considering or progressing any proposal to transfer management or responsibility for New South Wales' Travelling Stock Routes to First Nations groups?

Answer—

I am advised:

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- (1) Local Land Services (LLS) is not currently considering or progressing any proposal to transfer management or responsibility for New South Wales Travelling Stock Routes to First Nations groups. Any such transfer would need to occur through established statutory processes, including under the Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983, while recognising the important connection First Nations people have with land.

* 7527 TRAVELLING STOCK ROUTES—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

Will the Minister advise what consultation, if any, has occurred or is planned with landholders, livestock producers, and regional communities who rely on Travelling Stock Route (TSR) access regarding any proposed changes to TSR management or governance?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Consultation with TSR users occurs through Local Land Services' regional engagement. Where changes to TSR management or governance are proposed, consultation processes are undertaken, with further consultation planned as part of the Statewide Plan of Management.

* 7528 GOVERNMENT RESPONSE TO INQUIRY INTO E-SCOOTERS, E-BIKES, AND RELATED MOBILITY OPTIONS - AMENDMENTS—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—

With reference to the Government response to the inquiry into the use of e-scooters, e-bikes and related mobility options, published in May 2025, will the Minister advise:

- (1) What steps, if any, have been taken to prepare amendments to the Road Rules 2014 to permit privately owned e-scooters to be ridden on shared paths, bicycle lanes and roads with a posted speed limit of 50 kilometres per hour or less?
- (2) Has a commencement date been set for any such amendments?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) Personal e-scooters remain illegal to use on NSW roads and road-related areas, including footpaths, shared paths and bicycle lanes.

The NSW Government has been working closely with councils on shared e-scooter trials. The trials are collecting information regarding demand for shared e-scooters, safety, and community sentiment. This will help inform the future of e-scooters in NSW.

- (2) The NSW Government has prioritised legislative reforms, which passed the Parliament in May 2026, to enable the seizure and destruction of high powered, illegal and unsafe e-bikes - to improve safety for riders and the community. Transport and NSW Police are now working to commence these powers as soon as possible.

The NSW Government is committed to delivering, as a priority, safety reforms for e-bikes and enhanced regulation of shared devices. These reforms are designed to improve community confidence and safety of e-micromobility device use before other reforms that would expand the type of devices that can legally be used on NSW roads.

- * 7529 GOVERNMENT RESPONSE TO INQUIRY INTO E-SCOOTERS, E-BIKES, AND RELATED MOBILITY OPTIONS - PUBLIC CONSULTATION—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—

With reference to the Government response to the inquiry into the use of e-scooters, e-bikes and related mobility options, published in May 2025:

- (1) Will the Minister advise whether any draft regulations, rules or other instruments relating to amendments to the Road Rules 2014 to permit privately owned e-scooters on shared paths, bicycle lanes and roads with a posted speed limit of 50 kilometres per hour or less have been released for public consultation?
 - (a) If so, on what date they were released and where they were published?

Answer—

I am advised

The information can be accessed via the following links:

<https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/system/files/media/documents/2024/Draft-key-e-scooter-rules-October-2024.pdf>

<https://www.nsw.gov.au/driving-boating-and-transport/bikes-e-bikes-e-scooters/e-micromobility-action-plan/related-projects-programs/legalising-e-scooter-riding>

- * 7530 LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING MAKING PROCESS AND BOWRAL SOUTH NEW LIVING AREA—Mrs Judy Hannan to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

In relation to the NSW Department of Planning's Local Environmental Plan Making Guidelines:

- (1) Can the Government confirm the total number of planning proposals Council-initiated by Wingecarribee Shire Council?
 - (a) In relation to question (1), can the Government confirm the status of each planning proposal according to the six stages of the Local Environmental Plan (LEP) Making Guidelines?
- (2) In relation to the NSW Department of Planning's Local Environmental Plan Making Guidelines and the Bowral South New Living Area rezoning proposal:
 - (a) Wingecarribee Shire Council received \$250,000 in government funding specifically to expedite the master planning and infrastructure release for 'New Living Areas', including Bowral South.
 - (i) What was the scope of that grant?
 - (ii) What were the delivery/document expectations?
 - (iii) What were the timing expectations of forwarding the scoping proposal, planning proposal and obtaining a gateway determination associated with that grant?
 - (iv) What advice did the Government provide in support of funding a rezoning planning proposal?
 - (v) What advice did Wingecarribee Shire Council provide to justify its application to expedite master planning and infrastructure?
 - (b) Can the Government confirm whether the Bowral South New Living Area rezoning proposal has progressed through Stage 1: Pre-Lodgement Phase of the LEP Making Guidelines or not?

If so,

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- (i) What date was the scoping proposal referred to the Department by Wingecarribee Shire Council?
- (ii) What was the early feedback provided by the Government to proponents and councils, in particular about the strategic and site-specific merits of a proposal?
- (iii) What advice was given by the Government regarding expectations for what justification and key supporting studies are required to support a planning proposal?
- (iv) What is expected by the Government to facilitate a quicker consultation during the exhibition?
- (v) What advice did the Government provide in terms of identified infrastructure needs and infrastructure funding may be needed to support the proposal?
- (c) Can the Government confirm whether the Bowral South New Living Area rezoning proposal has progressed through Stage 2: Planning Proposal Phase of the LEP Making Guidelines or not?
If so,
 - (i) What was the date the proposal was referred to the Department by Council?
 - (ii) What were the state government agencies and departments' written responses?
- (d) Can the Government confirm who initiated the Bowral South New Living Area rezoning proposal?
 - (i) If the answer to the previous question is Wingecarribee Shire Council, can the Government confirm whether the proposal has progressed to Stage 3 Gateway Determination?
- (3) Can the Government confirm the number of planning proposals initiated by the Government?
 - (a) In relation to the previous question, can the Government confirm the status of each planning proposal according to the six Stages of the LEP Making Guidelines?
- (4) In relation to Bowral South New Living Area, who is or likely to be the Planning Proposal Authority (PPA) responsible for the governance, content and quality of information contained within a planning proposal?
- (5) In relation to Bowral South New Living Area, who is or likely to be the Local Plan-Making Authority (LPMA) who undertakes the statutory functions in making the LEP?
- (6) In relation to Bowral South New Living Area, would the Independent Planning Commission (IPC) review the planning proposal, if so at what stage/s?
- (7) In relation to the changes by the Government to dissolve regional planning panels in 2025, are planning proposals in Wingecarribee Shire Council required to be reviewed by a regional planning panel and/or local planning panel?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Information on active planning proposals including the number and status can be located on the NSW Planning Portal at www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/ppr/ppr-results?combine=wingecarribee
- (2) (a) The initial scope of the grant was the delivery of a master plan and servicing strategy for Bowral South New Living Area. The scope was amended in October 2025 to the completion of a draft master plan and servicing strategy and subsequent public exhibition. There was no specific timeframe requirements provided for forwarding the scoping proposal, planning proposal, and obtaining a Gateway determination.

The Government did not provide advice in support of funding a rezoning planning proposal.

Wingecarribee Shire Council advised the master plan and servicing strategy for Bowral South New Living Area was required to help unlock the supply of 1,500 to 1,800 new dwellings in a relatively central location within Wingecarribee Shire. Council also advised the project would facilitate improved urban outcomes through a coordinated approach to infrastructure delivery from both local and State providers, with a consequent reduction in development costs, and also streamline the planning proposal and development application process to make the land development-ready more quickly.

- (b) The Bowral South New Living Area rezoning proposal has not progressed through Stage 1: Pre-Lodgement Phase of the LEP Making Guidelines.
- (c) The Bowral South New Living Area rezoning proposal has not progressed through Stage 2: Planning Proposal Phase of the LEP Making Guidelines.
- (3) The Department has not initiated any planning proposals in the Wingecarribee local government area.
- (4) Wingecarribee Shire Council.
- (5) A Local Plan Making Authority (LPMA) can either be a local council or the Department of Planning, Housing or Infrastructure. As part of the Gateway assessment, the Department will decide on which authority should be the LPMA for the submitted planning proposal following consideration of the key matters.
- (6) No.
- (7) Planning proposals for Wingecarribee Shire Council must continue to be referred to its Local Planning Panel for review in line with the referral criteria of the section 9.1 Ministerial direction, Local Planning Panels Direction - Planning Proposals. The changes to panels included as part of the Environmental Planning and Assessment (Planning Systems Changes) Amendment Act 2025 did not change this requirement.

* 7531 CANCER CARE AND ISOLATED PATIENTS TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION ASSISTANCE SCHEME ACCESS IN THE SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS—Mrs Judy Hannan to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

- (1) What agreement governs the public-private partnership between Bowral Public Hospital and Ramsay Health Care's Southern Highlands Public Hospital for cancer treatment provided to public patients being treated at the private hospital?
- (2) What are the terms of renewal for the agreement?
- (3) For the last five financial years:
 - (a) How many public patients were treated at the Southern Highlands Private Hospital for cancer care?
 - (b) What was the total amount paid by NSW Health to Ramsay Health Care for the treatment of public cancer patients at Southern Highlands Public Hospital?
 - (c) What was the total amount paid by Ramsay Health Care to NSW Health for the treatment of public cancer patients at Southern Highlands Public Hospital?
 - (d) What would the cost have been to NSW Health for treating these patients at a public hospital?
- (4) What health conditions are public patients transferred to Southern Highlands Private Hospital for treatment, excluding cancer treatment?
- (5) What is the cost of pharmaceuticals used by Ramsay Health to treat public cancer patients to the Government?

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- (6) What is the mean, mode and median out of pocket costs to public cancer patients treated by Ramsay Health Care at Southern Highlands Private Hospital?
- (a) How does this compare to out of pocket costs for public patients in public cancer centres?
- (7) For the last five financial years:
- (a) How many patients used the Isolated Patients Travel and Accommodation Assistance Scheme (IPTAAS) service from the Wingecarribee Local Government Area (LGA)?
- (b) How many people residing in the Southern Highlands (Wingecarribee Shire LGA) portion of Wollondilly State Electorate used the IPTAAS service?
- (c) How many patients used the IPTAAS service from the Wollondilly LGA?
- (d) How many patients living in Wingecarribee LGA were admitted to Bowral District Public Hospital then referred to Southern Highlands Private Hospital for cancer treatment?
- (e) How many patients living in the Wingecarribee LGA portion of Wollondilly State Electorate were admitted to Bowral District Public Hospital then referred to Southern Highlands Private Hospital for cancer treatment?
- (f) How many patients living in Wollondilly LGA were admitted to Bowral District Public Hospital then referred to Southern Highlands Private Hospital for cancer treatment?
- (g) How many public patients were receiving cancer treatment at Southern Highlands Private Hospital then referred to Bowral District Public Hospital?
- (h) What was the total cost of the IPTAAS Service for those patients?
- (8) Does IPTAAS record the type of health service that each patient using IPTAAS is accessing?
- (a) If so, how many patients from Wingecarribee LGA and Wollondilly LGA, respectively accessed IPTAAS for cancer treatment each year for the last five financial years?
- (9) Does IPTAAS record the location of the health service that each patient using IPTAAS is accessing?
- (a) If so, where are the top four public hospitals that the majority of patients from the Southern Highlands (Wingecarribee LGA) using IPTAAS travel to in order to receive cancer healthcare annually for the last 5 years?
- (10) How many public patients residing in Wollondilly State Electorate travelled to Campbelltown Public Hospital and/or Macarthur Cancer Therapy Centre annually for the last 5 financial years?
- (11) How many public patients residing in Wollondilly State Electorate travelled to Liverpool Public Hospital and/or Liverpool Cancer Therapy Centre annually for the last 5 financial years?
- (12) How many public patients residing in Wollondilly State Electorate travelled to Illawarra Cancer Care Centre Hospital annually for the last 5 financial years?
- (13) How many public patients residing in Wollondilly State Electorate travelled to Nepean Cancer and Wellness Cancer Care Centre Hospital annually for the last 5 financial years?
- (14) How many public patients residing in Wollondilly State Electorate travelled to Shoalhaven Care Centre Nowra annually for the last 5 financial years?

Answer—

I'm advised:

There is a contract between Bowral Management Company Pty Ltd (trading as Southern Highlands Cancer Centre and Southern Highlands Private Hospital), South Western Sydney Local Health District and NSW Health Pathology.

A new Hospital and Services Agreement between the above parties is under review.

Under the current service agreement, public patients may be transferred from Bowral & District Hospital to Southern Highlands Private Hospital for treatment. Public patients receiving treatment through this arrangement are not charged out-of-pocket costs for cancer treatment services. Patients requiring tertiary level services such as radiation oncology are referred to Campbell town Hospital or Liverpool Hospital.

NSW Health monitors data related to the Isolated Patient Transport Accommodation Assistance Scheme (IPTAAS) by local health district.

* 7532 AUSTRALIAN RAIL TRACK CORPORATION AND TRANSPORT FOR NSW - SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS RAIL LINE—Mrs Judy Hannan to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—

- (1) How many passengers travelled on the Southern Highlands Line annually for the last 5 financial years?
- (2) For each of the last five financial years, how many scheduled passenger services on the Southern Highlands Line:
 - (a) Ran late?
 - (i) What percentage of total services did this represent?
 - (b) Were cancelled?
 - (ii) What percentage of total services did this represent?
- (3) How does this compare to the performance of trains across the Sydney Trains network for the same time period?
- (4) How many cancelled services were replaced with buses on the Southern Highlands Line each year for the last 5 financial years?
- (5) What were the primary causes of the delays or cancellations on the Southern Highlands Line over the last 5 years?
- (6) Under Australian Rail Track Corporation (ARTC)'s 60 year lease of the railway line:
 - (a) What is ARTC's obligation to Transport for NSW to prevent or minimise delays or cancellations to the passenger services on the Southern Highlands line?
 - (b) What obligations does ARTC have in managing and responding to incidents that disrupt passenger services on the Southern Highlands line?
- (7) What are TfNSW obligations for reporting on delays and cancellations to ARTC?
- (8) Does ARTC track KPIs performance metrics against passenger services or just XPT, Freight and Super Freight?
- (9) What are the quantitative and qualitative forecasted impacts and outcomes of the Network Investment Program projects on the passenger services on the Southern Highlands line?
- (10) Was Transport for NSW involved in developing the ARTC Network Investment Program? If so, in what capacity? What was Transport for NSW's inputs?
- (11) How are ARTC reporting on the progress of the Network Investment Program and Southern Highlands Overtaking Opportunities Project in relation to passenger services on the Southern Highlands line?
- (12) How is TfNSW reporting on the progress of ARTC's Network Investment Program and Southern Highlands Overtaking Opportunities Project in terms of changes/improvements to passenger services?

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Month	Total App Visits
April 2025	1,695,471
May 2025	1,878,639
June 2025	2,041,474
July 2025	1,794,432
August 2025	1,857,592
September 2025	1,752,992
October 2025	2,083,099
November 2025	2,500,547
December 2025	2,895,786
January 2026	2,680,873
February 2026	2,405,844
March 2026	11,271,857
April 2026	7,961,085
Total Visits	42,819,691

(13) With an increase of 24 per cent in population in New South Wales between 2021-2041, is there a Government strategy that considers capitalising on the growth opportunity to increase reliability, capacity and frequency of passenger services on the Southern Highlands Line?

(14) How many of the existing Endeavor and XPT trains servicing the Southern Highlands line will be replaced with new rolling stock as part of the Regional Rail Project upgrades?

(15) When will the new Regional Rail Project fleet start operating on the Southern Highlands Line?

Answer—

I am advised

Refer to the response to LA 7385.

- * 7533 FUELCHECK APP—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Better Regulation and Fair Trading, Minister for Industry and Trade, Minister for Innovation, Science and Technology, Minister for Building, and Minister for Corrections—

To date, how many times has the FuelCheck app been utilised each month for the past 12 months?

Answer—

I am advised:

The FuelCheck app has been utilised over 42.8 million times since April 2025:

The FuelCheck website was also visited more than 7 million times over the same period.

- * 7534 RENT CHECK TOOL—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Better Regulation and Fair Trading, Minister for Industry and Trade, Minister for Innovation, Science and Technology, Minister for Building, and Minister for Corrections—

How many times has the Rent Check tool been utilised since it was released?

Answer—

I am advised:

- The Rent Check website has been used 668,978 times between its launch on 22 September 2024 and 1 May 2026, with approximately 1,140 visits per day.

- * 7535 FOLLOW UP TO LA QON 7074—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

In response to the Minister's answer to LA QON 7074, why?

Answer—

I am advised:

Contact details contained in individual records maintained within the NSW Pet Registry are not automatically synchronised across platforms for technical reasons.

- * 7536 TRANSPORT WORKERS UNION CAMPAIGN - JOBS AND TOURISM—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, Minister for Sport, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—

What specific action (if any) have you taken as Minister for Jobs and Tourism in preparation for the Transport Workers Unions 'Our Roads, Our Skies, Our Future' campaign to ensure tourism services across New South Wales are not directly or indirectly impacted by planned mass industrial action?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Government is aware of the TWU's campaign and is monitoring developments. Industrial action in this campaign is regulated under Commonwealth law and the Commonwealth's Fair Work Commission. Enquiries about industrial activity in NSW should be referred to the Minister for Industrial Relations.

- * 7537 TRANSPORT WORKERS UNION CAMPAIGN - PLANNING—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

What specific action (if any) have you taken as Minister for Planning in preparation for the Transport Workers Unions 'Our Roads, Our Skies, Our Future' campaign to ensure building materials required to deliver new housing supply across New South Wales are not directly or indirectly impacted by planned mass industrial action?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Government is not aware of building material supply constraints directly arising from the Transport Workers Union industrial campaign. The Government encourages all parties in industrial campaigns or actions to negotiate in good faith to resolve any matters in dispute.

The NSW Government has cautioned that because of the conflict in the Middle East construction costs and material supplies have increased. This has had an impact on the construction sector.

- * 7538 TRANSPORT WORKERS UNION CAMPAIGN - ROADS—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—

What specific action (if any) have you taken as Minister for Roads in preparation for the Transport Workers Unions 'Our Roads, Our Skies, Our Future' campaign to ensure road networks across New South Wales are not directly or indirectly impacted by planned mass industrial action?

Answer—

I am advised

The NSW Government is aware of the TWU's campaign and is monitoring developments. Industrial action in this campaign is regulated under Commonwealth law and the Commonwealth's Fair Work Commission. Enquiries about industrial activity in NSW should be referred to the Minister for Industrial Relations.

- * 7539 TRANSPORT WORKERS UNION CAMPAIGN - SMALL BUSINESS—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Recovery, and Minister for the North Coast—

What specific action (if any) have you taken as Minister for Small Business in preparation for the Transport Workers Unions 'Our Roads, Our Skies, Our Future' campaign to ensure small business activities across New South Wales are not directly or indirectly impacted by planned mass industrial action?

Answer—

I am advised:

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The NSW Government is aware of the TWU's campaign and is monitoring developments. Industrial action in this campaign is regulated under Commonwealth law and the Commonwealth's Fair Work Commission. Enquiries about industrial activity in NSW should be referred to the Minister for Industrial Relations.

- * 7540 TRANSPORT WORKERS UNION CAMPAIGN - TREASURER—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—

What specific action (if any) have you taken as Treasurer in preparation for the Transport Workers Unions 'Our Roads, Our Skies, Our Future' campaign to ensure the cost of living in New South Wales is not directly or indirectly increased by planned mass industrial action?

Answer—

The NSW Government is aware of the TWU's campaign and is monitoring developments. Industrial action in this campaign is regulated under Commonwealth law and the Commonwealth's Fair Work Commission. Enquiries about industrial activity in NSW should be referred to the Minister for Industrial Relations.

- * 7541 MEADOWBANK PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE BICYCLE LOCKERS—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Transport, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—

(1) When were the bicycle lockers installed under the Meadowbank Pedestrian Bridge?

(2) Since their installation, how many times have they been used?

Answer—

I am advised

The 12 lockers at Meadowbank Wharf (Bay Dr) were installed on 12 January 2007. The lockers were replaced in 2013.

Transport for NSW does not have any data before 2013 when the lockers were replaced. There have been 278 rental hires of lockers since 2013.

- * 7542 GREAT KOALA NATIONAL PARK—Mr Michael Regan to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

Could the Minister provide an update on the Government's progress in establishing the Great Koala National Park?

Answer—

The NSW Government is progressing the establishment of the Great Koala National Park which will become a centrepiece of koala conservation in NSW and a must-see destination for nature lovers. A temporary moratorium on timber harvesting is now in place across the State forests proposed for inclusion.

The National Parks and Wildlife Service has completed extensive community consultation, with almost 4,000 submissions received. A 'What We Heard' report will be released shortly, and this feedback - along with ongoing engagement with Aboriginal custodians - is informing the final design and management of the park.

The refined proposed boundary will reserve more than 176,000 hectares of State forest, creating a connected network of protected areas and supporting long-term conservation, recreation and delivering economic, tourism and social benefits for the region.

The NSW Government is undertaking the work required to introduce a Bill to Parliament to formally reserve the Great Koala National Park under the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974* in late 2026. The

final creation of the park is dependent on the successful registration of a carbon project under the Improved Native Forest Management (INFM) Method, which is currently moving through the Federal Government assessment processes.

- * 7543 LAND MANAGEMENT (NATIVE VEGETATION) CODE—Mr Michael Regan to ask the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

In relation to the Land Management (Native Vegetation) Code:

- (1) What caps will be implemented to prevent runaway land clearing at a landscape scale?
- (2) What resources will be dedicated by the Government to prevent unauthorised land clearing across New South Wales?
- (3) What environmental impact assessments will be required prior to any proposed significant rural land clearing?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The proposed changes to the Land Management Code, consulted on with the public in 2025, further reduce clearing and strengthen environmental protections. This includes reintroducing a cap on equity clearing to limit overall area permitted to be cleared.
- (2) This is a matter for the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for Environment, and Minister for Heritage.
- (3) Lower-impact clearing can proceed as allowable activities and/or Land Management Code notifications. Higher-impact clearing requires a Land Management Code certificate, supported by environmental assessment, including consideration of threatened ecological communities.

- * 7544 CONTAINER REFUND SCHEME—Mr Michael Regan to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) What action is the Government taking to increase participation in the container refund scheme?
- (2) Has the Government assessed the feasibility of increasing the refund amount for this scheme?
 - (a) If not, why?
- (3) What work is being done to ensure the return and earn system can manage and process the expanded range of acceptable items in 2027?

Answer—

- (1) The container refund scheme, Return and Earn has a current participation rate of 84% and will expand in mid-2027 to include wine and spirit bottles, cordial and concentrate containers, and larger sized drink containers. It is estimated this will bring an additional 362 million containers into the scheme and increase opportunities to participate for more refunds.

The NSW Environment Protection Authority and its scheme partners, TOMRA Cleanaway and Exchange for Change, also continuously look for ways to increase participation. Examples of recent initiatives include:

- partnering with NSW local councils to introduce bin baskets in parks and public spaces to allow citizens to collect eligible beverage containers which might otherwise end up in landfill or general recycling.

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- converting reverse vending machines to accept all eligible container types in each chute to make returning containers simpler and more convenient
 - introducing more bulk volume return points to make it easier for citizens returning large volumes.
- (2) No.
- (a) This will be discussed with other jurisdictions and analysing any change to the Container Deposit Scheme (CDS) 10 cent refund is best done in a harmonised way with other states and territories.
- (3) Planning is well underway for expanding the scheme. The Network Operator for the NSW Return and Earn scheme is responsible for providing return points and collection of containers under contract with the NSW Government. This will include any necessary updates to machines that may be required.

* 7545 POKER MACHINE TAX REVENUE—Ms Jacqui Scruby to ask the Attorney General representing the Minister for Finance, Minister for Domestic Manufacturing and Government Procurement, and Minister for Natural Resources—

With reference to LA QON 7181, 1240, 819, 145:

- (1) Does Revenue NSW collect and maintain poker machine tax revenue data based on:
- (a) Local Government Area (LGA)?
 - (b) Postcode?
 - (c) Individual venue address?
- (2) What was the total gaming machine tax revenue collected from venues located within the Northern Beaches Local Government Area for the financial years:
- (a) 2020-21?
 - (b) 2021-22?
 - (c) 2022-23?
 - (d) 2023-24?
 - (e) 2024-25?
- (3) What was the total tax revenue collected from poker machines (by postcode, 2084, 2097, 2101, 2102, 2103, 2104, 2105, 2106, 2107, 2108) for the same period?
- (4) Given Revenue NSW collects gaming machine tax from specific venues, what was the total tax revenue collected from all registered clubs and hotels physically located within the 2084–2108 postcodes for the requested financial years?
- (5) If Revenue NSW cannot provide revenue data by electorate, how does the Treasury calculate the impact of gaming tax reforms on specific regional communities?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) (a) Revenue NSW does not collect and maintain data by Local Government Area (LGA)
- (b) Revenue NSW can provide data by NSW postcodes.
- (c) Revenue NSW does collect and maintain data by individual venue address.
- (2) Revenue NSW does not collect and maintain data by Local Government Area (LGA)

- (3) Total revenue collected from postcodes 2084, 2097, 2101, 2102, 2103, 2104, 2105, 2106, 2107, 2108 is:

Financial Year	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	Total
Clubs & Hotels	\$6,805,016	\$4,973,308	\$7,752,697	\$7,774,689	\$8,467,201	\$35,772,911

Note: Division 3 Secrecy of the Taxation Administration Act 1996 prevents Revenue NSW from disclosing information that will directly or indirectly, identify a taxpayer. The provision of postcode specific revenue information can lead to a revenue paying Club or Hotel being indirectly identified. The risk of identifying the Club or Hotel greatly increases when the number of Clubs or Hotels are minimal in that postcode. Accordingly, the revenue collected from registered Clubs and Hotels has been amalgamated to comply with Division 3 of the Taxation Administration Act.

- (4) See above table
(5) This question is best directed to the Treasurer.

- * 7546 SPEED ENFORCEMENT AND COMPLIANCE - BARRENJOEY ROAD NEWPORT—Ms Jacqui Scruby to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—

Noting the speed limit reduction from 60 kilometres per hour to 50 kilometres per hour implemented on 7 August 2025 on Barrenjoey Road between Beaconsfield Street, Newport and Gladstone Road, Newport (Newport Hill):

- (1) How many penalty notices were issued for speeding offences on this specific section of Barrenjoey Road between 7 August 2025 and 30 April 2026?
- (2) What is the total number of demerit points stripped from motorists for speeding offences on this section of road during the same period?
- (3) What is the total revenue raised in fines for the section during the same period?
- (4) How many penalty notices for speeding were issued on this same section of road during the equivalent period the previous year (7 August 2024 to 30 April 2025), when the limit was 60 kilometres per hour?
- (5) Of the fines issued since August 2025, how many were for speeds recorded between 51 kilometres per hour and 60 kilometres per hour?
- (6) Was there a formal 'grace period' for enforcement immediately following the change?
 - (a) If so, what were the dates and nature of this period?

Answer—

I am advised

This is a matter for the Minister for Finance.

- * 7547 COMMUNITY PRESCHOOLS—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

In relation to the funding for community preschools:

- (1) Can the Minister advise what the existing funding amount is for the following community preschools:
 - (a) Bundanoon District Community Preschool?
 - (b) KU Goulburn Preschool?

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- (c) KU Donkin Memorial Preschool?
- (d) Murrumbateman Early Childhood Centre?
- (e) Robertson Community Preschool?
- (f) Tarago Preschool?
- (g) Yass Montessori Preschool?
- (h) SDN Crookwell Preschool?
- (2) What do you project parents' fees to increase to following your decision to increase service fees for the following community preschools:
 - (a) Bundanoon District Community Preschool?
 - (b) KU Goulburn Preschool?
 - (c) KU Donkin Memorial Preschool?
 - (d) Murrumbateman Early Childhood Centre?
 - (e) Robertson Community Preschool?
 - (f) Tarago Preschool?
 - (g) Yass Montessori Preschool?
 - (h) SDN Crookwell Preschool?

Answer—

Please refer to LA QON 7197

* 7548 CORRESPONDENCE REGARDING THE BLACKTOWN HOSPITAL EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

- (1) Is it true that my letter of representation to your office on 17 February 2026 regarding the failing of Blacktown Hospital's emergency department has taken 85 days to be responded to?
 - (a) If so, do you regard these as acceptable response times?
- (2) What reasons exist for the extensive delays to my correspondence, when this outstanding matter has already been followed up by my office?
- (3) What has been the average response time from your office to all letters of representation directed to you by Members of Parliament?
- (4) What changes to your office are you planning to make to reduce the time frame for responses to be something more in line with accepted ministerial correspondence guidelines?

Answer—

I'm advised:

Due to administrative error unfortunately there was a delay in the Member receiving a response.

I understand that a response was sent to the Member for Kellyville on 13 May 2026.

* 7549 ASBESTOS EXPOSURE AT CASTLE HILL HIGH SCHOOL—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) Is it true that an enforceable undertaking has been made by Safe Work NSW in relation to the asbestos exposure at Castle Hill High School?

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- (2) Is it true that Workers Compensation entitlements have been paid out because of the asbestos exposure at Castle Hill High School?
 - (3) Is it true that a total of 1,279 asbestos inspections were conducted in two years (between 2023-2025)?
 - (4) Is it true that \$5.3 million has been expensed in the just last financial year for such inspections?
 - (5) Is it true that \$1.8 million has been expensed for resampling newly identified spaces with potential risk or 'incorrect entry of previous testing data into the database'?
 - (6) Is it true that a combined total of \$7.1 million (including the above inspections and resampling) has been expensed and referred to in the undertaking as 'Total Amount Spent on Rectifications'?
 - (a) If so, do you regard testing and sampling as rectification?
 - (7) Is it true that the enforceable undertaking does not specify any physical building rectification requirements only policies, processes, training, surveying, and testing?
 - (a) If so, do you intend to do it anyway if it is not being 'forced' by Safe Work NSW?
 - (8) To avoid further Workers Compensation claims, what actual physical rectification has taken place since 2023, especially in the locations noted in the historical Asbestos Register as High Risk?
 - (9) Is it true that the format of the Asbestos Register has been updated and that it now no longer identifies what type of asbestos has been located?
 - (a) If so, what is the purpose of this removal of transparency, noting this could be seen as contravening to the undertaking commitment (Section 4.a) that the behaviours of the Department have ceased?

Answer—

The enforceable undertaking relates to incidents of asbestos exposure at Castle Hill High School under the former Liberal National Government, between 2015 and 2020 including during periods in which the Member for Kellyville was a minister.

I note the Member has acknowledged that teachers had raised their concerns with him when the Liberals were government. The Member told 2GB on 5 February 2026 “I said, well, the moment you walk out my office, I will contact the Minister for Education, remembering that we were in government at the time. And I said to the Minister, I expect within 48 hours a response as to what you're going to do this situation ... didn't get a response”.

It is disappointing the Member for Kellyville and the former Liberal National Government failed to take appropriate action.

In response to the incidents that occurred under the former Government, the NSW Department of Education has entered into an enforceable undertaking (EU) with SafeWork NSW, which is an agreement with SafeWork NSW to continue to improve asbestos management in all NSW public schools and workplaces.

Information regarding the department's commitments under the Enforceable Undertaking is publicly available at:

https://www.safework.nsw.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0010/1397854/nsw-department-of-education-enforceable-undertaking.pdf

Information regarding all physical rectification works is available on the schools' webpage on the School Infrastructure website at:

https://www.schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au/schools/8/8382.html#content_3

Since coming to office, the Government has increased the number of inspections and has increased its investment in proactive asbestos management and asbestos resurveying.

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All payments for workers compensation are determined in accordance with the legislation by the departments claims services provider Allianz. The department provides support staff in line with the department's Recovery at Work Program.

Wherever hazardous materials are suspected or found in NSW public schools, the department shares that information with school communities and immediately implements safety measures, including isolating the area and engaging experts to investigate and remediate the site to SafeWork NSW standards where required.

The management of asbestos within department facilities is carried out in accordance with all relevant State and Commonwealth legislation, regulations and SafeWork NSW Codes of Practice.

* 7550 CORRESPONDENCE REGARDING BUS SERVICES IN THE HILLS SHIRE—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Transport, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—

- (1) Is it true that my letter of representation to your office on 17 February 2026 regarding bus services in The Hills Shire has taken 85 days to be responded to?
 - (a) If so, do you regard these as acceptable response times?
- (2) What reasons exist for the extensive delays to my correspondence, when this outstanding matter has already been followed up by my office?
- (3) What has been the average response time from your office to all letters of representation directed to you by Members of Parliament?
- (4) What changes to your office are you planning to make to reduce the time frame for responses to be something more in line with accepted ministerial correspondence guidelines?

Answer—

I am advised

My office receives a large volume of correspondence and makes every effort to respond in a timely manner. While I acknowledge this timeframe is longer than expected, response times for ministerial correspondence can vary depending on the complexity of the issues raised and the need for inter-agency consultation.

