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\*6113 MAINLINE ACCELERATION PROGRAM—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) What projects have been developed as part of the Mainline Acceleration Program outlined in the 2014 State Infrastructure Strategy?
- (2) What is the expected impact of these projects on passenger travel times between Wollongong and Central?
- (3) Which of these projects have commenced?
  - (a) When are they due to be completed?
- (4) Which of these projects have not commenced?
  - (a) When will they commence?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Mainline Acceleration Program was one recommendation from the Infrastructure NSW State Infrastructure Strategy to improve passenger rail services.

The Government is already delivering improvements for customers travelling from the Illawarra, including a \$2.3 billion New Intercity Fleet.

\*6114 MENTAL HEALTH BEDS IN THE SHELLHARRBOUR ELECTORATE—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Women, and Minister for Ageing—

- (1) How many public sector specialised mental health hospital beds are available within the Shellharbour electorate (as at 1 August 2017)?
  - (a) Of these beds, how many are:
    - (i) Acute mental health beds;
    - (ii) Non-acute mental health beds;
    - (iii) Youth mental health beds;
    - (iv) Children's mental health beds?
- (2) How many specialised mental health hospital beds are available at private hospitals and non-government health facilities within the Shellharbour electorate (as at 1 August 2017)?
  - (a) Of these beds, how many are:
    - (i) Acute mental health beds;
    - (ii) Non-acute mental health beds;
    - (iii) Youth mental health beds;
    - (iv) Children's mental health beds?
- (3) How many residential mental health service beds are currently available within the Shellharbour electorate (as at 1 August 2017)?
  - (a) Of these beds, how many are:
    - (i) Acute mental health beds;
    - (ii) Non-acute mental health beds;
    - (iii) Youth mental health beds;
    - (iv) Children's mental health beds?

Answer—

Advice on mental health beds in the Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District is available in the 2015-16 NSW Health Annual Report at [www.health.nsw.gov.au/AnnualReport](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/AnnualReport).

\*6115 MEETING OF ENVIRONMENT MINISTERS—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) What was the nature of the research presented to the Meeting of Environment Ministers in June 2017 regarding the environmental impact of single-use plastic bags?
  - (a) Will this research be made public?
- (2) Will the Government ban the use and sale of single-use plastic bags in New South Wales?
  - (a) If yes, when will this policy be instituted?

(b) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) The Government asked the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO) to conduct research into the environmental impacts of biodegradable bags on aquatic environments. It will be considered for publication.

(2) The Government's current anti-litter priority is the implementation of a 10-cent container deposit scheme, scheduled to roll out across the state in December.

Drink containers eligible for the scheme will make up 43 per cent of litter volume across New South Wales. While the Government recognises plastic bags are an issue for the environment, they make up less than three per cent of litter volume.

The Government has allocated \$30 million until 2020/21 for litter reduction programs.

\*6116 ALBION PARK RAIL BYPASS SUBMISSIONS REPORT—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

(1) On what date will the submissions report regarding the Albion Park Rail Bypass, originally scheduled to be released in mid-2017, be published?

(2) How many submissions were received following the display of the environmental impact statement for the Albion Park Rail Bypass and will be included in the report?

Answer—

I am advised:

Information on the Albion Park Bypass is available on the Roads and Maritime Services website.

\*6117 WORKS ANNOUNCED IN THE 2017-18 BUDGET PAPER—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Education—

(1) In what areas and regions will the 90 new school and major upgrade projects announced in the New South Wales 2017-18 Budget Paper - Infrastructure Statement ('New major works to commence in 2017-18 and 2018-19' page 4 to 16) be located?

(a) Will any of these projects occur within the Shellharbour electorate?

(b) Will any of these projects occur within the West Dapto area?

Answer—

I'm advised that the location and details of all announced major capital works projects since 2011 are available on the School Infrastructure NSW website at <https://schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au/>.

I can confirm that an upgrade and expansion of Dapto Public School to address enrolment growth has received funding as part of the State Budget.

\*6118 SHELLHARBOUR HOSPITAL REDEVELOPMENT STAGE 1—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

(1) How will the \$5 million allocated to 'Shellharbour Hospital Redevelopment Stage 1' in the 2017-18 Budget for the Shellharbour electorate be spent?

(2) What does 'Stage 1' of Shellharbour Hospital's redevelopment entail?

Answer—

The 2017-18 State Budget included an allocation of \$5 million for the final stage of planning and design works for the project. This is a standard element of any major infrastructure project.

The Government is committed to delivering a hospital that best meets the needs of the local community.

\*6119 TRAIN LENGTHS—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

(1) What is the current length of an eight car Oscar railway carriage set?

(2) What will the length of an eight car intercity fleet carriage set be?

(3) What will the length of a ten car intercity fleet carriage set be?

(4) What is the average length of station platforms on the South Coast Line?

(5) What is the current length of the train platform at:

(a) Dapto Station;

(b) Albion Park Station;

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- (c) Oak Flats Station;
- (d) Shellharbour Junction Station?
- (6) If the length of a ten car intercity fleet carriage set exceeds the length of the platform, will passengers be forced to depart from only certain carriages, or will platforms be extended to fit the new carriage sets?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) to (3) This information is available on the Transport for NSW and Sydney Trains websites.

(4) to (6) As is the current practice where the length of a train exceeds the length of the platform, customers will exit from carriages adjacent to the platform.

\*6120 ALBION PARK RAIL BYPASS—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

- (1) When is the tender process for the Albion Park Rail Bypass expected to be completed?
- (2) Considering your response to LA Q5147:
  - (a) How many of the 35 parcels of land and their owners that the Government was engaged in negotiations with as of 2 May 2017 have now been purchased?
  - (b) How many more parcels of land are currently still to be negotiated before the construction of the Albion Park Rail Bypass can commence?

Answer—

I am advised:

Information on the Albion Park Rail Bypass is available on the Roads and Maritime Services website.

\*6121 STOLEN ITEMS SOLD THROUGH ONLINE MARKETPLACES—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation—

- (1) Has the Government examined steps that it could take to reduce the sale of stolen items through online marketplaces in a manner similar to measures taken to reduce the number of stolen items sold through pawn shops?
  - (a) If so, what measures have been examined?

Answer—

NSW Fair Trading administers a number of Acts of Parliament where it is legislated that a person must be the holder of a licence or certificate to undertake certain activities. Fair Trading conducts regular inspection programs of pawnbrokers to protect the rights of consumers and to ensure that the trader is complying with the Pawnbrokers and Second-hand Dealers Act, however Fair Trading does not inspect pawnbrokers looking for stolen property, as the investigation of the theft of property, receiving stolen property and the disposal of stolen property is the domain of the NSW Police Force. NSW Fair Trading does however work closely with them in relation to the activities of Pawnbrokers and second hand dealers.

NSW Fair Trading proactively conducts searches of the internet in an attempt to identify persons who are conducting an online trading business in NSW without a licence. The significant issue with online activity is the fact that the person carrying on the business may not live in New South Wales or even in Australia, which can make enforcement action difficult. If Fair Trading does detect a breach of legislation then the appropriate action is taken.

\*6122 FINES ON INTERCITY TRAINS—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) What is the current fine for passengers who break the pick-up or set-down only travel restrictions on intercity trains?
- (2) How many fines have been issued to passengers travelling on South Coast intercity services each month since the timetable changes introduced in October 2016 (to 1 August 2017)?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) This information is available in the Passenger Transport Regulations.
- (2) This is a matter for the Minister for Finance, Services and Property.

\*6123 RAIL INFRASTRUCTURE ON THE SOUTH COAST LINE—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) What rail infrastructure upgrades will take place on the South Coast rail line between Waterfall and Wollongong as part of the Government's "More Trains More Services" program?  
(a) In what year will these upgrades take place?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Government is investing \$1.5 billion in capital infrastructure as part of the More Trains More Services Program. This is delivering significant upgrades across the network. However, customers on the South Coast Line are already benefiting from Transport Access Program upgrades at Gerringong, Shellharbour Junction, Dapto, Austinmer, Waterfall and Heathcote, delivered by the Government.

\*6124 ENERGY ACCOUNTS PAYMENT ASSISTANCE VOUCHERS—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Housing, and Special Minister for State representing the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) How many Energy Accounts Payment Assistance vouchers have been provided in each year since 2011 in the following suburbs:
- (a) Towradgi;
  - (b) Fairy Meadow;
  - (c) North Wollongong;
  - (d) Wollongong;
  - (e) Gwynneville;
  - (f) West Wollongong;
  - (g) Mangerton;
  - (h) Coniston;
  - (i) Figtree;
  - (j) Unanderra;
  - (k) Farmborough Heights;
  - (l) Cordeaux Heights;
  - (m) Mount Kembla;
  - (n) Berkeley;
  - (o) Warrawong;
  - (p) Lake Heights;
  - (q) Port Kembla;
  - (r) Primbee;
  - (s) Windang?

Answer—

I am advised:

Vouchers for the Energy Accounts Payment Assistance (EAPA) Scheme are allocated using regions, rather than electorates or postcodes. This is a better match with the needs of the agencies that operate as EAPA providers as well as their customers. Data for EAPA voucher allocation is not available based on suburbs, as asked in the question.

The number of vouchers provided to the Wollongong region in each year since 2011 are shown in the table below. Note that the final number of vouchers provided for 2017/18 can be expected to change from the figure below as EAPA providers report on their usage of vouchers.

Each eligible EAPA customer can receive up to twelve vouchers per energy type in any financial year. In addition, the value of EAPA vouchers was increased in July 2013 from \$30 to \$50.

Year	Value of each voucher	Number of vouchers allocated to EAPA providers in the Wollongong area
2011-12	\$30	24,180
2012-13	\$30	21,090
2013-14	\$50	12,040
2014-15	\$50	12,050

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2015-16	\$50	14,100
2016-17	\$50	16,950
2017-18 (issued to a customer as at 5 September 2017)	\$50	3,919

\*6125 FUNDING FOR ADDITIONAL FLOOD MITIGATION WORKS—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) What funding has been made available in the 2017-18 Budget for the provision of additional flood mitigation works to be carried out around the:
  - (a) Fairfield Local Government Area;
  - (b) Cumberland Local Government Area?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Applications for funding under the 2017–18 Floodplain Management Program Grants round are being assessed.
  - (a) Fairfield Council currently has six active Floodplain Management Grants valued at \$448,754.
  - (b) Cumberland Council currently has seven active Floodplain Management grants valued at \$483,594.

\*6126 FUNDING FOR ENVIRONMENTAL EFFICIENCY AND SUSTAINABILITY—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) What grant schemes or programs are available to sporting clubs, non-for-profit or community organisations to fund works to improve the energy, water, environmental efficiency or environmental sustainability of buildings and grounds, their clubs or organisations use?
- (2) When will applications be open for the next round of funding for each of these schemes or programs?

Answer—

I am advised :

Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) supports organisations to reduce their energy, water and waste costs through its Energy Efficiency Training and Sustainability Advantage programs. Information on these programs is available on the OEH website, [www.environment.nsw.gov.au/topics/energy-savings-and-resource-efficiency](http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/topics/energy-savings-and-resource-efficiency).

Information on grants and funding is available on the OEH website, [www.environment.nsw.gov.au/grantsandfunding/index.htm](http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/grantsandfunding/index.htm).

\*6127 REVIEW OF THE RESTART NSW FUND ACT—Mr Paul Scully asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

- (1) Has the review of the Restart NSW Fund Act 2011 been completed (as at 1 August 2017)?
  - (a) If so:
    - (i) What did this review examine?
    - (ii) Did the review consider whether projects in Wollongong should continue to be excluded from eligibility under the Fund?
    - (iii) When will this review be tabled?

Answer—

- (1) In accordance with section 13( 1) of the Restart NSW Fund Act 2011, the review considered whether the policy objectives of the Act remain valid and whether the terms of the Act remain appropriate for securing those objectives.
- (2) The Restart NSW Fund Act 2011 does not impose any restrictions on the location of projects that can be funded from the Restart NSW Fund. To date, Restart NSW funds have been allocated to projects located in Wollongong, including as part of the Illawarra Infrastructure Fund and the Resources for Regions program.
- (3) In accordance with section 13(3) of the Restart NSW Fund Act 2011, the review was tabled on 1 September 2017.

\*6128 VACANT POSTIONS AT WALLSEND AGED CARE FACILITY—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) Are there vacant patient care positions at the Wallsend Aged Care Facility as at 31 July 2017?
- (2) Are there vacant support service positions at the Wallsend Aged Care facility as at 31 July 2017?

Answer—

No.

\*6129 OUTPATIENT PSYCHOLOGISTS IN HUNTER NEW ENGLAND HEALTH DISTRICT—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) How many outpatient psychologists are working in the Hunter New England Health District as at 1 August 2017?
  - (a) Where are they located?
  - (b) How many hours a week are they each available?

Answer—

Services are available in a number of locations across the Hunter New England Local Health District with outreach services available to smaller communities.

Psychology services are available in business hours or through the Mental Health Contact Centre 24 hours a day.

\*6130 EAR NOSE AND THROAT SPECIALIST APPOINTMENTS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

How many patients referred for an ear nose and throat specialist appointment at the John Hunter Hospital are waiting to be seen as at 1 August 2017?

Answer—

John Hunter Hospital's ENT outpatient clinic triages appointments based on the patient's clinical urgency.

\*6131 EYE SPECIALIST APPOINTMENTS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

How many patients referred for an eye specialist appointment at the John Hunter Hospital and the John Hunter Children's Hospital are waiting to be seen as at 1 August 2017?

Answer—

To ensure the most urgent people are seen first, appointments are allocated in order of clinical priority.

Patients are actively followed up by the District and prioritisation is provided for those requiring urgent medical assessment.

\*6132 HEALTH RECORDS AND INFORMATION PRIVACY ACT—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) Has the Public Interest Direction by the Privacy Commissioner under the Health Records and Information Privacy Act concerning the extended offender's management system expired?
  - (a) If so, when?
  - (b) If so, has a code been developed under the Health Records and Information Privacy Act to replace the Direction?
- (2) If the Direction has expired and no code has been developed have agencies within your portfolio continued to operate in the same way as when the Direction was in force?

Answer—

A Code of Practice made under the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998 commenced on 2 June 2017.

Agencies continue to operate in accordance with the Health Records and Information Privacy Act 2002.

\*6133 ROADS IN THE COOKAMIDGERA AREA—Mr Philip Donato asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

- (1) When can I expect a response to my letters of 2 March 2017 and 29 May 2017 regarding my constituent's concerns about the poor condition and dangerous state of the roads in the Cookamidgera area?
- (2) Have you taken any action to investigate the concerns of my constituent which are outlined in my letter?



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Answer—

I am advised:

The correspondence has been answered.

\*6134 WESTERN SYDNEY RAIL NEEDS SCOPING STUDY—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

(1) Has the Western Sydney Rail Needs Scoping Study been completed?

(a) If no, when will it be completed?

(b) If yes, when will it be released?

Answer—

I am advised:

The report is being finalised for the Australian and NSW Government's consideration.

\*6135 SOCIAL HOUSING IN THE KEIRA ELECTORATE—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

(1) What is the average number of days between a tenant vacating a Housing NSW property and it being relet in the Keira electorate in each year from 2013 to 2017 (as at 1 August 2017)?

(2) How many Housing NSW properties are currently vacant in the Keira electorate (as at 1 August 2017)?

(3) How many days does each property remain vacant for, on average?

Answer—

I am advised that the number of social housing properties that are vacant changes frequently as properties are vacated by tenants and prepared for reletting. The time needed to prepare properties for reletting depends on the works required in each instance.

\*6136 NOISE CAMERA ON MOUNT OUSLEY M1—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

What funding has been set aside for the noise camera on Mount Ousley M1 to become functional in each Budget from 2013-14 to 2017-18?

Answer—

I am advised:

The National Transport Commission is considering amendments to Heavy Vehicle National Law to provide for the regulation of engine brake noise.

\*6137 REDUCING THE MAINTENANCE BACKLOG IN SCHOOLS—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Education—

(1) Of the over 2100 schools in New South Wales to receive funding under the extra \$60 million to reduce the maintenance backlog, announced on 2 May 2017:

(a) Which schools in the Kiama electorate have been allocated funds?

(b) Which schools in the Shellharbour electorate have been allocated funds?

(c) Which schools in the Wollongong electorate have been allocated funds?

(d) Which schools in the Heathcote electorate have been allocated funds?

(e) Which schools in the South Coast electorate have been allocated funds?

(f) Which schools in the Keira electorate have been allocated funds?

Answer—

The Government's record \$747 million funding for school maintenance over four years will address maintenance issues in almost every government school in New South Wales. The \$60 million is part of the total \$390 million that has been allocated to planned maintenance in 2016-17 and 2017-18.

All schools in the abovementioned electorates maintained by the Department of Education will benefit from this spending on maintenance.

\*6138 TAX REVENUE—Mr Paul Scully asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

Considering your response to LA Q5457, are there any specific measure or measures relating to tax revenue to demonstrate the claim that the current Government is one of the lowest taxing New South Wales Governments?

Answer—

In the 2017-18 Budget the Government announced a range of tax measures to reduce the tax burden on small business. To reduce the insurance costs of approximately 677,000 small businesses with a turnover of less than \$2 million in New South Wales, duty on three types of insurance products will be abolished for small business from 1 January 2018; commercial vehicle insurance, professional indemnity insurance, and product and public liability insurance. Insurance duty on crop and livestock insurance will also be abolished from 1 January 2018.

The Government also announced that from 1 July 2017, insurance duty on lenders mortgage insurance will be abolished. Lenders mortgage insurance is applied by banks, generally when homebuyers have less than 20 per cent deposit. This tax cut is designed to help home buyers saving for their deposits.

First home buyer grants and concessions have also been restructured to reduce the burden of transfer duty. From 1 July 2017, first home buyers are exempt from transfer duty for both new and existing properties valued up to \$650,000, with discounts up to \$800,000.

Following the abolition of duties on business mortgages, unlisted marketable securities and non-real business assets in 2016, New South Wales has a smaller range of taxes in place compared to the whole period of the past Government.

The thresholds for payroll tax and land tax - two of the three largest sources of tax - have been increased each year since the current Government came to power.

\*6139 ROADSIDE DRUG TESTING—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

Will a motorist be charged should they return a positive result for marijuana during a Roadside Drug Testing stop if they are also registered for the Medicinal Cannabis Compassionate Use Scheme?

Answer—

I am advised:

This matter should be referred to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services.

\*6140 MAKARATTA—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Education representing the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education—

- (1) What involvement has the Government had in the Referendum Council?
  - (a) What support has the Government provided for this body's work?
- (2) What is the Government's policy about an official body to represent Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples or First Nations Voice?
- (3) What is the Government's policy for a Makaratta or treaty?
  - (a) What support will the Government provide for a Makaratta Commission?
- (4) What is the Government's policy on a Truth and Justice Commission?
  - (a) What support will the Government provide for such a process?
- (5) How are Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples recognised in the New South Wales Constitution?
  - (a) What plans does the Government have to move for changes based on the Uluru Statement from the Heart?
- (6) What programs, funding or support does the Government provide to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to further these calls?
- (7) What further plans does the Government have to respond to the Uluru Statement from the Heart?

Answer—

(1) The process to recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the Australian Constitution is a matter for the Commonwealth Government. The Government therefore has no involvement with the Referendum Council, which is funded and implemented by the Commonwealth Government.

(a) On 2 December 2014, the then Premier Mike Baird announced that the Government gave in-principle support for a referendum to recognise Aboriginal people in the Australian Constitution. New South Wales was the first state or territory to do so.

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(2) The Government does not have a policy on an official body to represent Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples or First Nations Voice to the Commonwealth Parliament. This is an issue for the Commonwealth to determine.

(3) The Government does not have a policy on Makaratta or treaty, or the establishment of a Makaratta Commission.

(4) The Government does not have a policy on a Truth and Justice Commission.

(5) The NSW Parliament recognises Aboriginal people as the first people of New South Wales, through an amendment to the NSW Constitution. The New South Wales Constitution recognises Aboriginal people as the traditional custodians and occupants of New South Wales who have a spiritual, social, cultural and economic relationship with their traditional lands and waters, and who have made, and continue to make, a unique and lasting contribution to the identity of the State.

(a) The Commonwealth Government is currently considering the Referendum Councils Final Report. Once this has occurred, the NSW Government will consider its position.

(6) OCHRE, the Government's Aboriginal affairs plan, released in 2013, has strong resonance and support within Aboriginal communities as it is strength based and community centred, emphasising local and long terms partnerships with Aboriginal communities.

Local Decision Making is a key OCHRE initiative and facilitates Aboriginal communities to come together and form regional Alliances. Local Decision Making enables formal negotiations between regional Alliances and the Government on community led priorities and aspirations. The emphasis is on a fair, equitable and transparent negotiation process, leading to agreed outcomes and shared accountability embodied in formal agreements, called Accords. The Government currently provides funding to seven Alliances in terms of organisational support, community facilitation and consultation, and capacity and skills development.

In addition, through amendments to the NSW Aboriginal Land Rights Act, local Aboriginal Land Councils can now negotiate Aboriginal Land Agreements which adopts the negotiation/agreement making model of LDM, in order to fast track and resolve outstanding Aboriginal land claims.

Accords and Aboriginal Land Agreements are essentially "treaty like" agreement making processes between Aboriginal communities and the Government, dealing with a particular set of Aboriginal rights or interests.

A central tenet of OCHRE is the recognition and acknowledgement of the ongoing impacts of past government policies and practices, and the need for healing for Aboriginal communities, families and individuals. The Government response to the Reparations for the Stolen Generations Report - Unfinished Business - is delivering a comprehensive package of reparations to Stolen Generation survivors. This includes ex-gratia payments to surviving Stolen Generations members, a Stolen Generations Healing Fund to address intergenerational trauma; and direct financial support to existing Stolen Generations survivor organisations.

(7) The process to recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the Australian Constitution is an issue for the Commonwealth Government. The Government however has provided in principle support for the need to recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the Australian Constitution. Consistent with this, on 31 May 2017 the New South Wales Upper House passed a motion which called on all political parties to "work in good faith with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to deliver on the principles and intentions found in the Uluru Statement".

\*6141 IWORCS—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

- (1) What mechanisms does the Government use to coordinate work across state agencies, local governments, and utility and telecommunication providers that requires excavation of roads and footpaths?
- (2) How does the Government inform the adjacent community about these projects and local impacts?
- (3) Does this include infrastructure projects related to water, electricity, gas, telecommunications, bus, light rail and train related projects?
- (4) What assessment has been made of building on the online portal iWORCS developed by the NSW Streets Opening Coordination Council to include all state agencies, local governments, and utility and telecommunication providers?
- (5) What assessment has the Government made of expanding this platform to provide public access so that residents and business operators can find out about work on roadways and footways occurring nearby?

(6) Will the Government investigate online platforms to allow community members one-stop access to this data?

Answer—

I am advised:

Roads and Maritime Services is a member of the Street Opening Coordination Council and also has regular meetings and engagement with State agencies, local governments, and utility and telecommunication providers to coordinate works on or near roads.

Memoranda of understanding have been implemented between Roads and Maritime and a number of utility providers, with more being negotiated. Co-development agreements exist with the NBN and Optus to, where practical, undertake utility works while Roads and Maritime is carrying out road works.

To maintain operational efficiency of the road network, Roads and Maritime requires a Road Occupancy License Application (ROLA) for any activity likely to impact on traffic flow, even if that activity takes place off-road. This also applies to works undertaken by State agencies, local governments, and utility and telecommunication providers.

The Transport Management Centre, on behalf of Roads and Maritime assesses, manages and issues ROLAs for State roads within the Sydney Region. ROLAs on State roads in other regions are managed by Roads and Maritime, with Local Councils assessing those for council managed roads.

A standard condition for any ROLA, is that the proponent must notify and consult with affected businesses, residents and other stakeholders. Consultation must be undertaken at least five business days prior to works commencing. The community and motorists are informed by various means, including flyers, Variable Message Signs, door knocks, project websites, media releases, etc. Where the planned works will have moderate to heavy traffic impacts or restrict or prohibit traffic access, additional communication is undertaken through Variable Message Signs, the Livetraffic website, and advertising. The communication strategy is determined based on the specifics of the work being undertaken and the impacts on a case by case basis.

Roads and Maritime is actively participating and supporting the development and implementation of the iWORCS online portal system, which uses a mapping technology to share information on projects. Many local councils and major utilities have signed up with iWORCS.

\*6142 PRIVATELY OPERATED RESIDENTIAL AGED CARE FACILITIES—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

What oversight exists to ensure that privately operated residential aged care facilities are compliant with State regulations?

Answer—

The Commonwealth Government is responsible for the regulation of residential aged care facilities under the Aged Care Act 1997.

\*6143 MENTAL HEALTH BEDS AVAILABLE IN THE GOSFORD ELECTORATE—Ms Liesl Tesch asked the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Women, and Minister for Ageing—

(1) How many mental health beds are available in the Gosford electorate?

(a) Of these beds, how many are:

- (i) Acute mental health beds;
- (ii) Sub-acute mental health beds;
- (iii) Youth mental health beds;
- (iv) Children's mental health beds?

Answer—

(1) (a) (I) to (iv) Advice on mental health beds in the Central Coast Local Health District is available in the 2015-16 NSW Health Annual Report at [www.health.nsw.gov.au/AnnualReport](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/AnnualReport).

\*6144 LAKE MACQUARIE TRANSPORT INTERCHANGE—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

Will the Government make a full financial commitment to the Lake Macquarie Transport Interchange in the 2017-18 Budget?

Answer—

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I am advised:

The 2017-18 Budget included a \$1.7 million allocation to develop a Strategic Business Case for the Lake Macquarie Transport Interchange, which is currently being developed.

\*6145 GOVERNMENT CONTRACT FOR BUILDING CONSTRUCTION—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) What is the average length of the tender process before a government contract for building construction exceeding \$1,000,000 is awarded?
- (2) What is the shortest length of tender process before such a contract has been awarded since 1 January 2012 (as at 1 June 2017)?
- (3) What is the longest length of tender process before such a contract has been awarded since 1 January 2012 (as at 1 June 2017)?