* 7551 CORROSPONDENCE REGARDING THE SAFETY OF METRO COMMUTERS—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Transport, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—

- (1) Is it true that my letter of representation to your office on 14 January 2026 regarding the safety of commuters at Metro stations has taken 119 days to be responded to?
 - (a) If so, do you regard these as acceptable response times?
- (2) What reasons exist for the extensive delays to my correspondence, when this outstanding matter has already been followed up by my office?
- (3) What has been the average response time from your office to all letters of representation directed to you by Members of Parliament?
- (4) What changes to your office are you planning to make to reduce the time frame for responses to be something more in line with accepted ministerial correspondence guidelines?

Answer—

I am advised

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* 7552 FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT DOCTORS—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

- (1) How many full-time equivalent consultant doctor positions have been added in New South Wales public hospitals since 2023?
 - (a) How many positions remain vacant?
- (2) What is the current vacancy rate for senior medical staff (consultants and staff specialists) across NSW Health?
 - (a) How many in the Liverpool Health District?
 - (b) How many in the Sutherland Health District?
- (3) What specific changes to industrial arrangements for doctors are currently under consideration?
 - (a) What is the timeline for implementation?

Answer—

I'm advised:

Specialty health networks and hospitals vary staffing profiles and numbers as required to appropriately meet operational needs. Vacancies are actively recruited as they arise. NSW Health workforce numbers and expenditure on Visiting Medical Officers are published each year in the Annual Report.

The Staff Specialists (State) Award and the Visiting Medical Officer Determinations are currently being arbitrated before the Industrial Relations Commission (IRC).

A broad range of changes are being considered by the IRC in each arbitration, including changes to house of work for Staff Specialists.

* 7553 FUTURE DEMAND FOR HOSPITAL SERVICES—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

- (1) What modelling has the Government undertaken regarding projected demand for hospital services over the next 10 years, particularly for complex and chronic conditions?
- (2) What capital works or hospital expansion projects are currently funded to address increasing demand?
 - (a) What are their expected completion dates?
- (3) How does the Government plan to address the increasing complexity of patient presentations, including multi-morbidity and ageing population pressures?

Answer—

I'm advised:

NSW Health has undertaken demand modelling for hospital services to the year 2041. The modelling includes patients with chronic and complex conditions.

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NSW Health's plan to understand and respond to changing population needs is outlined in Future Health: Guiding the next decade of health care in NSW 2022-2032

(www.health.nsw.gov.au/about/nswhealth/Pages/future-health.aspx).

Please refer to the 2025-26 NSW Budget Paper No.03 Infrastructure Statement

(www.nsw.gov.au/business-and-economy/nsw-budget/2025-26-budget-papers).

* 7554 T8 AND SOUTH LINE SERVICES—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Transport, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—

- (1) How many T8 Airport and South Line services servicing Holsworthy, East Hills, Glenfield and Revesby stations were cancelled in:
 - (a) 2024?
 - (b) 2025?
 - (c) 2026 to date?
- (2) Does the Government have plans to increase peak-hour frequency for commuters in South-West Sydney?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1)
 - (a) 509
 - (b) 854
 - (c) 72 (as at 30 April 2026)
- (2) As committed by the NSW Government, a review of the train network has been completed and is informing the roll out of future train timetables and service improvements to ensure we are getting the best out of the train network for passengers.

* 7555 REGIONAL ROADS FUND—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—

When will applications open for the next round of Regional Roads Funding?

Answer—

I am advised

The Regional Roads Fund was a one-off program based on the commitments made prior to the 2023 NSW election. Regional councils are able to apply for a range of other ongoing funding programs, including the Towards Zero Road Safety Program, Get NSW Active, the Level Crossing Improvement Program, the Commonwealth Black Spot Program, the Commonwealth Safer Local Roads and Local Infrastructure Program and the Commonwealth Roads to Recovery Program. Regional councils are also provided funding through Regional Road Block Grants which they can direct to their priority projects.

* 7556 ACCOUNTABILITY FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD INTERVENTION PROGRAMS—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) What accountability mechanisms are currently in place to ensure providers are delivering high-quality assessment, referral processing, and support services for children identified by early

education providers as potentially eligible for assistance under the Early Childhood Early Intervention Program (ECEIP)?

- (2) Are the current processes and performance expectations of providers delivering Early Childhood Early Intervention Program (ECEIP) services adequate in meeting the needs of children and families residing in regional and remote areas of New South Wales?

Answer—

The NSW Department of Education does not hold responsibility for the program referred to. It is recommended the question is directed to the Australian Government, through the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA).

- * 7557 PORTABLE LONG SERVICE LEAVE ENTITLEMENTS—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Industrial Relations, and Minister for Work Health and Safety—

Given employees can access their accrued Portable Long Service Leave entitlements after seven years of recognised industry service, with an additional four-year period in which they may return to the industry without losing their accrued service:

- (1) Can the Minister advise what occurs to an employee's accrued entitlements and associated funds if they permanently leave the industry prior to reaching the required qualifying period?
- (a) Will funds remain with the Government under the scheme or will contributions be refunded to the organisations that contributed the funds?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The legislation provides for a pro rata payment to a worker of their entitlement, if they permanently leave the industry after a minimum of five years of service in the Community Services Sector portable long service leave scheme.

If a worker chooses to work in another industry before they become eligible for long service leave in the Community Services Scheme, their entitlement remains active for an additional four years. In these circumstances, should the worker return to the sector within the four years, they continue to build entitlements, picking up from where they left off. Workers are also entitled to pro rata payments in other special circumstances including injury, illness, death or financial hardship.

In other circumstances, the worker would lose their entitlements as they would under standard laws relating to long service leave.

- (a) If an individual worker leaves the industry before they reach an entitlement, related employer organisations would not be refunded any contributions. This is in line with existing portable long service leave schemes.

Levies paid are a contribution to a pooled fund, held to pay entitlements for all the workers in the sector, which will grow through investment and cover future liability to pay long service entitlements. Funds contributed, are not attached to individual workers and entitlements are paid at best rate of pay of the worker possible, based on their current work, at the time of claim and not at the rate of the historical levy collection.

The pooled fund is held to pay worker entitlements and administer the scheme only. It is administered by the Long Service Corporation, invested with NSW TCorp and subject to regular actuarial review. Factors such as affordability, the probability of worker reaching eligibility, sustainability to pay workers and meet future liability are all factors built into actuarial models that assess the levy rate set for employers to pay, which is 1.3% of gross ordinary wages for 2025-26.

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* 7558 RISING ANTISEMITISM AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Premier—

- (1) Is rising antisemitism overwhelming the mental health services available to Jewish school students?
- (2) What action is the Government taking to fund in-school mental health support directly to Jewish schools?

Answer—

I am advised:

In the wake of the antisemitic terrorist attack at Bondi Beach, the Department of Education took steps to support schools both immediately and in the 2026 return to school, particularly our Jewish communities, who were directly impacted.

Additional counselling resources were deployed on Day 1, 2026 to support students and families impacted by the antisemitic terrorist attack in Bondi.

The Department of Education continues to provide resources to schools on managing in times of crisis, and communicates and provides resources and advice to Anti Racism Contact Officers (ARCOs) to help ensure that schools are safe and inclusive teaching and learning environments.

Staff support is available through the Department of Education's Health, Safety and Staff Wellbeing team and counselling support for students continues to be available.

At the start of Term 1, 2026, professional development was delivered on the school development days, focusing on supporting students and staff in times of crisis. In addition, targeted professional learning has been provided and continues to be available for schools with large Jewish populations, delivered in partnership with Jewish organisations.

The Department of Education is continuing to work alongside the Director Educational Leadership for the Bondi Network, principals and providers including Headspace and Together for Humanity. This ongoing support ensures schools can access the support they need to address the wellbeing and resilience needs following a traumatic event and strengthen social cohesive school communities.

The Department of Education is working with ASECA, the Sydney Jewish Museum and UNESCO on a pilot project focused on addressing antisemitism through education. Eleven NSW public high schools are engaged in this pilot. This work forms part of a broader, national effort under the Antisemitism Education Taskforce.

The Department of Education is also working closely with the Australian Government and is a member of the Antisemitism Education Taskforce and hosted the national dialogue on 17 March 2026. The Taskforce forms part of the Australian Government's response to the Special Envoy's Plan to Combat Antisemitism. It will consider actions to help the Australian education system prevent, tackle and respond to antisemitism.

The 12-month taskforce, chaired by David Gonski AC, has representation from the Australian Government and State and Territory Department's of Education, along with representatives from the Australian Council of Jewish Schools, Independent Schools Australia and the National Catholic Education Commission. This is ensuring that the needs of schools across all sectors, including the specific needs of Jewish Schools, are at the centre of the taskforce's work.

* 7559 CORRESPONDENCE REGARDING LINK WENTWORTH—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, and Minister for Youth—

- (1) Can the Minister confirm receipt of correspondence to assist a constituent in Link Wentworth housing in Turramurra?
- (2) Will the Minister respond to my representations to that constituent?
 - (a) If so, when?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) On 16 April 2026, my office received representations from your electorate office.
- (2) The matter was referred to Homes NSW to liaise with the community housing provider, Link Wentworth, about the concerns raised on behalf of the constituent. Link Wentworth has been in contact with the constituent about the matter and will continue to work with the constituent's support services.

On 26 May 2026, a formal response to your representation, including direct contact details for Link Wentworth for any additional information or questions, was sent by my office via email.

- * 7560 RECRUITMENT INCENTIVES FOR TEACHERS—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

What recruitment incentives are there for primary and secondary teachers in the NSW Department of Education?

Answer—

The biggest incentive that has been provided to NSW teachers has been the Minns Labor Government's decision to end the former Liberal National Government's 12-year suppression of teachers' wages.

Soon after coming to office, the Minns Labor Government provided teachers with biggest uplift in pay in generation, taking them from the worst paid in the country to among the highest. It is disappointing the Liberals and Nationals have promised to bring back the wages cap, which would be a disincentive for existing teachers to remain in the profession and for new teachers to join the profession in NSW.

The decision to fairly pay our teachers has led to 74% reduction in unfilled teaching positions in the electorate of Davidson.

Furthermore, the Minns Labor Government ended the Liberals and Nationals undermining of the teaching profession, by forcing thousands of teachers and support staff onto temporary and insecure contracts.

I am proud that since coming to office, the Minns Labor Government has provided more than 25,000 temporary teachers and support staff onto permanent contracts. This includes 315 teachers and support staff in the electorate of Davidson.

- * 7561 RESTART NSW FUND—Mr Philip Donato to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—

Given the cumulative percentage of funds directed to regional and rural infrastructure projects from the Restart NSW Fund is 5.1 per cent short of the legislated 30 per cent of the fund for regional and rural New South Wales, representing almost a \$422 million deficit in funds, will the Government commit to delivering this funding deficit in the coming budget?

Answer—

The NSW Government will consider all expenditure and grant program priorities as part of the 2026-27 Budget process.

- * 7562 DRUG DETECTION DOG PROGRAM—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

In relation to the NSW Police's Drug Detection program

- (1) In each of the last ten years, what is the total number of hours spent by the NSW Police Force and one or more drug dogs at each train station in New South Wales?

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- (2) At each of the above train stations in each of the last ten years how many people, after interacting with a drug detection dog, were:
 - (a) Subject to a search but found not to possess an illicit substance?
 - (b) Charged with possessing an illicit substance?
 - (c) Referred to the Early Drug Diversion Initiative?
- (3) What is the typical composition, in terms of NSW Police Officer numbers and roles (i.e. rank and/or any specialisation), of a team deployed under this Program?
- (4) What is the typical period of time for which such a team is deployed at a train station or other public place?
- (5) What is the average hourly cost, in terms of wages and other necessary additional costs, of deploying a team under this Program to a train station or other public place?
- (6) How are decisions made about where to assign Drug Dog teams?
 - (a) Who makes these decisions and what protocols or policies guide these?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSWPF conducts regular drug detection operations at train stations and other public places across NSW. The duration of these operations varies.

For general operations, six (6) police officers are recommended to support each drug detection dog and eight (8) police officers in a public transport/railway deployment. The rank and composition of this police support is determined by the Operation Commander. Duration of drug detection dog deployments vary.

Operating costs, including wages and other associated costs are funded through the New South Wales Police Force's annual budget. A breakdown of the NSW Police Force's expenditure, including operating costs, is included in the annual report.

Operational taskings are determined by the Operation Commander. Public area deployments are confined to authorised areas nominated in section 148 of the Law Enforcement (Powers & Responsibilities) Act 2002, or specific locations nominated in a general warrant issued under section 149 of this Act.

* 7563 INNER WEST POLICE AREA COMMAND—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

In relation to the Inner West Police Area Command:

- (1) Over the past 10 years, has there been an increase in funding for operations and staff?
 - (a) If so, what is the increase amount in the following categories:
 - (i) General operations?
 - (ii) Staffing budget?
 - (iii) Specific operations or initiatives (please specify)?
 - (iv) Public education and outreach programs?
 - (v) Other (please specify)?
 - (b) For 2015 and 2026, what is the total number of Full Time Equivalent staff employed within the Command in each of the following categories:
 - (i) Frontline police?
 - (ii) Detectives?

- (iii) Communications, media, and Public Relations?
- (iv) Administrative staff?
- (v) Highway Patrol?
- (vi) Specialist civilian roles (e.g. forensic technicians, legal staff, analysts, etc.)?
- (vii) Other (please specify)?
- (c) Has the total number of Full Time Equivalent staff increased between 2015 and 2026?
 - (i) If so, by how much?

Answer—

I am advised:

The operating costs of the Inner West Police Area Command are funded through the NSW Police Force's annual budget. A breakdown of the NSW Police Force's expenditure, including operating costs, is included in the annual report.

The NSW Police Force also publishes information regarding staff numbers in each Police Area Command (PAC) and Police District (PD) in its annual report.

All police positions attached to PACs or PDs are flexible resources available to respond to incidents across the command/district. Staffing at any particular police station can fluctuate daily in response to crime trends and other intelligence-led operational requirements.

All local resources are supplemented by specialist police (highway patrol, major crime squads, covert resources) who are managed centrally but can be deployed across boundaries to meet community needs and respond to crime patterns and emerging issues.

* 7564 SOUTH SYDNEY POLICE AREA COMMAND—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

In relation to the South Sydney Police Area Command:

- (1) Over the past 10 years, has there been an increase in funding for operations and staff?
 - (a) If so, what is the increase amount in the following categories:
 - (i) General operations?
 - (ii) Staffing budget?
 - (iii) Specific operations or initiatives (please specify)?
 - (iv) Public education and outreach programs?
 - (v) Other (please specify)?
 - (b) For 2015 and 2026, what is the total number of Full Time Equivalent staff employed within the Command in each of the following categories:
 - (i) Frontline police?
 - (ii) Detectives?
 - (iii) Communications, media, and Public Relations?
 - (iv) Administrative staff?
 - (v) Highway Patrol?
 - (vi) Specialist civilian roles (e.g. forensic technicians, legal staff, analysts, etc.)?

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- (vii) Other (please specify)?
- (c) Has the total number of Full Time Equivalent staff increased between 2015 and 2026?
 - (i) If so, by how much?

Answer—

I am advised:

The operating costs of South Sydney Police Area Command are funded through the NSW Police Force's annual budget. A breakdown of the NSW Police Force's expenditure, including operating costs, is included in the annual report.

The NSW Police Force also publishes information regarding staff numbers in each Police Area Command (PAC) and Police District (PD) in its annual report.

All police positions attached to PACs or PDs are flexible resources available to respond to incidents across the command/district. Staffing at any particular police station can fluctuate daily in response to crime trends and other intelligence-led operational requirements.

All local resources are supplemented by specialist police (highway patrol, major crime squads, covert resources) who are managed centrally but can be deployed across boundaries to meet community needs and respond to crime patterns and emerging issues.

- * 7565 BELLAMBI PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, and Minister for Youth—

In relation to the proposed redevelopment of the Bellambi Public Housing Estate:

- (1) What will happen to the people in the 440 or so households currently living on the estate?
- (2) What type of housing, and the numbers for each, will be built in place of the existing dwellings for Homes NSW and Aboriginal Housing Office tenants?
 - (a) Units?
 - (b) Townhouses?
 - (c) Detached dwellings?
- (3) If there is to be a mix of housing types for Homes NSW and Aboriginal Housing Office tenants, what will be the proportion of units, townhouses and detached dwellings?
- (4) Of new housing to be delivered for Homes NSW and Aboriginal Housing Office tenants, how many will be dwellings with:
 - (a) One bedroom?
 - (b) Two bedrooms?
 - (c) Three bedrooms?
 - (d) More than three bedrooms?
- (5) What Gross Floor Area of the 26-hectare site will be retained for Homes NSW and Aboriginal Housing Office housing?
 - (a) Where will the new Homes NSW and Aboriginal Housing Office dwellings be located within the proposed rezoning area?
- (6) What are the estimated costs of the project, broken down into:
 - (a) Preliminary costs (consultancy fees, etc.)?

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- (b) Purchasing private dwellings?
 - (c) Demolition and site clearance?
 - (d) Land remediation and stabilisation costs?
 - (e) Infrastructure costs including roads?
 - (f) Construction costs of Homes NSW and Aboriginal Housing Office dwellings?
 - (g) Other (please specify)?
 - (7) When is it anticipated that the new Homes NSW and Aboriginal Housing Office dwellings will be completed?
 - (a) Will existing tenants have the right of return to these new dwellings?
 - (8) What is the anticipated return on the sale of land to the private sector?
 - (9) In the Wollongong Local Government area, how many sites have been identified through the public land audit as suitable for housing?
 - (a) Of these sites, how many have been:
 - (i) Offered to Homes NSW for purchase and subsequently purchased by the agency?
 - (ii) Offered to Homes NSW for purchase and not subsequently purchased by the agency?
 - (ii) Sold on the private market?

Answer—

I am advised:

In relation to the proposed redevelopment of the Bellambi Public Housing Estate:

- (1) The Bellambi estate renewal is a long-term project (15-20 years) and is currently in the planning stage. Homes NSW has taken a community-led approach to renewing the Bellambi estate, engaging broadly with residents, stakeholders, and the community since August 2024 to understand their needs, priorities and aspirations for renewal.

Feedback from early engagement informed the draft Bellambi People and Place Plan, which was placed on public exhibition in June and July 2025, and has informed the Bellambi rezoning proposal.

The proposal was on public exhibition from 13 February to 13 March 2026, with drop-in information sessions held and feedback accepted through the NSW Planning Portal. The community will continue to have opportunities to learn more and provide feedback as renewal progresses.

Social housing residents are not being asked to move at this time. If, and when, redevelopment progresses:

- The relocation of residents living in social housing would occur in stages, to minimise impacts on residents and the community.
- Residents would receive at least six months written notice prior to relocating.
- Homes NSW and the Aboriginal Housing Office (AHO) residents would be supported at each stage of the relocation by a dedicated relocations officer.
- Residents would be provided relocation options guided by their individual needs and requirements, and the availability of suitable Homes NSW properties. Bellambi social housing residents would also be offered the opportunity to return to a new social home in Bellambi as new homes are delivered.

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- (2) The rezoning proposal is a formal request to change the planning controls that apply to the Bellambi rezoning area, and includes changes to land use zoning, building heights, and other development controls. The rezoning proposal does not specify the number or types of housing.

The dwelling types, quantities, and mix will be defined through further planning, design, and future development applications, subject to the outcome of the Bellambi estate rezoning proposal.

- (3) & (4) The dwelling types, quantities, and mix will be confirmed through further planning, design, and future development applications, subject to the outcome of the Bellambi estate rezoning proposal.
- (5) The distribution of Gross Floor Area (GFA) will be defined through further planning, design, and future development applications, subject to the outcome of the Bellambi estate rezoning proposal. Homes NSW proposes a minimum of 30% dwellings to be retained as social housing under the rezoning proposal.
- (6) Subject to the outcome of the Bellambi estate rezoning proposal, Homes NSW will progress detailed planning and design for homes and infrastructure. Cost estimates will be developed as part of future project planning.
- (7) Pending approval of the rezoning proposal and future development applications, the large-scale renewal of the Bellambi estate is likely to be delivered in stages over 15-20 years.
- Tenant relocations will be managed in line with Homes NSW policy. Social housing residents currently living within the Bellambi rezoning area would be offered the opportunity to return to a new social home in Bellambi as new homes are delivered through staged redevelopment.
- (8) The delivery strategy for the land within the rezoning area will be developed as part of future project planning, subject to the outcome of the Bellambi estate rezoning proposal.
- (9) The Government Land Audit is managed by Property and Development NSW. Homes NSW is aware of two sites identified in proximity to Wollongong.
- (a) (i) None
- (ii) Two sites.
- (iii) Homes NSW does not have this information.

* 7566 RIVERWATCH WATER QUALITY MONITORING PROGRAM—Ms Robyn Preston to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

In relation to Sydney Water's RiverWatch Water Quality Monitoring Program providing clear, science-based advice on the safety of recreational water use in the Parramatta River and within Sydney Harbour:

- (1) Will the Government consider expanding this program to include the Hawkesbury River?
- (2) What current water quality monitoring and public reporting mechanisms exist for recreational use of the Hawkesbury River, particularly following rainfall events?
- (3) In line with the National Health and Medical Research Council Guidelines for Managing Risks in Recreational Waters, are the existing monitoring arrangements for the Hawkesbury River adequate?
- (4) Will the Government consider implementing routine and post-rainfall monitoring of key indicators, such as enterococci, turbidity, temperature and dissolved oxygen, consistent with RiverWatch methods?
- (5) Will the Government consider providing clear, publicly accessible water quality reporting for the Hawkesbury River to ensure residents can make informed decisions about recreational use?

Answer—

- (1) The Government will continue to ensure that programs such as Beachwatch and RiverWatch remain fit for purpose and meet the community's needs.
- (2) In the Hawkesbury River, Beachwatch conducts monitoring at two swim sites (Macquarie Park - Windsor and Yarramundi Reserve) in partnership with Hawkesbury City Council.
- (3) Yes
- (4) Beachwatch routinely monitors key indicators, including enterococci, clarity, temperature and conductivity, consistent with the NHMRC guidelines for Managing Risks in Recreational Waters at the two swim sites in the Hawkesbury River.
- (5) Beachwatch provides clear, publicly accessible water quality reporting for two swim sites in the Hawkesbury River.

* 7567 REPAIRS FOR COMMUNITY HOUSING PROPERTIES—Mr Michael Regan to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, and Minister for Youth—

- (1) What is the Government policy governing how Community Housing Providers (CHPs) must respond to property repair requests from tenants in their properties?
 - (a) Are there guidelines/ requirements for repair timeframes depending on the severity of the property issue?
 - (i) If so, what are these?
- (2) Does the Government monitor and track the number of property repairs or upgrades completed by CHPs each year?
- (3) What is the Government doing to improve responsiveness to repair requests from tenants in community housing?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The requirements governing how Community Housing Providers (CHPs) respond to tenant property repair requests are set out in the Homes NSW Asset Management Framework, which establishes the maintenance standards, response requirements and asset management obligations expected of CHPs. In addition, CHPs are subject to the provisions of the Residential Tenancies Act 2010 (NSW) in their capacity as landlords and are required to maintain properties in a reasonable state of repair and respond appropriately to both urgent and non-urgent maintenance requests.
- (2) Yes
 - (i) **Urgent works:** Services are required to be performed when there is a functional failure resulting in an immediate risk to safety, health or security or in response to an emergency or major incident/risk. Due to their criticality, these works are associated with very short response timeframes.

Priority Works: Services are required to be performed when there is a functional failure of a component or when action is required to be performed when there is an immediate threat to safety or a security risk. These works should be undertaken within short timeframes (e.g. between 24 and 48 hours).

Planned works: Scheduled upgrades completed at a known frequency, and that are necessary to ensure that properties are continually managed at or above the maintenance standards.

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This information is publicly available at:

<https://www.nsw.gov.au/departments-and-agencies/homes-nsw/social-housing-resources/asset-management-framework-for-existing-properties>

<https://www.nsw.gov.au/departments-and-agencies/homes-nsw/social-housing-resources/asset-management-framework-for-newly-built-properties>

- (3) Responsive repairs: The Government does not track the number of individual responsive repairs completed by CHPs. However, CHPs operating under long-term lease arrangements are required to report on their annual average responsive maintenance expenditure per property, providing oversight of maintenance investment and performance.

Planned maintenance and upgrades: CHPs operating under long-term lease arrangements are required to prepare and maintain both 1-year and 10-year maintenance plans. CHPs also report annually on their average capital expenditure per property, enabling the Government to monitor planned asset renewal, upgrades and long-term investment in the housing portfolio.

Property condition monitoring: In addition to maintenance expenditure reporting, both CHPs and Homes NSW undertake Property Assessment Surveys (PAS) to assess and monitor the condition of properties. These surveys provide information on asset condition, maintenance requirements, lifecycle renewal needs and compliance with required property standards. PAS data is used to inform maintenance planning, capital investment decisions and ongoing oversight of the condition of the social housing portfolio.

As an additional assurance measure, Homes NSW independently conducts an annual random audit of CHP-managed property portfolios. These audits assess property condition, maintenance practices and compliance with contractual asset management requirements, providing assurance that properties are being maintained in accordance with required standards and that maintenance obligations are being appropriately discharged.

- (4) The Government seeks to improve responsiveness to repair requests in community housing through a combination of contractual, performance monitoring and regulatory measures. CHPs managing Government-owned properties are subject to contractual requirements that set expectations for asset management, maintenance performance and reporting. These arrangements enable Homes NSW to monitor CHP performance and ensure maintenance obligations are being met.

* 7568 IMPLEMENTING RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE DRAKE INQUIRY INTO GREYHOUND RACING—Mr Michael Regan to ask the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Treaty, Minister for Gaming and Racing, Minister for Veterans, Minister for Medical Research, and Minister for the Central Coast—

Could the Minister provide an update on what steps the Government has taken so far to implement the 65 recommendations from the Drake Inquiry report into Greyhound Racing NSW, particularly the recommendations around greyhound safety and welfare?

Answer—

In December 2025, the NSW Government published its response to the Drake Inquiry into Greyhound Racing NSW (GRNSW), outlining the reforms committed to in response to the Inquiry's findings and recommendations.

Consistent with this response, in April 2026 I issued an amended Operating Licence to GRNSW under section 25(3) of the Greyhound Racing Act 2017. The amended licence sets clear expectations that GRNSW's operations meet additional requirements to address the Inquiry's recommendations.

I issued the Greyhound Welfare & Integrity Commission with a Statement of Expectations in December 2025, setting out the NSW Government's reform expectations for the Commission to meet by the end of June 2026.

The NSW Government's response, the amended Operating Licence and the Statement of Expectations are available at: <https://www.nsw.gov.au/departments-and-agencies/office-of-racing/racing-publications-and-media-releases>

The NSW Government is closely monitoring implementation of these reforms. Under its amended Operating Licence, GRNSW is required to report regularly to me on its progress, as well as publicly, through its annual reporting.

- * 7569 SUPPORT FOR NEURODIVERGENT STUDENTS IN NEW SOUTH PUBLIC SCHOOLS—Mr Michael Regan to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

In relation to the 2024 NSW Audit Office Report that found the Department of Education had not resolved longstanding issues relating to funding, access to targeted supports, monitoring school practice and tracking outcomes for students with disability:

- (1) Can the Government advise whether the following recommendations from that report have now been implemented, and if so, specifically what the Department of Education has done:
 - (a) Introduced annual monitoring of the experiences and outcomes of students with disability to identify and address emerging issues, and promote good practice?
 - (b) Reformed funding to better align with student needs?
 - (c) Improved guidance and support to schools and families regarding reasonable adjustments for students with disability?
- (2) What modelling, data or criteria were used to determine the allocation of seven new autism support classes on the Northern Beaches in 2027?
 - (a) Was this allocation based on demonstrated need, projected enrolments, existing waitlists, or other factors?
- (3) When a child in a New South Wales public school has a formal diagnosis of Autism or another neurodivergence, what funding or support becomes available through the Department of Education and/or the Commonwealth?
 - (a) How is that funding allocated and typically used?
 - (b) Do parents have visibility over funding attached to their child?
 - (c) Are parents consulted on how those resources are used to support their child's learning and wellbeing?

Answer—

The department is continuing to ensure targeted funding is better aligned with student need. In 2026, changes were made to Integration Funding Support to enable schools to apply for interim funding for Kindergarten students, in mainstream classes, with a disability without a formal diagnosis and to enable greater access to support for students moving between mainstream and specialist settings.

On Day 1, Term 2, 2026, all NSW public schools held a School Development Day dedicated to disability, neurodiversity, and inclusive education. Staff participated in 17 professional learning courses offering practical strategies for supporting students with disability. The department has also published 6 online modules to strengthen teachers' and leaders' capacity to support students with intellectual disability and released 18 videos with teacher resources to improve understanding of disability across all K–12 stages.

Each year, the department undertakes a statewide, data-driven planning process to determine the establishment and location of support classes for the following year. This process considers system-wide demand, existing capacity, and local contextual factors to ensure equitable distribution of resources across public schools. This resulted in the establishment of an additional Autism and/or moderate intellectual disability (IO/AU) support class for 2027 in the Northern Beaches.

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The department provides all mainstream schools with funding and Learning and Support Teacher allocations so that they can support students with disability. School principals use this funding is used to best meet the needs of students enrolled in their school.

The Personalised learning and support procedures outline the responsibilities of schools to personalise learning and support for students with disability. Schools are required to consult and collaborate with students, their parents and carers, and where appropriate their wider support network, when assessing student needs and planning, implementing and monitoring adjustments. School staff undertake ongoing consultation as a student's needs change.

* 7570 WARRIEWOOD SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT—Ms Jacqui Scruby to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, and Minister for Youth—

In relation to the Warriewood Sewage Treatment Plant:

- (1) Given the Warriewood Water Resource Recovery Facility Environmental Protection Licence (EPL) allows flows exceeding 530 litres per second to bypass secondary activated sludge treatment, how many days (calendar year) did the plant operate in this 'partial treatment' mode each year for the past five years?
- (2) What is the total volume of effluent discharged via the Turimetta Head cliff-face outfall that received only primary treatment and disinfection each year for the past five years?
- (3) Will the Minister consider installing a real-time 'bypass alert' system on the Sydney Water website specifically for the Warriewood outfall, so that the community is notified immediately when the plant exceeds the 530 litres per second secondary treatment threshold?
- (4) Is Sydney Water's earlier advice that the plant can service growth until 2036 still correct?
- (5) In relation to (4), does modelling include the population equivalents from the northern side of Belrose Ridge and the north-facing side of Frenchs Forest?
- (6) How many of the approximately 1,000 unconnected homes in the Pittwater area are scheduled for connection before the 2030?
- (7) Has Sydney Water conducted a 'simultaneous draw-down' stress test of the Pittwater water reticulation system to ensure firefighting pressure can be maintained during peak domestic use in a heatwave?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Warriewood Water Resource Recovery Facility (WRRF) was upgraded in 2012, installing an additional two secondary clarifiers to increase treatment capacity. Since 2013, the facility has had no non-compliant bypasses under its Environmental Protection Licence.

During wet weather conditions, Warriewood WRRF is designed to enter a compliant wet weather bypass. All flows are screened, degritted, primary treated and disinfected to remove bacteria before it is mixed with the fully treated flow and discharged.

Warriewood WRRF also has a storage lagoon which is used to capture smaller wet weather events and avoid bypass or capture the first flush during larger wet weather events for full treatment after the rain event.

Year	Number of days Warriewood WRRF entered compliant wet weather bypass
2022	52
2023	5
2024	32
2025	28
2026 (YTD)	8

- (2) The total volume of effluent discharged via the Turimetta Head Cliff face outfall over the past 5 years is 34,920 megalitres. The total volume of effluent that received primary treatment and disinfection while the plant was on compliant wet weather bypass is 1,765 megalitres, which equates to 5% of total flows.

Year	Volume of discharge via the Turimetta Head cliff-face outfall which received primary treatment and disinfection (Megalitres)
2022	833
2023	36
2024	387
2025	399
2026 (YTD)	110

- (3) Sydney Water has worked with the local community for many years, including the Surfriders Foundation. In 2015, an agreement was reached between Sydney Water, the Surfriders Foundation members, Warriewood Service Lifesaving Club and Beachwatch, that an alert via text message would be sent out to notify that the facility was on partial compliant wet weather bypass.

The message notification sent reads:

Wet Weather

"Partially treated discharge at Warriewood at XXX(time/date). Flows receiving wet weather treatment".

This notification is sent as soon as the event has occurred regardless of time. Swimmers and surfers are encouraged to check the Beachwatch website, which publishes water quality for swimming in NSW. As a general precaution, Beachwatch suggests you avoid swimming during heavy rain and for at least one day after, before swimming again at ocean beaches to allow any pollution to disperse.

- (4) The Warriewood Wastewater Treatment Plant and system can service current projected growth. Sydney Water's growth planning process takes into consideration government priorities and plans to determine the timing for when the Plant would require growth related upgrades including reviewing updated growth projections.
- (5) Sydney Water's modelling includes population equivalents from the Frenchs Forrest Precinct, proposed Patyegarang (formerly Lizard Rock) development and Ingleside.
- (6) There are no current plans to connect existing dwellings. Sydney Water's Growth Servicing Plan publishes the anticipated timing for major water and wastewater infrastructure, aligned with the NSW Government's key growth precincts, rezoning plans and staging assumptions.

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As a State-Owned Corporation, Sydney Water's investment decisions must be financially prudent and considered within its Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) determination funding envelope, balancing new housing and maintaining existing service with affordable customer bills.

Where Sydney Water wastewater and/or water services are already in place, existing properties that wish to connect to Sydney Water's network may apply to connect to those services. Property owners are responsible for the cost of connecting to Sydney Water's water and wastewater network.

- (7) Sydney Water's Operating Licence requires it to make every reasonable effort to ensure that the drinking water service it provides is at a minimum of 15 metres head of pressure, measured at the point of connection of the property to Sydney Water's drinking water supply system. This pressure is recognised as suitable for both residential and non-residential customers.

During the January 2026 heatwave conditions, the water network in the Northern Beaches area performed well and maintained supply standards. Sydney Water's potable water network is one of several sources that may be available for firefighting and is not designed specifically to meet firefighting demand or requirements.

Fire and Rescue NSW (FRNSW) is responsible for firefighting and emergency response, including supplementing water supply through measures such as tankering, use of static water supplies (e.g. swimming pools) or deploying additional water-carrying appliances.

Sydney Water works collaboratively with FRNSW under a memorandum of understanding, including working group forums where operational matters can be raised, if needed.

* 7571 SUPPORTING PRESCHOOLS—Ms Jacqui Scruby to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) Why is capital and operational support for not-for-profit providers—such as Palm Beach War Memorial Kindergarten—contingent on a transition to a Long Day Care (LDC) model when sessional models are currently meeting community demand and maintaining extensive waitlists?
- (2) How is the Government assisting high-performing community-led services that have to abandon their preferred service model to remain financially viable or access infrastructure upgrades?
- (3) How many sessional preschools in New South Wales have been excluded from capital grant rounds in the last 24 months due to their refusal to transition to a long day care model?
- (4) Of the \$100 million Expanding Quality Access Program, how much and where has this been provided within the Pittwater electorate?

Answer—

Funding for not-for-profit providers is not limited to the Expanding Quality Access program. The Expanding Quality Access program is a \$100 million optional funding opportunity supporting eligible community preschools who want to transition to a quality, not for profit long day care service model by opening for longer hours and/or welcoming a broader age range of children.

The Start Strong for Community Preschools program provides operational support to community preschools, including Palm Beach War Memorial Kindergarten. Through Start Strong, the government provides significant funding to community preschools, with total funding having increased by 106% since 2020.

The NSW Department of Education offers a number of grants and funding programs to support high performing community-led early learning services.

The Flexible Initiatives Trial was established in 2023 to support early learning services to introduce innovative and flexible models of care that improve access to early learning, particularly in regional, rural and remote communities and other areas of need.

The Building Early Learning Places program was also open to not-for-profit community preschools and long day care centres to undertake capital works to create additional early learning places in areas with greatest immediate needs.

Community preschools are independent organisations responsible for their own governance and operational decisions, including decisions about whether to apply for NSW Government grants and funded programs.

No community preschools have been excluded from capital grant rounds in the last 24 months due to a decision not to transition to a long day care model.

- * 7572 AIR QUALITY MONITORING SITE—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

In relation to the answer to LA QON 1628:

- (1) Has a suitable location for a permanent air quality monitoring site in the Sutherland Shire been identified?
 - (a) If so, where is it and if so when is it expected to be commissioned?
- (3) If a suitable location has not been identified, what is the target timeframe for air quality monitoring to be undertaken in the Sutherland Shire?

Answer—

- (1) The Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW) has identified two suitable locations for a permanent air quality monitoring stations in the Sutherland Shire.
 - (a) The new Miranda air quality monitoring station will be located at Miranda Park, 250 The Boulevard, Miranda NSW 2228.

A five-year lease agreement has been executed with Sutherland Shire Council to facilitate both the installation and ongoing operation of the station. The monitoring site commissioning is scheduled for August 2026, pending final approvals.

A second site has also been identified at the Lucas Heights area. An agreement has been signed, with site assessment in progress.
- (2) Two suitable locations have been identified.

- * 7573 FIGHT MOTOR NEURON DISEASE—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

- (1) What portion of the \$40 million dollars of funding pledged by the Federal Government that will go to Fight Motor Neuron Disease (MND) has been released to the NSW Government?
- (2) How will the funds be directed?
- (3) Will it be controlled Federally or disseminated to State MND organisations?
- (4) Will the funding flow into regional locations?
 - (a) If so, will the Goulburn Electorate benefit from this?
- (5) What breakdown of staff at the Goulburn Base Hospital are trained to deliver infusions clinics?
- (6) What level of training is provided to these staff and do they need to be credentialled to deliver this service?

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- (7) What are the current clinical and support services available within the Goulburn Electorate for patients with MND and their families?

Answer—

I'm advised:

The Australian Government funding is allocated to the establishment of the Neale Daniher National MND Clinical Network.

Six registered nurses deliver the Goulburn Hospital infusion clinic, supported by a nurse unit manager, who can also provide clinical support if required. They are provided additional education and training during their onboarding. Hospital in the Home staff can also provide services for the infusion clinic if needed.

People living with MND can access Southern NSW Local Health District's range of community allied health services.

- * 7574 JUSTICE HEALTH STAFF AT GOULBURN CORRECTIONAL CENTRE—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Better Regulation and Fair Trading, Minister for Industry and Trade, Minister for Innovation, Science and Technology, Minister for Building, and Minister for Corrections—

- (1) What alternative employment options will be available to Justice Health staff affected by the closure of wings at Goulburn Correctional Centre?
- (2) How many Justice Health positions are anticipated to be impacted by the proposed wing closures?
- (3) Will Justice Health staff have access to voluntary redundancy provisions?
 - (a) If so, under what conditions?
- (4) What consultation processes will be implemented to ensure genuine, meaningful, and ongoing engagement with affected staff and their representatives?
- (5) What individual and group support mechanisms (e.g. wellbeing, career transition, Employee Assistance Program) will be available to staff during this period of organisational change?
- (6) What opportunities and forums will be provided for Justice Health staff to express their views, raise concerns, and discuss their individual circumstances, and when will these occur?
- (7) What is the anticipated timeframe for the consultation and change process to be completed?

Answer—

I am advised:

Questions regarding Justice Health staff are a matter for the Minister for Health and should be referred to Minister Park's office.

- * 7575 TAFE ENROLMENTS—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education—

- (1) What current processes are in place for students to enrol in a TAFE course when there is a requirement to have a National Police Check to fulfill the requirements of the course?
- (2) When is the National Police Check conducted and is there a timeframe to have this completed prior to commencement in the course?
- (3) What current TAFE courses require students to have a National Police Check to complete placements as part of their course?
- (4) How many TAFE students have had to withdraw from a course due to a conviction being identified on their National Police Check post-completion of their course?

- (5) At what stage in their course have students had to withdraw from their course?
- (6) Is there a uniformed process at each TAFE campus to coordinate the National Police Checks and monitor the outcomes of these?

Answer—

I am advised:

TAFE NSW is compliant with its obligations to conduct national police checks where required by accrediting associations, including the Australian Nursing and Midwifery Accreditation Council (ANMAC).

* 7576 LANDFILL AT TARAGO—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) What measures have been put in place to mitigate the risks of leachate from the Woodlawn Landfill at Tarago?
- (2) What have the recorded levels of leachate been over the past 12 months?
- (3) What was the level of recorded leachate when the Prevention Notice was issued by the Environmental Protection Authority?
- (4) What oversight and monitoring mechanisms have been put in place to monitor Veolia's management of the site?
- (5) Has there been any oversight of Veolia's complaints policy and process to ensure that complaints are responded to and addressed?
- (6) What timeframe has been set for Veolia to submit an Action Plan to address leachate levels risk?
- (7) What emergency management systems are in place to manage the incidence of a fire at the site?

Answer—

- (1) The Department of Planning, Housing and Industry issued a Development Control Order in April 2021, which requires Veolia to deliver a Leachate Management Strategy. The Strategy commits to implementing additional water management measures, such as a permanent reverse osmosis plant and thermal treatment technology to improve leachate management at the landfill.

The Environment Protection Licence (EPL) for the landfill places extensive environmental and operational monitoring requirements on Veolia, including conditions on water quality, dam levels, volumes and internal water transfer volumes. This data supports the site-wide water balance, which is used to guide decision-making and risk analysis. The water balance has recently been revised by Veolia and is currently being reviewed by the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA).

- (2) The EPA has required the leachate monitoring data for the landfill to be provided to the EPA as part of its regulatory activities, and it forms part of an active investigation. As such, it is not appropriate to provide the data at this stage.
- (3) The EPA has required the leachate monitoring data for the landfill to be provided to the EPA as part of its regulatory activities, and it forms part of an active investigation. It is inappropriate to provide the data at this stage.
- (4) The EPL include extensive environmental monitoring and reporting requirements for the landfill. The EPL conditions include a targeted Pollution Reduction Program that requires comprehensive surface and groundwater sampling to assess environmental risks.

As part of its regulatory oversight, the EPA undertakes unannounced inspections and collects independent samples to verify compliance. The EPA undertakes regular unannounced inspections

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of the landfill. Following an unannounced inspection during March 2026, the EPA issued a Prevention Notice on 2 April 2026 that requires Veolia to undertake comprehensive gas, odour and leachate level monitoring at the premises and report any findings to the EPA weekly.

- (5) Oversight of Veolia's complaint procedures is managed through two mechanisms - the EPL and an annual Independent Odour Audit.

Under conditions of the EPL, Veolia must publish a detailed public report on its website within seven days of receiving an odour complaint. This report must disclose meteorological conditions, operational state, leachate levels, and mitigation actions taken at the time of the reported incident.

Veolia must undergo an annual Independent Odour Audit under its project approval. The audit is required to evaluate the effectiveness of onsite odour controls, review all complaint records alongside operational data, and provide auditable evidence demonstrating whether the project is successfully protecting the community from offensive odour.

- (6) Veolia were required to submit a short-term bioreactor leachate management and landfill gas recovery plan of action to the EPA by 5pm on 29 May 2026.

Veolia submitted the plan of action by the due date and the EPA are now considering the next steps.

- (7) The EPL requires Veolia to develop and implement procedures to minimise the risk of fire at the landfill.

To prevent and manage subsurface fire risks, Veolia is required to implement standard operational practices at the landfill that include progressive waste covering to restrict oxygen ingress, leachate management, and regular gas well monitoring and balancing. Emergency management procedures for the landfill are detailed in the NSW Woodlawn - Eco-Precinct Emergency Response Plan, which incorporates the site's Pollution Incident Response Management Plan. This document is available on Veolia's website.

* 7577 NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE FACILITIES UPGRADES—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

- (1) Can the Minister list the NSW Rural Fire Service facilities within the Goulburn Electorate, excluding Moss Vale, that are flagged to be upgraded as part of the recent \$34.5 million funding announcement?
- (a) Including the location of the facility?
 - (b) The upgrades to occur?
 - (c) The funding allocation for that specific facility?
 - (d) Any construction and completion timelines?

Answer—

I am advised:

Funding has been allocated in 2025-26 to progress planning and construction of 6 NSW Rural Fire Service co-located Fire Control Centres/Emergency Operations Centres and 18 new brigade stations, as well as amenities upgrades at a further four stations.

Specific project details and funding are released progressively as tenders are awarded to protect procurement integrity. The build program is dynamic, and delivery timeframes may change due to factors such as development application approvals, environmental and heritage assessments, and weather conditions.

* 7578 SOLAR PANEL WASTE—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) Can the Minister outline:
 - (a) Where are the current disposal sites for solar panel waste located in New South Wales?
 - (b) What risk management strategies have been put in place to mitigate toxic contamination from solar panel waste?
 - (c) What information is provided to households and commercial entities on how and where to dispose of solar panel waste?
- (2) How many infringements notices and / or fines have been issued for illegal dumping of solar panel waste at landfill in New South Wales?
- (3) What processes are in place to monitor illegal dumping of solar panel waste?
- (4) How many tonnes of solar panel waste have been directed for recycling or remanufacturing to date?
- (5) What are the current costs involved in the recycling or remanufacturing of solar panel waste?

Answer—

- (1)
 - (a) In New South Wales (NSW), solar panel waste is managed through a mix of dedicated recycling facilities, e-waste processors, and distributed drop-off/collection points.
In NSW, there are two solar panel recycling facilities: PV Industries located in Bankstown and Sircel located in Parkes. PV Industries have established six drop off points in NSW.
 - (b) Where the recycling facilities, e-waste processors, and distributed drop-off/collection points are NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) licenced facilities, they are required to comply with the conditions of their licence to minimise risks to human health or the environment.
Additionally, the NSW Government is leading work to establish a national mandatory product stewardship scheme for solar panels. Such a scheme would ensure end-of-life solar panels are directed to reuse, recycling, and remanufacture instead of landfill or export. The scheme may also be leveraged to spark a growth in the domestic reuse and remanufacturing sectors that matches the projected increase in volumes of end-of-life solar panels.
 - (c) The Australian Government instructs consumers to engage with accredited solar installers on removing or replacing solar panels for recycling. Details are available here: www.energy.gov.au/solar/use-your-solarsystem/replace-and-recycle-your-solar-system.
- (2) The NSW Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997 (POEO Act) is the primary legislation used to issue fines and prosecute illegal dumping in NSW. Infringements issued under the POEO Act are reported on annually, however not include the specific level of detail about if solar panels were part of the illegally dumped waste.
- (3) Local councils and public land managers are primarily responsible for monitoring and investigating small scale illegal dumping in NSW and can voluntarily record illegal dumping incidents through the EPA's RIDonline portal. Eight instances of illegal dumping of solar panels have been reported in 2025-26, accounting for less than 0.04% of reported illegal dumping instances in NSW.
- (4) Data on solar panels recycled and disposed is captured under 'e-waste' or 'mixed waste'. It is not separately recorded.

The NSW Government believes that every solar panel should be recycled or remanufactured. That is why we are leading work to mandate product stewardship to ensure these outcomes.

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- (5) The costs associated with recycling of solar panels is variable depending on factors such as volume of panels, the panel type and condition and transport requirements.

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- * 7579 AVERAGE WEEKLY TOLL COST—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Transport, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—

- (1) What is the average weekly toll cost incurred by motorists travelling from Holsworthy and surrounding suburbs to the Sydney CBD?

Answer—

I am advised

Motorists can calculate their weekly journey using the Sydney Motorways Toll Calculator:

<https://maps.transport.nsw.gov.au/egeomaps/sydney-motorways-toll-calculator/index.html>

- * 7580 FLOOD RESPONSE—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

- (1) What flood mitigation works are planned or underway in the Georges River catchment affecting Liverpool and Sutherland Shire communities?
- (2) Have evacuation route assessments been updated for suburbs including Voyager Point, Pleasure Point, Sandy Point and Moorebank?

Answer—

I am advised:

This question should be directed to the Minister for Recovery.

- * 7581 CRIMINAL INCIDENTS - LIVERPOOL—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

- (1) Within the Liverpool Local Government Area, how many incidents of:

- (a) Motor vehicle theft occurred in:

- (i) 2024?
- (ii) 2025?
- (iii) 2026 to date?

- (b) Aggravated break and enter occurred in:

- (i) 2024?
- (ii) 2025?
- (iii) 2026 to date?

- (c) Youth-related offences occurred in:

- (i) 2024?
- (ii) 2025?
- (iii) 2026 to date?

- (2) Within the Sutherland Shire Local Government Area, how many incidents of:
- (a) Motor vehicle theft occurred in:
 - (i) 2024?
 - (ii) 2025?
 - (iii) 2026 to date?
 - (b) Aggravated break and enter occurred in:
 - (i) 2024?
 - (ii) 2025?
 - (iii) 2026 to date?
 - (c) Youth-related offences occurred in:
 - (i) 2024?
 - (ii) 2025?
 - (iii) 2026 to date?

Answer—

I am advised:

BOCSAR provides criminal incident data by Local Government Area.

* 7582 DROUGHT AFFECTED THRESHOLD—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

- (1) Can the Minister advise what the threshold is for a region to be considered by the Government to be drought affected and whether any region is considered to have reached that threshold yet?
- (2) Can the Minister advise whether funding has been set aside to support communities across western New South Wales once that threshold is reached?

Answer—

- (1) The [NSW Combined Drought Indicator](#) (NSW-CDI), assesses conditions based on three underlying drought indicators: rainfall, soil water and plant growth, relative to long-term records. Regions are classified as:
 - Non-Drought or Recovering: when the underlying drought indicators are above the 30th or 50th percentile, depending on prior conditions.
 - Drought Affected: occurs when any one indicator falls below the 30th percentile (with conditions either intensifying or weakening depending on recent trends)
 - Drought: occurs when any of the indicators falls below the 5th percentile
 - Intense Drought: occurs when all three indicators fall below the 5th percentile.
- (2) Support is always available to landholders across the state to prepare for and deal with drought conditions. The NSW Government has recently expanded its drought support in direct response to what farmers have been telling us on the ground. The new measures include:
 - Doubling the maximum loan available under the \$250 million Drought Ready and Resilient Fund to \$500,000 - enabling farmers to undertake larger drought-resilience projects while covering essential operational costs such as feed and transport

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- A new Drought Relief Loan of up to \$100,000, providing fast, low-cost finance with simplified documentation to support producers facing immediate pressures
- \$1.8 million in continued funding for the NSW Rural Financial Counselling Service, delivering free, independent financial advice for farmers experience or at risk of hardship
- \$1.2 million funding for the extension of the Drought Adoption Officer Program to December 2026, following strong demand and more than 2000 one-on-one landholder consultations to date
- Extension and expansion of the NSW Drought Coordinator to December 2026
- \$250,000 funding for statewide free feed and water testing through Local Land Services
- Targeted control measures for pest animals, including \$1.2 million to reduce kangaroo pressure on drought-affected grazing areas, and \$2 million to increase the targeting of feral pigs and deer.

These new measures complement the NSW Government's existing drought support measures including:

- The Premier established a Rural, Remote and Regional Advisory Committee of which the Minister for Agriculture is a member to understand first-hand what's happening in regional communities, from those who are closest to the community.
- The NSW and Australian Governments recently committed \$43.2 million to continue the Future Drought Fund Farm Business Resilience Program. The program is foundational to continuing to support our farmers to plan for and manage through droughts.
- The NSW Government has also invested \$900,000 in a NSW Farmers project as part of its commitment to support livestock welfare across agricultural industries. The project is designed to enhance livestock welfare and improve industry awareness of animal welfare obligations.
- Tool and resources - such as myStockPlanner launched in October 2025, a free planning platform to help farmers calculate livestock requirements, feed plans, projected costs of livestock, plus sale and retention options to get through challenging times.

The full suite of drought information and assistance can be accessed via the DroughtHub website: www.droughthub.nsw.gov.au

* 7583 PORTABLE LONG SERVICE SCHEME—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Industrial Relations, and Minister for Work Health and Safety—

Government funded Not-for-Profit Organisations pinpointed for the Portable Long Service Scheme have significantly increased monetary contributions monthly due to the scheme:

- (1) Is the Minister considering providing additional funding to support this concept?
 - (a) If not, will the Minister consider investigating the provision of additional funding support to assist these increased costs?

Answer—

I am advised;

The requirement to pay a quarterly levy comes from the Community Services Sector (Portable Long Service Leave) Bill 2024 which passed the NSW Parliament on 20 June 2024.

Before the introduction of the scheme relevant organisations were still required to provision for the payment of long service leave entitlements in accordance with their obligations under the Long Service Leave Act (1955).

The quarterly levy is designed in part to make it easier for employers to attend to this obligation, as employers are no longer required to make a large lump sum payment after the employee reaches the requisite service period to access long service leave.

Portable long service for community sector workers is designed to attract, retain and build the workforce which is expected to grow. Before the scheme was introduced, workers could access long service leave after 10 years of service with a single employer.

Due to the insecure nature of employment arrangements in the sector few workers ever reached 10 years of service.

The scheme aims to address this by ensuring community sector workers have access to long service leave after 7 years in the sector.

The bill which was an election commitment was publicly consulted on in 2024, resulting in around 750 survey responses and 50 submissions. Of the survey responses 96% of workers and 74% of employers supported introducing the scheme. The scheme's establishment was also supported by peak bodies and the relevant union for community sector workers.

The Long Service Corporation (LSC) is encouraging employers to discuss their situation with any financial difficulties making the levy payments to contact them to explore available options to help manage financial impacts and avoid compliance action.

In response to sector feedback on 24 April 2026, the Minns Labor Government announced a reduction in the Community Services Sector Portable Long Service Leave levy by almost 25% for the 2025-2026 Financial Year, reducing the levy rate to 1.3% and delivering approximately \$50 million in savings to the sector.

- * 7584 BUSES IN REGION 14 - CANCELLED SERVICES—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Transport, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—

In relation to the buses in Region 14:

- (1) How many services were cancelled during the 2026 period:
- (a) 15 April to 30 April?
 - (b) 1 May to 14 May?
 - (c) 15 May to 31 May?
 - (d) 1 June to 14 June?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) (a) During the period 15 April 2026 to 30 April 2026 (inclusive), there were 21 trips cancelled. This equates to 0.10% of the 20,670 scheduled trips.
- (b) During the period 1 May 2026 to 14 May 2026 (inclusive), there were 35 trips cancelled. This equates to 0.18% of the 19,533 scheduled trips.
- (c) During the period 15 May 2026 to 24 May 2026 (inclusive), there were 22 trips cancelled. This equates to 0.17% of the 13,202 scheduled trips.
- (d) Data is not available for the period 1 June to 14 June 2026 at the time of submission.

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* 7585 MISSION TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—

(1) In relation to your Mission to the United States of America in March 2026 meeting with Anthony Scaramucci:

(a) What was discussed in this meeting?

Answer—

Anthony Scaramucci delivered a presentation to approximately 100 participants via an audio-visual link. The presentation covered topics including United States politics, President Donald Trump, and global trade.

* 7586 INTERSECTION OF PACIFIC HIGHWAY IN LINDFIELD—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—

In relation to the intersection of Pacific Highway, Balfour Street and Havilah Street in Lindfield:

(1) How many accidents have taken place between:

(a) 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023?

(b) 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024?

(c) 1 July 2024 and 30 June 2025?

(d) 1 July 2025 and present?

(2) Is Transport for NSW monitoring this intersection?

(3) Does Transport for NSW have plans to add this intersection to the list of locations to review for potential remedial road safety works?

Answer—

I am advised

(1) Crash data up to 2024 is publicly available on the Transport for NSW website:

<https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/roadsafety/statistics/interactive-crash-statistics/lga-view-crashes-map>. Data for 2025 and 2026 is still preliminary, and subject to change.

(2) Transport monitors every signalised intersection in the state.

(3) As part of the Lindfield Village Hub Planning Proposal, Ku-ring-gai Council is investigating upgrades to the intersection of Pacific Highway and Balfour Street, Lindfield. These proposed changes are progressing through a design review process with Transport for NSW.

* 7587 K-SET TRAINS—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Transport, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—

Can the Minister provide an update on the retirement of the K-set trains?

Answer—

I am advised

As the new Mariyung trains enter into service, the ageing silver sets including the V and K fleets are being retired. There are currently two 8 car K sets still in operation (running on limited services between Campbelltown and Central). As the deployment of the Mariyung continues on the South Coast Line, the Oscar fleet will transition to the Suburban network, allowing for the last two K sets to be retired.

- * 7588 UNEXECUTED ARREST WARRANTS—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

What is the latest number of unexecuted arrest warrants in New South Wales?

Answer—

I am advised:

As of 17 May 2026, there were a total of 6,967 unexecuted arrest warrants in NSW.

- * 7589 LOCAL SMALL COMMITMENT ALLOCATION PROGRAM—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Premier—

In relation to the Local Small Commitment Allocation (LSCA), given the findings from the Auditor General and the Legislative Council's Public Accountability and Works Committee, how is the Government ensuring there is no pork barrelling in grant schemes?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Local Small Commitments Allocation (LSCA) program was designed to evenly spread funding across all 93 Legislative Assembly electorates. It was designed to prevent pork barrelling and ensure that all electorates receive the exact same amount of funding. The election commitment ensured \$400,000 went to every electorate in NSW regardless of political allegiance.

The LSCA program was specifically designed to avoid the pork-barrelling of the former Liberal and National Government, such as:

- For the former Liberal and National Government's Bushfire Recovery Grants - out of the initial 35 projects sent by the department to the former Deputy Premier's office, 26 of the 27 projects were in Coalition-held electorates;
- Almost three-quarters of the former Liberal and National Government's Clubgrants Category 3 fund was awarded to projects in Coalition electorates - about \$75 million of the \$103.4 million in funding;
- 68 percent of Refresh and Renew Grants went to the former Liberal and National Government-held seats, despite only around half of eligible areas being in Government-held electorates;
- 96 per cent of the \$252m Stronger Communities Fund grants went to the former Liberal and National Government-held electorates;
- More than 90 per cent of Schools Renewable Energy Infrastructure Pilot Projects (23 out of 25) went to former Liberal and National Government-held Seats
- \$9.3 million of the Regional Cultural Fund was awarded by former Liberal and National Government Ministers to projects not recommended by the panel.

- * 7590 PROPOSED LEGISLATION PROVIDING CIVIL LIABILITY PROTECTION FOR NSW JUSTICES OF THE PEACE—Mr Adam Crouch to ask the Attorney General—

On 17 March 2025, the Government announced that it would introduce legislation to amend the Justices of the Peace Act 2002 to provide Justices of the Peace with immunity from civil liability when exercising their functions in good faith:

- (1) Can the Attorney General advise when will this legislation be introduced to Parliament and brought forward for debate?

Answer—

I am advised:

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On 25 March 2025, the Justices of the Peace Amendment Bill (the Bill) was introduced into NSW Parliament and passed in the Legislative Assembly on 12 November 2025.

The status of the bill can be found here:

<https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/bills/Pages/bill-details.aspx?pk=18726>

* 7591 INDEPENDENT PRICING AND REGULATORY TRIBUNAL REVIEW OF CENTRAL COAST COUNCIL WATER PRICE INCREASE—Mr Adam Crouch to ask the Minister for Local Government—

- (1) Given the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal's (IPART) draft approval of an 11.9 per cent increase in Central Coast Council water rates from 1 July 2026, what steps will the Government take to ensure the integrity and independence of the IPART review process?
- (2) Are there concerns regarding potential conflicts of interest involving firms engaged in both preparing and reviewing Central Coast Council water pricing submissions?
- (3) Will the Government undertake an independent investigation into these potential conflicts of interest and consider pausing the IPART review process pending the outcome of any investigation?

Answer—

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Water.

* 7592 ENFORCEMENT OF EDUCATION ACT AND REGULATION OF UNREGISTERED ONLINE SCHOOLS—Mr Adam Crouch to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

In relation to the enforcement of Education Act and Regulation of Unregistered Online Schools, can the Minister clarify:

- (1) What action is being taken to ensure that unregistered online schools are not operating in New South Wales and targeting homeschooling families in breach of the Education Act?
- (2) Which authority is responsible for investigating and enforcing compliance where unregistered online schools may be operating in New South Wales?
- (3) What action, if any, NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) has taken in relation to Crimson Global Academy?
- (4) Whether the NSW Homeschooling Directorate will provide clearer guidance to families regarding enrolment in unregistered online schools?

Answer—

For any organisation to be classified as a school, it must meet all school registration requirements, with NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) responsible for assessing compliance with, and enforcing, those requirements under the Education Act 1990 (NSW).

If NESA has information that an unregistered school might be operating, it contacts the entity to determine the nature of their operation and to ensure understanding of NSW legislative requirements for compulsory schooling under the Education Act 1990 (NSW)(the Act). If NESA has sufficient evidence, it may pursue a prosecution against an alleged unregistered school.

NESA may also refer information to other agencies, such as the NSW Police, the NSW Department of Education, the Office of the Children's Guardian, or the NSW Department of Communities and Justice.

Crimson Global Academy is not a NSW registered non-government school. NESA has previously engaged with Crimson Global Academy to discuss and clarify compulsory schooling legislative obligations, student enrolment processes, marketing information and school registration application processes.

Parents and carers approved for home schooling are legally responsible for developing and delivering their child's educational program. This is outlined in the Guidelines for Home Schooling Registration in NSW.

* 7593 SYDNEY HERITAGE FLEET SITE—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Premier—

- (1) Can the Premier provide information about the Cabinet Office report that has been commissioned by the Government in relation to the site of the Sydney Heritage Fleet?
- (2) When will the report be finalised?
- (3) Will it be published and publicly available?
- (4) Will Sydney Heritage Fleet be notified?
- (5) Has the Sydney Heritage Fleet been consulted by the Department as to their future?
- (6) Will the Sydney Heritage Fleet be able to remain at the site they have occupied for over 40 years?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Bays West Precinct Redevelopment Report was released on 3 March 2026.

I am advised The Sydney Heritage Fleet was consulted by The Cabinet Office on multiple occasions in 2025 and 2026, both during the drafting of the report and following the NSW Government announcement on 3 March 2026 to redevelop the precinct.

One of the report's key findings noted that construction logistics, marine maintenance and heritage vessels currently located at Rozelle Bay can relocate to underused areas of White Bay, preserving working harbour activity and freeing Glebe Island and Rozelle Bay for redevelopment.

As announced on 3 March 2026, The Sydney Heritage Fleet will be offered new premises in White Bay. While details are still being determined, Sydney Heritage Fleet will be engaged as part of the process to support consolidation of working harbour operations into White Bay.

* 7594 2026 COMMUNITY BUILDING PARTNERSHIP GRANTS ANNOUCEMENT—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Premier—

- (1) To ensure the integrity of the Community Building Partnership Grants process, can the Premier confirm that Members of Parliament, particularly non-Government Members of Parliament will be notified of successful grants before Australian Labor Party candidates in those seats are notified?
- (2) Will Members of Parliament, including non-government Members of Parliament be able to notify successful grant applicants before announcements are made public, as has historically been the case in past grant rounds?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Member is referred to the program guidelines and the Community Building Partnership website below:

https://www.nsw.gov.au/sites/default/files/noindex/2026-04/cs1646-cbp-2026-guidelines_web-tm-accessibility-accessible.pdf

<https://www.nsw.gov.au/grants-and-funding/community-building-partnership>

* 7595 SHARE BIKES—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Local Government—

In reference to the Government lifting the prohibition of Lime bikes in the City of Canada Bay Council area:

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- (1) What regulatory powers have been given to Council to remove Lime bikes that have been left abandoned, particularly in residential streets?
- (2) What regulatory powers have been given to Council to manage Lime bikes that pose a significant public safety risk, are left abandoned on roads, or are piled up and cause visual amenity impacts?
- (3) How does the Government regulate the necessity for helmets on these share bikes?
- (4) What actions can the Office of Local Government and/or the Minister take if Canada Bay Council refuses to seize abandoned and problematic share bikes?

Answer—

I am advised:

Authorities, such as councils, have powers under the Public Spaces (Unattended Property) Act 2021 (PSUP Act) to manage property left in public spaces, including share bikes. Where share bikes are abandoned or create a safety risk or visual amenity impact, operators must remove them within specified, risk-based timeframes. Authorities, including councils, may take regulatory action if operators do not comply, including seizing the bikes and/or issuing fines.

Enforcement powers under the PSUP Act are discretionary and enforcement decisions are a matter for individual authorities, having regard to local circumstances and community needs. Neither the Office of Local Government nor myself as Minister for Local Government has power to intervene if City of Canada Bay Council determines not to use the available enforcement powers.

Transport for NSW is progressing reforms to introduce a strengthened regulatory framework for micromobility sharing schemes (such as shared bikes and e-scooters). Further questions on this regulatory framework, such as provisions relating to helmets, should be directed to the Minister for Transport.

* 7596 ABANDONED BOAT TRAILERS—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Local Government—

In reference to the Public Spaces (Unattended Property) Act 2021:

- (1) Are Councils including Canada Bay Council advising that they can no longer remove problematic boat and caravan trailers due to the strict definition of ‘abandoned’ in the legislation?
 - (a) If so, why?
- (2) Will the Government consult with affected Councils and seek to amend the definition to ensure abandoned boat trailers that have not been moved for months can be dealt with?
- (3) Has the Minister and/or Office of Local Government received feedback that the notification period for notifying owners of problematic and abandoned boat trailers is too long?

Answer—

I am advised:

I am unable to comment on advice that individual councils, including City of Canada Bay Council, may be giving in relation to the implementation of the Public Spaces (Unattended Property) Act 2021 (PSUP Act).

Authorities can exercise powers under the PSUP laws or the Road Transport (parking) laws to deal with boat trailer and caravan issues. The PSUP laws provide powers for councils and other public land managers to remove registered vehicles, including boat trailers and caravans, within the following risk-based timeframes:

- immediately - if a vehicle is obstructing access or posing a risk
- after 15 days' notice - if a vehicle is interfering with public amenity

- after a 28-day unattended period - if a vehicle 'has been in the same or substantially the same place' for that period and 15 days' notice is also given. The notice period may overlap with the unattended period to streamline timeframes.