Answer—

- (1) 117 days
- (2) 18 days
- (3) 590 days

The information provided in this answer is reliant solely on the information disclosed on eTendering by agencies, so if an agency has not published or disclosed information on eTendering, it has not been included.

\*6146 FIRE HYDRANT MAINTENANCE—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Housing, and Special Minister for State representing the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) What is the location and number of fire hydrants in each suburb in the Maitland electorate?
- (2) How many times per year are fire hydrants maintained and checked for accessibility?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) There is a total of 7,455 hydrants in Maitland located approximately every 1 00 to 120 metres along reticulation watermains across Maitland.

Suburb	Number of hydrants within Suburb
Aberglasslyn	360
Allandale	4
Anambah	4
Ashton Field	314
Beresfield	4
Berry Park	32
Bolwarra	179
Bolwarra Heights	305
Chisholm	231
Cliftleigh	2
Duckenfield	13
East Maitland	1150
Fareley	21
Gillieston Heights	288
Greta	10
Harpers Hill	30
Horseshoe Bend	48

Largs	168
Lochinvar	116
Lorn	164
Louth Park	83
Matiland	360
Matiland Vale	16
Metford	374
Millers Forest	112
Morpeth	161
Mount Dee	10
Oakhampton	32
Oakhampton Heights	20
Oswald	13
Pitnacree	20
Raworth	140
Rutherford	1043
South Maitland	77
Telarah	212
Tenambit	253
Thornton	779
Windella	76
Woodberry	231
Grand Total	7455

(2)

Water hydrants are managed by Hunter Water and Fire and Rescue NSW.

Hunter Water inspects and re-paints each hydrant across its area of operations on a rotating ten to twenty year program, based on risk such as proximity to critical community assets and bush fire zones. Any defects observed during these inspections are logged, and maintenance is undertaken.

Hunter Water also repairs hydrants where defects (such as leaks) are identified by Fire and Rescue or members of the community. These can be reported to Hunter Water on its 24/7 reporting phone hotline 1300 657 000.

\*6147 SMALL BUSINESS GRANTS ON THE CENTRAL COAST—Mr David Mehan asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

(1) How many businesses located on the Central Coast will have successfully applied for a Small Business Grant as at 30 June 2017?

(a) How many of these businesses are located in The Entrance electorate?

Answer—

(1) As at 30 June 2017, 81 businesses located on the Central Coast have received a Small Business Grant.

(a) As at 30 June 2017, 50 businesses located in The Entrance electorate have received a Small Business Grant.

\*6148 SMALL BUSINESS GRANT—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

(1) How many businesses will have successfully applied for a Small Business Grant as at 30 June 2017?

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- (2) How many businesses were forecast by the Government to have successfully applied for one of these grants as at 30 June 2017?  
(3) How is the Government measuring the efficacy of this program?

Answer—

- (1) As at 30 June 2017, 2,813 businesses have received a Small Business Grant.  
(2) Revenue NSW is responsible for the administration of the grant and does not provide forecasts regarding the number of grants that will be paid; questions about the program beyond the processing and payment of the grants should be directed to the Treasurer.  
(3) Revenue NSW is responsible for the administration of the grant and is unable to comment on this; questions about the program beyond the processing and payment of the grants should be directed to the Treasurer.

\*6149 ROADS AND MARITIME SERVICES—Ms Trish Doyle asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

How many vehicles not subject to a registration concession (i.e. pensioner, primary producer) were registered with the Roads and Maritime Services in each of the financial years from 2012-13 to 2014-15?

Answer—

I am advised:

Information is available from the Roads and Maritime Services website.

\*6150 OWNER OF TOMAREE LODGE—Ms Kate Washington asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) Which Government agency is the owner of the land on which the Tomaree Lodge operates (Lot 453/DP 705463)?  
(2) Are there any plans to sell this land?

Answer—

I refer this question to the Minister for Disability Services.

\*6151 BIKE SHARE REGULATION—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) What regulations apply to bike share operators in New South Wales?  
(2) How will the Government ensure a coordinated response from Transport for NSW, Roads and Maritime Services, Property NSW, Office of Local Government, Fair Trading, Councils and other agencies to new operators?  
(3) What measures will be taken to:  
(a) Prevent large numbers of bikes blocking pedestrian access or risking safety;  
(b) Clarify how abandoned bikes can be dealt with on public and private land and who is responsible;  
(c) Provide insurance and consumer protection;  
(d) Clarify how bicycle helmet legislation applies and exemptions;  
(e) Ensure equitable access to public space across all agencies;  
(f) Facilitate competition amongst bike share operators?  
(4) What consideration has been given to applying similar provisions as will be implemented in Victoria with a bike share regulator?  
(5) What further action will be taken to ensure appropriate regulation of bike share operators using new online platforms?

Answer—

I am advised:

Transport for NSW will monitor the trial and work with bike share operators and relevant stakeholders to address issues that may arise.

It is not the view of the Government that regulatory responses are automatically required for each new business model. Indeed the Government has recently reformed the point to point transport industry by reducing regulation and red tape.

\*6152 AMENDMENT TO RURAL LANDS PROTECTION ACT 1998—Mr Philip Donato asked the Minister for Lands and Forestry, and Minister for Racing representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—

Will consideration be given to allowing an owner or occupier of land the right to require anyone bringing machinery onto their land to disturb the soil to have machinery professionally cleaned at the machinery owner's expense except in cases of emergency?

Answer—

The Rural Lands Protection Act 1998 was repealed by the Local Land Services Act 2013 on 1 January 2014.

\*6153 WORKERS COMPENSATION FRAUD INVESTIGATIONS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) How many matters were investigated by Safework NSW for potential fraud of the Workers Compensation scheme in the 2012-13 financial year?
  - (a) How many of these instances led to the pursuit of fraud charges and prosecution?
- (2) How many matters were investigated by Safework NSW for potential fraud of the Workers Compensation scheme in the 2013-14 financial year?
  - (a) How many of these instances led to the pursuit of fraud charges and prosecution?
- (3) How many matters were investigated by Safework NSW for potential fraud of the Workers Compensation scheme in the 2014-15 financial year?
  - (a) How many of these instances led to the pursuit of fraud charges and prosecution?
- (4) How many matters were investigated by Safework NSW for potential fraud of the Workers Compensation scheme in the 2015-16 financial year?
  - (a) How many of these instances led to the pursuit of fraud charges and prosecution?

Answer—

SafeWork NSW does not investigate or prosecute fraud in the New South Wales workers compensation system. The State Insurance Regulatory Authority (SIRA) is responsible for the investigation and prosecution of fraud in the New South Wales workers compensation system.

- (1) For the 2012-13 financial year there were:
  - 145 investigations
  - Four matters referred for charges
  - Eight prosecutions.
- (2) For the 2013-14 financial year there were:
  - 88 investigations
  - Seven matters referred for charges
  - Three prosecutions.
- (3) For the 2014-15 financial year there were:
  - 95 investigations
  - 10 matters referred for charges
  - Two prosecutions.
- (4) For the 2015-16 financial year there were:
  - 101 investigations
  - 42 matters referred for charges
  - Two prosecutions.

The prosecution results do not reflect investigation activity in the stated year due to lag times for legal cases

\*6154 VACANT MILLERS POINT PROPERTIES—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

- (1) How many vacant Millers Point properties has the Land and Housing Corporation transferred to Property NSW for sale?
  - (a) What are the addresses of these properties?
  - (b) How long has Property NSW been responsible for each?
- (2) How many of these vacant homes are:



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- (a) Disability accessible;
  - (b) 1 bedroom;
  - (c) 2 bedrooms;
  - (d) 3 bedrooms?
- (3) What is the estimated loss of rent for those properties vacated but not yet sold?
- (4) What is the cost of security and maintenance of vacant properties waiting for sale?
- (5) What steps will the Government take to ensure best use of and income from these properties until they are sold?

Answer—

I am advised that information about social housing which has been constructed from the sale of properties in Millers Point is available at [www.millerspoint.facs.nsw.gov.au/new-homes-funded-by-millers-point](http://www.millerspoint.facs.nsw.gov.au/new-homes-funded-by-millers-point).

I am further advised that Property NSW is managing the sales of Millers Point properties on behalf of the Department of Family and Community Services (FACS) and that detailed information about Millers Point property sales is available at [www.property.nsw.gov.au/millers-point-0](http://www.property.nsw.gov.au/millers-point-0).

I am advised that tenants have been supported in the relocation process by FACS, providing one-on-one support in finding tenants a new home that suited their needs and help them settle into their new community. FACS continues to support the remaining tenants in Millers Point.

- \*6155 CHILDREN'S CANCER AND HAEMATOLOGY SERVICES AT JOHN HUNTER HOSPITAL—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

How many patients were referred to the Children's Cancer and Haematology Service at the John Hunter Hospital in the 2016-17 financial year?

Answer—

A patient is able to be referred to the Children's Cancer and Haematology Service via many pathways including (but not limited to) via a general practitioner, paediatrician, other specialty medical teams or the emergency department.

- \*6156 BLOOD DONATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) What measures are in place in New South Wales to test donated blood for blood-borne diseases?
- (2) What restrictions in New South Wales apply to the donation of blood by men who have sex with men?

Answer—

Information on the testing undertaken by the Australian Red Cross Blood Service and eligibility is available on their website at: <http://www.donateblood.com.au>.

- \*6157 AUDIT OF THE WALLSEND AGED CARE FACILITY—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Women, and Minister for Ageing—

What steps are being taken to ensure all care recipients' privacy and dignity will be respected at the Wallsend Aged Care Facility?

Answer—

This question should be referred to the Minister for Health, the Hon Brad Hazzard MP.

- \*6158 STAFFING LEVELS AT WALLSEND AGED CARE FACILITY—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

What strategies are in place to ensure that staffing levels are adequate to ensure best practice care at the Wallsend Aged Care Facility?

Answer—

The Wallsend Aged Care Facility has a number of strategies in place, including monitoring staffing levels and undertaking recruitment for any vacancies as required.

- \*6159 POKER MACHINES IN ORANGE—Mr Philip Donato asked the Minister for Lands and Forestry, and Minister for Racing—

- (1) How much money was put through poker machines in Orange in the 2015-16 financial year?

- (2) What measures are planned to control or reduce the amount of money spent on poker machine gambling in:
- Orange;
  - New South Wales?

Answer—

In 2015-16, the net profit for gaming machines in the Orange Local Government Area was \$25,442,312.

The Government is currently considering reforms to the Local Impact Assessment scheme, transparency of gaming machine information and responsible gaming initiatives.

The Government provides a range of services to address problem gambling available to all residents of New South Wales, including free state-wide phone and online help and counselling, awareness and education campaigns for at risk and problem gamblers, and targeted programs for Aboriginal, multicultural and young people. The Government also provides 55 free face-to-face counselling services in 200 locations across New South Wales including Orange.

- \*6160 BUS SERVICE FOR SPRING TERRACE PUBLIC SCHOOL—Mr Philip Donato asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

Will a bus service be provided to enable students of Spring Terrace Public School to travel between home and school?

Answer—

I am advised:

In late 2017, Transport for NSW will undertake an open market process to allow interested bus operators to tender to operate a bus service for students of Spring Terrace Public School. The proposals received will then be assessed to determine whether a bus service is viable. The outcome of the tender process is expected to be known by early 2018.

- \*6161 CALL OUT TIMES TO MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—

- What was the average police call out time to motor vehicle accidents across New South Wales in each financial year from 2013-14 to 2017-18 (as at 1 August 2017)?
- What was the average police call out time to motor vehicle accidents in the 2016-17 financial year for the following areas :
  - Hunter;
  - Illawarra;
  - Shoalhaven;
  - Central Coast;
  - Western New South Wales;
  - Sydney metropolitan area?

Answer—

I am advised:

A range of factors, including the number of calls being responded to at any time, the time of day, traffic density, weather conditions and the distance to travel, influences response times.

- \*6162 DEATH IN CUSTODY—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Counter Terrorism, Minister for Corrections, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—

- What caused the death of Eric James Whittaker while held in Parklea Prison?
- What action have you taken to investigate this death?

Answer—

I am advised:

- The cause of Mr Whitaker's death is a matter for the Coroner.
- The circumstances of Mr Whitaker's death are being investigated by the Corrective Services Investigations Unit. The NSW Coroner will also hold an independent inquest.

- \*6163 PROPOSED EXTENSION OF A RIGHT TURN BAY IN LIVERPOOL—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

Why did Roads and Maritime Services determine not to proceed with the proposal to extend the existing

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southbound right turn bay on Hume Highway into Memorial Avenue, Liverpool?

Answer—

I am advised:

Information is available on the Roads and Maritime Services website.

\*6164 PERINATAL DEPRESSION—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

If mothers diagnosed with perinatal depression are treated in Mental Health Units accompanied by their newborns, which child and health nurses are present to provide care and treatment?

Answer—

Perinatal and infant mental health clinicians, child and family health or maternity nurses are able to provide specialist antenatal and postnatal care to women admitted to inpatient mental health units.

\*6165 DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE DEBT RECOVERY WORKING GROUP—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General—

- (1) When did the Department of Justice debt recovery working group start to consider the issue of persons fraudulently obtaining default judgments in local courts?
- (2) When is it planned the working group will complete its task?
- (3) When will you bring legislative amendments to the Parliament concerning persons fraudulently obtaining default judgments in local courts?

Answer—

I am advised:

The systems in place to enforce debts by way of garnishee orders are generally robust and effective. Nevertheless, the Government continues to work with stakeholders to minimise the risk of fraud in debt recovery procedures. People who seek to fraudulently obtain default judgments in the Local Court of NSW are committing a criminal offence. Those who abuse the system face severe penalties, including periods of imprisonment.

\*6166 REDEVELOPED WAGGA WAGGA COURTHOUSE—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General—

- (1) What is your response to concerns in relation to the redeveloped Wagga Wagga Courthouse that:
  - (a) The new trial court jury box is too close to the bar table;
  - (b) Jurors can hear private conversations between lawyers about material not yet admitted to evidence;
  - (c) There is a lack of seating place for practitioners in large hearings;
  - (d) There are inadequate professional rooms for legal practitioners;
  - (e) There is no room for further expansion or parking;
  - (f) The architecture is out of character with surrounding buildings;
  - (g) The new structure is on a site too small and narrow?

Answer—

I am advised:

The recent \$17 million extension and renovation of the Wagga Wagga Courthouse was the largest construction project carried out at the courthouse since it was built in the early 1900s.

The courthouse footprint has more than doubled, from 1,535 square metres to 3,655 square metres, which includes a new 2,120 square metre two-storey building on Tarcutta Street.

The additions have been designed in close consultation with numerous stakeholders. The legal profession was consulted extensively on the redevelopment of Wagga Wagga Courthouse.

The Department of Justice continues to work with the legal profession to ensure the best possible use of all courthouse facilities.

\*6167 PICTON ROAD MAINTENANCE WORKS—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

- (1) What funding did the Government commit for maintenance works for Picton Road in each financial year from 2013-14 to 2017-18 (as at 1 August 2017)?
- (2) What planned expenditure on new works to improve road safety on Picton Road did the Government commit in each financial year from 2013-14 to 2017-18 (as at 1 August 2017)?

Answer—

I am advised:

During 2012-13, \$53 million of State and Federal funded improvements were completed along Picton Road.

Since then, more than \$11.5 million has been invested for maintenance works, and more than \$4 million for new works to improve road safety on Picton Road.

\*6168 MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS REPORTED ON PICTON ROAD—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

(1) How many motor vehicle accidents have been reported on Picton Road in each year from 2013 to 2017 (as at 1 August 2017)?

(a) How many of these motor vehicle accidents have been fatalities?

Answer—

I am advised:

Information is available on the Centre for Road Safety Website.

\*6169 GRAFFITI REMOVAL BUDGET IN THE 2016-17 FINANCIAL YEAR—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

What was the graffiti removal budget to Roads and Maritime Services property in the 2016-17 financial year in the Illawarra?

Answer—

I am advised:

Roads and Maritime Services spent \$110,000 on graffiti removal in the 2016-17 financial year in the Illawarra region.

\*6170 EMERGENCY SERVICES LEVY INSURANCE MONITOR—Mr Ryan Park asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

Was is the amount of annual remuneration paid to Allan Fels as the Emergency Services Levy Insurance Monitor?

Answer—

The Emergency Services Levy Insurance Monitor was initially appointed on 8 June 2016 to 31 December 2018 to protect consumers and hold insurers accountable during the transition to the Fire and Emergency Services Levy, and was given appropriate resources to undertake this task.

The Insurance Monitor's term has been extended to June 2020 to ensure a smooth restoration of the Emergency Services Levy.

The Insurance Monitor has issued a number of notices requiring insurers to disclose information to policyholders and has held a public inquiry and he will continue to retain these powers. In addition, the Insurance Monitor will retain the power to fine insurers \$10 million if they are found to have engaged in price exploitation or false or misleading conduct in relation to the restoration of the Emergency Services Levy.

\*6171 WILD DEER IN THE WERAKATA NATIONAL PARK—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

(1) Is the Minister aware of the population size of the herd of wild deer that lives in the Werakata National Park around the localities of Neath, Kearsley and Richmond Vale?

(a) If so, what is the approximate number?

(2) Are there any control programs available that will target these wild deer?

(3) Have any control programs been used in the area in the past to reduce the wild deer population?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) The National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) is working to estimate the wild deer population in the Cessnock area.

(2) NPWS has used several forms of control methods including exclusion fencing, trapping and an annual ground shooting program since 2009.

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(3) As above.

\*6172 CLUBGRANTS CATEGORY 3 FUND—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Lands and Forestry, and Minister for Racing—

- (1) What was the contribution to the ClubGrants Category 3 Fund from clubs located in the Wollongong and Shellharbour local government areas for each year from 2011 (as at 1 August 2017)?
- (2) How many ClubGrants Category 3 Grants have been awarded in the Wollongong and Shellharbour local government areas since 2011 (as at 1 August 2017)?
  - (a) What was the amount of each of these grants?
  - (b) Which organisations received funding?
  - (c) What were the projects for which the funding was received?
- (3) How many applications were submitted for ClubGrants Category 3 Grants from organisations in the Wollongong and Shellharbour local government areas since 2011 (as at 1 August 2017)?

Answer—

(1) On 19 July 2017, I announced changes to ClubGRANTS Category 3 Infrastructure Grants. The changes will give more communities the opportunity to access funding. ClubGRANTS Category 3 was not established until 2013.

\$2.8 million over the period 2013 until 31 August 2016 (the last Gaming Tax Year).

(2) Two.

(a) 750,000 Total.

(b) Football South Coast and Shellharbour branch of the State Emergency Service

(c) Football South Coast, upgrade of synthetic pitch. NSW SES Shellharbour, construction of new Emergency Operations Centre. Details of all successful projects are available on the Liquor and Gaming NSW website.

(3) 64.

\*6173 SYDNEY FERRIES FORMER EMPLOYEE CLAIMS—Ms Jodi McKay asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) Have any claims been made by former employees against Sydney Ferries in the 2015-16 or 2016-17 financial years?
  - (a) If so:
    - (i) Has a law firm been engaged by Sydney Ferries?
      - (i) If so, which firm has been engaged?
    - (ii) In what year did each claim arise?
    - (iii) Have any claims been resolved?
      - (i) If so, was a settlement fee paid?
      - (ii) If so, how much was the settlement fee?
    - (iv) In what court were any claims being dealt with?
    - (v) What were the claims?

Answer—

I am advised:

There has been one claim during this period. I understand the matter is currently before the Federal Court. As such, it would be inappropriate for me to comment further.

\*6174 PROPOSED FREE ALTERNATIVES ON NEW SOUTH WALES ROADS—Ms Jodi McKay asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

- (1) What is the proposed free alternative to the:
  - (a) M4 between Parramatta and Homebush;
  - (b) M4-M5 Link;
  - (c) New M5 as part of WestConnex;
  - (d) Proposed Western Harbour Tunnel toll road;
  - (e) M12 motorway;
  - (f) F6;
  - (g) Northern Beaches Link?

Answer—

I am advised:

A variety of free alternative routes are available for motorists to travel across Sydney.

\*6175 SIX NEW FERRIES IN SYDNEY—Ms Jodi McKay asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) When will each of the six new ferries in Sydney first carry passengers?
- (2) How many of these ferries are in the water?
  - (a) On what date did they enter the water?
- (3) What, if any, defects were detected with each of these six ferries?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Fred Hollows and the Victor Chang are already carrying passengers and started doing so in the middle of 2017.

The Catherine Hamlin is undergoing further testing, following some work. She will begin carrying passengers shortly following completion of this testing.

The rest of the ferries are expected to enter service progressively throughout the remainder of 2017.

\*6176 WESTCONNEX INTEGRATION WORKS—Ms Jodi McKay asked the Minister for Western Sydney, Minister for WestConnex, and Minister for Sport—

- (1) What was the estimated total cost of WestConnex integration works?
- (2) How much has been spent on WestConnex integration as at 1 August 2017?

Answer—

This question falls outside the WestConnex Portfolio and should be directed to the Minister for Roads.

\*6177 TRANSPORT ACCESS PROGRAM EXPENDITURE—Ms Jodi McKay asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

How much was spent as part of the Transport Access program in the 2015-16 and 2016-17 financial years?

Answer—

I am advised:

Information regarding budget allocations for the Transport Access Program is available in the 2015-16 and 2016-17 budget papers.

\*6178 NSW SERVICES IN THE 2016-17 BUDGET—Ms Jodi McKay asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) Have all the 218 new buses to cater for 'NSW Services' mentioned in the 2016-17 Budget been delivered?
  - (a) Please list the number of new buses to cater for 'NSW Services' that have been delivered to each depot.

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) All buses from the 2016-17 Budget allocation have been ordered and/or delivered.
  - (a) Transport for NSW allocates buses to bus operators. The operational management of those buses, including the placement at depots after delivery, is a matter for individual operators

\*6179 NSW LAND AND HOUSING PROPERTIES IN THE SHELLHARBOUR ELECTORATE—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

- (1) What is the total number of NSW Land and Housing properties currently located within the Shellharbour electorate (as at 1 August 2017)?
- (2) How many NSW Land and Housing properties were located within the electorate of Shellharbour as at:
  - (a) 1 January 2015;

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- (b) 1 January 2011;
- (c) 1 January 2005;
- (d) 1 January 2000?

Answer—

I am advised that information about the number of social housing properties' is available on the Department of Family and Community Services (FACS) website at [www.facs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.facs.nsw.gov.au).

\*6180 SOCIAL HOUSING- UPGRADE IN THE SHELLHARBOUR ELECTORATE—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

- (1) How will the \$4,583,000 allocated to the Shellharbour electorate in the 2017-18 Budget for 'Social Housing- Upgrade' be spent?
  - (a) What will the nature of these upgrades be?
  - (b) What social housing residences or areas in the Shellharbour electorate will see these upgrades?
  - (c) When are these upgrades expected to commence and conclude?

Answer—

I am very pleased that the 2017-18 NSW Budget delivers for the Shellharbour community to ensure that upgrades will be available for social housing in the Shellharbour electorate.

This funding will be allocated in the 2017-18 financial year.

\*6181 SERVICE NSW CENTRES—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) How many people have been served at Service NSW Centres between 1 July 2016 and 30 June 2017 at:
  - (a) Parramatta;
  - (b) Auburn;
  - (c) Wetherill Park;
  - (d) Silverwater?

Answer—

- (1) Between 1 July 2016 and 30 June 2017,
  - (a) More than 175,700 customers were served at the Parramatta Service Centre.
  - (b) More than 213,500 customers were served at the Auburn Service Centre.
  - (c) More than 231,800 customers were served at the Wetherill Park Service Centre.
  - (d) More than 28,300 customers were served at the Silverwater Driver Test Centre.

\*6182 WESTERN SYDNEY PORTFOLIO—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Western Sydney, Minister for WestConnex, and Minister for Sport—

- (1) Which local government areas fall within the Western Sydney portfolio?
- (2) Are all of the local government areas covered by the proposed Western Sydney City Deal?
  - (a) If not, why not?
  - (b) Were the proposed boundaries of the Western Sydney City Deal proposed by the Government or the Commonwealth Government?
- (3) What is the expected timeline for the finalisation of the Western Sydney City Deal?
- (4) Will the Western Sydney City Deal include initiatives concerning:
  - (a) The Earn Back model to increase self-sufficiency in delivering infrastructure investment;
  - (b) Investment Framework;
  - (c) Skills;
  - (d) Business Support;
  - (e) Inward Investment;
  - (f) Low Carbon;
  - (g) Housing;
  - (h) Transport?
- (5) In relation to the Western Sydney City Deal:
  - (a) What budget has been allocated and how many staff are employed to support this initiative?
  - (b) What is the expected timeline for finalisation of the agreement?
- (6) In relation to the Western Sydney Airport:
  - (a) What budget has been allocated and how many staff are employed to support this initiative?

- (b) What are the expected milestones for this project and what is the role of the Western Sydney portfolio in this project?
- (7) In relation to the Hawkesbury Nepean Flood Strategy:
- (a) What budget has been allocated and how many staff are employed to support this initiative?
- (b) What are the expected milestones for this project?
- (c) What is the role of the Western Sydney portfolio in this project?
- (8) What benefits can residents of Cumberland and City of Parramatta local government areas expect from the Western Sydney portfolio?

Answer—

(1) The Local Government Areas (LGAs) are: Blacktown, Camden, Campbelltown, Cumberland, Fairfield, Hawkesbury, Liverpool, Penrith, Parramatta, The Hills and Wollondilly. These LGAs are within the Greater Sydney Commission's West Central, West and South West Districts.

(2) No

(a) The boundaries of the Western Sydney City Deal were determined by the Commonwealth Government.

The City Deal is focussed on the Greater Sydney Commission's West and South West Districts that include the local government areas of Camden, Campbelltown, Fairfield, Hawkesbury, Liverpool, Penrith, the Blue Mountains and Wollondilly.

(b) The boundaries of the Western Sydney City Deal were determined by the Commonwealth Government.

(3) It is expected that the Western Sydney City Deal will be considered by the Government in Q4 2017.

(4) (a) to (h) The Government is currently in negotiation with Commonwealth and Local Government on the content of the city deal.