The PSUP Act places responsibility on owners of property left in public. It provides powers for councils and other public land managers to remove unattended property, including boat trailers and caravans, where property has not been removed by the owner within risk-based timeframes. The Act does not specifically use the definition 'abandoned' but rather unattended, when referring to trailers that are left for extended periods. Fines and penalties may also be given for breaches of the laws.

A decision about whether to take regulatory action under the PSUP Act remains at the discretion of the authority and its authorised officers based on the circumstances in which a particular item has been left and available regulatory resources.

I have asked the Office of Local Government (OLG) to evaluate the effectiveness of the PSUP Act and Regulation. Last year, OLG released a public survey to gather feedback from councils and other stakeholders on the operation of the PSUP Act. The feedback is being analysed and will inform the NSW Government on whether any adjustments are needed to improve the regulatory framework.

* 7597 TEACHER VACANCIES IN THE DRUMMOYNE ELECTORATE—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) How many full-time equivalent teaching positions are there at each of the following public schools in the Drummoyne electorate:
 - (a) Concord High School?
 - (b) Concord Public School?
 - (c) Abbotsford Public School?
 - (d) Concord West Public School?
 - (e) Drummoyne Public School?
 - (f) Five Dock Public School?
 - (g) Strathfield North Public School?
 - (h) Russell Lea Public School?
 - (i) Mortlake Public School?
 - (j) Lucas Gardens School?
 - (k) Victoria Avenue Public School?
 - (l) Rivendell School?
- (2) How many vacant teaching positions are there at each of the following public schools in the Drummoyne electorate:
 - (a) Concord High School?
 - (b) Concord Public School?
 - (c) Abbotsford Public School?
 - (d) Concord West Public School?
 - (e) Drummoyne Public School?
 - (f) Five Dock Public School?
 - (g) Strathfield North Public School?

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- (h) Russell Lea Public School?
- (i) Rivendell School?
- (j) Mortlake Public School?
- (k) Lucas Gardens School?
- (l) Victoria Avenue Public School?

Answer—

The Minns Labor Government is proud to have delivered teachers in Drummoyne the biggest uplift in wages in a generation, taking them from being the worst paid in the country – under the Liberals – to among the highest.

This was a result of the Minns Labor Government's decision to end the Liberal's 12 year policy of suppressing teachers' pay and abolishing the wages cap. It is disappointing that the Liberals have promised to bring back the wages cap should it return to government.

The Liberals' cap on teachers' wages led to record teacher vacancies of more than 3,300 across NSW.

By paying teachers in Drummoyne what they deserve, the Minns Labor Government has reduced the number of vacancies in Drummoyne by 85% meaning fewer merged and cancelled classes and more students having a qualified, dedicated teacher in front of their classroom. Staffing information for schools is available in school annual reports.

* 7598 GAMUDA PRE-CONSTRUCTION PROPERTY CONDITION SURVEY—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Transport, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—

- (1) Why have property owners in Five Dock only been given a weeks notice by Gamuda to complete a pre-construction property condition survey?
- (2) Are you as Minister and the Department aware of this?
 - (a) Is this appropriate?
- (3) How can owners arrange for a convenient time to conduct this survey?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) Sydney Metro contractor, Gamuda, provided property owners in Five Dock until 26 May 2026 to make contact to book a pre-construction property condition survey, allowing three weeks since an initial letter was mailed.

On 11 May 2026, Gamuda was made aware of an incorrect cut-off date listed in the initial letter regarding the offer of property condition surveys and correction letters have been issued to eligible properties in Five Dock, confirming the 26 May date. All initial letters were sent via Registered Post to ensure receipt at the property. There will be multiple letter attempts sent out to properties and Strata companies to make every effort for property owners to be able to schedule a survey.

- (2) Appropriate timeframes have now been provided to community members via letters and email in week commencing 11 May 2026. I am advised that Gamuda recognises the importance of providing a pre-construction property condition survey to nearby properties and is happy to accommodate reasonable extensions of time for any property owners who are not able to arrange the survey in the timeframe provided and prior to construction commencing.
- (3) The letters issued to property owners outline how to schedule a survey. To schedule a survey, eligible property owners in Five Dock can contact Geosurv on 1300 554 675, 0431 230 010 or via email projects@geosurv.com.au to arrange a day and time that is convenient.

* 7599 BUS STOP CHANGES AROUND BLACKWALL POINT ROAD AND BORTFIELD DRIVE, CHISWICK—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Transport, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—

- (1) Have you received correspondence from myself as Local Member and residents of Chiswick regarding changes to the bus stop terminus at Blackwall Point Road in Chiswick?
- (2) Is there a signed petition of more than 100 constituents opposed to this change?
- (3) What are you and the Department doing to remedy the issues identified?
- (4) Will Transport continue to pursue the changes proposed even despite this community feedback?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) Yes.
- (2) Yes.
- (3-4) The terminus was relocated following Canada Bay Council's request to the bus operator, Transit Systems, to relocate the terminus away from the front of the shops.

The new location on the opposite side of Blackwall Point Road was determined as the most suitable following an investigation of several potential sites.

Council's Local Transport Forum is responsible for determining the bus stop infrastructure requirements on local roads.

* 7600 ZONING CHANGES IN FIVE DOCK AFFECTING FIVE DOCK PUBLIC SCHOOL—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) Has the Department consulted with Canada Bay Council in relation to changes to zoning around Five Dock Public School?
- (2) Have staff and families of Five Dock Public School been notified of proposed zoning changes?
- (3) Will the Department seek more land from Council for the school?
- (4) Is the Department aware that Canada Bay Council has advised residents that it needs to compulsorily acquire their homes to provide more land for the school?

Answer—

Questions relating to the consultation undertaken by Canada Bay Council relating to Canada Bay Council's draft Five Dock Precinct Masterplan and Planning Proposal should be directed to Canada Bay Council.

I am advised the Department of Education was not consulted by Canada Bay Council in preparation of the Council's proposal. Furthermore, I am advised that the Department has not been involved in any communication that Canada Bay Council may have provided to residents and therefore any communication, including to Five Dock Public School, from the Council would not have been informed by the Department of Education.

* 7601 BYRON SHIRE COUNCIL'S GOVERNANCE FRAMEWORK—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Local Government—

In light of the NSW Auditor-General's findings on Byron Shire Council's governance framework:

- (1) What action has the Minister taken, or will he take, to address those findings?

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- (2) Why is the Council being permitted to progress a major public asset decision under a framework that has been found deficient?
- (3) Has the Minister confirmed that the proposed transfer of the former Mullumbimby Hospital site complies with the financial accountability and transparency requirements of the Local Government Act 1993?
- (4) How will ratepayers be informed of the financial terms of the transfer before any decision is finalised?
- (5) What independent oversight will be applied to ensure that community consultation accurately reflects the extent of resident opposition, rather than presenting a selective or misleading consensus?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Auditor-General reported in 2022 on development assessment processes in Byron Shire Council and made recommendations to that Council for them to address. Further questions relating to Byron Shire Council's development assessment processes should be directed to the Minister for Planning.

The Auditor-General's report did not cover the acquisition or disposal of Council-owned land. It is not a fair characterisation to connect the two processes.

The former Mullumbimby Hospital site is classified as operational land under the Local Government Act 1993. There are no restrictions on what a Council may do with operational land; Council may use it to facilitate its functions or may choose to sell or lease it. Any decisions taken by the Council should be in consultation with their community.

Council has been advising its ratepayers on the future of the site through a community engagement process which can be found here: <https://www.byron.nsw.gov.au/Council/Projects/Major-projects/Mullumbimby-Hospital-redevelopment>.

This is a matter that should be raised with the councillors of Byron Shire Council as they are elected by the community to represent its interests.

* 7602 PROCESS FOR BUILDING DEFECT MATTERS—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Better Regulation and Fair Trading, Minister for Industry and Trade, Minister for Innovation, Science and Technology, Minister for Building, and Minister for Corrections—

- (1) Why are owners required to pursue determinations through the NSW Civil Administrative Tribunal in building defect matters where a regulator is already in place to address such issues?
- (2) Will the Government consider reforms to streamline this process and reduce the need for duplicative proceedings?

Answer—

I am advised:

- Please refer to my media release from 6 May 2026.
- Please refer to my second reading speech on the Building (Approvals and Practitioners) Bill 2026 in Hansard on the NSW Parliament website.

* 7603 COMMUNITY GAMING REGULATION 2020—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Better Regulation and Fair Trading, Minister for Industry and Trade, Minister for Innovation, Science and Technology, Minister for Building, and Minister for Corrections—

- (1) When will the Community Gaming Regulation 2020 be remade?
- (2) When will consultation on that remake commence?

- (3) What is the Government doing to close the loophole in the regulation that allows subscription reward clubs to operate as unregulated lotteries?

Answer—

I am advised:

- The Community Gaming Regulation 2020 is currently due to be automatically repealed under the Subordinate Legislation Act 1989 on 1 September 2026.
- The Government will work with relevant stakeholders, the Commonwealth, and other State and Territory governments in the development of the new regulation.

- * 7604 STRATA COMMISSIONS—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Better Regulation and Fair Trading, Minister for Industry and Trade, Minister for Innovation, Science and Technology, Minister for Building, and Minister for Corrections—

In relation to strata commissions:

- (1) Will the Government allow time to observe the impacts of the February 2025 strata reforms before introducing further reforms relating to the remuneration of strata managers?
- (2) Following the release of the Productivity and Equality Commission's Report into Strata Commissions, will the Government engage in further consultation with the sector and stakeholders to improve the evidence base for Government decisions?
- (3) Will banning commissions reduce insurance premiums across the New South Wales strata sector?
- (4) Has the Government considered the regional impacts of reforms suggested in the recent report of the Productivity and Equality Commission into Strata Commissions?

Answer—

I am advised:

- Please refer to my media release titled "Productivity and Equality Commission to review commissions for strata managing agents" issued on 2 August 2025.
- Please also refer to answers provided to:
 - Question on Notice 5473, tabled on 9 July 2025 in the Legislative Assembly,
 - Question on Notice 4634, tabled on 22 April 2025 in the Legislative Assembly,
 - Question on Notice 3822, tabled on 27 May 2025 in the Legislative Council,
 - Question on Notice 5155, tabled on 17 June 2025 in the Legislative Assembly, and
 - Question on Notice 5941, tabled on 16 October 2025 in the Legislative Assembly.

- * 7605 NORTH SHORE POLICE AREA COMMAND—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

- (1) As of the date the most recent data is available, how many police officers (Full Time Equivalent) are allocated to the North Shore Police Area Command?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The NSW Police Force publishes information regarding staff numbers in each Police Area Command (PAC) and Police District (PD) in its annual report.

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All police positions attached to PACs and PDs are flexible resources available to respond to incidents across the command/district. Staffing at any particular police station can fluctuate daily in response to crime trends and other intelligence-led operational requirements.

All local resources are supplemented by specialist police (such as highway patrol, major crime squads and covert resources) who are managed centrally but can be deployed across boundaries to meet community needs and respond to crime patterns and emerging issues.

- * 7606 ROYAL NORTH SHORE HOSPITAL—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

In relation to Royal North Shore Hospital:

- (1) What capital investments have been delivered at the hospital in the last 3 years?
- (2) Are there any plans to expand clinical facilities at the hospital?
- (3) Are there any plans to progress projects identified in the hospital's campus master plan?

Answer—

I'm advised:

In the last 3 years, the following capital investments have been delivered at Royal North Shore Hospital:

- 2 Fixed Fluoroscopy Units, Medical Imaging
- Cardiology Haemodynamic Monitoring, Reporting and Archive Systems Software
- Tumour Sequencing System, Kolling Institute
- 2 Microscopes, Theatres, Plastics and Reconstructive and Ears Nose Throat
- 4 Angiography Units, Theatres and Medical Imaging
- Single-Photon Emission Computed Tomography Scanner, Nuclear Medicine
- Brachytherapy Unit, Radiation Oncology
- HyperSight for Linear Accelerator, Radiation Oncology
- Mammography Unit, Medical Imaging
- Non-Cancer Clinical Trials Hub
- Radiochemistry Lab
- Computed Tomography Scanner, Radiation Oncology (Critical Asset Management Program funded)
- Angiography Unit, Cardiac Cath Lab
- Second planned Interventional Neuroradiology Suite

Over the next 12 months, detailed service planning for the Royal North Shore Hospital campus will identify service development priorities and medium to long-term infrastructure needs.

- * 7607 BUS ROUTE 120—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Transport, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—

In relation to bus route 120, what was the percentage of services that were cancelled and late in each month in the last 12 months?

Answer—

I am advised

The percentage of services that were cancelled and late in each month in the last 12 months is as follows:

Month	% Cancellations	% Late
May 2025	7.71%	6.52%
June 2025	7.23%	5.04%
July 2025	4.39%	3.48%
August 2025	4.94%	4.83%
September 2025	4.02%	5.30%
October 2025	4.57%	3.54%
November 2025	5.30%	7.43%
December 2025	4.23%	5.38%
January 2026	1.83%	2.75%
February 2026	2.97%	6.53%
March 2026	1.28%	5.99%
April 2026	1.05%	2.77%

- * 7608 BUS SERVICES IN WILLOUGHBY—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Transport, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—

In relation to bus services in Willoughby:

- (1) What is being done to address bus bunching along the Willoughby Road corridor, where multiple services arrive at once followed by an extended wait for the next bus?
- (2) What is being done to address buses reaching capacity by the time they arrive at the Willoughby Road near Garland Road, Naremburn bus stop, leaving passengers unable to board?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) The next timetable adjustment will include changes to improve service reliability and more consistent spacing of services along the Willoughby Road corridor on routes 115 and 120. This is expected to help reduce instances of bus bunching.
- (2) Additional peak services on route 120 will also be introduced in the timetable adjustment. This will increase capacity along the corridor and is expected to reduce instances of buses reaching capacity where passengers are unable to board.

- * 7609 T1 NORTH SHORE LINE SERVICES—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Transport, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—

In relation to the T1 North Shore line, what was the percentage of services that were cancelled and late in each month in the last 12 months?

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Answer—

I am advised

The punctuality of the T1 North Shore Line in the past 12 months are as follows:

- April 2026 - 92.9% punctuality with 2.7% of services cancelled.
- March 2026 - 92.6% punctuality with 2.3% of services cancelled.
- February 2026 95.2% punctuality with 1.6% of services cancelled.
- In January 2026 - 96.1% punctuality with 1.1% of services cancelled.
- December 2025 - 93.5% punctuality with 1.9% of services cancelled.
- November 2025 - 92.5% punctuality with 3.2% of services cancelled.
- October 2025 - 95.6% punctuality with 1.1% of services cancelled.
- September 2025 - 93.4% punctuality with 2.7% of services cancelled.
- August 2025 - 92% punctuality with 2.5% of services cancelled.
- July 2025 - 91.5% punctuality with 1.9% of services cancelled.
- June 2025 - 95% punctuality with 1.5% of services cancelled.
- May 2025 - 79% punctuality with 13.1% of services cancelled.

* 7610 PUBLIC HOUSING IN CUMBERLAND COUNCIL LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, and Minister for Youth—

- (1) As of today's date, in the Cumberland Council Local Government Area, how many public housing properties managed by Homes NSW exist?
 - (a) Of these, how many:
 - (i) Are currently tenanted?
 - (ii) Are currently untenanted due to being between tenancies?
 - (iii) Are currently untenanted due to other reasons (please specify)?
 - (iv) Have been untenanted for over 6 months?
 - (v) Have been untenanted for over 12 months?
- (2) How many social housing properties managed by Community Housing Providers exist (provide a break down by provider)?
 - (a) Of these, how many
 - (i) Are currently tenanted?
 - (ii) Are currently untenanted due to being between tenancies?
 - (iii) Are currently untenanted due to other reasons (please specify)?
 - (iv) Have been untenanted for over 6 months?
 - (v) Have been untenanted for over 12 months?
- (3) How many people are currently on:
 - (a) The general social housing waiting list?

- (b) The priority social housing waiting list?
- (4) Of those on the social housing waiting list:
- (a) What is the average waiting time for a property?
- (b) What is the longest someone has been waiting for a property?
- (c) How many people have been on the list for longer than:
- (i) 1 year?
- (ii) 5 years?
- (iii) Ten years?
- (iv) Are there any plans for new public and social housing in this Local Government Area? If so, please provide projected dates of completion, quantity of dwellings, and suburbs.

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) (a) As at 30 April 2026, there are 4,852 public housing properties in the Cumberland Local Government Area (LGA).
- (i) 4,776 properties were tenanted.
- (ii) Three properties were untenanted due to being between tenancies.
- (iii) 73 properties were untenanted due to the following reasons:
- 16 were newly acquired,
 - 24 were marked for sale or redevelopment,
 - 33 were vacant mainly due to major refurbishment and upgrades required of the property.
- (iv) Of the 76 total untenanted properties, 15 require major upgrades and have been untenanted for over six months. This includes six properties that have been untenanted for more than six months but less than 12 months.
- (v) Nine properties have been untenanted for over 12 months.
- (2) As at 31 March 2026, the most current data available shows there were 1,314 social housing properties managed by Community Housing Providers in the Cumberland LGA. A breakdown by provider is below.

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Tenancy status is available for 1,294 of the 1,314 properties. The tenancy status of the remaining 20 properties is unknown because this level of detail is not reported for those properties.

Community Housing Provider	Count of social housing providers
Better Housing Australia Pty Ltd	16
Bridge Housing Limited	192
Common Equity NSW Ltd	63
Community Housing Limited	3
Evolve Housing Limited	566
Hume Community Housing Association Company Limited	132
Link Wentworth Housing Limited	1
Metro Community Housing Co-operative Ltd	1
Minister for Disability Services	1
St George Community Housing Limited	129
St Vincent de Paul (Society) Housing Australia	21
St Vincent de Paul Housing	49
Uniting (NSW.ACT)	3
Wayback Committee Ltd	1
Women's Housing Company Ltd	136
Total	1314

(a)

- (i) 1,284 properties were tenanted.
 - (ii) Seven properties were untenanted due to being between tenancies.
 - (iii) Three properties were untenanted due to repairs.
 - (iv) Two properties have been untenanted for over six months.
 - (v) Two properties have been untenanted for over 12 months.
- (3) Social housing waiting list data is not available from by LGA, it is measured by the allocation zone. The GW02 Auburn/Granville and GW08 Holroyd allocation zones are in the Cumberland LGA.

Social Housing applicant households on the NSW housing Register by allocation zone as of April 2026 can be found here: <https://dcj.nsw.gov.au/about-us/families-and-communities-statistics/social-housing-waiting-list-data/waitlist-dashboard.html>

- (4) Of those on the social housing waiting list: The social housing waiting list data is not available by LGA, it is measured by the allocation zone. The GW02 Auburn/Granville and GW08 Holroyd allocation zones are in the Cumberland LGA.
- (a) As at 30 April 2026, the average waiting time for applicants in the GW02 Auburn/Granville and GW08 Holroyd allocation zones was 4.3 years.
 - (b) This information cannot be provided as it may identify an individual applicant.
 - (c) The number of applicant households waiting longer than:
 - (i) One year was 1,314 applicant households.
 - (ii) Five years was 508 applicant households.
 - (iii) Ten years was 208 applicant households.
 - (iv) As at 31 March 2026, the following new and replacement homes are planned for delivery up to 30 June 2027:

- * 7611 SECTION 94 OF RESIDENTIAL TENANCIES ACT—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for Better Regulation and Fair Trading, Minister for Industry and Trade, Minister for Innovation, Science and

Area	Homes NSW planned social homes	Aboriginal Housing Office (AHO) planned social homes
Cumberland LGA	69	6
Suburbs	Chester Hill, Guilford, Guilford West, Merrylands, South Granville	Greystanes, South Granville, South Wentworthville

Technology, Minister for Building, and Minister for Corrections—

In each year since the introduction of section 94 of the Residential Tenancies Act:

- (1) How many applications has the Tribunal received from landlords under this section?
- (2) Of these:
 - (a) How many were determined in favour of the landlord?
 - (b) How many were dismissed by the Tribunal?
- (3) Following the passage of the Residential Tenancies Amendment Bill 2024 in October 2024, which inserted Subdivision 1 Termination notices – specific grounds into the Act, are there any plans to amend section 94 to ensure that long-term tenants are also able to access the protections against arbitrary eviction set out in Subdivision 1?
 - (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) This question should be directed to the Attorney General in his capacity as Minister responsible for the Tribunal.
- (2) This question should be directed to the Attorney General in his capacity as Minister responsible for the Tribunal.
- (3) The protections that limit the grounds on which a tenancy can be ended extend to long term tenants through section 94 of the Residential Tenancies Act 2010. Under section 94, long term tenants are provided with the additional protection that termination can only be made with a Tribunal order and the Tribunal must consider whether termination is appropriate in the circumstances of the case. The operation of these provisions will continue to be monitored.

- * 7612 FORMER AMBULANCE STATION AT GLEN INNES—Mr Brendan Moylan to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

In relation to the former Ambulance Station at Glen Innes on Bourke Street:

- (1) Given that it was the Glen Innes community that raised funds for the purchase of land and for the construction and fit out of the old Ambulance station in the 1940s, 50s and 60s, would the Government consider transfer of ownership of this property to the Glen Innes community through Glen Innes Severn Council?
- (2) If not, what plans does the Government have for this asset?

Answer—

I'm advised:

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The former Glen Innes Ambulance Station will undergo disposal in line with the NSW Government Premier's Memorandum M2024-08 Government Property Framework.

The framework's purpose is to identify opportunities for improved strategic use of Government owned property, including identifying opportunities to repurpose properties. The framework will ensure that government-owned land and property directly support the Government's priorities.

- * 7613 FORMER GLEN INNES RAILWAY STATION—Mr Brendan Moylan to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—

In relation to the old Glen Innes Railway Station and associated land:

- (1) Given that the Railway station and associated land is zoned IN1 (E4 General Industrial) or IN2 (Light industrial; E3 Productivity support) in Glen Innes Severn Local Environmental Plans, what plans, if any, exist for the future use, redevelopment, lease or disposal of the station and surrounding land, including any timelines or expressions of interest?
- (2) Has the site been offered to any government agency, the local council, or community organisation for adaptive reuse?
 - (a) If not, will the Government consider doing so?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) The Country Regional Network is owned by Transport Asset Manager of NSW and is operated and maintained under contract by UGLRL Regional Linx. UGLRL Regional Linx is the Rail Infrastructure Manager for the Country Regional Network.

Any vacant Country Regional Network land and/or building is available for lease (if deemed surplus to operational needs) and any interested party can complete an application via the UGLRL Regional Linx website.

Glen Innes Severn Council previously held a lease agreement over Glen Innes Railway Station until 2016. The Council decided to terminate the agreement for unknown reasons, and it has been vacant since. The Station has recently been refurbished externally. Plans are in place to complete internal refurbishment once a committed applicant shows genuine interest in securing a long term lease.

- (2) Transport for NSW is currently in discussion with Council for the future use of the site.

- * 7614 NSW FIREARMS REGISTRY - STAFF—Mr Brendan Moylan to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

In relation to the 22 additional Firearms Registry staff that have recently been announced:

- (1) What will their roles be?
- (2) Where will these roles be located?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The additional staff will be allocated to roles responsible for compliance and enforcement, customer service, adjudication and permits.
- (2) At the NSW Police Force's Firearms Registry.

- * 7615 SHARK MONITORING ACTIVITIES—Mr Brendan Moylan to ask the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

In relation to shark monitoring activities undertaken by Department of Primary Industries in 2025 and 2026:

- (1) How many hooks per night were deployed, over what period, and at which locations?
- (2) What shark species and numbers were recorded through the monitoring program?
- (3) Are there reports from local fishers claiming they are catching more than 20 sharks per day in the same area?
 - (a) If so, has NSW Department of Primary Industries compared these reports with its own monitoring data?
- (4) What steps is the Government taking to ensure transparency and public confidence in the accuracy of shark monitoring and reporting?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) In reference to shark monitoring activities undertaken by the Department this year, refer to the table below.
- (2) Refer to Question 1

	White Sharks	Bull Sharks	Tiger Sharks	Total per year
1 July 2025 – 1 July 2026	285 (including 94 recaptures)	35 (including 2 recaptures)	202 (including 13 recaptures)	522

- (3) The Department is unaware of such instances
- (4) N/A
- (5) Catches and detections of target sharks are reported through the SharkSmart app in real time.

- * 7616 MOREE AND GLEN INNES HOSPITAL—Mr Brendan Moylan to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

In relation to the Moree and Glen Innes Hospital redevelopments:

- (1) Will new equipment, such as CT scans and X-ray be provided?
- (2) What steps will be taken to ensure these hospitals are properly staffed?

Answer—

I'm advised:

The Moree and Glen Innes hospital redevelopments are delivering contemporary clinical spaces and improved patient facilities. As part of the redevelopment, Moree Hospital will receive a new CT scanner and maintain existing X-Ray equipment. Glen Innes Hospital will maintain existing equipment in the upgraded facilities.

As part of the redevelopments, the Hunter New England Local Health District is establishing Union Staff Consultative Committees for Moree and Glen Innes, alongside internal workforce planning meetings to ensure staffing levels align with the clinical delineation of each site.

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- * 7617 NSW POLICE DRONE TRIAL IN MOREE—Mr Brendan Moylan to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

What is the total cost of the NSW Police drone trial currently in operation at Moree?

Answer—

I am advised:

Financial information relating to NSW Police Force operations are outlined in the NSW Police Force Annual Report.

- * 7618 EXPENDITURE ON LOCUM DOCTORS AND SPECIALISTS—Mr Brendan Moylan to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

In the financial year ending 2025, what was the total expenditure on locum doctors and specialists in the following hospitals:

- (1) Armidale?
- (2) Glen Innes?
- (3) Inverell?
- (4) Moree?

Answer—

I'm advised:

Disclosure of locum pay rates or rate patterns could distort the locum labour market and undermine NSW Health's ability to negotiate value-for-money arrangements, as such information may be used by agencies in future commercial negotiations.

- * 7619 DROUGHT RELIEF LOANS—Mr Brendan Moylan to ask the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

- (1) How many applications for drought relief loans have been received in New South Wales since 1 July 2023 broken down by financial year?
 - (a) Of those applications, how many have been approved, broken down by financial year?
 - (b) What is the total value of drought relief loans approved in New South Wales since 1 January 2020, broken down by financial year?
 - (c) Of the approved loans, what is the average loan amount issued?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The [Drought Relief Loan](#) product was opened on 10 March 2026. As of 28 May 2026, 307 applications have been received.
 - (a) 80 applications have so far been approved.
 - (b) \$7,312,064 is the total current value of approved loans.
 - (c) \$91,367 is the average value of the approved loans, out of a maximum amount of \$100,000.

- * 7620 WILD DOG FENCE BORDER—Mr Brendan Moylan to ask the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

In relation to the New South Wales wild dog fence border:

- (1) Why has the Government decided that the proposed extension of the New South Wales wild dog fence along the Queensland border will not continue?
- (2) What measures are now in place to manage wild dog populations in New South Wales?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The NSW Government's priority for the Wild Dog Fence Extension Project was the completion of the 32km gap on the South Australia border, which was completed in 2025, after four years of inaction under the former Government.

The NSW Government also reached an agreement with the Dog Fence Board of South Australia for them to deliver and maintain up to 290 km of new wild dog fence, running south from the 32 km section along the NSW and South Australian border.

- (2) The approach to wild dog management in NSW is outlined in the NSW Wild Dog Management Strategy:

https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0011/1628741/wild-dog-management-strategy-2022-2027.pdf

NSW has a structured approach to developing and updating local wild dog management plans. This, combined with targeted aerial and ground baiting, has helped reduce wild dog impacts in many areas over the past two decades.

- * 7621 BULK BILLING SUPPORT INITIATIVE—Ms Eleni Petinos to ask the Attorney General representing the Minister for Finance, Minister for Domestic Manufacturing and Government Procurement, and Minister for Natural Resources—

- (1) As of 12 May 2026, how many medical centres have registered for the bulk-billing support initiative?
- (2) Of those practices, can the Minister please provide a list of practices operating the following postcodes:
 - (a) 2234?
 - (b) 2232?
 - (c) 2225?
 - (d) 2227?
 - (e) 2228?
 - (f) 2224?
 - (g) 2229?
- (3) Of the practices based in these postcodes, what is the percentage of General Practice services bulk-billed?

Answer—

I am advised:

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- (1) As at May 2026, 65 businesses registered for the Bulk-Billing Support Initiative.
Note that a single registration may cover multiple practices.
- (2) Information on medical practices is not collected according to NSW postcodes.
- (3) Please refer to (2) above.

* 7622 PERFORMANCE DATA - MIRANDA ELECTORATE—Ms Eleni Petinos to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Transport, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—

- (1) With respect to the average performance data (On-Time Running) for each bus route servicing the Miranda electorate, can the minister please provide the following:
 - (a) The current average (On-Time Running) for 2025-26 financial year (to date)?
 - (b) The average for the 2024–25 financial year?
 - (c) The average for the 2023–24 financial year?
- (2) For each bus route servicing the electorate of Miranda, how many services were cancelled:
 - (a) In 2025–26 financial year (to date)?
 - (b) In the 2024–25 financial year?
 - (c) In the 2023–24 financial year?
 - (d) In the 2022–23 financial year?
- (3) For each bus route servicing the electorate of Miranda, how many customer complaints were received:
 - (a) In 2025–26 financial year (to date)?
 - (b) In the 2024–25 financial year?
 - (c) In the 2023–24 financial year?
 - (d) In the 2022–23 financial year?
- (4) For each Region 10, how many bus driver vacancies were recorded:
 - (a) In 2025–26 financial year (to date)?
 - (b) In the 2024–25 financial year?
 - (c) In the 2023–24 financial year?
 - (d) In the 2022–23 financial year?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) The average on time running for buses in the Miranda electorate are:
 - (a) 94.4% FY YTD, to 15 May 2026.
 - (b) 94.1%.
 - (c) 92.8%.
- (2) The bus cancellation rates in the Miranda electorate are:
 - (a) 1.9%, FY YTD, to 15 May 2026.
 - (b) 1.0%.

- (c) 1.2%.
- (d) 1.3%.
- (3) The number of customer complaints regarding bus routes in the Miranda electorate are:
 - (a) 1,218, FY YTD, to 15 May 2026.
 - (b) 1,466.
 - (c) 2,234.
 - (d) 860.
- (4) The driver vacancies recorded in Region 10 are:
 - (a) 10, as at 10 May 2026.
 - (b) 0, as at 29 June 2025.
 - (c) 5, as at 30 June 2024.
 - (d) Not reported.

* 7623 GYMEA TAFE—Ms Eleni Petinos to ask the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education—

With respect to GyMEA TAFE:

- (1) How many students are currently enrolled?
- (2) How many students were enrolled in:
 - (a) 2025?
 - (b) 2024?
 - (c) 2023?
 - (d) 2022?
- (3) How many students are currently enrolled in each course?
- (4) How many students were enrolled in each course:
 - (a) 2025?
 - (b) 2024?
 - (c) 2023?
 - (d) 2022?
- (5) How many classroom and workshop facilities are there currently?
- (6) How many classroom and workshop facilities are in use?
- (7) What is the average number of students per classroom/ workshop?
- (8) How many of these classrooms and workshop facilities are air conditioned?
- (9) What maintenance is planned or has been undertaken in the past two years to ensure the facilities meet modern training standards?
- (10) What capital works are planned or have been undertaken in the past two years to ensure the facilities meet modern training standards?

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Answer—

I am advised:

TAFE NSW does not provide in year enrolment data which is subject to change.

Enrolment data is available from NCVER at <https://www.ncver.edu.au/research-and-statistics/data/databuilder#>

Gymea has 87 delivery areas, including 16 workshop spaces. Classrooms have an average capacity of 19 students and workshops have an average capacity of 18 students. Actual occupancy varies according to course design, timetabling and practical delivery requirements. 47 delivery areas have air conditioning.

TAFE NSW undertakes ongoing routine maintenance and upkeep at Gymea, including cleaning, grounds maintenance and general facilities management to support a safe and functional learning environment. (During the last two years, TAFE NSW delivered the following capital works at Gymea:

- Upgrade of Beauty training facilities, including creation of flexible learning spaces and a simulated Nail and Pedicure training area and safety and functionality improvements to support contemporary in beauty training delivery.
- Conversion of existing classrooms into multi-use and specialist training spaces, and reconfiguration of support spaces.
- Relocation and upgrade of Electrotechnology computer training rooms to provide a full-capacity lab
- Construction of a Universal Access Toilet.

Expansion of Electrotechnology facilities to increase wiring training capacity has also commenced, with completion estimated for July 2026. Consideration of further capital works is currently underway.

* 7624 PENALTY NOTICES - EBIKES TRAINS—Ms Eleni Petinos to ask the Attorney General representing the Minister for Finance, Minister for Domestic Manufacturing and Government Procurement, and Minister for Natural Resources—

- (1) How many penalty notices had been issued for converted e-bikes on the T4 Eastern Suburbs and Illawarra Line as of October 2025?
- (2) What was the total dollar value of those fines?
- (3) Were any fines withdrawn, waived, or successfully appealed, and what was their value?