(5) (a) The Greater Sydney Commission is leading a whole of government effort on developing the City Deal using existing resources.

(5) (b) It is expected that the Western Sydney City Deal will be considered by the Government in Q4 2017.

(6) (a) The Western Sydney Airport is a Commonwealth Government project. New South Wales agencies support the development of the new airport using existing resources and in accordance with New South Wales legislative responsibilities.

(6) (b) Stage 1 of WSA is expected to be operating in the mid 2020's. Specific details on the development milestones for the Western Sydney Airport are available on the Commonwealth Government's website [westernsydneyairport.gov.au](http://westernsydneyairport.gov.au). The Government, through its agencies, is working closely with Commonwealth agencies to ensure the new airport is integrated into the Western City for the benefit of the community of western Sydney.

(7) (a) A budget of \$58 million has been allocated to Phase One (2016-2020) implementation of the Hawkesbury-Nepean Valley Flood Risk Management Strategy (Flood Strategy).

A Flood Strategy Directorate of two (2) full-time equivalent staff, based in Infrastructure NSW, is coordinating Phase One implementation. The Flood Strategy and its implementation is a cross government initiative with support and involvement from a number of state agencies and local councils and specialist contracted service providers.

(7) (b) Final business case for the Phase Two implementation of the strategy - including the raising of Warragamba Dam wall for flood mitigation - by 2020.

(7) (c) The Minister for Western Sydney provides leadership for the Flood Strategy (Phase One) implementation including:

- coordination of decision making across government
- leading communications and stakeholder engagement.

8. The government has delivered significantly for the residents of Cumberland and City of Parramatta local government areas, including:

- Westmead Hospital redevelopment
- Parramatta Light Rail
- Western Sydney Stadium
- Powerhouse Museum



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- New schools
- Lowest unemployment rate in Western Sydney in a decade

\*6183 FORMER MINISTER FOR POLICE COMMITMENTS—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—

- (1) What progress is being made in implementing the following commitments made by the Member for Penrith on 30 September 2010:
- (a) Requiring every Local Area Command to have at least one Neighbourhood Watch group;
  - (b) Piloting ten Online Neighbourhood Watch Groups that allow people to discuss local crime trends and share information over the internet as well as allowing Police to issue real time warnings to members;
  - (c) Creating a specialist team of Community Intelligence Information Officers based at Police Assistance Line locations to analyse crime data for Local Area Commands and Neighbourhood Watch groups?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force (NSWPF) has advised me:

The NSWPF currently supports 93 registered Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) groups across New South Wales.

The Government remains committed to a 21st Century program of engagement with community members across our communities. On 5 August 2011, the then Premier, Minister for Police and Police Commissioner announced Eyewatch. Eyewatch has successfully focused on using innovative technology to interactively connect the local community with their local police through Facebook.

Eyewatch provides the community with an alternative to attending meetings where people can participate in crime prevention meetings online, subject to their Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) participation. Through Facebook, information on crime and crime prevention can be disseminated in particular areas or statewide. Police use Eyewatch and Facebook to let people know about local crimes and post photos of missing or wanted people.

The NSWPF currently has more than 80 Facebook pages, including an Eyewatch page in every Local Area Command covering local communities across the state. NSWPF Facebook pages include links to NHW Facebook pages where relevant. NHW groups can also have private groups within an LAC page, coordinated by the LAC Crime Prevention Officer. The Police Assistance Line also disseminates information to LACs, where Crime Prevention Officers liaise with NHW personnel as appropriate.

\*6184 M4 WIDENING PROJECT—Mr Michael Daley asked the Minister for Western Sydney, Minister for WestConnex, and Minister for Sport—

- (1) Was the M4 widening completed on time and on budget?
- (2) What was the final total cost of the M4 widening?
- (3) Were any liquidated damage penalties applicable to the M4 widening?
  - (a) If so, how much were the penalties?

Answer—

The WestConnex project is currently on track to be delivered on time and on budget.

\*6185 MAKING IT WORK FOR YOU (NGIS) PROGRAM—Mr Michael Daley asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) When is the Making It Work For You (NGIS) program due to be completed?
- (2) What is the total budget of the Making It Work For You (NGIS) program?
- (3) How much has been spent to date on the Making It Work For You (NGIS) program (as at 1 August 2017)?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) and (2) This information is available on the Transport for NSW website.
- (3) This information is available in the Budget Papers.

\*6186 AUTHORISED ENGINEERING ORGANISATION—Mr Michael Daley asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) Is Transport for NSW, Sydney Trains and NSW Trains an Authorised Engineering organisation under the Asset Standards Authority?
- (a) If so, when did these authorities become one?
- (b) If not, are there any plans to become one?

Answer—

I am advised:

Sydney Trains became the first Authorised Engineering Organisation in July 2013. Specific parts of Transport for NSW like the Sydney Metro Delivery Office are Authorised Engineering Organisations. NSW TrainLink is a service operator only and therefore is not an Authorised Engineering Organisation and there are no plans the change this arrangement.

A full list of all Authorised Engineering Organisations is available on the Asset Standards Authority's website.

\*6187 COMPENSATION CLAIMS WITH SYDNEY MOTORWAY CORPORATION PROJECT COMPANIES—Mr Michael Daley asked the Minister for Western Sydney, Minister for WestConnex, and Minister for Sport—

- (1) Have the \$1.05 billion in compensation claims with Sydney Motorway Corporation project companies been finalised?
- (a) If not, have any of the compensation claims from the Sydney Motorway Corporation project companies been finalised?
- (i) If so, what was the valuation of the settlement?
- (2) What is the total WestConnex budget for compensation claims?
- (3) What is the current Roads and Maritime Services estimate of the value of the settlement of claims currently under review?
- (4) What planning approval delays have resulted in a claim of compensation with Sydney Motorway Corporation project companies?
- (5) When will compensation claims with Sydney Motorway Corporation project companies be finalised?

Answer—

I am advised that claims are being negotiated with contractors in accordance with standard practice. WestConnex is tracking on time for final completion in 2023 and in line with its budget of \$16.8 billion.

\*6188 WORKERS COMPENSATION PUBLIC FUNDING—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

- (1) Are individual government contracts with Workers Compensation insurers available for public scrutiny?
- (2) Which government department has access to all contracts?
- (3) To whom does the department report to ensure transparency of funds spent?

Answer—

- (1) icare acts on behalf of the Nominal Insurer. Private insurers are Scheme agents of the Nominal Insurer and have Scheme agent deeds to perform their responsibilities of managing claims. The Deed is available on the Insurance & Care NSW (icare) website, including remuneration and service standards. Certain information that is considered Commercial in Confidence is not published, such as specific details on remuneration.
- (2) icare is the NSW Government Public Financial Corporation responsible for administering the Deed. icare is governed by an independent Board of Directors, which makes all decisions related to icare.
- (3) The icare Board reports directly to the Treasurer and Minister for Industrial Relations. The State Insurance and Regulatory Authority (SIRA) is the regulator of all workers compensation arrangements in New South Wales. SIRA reports to the Minister for Finance, Services and Property.

\*6189 STOLEN GENERATION HEALING—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Education representing the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education—

- (1) Which Government agency has the authority to coordinate a whole of Government response to the Stolen Generation and the Healing Foundation study of 20 years progress since the 1997 'Bringing Them Home' report?
- (2) What action has been taken to contribute to a comprehensive national needs analysis for surviving

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- members of the Stolen Generation?
- (3) What action has been taken to contribute to a national scheme for reparations and culturally appropriate healing services?
  - (4) What training has been provided for organisations and service providers about Stolen Generations trauma and getting effective help to those affected?
    - (a) Of the training that has been provided what training has been provided to :
      - (i) Police and emergency service workers;
      - (ii) Health service providers;
      - (iii) Welfare service providers;
      - (iv) Service NSW officers?
  - (5) What programs, funding or support have been provided to healing programs for survivors of the Stolen Generation and their descendants?
  - (6) What action has been taken to contribute to comprehensive study of intergenerational trauma and responses to social and health problems in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities including:
    - (a) Suicide;
    - (b) Domestic violence;
    - (c) Substance abuse;
    - (d) Incarceration rates;
    - (e) The high numbers of children entering the protection system?
  - (7) What further plans are there to address the ongoing impacts of the Stolen Generation?

Answer—

(1) The Healing Foundation report primarily focuses on the Commonwealth Government's response to Bringing Them Home and a formal response to this report is a matter for the Commonwealth Government.

On 2 December 2016, the Government tabled its response to the General Purpose Standing Committee No 3 Report on Reparations for the Stolen Generations in NSW: Unfinished Business (the response). This response acknowledges the enduring trauma caused by past government policies and practices of forcible removal of Aboriginal children from their families, communities and culture, and includes a comprehensive package of commitments to support healing. While the Healing Foundation study is silent on these Government commitments, at the time the response was tabled the Foundation said that the Government had listened to survivors, and that it is time for other jurisdictions to follow New South Wales' lead to make a meaningful contribution to the healing needs of Stolen Generations.

(2) Work on a national needs analysis is a matter for the Commonwealth Government. The Government is working directly with the New South Wales Stolen Generations survivor organisations to increase understanding of the needs of survivors. As part of the Government's response to Unfinished Business, a Stolen Generations Advisory Committee has been established, with membership comprising Stolen Generations survivors and ex-officio government agency appointments. The role of this Committee is to provide advice to the Government on matters related to the Stolen Generations.

(3) A decision on whether to enact a national reparations scheme is a matter for the Commonwealth Government.

(4) The Government has established of a Stolen Generations Reparations Scheme offering monetary payments to surviving Stolen Generations members removed by or committed to the Aborigines Welfare Board up until its abolition in 1969. The Scheme commenced on 1 July 2017.

As part of the Government's response to Unfinished Business, the Public Service Commission will develop a trauma informed training package for application across the New South Wales public sector.

(5) As part of the Government's response to Unfinished Business, a ten year Stolen Generations Healing Fund will be established from 2017-18 to support survivors and their families to address inter-generational trauma. The response also provides direct financial support to Stolen Generations survivor organisations so that they are resourced to provide healing supports to survivors and their families.

(6) The Government is working directly with Stolen Generations survivor organisations to increase understanding of the needs of survivors.

Further, the Government is the first in Australia to incorporate healing into its Aboriginal affairs policy – OCHRE. Aboriginal Affairs and the Healing Foundation are planning six OCHRE Healing Forums in partnership with interested Aboriginal communities to increase understanding of intergenerational trauma

and healing in government, identify opportunities to improve the way government works with communities and to build local partnerships to support healing.

The Government is committed to addressing the social and health concerns raised, with Ministers working collaboratively, in line with the Premier's Priorities.

(7) The Government is working directly with Stolen Generations survivor organisations to increase understanding of the needs of survivors.

\*6190 TENANT LISTINGS ON TENANCY DATABASES—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Attorney General—

- (1) How many hearings in the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal relate to tenant listings on Tenancy databases?
- (2) How many hearings were related to tenant listings on Tenancy databases in each of the financial years from 2012-13 to 2016-17 (to 31 May 2017)?
  - (a) In each year, how many of these hearings have resulted in a listing being revoked?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal does not capture information regarding the number of matters heard that relate to tenancy listings on tenancy databases, nor does it record the number of listings revoked.

\*6191 MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR NEWCASTLE EAST—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Women, and Minister for Ageing—

What mental health services are available for residents of Newcastle East that may be impacted by the Supercars race?

Answer—

Anyone with concerns about their mental health, for any reason, should seek advice from their General Practitioner, or call the Mental Health Access Line on 1800 011 511 where staff will refer them to appropriate assistance.

\*6192 HOME BUILDING DEFECTS—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation—

- (1) What proportion of insolvent builders against whom claims were made under the Home Building Compensation Fund Scheme from 2013 to 2016 were reregistered under another company name and operated after insolvency?
- (2) What consideration has the Government given to a tiered builder licence system with specialist recognition for more complex projects, and for roofing and waterproofing as in the Australian Capital Territory?
- (3) What action is the Government taking to reduce the number of building defect matters that need to proceed to court for resolution?
- (4) What mechanisms does the Government use to obtain feedback from consumers about the Home Building Compensation Fund Scheme disputes process and improvements needed, including automatic requests for feedback following case closure?

Answer—

(1) This question should be referred to the Minister for Finance, Services and Property.

(2) The creation of contractor building licence classes to reflect the scale and risk of relevant work was fully canvassed in a Discussion Paper, released in December 2015, inviting public comment on the future of the Home Building Compensation Fund: Reform of the Home Building Compensation Fund. Comments closed on 12 February 2016.

Whilst the issue was fully considered, it did not form part of the reform package for the Fund which was announced by the Government on 3 November 2016.

(3) NSW Fair Trading provides an early intervention service for residential building disputes, where inspectors conduct on-site inspections and mediation. If work is defective or incomplete inspectors can issue rectification orders requiring the builder or tradesperson to fix or complete the work within a fixed time, averting the need to pursue resolution in court. Fair Trading undertakes approximately 3,000 building inspections and mediations per year, of which 85 per cent are resolved.

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The Government's reforms to strata legislation include the introduction of a strata building bond and inspection scheme. Building developers will be required to lodge a bond with Fair Trading to pay the costs of any building defects identified in a final inspection report. The scheme will commence on 1 January 2018 and will prompt developers and builders to prevent or address defects early in the life of a building, avoiding the need for legal action.

(4) This question should be referred to the Minister for Finance, Services and Property.

\*6193 LENNOX BRIDGE IN LANSVALE—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

- (1) What funding has been provided in the 2017-18 Budget for the provision of:
- (a) Preservation and conservation works to be carried out for the Lennox Bridge in Lansvale?
    - (i) When are the works projected to commence?
  - (b) Preservation and conservation works to be carried out for the land surrounding the Lennox Bridge in Lansvale?
    - (i) When are the works projected to commence?

Answer—

I am advised:

During 2017-18, \$750,000 will be provided for Lennox Bridge preservation and conservation. Investigation works are underway, and site works are due to start in 2018.

\*6194 INVESTIGATION INTO THE ARREST OF MICHAEL ABOUD—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—

- (1) Who is investigating the nearly four year delay by police in arresting Michael Aboud after interviewing him?
- (a) When did the investigation commence?
  - (b) When will the investigation review be complete?
  - (c) When will the report on the investigation be released publicly?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force has advised an internal review into this matter commenced in 2016 and has now been completed. It will not be publicly released.

\*6195 FUTURE FUNDING OF COMMUNITY LEGAL CENTRES—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General—

- (1) When will the review into future funding of community legal centres (CLCs) commence?
- (a) Who will conduct the review referred to above?
  - (b) Have the terms of reference from the referred to above been set?
    - (i) If yes, what are they?
    - (ii) If no, will CLCs be able to participate in the formation of the terms of reference?

Answer—

I am advised:

The review will be conducted during the 2017-18 financial year in consultation with relevant stakeholders.

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\*6196 WATER QUALITY TEST RESULTS—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Housing, and Special Minister for State representing the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) What is the reason/s for the less than 100 per cent compliance of the following water supply systems with the Australian drinking water guidelines in relation to water quality test results for 1 April 2016 to 31 March 2017 in:
- (a) Orchard Hills;

- (b) Prospect North;
  - (c) Prospect East;
  - (d) Ryde;
  - (e) Potts Hill?
- (2) What actions have been taken to ensure improved compliance with the Australian drinking water guidelines in each of the water supply systems listed in (1)?
- (3) On how many occasions were cryptosporidium or giardia detected in any of those water supply systems during the tests referred to in (1)?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) Sydney's drinking water achieved 100 per cent compliance with the Australian Drinking Water Guidelines (the ADWG) from 1 April 2016 to 31 March 2017, across the whole water delivery grid including the five water supply systems specified in the question.

(2) NSW Health oversees Sydney Water's implementation of the ADWG to ensure the provision of safe drinking water.

(3) Sydney Water publishes drinking water quality results on its website. The four Quarterly Drinking Water Quality Reports covering this period are available on the website under 'Water and the environment'/'Water analysis'.

From 1 April 2016 to 31 March 2017, there were no detections of Giardia. Low numbers of Cryptosporidium were detected on one occasion at Orchard Hills and two occasions at Prospect in the water going into these systems.

Sydney Water immediately reported each of these detections of Cryptosporidium to NSW Health who followed the agreed response protocol to assess the risk to public health. NSW Health was advised by their Expert Panel. The filtration plants were meeting strict filtered water turbidity targets at the time of the detections, and this ensures that the risk from Cryptosporidium is controlled.

No Cryptosporidium were detected in repeat samples taken in response to the initial detections. NSW Health assured the public that all water supplied to Sydney in the period of these detections was safe, as the treated water turbidity targets were being met by the plants.

\*6197 CRIME PREVENTION GRANTS—Ms Julia Finn asked the Attorney General—

What Crime Prevention Grants were made to Cumberland and City of Parramatta Councils, and, where appropriate, the former Holroyd City, Parramatta City and Auburn City Councils in each financial year from 2013-14 to 2016-17?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Department of Justice has not awarded crime prevention grants to those Councils because they did not have an approved Safer Community Compact in place. Cumberland and City of Parramatta Councils are yet to submit a Safer Community Compact for approval. Only Councils with an approved Safer Community Compact are eligible for crime prevention grants.

\*6198 PATONGA AND LITTLE PELICAN DRAFT PLANS OF MANAGEMENT—Ms Yasmin Catley asked the Minister for Lands and Forestry, and Minister for Racing—

- (1) How much funding was spent on the Patonga Plan of Management?
- (a) What is the breakdown of expenditure of \$22,000 on the Plan of Management as at 30 November 2012?
- (2) Was \$11,000 paid to EJE Heritage for the draft Plan of Management for Little Pelican?
- (3) Was a further \$16,500 approved to finalise the draft Plan of Management for Little Pelican?
- (a) If not, why not?
  - (b) If so, how much was directed towards finalising the Little Pelican Plan of Management?
- (4) Was a draft Plan of Management for Little Pelican ever approved for public exhibition?
- (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

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(1) Funding for the Patonga Plan of Management was provided by both the former Gosford City Council and predecessor agencies of the Department of Industry – Lands & Forestry (Department). The Department contributed \$22,820 to the development of the plan.

(a) At 30 November 2012, there had been no payment towards the draft Patonga Plan of Management, as it was not completed until early 2013. A total of \$22,000 was paid towards the completion of a heritage assessment and conservation management plan for the Dark Corner Cottages at Patonga, with \$11,000 contributed by Gosford City Council and \$11,000 contributed by the Department.

(2) No.

(3) No.

(a) The Plan of Management for Little Pelican did not proceed as a heritage assessment and conservation management plan had been completed and was considered to be sufficient to guide the future use of the site.

(b) N/A.

(4) Refer to response (3a).

\*6199 TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION IN THE CHARLESTOWN ELECTORATE—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

How many people in the Charlestown electorate sought temporary accommodation in each year from 2015 to 2017 (as at 31 July 2017)?

Answer—

I am advised that information about assistance with temporary accommodation is available on the FACS website at [www.facs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.facs.nsw.gov.au).

\*6200 AUSTRALIAN TERTIARY ADMISSION RANKS—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Education—

(1) How many students in the Charlestown electorate attained an Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) less than 30 in each year from 2015 to 2017 (as at 2 August 2017)?

(2) How is the Government working to particularly help schools where students are attaining an ATAR less than 30?

Answer—

The Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) calculates and provides the Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR). It is calculated for use by tertiary institutions to rank and select school leavers for courses.

UAC is a private not-for-profit entity that processes applications for admission to undergraduate courses at participating institutions. They are not a Government agency.

\*6201 REVENUE FROM MOBILE SPEED CAMERAS IN THE CHARLESTOWN ELECTORATE—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

How much revenue has been raised from mobile speed cameras located in the Charlestown electorate in each of the years from 2015 to 2017 (as at 31 July 2017)?

Answer—

(1) 1 January 2015 to 31 December 2015 - \$188,601

1 January 2016 to 31 December 2016 - \$97,810

1 January 2017 to 31 July 2017 - \$62,905

Notes:

1. Data may change retrospectively as penalty notices move through the fines life cycle.

2. Data includes all mobile speed camera penalty notices with an offence date between 01-Jan-2015 and 31-Jul-2017.

3. Data reflects penalty notices with a mobile speed camera location that falls within a postcode of the New South Wales electorate of Charlestown as per the NSW Electoral Commission website. Postcodes include: 2280, 2282, 2285, 2289, 2290, 2291, 2305 and 2306

\*6202 CENTRAL COAST FISHERIES INSPECTORS—Mr David Harris asked the Minister for Lands and Forestry, and Minister for Racing representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—

How many fisheries inspectors were based on the Central Coast in each year from 2011 to 2016?

Answer—

- 2011 - 15
- 2012 - 14
- 2013 - 12
- 2014 - 14
- 2015 - 14
- 2016 - 14

\*6203 APPLICANTS FOR HOUSING NSW TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

Why are applicants for Housing NSW temporary accommodation who have a need to fill a gap between private rental tenancies but do not require social housing still required to submit a Housing NSW application form for long-term social housing?

Answer—

I am advised that information regarding eligibility requirements for Temporary Accommodation is available on the Department of Family and Community Services (FACS) website at <http://www.housingpathways.nsw.gov.au/additional-information/policies/rentstart-assistance-policy>.

Clients are not required to apply for long-term social housing.

\*6204 TRAIN LINE CROWD RATINGS—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

(1) What was the crowding rating average in the 2016-17 financial year on the following rail lines :

- (a) South Coast;
- (b) Illawarra;
- (c) North West;
- (d) Bankstown;
- (e) Carlingford;
- (f) Cumberland;
- (g) Airport, Inner-West and South;
- (h) City Circle?

(2) What was the over-crowding rating in the 2016-17 financial year on the following South Coast Line Services leaving Central:

- (a) 2:23 pm;
- (b) 3:24 pm;
- (c) 3:54 pm;
- (d) 4:27 pm;
- (e) 4:46 pm;
- (f) 5:06 pm;
- (g) 5:26 pm;
- (h) 5:46 pm;
- (i) 6:06 pm;
- (j) 6:36 pm?

Answer—

I am advised:

Information on the most recent train load survey data is available on the Sydney Trains website.

\*6205 ROADS AND MARITIME SERVICES INCIDENT RESPONSE OFFICERS—Mr David Harris asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

Where are the Roads and Maritime Services incident response officers located that service the Central Coast region looking after M1 and internal Central Coast roads network?

Answer—



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I am advised:

Incident response personnel, who look after the M1 Pacific Motorway and Central Coast, are located at the M1 Pacific Motorway, Hawkesbury River, Hexham, Erina, Tuggerah and Charmhaven.

\*6206 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION LAND IN THE WYONG EDUCATION DISTRICT—Mr David Harris asked the Minister for Education—

What are the locations of Department of Education land in the Wyong Education District, in particular the Warnervale area?

Answer—

The Department of Education does not have a 'Wyong Education District'.

\*6207 COMPLAINTS CONCERNING RETIREMENT VILLAGES—Ms Yasmin Catley asked the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation—

How many complaints have been received each year by the Office of Fair Trading regarding retirement villages since 1 July 2006 (as at 1 August 2017)?

Answer—

Financial Year	Number of complaints
2006-07	121
2007-08	204
2008-09	141
2009-10	113
2010-11	100
2011-12	67
2012-13	71
2013-14	62
2014-15	98
2015-16	113
2016-17	61
2017-18 (as at 1 August 2017)	4
Total	1,155

\*6208 CHARLESTOWN TO WARNERS BAY DRAFT CORRIDOR STRATEGY—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

Considering the response to LA Q5466, what date will the Charlestown to Warners Bay Draft Corridor Strategy be on display for consultation?

Answer—

I am advised:

Corridor strategies are informing the Future Transport Strategy which is under development.

\*6209 CRISIS ACCOMMODATION SERVICES FOR SINGLE MALES—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

(1) What crisis accommodation services are available to single males in the Charlestown electorate?

(2) What funding does Government provide to these services?

Answer—

I am advised that FACS funding for homelessness services is available in FACS annual reports. I am advised that information regarding crisis services including accommodation, health, legal and counselling services can be found on the FACS website at [www.facs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.facs.nsw.gov.au).

Anyone experience homelessness or at risk of homelessness can call Link2home, 24 hours a day and 7 days a week, on 1800 152 152 for information and referral to services.

\*6210 SYDNEY WATER LAND VALUE—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Housing, and Special Minister for State representing the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) What is the value of the land around Caddies and Strangers Creeks which was transferred from Sydney Water to The Hills Shire Council?
- (2) What is the value of the lease that was entered into between Sydney Water and The Hills Shire Council?
- (3) What is the market value of the lease that was entered into between Sydney Water and The Hills Shire Council?
- (4) What expressions of interest did Sydney Water seek for the site before entering into a lease with The Hills Shire Council?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Sydney Water has not transferred any land to The Hills Shire Council. The Valuer General has assessed the value of the property at \$2 million as at 1 July 2016.
- (2) The agreement between Sydney Water and The Hills Shire Council is for \$1 each year for 99 years with Council responsible for all capital upgrades.
- (3) See point 2.
- (4) Consistent with the deed "Recreational Facilities on Sydney Water trunk drainage land" between Sydney Water and The Hills Shire Council, no expression of interest was sought. Council approached Sydney Water to use the trunk drainage land for sporting fields conditional on no loss of capacity.

\*6211 SCHOOLS FOR SPECIAL PURPOSE, HURLSTONE—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) What are the plans for the Schools for Special Purposes (Campbell House, Ajuja School and Glenfield Park) that exist on the Hurlstone site?
  - (a) Will any of the school buildings be demolished?
  - (b) Will any of the schools be closed?
  - (c) Will any of the schools be reconfigured or relocated?
- (2) What steps are being taken to communicate any changes to the Schools for Special Purposes to staff, parents and the wider community?
- (3) When will a decision be made on the future of the Schools for Special Purposes (Campbell House, Ajuja School and Glenfield Park)?

Answer—

(1) and (3) I'm advised the Department of Education is currently carrying out planning and design work for upgrades to the three Schools for Specific Purposes, all three of which will be retained in the Glenfield Education Precinct. The need for buildings to be reconfigured, relocated, or demolished will be determined as part of the planning and design work.

(2) I'm advised communication with the community will be undertaken as part of the process of enhancing the sites through the Project Reference Group.

The department will communicate with the local community through public information booths and project websites. Staff and parents will be kept informed about the works.

\*6212 SOCIAL HOUSING IN KOTARA SOUTH—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

- (1) Is there currently any existing social housing in Kotara South?
  - (a) If yes, what type of housing is the existing accommodation?
- (2) What type of social housing accommodation is being built with the money allocated to new social housing in Kotara South in the 2017-18 Budget?
- (3) Is the money allocated to social housing in Gateshead in the 2017-18 Budget for new social housing or the knockdown and rebuild of existing houses?

Answer—

I am advised that information about social housing dwellings is available on the Department of Family and Community Services (FACS) website at [www.facs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.facs.nsw.gov.au).

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I am very pleased that the 2017-18 NSW Budget delivers for the Kotara South and Gateshead communities to ensure that new supply will be available for social housing.

This funding will be allocated in the 2017-18 financial year.

\*6213 FUNDING FOR PUBLIC LIBRARIES—Mr Philip Donato asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Housing, and Special Minister for State representing the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) What is the Government doing to ensure public libraries, especially in regional communities, continue to operate and be sustainable?
- (2) Is there a reduction, increase or maintained amount of funding being provided for regional public libraries?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Government provides support to the 368 local government public libraries across New South Wales through the grants and subsidies administered by the State Library of NSW.

This support subsidises public library operations and supports state-wide connectivity services including Wi-Fi.

The Public Library Infrastructure Grants Program provides capital grants toward library development projects. In 2016/17, \$4 million was allocated to 31 projects through this program, including 25 in regional New South Wales.

Government funding to public libraries increased from \$28.3 million in 2016-17 to \$28.8 million in 2017-18. This will enable an increase to most councils, including those in regional areas, adjusted for population.

\*6214 SINGLE-USE PLASTIC BAGS IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) Will the Government guarantee to ban the use and sale of single-use plastic bags in New South Wales?
  - (a) If so when will this policy be implemented?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Government's current anti-litter priority is the implementation of a 10-cent container deposit scheme, scheduled to roll out across the state in December.

Drink containers eligible for the scheme make up 43 per cent of litter volume across New South Wales. While the Government recognises plastic bags are an issue for the environment, they make up less than three per cent of litter volume.

The Government has allocated \$30 million until 2020-21 for litter reduction programs.

\*6215 M5 CASHBACK SCHEME—Ms Jodi McKay asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

- (1) Will the M5 cashback be extended to the New M5 that is built as part of WestConnex?
- (2) Will the M5 cashback continue to operate beyond the completion of WestConnex?
- (3) Will the M5 East Motorway be tolled at any time, in either direction?
- (4) Is the M5 cash fully funded over the forward estimates?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Government has a policy of Cashback and that remains in place.

\*6216 CORRESPONDENCE RELATING TO THE CONDUCT OF THE ORANGE CITY COUNCIL—Mr Philip Donato asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) When can I expect a response to my letters of 1 March 2017, 24 May 2017 and 20 July 2017 regarding my constituent's concerns about the conduct of the Orange City Council?
- (2) Have you taken any action to investigate the concerns of my constituent which are outlined in my letter?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Office of Local Government has been in contact with the constituent directly.

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\*6217 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE REFUGES—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

- (1) How many refuge positions are available to accommodate victims of domestic violence from the:
  - (a) Cumberland local government area?
  - (b) City of Parramatta local government area?

Answer—

I am advised that information about refuges for those at risk of or experiencing homelessness as a result of domestic and family violence is available on the Department of Family and Community Services' website at <http://www.housing.nsw.gov.au/help-with-housing/specialist-homelessness-services/find-a-service>.

\*6218 ACCOMMODATION IN THE CS3 ALLOCATION ZONE—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

- (1) What is the total number of people provided with temporary accommodation in the CS3 Allocation Zone in each financial year from 2012-13 to 2016-17?
  - (a) How many of these people were provided with permanent housing in each financial year from 2012-13 to 2016-17 at:
    - (i) A Department of Housing property?
    - (ii) A NSW Aboriginal Housing Office property?
    - (iii) Housing with a community housing provider?
    - (iv) A private rental property with the assistance of a private rental subsidy?
- (2) What was the total cost of providing temporary accommodation in each financial year from 2012-13 to 2016-17?

Answer—

I am advised that information about temporary accommodation is available on the FACS website at [www.facs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.facs.nsw.gov.au).

\*6219 TRAINING OF NSW POLICE—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—

- (1) What specific training do NSW Police Officers receive to deal with victims of:
  - (a) Domestic violence?
  - (b) Sexual Assault?
- (2) Are there specific Sexual Assault Police Officers (similar to Domestic Violence Liaison Officers)?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force (NSWPF) has advised me:

- (1) All policing students in New South Wales receive mandatory training in a range of domestic violence and sexual assault related issues. There is also ongoing annual training in both of these areas, some aimed at all NSWPF officers and some targeted at specialist officers such as Detectives or Domestic Violence Liaison Officers (DVLOs). Other forms of training provided include intensive training sessions and self-guided learning.
- (2) Officers in the Sex Crimes Squad and Child Abuse Squad specialise in this area and provide support to Local Area Commands across New South Wales,

\*6220 STAMP DUTY REVENUE IN THE MAITLAND ELECTORATE—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

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How much revenue was generated by stamp duty in the Maitland electorate in each financial year from 2012-13 to 2016-17?

Answer—

(1)

Year	Stamp Duty Revenue
2012-13	\$48,034,298.80
2013-14	\$50,261,214.13
2014-15	\$51,499,299.94
2015-16	\$67,227,713.60
2016-17	\$87,596,021.15

Notes

1. Data is accurate as at 11 August 2017
2. Data includes all Stamp Duty revenue collected between 1 July 2012 and 30 June 2017.
3. Location is based on the postcode listed on the document at time of lodgement.
4. Data reflects Stamp Duty with a postcode that falls within the New South Wales electorate of Maitland as per the NSW Electoral Commission website as at 11 August 2017. These are: 2320; 2321; 2322; 2323; 2324; 2326; 2334; 2335 and 2421.

\*6221 T3 BANKSTOWN LINE—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) Will the Government remove any part of the existing T3 Bankstown Line in the process of converting the line for the Sydney Metro?
- (2) What is the exact timeline for existing line closures as part of the conversion process?
- (3) What heritage protections, if any, are planned for heritage stations along the existing T3 Bankstown Line as part of the Metro conversion?
- (4) What stations will be removed from the route currently provided by the T3 Bankstown Line?
  - (a) Where will commuters need to change to access the City Circle, St Peters and Erskineville following the conversion?
- (5) How many seats will be provided on the new Metro trains?
  - (a) What provision, if any, is there for providing additional seating?
- (6) How many houses will be acquired and/or demolished along the line to facilitate the conversion of the T3 Bankstown line to Sydney Metro?

Answer—

- (1) Sydney Metro will use the existing railway tracks and other infrastructure as part of the upgrade and conversion of the T3 Bankstown Line to metro standards.
- (2) and (3) Information will be provided in the Environmental Impact Statement which will be released later this year.
- (4) No stations will be removed from the route currently provided by the T3 Bankstown Line.
  - (a) Customers will be able to access the City Circle, St Peters and Erskineville stations by interchanging at Sydenham or Central stations.
- (5) Sydney's new metro railway will have a target capacity of about 40,000 customers per hour. There will be 5,500-6,000 seats per hour in each direction on the new metro.
  - (a) There will be plenty of room to grow in the future through extra services to cope with demand and additional capacity to take the trains from six to eight carriages.
- (6) One house will be acquired to facilitate the upgrade and conversion of the T3 Bankstown Line to metro standards.

\*6222 HEATING IN SCHOOLS—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) For how many weeks in 2017 was Summer Hill Public School left without gas heating?
- (2) What was the reason for the lack of heating?
- (3) What was the reason for the delay in repairing the heating system?
- (4) How many other schools in New South Wales have reported issues with heating systems?

Answer—

- (1) I'm advised that the school was not left without gas heating for weeks. Summer Hill Public School reported a maintenance issue regarding gas heating on 27 April 2017, and repairs were undertaken by the school's maintenance contractor on 2 May 2017. The school did then report intermittent problems with some heaters between April and July 2017, and these repairs were undertaken soon after they were reported.
- (2) I'm advised that gas lines in certain areas were not providing the required supply to heaters and required replacement. This work is now complete.
- (3) I'm advised there was no delay. Work to repair these heaters was carried out by maintenance contractors soon after they were reported.
- (4) I'm advised that all NSW public schools can report issues with heating to their local maintenance contractor.

\*6223 TOLLING CONCESSIONS—Ms Jodi McKay asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

- (1) Are there any plans or proposals for the sale of the Sydney Harbour Bridge and/or Sydney Harbour Tunnel tolling concessions?
- (2) Has the Minister considered the sale of the Sydney Harbour Bridge and/or Sydney Harbour Tunnel tolling concessions?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) There is no tolling concession on the Sydney Harbour Bridge.
- (2) Information on the Sydney Harbour Tunnel tolling concession is available on the Roads and Maritime Services website.

\*6224 DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE BUILDING IN GOSFORD—Ms Liesl Tesch asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) When is construction on the new Department of Finance building in Gosford due to be completed?
- (2) When is the new Department of Finance in Gosford due to begin operation?

Answer—

(1) and (2) Construction on the new site at 32 Mann Street is underway. The Department of Finance, Services and Innovation is currently on schedule for the builder to achieve practical completion on the new building at 32 Mann Street in mid November 2018. The Department is also planning for staff to move in to the new building by the end of 2018.

\*6225 NEW SOUTH WALES PATIENT TRANSPORT SERVICE—Ms Liesl Tesch asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

Are there any plans to privatise the New South Wales patient transport service?

Answer—

No.

\*6226 UPGRADES TO WATER AND SEWERAGE INFRASTRUCTURE IN THE BANKSTOWN LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Housing, and Special Minister for State representing the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) Considering the Department of Planning and Environment has projected the population of the Canterbury-Bankstown Local Government Area to grow to between 500,000 and 550,000 by 2036, has the Government to date identified and budgeted for upgrades to water and sewerage infrastructure in the Local Government Area?
  - (a) What is the estimated cost of the upgrades?
  - (b) What upgrades are required?
  - (c) When will they be completed?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Department of Planning and Environment's revised Sydenham to Bankstown Urban Renewal Corridor Strategy is currently on exhibition for public comment, which closes in September 2017.

Based on an earlier version of the strategy published in 2017, Sydney Water has started to plan for water and wastewater infrastructure in response to the forecast growth in the Canterbury-Bankstown area.

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Identified costs for the upgrades will be budgeted in the forward capital investment planning cycle, including a review by the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal. Based on high-level assessment, upgrades are likely to be required, including but not limited to:

- additional watermains, potentially reservoirs and pumping stations,
- and wastewater mains.

Identified short-term upgrades would be delivered by 2020 and long-term upgrades progressively delivered by 2036.

\*6227 INSTALLATION OF PEDESTRIAN FENCING—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

(1) Will pedestrian fencing be installed on Chapel Road North between Saint Felix Catholic Primary School and the intersection of the Hume Highway to improve the safety of students during peak pick up and drop off times?

(a) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

This is a matter for Canterbury Bankstown Council.

\*6228 NON-GOVERNMENT PROVIDERS OF OUT-OF-HOME CARE SERVICES—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

How many existing accredited non-government providers of out-of-home care services have not submitted a tender to renew their contracts with Family and Community Services?

Answer—

I am advised that out-of-home care services are currently in a procurement phase. The Request for Tender and Single Invited Proposal was published on the NSW Government

e-tender website at <https://tenders.nsw.gov.au/>.

Information on the Expression of Interest stage of the procurement for Intensive herapeutic Care services is available on the Department of Family and Community Services' website at [https://www.facs.nsw.gov.au/about\\_us/media\\_releases/intensive-therapeutic-care-contracting-moves-to-next-procurement-phase](https://www.facs.nsw.gov.au/about_us/media_releases/intensive-therapeutic-care-contracting-moves-to-next-procurement-phase).

\*6229 WATERLOO HOUSING ESTATE—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

(1) How many tenants were residing in a social housing property in the Waterloo Housing Estate as at 3 August 2017?

(a) Of these, how many tenants were aged between:

- (i) 51 to 60 years of age;
- (ii) 61 to 70 years of age;
- (iii) 71 to 80 years of age;
- (iv) 81 to 90 years of age;
- (v) 91 years and over?

Answer—

I am advised that information about the demographics of Waterloo Housing residents is available at [https://www.facs.nsw.gov.au/about\\_us/right\\_to\\_information/disclosure-log](https://www.facs.nsw.gov.au/about_us/right_to_information/disclosure-log).

\*6230 CALCULATION OF SOCIAL HOUSING RENTS—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

(1) Will the Pension Supplement continue to be excluded from a pensioner's assessable income regarding the calculation of social housing rents?

(a) If not, then why not?

Answer—

I am advised that information on assessable and non-assessable benefits and allowances is available on the FACS website at <http://www.housing.nsw.gov.au/forms,-policies-andfact-sheets/policies/tenancy-charges-and-account-management-policy-supplement>.

- \*6231 FAIRFIELD ALLOCATION ZONE SOCIAL HOUSING APPLICATIONS—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

Considering that social housing applicants in the Fairfield Allocation Zone are faced with a minimum 10 year wait for a property, why has the Government failed to begin construction of new social and affordable housing properties at the Kamira Court site in Villawood?

Answer—

I am advised that discussions are currently taking place with Fairfield City Council.

- \*6232 PASSENGERS ON TRAIN SERVICES IN THE GOSFORD ELECTORATE—Ms Liesl Tesch asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

(1) How many passengers currently use the below stations each day on average:

- (a) Gosford;
- (b) Point Clare;
- (c) Tascott;
- (d) Koolewong;
- (e) Woy Woy?

Answer—

I am advised:

Patronage information is available on the Transport for NSW website.

- \*6233 RECIPIENTS OF THE YOUTH PRIVATE RENTAL SUBSIDY ON THE CENTRAL COAST—Ms Liesl Tesch asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

How many young people have received the Youth Private Rental Subsidy in the Central Coast in each financial year from 2014-15 to 2016-17?

Answer—

I am advised that Rent Choice Youth commenced on the Central Coast in November 2016. Information about Rent Choice Youth is published in Department of Family and Community Services' (FACS) annual reports, which are available at [www.facs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.facs.nsw.gov.au).

- \*6234 PARKING FEES AT GOSFORD HOSPITAL—Ms Liesl Tesch asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

What is the total amount of revenue raised in parking fees at Gosford Hospital in each financial year from 2014-15 to 2016-17?

Answer—

Information regarding total car parking revenue for all New South Wales public hospitals is published in the NSW Health Annual Report, available at [www.health.nsw.gov.au/annualreport](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/annualreport).

- \*6235 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE REFERRALS AT GOSFORD POLICE STATION—Ms Liesl Tesch asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—

How many domestic violence referrals occurred at Gosford Police Station in each financial year from 2014-15 to 2016-17?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force (NSWPF) has advised 'domestic violence referrals' is not a concept recognised by the NSWPF. Numbers of reported domestic violence related assaults in the Gosford sector for the period requested are as follows:

2014-15: 280.

2015-16: 361.

2016-17: 343.



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It should be noted that these figures include reports to Triple Zero and the Police Assistance Line as well as reports made directly to Gosford police station.

\*6236 NEWCASTLE 500 NOISE MANAGEMENT PLAN—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Tourism and Major Events, and Assistant Minister for Skills—

When will residents impacted by the Newcastle 500 be given access to the Noise Management Plan for the Newcastle 500 Supercars race?

Answer—

It is understood that Supercars Australia will be releasing the noise management plan into the public domain shortly for comment and review.

\*6237 RESIDENTS AROUND THE SUPERCARS NEWCASTLE 500 TRACK—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Tourism and Major Events, and Assistant Minister for Skills—

Will it be safe for residents to live in their homes during the Newcastle 500, with noise levels expected to be 109 decibels?

Answer—

The event owner and manager of the Newcastle 500, Supercars Australia, is working with acoustic engineers, the NSW Environment Protection Authority, NSW Health and SafeWork NSW to consider potential impacts and noise management strategies that can be utilised during the event. A noise management plan specific to the Newcastle circuit is being developed and managed by Supercars Australia.

Motor races are by nature noisy events. As with other street circuits, such as Gold Coast and Adelaide, issues such as access and noise require careful management to meet the needs of residents and business owners as much as possible. This includes the provision of detailed information on these issues so that residents and businesses can make informed decisions regarding their daily activities throughout the duration of the event.

Supercars Australia has publicly stated that it is committed to making the Newcastle 500 a successful and safe event for the community.

\*6238 REGIONAL CULTURAL FUND—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Housing, and Special Minister for State representing the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council—

(1) Is Newcastle no longer considered to be 'regional' for the purposes of grant funding under the Regional Cultural Fund?

(a) If so, why is Newcastle no longer considered 'regional'?

(2) What grants are available for Newcastle if it is no longer to be considered 'regional' for the purposes of grants funding?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Regional Cultural Fund was established to ensure regional NSW reaps the benefits of our economic success in New South Wales and to deliver bold and exciting arts and cultural projects.

Consistent with other Regional Growth Funds, the Government determined that the Newcastle Local Government Area (LGA) is classified as a metropolitan, rather than regional centre by the Australian Bureau of Statistics, which means that organisations located in the Newcastle LGA are not eligible for this regional fund.

Organisations in Newcastle are eligible to make applications for a number of grants under Create NSW's Arts and Culture Development Program (ACDP). I encourage you to visit [www.create.nsw.gov.au](http://www.create.nsw.gov.au) and review the substantial assistance that is available.

\*6239 NSW SEXUAL ASSAULT STRATEGY—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

(1) How many consultations has the Minister held in relation to the formation of the upcoming NSW Sexual Assault Strategy?

(a) Which groups has the Minister met with as a part of this consultation?

Answer—

I am advised that a media release containing information on the Sexual Assault Strategy Consultation workshops was issued on 27 April and is available at: [www.facs.nsw.gov.au/about\\_us/media\\_releases/sexual-assault-consultation-workshops-begin](http://www.facs.nsw.gov.au/about_us/media_releases/sexual-assault-consultation-workshops-begin).

A tenth workshop was held in the Sydney CBD on 5 July.

Discussions were also held with representatives, including:

- University students and senior university staff
- People with disability
- Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex, queer (LGBTIQ) people
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

\*6240 REVIEW OF DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SURVEY—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Education—

(1) Does the Department of Education review the results of New South Wales Government schools that participate in the 'Tell them from me survey'?

(a) If so, what measures does the Department put into place when a school consistently records results lower than the State average?

Answer—

I'm advised the Department of Education reviews the Tell Them From Me survey data to identify broad patterns and trends over time.

Participation in the survey is optional.

Participating schools are provided with the necessary training to view and act on aggregated results from their school, and make comparisons over time against state averages and against a like-for-like virtual school known as a 'replica school'.

\*6241 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE LIAISON OFFICERS—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—

(1) How many Domestic Violence Liaison Officers (DVLO's) serve in the NSW Police Force (as at 3 August 2017)? Please disaggregate data by Local Area Command.

(2) How many DVLO's were there as at 1 July 2015? Please disaggregate data by Local Area Command.

(3) How many DVLO's were there as at 1 July 2016? Please disaggregate data by Local Area Command.

(4) How many DVLO's were there as at 1 July 2017? Please disaggregate data by Local Area Command.

Answer—

The NSW Police Force (NSWPF) has advised the number of authorised Domestic Violence Liaison Officer positions has risen from 115 as at 1 July 2015 to 142 as at 3 August 2017.

The distribution of these officers is based on a range of factors, including the rate of domestic and family violence in each area and population size.

In delivering on the Government's election commitment, an additional 24 specialist domestic violence officer positions came online by the end of December 2016, with these officers allocated in regional areas.

\*6242 VACANT LAND AND HOUSING NSW PROPERTIES IN MAITLAND—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

How many Land and Housing NSW properties in Maitland were vacant as at 1 August 2017? Please disaggregate the answer by suburb.

Answer—

I am advised that the number of social housing properties that are vacant changes frequently as properties are vacated by tenants and prepared for reletting.

\*6243 OPAL CARDS FOR PEOPLE IN NEED—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

(1) What options does the Government provide for people who need only to travel on public transport during one day?

(2) What options does the Government provide for people who do not have documents proving identity

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- and eligibility for concessions in order to travel on public transport during one day?
- (3) What programs does the Government provide for health and welfare services to help people in need use public transport?
  - (4) What plans does the Government have to enable homeless people or other groups in need to be able to travel on public transport more easily?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) and (2) This information is available on the Opal website.
- (3) Information on community transport is available on the Transport for NSW website.
- (4) Transport for NSW is consulting with agencies, such as Family and Community Services and charities, to identify improved solutions for at risk people with emergency travel needs. We are looking at how best to meet the emergency travel needs of people that need it the most.

\*6244 ENERGY HELP—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Housing, and Special Minister for State representing the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) How does the Government assess and monitor energy poverty?
  - (a) How does the Government obtain detailed data from energy retailers?
- (2) What consideration has the Government given to:
  - (a) Redirecting funds from the sale of electricity assets to fund energy efficiency upgrades for vulnerable households;
  - (b) Updating Energy Accounts Payment Assistance to improve availability, awareness, ease of access and long-term sustainability;
  - (c) Expanding Low Income Household Energy Rebate and Gas Rebate eligibility;
  - (d) Providing percentage-based concessions under the Low Income Household Energy Rebate rather than a fixed amount;
  - (e) Growing the Home Energy Action Program?
- (3) What advice has NSW Resources and Energy provided to NSW Fair Trading about updating the Residential Tenancies Act to improve minimum efficiency standards and encourage energy efficiency in rented homes; and
- (4) What further action will the Government take to improve access to energy and prevent energy poverty?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) There is no agreed definition for energy poverty. However, the Australian Energy Regulator (AER) publishes data each year on indicators such as the average debt owed by electricity and gas customers. The AER publishes data at a national level and for New South Wales. In addition, the government consults with consumer groups and charities about their information on hardship and energy affordability. There is further information available from the Australian Bureau of Statistics.

Energy retailers only hold information on customers related to their energy accounts. Some data related to energy affordability is reported by retailers to the AER which publishes the results.

(2) (a) The Government undertook extensive public consultation in late 2016 on a range of options to support better energy efficiency for New South Wales customers. This included options for additional assistance targeted at low-income and vulnerable customers. The consultation included detailed discussions with consumer groups and charitable groups. The Government has been actively considering the results of that consultation and will finalise its decisions in due course. Some additional energy efficiency measures were announced by the Premier, the Hon Gladys Berejiklian, on 3 September 2017. This includes energy savings upgrades for up to 16,500 public housing tenants as well as continuing the Home Energy Appliance program that assists low-income customers with up to 50 per cent off the cost of replacing old fridges and televisions.

(b) The Government has already made a major change to the Energy Accounts Payment Assistance (EAPA) scheme with the new digital voucher system introduced from 1 July 2017. This makes it easier and quicker for customers in financial hardship to get help paying energy bills. Vouchers can be provided over the phone which means customers in rural areas can avoid the travel that was required with the old system of paper vouchers. The Government has also announced that customers can now receive up to

twelve vouchers, worth \$50, per energy type per year - up from ten vouchers. The budget for EAPA has been increased in line with this change.

In February 2017, the Government accredited an additional 30 EAPA providers in high demand areas across the state. This brings the total EAPA providers to 336 across New South Wales as at 9 August 2017.

(c) The Government has announced that it will increase the budget for energy rebates from \$257 million this year to around \$312 million to assist low-income and vulnerable customers with energy bills. The Government has also undertaken detailed public consultation on options to use energy efficiency to further help those customers.

(d) The Government has no plans at this time to introduce percentage-based rebates for energy.

(e) The future of the Home Energy Action Program was part of the detailed public consultation on energy efficiency undertaken by the government in late 2016.

(3) In response to a statutory review of the Residential Tenancies Act 2010, in January 2016 the NSW Renewable Energy Advocate wrote to NSW Fair Trading with comments about 'split incentives' which are a barrier to lowering energy bills for people in rented homes.

(4) The Government has announced that energy rebates will increase by around 20 per cent, effective from 1 July 2017. As an example, the Low Income Household Rebate has increased from \$235 per year to \$285 per year. Altogether, the Government is backing these rebate increases with a total budget of around \$312 million per year compared to the previous budget of \$257 million for 2017-18.

\*6245 INDIGENOUS TOURISM—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Tourism and Major Events, and Assistant Minister for Skills—

(1) How does the Government promote and support Indigenous tourism?

(2) What support does the Government provide to Indigenous tourism operators?

(3) What programs does the Government provide or fund to train or encourage Indigenous tourism operators?

(4) What further action will the Government take to promote and support Indigenous tourism operators?

Answer—

(1) The NSW Aboriginal Tourism Action Plan 2013 to 2016 outlined Destination NSW's vision to support the development of Aboriginal tourism experiences and businesses in New South Wales

All 26 actions have been completed. The final action was the development of a NSW Aboriginal Tourism Toolkit, which was launched in March 2017.

(2) Destination NSW employs a Sector Specialist – Aboriginal Tourism who facilitates the implementation of the Action Plan and works closely with NSW Aboriginal tourism operators on an ongoing basis to help them develop sustainable market-ready and export-ready products and experiences.

Existing and emerging Aboriginal tourism operators are identified to participate in industry workshops and marketing opportunities.

Regular site inspections and familiarisation programs are conducted by key Destination NSW staff to assist Aboriginal tourism operators with product improvement along with the co-ordination of support from key Government agencies such as NSW Department of Industry, Indigenous Business Australia and the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service.

(3) Destination NSW continues to promote awareness, understanding and appreciation of Aboriginal culture in New South Wales through the NSW Aboriginal Tourism Workshop Program. The workshops provide a platform for NSW Indigenous tourism operators to come together with regional tourism stakeholders and Government representatives to build networks, share ideas and promote awareness of the State's Aboriginal cultural tourism experiences.