Answer—

I am advised:

As part of its suite of reforms, the Minns Labor Government introduced amendments to the Passenger Transport (General) Regulation 2017, which commenced 1 November 2025.

Sydney Trains had not received any complaints about converted e-bikes on the T4 Eastern Suburbs and Illawarra Line as of October 2025.

As at 3 June 2026, there have been no penalty notices issued for the following new offence codes:

105199 - Bring converted e-bike battery on restricted rail vehicle

105200 - Bring converted e-bike battery in restricted area of station

* 7625 SCHOOL AND HOUSING CAPACITY MIRANDA—Ms Eleni Petinos to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) What is the current enrolment capacity of each school in the electorate of Miranda?
- (2) How has this changed for each of the following years:

- (a) 2023?
- (b) 2024?
- (c) 2025?
- (d) 2026?
- (3) Which schools in the electorate of Miranda are currently operating:
 - (a) At capacity?
 - (b) Above their enrolment capacity
- (4) Considering the NSW Government's plan to deliver approximately 6,000 new homes in the Sutherland Shire by 2029, what capital works, upgrades, or expansion projects are planned, approved, or underway for each school in the Miranda electorate?
- (5) For each school project mentioned above, please provide:
 - (a) A description of the works?
 - (b) The funding allocated?
 - (c) The expected commencement date?
 - (d) The expected completion date?

Answer—

The Minns Labor Government's record investment in rebuilding public schools is guided by the enrolment growth audit, which was undertaken to better understand student population growth in NSW and to improve school infrastructure planning. This was required due to the failure of the former Liberal National Government to adequately respond to growth with the necessary investment in school infrastructure. More information can be found at <https://www.schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au/what-we-do/we-build-schools/enrolment-growth-audit.html>

I can advise that the former Liberal National Government's failure to plan for growth led to dozens of demountables being placed on school sites in Miranda taking up valuable open play space. I can advise that 70% of demountables currently on school sites were placed there by the Liberals and Nationals.

I note that on 22 April, ICAC released its report into the operations of School Infrastructure NSW under the former Liberal National Government and the conduct of its hand-picked former chief executive. The report outlined that staff were asked to change population data which had the "effect of diverting funds from North West and South West Sydney".

ICAC also stated that under the former Liberal National Government, "public money that had been put aside to build and improve schools for NSW children was instead spent on jobs for friends and associates of the chief executive".

It found that under the Liberals and Nationals, the government "failed to respond to warning signs of inappropriate and corrupt conduct" and that the former CEO had "uncurbed control of SINSW operations, which permitted questionable practices to occur without real internal challenge".

The Member can read more about how schools, including those in Miranda, were treated by the former Liberal National Government at <https://www.icac.nsw.gov.au/investigations/past-investigations/2026/school-infrastructure-nsw---operation-landan>

Enrolment information for NSW public schools is publicly available. Information about school projects are published on the School Infrastructure website.

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* 7626 CHILDCARE CAPACITY – MIRANDA—Ms Eleni Petinos to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) What is the current capacity of each of the following community preschools within the Miranda electorate:
 - (a) Miranda Kindergarten, Miranda?
 - (b) Sydney Montessori School, Gymea?
 - (c) Gymea Community Pre-School, Gymea?
 - (d) Jannali Pre-School Kindergarten, Jannali?
 - (e) Mayflower Preschool Kindergarten, Jannali?
 - (f) Como Pre-School, Como?
 - (g) The Point Pre-School, Oyster Bay?
- (2) What are the current staffing levels at each of these services outlined in (1) including:
 - (a) Total number of educators?
 - (b) Total number of staff?
- (3) Which of these services outlined in 1(a) are currently operating at full capacity?
- (4) What is the total combined childcare capacity within the electorate of Miranda of community preschools, if not available at electorate level, please provide by postcode (2224, 2225, 2226, 2227, 2228, 2229, 2232, 2234) for each of the following years:
 - (a) 2026?
 - (b) 2025?
 - (c) 2024?
 - (d) 2023?
- (5) What are the total staffing levels at each community preschool outlined in (1) for each of the following years:
 - (a) 2026?
 - (b) 2025?
 - (c) 2024?
 - (d) 2023?
- (6) Given the Government target of delivering approximately 6,000 additional homes within the Sutherland Shire by 2029, what population growth projections and service demand modelling has been undertaken in relation to childcare services within the Sutherland Shire?
 - (a) If not, why not?
- (7) What funding has been allocated or proposed to expand, upgrade, or increase the capacity of childcare services within the Sutherland Shire?

Answer—

The Australian Children's Education and Care Quality Authority (ACECQA) national registers are published online and contain information about approved education and care services and providers in NSW, including approved places: <https://www.acecqa.gov.au/resources/national-registers>

Community preschools are independent organisations responsible for their own governance and operational decisions, including decisions about enrolments and staffing.

The Minns Labor Government introduced the Flexible Initiatives Trial to support early learning services in developing innovative and flexible models of care to improve access to early learning for parents/carers who need extended and flexible hours. The Flexible Initiatives Trial was available to early learning services to extend operating hours, increase places, introduce flexible enrolment options, and partner across service types to deliver wrap-around care for preschool-aged children.

In addition, the \$100 million Expanding Quality Access program is an optional funding opportunity available to community preschools in NSW that wish to transition to a long day care model, supporting local families who need access to quality early learning for longer hours and/or younger children. Funding is available under this program to renovate or extend existing facilities and/or build new facilities and infrastructure to support a service's growth, viability, or to maintain early learning places. Applications for the Expanding Quality Access Program are open until 30 November 2026. Further information is available on the department's website at: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/early-childhood-education/operating-an-early-childhood-education-service/grants-and-funded-programs/expanding-quality-access>.

* 7627 TRAFFIC SIGNAL PHASING BOX ROAD AND PORT HACKING ROAD—Ms Eleni Petinos to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—

- (1) What reviews of traffic signal phasing have been undertaken during the past five years at the intersection of Box Road and Port Hacking Road, Sylvania?
- (2) Have any adjustments or modifications to traffic signal phasing been made during the past five years at the intersection of Box Road and Port Hacking Road?
 - (a) if so, what specific changes were implemented?
- (3) On what date was the most recent review of traffic signalling undertaken at the intersection of Box Road and Port Hacking Road?
- (4) What changes or updates, if any, were made to the traffic signal operation or phasing as a result of that review?
- (5) What is the average daily traffic volume through the intersection of Box Road and Port Hacking Road for vehicles travelling straight along Box Road, including peak morning and afternoon periods, for both eastbound and westbound traffic?
- (6) Has Transport for NSW observed an increase in traffic volume at this intersection since the change allowing vehicles to travel straight along Box Road?
- (7) Since permitting vehicles to travel straight along Box Road at this intersection, has Transport for NSW undertaken any traffic modelling, road safety assessments, or incident assessment in relation to the impacts of the change?
 - (a) If not, why not?
 - (b) If so, what were the findings?
- (8) Can the Minister please provide the number of motor vehicle incidents recorded at the intersection of Box Road and Port Hacking Road for each of the following periods:
 - (a) 2026 to date?
 - (b) 2025?
 - (c) 2024?
 - (d) 2023?

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Answer—

I am advised

(1) Transport for NSW (Transport) carried out reviews of the traffic signal phasing at this site in December 2020, August 2023 and November 2025.

(2) In December 2020, an exclusive right turning phase was added for eastbound traffic on Box Road turning onto Port Hacking Road, as well as red arrow pedestrian protection to improve pedestrian safety.

In August 2023, a corridor optimisation exercise was undertaken to review possible signal faults and optimise Sydney Coordinated Adaptive Traffic System (SCATS) data for optimal phasing.

In November 2025, there was an assessment of the minimum and maximum phase settings at this intersection as part of a network wide review.

(3) The most recent review of traffic signalling undertaken at the intersection of Box Road and Port Hacking Road was in August 2023.

(4) Alterations to the intersection phasing (SCATS) background library plans, co-ordination offsets at adjacent sites and strategic detectors calibration along the corridor were made to the traffic signal operation as a result of the August 2023 review.

(5) Not available.

(6) Intersections and corridors within the Sutherland Local Government Area are experiencing queueing consistent with other areas in the Sydney Metropolitan area.

(7) These changes were in mid to late 2010, Transport has not undertaken any recent investigations into this intersection.

(8) (a) nil

(b) nil

(c-d) This information is available at the following link:

<https://opendata.transport.nsw.gov.au/data/dataset/nsw-crash-data>

Note: 2025 and 2026 data are preliminary and subject to change.

Data on non-fatal crashes for 2025 and 2026 are incomplete because coding lags by a few months; only fatal crashes are currently being reported for those years.

* 7628 WAIT TIMES - MIRANDA SERVICE NSW—Ms Eleni Petinos to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

(1) With respect to the average performance data (On-Time Running) for each bus route servicing the Miranda electorate, can the minister please provide the following:

(a) The current average (On-Time Running) for 2025-26 financial year (to date)?

(b) The average for the 2024-25 financial year?

(c) The average for the 2023-24 financial year?

(2) For each bus route servicing the electorate of Miranda, how many services were cancelled:

(a) In 2025-26 financial year (to date)?

(b) In the 2024-25 financial year?

(c) In the 2023-24 financial year?

(d) In the 2022-23 financial year?

- (3) For each bus route servicing the electorate of Miranda, how many customer complaints were received:
- (a) In 2025–26 financial year (to date)?
 - (b) In the 2024–25 financial year?
 - (c) In the 2023–24 financial year?
 - (d) In the 2022–23 financial year?
- (4) For each Region 10, how many bus driver vacancies were recorded:
- (a) In 2025–26 financial year (to date)?
 - (b) In the 2024–25 financial year?
 - (c) In the 2023–24 financial year?
 - (d) In the 2022–23 financial year?
- (5) Are there any plans to open an additional Service NSW centre in the Sutherland Shire?

Answer—

I am advised:

Questions (1)-(4) should be directed to the Minister for Transport.

- (5) Service NSW regularly monitors its network to identify potential service centre locations based on factors such as estimated population growth by region, and the distance to and utilisation of the nearest Service NSW service centres.

* 7629 DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE ACCOMMODATION—Ms Eleni Petinos to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, and Minister for Youth—

- (1) How many dwellings are currently available for use as domestic and family violence (DFV) accommodation in:
- (a) The Sutherland Shire?
 - (b) The electorate of Miranda?
- (2) How many crisis and/or temporary accommodation places for victims of domestic and family violence are currently available in:
- (a) The Sutherland Shire?
 - (b) The electorate of Miranda?
- (3) What is the current number of vacancies in DFV accommodation in:
- (a) The Sutherland Shire?
 - (b) The electorate of Miranda?
- (4) How many DFV accommodation facilities are currently operating in:
- (a) The Sutherland Shire?
 - (b) The electorate of Miranda?
- (5) For the DFV accommodation facilities referred to in question (4), can the Minister provide a breakdown for:

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- (a) The Sutherland Shire, identifying for each facility:
- (b) The name of the organisation that owns the facility?
- (c) The name of the organisation that operates or manages the facility?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Homes NSW and community housing providers do not have social housing dwellings in the Sutherland Shire or Miranda electorate that are specifically targeted, reserved or set aside as domestic and family violence (DFV) accommodation. Social housing is prioritised and allocated to people experiencing DFV. The number of tenants who are also victim survivors is not available.
- (2)
 - (a) In the Sutherland Shire, there are eight NSW Government-owned crisis properties supporting women, including women escaping DFV. There is also one Specialist Homelessness Services (SHS) crisis accommodation service, operating from a non-government-owned property, which supports women and children experiencing homelessness, including DFV. In addition, five temporary accommodation placements are available through Kingsway Care in Caringbah.
 - (b) In the Miranda electorate, there are 14 NSW Government-owned crisis properties supporting single women and families, including people escaping DFV. SHS service information is captured at the Local Government Area level only and is not available by electorate. The five Temporary Accommodation placements in Caringbah are within the Miranda electorate.
- (3)
 - (a) Vacancy data is not collected for the eight NSW Government-owned crisis properties. As at 2 June 2026, there were no vacancies in the SHS crisis accommodation service in the Sutherland Shire.
 - (b) Vacancy data is not collected for the 14 NSW Government-owned crisis properties. SHS vacancy information is captured at the Local Government Area level only and is not available by electorate.
- (4)
 - (a) In the Sutherland Shire, there are eight NSW Government-owned crisis properties supporting women, including women escaping DFV. There is also one SHS crisis accommodation service supporting women and children experiencing homelessness, including DFV.
 - (b) In the Miranda electorate, there are 14 NSW Government-owned crisis properties supporting single women and families, including people escaping DFV. SHS service information is captured at the Local Government Area level only and is not available by electorate.
- (5)
 - (a) In the Sutherland Shire, the accommodation referred to in question (4) comprises the eight NSW Government-owned crisis properties and the SHS crisis accommodation service.
 - (b) Homes NSW owns the eight NSW Government-owned crisis properties in the Sutherland Shire. The SHS crisis accommodation service operates from a non-government-owned property.
 - (c) Crossroads Community Care Inc operates the eight NSW Government owned crisis properties in the Sutherland Shire. St Vincent de Paul Society NSW manages and operates the SHS crisis accommodation service.

* 7630 NSW FIREARMS REGISTRY - STAFF ARRANGEMENTS—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

Regarding the NSW Firearms Registry:

- (1) What is the current Full Time Equivalent employee count at the Registry?

- (2) Do all employees work from the office or are hybrid working arrangements in place (i.e. option to work from home)?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The NSW Police Force publishes information regarding staff numbers in its annual report.
- (2) The NSW Police Force flexible work policy applies to staff at the Firearms Registry. Requests for flexible work arrangements are considered on a case-by-case basis.

* 7631 NSW FIREARMS REGISTRY - OFFICE—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

Regarding the additional \$39.3 million for the NSW Firearms Registry:

- (1) Are there any plans to expand the NSW Firearms Registry at its current location given the additional 22 staff being recruited, or will all additional staff be accommodated within the existing office space?
- (2) Given the increase to staff numbers, can the Minister provide an update on staff parking arrangements at the current Registry office location?
- (3) Will the 22 new employees be required to work from the Registry's office location?
- (4) Are Registry staff permitted to work from home?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The 22 additional staff will be accommodated within the existing and additional floorspace available at the Firearm Registry's current location.
- (2) There is sufficient parking available both on-site and in the general vicinity of the area to accommodate the parking requirements of the additional staff.
- (3 - 4) The NSW Police Force flexible work policy applies to the Firearms Registry. Requests for flexible work arrangements are considered on a case-by-case basis.

* 7632 CLOSURE OF THE THIRD SECTOR AUSTRALIA (MOMENTUM COLLECTIVE) - FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Inclusion—

Following the closure of Third Sector Australia (Momentum Collective) at the end of April 2026:

- (1) Can the Minister provide an update on the transition of child and family community services programs previously managed by Momentum Collective and details about which organisation/s now have carriage of these programs?
- (2) Can the Minister provide an update on the transition of disability programs previously managed by Momentum Collective and details about which organisation/s now have carriage of these programs?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) In December 2025, contracts supporting children and their families were novated to a range of local community service providers, to ensure continuity of support.
- (2) NDIS services are the responsibility of the Commonwealth Government.

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- * 7633 CLOSURE OF THE THIRD SECTOR AUSTRALIA (MOMENTUM COLLECTIVE) - HOUSING—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, and Minister for Youth—

Following the closure of Third Sector Australia (Momentum Collective) at the end of April 2026:

- (1) Can the Minister provide an update on the transition of social and affordable housing previously managed by Momentum Collective and details about which organisation/s are now managing these properties?
- (2) Can the Minister provide an update on homelessness services previously provided by Momentum Collective and which organisation/s have taken carriage of these services?
- (3) Can the Minister provide an update on mental health services previously provided by Momentum Collective and which organisation/s have taken carriage of these services?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) In March 2026, Homes NSW approved the novation and transfer of all social and affordable housing managed by Momentum Collective to registered community housing providers (CHPs).

All three CHPs were selected through direct negotiation to maintain service delivery. These CHPs have established and ongoing relationships with Homes NSW and are well known through their existing housing management activities.

Each provider is an experienced and registered CHP operating within Northern NSW, with demonstrated capability, capacity, and local knowledge to effectively manage the properties and associated tenancies. They possess the operational systems, governance frameworks, and resources necessary to ensure continuity of service delivery and tenancy management.

As a result, they are well-positioned to facilitate a smooth and orderly transition of management responsibilities following the exit of Momentum Collective, minimising disruption to tenants and maintaining service standards throughout the transition period.

- (2) In December 2025, the Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) approved the novation of three Specialist Homelessness Services (SHS) contracts from Momentum Collective. The contracts run from 1 January 2026 to 31 December 2027, ensuring continuity of essential services while allowing time for a future open procurement process.

These services are:

- Homelessness Support Service for Aboriginal Women Experiencing Domestic and Family Violence
- Aboriginal Homelessness Service
- Homelessness Support Service for Women Experiencing Domestic and Family Violence.

This was selected through direct negotiation to maintain service delivery following the exit of Momentum Collective. An established SHS provider in Northern NSW has the capacity to maintain service continuity at short notice. It brings strong local knowledge, understands regional service needs, and can operate effectively across the region.

The SHS Provider has committed to maintaining specialist services, retaining subcontracted partners, and, where possible, transitioned former Momentum Collective staff to support continuity of care and expertise.

- (3) I am advised that Mental Health Services provided by Third Sector Australia trading as 'Momentum Collective' were novated. This process was facilitated by FTI Consulting appointed to manage the voluntary administration of Third Sector Australia.

* 7634 WOMEN'S REFUGE IN TWEED—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Women, Minister for Seniors, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

Regarding shelters for women and children escaping violence in the Tweed Local Government Area (LGA):

- (1) Can the Minister provide an update on the establishment of an additional women's refuge in the Tweed LGA under the Core and Cluster program?
- (2) Which organisation is managing the Tweed Shire Women's Service following the recent closure of Third Sector Australia (Momentum Collective)?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Third Sector entered voluntary administration in October 2025. The Department of Communities and Justice is working to determine next steps.
- (2) Since 1 January 2026, Social Futures Limited have a contract in place to deliver the Northern NSW Homelessness Support Service for Women Experiencing Domestic and Family Violence Specialist Homelessness Services contract, which includes the Tweed Shire Women's Service refuge.

* 7635 GUIDE TO CIRCULARITY IN OFFICE FITOUTS—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, Minister for Sport, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—

Regarding the Guide to Circularity in Office Fitouts:

- (1) Has any surplus equipment been reassigned to Government offices within the Tweed Electorate since 2023?
 - (a) If yes, what are the details?
- (2) Have any Government offices located within the Tweed Electorate had any surplus office equipment that has been reassigned elsewhere since 2023?
 - (b) If yes, what are the details?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) No surplus equipment been reassigned to Government offices within the Tweed Electorate since 2023.
- (2) No Government offices located within the Tweed Electorate have had any surplus office equipment that has been reassigned elsewhere since 2023.

* 7636 BREAST CARE NURSES - TWEED—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

Regarding Breast Cancer Care Nurses:

- (1) How many nurses are based within the Northern NSW Local Health District?
- (2) How many nurses attend Tweed Valley Hospital?

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Answer—

I'm advised:

Northern NSW Local Health District currently employs 5 Breast Care Nurses. A dedicated Specialist Breast Care Nurse provides services across the Tweed region, including to patients at Tweed Valley Hospital. In addition, the McGrath Advanced Breast Cancer Clinical Nurse Consultant supports patients diagnosed with advanced metastatic breast cancer receiving care at Tweed Valley Hospital.

- * 7637 FINES - DRIVING UNREGISTERED AND UNINSURED VEHICLES—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Attorney General representing the Minister for Finance, Minister for Domestic Manufacturing and Government Procurement, and Minister for Natural Resources—

Regarding fines issued to motorists for driving an unregistered and uninsured vehicle:

- (1) How many fines have been issued to residents of the Tweed Electorate (postcodes 2483, 2484, 2485, 2486, 2487, 2488, 2489, 2490 if data is not available by Electorate) in the following timeframes:
 - (a) Year to date?
 - (b) 2025?
 - (c) 2024?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Fines issued to residents of the following postcodes; 2483, 2484, 2485, 2486, 2487, 2488, 2489, 2490:
 - (a) for the period 1 January 2026 to 19 May 2026, 15 fines were issued for driving an unregistered vehicle, and 8 fines were issued for driving an uninsured vehicle.
 - (b) for the 2025 calendar year, 64 fines were issued for driving an unregistered vehicle, and 33 fines were issued for driving an uninsured vehicle.
 - (c) for the 2024 calendar year, 54 fines were issued for driving an unregistered vehicle, and 29 fines were issued for driving an uninsured vehicle.

- * 7638 AURORA COLLEGE—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

Regarding Aurora College:

- (1) How many students from the Tweed Electorate (postcodes 2483, 2484, 2485, 2486, 2487, 2488, 2489, 2490 if data is not available by Electorate) are currently enrolled in Higher School Certificate (HSC) courses provided by Aurora College?
- (2) What HSC courses are these students enrolled in?

Answer—

All students in the Tweed Electorate currently enrolled in Higher School Certificate are undertaking their HSC courses at their locally enrolled school. Schools in the Tweed Electorate are authorised to host the Stage 6 online curriculum access program, and the opportunity for enrolment is available to support any students as needed.

* 7639 PAYROLL TAX REVENUE—Ms Jacqui Scruby to ask the Attorney General representing the Minister for Finance, Minister for Domestic Manufacturing and Government Procurement, and Minister for Natural Resources—

- (1) Could the Minister please advise the exact payroll tax revenue paid by businesses registered in the following post codes: 2084, 2097, 2101, 2102, 2103, 2104, 2105, 2106, 2107, 2108, for each of the following years:
 - (a) 2024/25?
 - (b) 2023/24?
 - (c) 2022/23?
 - (d) 2021/22?
 - (e) 2020/21?
- (2) How many businesses registered in the following postcodes: 2084, 2097, 2101, 2102, 2103, 2104, 2105, 2106, 2107, 2108 for each of the following years:
 - (a) 2024/25?
 - (b) 2023/24?
 - (c) 2022/23?
 - (d) 2021/22?
 - (e) 2020/21?
- (3) How many businesses registered in the following postcodes: 2084, 2097, 2101, 2102, 2103, 2104, 2105, 2106, 2107, 2108 currently have a payroll tax liability?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) A table of payroll tax payable by customers registered for payroll tax in the above noted postcodes and financial years, is provided in Attachment A – QoN- LA7639 - Revenue NSW Response at Table 1 Payroll Tax Payable.
Limitations of data held by Revenue NSW in respect of postcode data is detailed in the table notes.
- (2) A table of the number of customers registered for payroll tax is provided in Attachment A - QoN - LA 7639 - Revenue NSW Response at Table 2 Customers Registered.
Limitations of data held by Revenue NSW in respect of postcode data is detailed in the table notes.
- (3) Payroll tax liability for the current financial year cannot be provided as Revenue NSW determines this through the lodgement of a Payroll Tax Annual Return. The Payroll Tax Annual Return is due on 28 July 2026. A table of the number of customers registered for payroll tax for the current financial year is provided in Attachment A - QoN - LA 7639 - Revenue NSW Response at Table 3 Customers Registered Current Financial Year.
Limitations of data held by Revenue NSW in respect of postcode data is detailed in the table notes.

* 7640 PAYROLL TAX ADMINISTRATION AND PROVISIONS—Ms Jacqui Scruby to ask the Attorney General representing the Minister for Finance, Minister for Domestic Manufacturing and Government Procurement, and Minister for Natural Resources—

With reference to UNSW Global Pty Ltd v Chief Commissioner of State Revenue [2016] NSWSC 1852:

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- (1) What specific steps is the Government taking to provide legislative or regulatory clarity to businesses that are currently being assessed for payroll tax liabilities of independent subcontractors who already maintain their own employer-employee relationships?
- (2) In light of the ongoing Parliamentary Inquiry into payroll tax, will the Government consider a six to twelve-month moratorium on retrospective enforcement and penalties—similar to the relief provided to medical general practitioners—to allow for the alignment of Revenue NSW's audit practices with modern business models?
- (3) Given the high volume of litigation regarding the 'Employment Agent Rules' over the last decade, what cost-benefit analysis has been conducted on the administrative and legal burden placed on both Revenue NSW and New South Wales taxpayers due to the current lack of legislative certainty?
- (4) Does the Government have plans to implement 'One-Touch' data collection or Single Touch Payroll (STP) style reporting for state payroll tax to reduce the audit burden and provide prospective clarity for Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SME)?

Answer—

I am advised:

Revenue NSW continues to provide guidance and support to taxpayers regarding the operation of the payroll tax employment agent provisions contained in the Payroll Tax Act 2007 (NSW). This includes maintaining and updating public guidance materials, responding to stakeholder enquiries, and engaging with businesses, industry associations, and tax and legal professionals. Extensive information is published to Revenue NSW's website.

Revenue NSW also continually monitors developments arising from tribunal and court decisions. Decisions such as the matter involving UNSW Global Pty Ltd v Chief Commissioner of State Revenue [2016] NSWSC 1852 have assisted in clarifying the application of the employment agent provisions and have informed Revenue NSW's administrative guidance.

The Revenue NSW website has an "Employment agencies and payroll tax" information page to provide information for employment agents to assist them to better understand the payroll tax implications on their business model. It is available at <https://www.revenue.nsw.gov.au/taxes-duties-levies-royalties/payroll-tax/taxable-wages/employment-agencies> with specific guidance contained in the Commissioner's Practice Note on Employment Agency Contracts: [CPN 005 v2: Employment Agency Contracts Guidelines v2](#).

A number of employment agent provisions have been canvassed in the courts, before and since the UNSW Global decision in December 2016. All taxpayers are encouraged to seek independent, expert legal and accounting advice to ensure they are meeting their payroll tax obligations, and in line with current case law.

Employment agent provisions in payroll tax law have been in operation in NSW since 1985. It is the same system presided over by the previous Liberal-National Government in their term in office and exists under a nationally harmonised system.

Revenue NSW is always looking at ways to improve systems and make it easier for businesses to meet their payroll tax obligations, and welcomes feedback on how to further ease the burden for small and medium businesses in NSW.

* 7641 SMART DRUMLINES—Ms Jacqui Scruby to ask the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

- (1) Of the \$42 million invested by the Government over the last two fiscal years into the Shark Management Program, what is the exact total dollar amount allocated specifically to the procurement, deployment, and daily maintenance of the 305 SMART drumlines?

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- (2) Can the Minister provide a year-on-year comparison of the cost per SMART drumline unit versus the seasonal cost of one shark net?
- (3) In relation to the management of the 305 SMART drumlines, how many Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) staff are currently employed by the Department to manage this specific program?
- (4) Can the Minister provide a breakdown of expenditure for the SMART drumline program, including:
- (a) Contractor payments for daily deployment/checking of lines?
 - (b) Internal DPI staff (Research Scientists and Policy Officers)?
 - (c) Vessel and fuel costs?
 - (d) Technological maintenance for the 'real-time' alert satellite/GPS systems?
- (5) What is the total value of the current contracts awarded to external providers for the operation of the SMART drumlines in the Sydney and Northern Beaches regions?
- (6) How many individual contractors are engaged?
- (a) What are the mandatory response timeframes for a contractor to reach a SMART drumline once an alert is triggered?

Answer—

I am advised:

1. SMART drumline expenditure was \$35,446,445.
2. No. These items are not costed individually.
3. SMART drumlines are contracted out.
4.
 - a. Refer to Question 2.
 - b. Refer to Question 3.
 - c. Refer to Question 3.
 - d. Refer to Question 3.
5. \$5,601,463.74
6. 13
 - a. 30 minutes.

* 7642 STRATA RENEWAL AND COLLECTIVE SALES THRESHOLDS—Ms Jacqui Scruby to ask the Minister for Better Regulation and Fair Trading, Minister for Industry and Trade, Minister for Innovation, Science and Technology, Minister for Building, and Minister for Corrections—

Regarding the operation of Part 10 of the Strata Schemes Development Act 2015 (NSW) and the 75 per cent threshold for collective sales and renewals:

- (1) How many formal complaints has NSW Fair Trading or the Registrar General received from dissenting lot owners regarding the strata renewal process since its commencement in November 2016?
- (2) Given that only 21 schemes have notified the Registrar General of reaching the 75 per cent approval threshold as of late 2023, how many residents are estimated to have been part of the dissenting 25 per cent across these specific applications?

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- (3) Of the 74 administrative terminations occurring annually on average since the reforms, what data is collected to determine if these were truly unanimous or if dissenting owners were pressured into 'unanimous' agreements to avoid the costly and lengthy Land and Environment Court process?
- (4) What specific financial or legal advocacy support is currently provided by the NSW Government to residents over 55 years old and the elderly who face forced relocation due to a 75 per cent majority vote?
- (5) Is the Minister aware of stakeholder recommendations, such as those from the Combined Pensioners and Superannuants Association, to reinstate a 100 per cent threshold to prevent housing insecurity among older people?
- (6) What assistance is available for residents who, upon receiving 'just terms' compensation based on market value, are unable to purchase a comparable property within their current suburb or local government area due to significant local price increases?
- (7) How does the Minister justify the 75 per cent threshold for all schemes over three lots in New South Wales when other jurisdictions maintain higher or more nuanced requirements?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) NSW Fair Trading has received 3 complaints since November 2016. Questions for the Registrar General should be referred to the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, as the Strata Schemes Development Act 2015 falls within his portfolio responsibilities.
- (2-3,5,7) These questions should be referred to the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government as the Strata Schemes Development Act 2015 falls within his portfolio responsibilities.
- (4) The Strata Collective Sales Advocacy Service (SCSAS) provides legal advice, advocacy services and assistance to NSW strata residential consumers involved in strata collective sale and renewal scheme disputes, where their circumstances would seriously impact their ability to represent themselves.
- (6) This question should be referred to the Minister for Lands and Property, as the Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991 falls within his portfolio responsibilities.

* 7643 190X BUS—Ms Jacqui Scruby to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Transport, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—

With reference to LA Question on Notice 4517 and only for the 190X bus route:

- (1) How many cancellations were there for:
 - (a) Each week in January 2026?
 - (b) Each week in February 2026?
 - (c) Each week in March 2026?
 - (d) Each week in April 2026?
- (2) How many of each of the cancelled services outlined in question (1) were cancelled during peak hours?
- (3) This year, on average, how many direct buses from Avalon to Wynyard ran per day on weekdays?
- (4) How many complaints have been received by Transport for NSW and Keolis Downer in relation to the 190X bus service for the years 2026 (to date) and 2025 (total)?
- (5) Will any of the newly recruited drivers from New Zealand be allocated the 190X route?

Answer—

I am advised

(1-2) Cancellations for the 190X bus route are as follows:

	Month	Week commencing	# Cancellations	% Cancellations
A	January 2026	29 December 2025	0	-
		5 January 2026	7	7.37%
		12 January 2026	6	6.32%
		19 January 2026	4	4.21%
		26 January 2026	1	1.72%
B	February 2026	2 February 2026	0	-
		9 February 2026	3	3.26%
		16 February 2026	2	2.17%
		23 February 2026	0	-
C	March 2026	2 March 2026	0	-
		9 March 2026	2	2.17%
		16 March 2026	3	3.26%
		23 March 2026	2	2.17%
		30 March 2026	1	2.63%
D	April 2026	30 March 2026	1	2.63%
		6 April 2026	1	1.32%
		13 April 2026	0	-
		20 April 2026	1	1.09%
		27 April 2026	2	3.51%

The 190x is a peak hour service only.

- (3) From January 2026 to April 2026, on average, there were 8.7 direct buses from Avalon to Wynyard per day on weekdays.
- (4) From 1 January 2025 to 31 December 2025, 96 complaints were received. From 1 January 2026 to 14 May 2026, 7 complaints were received.
- (5) Drivers are assigned routes based on operational requirements.

* 7644 BALMAIN COURTHOUSE—Ms Kobi Shetty to ask the Attorney General—

- (1) What future uses for the Balmain Courthouse, if any, have been identified in the Conservation Management Plan for the Balmain Courthouse?
- (2) What re-use guidelines, if any, have been identified in the Conservation Management Plan for the Balmain Courthouse?
- (3) What policy changes, if any, for any change of use have been identified in the Conservation Management Plan for the Balmain Courthouse?