Since the launch of the NSW Aboriginal Tourism Action Plan 2013 to 2016, Destination NSW has held seven Aboriginal Tourism Workshops in metropolitan and regional locations with a total of more than 420 participants. The most recent workshop was held in Wagga Wagga in June 2017.

In July 2017, New South Wales was confirmed as the most popular State in Australia for international visitors to experience Aboriginal tourism, with the sector growing by 62 per cent in visitor participation in the year ending March 2017 (Source: Tourism Research Australia International Visitor Survey Year Ended March 2017).

(4) Consultation on the next iteration of the Action Plan has commenced, and initial discussions were

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conducted at the most recent NSW Aboriginal Tourism Workshop, held in Wagga Wagga in June 2017.

\*6246 REGULATION OF RETIREMENT VILLAGE—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation—

- (1) What proportion of retirement village contracts were entered into prior to the commencement of standard terms for retirement village contracts in October 2013?
- (2) What options do people covered by earlier contracts have to remove unfair terms such as high exit and ongoing service fees?
- (3) What assessment has been made on the difficulties retirement village residents face from exit fees if they have to move?
- (4) What investigation has the Government conducted into retirement villages profiting from exit fees?
- (5) What action will the Government take to improve consumer protection for existing and future retirement village residents?

Answer—

- (1) NSW Fair Trading does not capture data relating to the number of retirement village contracts entered into and therefore is unable to respond.
- (2) Residents unable to resolve concerns with the village operator can contact NSW Fair Trading for assistance. Where disputed contract terms cannot be resolved, a resident can make application to the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal to seek a legally binding and enforceable decision about the contract. Fair Trading also funds the Seniors Rights Service to provide advice and advocacy for residents. Additionally, contracts can be varied in the Supreme Court under the Contracts Review Act 1980.
- (3) NSW Fair Trading receives complaints from residents and undertakes enquiries into each individual matter as required. KPMG conducted research into this matter during the development of the Retirement Village Calculator and during the consultation on the review of the Retirement Villages Regulation 2009.
- (4) NSW Fair Trading runs compliancy checks of village operators under the Retirement Villages Act 1999 and Retirement Village Regulation 2009.
- (5) On 30 July 2017, the Government announced a four-point plan for retirement villages in New South Wales, which puts consumers first. The four point plan includes:
  - Remaking the Retirement Villages Regulation 2009, including changes that will require greater transparency around fees and charges in contracts;
  - Introducing an online calculator that will help prospective residents better understand the estimated costs of living in a retirement village;
  - Undertaking a compliance blitz of NSW retirement villages, and
  - Launching an inquiry, headed by Kathryn Greiner AO, examining the compliance of registered retirement villages under current laws.

\*6247 REPAIR CAFÉS—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) How does the Government support the establishment and operation of 'repair cafés' where people can learn to fix broken machines, appliances, bicycles and furniture and mend clothes?
  - (a) What support does the Government provide to promote these centres?
  - (b) What funding support does the Government provide to these centres?
- (2) What programs does the Government operate to train or encourage repair café volunteers?
- (3) What further action will the Government take to promote and support repair cafés?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The Better Waste and Recycling Fund is available to local councils and groups of councils as part of the Waste Less, Recycle More initiative. Funding from this initiative has been used to establish, support and promote repair cafes.
- (2) See above.
- (3) The Government has extended the Waste Less, Recycle More initiative with a further \$337 million over 4 years from 2017-21 .

\*6248 TRAINLINK OPERATIONS AND SERVICES—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) How many tickets were purchased through NSW TrainLink in each year from 2012 to 2016?
- (2) Did NSW TrainLink claim any type of handling fee or processing fee for their role in the selling/booking of each ticket?
  - (a) If so, how much in total was claimed in each year from 2012 to 2016?
- (3) How many full-time equivalent staff were employed at NSW TrainLink in each year from 2012 to 2016?
- (4) How much profit or loss was the NSW TrainLink service making in each year from 2012 to 2016?
- (5) For current and ongoing customers that are now only able to purchase a ticket through an accredited agent, because they don't have internet access, don't have a credit card or don't trust online payment, how many accredited agents are there in the Cessnock electorate?
  - (a) What are their names?
  - (b) Where are they located?
- (6) For a customer to pay for a booked ticket at the Post Office is it a requirement that they have already made such a booking online?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) 2012 - 810,806 bookings  
2013 - 806,624 bookings  
2014 - 779,747 bookings  
2015 - 787,251 bookings  
2016 - 760,109 bookings

(2) No.

(3) and (4) This information is available in the NSW TrainLink annual report.

(5) Current and ongoing customers that don't have internet access, don't have a credit card or don't trust online payment can purchase a ticket over the phone by calling the NSW TrainLink Contact Centre on 13 22 32.

(6) No.

\*6249 CLIMATE CHANGE FUNDING—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

As the draft strategic plan for the \$500 million funding package for climate change allocates up to \$200 million for investment in clean energy, what is the remaining \$300 million being allocated for and being spent on?

Answer—

I am advised:

1. This information is available in the draft Climate Change Fund Strategic Plan which can be found at <https://engage.environment.nsw.gov.au/Environmentai-Future-Consultation-CCF-Strategic-Pian>

\*6250 NEW SCHOOLS IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Mr Jihad Dib asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) Which new schools have been announced since 1 January 2017 (as at 2 August 2017)?
- (2) Which schools have been opened and operational from 1 April 2015 to 1 August 2017?
- (3) Which new schools are currently in the construction phase (as at 2 August 2017)?

Answer—

(1) to (3) I'm advised that a list of projects in progress, completed, and to begin over the next four years is available on the School Infrastructure NSW website at <https://schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au/>.

\*6251 SCHOLARSHIPS FOR COUNSELLORS AND TEACHERS—Mr Jihad Dib asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) As part of the Supported Students, Successful Students package, how many graduate scholarships have been awarded for school counsellors or other well being positions in schools?
- (2) How many specialist maths and science teachers have received scholarships to be retrained since 1 January 2017 (as at 2 August 2017)?

Answer—

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(1) I'm advised that 61 graduate scholarships have been awarded for the school counselling service through the Supported Students, Successful Students initiative.

On 6 September 2017, applications will be invited for a further 20 graduate psychology scholarships.

(2) I'm advised since 1 January 2017, 76 science, technology, engineering and math scholarships have been offered with 56 scholarships accepted by teachers to retrain in mathematics and science.

\*6252 SOLAR FLAGSHIPS PROJECT—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

(1) What was the total cost of the development of solar plants at Nyngan and Broken Hill as part of the Solar Flagships Project which the Government has partnered with Australian Renewable Energy Agency, AGL Energy and First Solar?

(a) How much money did the Government contribute to this part of the project?

(2) What other locations are being developed for solar plants?

(a) When are these expected to become operational?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) This information is available in the NSW Climate Change Fund 2013-14 Annual Report on the Office of Environment and Heritage website: <http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/grants/ccfund.htm>.

(2) This is a matter for the Minister for Energy and Utilities.

\*6253 ILLEGAL MOTORBIKE RIDING—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—

(1) How many individuals have been issued with infringement notices for illegal motorbike riding since 31 December 2016 (to 3 August 2017) in:

(a) The Central Hunter Local Area Command;

(b) The Hunter Valley Local Area Command;

(c) The Lake Macquarie Local Area Command;

(2) Does NSW Police have a specific taskforce that concentrates on reducing the level of illegal motorbike riding that occurs?

(a) If so, does this taskforce focus its attention on specific Local Area Commands?

(b) If yes, which Local Area Commands?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force (NSWPF) has advised me:

(1) (a) 111.

(b) 144.

(c) 127.

(2) While there is no specific taskforce targeting motorcycle offences, specific operations are conducted by local Highway Patrols where and when they are deemed appropriate.

\*6254 INCIDENTS OF SUICIDE IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Women, and Minister for Ageing—

(1) What has been the total number of suicides in New South Wales in each year from 2007 to 2017 (as at 3 August 2017)?

(2) What details are kept about each death in terms of age, location, time of day, employment status, marital status, military service etcetera?

(3) What action is undertaken in the event of a sudden spike or dip in the annual figures, to help understand any such sudden changes?

Answer—

(1) Data on the number of suicides in New South Wales is publicly available on the HealthStats NSW website at [www.healthstats.nsw.gov.au/Indicator/men\\_suidth/men\\_suidth](http://www.healthstats.nsw.gov.au/Indicator/men_suidth/men_suidth).

(2) Details recorded about each death in New South Wales are publicly available in the methods section in Health Stats NSW and is available at: [www.healthstats.nsw.gov.au/Indicator/men\\_suidth/men\\_suidth](http://www.healthstats.nsw.gov.au/Indicator/men_suidth/men_suidth).

(3) The Government takes a whole of government, system wide approach to suicide prevention, recognising that suicide is a complex problem, and that only by addressing whole of health and community interactions, can suicide rates be reduced. State and national governments cooperate in regular monitoring of suicide figures. Overall the policy response to suicide requires long-term and coordinated strategies, and any changes in suicide rates are likely to be reflected over the medium to long term.

In New South Wales, the strategic response to suicide is guided by LifeSpan, a systems-based framework for suicide prevention that involves cross-sector implementation of nine evidence based suicide prevention strategies. The Black Dog Institute is now piloting the LifeSpan suicide prevention model at four sites across New South Wales: Newcastle, Illawarra Shoalhaven, Central Coast, and Murrumbidgee. Part of the LifeSpan trial includes strategies for better monitoring of suicide attempts and identification of local hotspots.

\*6255 XPT SERVICE CONTINUITY—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) What actions is the Government taking to manage track work and ensure continuity of service for customers on XPT trains?
- (2) What notifications are given to customers to advise of disruptions?

Answer—

(1) NSW TrainLink liaises with each of the track owners so that alternative travel arrangements can be made for customers travelling during periods of trackwork. At the time of booking, customers are notified of trackwork. Planned trackwork information is available on the Transport for NSW website.

(2) Customers who have already booked prior to NSW TrainLink becoming aware of trackwork or during times of emergency trackwork, are notified through the contact details provided by the customer when booking and advised of the new travel arrangements.

\*6256 ASHFIELD COMMUTER CARPARK—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) What is the Government doing to manage construction noise of the new Ashfield commuter carpark?
- (2) What are the conditions of work imposed on construction at the site?
- (3) How many workers are present at the site?
- (4) What other track maintenance or associated works are being conducted at Ashfield?
- (5) When will work at the commuter carpark be completed?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1), (2), (4) and (5) Information is available on Transport for NSW and Sydney Trains websites.

(3) The number of workers on site at any one time will vary depending on the work being undertaken, however, I am advised it will be no more than 60 workers.

\*6257 MONITORING OF SINGLE-USE PLASTIC BAGS ON THE ENVIRONMENT—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) How are the number of single-use plastic bags that end up in our environment each year currently monitored?
- (2) How will the number of plastic bags that are reduced as a result of the commitment made by supermarkets to ban single-use plastic bags be monitored?
- (3) What will the Government do to recover the estimated 10 million bags that will continue to enter our environment each year?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) The Keep Australia Beautiful National Litter Index is a national, independent, annual survey that is used to monitor the number of plastic bags that enter our environment.

(2) See Question 1.

(3) The Government has dedicated \$30 million over four years from the Waste Less Recycle More programme to prevent and clean up all litter, including plastic bags.



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\*6258 OFFICE OF STATE REVENUE (STATE DEBT RECOVERY OFFICE)—Ms Trish Doyle asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) Has the Office of State Revenue (OSR) State Debt Recovery Office (SDRO) outsourced its telephone inquiry service?
  - (a) If yes, when was this service outsourced?
  - (b) If yes, which company has the contract?
  - (c) If yes, what is the value of the contract per annum?
- (2) Is the privacy policy of the Office of State Revenue (State Debt Recovery Office) or its contractors available to read online?
  - (a) If yes, where is the policy available?
- (3) How many formal complaints were made about the OSR/SDRO telephone inquiry service in each of the last five years from 2013 to 2017 (as at 3 August 2017)?
- (4) Does the OSR/SDRO publish an annual report which is made publicly available?
- (5) Does the OSR/SDRO outsource any collection work to private debt collection agencies?

Answer—

(1) Revenue NSW does not outsource its telephony inquiry service, however some calls are initially answered by Service NSW.

(2) The Department of Finance, Services and Innovation's Privacy Management Plan informs Revenue NSW's privacy functions.

(a) The Department of Finance, Services and Innovation Privacy Management Plan is available at <http://www.finance.nsw.gov.au/about-us/privacy>.

(3) Prior to 2017, there is insufficient data on the type of complaints that may have been received.

Since the launch of a centralised customer feedback/complaint handling system on 31 January 2017, 185 customer complaints have been made about customer contact/service over telephone interactions, as at 15 August 2017.

(4) Yes.

(5) Yes.

\*6259 STOCKTON GARAGE SITE—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Lands and Forestry, and Minister for Racing—

- (1) What is the current status of the old Stockton Service Station site?
- (2) What rehabilitation has been undertaken?
  - (a) What rehabilitation is yet to be undertaken?
- (3) When will community consultation be undertaken on the site's best future use?

Answer—

(1) The former Stockton Service Station site is awaiting final remediation and is currently closed to the public. The Department of Industry – Lands & Forestry received development consent for the remediation works on 20 June 2017 from Newcastle City Council. Pre-Tender works have recently been completed by the department and the tender for remaining remediation work will be advertised shortly.

- (2) The following pre-tender remediation actions have been undertaken:
- demolition and removal of the service station building and contents, including removal of all asbestos
  - emptying of the underground fuel tanks
  - completion of a detailed site investigation to assess the type, extent and level of any contamination
  - preparation of a Remediation Action Plan to guide the remedial work and to support the development application for site remediation
  - lodgement and approval of a development application for site remediation.
- (a) The following remediation actions are subject to the tender process:
- removal & disposal of the concrete hardstand, fuel bowsers, fuel lines and underground fuel tanks;
  - treatment and/or disposal of contaminated soil; and
  - filling the site with clean soil material and turfing the site

(3) Future use considerations for the site are dependent on the outcome of two existing Aboriginal Land Claims.

\*6260 NEWCASTLE EAST HERITAGE CONSERVATION ZONE—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) Will features in Newcastle's Heritage Conservation Zone, including cobblestones dating to the 19th century be protected during preparations for the Supercars race?
- (2) What measures are being undertaken to ensure no lasting damage is done to Newcastle's unique historical legacy?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) and (2) Avoiding, minimising and mitigating any impacts on the State Heritage Register listed Coal River Precinct are being managed through conditions of approval.

Any impacts on items not listed on the State Heritage Register are matters for the Minister for Tourism and Major Events.

\*6261 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—

- (1) When will the emergency management plan for the Newcastle 500 be available to residents impacted by the erection of barriers and other works associated with the Newcastle 500 including:
  - (a) Emergency ingress and egress points;
  - (b) Evacuation areas;
  - (c) Medical and ambulance stations?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force (NSWPF) has advised me:

The Newcastle 500 Emergency Management Plan is currently being developed by Supercars Australia in consultation with police, local emergency services and the Newcastle City Council. The plan is due for completion in October 2017 and will be tested with a multi-agency desktop exercise on 11 October. The plan will be communicated to the public after that date.

\*6262 SEXUAL ASSAULT AND HARASSMENT ON UNIVERSITY CAMPUSES—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) What consultation has been undertaken since the commitment to reform the Acts governing residential colleges at university campuses in New South Wales in response to reporting of sexual assault, harassment, hazing, abuse and rape?
  - (a) Who has the Minister met with since his commitment?
- (2) What will the Government's response to the Australian Human Rights Commission's report into sexual assault and harassment on university campuses?

Answer—

(1) I have met with, and continue to meet with, vice-chancellors and other senior officers from New South Wales universities as well as constituents, school staff, education officials and others in relation to the allegations concerning residential colleges, and the work and role of the residential colleges more broadly.

(2) I'm advised that the Commonwealth Minister for Education and Training has written to all Australian universities asking them to provide the tertiary education regulator with their response to the report and the actions they are taking. The Minister has also said he expects the regulator to enforce the requirement for universities to have a safe learning environment.

The Government supports the Commonwealth's actions in specifically referring this matter to the Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency.

\*6263 BULLYING IN SCHOOLS IN THE MAITLAND ELECTORATE—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) How many complaints of bullying have been made by students, teachers and parents in schools in the Maitland electorate during 2015? Please disaggregate by school.
- (2) How many complaints of bullying have been made by students, teachers and parents in schools in the Maitland electorate during 2016? Please disaggregate by school.

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- (3) How many complaints of bullying have been made by students, teachers and parents in schools in the Maitland electorate during 2017 (to 30 June 2017)? Please disaggregate by school.

Answer—

I'm advised that complaints lodged by teachers, students or parents relating to bullying may either be managed at a local level by the school principal or escalated to another responsible officer at the local education office. This data is not centrally recorded within the Department of Education.

- \*6264 CROWN LAND IN THE MAITLAND ELECTORATE—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Lands and Forestry, and Minister for Racing—

- (1) How many square kilometers of crown land in the Maitland electorate have been sold since 2011 (as at 3 August 2017)?
- (2) How many square kilometres of crown land in the Maitland electorate have been sold in the 2016-17 financial year?
- (3) How many square kilometers of crown land in the Maitland electorate is left (as at 3 August 2017)?

Answer—

- (1) Nil.
- (2) Nil.
- (3) There are approximately 520 hectares or 216 parcels of Crown land within the Maitland electorate, excluding waterways or roads.

- \*6265 ORDERS OF EVICTION BY THE NSW CIVIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL—Ms Julia Finn asked the Attorney General—

- (1) How many tenants in the Granville electorate were evicted from social housing following an order from the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal in each financial year from 2014-15 to 2016-17?
- (2) How many tenants in the Granville electorate were evicted from private housing following an order from the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal in each financial year from 2014-15 to 2016-17?
- (3) How many applications were made in the Granville electorate in each financial year from 2014-15 to 2016-17 for:
  - (a) Termination and possession of premises on ground of non-payment of rent;
  - (b) Payment of rent arrears;
  - (c) An occupation fee;
  - (d) The repayment of the rental bond;
  - (e) A specific performance order that the tenant pay rent on time?
- (4) How many applications were upheld in the Granville electorate in each financial year from 2014-15 to 2016-17 for:
  - (a) Termination and possession of premises on grounds of non-payment of rent;
  - (b) Payment of rent arrears;
  - (c) An occupation fee;
  - (d) The repayment of the rental bonds;
  - (e) A specific performance order that the tenant pay rent on time?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal (NCAT) does not capture information based on an electorate's boundary.

- \*6266 MARINE PARKS FOR NEW SOUTH WALES—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) What work has been done to create new or expand existing marine parks over the last six years (as at 3 August 2017)?
  - (a) What advancements have been made over this period?
- (2) What assessment has been of a marine park for Sydney?
  - (a) What conclusions have been made?
- (3) What further work is planned to determine new marine parks for New South Wales, including in Sydney, for the next 18 months (from 3 August 2017)?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) Information on the Government's marine estate management initiatives is available at [www.marine.nsw.gov.au](http://www.marine.nsw.gov.au).

(2) The Marine Estate Management Authority (MEMA) is assessing management initiatives for the Hawkesbury Shelf marine bioregion. More information is available at <http://www.marine.nsw.gov.au/key-initiatives/hawkesbury-shelfmarine-assessment>.

(3) MEMA has published a Schedule of Works identifying priority areas of work for 2017 and 2018. The schedule of works is available at [www.marine.nsw.gov.au](http://www.marine.nsw.gov.au).

\*6267 NEWCASTLE 500 HAIRPIN BEND ON NOBBYS RESERVE—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

(1) Noting that the preparations for the Supercars race are ongoing, will the 'hairpin bend' on Nobbys Reserve be:

- (a) Subject to the conditions of consent set out by the Office and Environment and Heritage?
- (b) Turfed over completely or made a bike and pedestrian path when not in use for the Newcastle 500, as required by the Office of Environment and Heritage?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1)

(a) Yes.

(b) No, this area was originally a hardstand carparking area.

\*6268 AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN THE HUNTER—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Housing, and Special Minister for State—

What steps is the Government taking to ensure an adequate supply of affordable housing in the Newcastle area?

Answer—

The Government has announced the Housing affordability package and it is currently found at [www.nsw.gov.au/housingaffordability](http://www.nsw.gov.au/housingaffordability).

Hunter Development Corporation (HDC) currently has plans to supply 30 affordable housing units (on the redundant rail corridor land which is currently subject to the rezoning proposal) which were rejected by Council earlier this year.

HDC has also sold a site to the Catholic Diocese of Maitland Newcastle, which will have a large affordable housing component.

The following links may also be useful;

- <https://www.nsw.gov.au/improving-nsw/projects-and-initiatives/first-home-buyers/>
- <https://www.nsw.gov.au/improving-nsw/premiers-priorities/making-housing-more-affordable/>

Should you require more information I suggest contacting my office for a meeting.

\*6269 VEHICLE SANCTIONS SCHEME—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—

(1) How many vehicles have been impounded in the Cessnock electorate since the inception of the Vehicle Sanctions Scheme for:

- (a) Street racing;
- (b) Burnouts;
- (c) Police pursuits;
- (d) Exceeding the speed limit by over 45 kilometres per hour?

(2) How many number plates have been confiscated in the Cessnock electorate since the inception of the scheme for:

- (a) Street racing;
- (b) Burnouts;
- (c) Police pursuits;
- (d) Exceeding the speed limit by over 45 kilometres per hour?

(3) How many vehicles have been impounded across New South Wales since the inception of the scheme for:

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- (a) Street racing;
  - (b) Burnouts;
  - (c) Police pursuits;
  - (d) Exceeding the speed limit by 45 kilometres per hour?
- (4) How many number plates have been confiscated across New South Wales since the inception of the scheme for:
- (a) Street racing;
  - (b) Burnouts;
  - (c) Police pursuits;
  - (d) Exceeding the speed limit by over 45 kilometres per hour?
- (5) Where are vehicles kept that have been impounded from individuals residing in the Cessnock electorate ?
- (6) Where are number plates kept that have been confiscated from individuals residing in the Cessnock electorate ?
- (7) Of the individuals who have been subjected to impoundment, how many have committed additional sanctionable offences?
- (a) How many of these have faced a forfeiture order?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force (NSWPF) has advised me:

- (1) The information requested is not available from police information systems as this data is not broken down by region.
- (2) See (1) above.
- (3) (a) 12.
- (b) 45.
- (c) 80.
- (d) 210.
- (4) (a) 64.
- (b) 142.
- (c) 191.
- (d) 2,372.
- (5) This information is withheld for operational reasons.
- (6) Confiscated number plates are returned to Roads and Maritime Services.
- (7) Six people subject to vehicle impoundment also committed additional sanctionable offences, either at the same time or at another time.
- (a) This question should be directed to the Attorney General.

\*6270 PROSECUTIONS ENACTED BY SAFEWORK NSW—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation—

- (1) How many prosecutions were enacted by by SafeWork NSW (formerly known as WorkCover) during the 2012-13 financial year?
  - (a) What was the total value of fines collected as a result?
- (2) How many prosecutions were enacted by by SafeWork NSW (formerly known as WorkCover) during the 2013-14 financial year?
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- (3) How many prosecutions were enacted by by SafeWork NSW (formerly known as WorkCover) during the 2014-15 financial year?
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- (4) How many prosecutions were enacted by by SafeWork NSW (formerly known as WorkCover) during the 2015-16 financial year?
  - (a) What was the total value of fines collected as a result?
- (5) How many prosecutions, as a Category 1 or 2 offence, were requested by individuals outside of SafeWork (formerly WorkCover) in the 2012-13 financial year?

- (a) What percentage of these were successfully prosecuted?
- (6) How many prosecutions, as a Category 1 or 2 offence, were requested by individuals outside of SafeWork (formerly WorkCover) in the 2013-14 financial year?
  - (a) What percentage of these were successfully prosecuted?
- (7) How many prosecutions, as a Category 1 or 2 offence, were requested by individuals outside of SafeWork (formerly WorkCover) in the 2014-15 financial year?
  - (a) What percentage of these were successfully prosecuted?
- (8) How many prosecutions, as a Category 1 or 2 offence, were requested by individuals outside of SafeWork (formerly WorkCover) in the 2015-16 financial year?
  - (a) What percentage of these were successfully prosecuted?

Answer—

(1) to (8) Please refer to the answers to Legislative Council question on notice 1714, asked by the Hon Peter Primrose MLC, and answered on 27 July 2017 and printed in Legislative Council Questions & Answers Paper No. 117.

\*6271 EAST CESSNOCK FLYING-FOX CAMP—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Lands and Forestry, and Minister for Racing—

- (1) Where is the development process currently at (as at 3 August 2017) for a camp management plan for the East Cessnock flying-fox camp in collaboration with Cessnock City Council?
- (2) Has the Department of Primary Industries - Crown Lands completed all required preparation work for the plan?
- (3) When is the plan expected to be completed?

Answer—

- (1) Cessnock City Council is currently assessing submissions following public exhibition of the draft camp management plan.
- (2) Yes.
- (3) Council has not indicated a specific date for completion of the camp management plan.

\*6272 CANTERBURY COUNCIL MERGER—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) Considering the Government has reversed its policy of forced Council amalgamations, will you enable Bankstown residents to vote in a plebiscite to de-merge from Canterbury Council?
  - (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

Councils can conduct polls for their information on any matter. The results of a poll are not binding on the council and are used to inform council decisions on matters on which the poll is conducted.

\*6273 RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE NSW OMBUDSMAN—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

- (1) Will the Government implement all the recommendations made in the NSW Ombudsman's Report of Reviewable Deaths 2014 and 2015?
  - (a) If yes, when will the recommendations be implemented?
  - (b) If not, then why not?

Answer—

I am advised that the Ombudsman's Report of Reviewable Deaths 2014 and 2015 has one recommendation for the Department of Family and Community Services, in relation to risk taking and the suicide deaths of young people in care, which is being implemented immediately.

\*6274 SERVICES TO THE INNER WEST TRAIN LINE—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) Considering the impending closure of the T3 Bankstown line as part of its conversion to a Metro between Sydenham and Bankstown, will regular services on the Liverpool via Regents Park (Inner West) line that were removed from the timetable in October 2013 be restored?

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(a) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

No.

\*6275 ELECTRICITY DISCONNECTIONS IN THE CENTRAL COAST—Mr David Mehan asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Housing, and Special Minister for State representing the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) How many residential homes in The Entrance electorate have had their electricity disconnected due to failure to pay their electricity bill in each year from 2011 to 2017 (as at 2 August 2017)?
- (2) How many residential homes in the Central Coast region have had their electricity disconnected due to failure to pay their electricity bill in each year from 2011 to 2017 (as at 2 August 2017)?

Answer—

I am advised:

Data on electricity disconnections is not collected on the basis of electorates. Publicly available information reports disconnections for the whole of New South Wales and for each individual retailer.

\*6276 DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE JOBS—Ms Liesl Tesch asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) How many Department of Finance jobs will be transferred in to the new Finance Centre from existing offices in Maitland, Parramatta and other locations?
- (2) How many new Department of Finance jobs will be created with the opening of the new Finance Centre in the Gosford electorate?

Answer—

- (1) The Department of Finance, Services and Innovation (DFSI) has committed to transferring 300 plus roles to Gosford from existing offices with the majority of positions coming from Parramatta and the remainder Maitland and Newcastle. The Department is currently working with staff to provide a range of options including relocation assistance, a talent pool to move to other roles if they do not wish to relocate and expressions of interests from employees who would like to move to Gosford. These processes are continuing and precise figures will be available once they are completed.
- (2) Approximately 30 'early adopter' staff whose roles have been identified for relocation have already moved to another Department of Finance, Services and Innovation office in Gosford and will move to the new Mann St location once construction is completed. The Department has also started advertising to fill roles that are to be based in Gosford.

\*6277 IMPLEMENTATION OF THE BAND 8 HIGH SCHOOL CERTIFICATE PREQUALIFICATION—Mr Jihad Dib asked the Minister for Education—

What specific resources are developed by the Department of Education and Board of Studies Teaching and Education Services NSW Education Standards Authority and is provided to schools, to support the implementation of the Band 8 High School Certificate prequalification required for the 2017 Naplan test?

Answer—

Quality teaching is the best way to prepare students for both NAPLAN and the Minimum Standard tests.

NESA has assembled a range of support resources to help teachers and parents build students' literacy and numeracy skills. Additional resources and tools are being developed to assist teachers in supporting students to reach the standard through the \$340 million NSW Literacy and Numeracy Strategy 2017 2020.

The NSW Department of Education provides support for teachers, leaders and staff through professional development activities and resources. Literacy and numeracy advisors provide information and advice to communities of schools.

\*6278 KARIONG CORRECTIONAL CENTRE—Ms Liesl Tesch asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) How many Corrective Service Officers are currently employed at Kariong Correctional Centre (as at 2 August 2017)?
- (2) How many inmates were housed at Kariong Correctional Centre on 30 June 2017?

(3) How many non-corrective staff are currently employed at Kariong Correctional Centre (as at 2 August 2017)?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) As at 3 August 2017, 42 custodial officers were employed.
- (2) 94 inmates.
- (3) 11 non-custodial staff were employed by Corrective Services NSW at Kariong Correctional Centre on 3 August 2017. The Justice Health & Forensic Mental Health Network employed two staff at the Centre.

\*6279 EXTRA CARRIAGES TO SERVICES ON THE CENTRAL COAST LINE—Ms Liesl Tesch asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

Considering the additional services being added to the Blue Mountains train line to cater for increased customer loads, will consideration be given to adding extra carriages to services on the Central Coast line to ease capacity constraints, including the 4-car 5:08 am Woy Woy to Central service?

Answer—

I am advised:

The 4:36 am Wyong to Central (5:08 am at Woy Woy) is the last four car-carriage service to operate on the Central Coast and Newcastle Line prior to the morning peak period when capacity is doubled.

The Government doubled capacity on select services on the Central Coast and Newcastle Line early last year, providing more than 3,000 extra seats for customers.

Capacity will be further enhanced when the New Intercity Fleet comes online from 2019.

\*6280 ENERGY ACCOUNTS PAYMENT ASSISTANCE SCHEME—Mr David Mehan asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Housing, and Special Minister for State representing the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) How many Energy Accounts Payment Assistance (EAPA) Scheme vouchers have been provided in each year from 2011 to 2017 (as at 2 August 2017) to residents of:
  - (a) The Entrance electorate;
  - (b) The Central Coast region?

Answer—

I am advised:

Vouchers for the Energy Accounts Payment Assistance (EAPA) Scheme are allocated using regions, rather than electorates or suburbs. This is a better match with the needs of the agencies that operate as EAPA providers as well as their customers.

The number of vouchers provided to the Central Coast, and The Entrance areas, in each year since 2011 are shown in the table below. Note that the final number of vouchers provided for 2017-18 can be expected to change from the figure below as EAPA providers report on their usage of vouchers.

Each eligible EAPA customer can now receive up to twelve vouchers per energy type per financial year. In addition, the value of EAPA vouchers was increased in July 2013 from \$30 to \$50.

Year	Value of each voucher	Number of vouchers allocated to EAPA Providers in the Central Coast area	Number of vouchers allocated to EAPA Providers in The Entrance area
2011-12	\$30	32,730	3,340
2012-13	\$30	35,610	6,260
2013-14	\$50	23,260	2,000
2014-15	\$50	26,450	1,690
2015-16	\$50	25,290	1,960
2016-17	\$50	25,700	2,410
2017-18 (Issued to customers as at 5 September 2017)	\$50	7,432	1,026



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\*6281 DAILY PASSENGER MOVEMENTS—Mr David Mehan asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) How many average daily passenger movements are there currently and in each year from 2011 to 2017 (as at 2 August 2017) at the following railway stations:
- Tuggerah;
  - Wyong;
  - Gosford;
  - Ourimbah;
  - Lisarow;
  - Niagara Park;
  - Narara?

Answer—

I am advised:

Patronage details from July 2016 for the Central Coast and Newcastle Line are available on the Transport Performance and Analytics website. Due to significant changes in methodology, Opal trips are not directly comparable to figures before July 2016.

Train patronage reporting has undergone major changes with the split of Sydney Trains and NSW TrainLink into separate entities and the replacement of Magnetic Stripe Tickets (MST) with Opal.

\*6282 SOCIAL HOUSING UNITS IN THE ENTRANCE—Mr David Mehan asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

- (1) How many social housing units, including units managed by others on behalf of Housing NSW, are there currently in The Entrance electorate (as at 2 August 2017)?
- How many of these units were there in 2011?
- (2) How many residents are tenanted in social housing units managed on behalf of Housing NSW in The Entrance electorate in each year from 2011 to 2017 (as at 2 August 2017)?

Answer—

I am advised that information about the number of social housing properties and applicants housed in social housing is available on the Department of Family and Community Services (FACS) website at [www.facs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.facs.nsw.gov.au).

\*6283 HOMELESSNESS—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

- (1) What is the Government doing to:
- Prevent homelessness;
  - Respond effectively to homelessness;
  - Break the cycle of homelessness?
- (2) How many phone calls were received each quarter since 2014 by the Link2Home telephone information and referral service to assist homeless people (to 2 August 2017)?
- How many of these callers were assessed as requiring placement in social housing?
  - How many of these callers were assessed as requiring placement in social housing were placed in social housing?
- (3) What proportion of calls, for the period listed in (2), were made by:
- Women;
  - Young people;
  - Aboriginal people;
  - People from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds?
- (4) What proportion of calls, for the period listed in (2), were made by people affected by:
- Domestic and family violence;
  - Relationship or family breakdown;
  - Problematic alcohol or substance use;
  - Needing time out from family;
  - Financial difficulty;
  - Emergency/previous accommodation ended?
- (5) How many submissions were received by the Department of Family and Community Services in

relation to its discussion paper, Foundations for Change Homelessness in NSW?

- (6) What proportion of the \$188 million allocated in 2016-17 for specialist homelessness services was spent?
- (7) When will the NSW Homelessness Strategy be released?
- (8) What specialist homelessness services are available to people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness?
- (9) How many people were homeless or at risk of homelessness on 30 June 2017:
  - (a) In New South Wales?
  - (b) In each local government area in Sydney?

Answer—

I am advised as follows:

The Government is developing a homelessness strategy, with further information available on the FACS website.

Information regarding assistance provided by Link2home is published in FACS annual reports.

Information regarding funding provided to specialist homelessness services is also available in FACS annual reports.

Homelessness data is collected by the Australian Bureau of Statistics and is available on its website.

\*6284 BUSINESS CASE FOR LIGHT RAIL EXPANSION—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) Have investigations into the development of a strategic business case for inland and trans-urban extensions including to Broadmeadow, the Hunter Stadium, Adamstown and Mayfield of the proposed Newcastle light rail line been undertaken?
- (2) What is the progress of this strategic business case?
- (3) How much was budgeted for the development of this strategic business case?

Answer—

I am advised:

While I note you oppose Newcastle Light Rail, investigations are currently underway to determine potential options for expanding Newcastle's light rail network in the future.

Transport for NSW and the Department of Planning and Environment are investigating what is feasible and community feedback has also been sought on a number of options.

Further information about how Novocastrians wish to travel and which transit corridors could benefit from frequent high capacity services will be available when Newcastle Transport overhauls the Newcastle bus timetable in early 2018.

\*6285 OXFORD STREET STRATEGIC REVIEW—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

- (1) Considering your response to LA Q3668, what is the outcome of the Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) multi-modal assessment of Oxford Street between Hyde Park and Centennial Park?
- (2) What is the outcome of the RMS corridor strategy between College Street, Hyde Park and Moore Park Road?
- (3) What data was obtained from the 2016 performance data on all Oxford Street road users?
- (4) When will RMS release details of these studies into the Oxford Street corridor for public review and consultation?
- (5) What action has been taken to develop the corridor identified study?
- (6) When will the identified draft study be released for community comment?
- (7) What proposals does RMS have for changes to:
  - (a) Speed limits;
  - (b) Clearways;
  - (c) Bus lanes?
- (8) What consideration has been given to the impact of a light rail service on traffic, parking, safety and amenity in Oxford Street?
- (9) What long term plans does the Government have to reduce traffic impacts in Oxford Street in order to improve business and pedestrian experience?

Answer—

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I am advised:

A multi-modal road network plan for the Oxford Street Corridor is part of Transport for NSW's Movement and Place framework which is due to be completed in 2018.

\*6286 LAST RESORT DISABILITY SERVICES—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Disability Services—

- (1) What steps has the Government taken to ensure support and accommodation of 'last resort' remains available for people with a disability who have high level and complex support needs?
- (2) How will the Government guarantee that people with high level complex needs will have ongoing support and accommodation?
- (3) What further action will the Government take to ensure that people with a disability do not experience reduced support or discrimination following the transfer of government disability services?

Answer—

- (1) Under the National Disability Insurance Scheme, the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) has confirmed it will be actively involved in the stewardship of the market and will support the establishment of providers to ensure support is available to all clients, where required. The Government is working closely with the NDIA to support it in establishing these functions during transition.
- (2) The Government has agreements in place with the new non-government providers of specialist accommodation services which will provide a two-year stabilisation period for both residents and providers, to ensure continuity of services. The Government will also have long-term leases for group homes to use as disability accommodation. Residents who choose to stay will have a guaranteed placement for all this time.
- (3) The Government has mechanisms - such as contractual obligations to government - to ensure quality and delivery of services when its disability services transfer to the non-government sector.

\*6287 EARLY CHILDHOOD PROVIDERS AND SCHOOL SHARE FACILITIES—Mr Jihad Dib asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) Which schools currently partner with early childhood providers to share facilities?
- (2) Which schools (including dollar amount) have received money from the Before and After School Care Fund?

Answer—

- (1) Early childcare providers can negotiate lease agreements with schools under the Community Use of School Facilities Policy.
- (2) This question should be referred to the Minister for Early Childhood, who is responsible for before and after school care.

\*6288 SOCIAL HOUSING WAITING LIST IN THE LAKEMBA ELECTORATE—Mr Jihad Dib asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

How many applicants are on a waiting list for social community housing from the Lakemba electorate?

Answer—

I am advised that information about the NSW Housing Register is available on the Department of Family and Community Services' (FAGS) website at [www.facs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.facs.nsw.gov.au).

\*6289 WORK HEALTH AND SAFETY ROADMAP FOR NSW 2022—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation—

- (1) Was the Work Health and Safety Roadmap for NSW 2022 printed and released in 2016?
- (2) What prompted the, in part, retrospective approach to data and statistic to include figures from 2012, some 4 years before the Roadmap was produced and released?
- (3) Did the decision to include data from 2012 onwards mean that the 10 year 2012-2022 target of 20 per cent reduction in fatalities had already been met by the time the document was released?
- (4) Did the decision to include data from 2012 onwards mean that the 10 year 2012-2022 target of 30 per cent decline in serious injuries and illness had already been met by the time the document was released?

- (5) Did the decision to include data from 2012 onwards mean that the 10 year 2012-2022 target of 30 per cent reduction in serious musculoskeletal injuries and illnesses had already been met by the time the document was released?
- (6) Has any consideration been given to a Roadmap that has forward targets and that does not include retrospective data?
- (a) If so, when would that Roadmap, with aspirational targets for the future be developed?
- (7) Is the Roadmap an aspirational document in terms of the targets for SafeWork NSW?

Answer—

(1) Yes, the Work Health and Safety Roadmap for NSW 2022 (The NSW Roadmap) was launched in August 2016 and distributed in printed and digital form.

(2) The Roadmap set out how NSW is achieving the national actions areas and national targets under the Australian Work Health and Safety Strategy 2012-2022. Under the Australian Work Health and Safety Strategy 2012-2022, Commonwealth, state and territory jurisdictions signed up to 10-year national targets to be achieved by 2022. The targets were endorsed by Safe Work Australia members, social partners and ministers.

(3) New South Wales achieved a 23 per cent reduction in the number of worker fatalities between 2012 and 2015. The Roadmap sets out ambitious aspirational targets of achieving zero fatalities in high risk areas. The Government considers it important to build a greater focus in these areas to ensure the national targets are well and truly exceeded.

(4) New South Wales achieved a 23 per cent reduction in the number of serious injuries and illnesses between 2012 and 2015. The Roadmap sets out ambitious aspirational targets of achieving zero serious injuries and illnesses in high risk areas. The Government considers it important to build a greater focus in these areas to ensure the national targets are well and truly exceeded.

(5) New South Wales achieved a 25 per cent reduction in the number of serious musculoskeletal disorders between 2012 and 2015. The Roadmap sets out ambitious aspirational targets of achieving a 30 per cent reduction in serious musculoskeletal disorders. The Government considers it important to build a greater focus in these areas to ensure the national targets are well and truly exceeded

(6) and (7) The NSW Roadmap spans 2016-2022 and will be updated to ensure it stays relevant and that targets are sufficiently challenging and aspirational. The NSW Roadmap will be reviewed every two years. The NSW Roadmap already includes 'future targets' as demonstrated in the 'Toward Zero' program. By targeting 5 high risk harms of quad bikes, forklifts, falls from heights, electrical safety, and traumatic injury from unguarded machinery, the program aims to reduce the incidence to as close as zero as possible by 2022.

The NSW Roadmap points out we still have further to go to be the safest jurisdiction in Australia and to be a world leader in safety. An ongoing and consistent effort is required to ensure that this positive trend continues for the remainder of the 10-year period.

(8) Yes.

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\*6290 CENTRAL COAST RECIPIENTS OF THE YOUTH PRIVATE RENTAL SUBSIDY—Ms Liesl Tesch asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Housing, and Special Minister for State—

How many young people have received the Youth Private Rental Subsidy in the Central Coast region in each financial year from 2014-15 to 2016-17?

Answer—

This question would best be directed to my colleague Pru Goward, the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing and the Minister for Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault in 2017.

\*6291 REPLACEMENT OF GONSKI—Mr Philip Donato asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) What is the Government doing to address the shortfall of funding to schools created by the Commonwealth Government's replacement of Gonski with Gonski 2.0, for schools which were reliant upon the promised funding?

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- (2) What is the Government doing to assist schools with the shortfall of funding created by the replacement of Gonski with Gonski 2.0, for high needs schools and students who were relying on the expected Gonski needs-based funding, to fund for:
- Speech pathologists;
  - Occupational therapists;
  - Anxiety programs;
  - School counselling support;
  - Child psychologists?

Answer—

The Government retains its full six year commitment to the original National Education Reform Agreement (NERA), including its contribution of an additional \$1.7 billion over the full term of the NERA for all New South Wales schools.

\*6292 ILLAWARRA LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREAS—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

- Can a definite answer be provided as to whether local government areas in the Illawarra are considered to be regional or metropolitan areas by the Government?
- If the answer is dependent on circumstance or the funding program in question:
  - Under what circumstances or funding programs are local government areas in the Illawarra considered:
    - To be regional;
    - To be metropolitan?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Office of Local Government (OLG), other State agencies and other organisations classify local governments differently according to need. Factors considered usually include physical and demographic variables, but may include other factors depending on the circumstances.

Examples of different classifications within the local government portfolio include:

- OLG comparative data – for general comparative purposes, OLG bases its classification of councils into 11 groupings on the Australian Classification of Local Government (ACLG). Wollongong and Shellharbour are both classified as 'Regional Town/City'.
- Councillor remuneration – the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal classifies councils according to factors including size, terrain, population (including spread and diversity), nature of business dealt with by the council, development of the area and significance of the council. Wollongong has in the past been classified as 'Sydney Metropolitan'. In 2017 the categories were reviewed substantially and Wollongong is now categorised as 'Regional City', with Shellharbour being 'Regional Rural'.
- Federal Assistance Grants – a broad range of factors are taken into account for allocating these grants, including the relative disadvantage (SEIFA) index.

It is appropriate that each Minister and agency determine the factors to take into account when classifying Local Government Areas to ensure the classification meets the policy objectives of each program and the needs of the New South Wales community as a whole.

\*6293 CARE AND COMMUNITY CENTRE IN THE SHELLHARBOUR ELECTORATE—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- Has land been acquired on which to build the \$2,988,000 'Care and Community Centre for the aged with intellectual disability', announced in the 2017-18 Budget paper for the Shellharbour electorate?
  - If so, what will the street address of this facility be?
- What services will be offered at this facility?
- Will this facility be publicly run?
- When is the construction of this facility expected to commence and conclude?

Answer—

I refer this question to the Office of the Premier.

\*6294 ROAD SPEED AWARENESS COURSE—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

Considering the 2012 National Roads and Motorists' Association Three Point Plan to Tackle Bad Drivers, has the Government undertaken any study into the effectiveness of a road speed awareness course as outlined in that campaign?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Government has introduced mandatory alcohol interlocks and tougher requirements for repeat traffic offenders.

At this stage there is no evidence to suggest that a speed awareness course provides a greater deterrent when compared to traditional sanctions. Further research into the issue will be considered in relation to our road safety priorities.

\*6295 STAFF NUMBERS AT BERESFIELD POLICE STATION—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—

(1) Considering the Minister's response to LA Q4965, about staff numbers at the Beresfield Police Station which stated that 'a certain number of police are rostered on':

(a) How many staff is 'a certain number'?

Answer—

I am advised:

Local Area Commanders regularly review the allocation of resources within their Commands to ensure that policing meets demand. Staff rosters at individual police stations may vary on a daily basis depending on a range of factors including received intelligence, leave arrangements, crime rates, planned operations, training requirements and community events.

\*6296 BERESFIELD POLICE STATION STAFFING—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—

(1) Considering the response to LA Q4965, about the number of hours the Beresfield Police Station is staffed, which stated that the station is staffed subject to operational considerations:

(a) What are the operational considerations?

(b) How many hours in the Station are staffed?

Answer—

I am advised:

Local Area Commanders regularly review the allocation of resources within their Commands to ensure that policing meets demand. Staff rosters and operating hours at individual police stations may vary depending on a range of factors including received intelligence, leave arrangements, crime rates, planned operations, training requirements and community events.

\*6297 SERVICENSW CUSTOMERS—Ms Liesl Tesch asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

(1) How many customers were served in the 2016-17 financial year at the:

(a) Gosford Service NSW;

(b) Woy Woy Service NSW pop up;

(c) Erina Service NSW?

Answer—

(1) Between 1 July 2016 and 30 June 2017,

(a) More than 102,200 customers were served at the Gosford Service Centre.

(b) More than 5,300 customers were served at the Woy Woy Digital Store.

(c) More than 94,400 customers were served at the Erina Service Centre.

\*6298 SERVICENSW STAFF—Ms Liesl Tesch asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

(1) How many staff were employed on 1 August 2015 at:

(a) Gosford Service NSW,

(b) Woy Woy Service NSW pop up;

(c) Erina Service NSW?

(2) How many staff were employed on 1 August 2016 at:

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- (a) Gosford Service NSW,
  - (b) Woy Woy Service NSW pop up;
  - (c) Erina Service NSW?
- (3) How many staff were employed on 1 August 2017 at:
- (a) Gosford Service NSW,
  - (b) Woy Woy Service NSW pop up;
  - (c) Erina Service NSW?

Answer—

- (1) On 1 August 2015, the Gosford Service Centre had 19 staff members.
- (2) On 1 August 2016, the Gosford Service Centre had 19 staff members. The Erina Service Centre had 14 staff members and opened on 22 April 2016.
- (3) On 1 August 2017, the Gosford Service Centre had 19 staff members. The Erina Service Centre had 15 staff members. The Woy Woy Digital Store had two staff members from other Service NSW locations and opened on 31 March 2017.

\*6299 JOHN HUNTER HOSPITAL CAR PARK—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) How many users of the car park leave John Hunter Hospital within 20 minutes in the 2015-16 financial year?
- (2) How many car park users are also concession holders in the 2015-16 financial year?
- (3) How many car park users stayed between one and three hours in the 2015-16 financial year?
- (4) How many hardship vouchers were distributed in the 2015-16 financial year?

Answer—

I refer the Member to the response to Question LA 4490.

\*6300 NATIONAL PARKS AND WILDLIFE SERVICE STAFF—Mr David Harris asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

What is the total number of National Parks and Wildlife Service officers based on the Central Coast in each year from 2010 to 2017 (as at 3 August 2017)?

Answer—

I am advised:

The following figures relate to the number of officers based on the Central Coast and does not include staff servicing the area.

2017 - 64 including casuals as at 27 July 2017

2016 - 96 including casuals as at 30 June 2016

2015 - 100 including casuals as at 30 June 2015

2014 - 100 including casuals as at 30 June 2014

2013 - 96 including casuals as at 30 June 2013

2012 - 95 including casuals as at 30 June 2012

2011 - 95 including casuals as at 30 June 2011

2010 - 88 including casuals as at 30 June 2010

\*6301 FISHERIES MANAGEMENT ACT—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Lands and Forestry, and Minister for Racing representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—

- (1) When will you proclaim s21AA of the Fisheries Management Act 1994?
- (2) Why has it not been proclaimed to date?

Answer—

The intention has long been that section 21AA would be commenced in concert with a cultural fishing regulation. An investigation is still taking place as to whether a state-wide cultural fishing regulation is the best approach. Local management plans are being trialled as part of these investigations. The aim of local management plans is to understand the cultural fishing practices of individual Aboriginal communities and create a plan, in consultation with the community, for how cultural fishing is carried out in that community. These trials will guide how and when section 21AA should be applied.

\*6302 DISRESPECT TO THE COURT CHARGES—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General—

How many people have been charged with disrespect to the Court since that charge was introduced?

Answer—

I am advised:

One.

\*6303 LIVERPOOL BRAIN INJURY REHABILITATION—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

(1) How many people are employed by Liverpool Brain Injury Rehabilitation to provide medical assessment for the purposes of drivers licences issued by Roads and Maritime Services?

(a) How many hours per week do the persons referred to above work?

(2) What is the waiting list for people to be medically assessed for driving licences at the Liverpool Brain Injury Rehabilitation Unit (located at Scrivener Street, Warwick Farm)?

(3) How long does it take from the time of first request until a medical assessment for a driving licence is completed at the Liverpool Brain Injury Rehabilitation Unit?

Answer—

Liverpool Brain Injury Rehabilitation currently has one part time position dedicated to the provision of medical assessment for drivers' licences. The position is currently operational 16 hours per week.

Waiting times for medical assessment for driving licences vary.

\*6304 PROTOCOL FOR ACCESS TO DIGITAL PHOTOS—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—

(1) Has the protocol between NSW Police and Roads and Maritime Services concerning access to digital photos expired?

(a) If so:

(i) When?

(ii) Have the agencies continued to operate as though the protocol is still in place?

(iii) When will it be renewed?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force (NSWPF) has advised me:

On 15 June 2017 a new privacy protocol for police access to photographs, which includes access to Roads and Maritime Services and replaces a number of previously separate protocols, was approved by the NSW Privacy Commissioner.

\*6305 ACCESS TO DIGITAL PHOTOS PROTOCOLS—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

(1) Has the protocol between NSW Police and Roads and Maritime Services concerning access to digital photos expired?

(a) If so:

(i) When?

(ii) Have the agencies continued to operate as though the protocol is still in place?

(iii) When will it be renewed?

Answer—

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services.

\*6306 UNIMPROVED LAND VALUE IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

(1) What is the total unimproved land value, and number, of all residential properties in New South Wales above the following amounts:

(a) \$1 million;

(b) \$1.5 million;

(c) \$2 million;

(d) \$2.5 million;



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- (e) \$3 million;  
 (f) \$3.5 million;  
 (g) \$4 million;  
 (h) \$4.5 million;  
 (i) \$5 million;  
 (j) \$5.5 million;  
 (k) \$6 million;;  
 (l) \$6.5 million;  
 (m) \$7 million;  
 (n) \$7.5 million;  
 (o) \$8 million;  
 (p) \$8.5 million;  
 (q) \$9 million;  
 (r) \$9.5 million;  
 (s) \$10 million and above?
- (2) What are the number of residential properties in New South Wales local government areas, whose unimproved land value exceeds the following amounts in a tabular format:
- (a) \$1 million;  
 (b) \$1.5 million;  
 (c) \$2 million;  
 (d) \$2.5 million;  
 (e) \$3 million;  
 (f) \$3.5 million;  
 (g) \$4 million;  
 (h) \$4.5 million;  
 (i) \$5 million;  
 (j) \$5.5 million;  
 (k) \$6 million;;  
 (l) \$6.5 million;  
 (m) \$7 million;  
 (n) \$7.5 million;  
 (o) \$8 million;  
 (p) \$8.5 million;  
 (q) \$9 million;  
 (r) \$9.5 million;  
 (s) \$10 million and above?