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- (4) Does the Conservation Management Plan for the Balmain Courthouse consider a future use of the Balmain Courthouse as a Museum of Balmain in, Birchgrove and Rozelle?
 - (a) If not, why?
- (5) Has there been any discussion between Create NSW and the NSW Police in relation to any future use of the Balmain Courthouse?
- (6) What plans, if any, does the Government have to consider any future use of the Balmain Courthouse, which has not been used as a court for more than a decade?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The Conservation Management Plan (CMP) does not prescribe a specific future use. It allows for a range of potential compatible uses that retain the building's heritage significance, such as continued police use, or adaptive reuse for other civic and community uses.
- (2) The CMP provides guidance on maintaining the building, managing change, and preserving significant features. Any change of use must carefully consider the impact on the building's heritage value, significant features, and its setting within the local heritage conservation area.
- (3) Approvals may be required from Heritage NSW and the Council. The building must meet relevant safety and accessibility standards. Future changes should also account for the building's historical significance, original layout, and community role, with minimal alteration to important features. Archaeological and cultural heritage considerations, including Aboriginal heritage, may also need to be addressed.
- (4) A museum could be identified as a potential future use, practical matters such as accessibility, layout, and feasibility would need to be addressed.
- (5) The Department of Communities and Justice has been in discussions with Create NSW and the NSW Police Force regarding possible constraints and opportunities for the site, with discussions still ongoing.
- (6) A decision is yet to be reached on the future use of the Courthouse.

* 7645 SAFE SPEED LIMITS ON RESIDENTIAL STREETS—Ms Kobi Shetty to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—

Noting the Legislative Assembly debate of 26 March 2026 on the Road Legislation Amendment (Speed Limits) Bill 2025:

- (1) What plans does the Government have, if any, to ensure that streets and roads in New South Wales are properly assessed and reviewed for speed management purposes?
- (2) How many Speed Zoning reviews have been:
 - (a) Requested?
 - (b) Planned?
 - (c) Completed?
- (3) How many kilometres of 30 kilometres per hour street speed zones for streets and roads in New South Wales:
 - (a) Have been implemented?
 - (b) Have been planned but are not yet implemented?
- (4) What is the budget allocation for implementing NSW Speed Zoning Standards in 2025-26 and 2026-27?

(5) Were any streets and roads reviewed in the 2024-25 financial year?

- (a) If so, how many were urban
- (b) How many were rural?
- (c) What were the outcomes?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) The NSW Government has further aligned the 2025 NSW Speed Zoning Standard with the Movement & Place - Design of Roads and Streets Manual, providing clearer guidance on how road and street types should directly inform speed limit setting. The Standard now specifies speed limit ranges for each combination of street type and place context.

The updated Standard is critical to continued implementation of the safe systems approach to road safety, keeping us on track to achieving our aspirational goal of zero trauma on the NSW road network by 2050.

Importantly the Standard will continue to support the delivery of the Towards Zero Safer Roads Program which is estimated to significantly reduce road trauma in line with targets to halve deaths and reduce serious injuries by 30 per cent by 2030.

- (2) (a) Transport for NSW receives a range of suggestions and requests about speed limits from councils, communities and other stakeholders. However, not every suggestion or enquiry constitutes a speed zone review. In accordance with the NSW Speed Zoning Standard, suggestions are first assessed to determine whether they meet the threshold for progression, including whether there is sufficient supporting information, whether the matter is within scope, and whether there has been a recent review or other planned works that may address the issue.

A speed zone review is undertaken to determine the safest and most appropriate speed for a road or street, having regard to the road environment, movement and place, traffic characteristics, crash history, vulnerable road user activity, land use and surrounding context. It is not an application process for a predetermined speed outcome.

- (b) Transport for NSW also plans and undertakes speed zone reviews as part of its established and funded Speed Management Program, including risk-based, community-based and High Pedestrian Activity Area work. These reviews are prioritised to target locations where the greatest safety benefit can be achieved, consistent with the safe system approach and the NSW Speed Zoning Standard.

Not every community suggestion, council nomination or initial portal entry progresses to a preliminary or comprehensive speed zone review. Some matters are resolved through an initial triage or preliminary assessment, may be combined with broader corridor or area based work, may be deferred pending infrastructure changes, or may be found not to warrant progression under the Standard. For that reason, the number of suggestions or nominations received should not be interpreted as the number of speed zone reviews planned or underway.

- (c) The number of speed zone reviews that have been completed in NSW by year since 2020 is as follows:

Year	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026 YTD
Number of completed speed zone reviews	258	213	235	373	502	484	92

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Note: Data taken from Speed Management Portal, as at 21 May 2026. Includes all closed reviews with status Resolved-Completed, Resolved-No Change, Resolved-Rejected and Resolved-Withdrawn.

Members of the public are able to nominate locations for speed zone reviews here: <https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/roadsafety/topics-tips/speeding/have-your-say/speed-limits-have-your-say>. All nominations will be assessed, together with crash data and other road safety information, to help prioritise where speed limits assessments are required.

- (3) There are 55.2 kilometres of 30km/h speed zones across the state.
- (a) Transport for NSW invited NSW councils to submit nominations for funding under the High Pedestrian Activity Area (HPAA) sub-program (<https://www.nsw.gov.au/grants-and-funding/hpaa>) as part of the Towards Zero Safer Roads Program (<https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/projects/current-projects/towards-zero-safer-roads-program>). Applications closed on 31 October 2025, with funding awarded to a range of projects across metropolitan and regional NSW. See link: <https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/news-and-events/media-releases/20-million-to-boost-pedestrian-safety-across-nsw>
- The program provides up to \$20 million to support the delivery of road safety infrastructure and reduced speed environments in areas with high pedestrian activity, with a focus on reducing fatalities and serious injuries among vulnerable road users.
- (b) Speed zone reviews are not undertaken for a nominated speed limit, such as 30 km/h. Instead, it is assessed what speed is most appropriate based on the safety, movement and place considerations.
- Because speed zone reviews are technical assessments rather than applications for a specific speed, they do not follow an approval or rejection model. Outcomes may include a speed change (reduction or increase), no change to the existing speed limit, or further investigation to align with future infrastructure changes or broader area-based reviews.
- Councils across Sydney continue to engage with Transport for NSW on safety and place-based opportunities, including discussions about speed reduction in locations with high pedestrian activity, where lower speeds may be appropriate depending on the outcome of the technical review.
- (3) 30 km/h speed limits are generally applied to smaller sections of road and high pedestrian areas, for instance, at Manly, through the Domain, Druiett Street in Sydney and at Tempe. These high pedestrian area locations are often supported by physical changes in the road environment to reinforce to users the changed conditions and the need to reduce their operating speeds to improve road safety, such as gateway entry treatments and traffic calming treatments such as raised pedestrian crossings, speed humps and raised platforms.
- (4) The budget allocated for implementing the NSW Speed Zoning Standard for each financial year is part of the larger funding envelope within the Towards Zero Safer Roads Program (TZSRP) where investment priorities are based on evidence and trauma reduction targets.
- (5) The number of completed speed zone reviews in 2024-25 by urban (Greater Sydney) and rural (Regional & Outer Metropolitan) with their respective outcomes are outlined in the table below.

Region	Decrease	Increase	No Change	Total
Greater Sydney	100	4	48	152
Regional & Outer Metropolitan	434	11	116	561

Total	534	15	164	713
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Note: completed reviews above are as at 28 May 2026 with statuses as Resolved-Completed and Resolved-NoChange

- * 7646 THREATENED SPECIES ON THE KURNELL PENINSULA—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

What is the current status on the Kurnell peninsula of each threatened species and each endangered ecological community?

Answer—

The current listing status of each threatened species and each endangered ecological community known at Kurnell peninsula is set out below. The data are sourced from publicly available data and contain all records from the last 10 years.

This answer can be viewed on the Parliament's website at Questions and Answers Tracking.

- * 7647 FOXES - KURNELL PENINSULA—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) What is the current estimated fox population in the national park and nature reserve estate on the Kurnell peninsula?
- (2) How many foxes have been baited by the National Parks and Wildlife Service on the Kurnell peninsula in:
 - (a) 2022?
 - (b) 2023?
 - (c) 2024?
 - (d) 2025?
 - (e) 2026, to date?

Answer—

- (1) The National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) does not undertake fox population estimates in the national park or nature reserve on the Kurnell peninsula. Foxes are known to be present, and NPWS focuses control efforts in areas where they pose the greatest risk to biodiversity.
- (2) NPWS conducts annual fox baiting in Towra Point Nature Reserve to reduce predation on threatened shorebirds. Baiting occurs from September to March each year. NPWS does not have data on the number of foxes baited, as the number of baits taken is not a reliable indicator of foxes baited.

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* 7648 DEER - KURNELL PENINSULA—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) What is the current estimated deer population in the Royal National Park?
- (2) How many deer have been culled by the National Parks and Wildlife Service in the Royal National Park in:
 - (a) 2022?
 - (b) 2023?
 - (c) 2024?
 - (d) 2025?
 - (e) 2026, to date?

Answer—

- (1) There is no population estimate for deer in Royal National Park.
- (2) The number of deer removed are:
 - (a) In 2022: 189
 - (b) In 2023: 165
 - (c) In 2024: 109
 - (d) In 2025: 115
 - (e) In 2026 (to date): 48 have been removed

* 7649 AUDLEY WEIR—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) What is the expected remaining safe life of the Audley Weir?
- (2) On how many days has the Audley Weir been closed because of flooding in the following years?
 - (a) 2022?
 - (b) 2023?
 - (c) 2024?
 - (d) 2025?
 - (e) 2026, to date?

Answer—

These questions should be referred to the Minister for Roads.

* 7650 PERFORMANCE OF INTERSECTIONS - CRONULLA—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—

- (1) Separately for each of the following, what is the most recently available measured performance (level of service) of the following intersections?
 - (a) Captain Cook Drive, The Boulevarde and Taren Point Road Caringbah?

- (b) Parraweena Road and Taren Point Road Caringbah?
- (c) Captain Cook Drive and Gannons Road Caringbah?
- (d) President Avenue and Gympsea Bay Road Gympsea?
- (e) President Avenue, North West Arm Road and Hotham Road Gympsea?
- (f) Kingsway and Gannons Road Caringbah / Woollooware?
- (g) Kingsway and President Avenue Caringbah?

Answer—

I am advised:

Intersection Level of Service (LOS) is typically defined by vehicle delay or vehicle density and is not an operational dataset. It is a modelled output, typically produced only when Transport undertakes a specific project, corridor study or intersection upgrade assessment.

Because LOS is only generated when modelling is commissioned, we do not maintain an ongoing or routinely updated LOS measure for individual intersections. For the intersections listed, no recent modelling has been undertaken, so there is no current LOS result available.

Any LOS assessment for these locations would therefore require new traffic counts and fresh intersection modelling, rather than retrieval of existing data.

* 7651 MRI MACHINE - SUTHERLAND HOSPITAL—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

- (1) On how many weekend days is it projected that the MRI machine at the Sutherland Hospital will be used for the following financial years?
 - (a) 2025-26?
 - (b) 2026-27?
 - (c) 2027-28?

Answer—

I'm advised:

The Australian Government is phasing out MRI licensing requirements. From 1 July 2027, licensing will cease permanently and MRI services will be able to access Medicare funding for comprehensive diagnostic services.

Following cessation of licencing requirements, MRI services will be progressively expanded.

* 7652 MEDICAL EQUIPMENT - SUTHERLAND HOSPITAL—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

- (1) What new medical equipment has been or will be installed at the Sutherland Hospital?
 - (a) 2025-26?
 - (b) 2026-27?
 - (c) 2027-28?

Answer—

I'm advised:

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New medical equipment installed at Sutherland Hospital in 2025-26 includes nerve conduction machine, videolaryngoscope, gait therapy & balance training system, scalp cooling machine, smartpump tourniquets, bladder scanner, ultrasound machine, resuscitator, lifter, split leg positioner bariatric patients, and an otology drill.

Capital purchases in future financial years are dependent on budget and funding availability.

* 7653 PLANNING PROPOSAL - KURNELL PENINSULA—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

(1) Before Planning Proposal PP-2023-2828 was placed on exhibition, what advice, opinion or representations did the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure or the Minister receive from Sydney Airport Corporation Ltd, the Commonwealth Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, Sport and the Arts or predecessors about the subject matter of that proposal?

(a) To what effect was any such advice, opinion or representation?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure engaged with Sydney Airport Corporation Ltd and the Commonwealth Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, Sport and the Arts (DITRDCSA) prior to the project being exhibited as a State-assessed planning proposal in April and May 2026.

The Department is now reviewing all submissions received during the exhibition, including from both Sydney Airport and DITRDCSA. All matters raised in submissions, including around flight paths, are being considered ahead of the preparation of a finalisation report.

* 7654 BRONCHOSCOPY SERVICES—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

(1) When did bronchoscopy services begin at Bathurst Health Service?

(2) When did bronchoscopy services cease at Bathurst Health Service?

(a) Can the Minister explain the reasoning for this decision?

(3) What plans or processes have been implemented for affected patients?

(4) If and when will bronchoscopy services return to Bathurst Health Service?

Answer—

I'm advised:

Bronchoscopy services commenced at Bathurst Health Service on 4 September 2025.

Services were temporarily paused from 2 April 2026 and resumed on 14 May 2026. During the temporary pause, 2 patients were referred to Orange Health Service.

* 7655 SNOWY HYDRO LEGACY FUND - PREMIER—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Premier—

(1) In your time as Premier, what projects have you approved to be funded by the Snowy Hydro Legacy Fund?

(2) Can the Premier provide details of each project including scope of works, location of project and funding amount allocated?

Answer—

I am advised:

This question should be directed to the Minister for Regional New South Wales.

* 7656 SNOWY HYDRO LEGACY FUND - REGIONAL NSW—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

- (1) In your time as Minister, what projects have you approved to be funded by the Snowy Hydro Legacy Fund?
- (2) Can the Minister provide details of each project including scope of works, location of project and funding amount allocated?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) This question should be referred to the Treasurer as the responsible Minister for approving funding for projects under the Snowy Hydro Legacy Fund (SHLF). SHLF projects require joint nomination by the Premier and the Minister for Regional New South Wales, prior to approval by the Treasurer.
- (2) This question should be referred to the Treasurer as the Minister responsible for the approvals of SHLF projects.

* 7657 MITCHELL CAUSEWAY SUBMISSIONS—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—

- (1) Can the Minister provide further detail on the 10 submissions made as possible solutions to the Mitchell Causeway?
 - (a) What companies made submissions?
 - (b) What are their proposed solutions?
 - (c) Why or why not the submissions were shortlisted?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) (a) The following companies made conforming tender submissions:
 - Acciona Constructions Australia
 - BMD Constructions
 - Bielby Holdings
 - Fulton Hogan
 - Gamuda
 - Georgiou Daracon Joint Venture
 - John Holland
 - Mcilwain Civil Engineering
 - The RIX Group
 - Seymour Whyte

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- (b) Most companies had considered a number of viable solutions within their respective submissions, noting some variability in the detail provided.
- (c) Having demonstrated compliance against mandatory criteria set pre-tender, tenders were assessed against both price and non-price evaluation criteria. Non-price evaluation criteria considered the proponents' key personnel, their capabilities, indicated experience and availability, as well as the proposed methodologies and how well each proponent was able to detail their viable solutions, whether they had offered insights into design, constructability and program risks (and mitigations), and appreciation for existing site condition and constraints.

* 7658 MILTON-ULLADULLA-BURRILL LAKE BYPASS—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—

In relation to the Milton-Ulladulla-Burrill Lake Bypass:

- (1) Can the Minister provide an update on this project?
- (2) What delays have occurred?
 - (a) Can the Minister list the reason for delay, time exacerbated and the solution to the issue?
- (3) Can the Minister provide an updated timeline for project completion?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The Milton Ulladulla bypass project, does not include a bypass of Burrill Lake. The Milton Ulladulla bypass has a northern connection near Little Forest Road, a central connection that will connect to an extension of Bishop Drive, west of the existing Princes Highway, and a southern connection that will be located near Canberra Crescent at Burrill Lake.

Transport for NSW (Transport) are continuing to work on the concept design and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the project, which will go on public display later this year.

Further information can be found on the project page:

<https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/projects/current-projects/milton-ulladulla-bypass>

- (2) The Milton Ulladulla bypass is a significant project for the NSW South Coast so the planning and development lifecycle is multifaceted.

The Australian and NSW governments have confirmed their commitment to the project, with \$940 million in funding for the continued development and construction of the project. Transport remains committed to ensuring comprehensive research and planning is carried out as required to build this significant piece of infrastructure properly.

- (3) The project EIS and concept design are expected to be put on public display for community feedback later this year.

* 7659 URBAN ROADS FUND AND REGIONAL ROAD FUND—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—

- (1) What projects were moved from the Urban Roads Fund to the Regional Roads Fund?
- (2) Can the Minister provide details of each project including scope of works, location of project and funding amount allocated?
- (3) Can the Minister provide the reasoning as to why these projects were funded by Regional Roads Fund rather than the Urban Roads Fund?
- (4) Do these projects have completed business cases?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1-2, 4)

Project	Scope	Location	Funding
Bulli Bypass investigation	Transport for NSW is investigating the feasibility of extending Memorial Drive to provide a bypass of the Bulli town centre. The project is also considering other transport improvements that could be made to improve safety, reduce congestion, and improve travel times and amenity within the Bulli area. The Project is an investigation. A business case would be developed for any future construction project.	Bulli	\$20 million
Gosford Bypass planning & design	The NSW Government is investing \$40 million towards continued planning and design of the bypass of Gosford along the Pacific Highway and Manns Road corridor. The Project is developing a Gate 1 Preliminary Business Case for long term works along the corridor. Incremental improvement works have completed Gate 2 Short Form Assessments.	Central Coast	\$40 million
Speers Point Roundabout	The NSW Government is investing \$16 million towards upgrades to the Speers Point transport network to reduce travel times, improve safety, cut congestion and provide smoother journeys for all road users. The Project completed Gate 2 Short Form Assessment in October 2025.	Lake Macquarie	\$16 million – noting onlu \$11 million funding is from RRF
M1 Princess Motorway Entry and exit ramps	Transport for NSW is planning new south- facing entry and exit ramps on the M1 Princes Motorway at Dapto, which would improve access to the M1 Princes Motorway for residents of Dapto and surrounding suburbs, and reduce journey times and congestion on local roads. The Project has received approval to progress fast track pathway to develop a Gate 2 Full Business Case. This will be prepared following completion of concept design and environmental assessment.	Dapto	\$30 million – noting onlu \$11 million funding is from RRF

- (3) During the 2023-24 Transport Portfolio Budget development process, the funding source for these projects was updated to the Regional Roads Fund. This updated funding approach was considered and agreed as part of the overall budget decision-making process.

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* 7660 CROOKWELL AMBULANCE, NSW STATE EMERGENCY SERVICE AND FIRE STATION—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

- (1) Has an assessment been undertaken of the condition and adequacy of the Crookwell Ambulance, NSW State Emergency Service (SES) and Fire Station infrastructure?
 - (a) If so, what were the findings?
- (2) What works, if any, have been identified as necessary to ensure the Crookwell Ambulance, SES and Fire Station provides a safe and functional working environment for emergency services personnel?
- (3) Has any site analysis been undertaken in relation to the current location of the Crookwell Ambulance, SES and Fire Station, including consideration of alternative sites?
 - (a) What were the outcomes of that analysis?
- (4) What funding, if any, has been allocated or committed in relation to the maintenance, upgrade, or redevelopment of the Crookwell Ambulance, SES and Fire Station?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW State Emergency Service (SES) and Fire and Rescue NSW (FRNSW) regularly assess the condition and adequacy of infrastructure, fleet, and other assets, committing and allocating funding based on a range of factors including operational need.

Relevant facilities in Crookwell are appropriately located and functional.

Matters pertaining to NSW Ambulance should be directed to the Minister for Health.

* 7661 YASS JUNCTION STATION AND CANBERRA STATION UPGRADES—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—

- (1) What is the allocation of the funding announced for Yass Junction Station?
 - (a) How is that funding distributed?
- (2) What amount of the funding announced for Yass Junction Station, if any, relates to Canberra Station?
- (3) What planning, design, or preparatory documents have been prepared in relation to works at Yass Junction Station and Canberra Station?
- (4) What amount of the funding announced for Yass Junction Station and Canberra Station has been expended or committed to date?
- (5) What asset condition reports have been completed for Yass Junction Station and Canberra Station since 1 January 2020?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1-2) \$900,000 in funding has been provided for both Vass Junction Station and Canberra Station as part of the NSW Government's \$800 million Safe Accessible Transport (SAT) program, for site investigations, design development and planning approvals.
- (3) Site investigations such as surveying, utilities searches and geotechnical bore holes have been completed at both locations. Consultation with key stakeholders including the community has been completed. The Project's detail design development is underway.

- (4) Funding has been progressively committed and expended to support investigations, design development and planning approvals for Vass Junction and Canberra stations, with the balance to be utilised as these activities continue.
- (5) Visual Condition Assessment Reports have been completed to support the development of design options for the proposed upgrades at Vass Junction and Canberra stations. These reports are in addition to routine condition inspections and assessments carried out by NSW Trains as part of ongoing asset management and maintenance activities.

* 7662 RYDE LOCAL AREA COMMAND STAFFING—Ms Monica Tudehope to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

- (1) What is the current staffing level at Ryde Local Area Command as a percentage of its established strength?
 - (a) How many positions are currently vacant?
 - (b) What is the Government's plan to address any staffing shortfall?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Police Force publishes information regarding staff numbers in each Police Area Command (PAC) and Police District (PD) in its annual report.

All police positions attached to PACs or PDs are flexible resources available to respond to incidents across the command/district. Staffing at any particular police station can fluctuate daily in response to crime trends and other intelligence-led operational requirements.

All local resources are supplemented by specialist police (such as highway patrol, major crime squads, covert resources) who are managed centrally but can be deployed across boundaries to meet community needs and respond to crime patterns and emerging issues.

The NSW Government and NSW Police Force are committed to addressing staffing shortfalls through targeted recruitment and retention initiatives. A number of game changing initiatives have been delivered, including:

- The delivery of a once-in-a-generation pay rise for police officers;
- Establishing a historic scheme to pay recruits to train;
- The 'Be a Cop in Your Hometown' program that ensures people from regional NSW serve in, or near, their hometown after graduation;
- The Professional Mobility Program to incentivise experienced officers from interstate and New Zealand to join the NSW Police Force;
- The launch of 'Be a Cop in-Your Community' designed to attract people from culturally diverse backgrounds to serve in the South West Metropolitan Region; and
- The new Cadet Traineeship Program to attract motivated candidates early and provide realistic exposure to policing.

* 7663 TELOPEA RENEWAL PROJECT—Ms Monica Tudehope to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, and Minister for Youth—

- (1) How many social housing dwellings are planned for the Telopea renewal area?
- (2) By what date will they be delivered?

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Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The Telopea renewal is being delivered in stages. The first major stage of the renewal (Stage 1A), located at 3-5 Polding Place, will deliver 423 new homes, including 146 social homes and 99 affordable homes.

In addition to the large-scale renewal works, Homes NSW is also progressing 122 new homes on several smaller sites in Telopea to deliver new social homes now. This includes 21 new homes in Sophie Street and 27 in Evans Road that have been delivered so far this year and a further 74 homes under construction or in planning.

- (2) Construction of Stage 1A is expected to be completed by mid-2029. Future renewal works will be delivered in a staged manner, with timing to be confirmed.

* 7664 BUS SERVICES IN THE EPPING ELECTORATE—Ms Monica Tudehope to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Transport, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—

- (1) What data does Transport for NSW hold on current patronage levels on bus routes serving Carlingford, North Rocks and Dundas Valley?
- (2) What criteria does the Government use to assess requests for new or increased bus services?
- (3) Have any requests for increased bus services in the Epping electorate been received and assessed in 2025 or 2026?
- (4) Are there any planned improvements to bus services connecting these suburbs to Epping Station and the Parramatta Light Rail?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) During the two-week period from 4 to 15 May 2026, the average weekday (excluding weekends and public holidays) daily bus tap-on's were 2,597 in Carlingford, 1,963 in North Rocks, and 418 in Dundas Valley.
- (2) Transport for NSW (Transport) considers several factors when planning service changes, including feedback received from customers, bus operators and other stakeholders. Transport assesses this against current and future growth in the wider region, and current and emerging travel patterns drawn from Opal data. Changes to services affect customers over a wide area, so it is important that any planning work considers the impact of a change in different suburbs. Service planning decisions are made based on a variety of considerations including geography, population density, demographics, places of interest, common travel patterns, existing infrastructure, network operational considerations as well as financial constraints.
- (3) Transport has received customer feedback for service improvements in the Epping electorate in the last two years. Most of the feedback is for improving access to Metro and rail services at Epping Station, improving access to light rail services at Carlingford, and school access between Epping and Macquarie Park. All feedback received is investigated and is considered when planning future service and network improvements.
- (4) Transport has identified possible improvements to bus services in the Epping electorate to address some of the community's feedback including better connections to L4 light rail services at Carlingford. Any changes to bus services in the area will be communicated well in advance of any changes being made.

* 7666 AIR CONDITIONING IN EPPING ELECTORATE SCHOOLS—Ms Monica Tudehope to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

(1) How many classrooms at the following schools do not have air conditioning:

- (a) Muirfield High School?
- (b) James Ruse Agricultural High School?
- (c) Carlingford High School?
- (d) Murray Farm Public School?
- (e) Epping West Public School?
- (f) Epping Public School?
- (g) Carlingford West Public School?
- (h) Carlingford Public School?
- (i) Rosalea Public School?
- (j) Beecroft Public School?
- (k) Oatlands Public School?
- (l) Telopea Public School?
- (m) Yates Avenue Public School?

Answer—

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

* 7667 TELOPEA PUBLIC SCHOOL REFURBISHMENT—Ms Monica Tudehope to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

(1) What is the expected timeline for works to commence and be completed at Telopea Public School?

Answer—

Unfortunately, the promised upgrade to Telopea Public School was not delivered by the former the Liberal National Government, who had not developed a business case, a master plan or even a scope of work by the time it left office in 2023.

Information on the project can be found on the Department of Education's School Infrastructure website.

I note on 22 April, ICAC released its report into the operations of School Infrastructure NSW under the former Liberal National Government and the conduct of the Liberals hand-picked former chief executive. The report outlined that staff were asked to change population data which had the "effect of diverting funds from North West and South West Sydney".

ICAC stated that "public money that had been put aside to build and improve schools for NSW children was instead spent on jobs for friends and associates of the chief executive".

It found that under the Liberals and Nationals, the government "failed to respond to warning signs of inappropriate and corrupt conduct" and that the former CEO had "uncurbed control of SINSW operations, which permitted questionable practices to occur without real internal challenge".

The Member can read more about how schools in Western Sydney were treated by the former Liberal National Government at <https://www.icac.nsw.gov.au/investigations/past-investigations/2026/school-infrastructure-nsw---operation-landan>

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* 7668 DENCE PARK AQUATIC CENTRE DEVELOPMENT STATUS—Ms Monica Tudehope to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) When will the Minister make a decision in relation to the Stronger Communities grant for Dence Park Aquatic Centre?

Answer—

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister of Local Government.

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* 7665 TOLL CAP PROGRAM - TWO WAY HARBOUR BRIDGE—Ms Monica Tudehope to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Transport, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—

- (1) What is the projected cost of the scheme once two-way Harbour Bridge and Tunnel tolling commences?
- (2) What is the total projected cost of the permanent toll cap over the forward estimates (2026-27 to 2029-30), broken down by year?
- (3) What percentage of eligible motorists have claimed versus those who are eligible but have not claimed?
- (4) How many motorists have been suspended or deregistered from the scheme for non-compliance, and what was the total value of overpayments recovered?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Two-way tolling on the Harbour Bridge and Tunnel is due to commence in late 2028. Possible costs of this program are regularly reviewed to inform budget setting.
- (2) Toll cap expenditure is report in the Budget papers.
- (3) Transport records eligible trips for the purpose of the toll cap scheme, not eligible motorists.
- (4) There have been no suspensions or de-registrations from the scheme for non-compliance. The scheme is designed to manage fraud risk through preventative controls, identifying ineligible payments upfront rather than recovering funds after payment.

7669 PSYCHIATRISTS - LIVERPOOL HOSPITAL AND SUTHERLAND HOSPITAL—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

7670 HEALTH CARE COMPLAINTS COMMISSION—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

7671 PARKING AT LIVERPOOL HOSPITAL—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

7672 YOUTH CRIME IN FAR WEST NEW SOUTH WALES—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

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- 7673 MORE NURSES FOR GENERAL WARDS—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 7674 STRATEGIC WORKFORCE AND INFRASTRUCTURE TEAM (SWIFT) PROGRAM—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 7675 CATEGORY 2 REGULATED LAND - WYALONG CEMETERY—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—
- 7676 NURSES AT NARRANDERA HOSPITAL—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 7677 JUNEE CORRECTIONAL CENTRE ASSUALTS—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Better Regulation and Fair Trading, Minister for Industry and Trade, Minister for Innovation, Science and Technology, Minister for Building, and Minister for Corrections—
- 7678 PERMITS TO ACQUIRE—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 7679 SAFE STAFFING IMPLEMENTATION ACROSS NEW SOUTH WALES—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 7680 GOVERNANCE OF THE HAWKESBURY RIVER—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, and Minister for Youth—
- 7681 THREATENED SPECIES SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE REVIEW OF MALLEE BROOMBUSH—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—
- 7682 JEMALONG SOLAR FARM—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—
- 7683 THREATENED SPECIES REVIEW - CLASSIFICATION OF MALLEE BROOMBUSH—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—
- 7684 GRIFFITH BASE HOSPITAL - AVERAGE WAIT TIMES—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 7685 GRIFFITH BASE HOSPITAL - STAFFING FULL TIME EQUIVALENT—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 7686 GRIFFITH BASE HOSPITAL - STAFFED POSITIONS—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

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- 7687 GRIFFITH BASE HOSPITAL - SERVICES—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 7688 GRIFFITH BASE HOSPITAL - MRI TRANSPORT SERVICES—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 7689 GRIFFITH BASE HOSPITAL - MRI TRANSFER COST—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 7690 GRIFFITH BASE HOSPITAL - MRI SERVICES—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 7691 PATIENT TRANSFER DATA—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 7692 EMERGENCY RESPONSE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE GOL GOL AND BURONGA COMMUNITIES—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—
- 7693 LONG COVID-19 CARE—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 7694 NATIONAL WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK SCHEME—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Inclusion—
- 7695 OVERSEAS PASSENGER TERMINAL—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Transport, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—
- 7696 TAKES ALL TECHNOLOGY—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—
- 7697 STAFF SUPPORTING SOCIAL MEDIA - PREMIER—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Premier—
- 7698 STAFF SUPPORTING SOCIAL MEDIA - DEPUTY PREMIER—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 7699 STAFF SUPPORTING SOCIAL MEDIA - CLIMATE CHANGE—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—
- 7700 STAFF SUPPORTING SOCIAL MEDIA - TRANSPORT—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Transport, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—
- 7701 STAFF SUPPORTING SOCIAL MEDIA - TRESURER—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—
- 7702 STAFF SUPPORTING SOCIAL MEDIA - HEALTH—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

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- 7703 STAFF SUPPORTING SOCIAL MEDIA - POLICE—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 7704 STAFF SUPPORTING SOCIAL MEDIA - PLANNING—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—
- 7705 ENERGYCO - EMPLOYEE CONDUCT—Mr Dave Layzell to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—
- 7706 ROCKY POINT ROAD INTERSECTIONS—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—
- 7707 PROSECUTIONS IN RELATION TO E-BIKES—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 7708 SUPPORT CLASSES—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 7709 LOW AND MID-RISE HOUSING POLICY - SUTHERLAND SHIRE—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—
- 7710 LEVEL OF SERVICE - INTERSECTIONS—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—
- 7711 STAFF EXPENSES - HOSPITALS—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 7712 BUS SHELTERS—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Transport, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—
- 7713 MIGRATORY BIRDS IN PORT HACKING—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—
- 7714 FOOTPATH ON CHURCH STREET BRIDGE—Mr James Wallace to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—
- 7715 WEED AND GRAFFITI REMOVAL—Mr James Wallace to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—
- 7716 SPEED LIMITS - CHURCH STREET—Mr James Wallace to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—
- 7717 ANTI-BULLYING FUNDING AND REPORTING NON-COMPLIANCE—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 7718 HIDDEN WORKFORCE AND FINANCIAL BURDEN OF HOMESCHOOLING—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

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- 7720 PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS AND TRAUMA-INFORMED, NEURO-AFFIRMING PRACTICES—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 7721 INDEPENDENT OVERSIGHT OF EDUCATION COMPLAINT PROCESS—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

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- 7722 HEALTH CARE COMPLAINTS COMMISSION - MENTAL HEALTH COMPLAINTS—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
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- 7724 START STRONG FUNDING—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 7725 WESTERN REGION SPORT AND ACTIVE RECREATION TRANSPORT PROGRAM—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—
- 7726 MOBILE HEALTH TESTING IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 7727 STARLINK INSTALLATION IN VEHICLES FOR NSW AMBULANCES—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 7728 CONCORD FIRE STATION CLOSURE—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—
- 7729 F3 FERRY SERVICE WORST PERFORMING IN NETWORK—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Transport, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—
- 7730 INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—
- 7731 SUPPORT FOR NEW SOUTH WALES MANUFACTURING AMID CRISIS—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Minister for Finance, Minister for Domestic Manufacturing and Government Procurement, and Minister for Natural Resources—
- 7732 RHODES EAST PRIMARY SCHOOL—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 7733 RHODES FERRY WHARF STATUS—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—

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- 7734 STATE SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENT IN BURWOOD NORTH (CONCORD)—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—
- 7735 STATE SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENT IN DRUMMOYNE—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—
- 7736 SUPPORT FOR SMALL BUSINESS—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Recovery, and Minister for the North Coast—
- 7737 INTERSECTION OF PUTTY ROAD AND TEALE ROAD - EAST KURRAJONG—Ms Robyn Preston to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—
- 7738 RICHMOND PRESCHOOL—Ms Robyn Preston to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 7739 WILBERFORCE PRESCHOOL—Ms Robyn Preston to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 7740 WILD HORSE POPULATION IN KOSCIUSZKO NATIONAL PARK—Mr Michael Regan to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—
- 7741 NSW POLICE FORCE AND WOMEN'S DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COURT ADVOCACY SERVICE CO-LOCATION PILOT—Mr Michael Regan to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 7742 GRAFFITI IN FRENCHS FOREST—Mr Michael Regan to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—
- 7743 ONLINE EXHIBITION AND SUBMISSIONS - DIGITAL CHALLENGE—Ms Jacqui Scruby to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—
- 7744 NATIONAL GAMBLING EXCLUSION REGISTER—Ms Jacqui Scruby to ask the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Treaty, Minister for Gaming and Racing, Minister for Veterans, Minister for Medical Research, and Minister for the Central Coast—
- 7745 TAXI TRANSPORT SUBSIDY SCHEME—Ms Jacqui Scruby to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Transport, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—
- 7746 TRAFFIC LIGHTS AT THE INTERSECTION OF GANNONS ROAD AND CAPTAIN COOK DRIVE—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—
- 7747 NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE FACILITIES—Mrs Tanya Thompson to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—
- 7748 BUSHFIRE SEASON PREPAREDNESS - NATIONAL PARKS—Mrs Tanya Thompson to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—
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- 7751 CROOKWELL AND YASS DISTRICT HOSPITALS PERFORMANCE—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 7752 GOULBURN BASE HOSPITAL - WAIT TIMES—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 7753 GOULBURN BASE HOSPITAL - AMBULANCE RAMPING—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 7754 BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION ACT 2016 - COMPLIANCE—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—
- 7755 GOULBURN BASE HOSPITAL - SURGERY WAIT TIMES—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

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- 7756 MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT PROGRAMS FOR FIRST RESPONDERS—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—
- 7757 HEALTH CARE COMPLAINTS COMMISSION - GUIDANCE FOR COMPLAINANTS—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 7758 ALLOCATED DAYS OFF AND STUDY LEAVE—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 7759 SEXUAL ASSAULT EXAMINATION AND SUPPORT SERVICES—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 7760 LIAISON BETWEEN LOCAL LAND SERVICES AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OVER CHANGES TO ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION AND BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION ACT—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—
- 7761 PROCESS FOR LOCAL LAND SERVICES TO APPLY FOR LAND CLEARING—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—
- 7762 SAFETY BARRIERS OUTSIDE BRIGIDINE COLLEGE—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—
- 7763 NSW LAW REFORM COMMISSION REPORT - GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Attorney General—

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- 7764 FIDDENS WHARF ROAD - KILLARA—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 7765 MENTAL HEALTH IMPACTS - ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, and Minister for Youth—
- 7766 LEICHHARDT NORTH LIGHT RAIL—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Transport, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—
- 7767 NORMAN GRIFFITHS OVAL UPGRADE—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Local Government—
- 7768 TWO-WAY TOLLING ON SYDNEY HARBOUR BRIDGE AND SYDNEY HARBOUR TUNNEL—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Premier—
- 7769 INDEPENDENT TOLL REVIEW - GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Transport, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—
- 7770 LOCAL SMALL COMMITMENTS ALLOCATION—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Transport, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—
- 7771 PENSIONER CONCESSIONS FOR COUNCIL RATES—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Local Government—
- 7772 HOMELESSNESS AMONG VETERANS IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Treaty, Minister for Gaming and Racing, Minister for Veterans, Minister for Medical Research, and Minister for the Central Coast—
- 7773 INTERSECTION OF WILLOUGHBY ROAD AND MOWBRAY ROAD—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—
- 7774 TEACHERS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS - WILLOUGHBY—Mr Tim James to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 7775 LOW AND MID-RISE HOUSING POLICY - ASSESSMENTS—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—
- 7776 COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION PLAN—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—
- 7777 CAMMERAY PARK AND THE WESTERN HARBOUR TUNNEL—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—
- 7778 WESTERN HARBOUR TUNNEL AND WARRINGAH FREEWAY UPGRADE—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—
- 7779 RURAL FIRE SERVICE RED FLEET ASSESTS—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

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- 7780 AMBULANCE STATION CAPACITY—Ms Eleni Petinos to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 7781 CRONULLA NSW STATE EMERGENCY SERVICE—Ms Eleni Petinos to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—
- 7782 DRIVING TEST AVAILABILITY - MIRANDA SERVICE NSW—Ms Eleni Petinos to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—
- 7783 FIRST HOME BUYERS ASSISTANCE SCHEME - MIRANDA—Ms Eleni Petinos to ask the Attorney General representing the Minister for Finance, Minister for Domestic Manufacturing and Government Procurement, and Minister for Natural Resources—
- 7784 SCHOOL ENROLMENT DATA - MIRANDA—Ms Eleni Petinos to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 7785 SOCIAL HOUSING PROPERTIES - MIRANDA—Ms Eleni Petinos to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, and Minister for Youth—
- 7786 TWEED HEADS SAFE HAVEN—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, and Minister for Youth—
- 7787 PRIMARY SCHOOL MOBILE DENTAL PROGRAM—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 7788 TWEED RIVER AND TERRANORA INLET - INFRINGEMENTS—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Attorney General representing the Minister for Finance, Minister for Domestic Manufacturing and Government Procurement, and Minister for Natural Resources—
- 7789 NSW HOUSING REGISTER—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, and Minister for Youth—
- 7790 GRAFFITI ON M1 INFRASTRUCTURE—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—
- 7791 POTTSVILLE AMBULANCE STATION—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 7792 TWEED HEAD AMBULANCE STATION—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 7793 FUELCHECK INSPECTIONS—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Better Regulation and Fair Trading, Minister for Industry and Trade, Minister for Innovation, Science and Technology, Minister for Building, and Minister for Corrections—
- 7794 INFLUENZA VACCINATIONS—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

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- 7795 NOISE CAMERA TRIAL—Ms Jacqui Scruby to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—
- 7796 MONA VALE ROAD WEST UPGRADE—Ms Jacqui Scruby to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—
- 7797 SYDNEY DRINKING WATER CATCHMENT—Ms Jacqui Scruby to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—
- 7798 SUICIDE AND SELF-HARM INCIDENTS—Ms Jacqui Scruby to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 7799 FIRE TRAILS - NSW CROWN LAND—Mrs Tanya Thompson to ask the Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, Minister for Sport, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—
- 7800 FIRES TRAILS - NSW STATE FOREST—Mrs Tanya Thompson to ask the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—
- 7801 FIRE TRAILS - NSW NATIONAL PARKS—Mrs Tanya Thompson to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—
- 7802 BATHURST HEALTH SERVICE - BED AVAILABILITY—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 7803 PATIENT TRANSFER - DECISION MAKING—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 7804 CASTLEREAGH HIGHWAY PROJECT UPDATE—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—
- 7805 DETOUR ROUTE - MITCHELL CAUSEWAY—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—
- 7806 GREAT WESTERN HIGHWAY PROJECT UPDATE—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—
- 7807 MID-WESTERN HIGHWAY PROJECT UPGRADE—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—
- 7808 MITCHELL HIGHWAY PROJECT UPDATE—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—
- 7809 PUBLIC PRESCHOOLS—Ms Felicity Wilson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 7810 PUBLIC PRESCHOOL EDUCATORS—Ms Felicity Wilson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 7811 NORTH SHORE POLICE AREA COMMAND—Ms Felicity Wilson to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

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- 7812 KU GRANDSTAND PRESCHOOL—Ms Felicity Wilson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 7813 KU MOSMAN COMMUNITY PRESCHOOL—Ms Felicity Wilson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 7814 GOWRIE NSW SHIRLEY ROAD PRESCHOOL CROWS NEST—Ms Felicity Wilson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 7815 THE KILLARNEY SCHOOL—Ms Felicity Wilson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 7816 THE NORTHERN NURSERY SCHOOL—Ms Felicity Wilson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 7817 ST THOMAS PRESCHOOL—Ms Felicity Wilson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

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- 7818 ADDITIONAL NURSES FOR GENERAL WARDS—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 7819 HOUSING CODE RED REPORT—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, and Minister for Youth—
- 7820 INVESTIGATION ALONG HEATHCOTE ROAD—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—
- 7821 ACTIVE AND CREATIVE KIDS VOUCHERS - STRUCTURAL CHANGES—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, Minister for Sport, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—
- 7822 FIRE AND RESCUE NSW - INCENTIVES AND VACANCY RATE—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—
- 7823 LEARN TO SWIM SCHEME—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, Minister for Sport, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—
- 7824 CROWN LAND IMPROVEMENT FUND—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, Minister for Sport, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—
- 7825 NON-PASSENGER SERVICES—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—
- 7826 GWYDIR RAFT AND RECONNECTING WATERCOURSE COUNTRY PROGRAM—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, and Minister for Youth—

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- 7827 TRANSPORT CONNECTED BUS SYSTEM - ADMINISTRATION BURDEN—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—
- 7828 DROUGHT RELIEF LOANS—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—
- 7829 TAFE COURSES FOR STUDENTS IN REGIONAL AREAS—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education—
- 7830 IMPACTS OF GWYDIR RAFT—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, and Minister for Youth—
- 7831 TRANSPORT CONNECTED BUS SYSTEM - ACCURACY—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—
- 7832 RESPONSE TO THE NORTHERN BASIN TOOLKIT—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, and Minister for Youth—
- 7833 SITES ON STANHOPE ROAD - KILLARA—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—
- 7834 CROSSING SUPERVISOR - LINDFIELD COLLEGE—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—
- 7835 PROVINCIAL ROAD AND PACIFIC HIGHWAY—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—
- 7836 GREYHOUND RACING ON ANZAC DAY—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Treaty, Minister for Gaming and Racing, Minister for Veterans, Minister for Medical Research, and Minister for the Central Coast—
- 7837 RURAL FIRE SERVICE - LOCAL COUNCIL COSTS—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—
- 7838 RURAL FIRE SERVICE - RED FLEET AUDIT AND FLEET TRANSFER—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—
- 7839 RURAL FIRE SERVICE - RED FLEET MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Local Government—
- 7840 RURAL FIRE SERVICE - MODELLING—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Local Government—
- 7841 RED FLEET AUDIT - INTERIM PROTECTIONS—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Local Government—

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- 7842 NATIONAL CONSTRUCTION CODE—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Better Regulation and Fair Trading, Minister for Industry and Trade, Minister for Innovation, Science and Technology, Minister for Building, and Minister for Corrections—
- 7843 LEETON HARNESS RACING CLUB - RACE MEETINGS—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Treaty, Minister for Gaming and Racing, Minister for Veterans, Minister for Medical Research, and Minister for the Central Coast—
- 7844 LOCAL COUNCIL MEEETINGS - AUDIO-VISUAL LINK—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Local Government—
- 7845 LOCAL COUNCIL MEETINGS - RESTRICTION ON AUDIO-VISUAL LINK—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Local Government—
- 7846 CROWN RESERVE IMPROVEMENT FUND—Mr Robert Dwyer to ask the Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, Minister for Sport, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—
- 7847 STAFF SUPPORTING SOCIAL MEDIA - ROADS—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—
- 7848 STAFF SUPPORTING SOCIAL MEDIA - LOCAL GOVERNMENT—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Local Government—
- 7849 STAFF SUPPORTING SOCIAL MEDIA - INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Industrial Relations, and Minister for Work Health and Safety—
- 7850 STAFF SUPPORTING SOCIAL MEDIA - FINANCE—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Attorney General representing the Minister for Finance, Minister for Domestic Manufacturing and Government Procurement, and Minister for Natural Resources—
- 7851 STAFF SUPPORTING SOCIAL MEDIA - FAMILIES AND COMMUNITY SERVICES—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Inclusion—
- 7852 STAFF SUPPORTING SOCIAL MEDIA - CUSTOMER SERVICE—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—
- 7853 STAFF SUPPORTING SOCIAL MEDIA - ATTORNEY GENERAL—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Attorney General—
- 7854 STAFF SUPPORTING SOCIAL MEDIA - AGRICULTURE—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—
- 7855 MOTORCYCLE CLOTHING ASSESSMENT PROGRAM—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—
- 7856 DETOUR HOME PROGRAM—Ms Kobi Shetty to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, and Minister for Youth—
- 7857 LAND TAX—Adjunct Professor Tamara Smith to ask the Attorney General representing the Minister for Finance, Minister for Domestic Manufacturing and Government Procurement, and Minister for Natural Resources—

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- 7858 M6 CORRIDOR LAND—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, Minister for Sport, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—
- 7859 M6 EXTENSION STAGE 1 - CONTRACT—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—
- 7860 NUMBER OF VEHICLES ON GRAND PARADE—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—
- 7861 PREPAREDNESS - STATE FORESTS—Mrs Tanya Thompson to ask the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—
- 7862 ROAD SAFETY ON OLD PACIFIC HIGHWAY—Mr James Wallace to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—
- 7863 ROAD SURFACE ON THE M1 BETWEEN HORNSBY AND BROOKLYN—Mr James Wallace to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—

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- 7864 NEW BUS SERVICES—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Transport, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—
- 7865 HOUSING CODE RED REPORT—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, and Minister for Youth—
- 7866 ADDITIONAL PERMANENT CRISIS ACCOMMODATION—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, and Minister for Youth—
- 7867 HIGH RISK LICENCES NO LONGER AVAILABLE FOR RENEWAL—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—
- 7868 VACANT NSW HOUSING PROPERTIES - BARWON—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, and Minister for Youth—
- 7869 MANDATORY PERMIT REQUIREMENTS FOR PLANNED BURNS ON NSW CROWN LAND—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—
- 7870 WALSH BAY FERRY WHARF - PIER 2—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Transport, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—

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- 7871 LONG BAY - MIDDLE HARBOUR—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—
- 7872 MILLER STREET - CAMMERAY—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—
- 7873 INTERSECTION OF WEST STREET AND FALCON STREET—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—
- 7874 BUS SERVICES IN REGIONS 7 AND 8—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Transport, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—
- 7875 NSW PHOTO CARDS—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—
- 7876 COMMUNITY BUILDING PARTNERSHIP 2026—Mr Tim James to ask the Premier—
- 7877 PUBLIC SCHOOL OUT-OF-AREA ENROLMENTS—Mr Tim James to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 7878 NOISE CAMERA TRIALS—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—
- 7879 PORTABLE RENTAL BOND SCHEME—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Better Regulation and Fair Trading, Minister for Industry and Trade, Minister for Innovation, Science and Technology, Minister for Building, and Minister for Corrections—
- 7880 APPRENTICE VEHICLE REGISTRATION REBATE—Ms Eleni Petinos to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—
- 7881 CARINGBAH URGENT CARE SERVICE—Ms Eleni Petinos to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 7882 NSW CROWN LAND MARKED FOR SALE—Ms Eleni Petinos to ask the Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, Minister for Sport, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—
- 7883 TRAIN SERVICES—Ms Eleni Petinos to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Transport, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—
- 7884 NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS—Ms Eleni Petinos to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—
- 7885 NSWEDUCHAT—Ms Eleni Petinos to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 7886 POTHOLES AND ROAD SURFACE DEFECTS—Ms Eleni Petinos to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—
- 7887 TRAFFIC SIGN PHASING—Ms Eleni Petinos to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—

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- 7888 BULK BILLING GENERAL PRACTITIONERS—Ms Eleni Petinos to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 7889 CARPOOLING—Mr Michael Regan to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Transport, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—
- 7890 BROOKVALE YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH HUB—Mr Michael Regan to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 7891 AFFORDABLE HOUSING CONTRIBUTIONS SCHEME—Mr Michael Regan to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—
- 7892 REVIEW INTO THE HOME BUILDING COMPENSATION FUND—Ms Jacqui Scruby to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—
- 7893 ACCIDENTS AND FATALITIES - MONA VALE ROAD—Ms Jacqui Scruby to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—
- 7894 BALMAIN EAST SEAWALL UPGRADE—Ms Kobi Shetty to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—
- 7895 SOCIAL HOUSING PROJECTS IN THE SUTHERLAND SHIRE—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, and Minister for Youth—
- 7896 LEARNING SUPPORT OFFICERS—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 7897 RETURN AND EARN COLLECTION SITES—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—
- 7898 GREAT SOUTHERN WALK—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—
- 7899 CRONULLA FIRE STATION—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—
- 7900 SAFETY BARRIERS ON SUTHERLAND SHIRE ROADS—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—

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- 7901 EMERGENCY ACCOMODATION—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, and Minister for Youth—

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- 7902 LONG-TERM HOUSING ASSISTANCE—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, and Minister for Youth—
- 7903 HOMELESSNESS CAUSED BY RENTAL STRESS—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, and Minister for Youth—
- 7904 CATEGORY C FIREARMS THAT COUNT TOWARD THE CAP ON THE AMOUNT PRIMARY PRODUCERS CAN OWN—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 7905 FIREARMS REGISTRY GENUINE REASONS AND SUPPRESSOR PERMITS—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 7906 NATIONAL GUN BUYBACK AND FIREARMS DEALER PARTICIPATION—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 7907 INTERSECTION OF LADY GAME DRIVE AND MILWOOD AVENUE—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—
- 7908 YOUTH RELATED CRIME - NORTHERN BEACHES, KU-RING-GAI AND NORTH SHORE—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 7909 BUSES IN REGION 14 - CANCELLED SERVICES—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Transport, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—
- 7910 CAPITAL GAIN TAX—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—
- 7911 NSW GOVERNMENT COMMISSIONING AND CONTESTABILITY POLICY—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—
- 7912 FUTURE FUNDING FOR NEW SOUTH WALES RESOURCE CENTRES - SENIORS—Mr Adam Crouch to ask the Minister for Women, Minister for Seniors, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—
- 7913 FUTURE FUNDING FOR NEW SOUTH WALES RESOURCE CENTRES - WOMEN—Mr Adam Crouch to ask the Minister for Women, Minister for Seniors, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—
- 7914 FUTURE FUNDING FOR NEW SOUTH WALES RESOURCE CENTRES - PREVENTION—Mr Adam Crouch to ask the Minister for Women, Minister for Seniors, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—
- 7915 SCHOOL BUS SERVICES FOR TERRIGAL ELECTORATE—Mr Adam Crouch to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Transport, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—
- 7916 DAMAGE TO QUEENS ROAD FIVE DOCK AND GIPPS STREET AND PATTERSON STREET CONCORD—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—

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- 7917 DAMAGE TO GREAT NORTH ROAD FIVE DOCK—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—
- 7918 CONTINUATION OF FUNDING FOR DETOUR HOUSE—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, and Minister for Youth—
- 7919 F3 FERRY SERVICES AT CAPACITY—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Transport, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—
- 7920 DRUMMOYNE FERRY WHARF—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Transport, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—
- 7921 SELLING OFF PUBLIC HOUSING IN CONCORD—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, and Minister for Youth—
- 7922 SELLING OFF PUBLIC HOUSING IN FIVE DOCK—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, and Minister for Youth—
- 7923 502 AND 504 BUS SERVICES—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Transport, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—
- 7924 STATE SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENT IN DRUMMOYNE - 72-76 ST GEORGES CRESCENT—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—
- 7925 BELLINGEN AND DORRIGO BUSINESS SUPPORT—Mr Michael Kemp to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Recovery, and Minister for the North Coast—
- 7926 ASSET SALES TARGETS - EDUCATION—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 7927 ASSET SALES TARGETS - TRANSPORT—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Transport, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—
- 7928 ASSET SALES TARGETS - HOUSING—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, and Minister for Youth—
- 7929 ASSET SALES TARGETS - TREASURER—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—
- 7930 ASSET SALES TARGETS - HEALTH—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

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- 7931 TRANS INCLUSIVITY IN PRIMARY SCHOOLS—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 7932 HOUSING PATTERN BOOK—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—
- 7933 ENERGY ACCOUNTS PAYMENT ASSISTANCE SCHEME—Mr Brendan Moylan to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—
- 7934 CONTINGENCY PLAN FOR LEGAL AID NSW—Mr Brendan Moylan to ask the Attorney General—
- 7935 LEGAL AID NSW - FUNDING—Mr Brendan Moylan to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—
- 7936 SAFETY OF HOSPITAL WORKERS—Mr Brendan Moylan to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 7937 NEW ENGLAND RENEWABLE ENERGY ZONE - ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT—Mr Brendan Moylan to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—
- 7938 NEW ENGLAND RENEWABLE ENERGY ZONE - WATER REQUIREMENTS—Mr Brendan Moylan to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—
- 7939 NEW ENGLAND RENEWABLE ENERGY ZONE - ABORIGINAL HERITAGE—Mr Brendan Moylan to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—
- 7940 PERSONAL WATERCRAFT LICENSING—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—
- 7941 GAMBLE AWARE SERVICES—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Treaty, Minister for Gaming and Racing, Minister for Veterans, Minister for Medical Research, and Minister for the Central Coast—
- 7942 INFRINGEMENTS FOR POSITIVE ROADSIDE DRUG TESTS—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 7943 LUNG BUS - MOBILE SCREENING CLINIC—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Industrial Relations, and Minister for Work Health and Safety—
- 7944 RESILIENT HOMES PROGRAM - SOUTH MURWILLUMBAH—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Recovery, and Minister for the North Coast—
- 7945 VARROA MITE—Mr Michael Regan to ask the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

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- 7946 INDEPENDENT OFFICE OF ANIMAL WELFARE—Ms Jacqui Scruby to ask the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—
- 7947 INTERSECTIONS AND PEDESTRIANS—Ms Jacqui Scruby to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—
- 7948 INVASIVE NATIVE SPECIES - LAND CLEARING—Ms Jacqui Scruby to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—
- 7949 MOULD IN HOMES—Ms Jacqui Scruby to ask the Minister for Better Regulation and Fair Trading, Minister for Industry and Trade, Minister for Innovation, Science and Technology, Minister for Building, and Minister for Corrections—
- 7950 STRATA INSURANCE COMMISSIONS—Ms Jacqui Scruby to ask the Minister for Better Regulation and Fair Trading, Minister for Industry and Trade, Minister for Innovation, Science and Technology, Minister for Building, and Minister for Corrections—
- 7951 SYDNEY DRINKING WATER CATCHMENT—Ms Jacqui Scruby to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, and Minister for Youth—
- 7952 ANIMAL FUR REGULATION—Ms Jacqui Scruby to ask the Minister for Better Regulation and Fair Trading, Minister for Industry and Trade, Minister for Innovation, Science and Technology, Minister for Building, and Minister for Corrections—
- 7953 USE OF SHORE POWER AT WHITE BAY CRUISE TERMINAL—Ms Kobi Shetty to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Transport, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—
- 7954 BATHURST HEALTH SERVICE EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 7955 REGIONAL ROADS - UPGRADES—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—
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- 7958 WALLERAWANG TRAIN STATION—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—
- 7959 JENOLAN CAVES - TWO MILE ROAD RESTORATION—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—
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- 7961 TOW TRUCKS - ROADS—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—
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- 7963 EVANS ROAD AND PENNANT HILLS ROAD TRAFFIC LIGHTS—Ms Monica Tudehope to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—
- 7964 EPPING STATION LIFT REPLACEMENT—Ms Monica Tudehope to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Transport, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—
- 7965 BUS SERVICES FOLLOWING PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY RESPONSE - 30 APRIL 2026—Ms Monica Tudehope to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Transport, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—
- 7966 SERVICE NSW IN EPPING—Ms Monica Tudehope to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—
- 7967 PUBLIC TRANSPORT ADEQUACY FOR TELOPEA REDEVELOPMENT—Ms Monica Tudehope to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Transport, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—
- 7968 COMMUNITY PRESCHOOLS - FISCAL RESERVES—Ms Felicity Wilson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 7969 JORDAN SPRINGS PUBLIC SCHOOL—Ms Felicity Wilson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 7970 ROYAL NORTH SHORE HOSPITAL - NURSES—Ms Felicity Wilson to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 7971 NOISE CAMERA TRIAL—Ms Felicity Wilson to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—
- 7972 UNIVERSAL PLAYGROUP MODEL - THRIVING KIDS PROGRAM—Ms Felicity Wilson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 7973 NORTH SYDNEY AMBULANCE STATION—Ms Felicity Wilson to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 7974 YOUTH CRIME - NORTH SHORE—Ms Felicity Wilson to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 7975 OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CLOSURES—Ms Felicity Wilson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
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7977 HOUSING CODE RED REPORT—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, and Minister for Youth—

Can the Minister advise

- (1) What specific actions has the Government taken in response to the findings of the Housing Code Red report?
- (2) Does the Minister accept the findings of the Housing Code Red report that New South Wales is facing a worsening housing and homelessness crisis?

7978 CROWN LAND MANAGEMENT AMENDMENT (STATUTORY REVIEW) BILL 2026—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, Minister for Sport, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—

Can the Minister advise in relation to the Crown Land Management Amendment (Statutory Review) Bill 2026:

- (1) Whether any clubs, sporting organisations, or community associations within the Holsworthy electorate currently operate on Crown land and would be directly impacted by the proposed amendments?
- (2) What specific protections does the Bill provide to ensure community sporting clubs with the Holsworthy Electorate have greater certainty over the future use of Crown land facilities?
- (3) How many volunteer-run sporting and recreational organisations rely on long-term planning and investment certainty.
- (4) How will this Bill support smaller local clubs with limited financial resources to continue upgrading and maintaining community facilities?

7979 HOUSING CODE RED REPORT - HOMELESSNESS SERVICES—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, and Minister for Youth—

Regarding the Housing Code Red report,

- (1) How many Specialist Homelessness Services are currently operating above funded capacity, please identify them.
- (2) What additional funding has been provided to these services since March 2023?
- (3) What workforce shortages are currently being experienced across the Specialist Homelessness Services sector?
- (4) What additional wrap-around support services are being provided for people experiencing homelessness, including:
 - (a) mental health support?
 - (b) domestic violence support?
 - (c) alcohol and drug support services?

7980 REGULATORY IMPACTS ON WATER AGENCIES—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister

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for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, and Minister for Youth—

Can the Minister advise:

- (a) What requirements currently apply to NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW) and associated water agencies when assessing the regulatory burden of proposed water reforms, including policies, water sharing plan changes and regulations;
- (b) Whether cumulative compliance costs and administrative impacts on regulated water users are assessed as part of those processes;
- (c) How many Regulatory Impact Statements, cost benefit analyses or equivalent assessments have been completed for water regulatory reforms introduced since 2017; and
- (d) Whether the Government intends to introduce additional requirements for agencies to assess cumulative regulatory impacts before implementing future water reforms?

7981 FAR WEST LOCAL HEALTH DISTRICT SPECIALIST CLINICS—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

Can the Minister advise:

- (1) How many visiting specialists servicing the Far West Local Health District are currently travelling from Sydney?
- (2) Which specialist positions at Broken Hill Hospital are currently vacant?
- (3) Which specialty at the Broken Hill Hospital has the most patients seeking a service?
- (4) In addition to the Isolated Patients Travel and Accommodation Assistance Scheme (IPTAAS), what supports are available to assist Far West patients to navigate travel to and from appointments in major metropolitan centres?

7982 ASSESSMENT OF THE CUMULATIVE IMPACTS OF WATER REFORMS—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, and Minister for Youth—

Considering the findings of the New South Wales Audit Office's recent performance audit of Water Management and Regulation in New South Wales, will the Minister advise:

- (1) Whether the NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW), WaterNSW, NSW Natural Resources Access Regulator (NRAR) or any other new South Wales water agency has undertaken a cumulative impact assessment of water reforms introduced since 2017?
 - (a) If so, when it was completed and whether it will be publicly released?
 - (b) if not, does the Government intend to undertake one?
- (2) How does the Government currently assesses the combined compliance, administrative, socio-economic and financial impacts of multiple reforms on regulated water users?

7983 CYCLIST BRIDGE - DAVIDSON ELECTORATE—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

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- (1) Does the Government have any plans to build a cyclist and pedestrian bridge in the Lane Cove National Park connecting Fiddens Wharf Road in the Davidson electorate to Riverside Drive in the Ryde electorate?
- 7984 VACANT PROPERTIES INCENTIVE—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—
- (1) Does the Government have plans to provide any incentives for owners with vacant properties to rent out their property?
- 7985 TRANSPORT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT - LINDFIELD—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—
- (1) In relation to 3 Nelson Road and 5 Nelson Road in Lindfield, were these properties in the Transport Oriented Development zone?
- (a) If no, then does the zoning on these properties remain as R2 Low Density Residential zoning?
- 7986 KILLARA HIGH SCHOOL - FOOD TECHNOLOGY CLASSROOMS—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- (1) Does the Department of Education have plans to renovate the Food Technology rooms at Killara High School?
- 7987 GOSFORD HOSPITAL PARKING FEES—Mr Adam Crouch to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- (1) How much revenue has been collected from parking fees at Gosford Hospital in each financial year since 1 July 2023, including the 2025–26 financial year to date?
- (2) Of the revenue collected from parking fees at Gosford Hospital since 1 July 2023:
- (a) how much has been retained by the Central Coast Local Health District?
- (b) how much has been paid to Secure Parking or any other third-party operator? and
- (c) how much has been allocated to the maintenance, operation, and improvement of parking facilities?
- (3) How many parking fee concessions were granted at Gosford Hospital in each financial year since 1 July 2023?
- (4) What was the total value of parking fee concessions provided at Gosford Hospital in each financial year since 1 July 2023?
- (5) Does the Government intend to review parking fees for patients, carers, visitors, and staff at Gosford Hospital?
- 7988 CREATIVE KIDS REBATE—Mr Adam Crouch to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Transport, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—
- (1) How many Creative Kids vouchers have been issued and redeemed by families in the Terrigal electorate in the following financial year to date:
- (a) 2022-23?
- (b) 2023-24?
- (c) 2024-25?

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- (d) 2025-26?
- (2) What is the total funding allocated to the Creative Kids program, and what proportion has been accessed by residents of the Terrigal electorate?
- (3) Are there any planned changes to eligibility, funding, or delivery of the Creative Kids rebate program in the next financial year?
- 7989 ACTIVE KIDS REABTE—Mr Adam Crouch to ask the Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, Minister for Sport, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—
- (1) How many Active Kids and Creative Kids vouchers have been issued and redeemed by families in the Terrigal electorate in the following financial year to date:
- (a) 2022-23?
- (b) 2023-24?
- (c) 2024-25?
- (d) 2025-26?
- (2) What is the total funding allocated to Active Kids and Creative Kids programs, and what proportion has been accessed by residents of the Terrigal electorate?
- (3) Are there any planned changes to eligibility, funding, or delivery of the Active Kids and Creative Kids rebate programs in the next financial year?
- 7990 CHILDCARE CENTRES IN THE CENTRAL COAST—Mr Adam Crouch to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- (1) What are the anticipated completion and opening dates for the Umina Beach Public Preschool and the Tuggerawong Public Preschool?
- (2) What is the approved daily capacity of each preschool?
- (3) What is the current enrolment, expression of interest, and waitlist numbers for each preschool as at the date of answering this question?
- (4) What is the current status of construction works for each preschool, and are there any factors that may affect the anticipated opening dates?
- (5) Will both preschools be operational for Day 1, Term 1, 2027?
- 7991 ISOLATED PATIENTS TRAVEL AND ACCOMODATION ASSISTANCE SCHEME—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- Can the Minister advise, in relation to the Isolated Patients Travel and Accommodation Assistance Scheme (IPTAAS):
- (a) When the accommodation subsidy rates were last reviewed?
- (b) What assessment, if any, NSW Health has undertaken of the adequacy of the current accommodation subsidy rate of \$75 per night for the first seven nights against actual commercial accommodation costs in New South Wales?
- (c) When the private vehicle travel subsidy rate was last reviewed?
- (d) What assessment, if any, NSW Health has undertaken of the adequacy of the current private vehicle travel subsidy rate of 40 cents per kilometer against the actual cost of private vehicle travel, noting the Australian Taxation Office rate for the 2025–26 financial year is 88 cents per kilometer?

- (e) What consideration, if any, has been given to indexing IPTAAS travel and accommodation subsidy rates to an appropriate cost measure to ensure the rates keep pace with actual costs incurred by patients in regional and rural New South Wales?

7992 GRIFFITH BASE HOSPITAL ULTRASOUND—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

Can the Minister advise, in relation to ultrasound services at Griffith Base Hospital and local public health services in the Murray electorate:

- (a) What is the current average wait time for an ultrasound at Griffith Base Hospital and local public health services; and
- (b) What steps, if any, are being taken to reduce ultrasound wait times for residents of Griffith and surrounding communities?