Answer—

- (1) The total unimproved land value, and number, of all residential properties in New South Wales above the following amounts are as follow:

	Land Value Range	No. of Properties	Total Land Value
a	above \$1,000,000	\$272,495	\$530,181,879,155
b	above \$1,500,000	\$104,492	\$329,108,549,790
c	above \$2,000,000	\$57,109	\$247,942,028,452
d	above \$2,500,000	\$37,738	\$204,747,144,177
e	above \$3,000,000	\$26,856	\$174,953,449,006
f	above \$3,500,000	\$20,180	\$153,313,931,218
g	above \$4,000,000	\$15,928	\$137,371,032,029
h	above \$4,500,000	\$13,009	\$124,989,094,805
i	above \$5,000,000	\$10,716	\$114,116,329,023
j	above \$5,500,000	\$8,917	\$104,691,262,973
k	above \$6,000,000	\$7,668	\$97,507,367,918
l	above \$6,500,000	\$6,711	\$91,519,594,563

m	above \$7,000,000	\$5,894	\$86,000,435,800
n	above \$7,500,000	\$5,255	\$81,361,179,831
o	above \$8,000,000	\$4,755	\$77,478,455,760
p	above \$8,500,000	\$4,272	\$73,489,145,584
q	above \$9,000,000	\$3,834	\$69,651,460,724
r	above \$9,500,000	\$3,506	\$66,616,585,164
s	above \$10,000,000	\$3,157	\$63,201,902,700

(2) Please see Attachment A on page 6070 of this Questions and Answers Paper for the response to this question.

\*6307 LINEAR ACCELERATORS AT WOLLONGONG HOSPITAL—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) Why are only two of Wollongong Hospital's three linear accelerators in operation?
- (2) How long has the third linear accelerator been out of operation?
- (3) What are the Government's plans for expansion of the capacity of linear accelerators Wollongong Hospital?

Answer—

All three linear accelerators at the Illawarra Cancer Care Centre at Wollongong Hospital are available and used as demand for service requires.

Service demand is being met with the current linear accelerator capacity.

\*6308 ESTIMATES OF ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

- (1) What is the estimated total cost of:
  - (a) Heathcote Road, Infantry Parade to Macarthur Drive;
  - (b) M4 Smart Motorway;
  - (c) F6 Extension;
  - (d) M5 Motorway, Belmore Road Ramps;
  - (e) Western Harbour Tunnel;
  - (f) BeachesLink;
  - (g) M12 Motorway, M7 to the Northern Road;
  - (h) The Northern Road, Mersey Road to Glenmore Parkway;
  - (i) Appin Road Improvements;
  - (j) Campbelltown Road Upgrade Stage 1;
  - (k) Jane Street and Mulgoa Road Infrastructure Upgrade;
  - (l) Memorial Avenue, Old Windsor Road to Windsor Road;
  - (m) Mulgoa Road, Blaikie Road to M4 Motorway?

Answer—

I am advised:

Information on funding is publicly available in the 2017-18 NSW Budget Papers.

\*6309 NEW RAIL INTERCITY FLEET—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) Will the new rail intercity fleet announced by the Government have toilets on board?
- (2) What is the minimum number of carriages that the new intercity fleet will run with on the South Coast Line?
- (3) What will be the seating capacity of:
  - (a) An eight car intercity fleet carriage set?
  - (b) A ten car intercity fleet carriage set?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Yes. The New Intercity Fleet will have at least two accessible toilets per train.
- (2) The New Intercity Fleet will run with a minimum of eight carriages on the South Coast Line.
  - (a) (a) An eight-carriage set will have 650 seats.

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(b) (b) A 10-carriage set will have 820 seats.

\*6310 REMOVAL OF SPOIL AS PART OF WESTCONNEX—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Western Sydney, Minister for WestConnex, and Minister for Sport—

- (1) How many companies are engaged in the removal of spoil as part of WestConnex?
  - (a) Please list all companies engaged in removing spoil as part of WestConnex.
- (2) What assurance or due diligence is carried out on prospective companies removing spoil from WestConnex?

Answer—

I am advised Construction Spoil Management Plans are available on the WestConnex website.

\*6311 STAMP DUTY RELIEF—Ms Julia Finn asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

- (1) How many applications have been received since the introduction of Stamp duty relief (to 8 August 2017)?
  - (a) What is the total value of these applications?
- (2) How many applications have been approved?
  - (a) What is the total value of these applications?
- (3) How many applications have been refused?
  - (a) What is the total value of these applications?
- (4) How many applications have been received from residents of the Granville electorate?
  - (a) What is the total value of these applications?
- (5) How many applications have been approved from residents of the Granville electorate?
  - (a) What is the total value of these applications?
- (6) How many applications have been refused from residents of the Granville electorate?
  - (a) What is the total value of these applications?

Answer—

This matter falls within the portfolio responsibilities of the Minister for Finance, Services and Property, the Han Victor Dominello MP.

\*6312 PROSECUTIONS ENACTED BY SAFEWORK NSW—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation—

- (1) How many prosecutions were enacted by SafeWork NSW (formerly known as WorkCover) in the Granville electorate in each financial year from 2012-13 to 2016-17?
  - (a) What was the total value of fines collected as a result of those prosecutions in each financial year from 2012-13 to 2016-17?
  - (b) How many of those prosecutions in each financial year from 2012-13 to 2016-17 concerned asbestos?

Answer—

(1) For the purposes of answering the question, the Granville electorate has been understood to include the suburbs of Clyde, Granville, Greystanes, Guildford, Holroyd, Mays Hill, Merrylands, Merrylands West, South Wentworthville, Wentworthville and Westmead.

In 2012-13, 1 charge was commenced against 1 defendant in 1 matter.

In 2013-14, 3 charges were commenced against 3 defendants in 1 matter.

In 2014-15, there were no prosecutions commenced.

In 2015-16, there were no prosecutions commenced.

In 2016-17, there were no prosecutions commenced.

(a) The imposition of a fine by a Court may not occur in the same financial year as the financial year in which the prosecution arising out of an incident is commenced.

In 2012-13, there were no fines imposed.

In 2013-14, there were no fines imposed.

In 2014-15, fines of \$173,500 were imposed.

In 2015-16, there were no fines imposed.

In 2016-17, there were no fines imposed.

(b) None of the charges identified above concerned asbestos.

\*6313 COMMUNITY ROAD SAFETY FUND—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

(1) Why has the budget for the Community Road Safety Fund been cut from \$253 million in the 2016-17 Budget to \$66 million in 2017-18 Budget?

(a) If budget allocations are contained in other programs please list the programs and the budget that would formerly have been allocated to the Community Road Safety Fund.

Answer—

I am advised:

The Community Road Safety Fund has not been cut.

In 2017-18 Budget, funding of \$258 million will be spent delivering road safety programs across New South Wales.

This is in addition to the large investment through our extensive road infrastructure projects funded by the Government.

\*6314 PRIVATELY MANAGED ESTATES—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General—

(1) How much money will be reimbursed to the privately managed estates for fees and interest in respect of the now cancelled surety bond scheme?

(2) From what source of funds will the payments in (1) above be obtained?

(3) What programs, initiatives or services will not be proceeded with because their funding will be diverted to the payments referred to in (1) above?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) The amount reimbursed to privately managed estates for the premium paid for the surety bond scheme is \$812,321.72 and the amount of interest reimbursed is \$40,203.23.

(2) Payments will be made under section 109 of the NSW Trustee and Guardian Act 2009.

(3) There are no programs, initiatives or services impacted as no funding will be diverted to make the payments referred to in (1) above.

\*6315 NSW POLICE INTERNAL INVESTIGATION—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—

(1) Has the internal investigation by NSW Police into police actions concerning the witness A107 in JB v R (no 2)[2016] NSWCCA 67 as referred to in LA Q3837 been completed?

(a) If so, what was the outcome?

(b) If no, why not?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force (NSWPF) has advised me that it has finalised its review of this matter and it has been determined that no further action can be taken by the NSWPF.

The NSWPF supports full disclosure of relevant matters during the course of prosecutions.

\*6316 UNDERPAYMENT OF WAGES AND WAGE THEFT—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

What steps is the Government taking to redress the exploitation of vulnerable workers?

Answer—

Following the referral of industrial relations powers to the Commonwealth in 2009, the New South Wales industrial relations jurisdiction is now limited to the public and local government sectors. Current federal legislation specifically excludes state laws that attempt deal to with issues already covered by the Fair Work system, though New South Wales is an active and influential partner in the Fair Work workplace relations system.

The Commonwealth has also introduced the Fair Work Amendment (Protecting Vulnerable Workers) Bill 2017, which aims to address the exploitation of workers in franchise businesses. The Bill creates new

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offences for franchisees and franchisors, and provides enhanced investigative powers for the Fair Work Ombudsman.

\*6317 GLENDALE TAFE ENROLMENTS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Tourism and Major Events, and Assistant Minister for Skills—

What were the number of enrolments at Glendale TAFE in each financial year from 2014-15 to 2016-17?

Answer—

TAFE NSW operates in a competitive environment and does not provide data by location. TAFE NSW does provide enrolment data as part of its annual reporting, which can be found at <https://www.tafensw.edu.au/about-tafensw/annual-report> and at <http://www.dec.nsw.gov.au/about-us/how-we-operate/annual-reports>.

\*6318 RENTAL TERMINATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation—

(1) Does Fair Trading NSW keep track of the number of rental terminations that are made each year in New South Wales?

(a) If so, how many rental agreements were terminated by landlords in Wallsend in the 2016-17 financial year?

(2) How many of these were 'no grounds termination notices'?

Answer—

(1) NSW Fair Trading does not maintain records relating to rental terminations.

(a) NSW Fair Trading is unable to provide these data.

(2) NSW Fair Trading does not maintain a database of the reasons for rental terminations.

\*6319 OUT OF ZONE APPLICATIONS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Education—

(1) What number of out of zone applications were made by students in 2016 for placements in 2017 at each of the following schools:

- (a) Lambton Public School;
- (b) New Lambton Heights Public School;
- (c) Lambton High School;
- (d) Callaghan College Jesmond;
- (e) Callaghan College Wallsend;
- (f) New Lambton Public School?

Answer—

I refer the Member to her previous Question on Notice 4998 and the answer which was tabled on 11 April 2017.

\*6320 FOREIGN INVESTOR STAMP DUTY SURCHARGE—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

How many property purchases in the Wallsend electorate attracted the Foreign Investor Stamp Duty surcharge in each financial year from 2012-13 to 2015-16?

Answer—

Nil. The Foreign Investor Stamp Duty surcharge commenced on 1 July 2017.

\*6321 SYDNEY HARBOUR BRIDGE EASY ACCESS LIFTS—Ms Liesl Tesch asked the Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Disability Services—

When is the current planned completion date for the proposed easy access lifts to the Sydney Harbour Bridge?

Answer—

This question should be directed to the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight.

\*6322 AGED CARE FACILITY IN SHELL COVE—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

(1) Has land been acquired on which to build the \$17 million aged care facility in Shell Cove announced in the 2017-18 Budget for the Shellharbour electorate?

- (a) If so, what is the street address of the future site of the aged care facility?
- (2) How many residents will the aged care facility cater for?
- (3) What levels of care will be offered to residents of the facility?
- (4) Will this site be publicly run or run under a private operator?
- (5) When is the construction of this facility expected to commence and conclude?

Answer—

I refer this question to the Office of the Premier.

\*6323 ABORIGINAL HOUSING OFFICE IN THE SHELLHAROUR ELECTORATE—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

- (1) What services will be offered at the Aboriginal Housing Office announced in the 2017-18 Budget paper for the Shellharbour electorate?
- (2) Has land been obtained on which the Aboriginal Housing Office will be built?
  - (a) If so, what is the location and street address of the future site of the Aboriginal Housing office for Shellharbour?
- (3) When is the construction of the Aboriginal Housing Office in Shellharbour expected to commence and conclude?

Answer—

I am advised that the Aboriginal Housing Office is not building a new office in the Shellharbour electorate.

\*6324 FUTURE OF SHELLHARBOUR HOSPITAL—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) When will the decision regarding the future of Shellharbour Hospital and the existence of a public-private partnership be made and announced?
  - (a) If not this year, why not?

Answer—

The Expressions of Interest for the Shellharbour Hospital redevelopment project are under consideration to ensure the best possible outcomes for patients and the community of Shellharbour.

\*6325 RESPONSE TO NSW LAW REFORM COMMISSION REPORT—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General—

- (1) What is the Government's response to NSW Law Reform Commission Report no 140, Criminal Appeals?
- (2) What consultation, if any, will the Government conduct concerning the recommendations in the Report?
  - (a) With whom will they consult?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Government is considering the recommendations of the Report and will consult further with stakeholders before making its final response.

\*6326 PROTECTION OF PERSONAL DATA—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General—

What steps have been taken to respond to calls by the NSW Privacy Commissioner for explicit provisions to protect personal data interstate and overseas, including by way of amendment to the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act?

Answer—

I am advised:

On 22 October 2015 the Government introduced the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Amendment (Exemptions Consolidation) Bill 2015 (the Bill) to implement the recommendations of the then Privacy Commissioner. Hansard records that on 28 October 2015 you spoke on the Bill.

On 1 April 2016 the resulting act commenced and inserted a new section 19(2) into the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998. This section prohibits public sector agencies from disclosing

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personal information to any person or body who is in a jurisdiction outside New South Wales or to a Commonwealth agency unless specified circumstances apply.

\*6327 FUNDING FOR INFRASTRUCTURE—Mr Ryan Park asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

- (1) How much revenue would be raised each year if the toll on the Harbour Bridge increased by Consumer Price Index?
- (2) Is the 2018 Rail Timetable fully funded over the forward estimates?

Answer—

- (1) This matter falls into the portfolio responsibilities of the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight.
- (2) Please refer to the NSW Budget 2017-18.

\*6328 IMPROVING HOUSING AFFORDABILITY—Mr Ryan Park asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

- (1) Please list the policies announced in the Government's package of measures designed to improve housing affordability that will put downwards pressure on house prices?
- (2) Will stamp duty concessions for first home buyers put upward pressure on house?

Answer—

The Government Housing Affordability measures are available online at [www.nsw.gov.au/improving-nsw/projects-and-initiatives/first-home-buyers/](http://www.nsw.gov.au/improving-nsw/projects-and-initiatives/first-home-buyers/).

\*6329 COST OF TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) What is the estimated total cost of:
  - (a) B-Line;
  - (b) Barangaroo Ferry Hub;
  - (c) Cargo Movement Coordination Centre;
  - (d) Newcastle Light Rail;
  - (e) Parramatta Light Rail;
  - (f) Sydney Metro City and Southwest?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) (a) to (d) This information is available in the Budget Papers.
- (e) and (f) The final project budget for both these projects will be confirmed once all major contracts are awarded.

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6330 SCHOOL MAINTENANCE FUNDING IN THE WOLLONGONG ELECTORATE—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Education—

6331 INVESTIGATION OF ALLEGED CRIMINAL COMPLICITY—Mr Philip Donato to ask the Attorney General—

\*6332 UPGRADES TO WATER AND SEWERAGE INFRASTRUCTURE IN THE CUMBERLAND LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Housing, and Special Minister for State representing the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) Has the Government to date (as at 9 August 2017) identified and budgeted for upgrades to water and sewerage infrastructure in the Cumberland local government area to deal with projected population growth?
  - (a) What is the estimated cost of the upgrades?
  - (b) What upgrades are required?
  - (c) When will they be completed?

Answer—

I am advised:

Sydney Water is developing plans for water and sewerage infrastructure to cater for projected population growth in the Cumberland local government area. The plans will outline short-term and long-term upgrades of the water and sewerage infrastructure. The existing infrastructure impacted by the population growth in the Cumberland area has adequate capacity to service short-term (up to five years) growth.

The cost, timing and nature of long-term upgrade needs for water and sewerage infrastructure in the Cumberland local government area will be identified in the plans to be completed by June 2018.

- 6333 MENTAL HEALTH—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Women, and Minister for Ageing—
- 6334 COMPLAINTS TO TRANSPORT FOR NSW—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- \*6335 ENERGY ACCOUNTS PAYMENT ASSISTANCE SCHEME—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Housing, and Special Minister for State representing the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- (1) How many Energy Accounts Payment Assistance (EAPA) Scheme vouchers have been provided in each year from 2011 to 2017 (as at 2 August 2017) to residents of:
- (a) The Granville electorate;
- (b) The Western Sydney region?

Answer—

I am advised:

Vouchers for Energy Accounts Payment Assistance (EAPA) are allocated using regions, rather than electorates or suburbs. This is a better match with the needs of the agencies that operate as EAPA providers as well as their customers.

The number of vouchers provided to the Granville and Western Sydney areas, in each year since 2011 are shown in the table below. This roughly covers 38 suburbs and 10 local government areas (LGAs). Note that the final numbers of vouchers provided for 2017-18 can be expected to change from the figure below as EAPA providers report on their usage of vouchers.

Each eligible EAPA customer can now receive up to twelve vouchers per energy type per financial year. In addition, the value of EAPA vouchers was increased in July 2013 from \$30 to \$50, per voucher.

Year	Value of each voucher	Number of vouchers allocated to EAPA Providers in the Granville area	Number of vouchers allocated to EAPA Providers in the Western Sydney area
2011-12	\$30	17,250	117,820
2012-13	\$30	19,950	127,670
2013-14	\$50	10,690	73,760
2014-15	\$50	11,150	73,960
2015-16	\$50	11,130	75,750
2016-17	\$50	14,890	82,620
2017-18 (issued to customers as of 5 September 2017)	\$50	2,837	19,336

- 6336 EXPRESS TRAIN SERVICES FROM GRANVILLE STATION—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 6337 AVERAGE TIME BETWEEN COMMITAL AND TRIAL IN THE ORANGE DISTRICT COURT—Mr Philip Donato to ask the Attorney General—
- \*6338 WORKERS COMPENSATION ACT 1987—Mr Philip Donato asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—



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- (1) What consideration is given, or has been given, to the injured workers under s66 (1A) of the Workers Compensation Act 1987 who suffer significant deterioration of their condition as a consequence of perhaps effluxion of time or surgery to be properly compensated for their impairment?
- (2) What remedy is available for this category of injured workers?
- (3) Is the Government going to incorporate recommendation 17 of the current review into the legislation by amending Section 322A of the Workplace Injury Management and Workers Compensation Act 1998, to allow up to two assessments of permanent impairment for certain clearly defined injuries that are prone to deteriorate over time, i.e. spinal injuries etc.?

Answer—

Workers compensation matters of a legislative nature do not fall within the portfolio responsibilities of the Treasurer. This question is more appropriately directed to the Minister for Finance, Services and Property.

6339 ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

\*6340 MIDWIVES AT WOLLONGONG HOSPITAL—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) How many vacancies currently exist for midwives at Wollongong Public Hospital?
- (2) What is the average length of time that a midwife position has been vacant at Wollongong Public Hospital in the last 12 months (to 9 August 2017)?
- (3) What is the total number of days where there have been vacancies in the midwives roster at Wollongong Public Hospital in the last 12 months (to 9 August 2017)?
- (4) What steps is the Government taking to address this situation?

Answer—

A rolling job advertisement and fast-tracked recruitment process is in place at Wollongong Hospital.

6341 CONTAINER DEPOSIT SCHEME IN THE WOLLONGONG LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

6342 REVENUE FROM FREIGHT RAIL USE OF THE SOUTH COAST RAIL—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

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\*6343 SOLAR GENERATED POWER—Mr Philip Donato asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Housing, and Special Minister for State representing the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) What is the Government doing to reduce the disparity in the price paid to home owners for the solar generated power sold to the grid and the cost of power that these same home owners pay to energy providers to power their homes?
- (2) What incentives are the Government providing to home owners to install solar power generating devices, which is a significant cost for purchase and installation, to assist in the overall production of the State's energy?

Answer—

(1) The Government has heard from New South Wales households with solar who were concerned about the rate of their feed-in tariff. Therefore, the government asked the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal to identify a 'fair and reasonable' benchmark range of feed-in tariffs for electricity exported by small-scale solar generators to the grid for 2017-18.

As a result, solar households and businesses in New South Wales may now receive higher prices for the power they feed into the grid. The recommended benchmark range for the 2017-18 financial year is 11.9 to 15 cents per kilowatt hour (¢kWh) - more than double the previous year's range of 5.5 to 7.2 ¢kWh.

The benchmark range is lower than the amount charged by retailers for electricity from the grid, because the feed-in tariff excludes the significant distribution costs of delivering a reliable and secure electricity

supply. It also excludes the retail costs of administering household accounts and the other matters that all contribute to the retail price of electricity.

A fair feed-in tariff is important to ensure that consumers are getting a fair price for their solar, and that retailers are not undervaluing that energy. That said, the main financial benefit from solar systems no longer comes from feed-in tariffs, but through using as much of the electricity generated as possible to avoid being charged for using grid electricity.

(2) The Government is committed to sustainable and affordable renewable energy programs; however these programs must come at least-cost to the energy consumer. At this point in time there are no state based incentive programs for residential solar system installations.

However, New South Wales householders looking to install solar PV systems may still be eligible to recover some of the cost through the Federal Government's Small-scale Renewable Energy Scheme.

Many New South Wales home owners recognise the financial benefits of solar power with over 220,000 households and businesses installing solar systems without a subsidised feed-in tariff. This is in addition to the more than 140,000 homes and business that installed solar PV under the now completed Solar Bonus Scheme.

6344 NURSE TO PATIENT RATIOS AT GOSFORD HOSPITAL—Ms Liesl Tesch to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

\*6345 RESIDENTS WITH COMPLEX DISABILITY OR COMORBIDITY—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Disability Services—

(1) What arrangements are being made for residents in support and accommodation services termed as a 'last resort' for residents with complex disability or comorbidity?

(2) How can these residents, their carers and families have confidence that they will not experience reduced support during the transition to the National Disability Insurance Scheme?

Answer—

Under the NDIS, the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) will be actively involved in the stewardship of disability services and, where required, will support the establishment of providers to ensure services are available to all clients, including complex clients.

The NDIA will fund support coordination to assist residents, carers and families in locating a provider which has the capacity to deliver responsive, quality person-centred services.

6346 STATE EMERGENCY SERVICES STATE HEADQUARTERS FLEET PROGRAM—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—

6347 HEAVY METAL CONTAMINATION IN NEWCASTLE—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

6348 HUNTER TAFE—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Tourism and Major Events, and Assistant Minister for Skills—

\*6349 YOUTH HOMELESSNESS—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

(1) What assessment has the Government made of the evidence about the impact of family conflict and mental illness on young people becoming homeless?

(2) What early intervention programs does the Government operate or fund to address these concerns?

(3) What changes will the Government make to youth homelessness programs given this evidence?

(4) What further action will the Government take to address youth homelessness?

Answer—

I am advised information about the Government's response to reducing youth homelessness is available at <https://www.nsw.gov.au/improving-nsw/premiers-priorities/reducing-youth-homelessness>.

I am advised that information regarding services for youth can be found on the FACS website at [www.facs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.facs.nsw.gov.au).

6350 RESPONSE TO REPRESENTATIONS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Attorney General—

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- 6351 DOLTONE HOUSE JONES BAY WHARF—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Housing, and Special Minister for State—
- 6352 REDUCTION BURNING IN NEW SOUTH WALES NATIONAL PARKS AND FORESTRY AREAS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—
- 6353 ACCIDENTS AT THE MECCANO SET—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—
- 6354 UPGRADES TO NEW SOUTH WALES SCHOOLS—Mr Jihad Dib to ask the Minister for Education—
- 6355 COST OF NEW SCHOOLS—Mr Jihad Dib to ask the Minister for Education—
- \*6356 YOUNG PEOPLE—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Disability Services—

- (1) What actions have been undertaken by the Office of the NSW Advocate for Children and Young People since 28 March 2015 (to 8 August 2017) to:
- Ensure young people have skills to cope with stress;
  - Ensure young people have access to support in times of need;
  - Ensure young people have access to mental health and drug and alcohol awareness programs and services;
  - Ensure young people have access to detoxification and rehabilitation services;
  - Ensure young people have access to support to deal with body image issues;
  - Improve measures to deliver equity and combat discrimination?
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  - Ensure young people have access to detoxification and rehabilitation services;
  - Ensure young people have access to support to deal with body image issues;
  - Improve measures to deliver equity and combat discrimination?

Answer—

(1) (a) to (f) The Advocate for Children and Young People (ACYP) advocates for and promotes the safety, welfare, well-being and voice of all children and young people aged 0- 24 years, with a focus on the needs of those who are vulnerable or disadvantaged.

In 2016, the ACYP prepared a three-year whole-of-government Strategic Plan for Children and Young People (the Plan). The Plan lists items the government is undertaking or is committed to undertake in the future. This document is publically available and can be accessed here: [www.acyp.nsw.gov.au/plan](http://www.acyp.nsw.gov.au/plan).

While the ACYP does not have responsibility for the delivery of services to children and young people, I am advised the office has consulted with over 12,000 children and young people across New South Wales.

These consultations have informed the content of ACYP's advice, reports and submissions to government and non-government sectors.

(2) (a) to (f) The Strategic Plan for Children and Young People outlines six themes: Safe, Connect, Respect, Opportunity, Wellbeing and Voice.

Detailed under these themes is a body of work the government is currently undertaking or committed to undertaking through the life of the Plan.

Additionally, funding is allocated to the Youth Frontiers Program and Youth Opportunities Program, administered by the Department of Family and Community Services. Information on these programs is publically available and can be accessed at: [www.youth.nsw.gov.au/](http://www.youth.nsw.gov.au/).

Multiple programs to promote social cohesion and community harmony is also undertaken by Multicultural NSW. Information on these programs is publicly available and can be accessed at: [www.multicultural.nsw.gov.au/](http://www.multicultural.nsw.gov.au/).