7993 GERIATRICIAN SERVICES - MURRAY ELECTORATE—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

Can the Minister advise, in relation to geriatrician services in the Murray electorate:

- (a) How many in-person geriatrician clinic days are provided each month at Griffith, Leeton, Deniliquin and Finley health facilities?
- (b) What assessment, if any, has the Minister or Murrumbidgee Local Health District undertaken of the adequacy of geriatrician access for the approximately 5,300 residents aged 80 years and over in the local government areas comprising the Murray electorate?
- (c) What steps, if any, has the Government taken to increase specialist access in Griffith and the wider Murray electorate, particularly for older residents?

7994 REHABILITATION SERVICES - GRIFFITH BASE HOSPITAL—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

Can the Minister advise, in relation to surgical and rehabilitation services at Griffith Base Hospital:

- (a) What clinical or service-related factors, if any, require patients from the Murray electorate who undergo tonsillectomies at metropolitan hospitals to remain away from home for post-operative care rather than returning to Griffith?
- (b) What consideration, if any, has been given to enabling local doctors in Griffith to manage post-tonsillectomy complications?
- (c) What support, if any, is available to families required to remain away from home while a patient receives post-operative care?
- (d) What is the expected opening date for the Griffith Base Hospital rehabilitation ward, and what factors, if any, have affected the timeline for opening?

7995 ABORIGINAL LAND CLAIMS - MURRAY ELECTORATE—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, Minister for Sport, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—

Can the Minister advise, in relation to Aboriginal land claims affecting land parcels in the Murray electorate:

- (a) What is the current backlog of undetermined claims?
- (b) What is the median and average time taken to assess and determine a claim?
- (c) What are the causes of delay, if any, by category?

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- (d) How many full-time equivalent staff are currently allocated to the Aboriginal Land Claim Assessment Team, and how many were allocated in each of the preceding five financial years?
- (e) How many claims have been granted, refused and withdrawn in each of the last five financial years?

7996 MILDURA WEIR 2025-26 IRRIGATION SEASON—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, and Minister for Youth—

Can the Minister advise, in relation to the removal of the Mildura weir during the 2025–26 irrigation season:

- (a) What assessment, if any, WaterNSW has undertaken of the volume of licensed water allocations that irrigators were unable to access as a result of the weir being out of operation?
- (b) What provision, if any, exists under current water sharing rules for licensed water that was ordered but could not be extracted due to an empty supply pool to carry over to the following season's allocation?

7997 EMERGENCY SERVICES LEVY—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—

Can the Treasurer advise, in relation to the proposed reform of Emergency Services Levy funding from an insurance-based model to a land-based model:

- (a) What modelling or analysis, if any, NSW Treasury has undertaken of the financial impact on regional and rural councils?
- (b) What consultation, if any, NSW Treasury has undertaken with regional councils and the NSW Country Mayors Association?
- (c) What options, if any, NSW Treasury has identified for the body responsible for collecting a land-based Emergency Services Levy?
- (d) Whether NSW Treasury has assessed the State collecting the levy directly, including through Revenue NSW, rather than councils acting as collection agents?

7998 EMERGENCY SERVICES LEVY - LOCAL GOVERNMENT—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Local Government—

Will the Minister advise, in relation to the proposed reform of Emergency Services Levy funding from an insurance-based model to a land-based model:

- (a) What assessment, if any, the Office of Local Government has undertaken of the administrative cost to councils of acting as collection agents for a land-based Emergency Services Levy?
- (b) What representations, if any, the Minister has received from regional councils or the NSW Country Mayors Association regarding the proposed reform?
- (c) What consideration, if any, has been given to councils recovering the full administrative cost of collecting a land-based Emergency Services Levy?

7999 RECONNECTING RIVER COUNTRY PROGRAM—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, and Minister for Youth—

Will the Minister advise, in relation to inundation easements under the Reconnecting River Country Program:

- (a) What assessment, if any, has been undertaken of the economic impact of inundation easements on affected farming enterprises?
- (b) Whether any assessment referred to in (a) has been published?
- (c) On what basis compensation payable to affected landholders under the program is calculated?
- (d) How many landholders have declined compensation offers under the program?
- (e) What review, if any, of the program's compensation arrangements has been undertaken?

8000 INDEPENDENT CHILDREN LAWYERS - ESSENTIAL FOR PROTECTION OF VULNERABLE CHILDREN LEGAL INTERESTS—Mr Philip Donato to ask the Attorney General—

- (1) Does the NSW Government recognise the loss of children's independent representation as a child safety issue, not merely a funding issue?
 - (a) If so, will the government provide the funding needed to maintain Independent Children Lawyers (ICL) involvement throughout family law proceedings, rather than leaving children without an independent voice in high-risk matters while awaiting additional Commonwealth funding?

8001 FUNDING FOR INDEPENDENT CHILDRENS LAWYERS—Mr Philip Donato to ask the Attorney General—

Legal Aid NSW has confirmed that Independent Children's Lawyers (ICLs) will no longer be funded for final hearings where both parents have private legal representation and given the findings of the Mundy Review.

- (1) Will the Government provide urgent state funding to ensure children retain independent representation at all stages of family law proceedings, including final hearings, where Commonwealth funding has fallen short?

8002 REASONABLE INCREASE IN INDEPENDENT CHILDREN LAWYERS FUNDING FOR LEGAL PRACTITIONERS—Mr Philip Donato to ask the Attorney General—

- (1) Has Legal Aid NSW reduced funding for Independent Children's Lawyers (ICLs) in final hearings where both parents have private representation,
 - (a) If so, how will the Government ensure vulnerable children retain an independent voice when critical parenting and safety orders are being determined?
- (2) Has Commonwealth funding changes reduced ICL participation and threatening the sustainability of the ICL panel, particularly in regional New South Wales
 - (a) If so, what is the Government doing to increase remuneration for solicitors and barristers to adequately fund them to undertake critically important ICL work?

8003 SOUTH WESTERN SYDNEY LOCAL HEALTH DISTRICT WEBSITE—Mrs Judy Hannan to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

In relation to the South Western Sydney Local Health District and NSW Health

- (1) The South Western Sydney Local Health District (SWSLHD) website that pertains to the Contract Register website which pertains to the Contract Register ([SWSLHD - Register of government contracts](#)), contains a broken hyperlink. Could the department provide a reason for why the contracts register is not publicly available?

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- (2) Is the Contract Register recital/citation provided if requested by a member of the public?
 - (a) If so, have any members of the public requested a copy?
 - (b) If so, have they been provided?
- (3) Could the department provide a tabular copy of the current listings in the SWS LHD contract register?
- (4) Did the department or minister's office correspond with Ramsay Health Care Australia regarding treatment of public patients at Southern Highlands Private Hospital?
 - (a) What dates were the correspondence dated?
 - i. What was on the agenda?
 - ii. What were the meeting minutes?
 - iii. Who were the attendees?
- (5) Could the Minister provide a list of documents transmitted to and from the government and Ramsay Health Care Australia?

8004 FLOOD PLANNING - SMALL BUSINESS—Mrs Judy Hannan to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Recovery, and Minister for the North Coast—

In relation to the application of the New South Wales Flood Prone Land Policy and the Flood Risk Management Manual (2023), and given the introduction of Disaster Adaptation Plans and broader regional flood and resilience frameworks:

- (1) Can you confirm that the preparation and completion of detailed local flood studies (including probable maximum flood extent) remains a required and appropriate activity for councils?
 - (a) If not, should it focus on primarily significant riverine flooding?
- (2) How are these detailed studies intended to integrate with, or support, the newer regional-scale approaches?

8005 FLOOD PLANNING - PLANNING AND PUBLIC SPACES—Mrs Judy Hannan to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

In relation to the application of the NSW Flood Prone Land Policy and the Flood Risk Management Manual (2023) and noting that the Manual refers to a merit-based approach to flood planning levels:

- (1) Can local councils adopt a defined flood event (for example, the 1 % annual exceedance probability or a 1 in 500 event) as the basis for planning controls and development assessment, while still identifying the broader floodplain extent including probable maximum flood?
 - (a) Does the merit-based approach apply only to the management of flood risk (e.g. planning controls), rather than the identification and definition of the floodplain itself?
- (2) Where flood studies identify land as being affected only by rare or extreme events (such as probable maximum flood) or minor overland flow paths:
 - (a) Are local councils expected to include all such land within flood-related notations on Section 10.7 Planning Certificates?
 - (b) Does the State provide guidance on how councils should distinguish, in planning and communication, between areas of high flood constraint and those affected only by low-probability or low-hazard events?

8006 BOWRAL SOUTH REZONING PROPOSAL - ENVIRONMENT—Mrs Judy Hannan to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth

Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

In relation to the proposed rezoning of Bowral South in Wingecarribee Local Government

Area,

- (1) Did the New South Wales Department of Environment, Energy and Climate Change correspond to the local council regarding Bowral South Rezoning Proposal?
 - (a) If so, what dates were the correspondence dated?
 - (i) What was on the agenda?
 - (ii) What were the meeting minutes?
 - (iii) Who were the attendees?
- (2) Did the New South Wales Department of Environment, Energy and Climate Change correspond to one or more of the landowners regarding Bowral South Rezoning Proposal?
 - (a) If so, what dates were the correspondence dated?
 - (i) What was on the agenda?
 - (ii) What were the meeting minutes?
 - (iii) Who were the attendees?
- (3) What was the specific advice given by the New South Wales Department of Environment, Energy and Climate Change in relation to the proposed rezoning of Bowral South?
- (4) What were the specific environmental assessment requirements communicated by the New South Wales Department of Environment, Energy and Climate Change?

8007 BOWRAL SOUTH REZONING PROPOSAL - TRANSPORT—Mrs Judy Hannan to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Transport, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—

In relation to the proposed rezoning of Bowral South in Wingecarribee Local Government

Area,

- (1) Did Transport for NSW correspond to the local council regarding Bowral South Rezoning Proposal?
 - (a) If so, what dates were the correspondence dated?
 - (i) What was on the agenda?
 - (ii) What were the meeting minutes?
 - (iii) Who were the attendees?
- (2) Did the Transport for NSW correspond to one or more of the landowners regarding Bowral South Rezoning Proposal?
 - (a) If so, what dates were the correspondence dated?
 - (i) What was on the agenda?
 - (ii) What were the meeting minutes?
 - (iii) Who were the attendees?
- (3) What was the specific advice given by the New South Wales Department of Environment, Energy and Climate Change in relation to the proposed rezoning of Bowral South?

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- (4) What were the specific environmental assessment requirements communicated by the New South Wales Department of Environment, Energy and Climate Change?

8008 TRANSPORT WORKERS UNION CAMPAING - INDUSTRIAL REALTIONS—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Industrial Relations, and Minister for Work Health and Safety—

Asks the Minister for Industrial Relations:

What specific action (if any) have you taken as Minister for Industrial Relations in preparation for the Transport Workers Unions 'Our Roads, Our Skies, Our Future' campaign to ensure New South Wales residents and the State's economy are not directly or indirectly increased by planned mass industrial action?

8009 ENFORCEMENT OF CONSTRUCTION WORK HOURS—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

In relation to the enforcement of conditions of development consent that limit permitted construction (work) hours:

- (1) Beyond the issue of penalty notices, what mechanisms are available under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 to address ongoing or repeated non-compliance with such conditions, including
 - (a) Development control orders, including orders requiring work to cease?
 - (b) Civil enforcement proceedings under section 9.45?
 - (c) Prosecution for an offence against the Act?
- (2) What circumstances, if any, may the Planning Secretary or the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure exercise enforcement powers in respect of such non-compliance where the consent authority is a local council?
- (3) Does the Department provide guidance to councils on escalating enforcement where penalty notices have not secured compliance?
- (4) Can the Minsiter provide evidence that the existing penalty and enforcement framework is an adequate deterrent against repeated non-compliance with approved construction hours, and is any review of that framework being undertaken or considered?

8010 BREAKDOWN OF STAFFING - SMALL BUSINESS—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Recovery, and Minister for the North Coast—

As of the last reporting period for any Department/Agency/State Owned Corporation/Entity/Division or otherwise associated with your portfolio as Minister for Small Business, Minister for Recovery, and Minister for the North Coast, can the Minister:

- (1) Can the Minister state the number of staff who spend any part of their working time on social media activities, expressed as both a headcount and a full-time equivalent figure?
- (2) Provide a breakdown of the staff at by employment type:
 - (a) Ongoing?
 - (b) Temporary?
 - (c) Casual?
 - (d) Contractor?
 - (e) labour hire?
 - (f) consultant?
 - (g) secondees?

- (h) staff of an external agency engaged under contract?
- (3) Can the Minister list the number and total value of current contracts with any external agency, consultant or contractor engaged wholly or partly to perform social media activities, and the full time equivalent those contracts represent?
- (4) Can the Minister state total expenditure on social media activities for financial year 2024–25, broken down into employee-related costs, agency, contractor, consultancy fees, and paid social media advertising spend?
- (5) Can the Minister confirm whether the figures provided include all staff who perform social media activities regardless of whether "social media" appears in their position title or job description, and if any such staff have been excluded, state the basis for exclusion?

8011 BREAKDOWN OF STAFFING - WOMEN, SENIORS, PREVENTION OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Women, Minister for Seniors, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

As of the last reporting period for any Department/Agency/State Owned Corporation/Entity/Division or otherwise associated with your portfolio as Minister for Women, Minister for Seniors, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault:

- (1) Can the Minister state the number of staff who spend any part of their working time on social media activities, expressed as both a headcount and a full-time equivalent figure?
- (2) Provide a breakdown of the staff at by employment type:
 - (a) Ongoing?
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 - (h) Staff of an external agency engaged under contract?
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- (4) Can the Minister state total expenditure on social media activities for financial year 2024–25, broken down into employee-related costs, agency/contractor/consultancy fees, and paid social media advertising spend?
- (5) Can the Minister confirm whether the figures provided include all staff who perform social media activities regardless of whether "social media" appears in their position title or job description, and if any such staff have been excluded, state the basis for exclusion?

8012 BREAKDOWN OF STAFFING - GAMING AND RACING—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Treaty, Minister for Gaming and Racing, Minister for Veterans, Minister for Medical Research, and Minister for the Central Coast—

As of the last reporting period for any Department/Agency/State Owned Corporation/Entity/Division or otherwise associated with your portfolio as Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Treaty, Minister for Gaming and Racing, Minister for Veterans, Minister for Medical Research, and Minister for the Central Coast:

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- (1) Can the Minister state the number of staff who spend any part of their working time on social media activities, expressed as both a headcount and a full-time equivalent figure?
- (2) Provide a breakdown of the staff at by employment type:
 - (a) Ongoing?
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 - (e) Labour hire?
 - (f) Consultant?
 - (g) Seconded?
 - (h) Staff of an external agency engaged under contract?
- (3) Can the Minister list the number and total value of current contracts with any external agency, consultant or contractor engaged wholly or partly to perform social media activities, and the full time equivalent those contracts represent?
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- (5) Can the Minister confirm whether the figures provided include all staff who perform social media activities regardless of whether "social media" appears in their position title or job description, and if any such staff have been excluded, state the basis for exclusion?

8013 BREAKDOWN OF STAFFING - SKILLS, TAFE AND TERTIARY EDUCATION—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education—

As of the last reporting period for any Department/Agency/State Owned Corporation/Entity/Division or otherwise associated with your portfolio as Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education:

- (1) Can the Minister state the number of staff who spend any part of their working time on social media activities, expressed as both a headcount and a full-time equivalent figure?
- (2) Provide a breakdown of the staff at by employment type:
 - (a) Ongoing?
 - (b) Temporary?
 - (c) Casual?
 - (d) Contractor?
 - (e) Labour hire?
 - (f) Consultant?
 - (g) Seconded?
 - (h) Staff of an external agency engaged under contract?
- (3) Can the Minister list the number and total value of current contracts with any external agency, consultant or contractor engaged wholly or partly to perform social media activities, and the full time equivalent those contracts represent?

- (4) Can the Minister state total expenditure on social media activities for financial year 2024–25, broken down into employee-related costs, agency/contractor/consultancy fees, and paid social media advertising spend?
- (5) Can the Minister confirm whether the figures provided include all staff who perform social media activities regardless of whether "social media" appears in their position title or job description, and if any such staff have been excluded, state the basis for exclusion?

8014 ENFORCEMENT OF SMOKE FREE ENVIRONMENT - HEALTH—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

In relation to the smoke-free area provisions that apply to bus stops under the Smoke-free Environment Act 2000:

- (1) What restrictions apply to smoking and vaping at a bus stop, including the area treated as forming part of the bus stop for the purposes of s.6A?
- (2) What is the role of NSW Health inspectors in enforcing these restrictions at bus stops?
 - (a) What penalties, including penalty notice amounts, apply?
- (3) How many penalty notices for smoking or vaping at bus stops and other public transport stops have been issued by NSW Health inspectors in each of the last three financial years?
- (4) Given that 'No Smoking' signage is not required to be displayed at bus stops, what steps does NSW Health take — including in conjunction with Transport for NSW and local councils — to make commuters aware of the ban and to support its enforcement?
- (5) Can the Government provide evidence current arrangements for enforcing the smoking and vaping ban at bus stops to be effective and is any change to those arrangements being considered?

8015 ENFORCEMENT OF SMOKE FREE ENVIRONMENT - POLICE—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

In relation to the enforcement of the ban on smoking and vaping at bus stops under the Smoke-free Environment Act 2000, having regard to section 14A of that Act, which confers the functions of inspectors on police officers in transport-related smoke-free areas:

- (1) In what circumstances do police officers enforce the smoking and vaping ban at bus stops?
 - (a) Is any guidance issued to officers on the exercise of these functions?
- (2) How many penalty notices, or other enforcement actions, have been issued by police officers for smoking or vaping at bus stops or other public transport stops in each of the last three financial years?
- (3) What arrangements exist between the NSW Police Force and NSW Health for enforcing the ban at public transport stops?

8016 BREAKDOWN OF STAFFING - WATER, HOUSING, HOMELESSNESS, MENTAL HEALTH AND YOUTH—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, and Minister for Youth—

As of the last reporting period for any Department/Agency/State Owned Corporation/Entity/Division or otherwise associated with your portfolio as Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, and Minister for Youth:

- (1) State the number of staff who spend any part of their working time on social media activities, expressed as both a headcount and a full-time equivalent figure.
- (2) Provide a breakdown of the staff at by employment type:

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- (a) Ongoing;
 - (b) Temporary;
 - (c) Casual;
 - (d) Contractor;
 - (e) Labour hire;
 - (f) Consultant;
 - (g) Seconded;
 - (h) Staff of an external agency engaged under contract?
- (2) List the number and total value of current contracts with any external agency, consultant or contractor engaged wholly or partly to perform social media activities, and the FTE those contracts represent.
- (3) State total expenditure on social media activities for financial year 2024–25, broken down into employee-related costs, agency/contractor/consultancy fees, and paid social media advertising spend.
- (4) Confirm whether the figures provided include all staff who perform social media activities regardless of whether "social media" appears in their position title or job description, and if any such staff have been excluded, state the basis for exclusion.

8017 ASSET SALES TARGET - CORRECTIONS—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for Better Regulation and Fair Trading, Minister for Industry and Trade, Minister for Innovation, Science and Technology, Minister for Building, and Minister for Corrections—

- (1) Is Corrective Services NSW required to meet a land and property sales target?
- If so:
- (a) What is the dollar value of this target and the timeline by which it needs to be met;
 - (b) How is Corrective Services NSW tracking in meeting this target;
 - (c) What is the total list of assets divested in order to meet this target between August 2021 and today's date?

8018 NSW RENTAL COMMISSIONER—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for Better Regulation and Fair Trading, Minister for Industry and Trade, Minister for Innovation, Science and Technology, Minister for Building, and Minister for Corrections—

- (1) Since the NSW Rental Commissioner was appointed in July 2023:
- (a) What written briefings (please provide the date and topic of each briefing) has the Commissioner provided to:
 - (i) Your Ministerial office?
 - (ii) The Premier's office?
 - (iii) Any other Ministerial office or government department (please specify)?
 - (b) How many meetings has the Commissioner had with:
 - (i) Your Ministerial office?
 - (ii) The Premier's office?
 - (iii) Any other Ministerial office or government department (please specify)?

8019 HOMES NSW MAINTENANCE EXPENDITURE—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, and Minister for Youth—

- (1) In relation to the \$1 billion allocated in the 2024-25 NSW Budget for critical maintenance and repairs to Homes NSW properties, as of today's date:
- (a) How much of this has spent?
 - (b) By electorate, how many properties have been repaired or upgraded?
 - (c) By electorate, how many properties are currently vacant as they await critical repairs or upgrades?
 - (d) What is the average expenditure on maintenance each day;
 - (i) How does this compare with the average daily expenditure on maintenance under the Berejiklian/Perrottet Government?

8020 HOMES NSW RENT REVIEWS—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, and Minister for Youth—

- (1) In relation to reviews of Market Rent for Homes NSW properties:
- (a) How frequently do these occur?
 - (b) Do these occur at the same time and frequency for all tenants?
 - (c) What methodology is used to undertake these reviews, and in what document(/s) or policy (/ies) is this methodology set out?
 - (d) Which team(s) in Homes NSW undertake reviews?
 - (e) What is the process for notifying tenants that:
 - (i) A review has been conducted?
 - (ii) The amount of rent that they must pay will change as the result of a review?
 - (f) Where the amount of rent a tenant must pay will change, how much notice are they given before this change is made effective?

8021 MILLERS POINT PROGRAM—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, and Minister for Youth—

In relation to the “Millers Point Program” announced by the previous Government in 2014, as of today's date, what was the total sales revenue received from the sale of public housing properties in Millers Point, Dawes Point, and The Rocks?

- (a) How much of this revenue has been spent on constructing new social housing?
- (b) By suburb, how many completed social housing properties have been funded through this sales revenue?
- (c) By suburb, how many social housing properties that are currently under construction have been funded through this sales revenue?
- (d) By suburb, how many further social housing properties are planned for construction funded through this sales revenue?

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8022 NSW AFFORDABLE HOUSING PIPELINE—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) What is the target number of affordable housing dwellings Landcom is aiming to deliver in conjunction with the State public land audit?
- (2) As of today's date:
 - a) How many of these dwellings have been completed and are now occupied?
 - b) How many of these dwellings are currently under construction?
 - c) For how many of these dwellings is construction scheduled to commence before the 2027 State Election?
- (3) Can the Minister provide a list of all Landcom projects, including the suburb and total number of dwellings, that have been completed since March 2023?
- (4) Of all affordable dwellings Landcom has delivered since March 2023, how many are:
 - (a) Studio apartments?
 - (a) 1-bedroom apartments?
 - (b) 2-bedroom apartments?
 - (c) Apartments with 3 or more bedrooms?
 - (d) 2-bedroom townhouses?
 - (e) 3-bedroom townhouses?
 - (f) Townhouses with 4 or more bedrooms?
 - (g) 2-bedroom detached dwellings?
 - (h) 3-bedroom detached dwellings?
 - (i) Detached dwellings with 4 or more bedrooms?
- (5) Are Landcom dwellings required to be built to the Livable Housing Australia Silver Certification standard? If not, why not?

8023 ASSET SALE TARGETS - TAFE—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education—

- (1) Is TAFE NSW required to meet a land and property sales target?
 - a. If so:
 - (i) What is the dollar value of this target and the timeline by which it needs to be met;
 - (ii) How is TAFE NSW tracking in meeting this target; and
 - (iii) What is the total list of assets divested in order to meet this target between August 2021 and today's date?

8024 ELECTRONIC GAMING MACHINES - LAKE MACQUARIE—The Hon. Greg Piper to ask the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Treaty, Minister for Gaming and Racing, Minister for Veterans, Minister for Medical Research, and Minister for the Central Coast—

- (1) In the Lake Macquarie electorate (postcodes 2259, 2264, 2265, 2267, 2278, 2282, 2283, 2284, 2285, 2323) or, if that information is not identifiable, in the Lake Macquarie local government area:
 - (a) How many electronic gaming machines (EGMs) are there?
 - (b) How many venues are licenced to have EGMs?

- (c) How many venues have EGMs?
- (d) How many venues are authorised to operate with extended trading hours?
- (e) How many venues are authorised to operate after 12am?
- (f) How many venues are authorised to operate after 3am?
- (g) How many venues are authorised to operate after 5am?

8025 HUNTER NEW ENGLAND LOCAL HEALTH DISTRICT OUTREACH - LAKE MACQUARIE—The Hon. Greg Piper to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, and Minister for Youth—

- (1) Since their introduction, how many people from the Lake Macquarie electorate (postcodes 2259, 2264, 2265, 2267, 2278, 2282, 2283, 2284, 2285, 2323) have accessed the following Hunter New England Local Health District outreach services:
 - (a) Nurse practitioner geriatric medicine Morisset clinic?
 - (b) Nurse practitioner (aged care) Morisset clinic (also offering virtual care)?
 - (c) Nurse practitioner continence Morisset clinic?
 - (d) Nurse practitioner wound care Morisset clinic?
 - (e) Geriatric medicine telehealth clinic?

8026 HOMESNSW - LAKE MACQUARIE—The Hon. Greg Piper to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, and Minister for Youth—

- (1) Since the election of the Government, how many homes have been built by HomesNSW in the Lake Macquarie electorate (postcodes 2259, 2264, 2265, 2267, 2278, 2282, 2283, 2284, 2285, 2323)?

8027 SOCIAL HOUSING BACKLOG MAINTENANCE REQUESTS - LAKE MACQUARIE—The Hon. Greg Piper to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, and Minister for Youth—

- (1) What action is the Government taking to address the backlog of social housing maintenance requests in the Lake Macquarie electorate (postcodes 2259, 2264, 2265, 2267, 2278, 2282, 2283, 2284, 2285, 2323)?

8028 SOCIAL HOUSING MAINTENANCE WAITING PERIOD—The Hon. Greg Piper to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, and Minister for Youth—

- (1) Over the last 12 months, for social housing in the Lake Macquarie electorate (postcodes 2259, 2264, 2265, 2267, 2278, 2282, 2283, 2284, 2285, 2323):
 - (a) What is the average period from the reporting of a maintenance request to completion of works?
 - (b) What is the longest period from the reporting of a maintenance request to completion of works?

8029 SOCIAL HOUSING MAINTENANCE - LAKE MACQUARIE—The Hon. Greg Piper to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing

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the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, and Minister for Youth—

- (1) In the Lake Macquarie electorate (postcodes 2259, 2264, 2265, 2267, 2278, 2282, 2283, 2284, 2285, 2323), how many maintenance requests for social housing are currently outstanding?

8030 **START STRONG FUNDING - HAWKESBURY**—Ms Robyn Preston to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

In relation to community preschools such as Windsor Preschool, Richmond Preschool Kindergarten, and Wilberforce Preschool Kindergarten:

- (1) How much funding do they receive in Start Strong Funding in 2026?
- (2) What funding was received last year in 2025 through the Start Strong Funding?
- (3) What impact will this change in funding have on Windsor Preschool, Richmond Preschool Kindergarten, and Wilberforce Preschool Kindergarten?

8031 **BALMAIN FERRY WHARF PATRONAGE**—Ms Kobi Shetty to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Transport, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—

- (1) What were the passenger number counts for passengers embarking or disembarking at the Balmain West ferry wharf since services to the wharf were reinstated in August 2025, broken down by:
 - (a) Time of service?
 - (b) Fare type?
- (2) What plans are there, if any, for increased Bal main West ferry services so that passengers can access the Central Business District outside of peak commuting times?

8032 **RESOURCES FOR POLICE TO DESTROY E-BIKES**—Ms Kobi Shetty to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Transport, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—

Regarding the Government's plans to seize and crush e-bikes:

- (1) What specific technology will be available to police officers to determine whether an e-bike's power assistance mechanism cuts out completely at 25km/hr?
- (2) Will the technology be able to determine the wattage and/or power output of an e-bike regardless of the speed at which power assistance mechanism cuts out?
- (3) Will the technology be able to determine if the wattage and/or power output of an e-bike can be varied or has been altered?
- (4) Which police officers will have access to the technology?
- (5) Will access to the technology be available to police officers at all times and in all circumstances or will it be limited to specific times and circumstances?
 - (a) If it will be limited, what are the times and in what circumstances will it be available?
- (6) What training will police officers be required to undertake, if any, in order to use the technology?

8033 **METROWAY DELAY**—Ms Kobi Shetty to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Transport, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—

- (1) What progress, if any, has been made on the design of MetroWay?

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- (2) What opportunities, if any, will be available for community consultation and stakeholder engagement on the design of MetroWay?
- (3) When will MetroWay be delivered?
- (4) If the Metro Way will not be delivered within 1 year of the Metro Southwest becoming operational as per the planning approval conditions, what is the justification for the delay?
- 8034 NBN FIXED WIRELESS—Mr Gurmish Singh to ask the Minister for Regional New South Wales and Minister for Western New South Wales—
- In respect to wireless National Broadband Network fixed wireless funding in Lachlan, Warrumbungle, Narrabri, and Walcha LGAs, can the Minister advise:
- (1) Were these projects part of the previous governments funded ‘Gig State’ program?
- (2) How much of the \$49,816,900 has been spent so far?
- (3) When does construction commence?
- (4) Is there a date for completion?
- 8035 RAIL SPEED RESTRICTIONS—Mr Gurmish Singh to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—
- With respect to speed restrictions on NSW train lines, can the Minister advise:
- (1) What is the speed limit of the Menangle Rail Bridge?
- (2) How long has a “go-slow” restriction been in place?
- (3) Are there plans for major repairs to the bridge?
- (4) How many “go-slow” restrictions are in place around the network currently?
- 8036 FARMGATE—Mr Gurmish Singh to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, and Minister for Youth—
- With respect to the Farm Gate mental health program, can the Minister advise as at 4 June 2026, by local health district:
- (a) The total full-time equivalent positions (FTE)?
- (b) The total number of farm gate counsellors and frontline mental health workers?
- 8037 BUSINESS ASSISTANCE—Mr Gurmish Singh to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Recovery, and Minister for the North Coast—
- With respect to business assistance, can the Minister advise how many businesses as at 4 June 2026:
- (a) Had received the \$10,000 assistance grant for businesses impacted by the closure of the Great Western Highway Closure?
- (i) What is the total figure claimed?
- (ii) How many businesses were rejected?
- (b) Had received up to \$25,000 assistance grant for businesses impacted by the Bondi Beach tragedy?
- (i) What is the total figure claimed?
- (ii) How many businesses were rejected?

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(iii) How many businesses received the full \$25,000?

8038 POLICE RBT NUMBERS—Mr Gurmish Singh to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

Can the Minister advise how many random breath tests were conducted:

- (a) In 2023?
- (b) In 2024?
- (c) In 2025?
- (d) In 2026 as at 4 June 2026?

8039 SMALL BUSINESS—Mr Gurmish Singh to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Recovery, and Minister for the North Coast—

With respect to small business, can the Minister advise how many businesses as at 4 June 2026:

- (a) How many businesses have become insolvent in New South Wales in the Q1 quarter of 2026?
- (b) How many businesses were insolvent in New South Wales in the Q1 quarter of 2025?
- (c) How many businesses were insolvent in New South Wales in 2025?

8040 EXTENDED AND INTENSIVE CARE PARAMEDICS—Mr Gurmish Singh to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

Can the Minister advise as at 4 June 2026:

- (a) How many intensive care paramedics have entered service in regional New South Wales in the 2025-26 FY?
- (b) How many extended care paramedics have entered service in regional New South Wales in the 2025-26 FY?
- (c) How many intensive care paramedics have left service in regional New South Wales in the 2025-26 FY?
- (d) How many extended care paramedics have left service in regional New South Wales in the 2025-26 FY?
- (e) What is the current Full Time Equivalent number of Intensive Care Paramedics?
- (f) What is the current Full Time Equivalent number of Extended Care Paramedics?

8041 BUSHFIRE SEASON PREPAREDNESS - STATEWIDE—Mrs Tanya Thompson to ask the Premier—

With respect to bushfire season preparedness, can the Premier advise as of 23 June 2026:

- (a) By Rural Fire Service Area Command, what are the hazard reduction targets for the 2026-27 FY?
- (b) By Rural Fire Service Area Command, how many hectares of hazard reduction burns have been conducted statewide so far in 2026
- (c) How many hectares of hazard reduction burns were conducted statewide in 2025.
- (d) How many hectares of hazard reduction burns have been conducted statewide in the Jan-March quarter?

8042 BUSHFIRE PREPAREDNESS - NATIONAL PARKS—Mrs Tanya Thompson to ask the Premier—

With respect to bushfire season preparedness, can the Premier advise as of 23 June 2026:

- (a) By National Parks and Wildlife Service, how many hectares of hazard reduction burns have been conducted statewide so far in 2026?
- (b) How many hectares of hazard reduction burns were conducted statewide in 2025?

8043 RFS FACILITIES—Mrs Tanya Thompson to ask the Premier—

With respect to NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) facilities, can the Premier advise as of 23 June 2026:

- (1) How many NSW RFS stations are without amenities?
- (2) How many NSW RFS stations are without female amenities?