- 6357 TRUANCY IN THE CESSNOCK ELECTORATE—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Education—

6358 SPECIAL INFRASTRUCTURE CONTRIBUTION—Ms Jodi McKay to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Housing, and Special Minister for State—

\*6359 FOSTER CARERS—Ms Jenny Leong asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

- (1) What responsibilities do foster carers have in relation to keeping parents informed of their child's whereabouts?
- (2) Are foster carers under any obligation to inform parents if their child is:
  - (a) Traveling away from the foster carer's home;
  - (b) Leaving the country?
- (3) What specific information do foster carers need to provide to parents if their child is:
  - (a) Traveling away from the foster carer's home;
  - (b) Leaving the country?
- (4) What requirements are there on services responsible for overseeing parents' visits with children in foster care to ensure weekend visits are possible so that parents who work Monday to Friday are able to see their children?

Answer—

I am advised that information about the placement of a child in out-of-home care is shared with parents in accordance with section 1498-K of the Children and Young Person (Care and Protection) Act 1998.

Foster carers are obliged to advise their caseworker and agency of travel plans. When travelling interstate for more than one day or overseas, consent must be provided by the Department of Family and Community Services.

Contact with children in foster care will be arranged at a mutually agreeable time which does not disrupt the child's education or routine.

6360 BUILDING SAFETY IN CHILDCARE FACILITY CONSTRUCTION—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for Education representing the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education—

\*6361 RAINBOW FAMILIES REPORT—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

What is being done to address the concerns about discrimination Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex and Questioning (LGBTIQ) families face that were raised in the Rainbow Families report?

Answer—

I am advised this question should be referred to the Attorney General, the Hon Mark Speakman SC MP.

6362 NORTHCONNEX TOLL—Ms Liesl Tesch to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

6363 ADDITIONAL PARKING SPOTS AT GOSFORD HOSPITAL—Ms Liesl Tesch to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

6364 ADDITIONAL STAFF FOR GOSFORD HOSPITAL—Ms Liesl Tesch to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

6365 ELECTRICITY LEASE PROCEEDS IN THE WOLLONGONG LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Premier—

6366 HEALTH IMPACTS OF WESTCONNEX WORKS AT FORMER ALEXANDRIA LANDFILL SITE—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for Western Sydney, Minister for WestConnex, and Minister for Sport—

6367 BEREAVEMENT COUNSELLING—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

6368 DEFINITION OF THE WOLLONGONG LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA AS METROPOLITAN—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Premier—

6369 UPGRADE OF THE UNANDERRA STATION CONCEPT DESIGN WORK—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

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- 6370 SYDNEY LIGHT RAIL PROJECT—Ms Jodi McKay to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 6371 SYDNEY LIGHT RAIL COMPENSATION CLAIMS—Ms Jodi McKay to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 6372 SYDNEY AND NSW TRAINS ELECTRICITY SUPPLY—Ms Jodi McKay to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 6373 SCHOOL ZONE FLASHING LIGHTS IN THE CESSNOCK ELECTORATE—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—
- 6374 TEACHING POSITIONS ADVERTISED IN THE CESSNOCK ELECTORATE—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Education—
- 6375 RAIL LEVEL CROSSINGS IN THE CESSNOCK ELECTORATE—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 6376 OFFICE OF STATE REVENUE AND STATE DEBT RECOVERY OFFICES—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—
- 6377 BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE FUND—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Education representing the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education—
- 6378 HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT NUMBERS IN THE CESSNOCK ELECTORATE—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Education—
- 6379 LOWER HUNTER HOSPITAL EXPENDITURE—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 6380 ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE TEACHERS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Education—
- 6381 SYDNEY GATEWAY—Ms Jodi McKay to ask the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—
- 6382 FINES ON SYDNEY TRAINS—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—
- 6383 UPGRADE TO MERRYLANDS HIGH SCHOOL—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Education—
- 6384 FAIRFIELD HOSPITAL EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT CAPITAL WORKS PROJECTS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 6385 NEW GRAFTON CORRECTIONAL CENTRE—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Counter Terrorism, Minister for Corrections, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—
- 6386 MECCANO SET MAINTENANCE AND UPGRADE WORKS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—
- 6387 TOURISM STRATEGIES—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Tourism and Major Events, and Assistant Minister for Skills—
- 6388 BUS SERVICE ROUTES IN THE FAIRFIELD LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 6389 TRAFFIC LIGHTS AT THE INTERSECTION OF MAUD STREET AND POLDING STREET, FAIRFIELD WEST—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—
- 6390 POLDING STREET, WEST FAIRFIELD ROUNDABOUT—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—
- \*6391 DISABILITY INFORMATION AND ADVOCACY SERVICES—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Disability Services—
- (1) What plans does the Government have to continue funding for disability information and advocacy organisations after June 2018?

- (2) How will the Government ensure that people with a disability eligible for NDIS support will have access to information and advocacy during the transition where National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) programs are not yet operating?
- (3) What further action will the Government take to ensure that people with a disability have access to information, support and advocacy until the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) services are fully operating?

Answer—

- (1) From 1 July 2018, all Government funding for specialist disability services, including disability advocacy and information services, will be provided to the Commonwealth Government for the operation of the National Disability Insurance Scheme.
- (2) Government funding to providers of specialist disability advocacy and information services will continue during the transition, until the commencement of the full Scheme in New South Wales on 1 July 2018.
- (3) During the transition, the Government has made a significant investment in consumer capacity building and decision support projects across New South Wales, such as My Choice Matters, which prepares people with disability and their families to participate confidently in a disability system based on self-directed supports.

\*6392 COMMON GROUND FUNDING—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

- (1) What funds has the Government allocated for a second Common Ground project?
- (2) What consideration has the Government given to:
  - (a) The City of Sydney offer of land in Redfern as a site for a Common Ground project?
  - (b) Establishing additional Common Ground projects?
  - (c) Expanding step-up accommodation for Common Ground residents who are ready to move to an independent home?
  - (d) A multi-agency taskforce to tackle homelessness?
- (3) What progress has the Government made on a homelessness strategy as identified in LA Q5040?
- (4) What further action will the Government take to address homelessness for vulnerable people with complex needs?

Answer—

I am advised the proposal for a new Common Ground project in Redfern was not successful in securing funds through the Social and Affordable Housing Fund.

Information regarding the Homelessness Strategy is available at <https://www.facs.nsw.gov.au/reforms/homelessness-strategy>.

Information on the Premier's Council on Homelessness is available at <http://www.housing.nsw.gov.au/help-with-housing/specialist-homelessness-services/what-we-do/nsw-premiers-council-on-homelessness>.

6393 AFFORDABLE RENTAL HOUSING STATE ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING POLICY—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Housing, and Special Minister for State—

6394 UNSAFE APARTMENT BUILDING CLADDING—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation—

6395 AA COMPANY HOUSE—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

6396 AMBULANCE RESPONSE TIMES—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

6397 BANNING SINGLE-USE PLASTIC BAGS—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

\*6398 KINSHIP CARER PAYMENTS—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

Will the policy not to pay an allowance to kinship carers who seek legal custody of children through the

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Family Court be reversed?

Answer—

I am advised that relatives who care for a child or young person via a custody or residency order of the Family Court of Australia or Federal Circuit Court, may have access to Commonwealth Government assistance to help with the cost of day to day care. Information can be obtained at <https://www.humanservices.gov.au>.

Information about financial support available from the Department of Family and Community Services is available at <http://www.community.nsw.gov.au/parents,-carers-and-families/fostering,-guardianship-and-adoption/foster-care/are-you-a-community-services-foster-carer/support-and-assistance/financial-support-foster-carer/support-and-assistance/financial-support>.

Further information about support for kinship carers may be found at <http://connectingcarersnsw.com.au>.

- 6399 NEWCASTLE LOCAL ENVIRONMENT PLAN – KING EDWARD PARK—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Housing, and Special Minister for State—
- 6400 NEWCASTLE VISITORS CENTRE—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 6401 DAMAGED PROPERTY ALLEGEDLY DUE TO WESTCONNEX—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Western Sydney, Minister for WestConnex, and Minister for Sport—
- 6402 CROSSING SUPERVISOR FOR HABERFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOL—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—
- 6403 THIRD STAGE OF WESTCONNEX—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Western Sydney, Minister for WestConnex, and Minister for Sport—
- 6404 SYDNEY SECONDARY COLLEGE—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Education—
- \*6405 SIRIUS BUILDING—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—
- (1) How are the Government's plans to sell the Sirius Building affected by the decision by the Land and Environment Court to award it heritage status?
  - (2) What are the arrangements being made for remaining tenants, including Myra Demetriou?
  - (3) Is it considered that the Sirius Building can be part of the wider strategy to deliver social housing in New South Wales?

Answer—

The Government's decision to sell the Sirius Building remains unchanged. Information regarding the relocation of Millers Point residents is available on the Department of Family and Community Services' (FACS) website at <http://www.millerspoint.facs.nsw.gov.au/millers-point-program/resident-relocation>.

- 6406 MONITORING AND REGULATION OF RENT BIDDING APPS—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation—
- 6407 EMERGENCY VOUCHERS FOR UTILITY BILLS—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Housing, and Special Minister for State representing the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 6408 FUNDING FOR SCHOOL MAINTENANCE BACKLOG—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Education—
- 6409 OPAL CARDS—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- \*6410 SOCIAL COMMUNITY HOUSING WAITING LIST—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

How many applicants are on a waiting list for social community housing from the Maitland electorate?

Answer—

I am advised that information about the NSW Housing Register is available on the Department of Family

and Community Services' website at [www.facs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.facs.nsw.gov.au).

\*6411 SMALL BUSINESS CONNECT PROGRAM—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Minister for Skills, and Minister for Small Business—

How many times did small businesses from the Maitland electorate interact with the Small Business Connect program each month/quarter of the 2015-16 and 2016-17 financial years?

Answer—

Interactions per month 2015-16 and 2016-17:

- In 2015-16, interactions ranged between 1 to 9 per month.
- In 2016-17, interactions ranged between 0 to 22 per month.

Interactions per quarter 2015-16 and 2016-17:

- In 2015-16, interactions with the Program ranged between 4 to 22 per quarter.
- In 2016-17, interactions with the Program ranged between 7 to 44 per quarter.

6412 LIQUOR LICENCE CONSULTATION—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Lands and Forestry, and Minister for Racing—

6413 CANTERBURY-BANKSTOWN COUNCIL INDEPENDENT HEARING AND ASSESSMENT PANEL MEMBERS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Housing, and Special Minister for State—

6414 ADDITIONAL HIGH SCHOOL CLASSROOMS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Education—

6415 CANTERBURY-BANKSTOWN COUNCIL INDEPENDENT HEARING AND ASSESSMENT PANEL—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Housing, and Special Minister for State—

6416 SUICIDE RATE OF PATIENTS IN MENTAL HEALTH UNITS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Women, and Minister for Ageing—

6417 RECOMMENDATIONS FROM CORONIAL INQUEST—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Women, and Minister for Ageing—

6418 ADDITIONAL PRIMARY SCHOOL CLASSROOMS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Education—

6419 ADDITIONAL HOSPITAL BEDS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

\*6420 REDEVELOPMENT OF THE IVANHOE ESTATE—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

Considering the Communities Plus program shortlisted three organisations in mid-2016 to submit development proposals for the redevelopment of the Ivanhoe Estate, what has been the delay in announcing the successful tenderer?

Answer—

The successful tenderer for the redevelopment of the Ivanhoe Estate has been announced.

Further details are available on the Department of Family and Community Services (FACS) website [www.facs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.facs.nsw.gov.au).

6421 FUNDING FOR SPORT AND RECREATION FACILITIES—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Western Sydney, Minister for WestConnex, and Minister for Sport—

6422 AIR CONDITIONING IN SCHOOLS IN THE MAITLAND ELECTORATE—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Education—

6423 SMALL BUSINESS EMPLOYMENT INCENTIVE SCHEME—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—



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6424 CLUBGRANTS CATEGORY 3 FUND—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Lands and Forestry, and Minister for Racing—

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6425 PALLIATIVE CARE SPECIALISTS IN RURAL AND REGIONAL AREAS—Mr Philip Donato to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) Where will the additional six palliative care specialists in rural and regional areas, as part of the Government's \$100 million commitment to benefit regional palliative care, be located?
- (2) When will the palliative care training for 300 nurses and allied health staff be completed?
- (3) Where will the two palliative specialist positions created to relieve other specialists in rural and regional areas be deployed from?
- (4) Where will the additional 30 palliative care nurses providing care in hospitals, homes and nursing homes be located?
- (5) What is the timeline for funding distribution?
- (6) What amount of the \$100 million funding will be allocated to services in the Orange electorate?

6426 VEHICLE SAFETY COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATION SCHEME—Mr Philip Donato to ask the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

- (1) Who approved the rescinding or release of Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) Notice 11 'Applying for a Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) for an Individually Constructed Vehicle (ICV)'?
- (2) Who gave the RMS Vehicle Standards and Investigation (VS&I) Department authority to interpret the Australian Design Rules (ADRs) in manners other than those typically accepted by the Federal Government, other states and territories of Australia, and Europe?
- (3) Why have the changes in position by RMS regarding the Vehicle Safety Compliance Certification Scheme (VSCCS) not been communicated with the VSCCS certifiers, who are required to work under the guidelines?
- (4) Was the Transport RMS Customer Charter considered or adhered to before changes were implemented to the VSCCS, in particular Notice 11?

6427 LOCATION OF THE XPT FLEET UPGRADE PROJECT—Mr Philip Donato to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) How many submissions were submitted from the various locations wishing to be considered for manufacturing and/or maintenance of the new \$50 million XPT fleet?
- (2) What was the selection process for deciding on the location where the new XPT fleet would be manufactured and maintained?
- (3) Who was involved in the selection process?
- (4) Was Orange considered as a location for this project to be undertaken?
- (5) Why was Orange City Council not contacted and advised of their unsuccessful bid for the project prior to the announcement at Dubbo on 14 August 2017?

6428 TRANSFER OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES TO KEOLIS DOWNER—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) Does the Government maintain oversight over the provision of public transport services in Newcastle after the transfer to Keolis Downer?
  - (a) If so:
    - (i) How many bus services provided by Keolis Downer were cancelled in July 2017?
    - (ii) How many bus services provided by Keolis Downer were cancelled in August 2017?

6429 OUTSTANDING COMPLAINTS AND MAINTENANCE REQUESTS IN THE WALLSEND ELECTORATE—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

How many outstanding complaints and maintenance requests are currently in the Department of Family and Community Services backlog in the Wallsend electorate (as at 11 September 2017)?

- 6430 FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT POLICE OFFICERS IN THE WALLSEND ELECTORATE—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—
- (1) How many full-time equivalent police officers are currently engaged at stations servicing the Wallsend electorate?
    - (a) What are the locations of each of these stations?
    - (b) Are these stations staffed at all times?
  - (2) How many staff were engaged at each location in each of the financial years from 2010-11 to 2016-17?
- 6431 OPAL CARDS FOR THE SCHOOL STUDENT TRANSPORT SCHEME—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- How many applications for Opal cards in the Wallsend electorate for the School Student Transport scheme were rejected in each of the years 2015 and 2016?
- 6432 MARRICKVILLE LEGAL CENTRE—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—
- (1) Why, since 2015, has funding from the Department to Marrickville Legal Centre for domestic violence support services only been allocated on a year-on-year basis?
  - (2) Why is such funding not provided over a three year period?
  - (3) Does a three year funding cycle provide greater continuity in delivering services and allows proper planning by the Centre to occur?
- 6433 BOARDING HOUSES—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation—
- (1) How many boarding houses are registered on the Boarding House Register?
    - (a) Of the boarding houses in (1) how many are registered in each metropolitan local government area?
  - (2) What enforcement actions have been undertaken in relation to illegal boarding houses?
  - (3) What targets does the Government have in relation to the number of residents, and number of boarding houses, to be housed in the metropolitan area?
  - (4) How many sets of information gathered from big data have been collected concerning illegal boarding houses?
  - (5) How many referrals of information in (4) have been given to metropolitan local government areas?
  - (6) How many referrals of information in (4) have been given to each metropolitan local government areas?
  - (7) How many enforcement actions have been undertaken in each metropolitan local government area following the referral of information in (6)?
- 6434 ALBION PARK RAIL BYPASS - UTILITY WORKS: REVIEW OF ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS REPORT—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—
- For what reason was the 'Albion Park Rail bypass - Utility works: Review of Environmental Factors' report not released until July 2017, when the final version 1.1 was completed and approved 15 months earlier, on 29 March 2016?
- 6435 CONTRACT PERIOD FOR THE ALBION PARK RAIL BYPASS DESIGN AND CONSTRUCT TENDER—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—
- (1) What was the contract period for the 'Albion Park Rail bypass Design and Construct (RMS.17.0000303651.0027)' tender that was published on 17 March 2017, and closed on 28 April 2017?
  - (2) For what reason was the contract period not advertised?
  - (3) What business or contractor has successfully been awarded this tender?
  - (4) What is the estimated value of goods and services over the term of this contract?
- 6436 DISCREPANCY IN REPORT—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—
- (1) Can the Minister explain the following discrepancy contained within the 'Albion Park Rail bypass - Utility works' Review of Environmental Factors - Main report released in July 2017:
    - (a) "the Albion Park Rail bypass project is expected to be approved for construction in 2017" - page 1.

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- (b) "the Albion Park Rail bypass project is expected to be approved for construction in 2016"- pages 13, 159 and 176.
- 6437 STAMP DUTY RELIEF—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—
- (1) How many applications have been received since the introduction of Stamp duty relief (to 8 August 2017)?
    - (a) What is the total value of these applications?
  - (2) How many applications have been approved?
    - (a) What is the total value of these applications?
  - (3) How many applications have been refused?
    - (a) What is the total value of these applications?
  - (4) How many applications have been received from residents of the Granville electorate?
    - (a) What is the total value of these applications?
  - (5) How many applications have been approved from residents of the Granville electorate?
    - (a) What is the total value of these applications?
  - (6) How many applications have been refused from residents of the Granville electorate?
    - (a) What is the total value of these applications?
- 6438 FAIR TRADING NSW ENQUIRIES—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation—
- (1) How many enquiries have been received by Fair Trading NSW since the commencement of the new laws since the introduction of the Strata Schemes Management Bill 2015 and Strata Schemes Development Bill 2015?
  - (2) What estimate has been made of the number of collective sales to be sought in the first year of operation of the new provisions?
  - (3) How many owners corporations have opted in to the collective sale and renewal procedure?
    - (a) Please list the numbers of owners corporations in (3) in each local government area.
  - (4) How many strata committees have considered a proposal to sell or redevelop a scheme?
    - (a) Please list the numbers of strata committees in (4) in each local government area.
  - (5) How many strata renewal committees have been formed?
    - (a) Please list the numbers of strata renewal committees in (5) in each local government area.
  - (6) How many strata renewal plans have been developed?
    - (a) Please list the numbers of strata renewal plans in (6) in each local government area
  - (7) How many owners corporations have voted on whether to agree a strata renewal plan?
    - (a) Please list the numbers of owners corporations in (7) in each local government area
  - (8) How many strata renewal plans have been approved by the Land and Environment Court?
    - (a) Please list the numbers of strata renewal plans in (8) in each local government area
- 6439 SPEED CAMERA OUTSIDE THE ILLAWARRA GRAMMAR SCHOOL—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—
- (1) How many motor vehicle accidents, including fatalities occurred outside The Illawarra Grammar School on the Princes Highway in the four years before the installation of the speed camera?
  - (2) How many motor vehicle accidents, including fatalities occurred outside The Illawarra Grammar School on the Princes Highway since the installation of the speed camera?
  - (3) How many fines were issued from the aforementioned speed camera in each financial year from 2014-15 to 2016-17?
  - (4) What is the average speed of motorists on this stretch of road in the following time periods:
    - (a) 8:00am to 9:30am;
    - (b) 9:30am to 2:30pm;
    - (c) 2:30pm to 4:00pm;
    - (d) 4:00pm to 7:00pm?
- 6440 MOUNT OUSLEY MOTORWAY INTERCHANGE—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

- (1) What measures will the Government consider and implement to protect residents from the impact of noise and vibration due to heavy vehicles moving closer to existing properties as a result of the proposed Mount Ousley Motorway Interchange?
- (2) Will future project funding include the provision to install noise walls along Mount Ousley Road and further south?
- 6441 PICTON ROAD—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—
- (1) What is the total length of Picton Road?
- (2) How much of the total road corridor has centre line barriers installed to diverge oncoming traffic?
- (3) Are there plans to increase the rollout of these barriers?
- (a) If so, when will these works commence?
- (4) What is the cost of undertaking these works?
- (5) Has Roads and Maritime Services sought Commonwealth funding for assistance with these planned works?
- (6) Do any of these works involve the construction of koala crossings along Picton Road?
- 6442 DAPTO PUBLIC SCHOOL SITE—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Education—
- (1) What is the total area of the site of Dapto Public School?
- (2) What is the total area of available green space at Dapto Public School?
- 6443 COUNTERING VIOLENT EXTREMISM PROGRAM—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—
- How many separate individuals have been subject of the Countering Violent Extremism Program?
- 6444 FUNDING FOR INFRASTRUCTURE—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—
- How much revenue would be raised each year if the toll on the Harbour Bridge increased by Consumer Price Index?
- 6445 ALBION PARK RAIL BYPASS TENDER PROCESS—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—
- (1) When is the tender process for the Albion Park Rail Bypass expected to be completed?
- (2) Considering the response to LA Q5147:
- (a) How many of the 35 parcels of land and their owners that the Government was engaged in negotiations with as of 2 May 2017 have now been purchased?
- (b) How many more parcels of land are currently still to be negotiated before the construction of the Albion Park Rail Bypass can commence?
- 6446 RAINBOW FAMILIES REPORT—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Attorney General—
- What is being done to address the concerns about discrimination Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex and Questioning (LGBTIQ) families face that were raised in the Rainbow Families report?
- 6447 SMALL BUSINESS GRANT—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—
- (1) How many businesses were forecast by the Government to have successfully applied for a Small Business Grant as at 30 June 2017?
- (2) How is the Government measuring the efficacy of the Small Business Grant program?
- 6448 WESTCONNEX INTEGRATION WORKS—Ms Jodi McKay to ask the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—
- (1) What was the estimated total cost of WestConnex integration works?
- (2) How much has been spent on WestConnex integration as at 1 August 2017?
- 6449 ROADSIDE DRUG TESTING—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—
- Will a motorist be charged should they return a positive result for marijuana during a Roadside Drug Testing stop if they are also registered for the Medicinal Cannabis Compassionate Use Scheme?

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- 6450 SYDNEY HARBOUR BRIDGE EASY ACCESS LIFTS—Ms Liesl Tesch to ask the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—  
When is the current planned completion date for the proposed easy access lifts to the Sydney Harbour Bridge?
- 6451 AGED CARE FACILITY IN SHELL COVE—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Premier—
- (1) Has land been acquired on which to build the \$17 million aged care facility in Shell Cove announced in the 2017-18 Budget for the Shellharbour electorate?
    - (a) If so, what is the street address of the future site of the aged care facility?
  - (2) How many residents will the aged care facility cater for?
  - (3) What levels of care will be offered to residents of the facility?
  - (4) Will this site be publicly run or run under a private operator?
  - (5) When is the construction of this facility expected to commence and conclude?
- 6452 CENTRAL COAST RECIPIENTS OF THE YOUTH PRIVATE RENTAL SUBSIDY—Ms Liesl Tesch to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—  
How many young people have received the Youth Private Rental Subsidy in the Central Coast region in each financial year from 2014-15 to 2016-17?
- 6453 AUDIT OF THE WALLSEND AGED CARE FACILITY—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—  
What steps are being taken to ensure all care recipients' privacy and dignity will be respected at the Wallsend Aged Care Facility?
- 6454 ACCESS TO DIGITAL PHOTOS PROTOCOLS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—
- (1) Has the protocol between NSW Police and Roads and Maritime Services concerning access to digital photos expired?
    - (a) If so:
      - (i) When?
      - (ii) Have the agencies continued to operate as though the protocol is still in place?
      - (iii) When will it be renewed?
- 6455 CARE AND COMMUNITY CENTRE IN THE SHELLHARBOUR ELECTORATE—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Premier—
- (1) Has land been acquired on which to build the \$2,988,000 'Care and Community Centre for the aged with intellectual disability', announced in the 2017-18 Budget paper for the Shellharbour electorate?
    - (a) If so, what will the street address of this facility be?
  - (2) What services will be offered at this facility?
  - (3) Will this facility be publicly run?
  - (4) When is the construction of this facility expected to commence and conclude?
- 6456 KEMBLA GRANGE TRAINING TRACK AND COURSE—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Lands and Forestry, and Minister for Racing—
- (1) Did the Government announce \$8m to provide upgrades and improvements to the Kembla Grange training track and course proper?
  - (2) How much of this funding was carried out in each financial year from 2012-13 to 2017-18 (as at 12 September 2017)?
  - (3) Has the announced turf surface work been carried out?
  - (4) What has been the outcome of investigations to explore the installation of a second track?
  - (5) What is the status of the implementation of the announced Stage 2 drainage works?
- 6457 DESIGN OF THE DIGITAL SCREENS AT TRAIN STATIONS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- (1) Was there any consultation with disability advocacy groups in relation to the design of the digital screens at train stations?
    - (a) If so, what organisations were approached?

- (2) Was testing sought and conducted with individuals who suffer from visual impairment?
- 6458 EXCESSIVE NOISE ON MOUNT OUSLEY—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—
- (1) Considering there is growing concern about the excessive noise of some vehicles travelling down Mount Ousley, particularly related to excessive engine breaking:
    - (a) Has the Government done any consultation with constituents living on or around Mount Ousley about the impact this noise is having on them?
    - (b) What is the Government doing to regulate the noise emitted from compression breaks on heavy vehicles?
    - (c) Will the Government consider the introduction of noise reduction curfews around residential areas between certain time frames?
    - (d) What was the outcome of the trialled noise cameras on Mount Ousley?
- 6459 PUBLIC HOUSING PROPERTIES IN THE BELLAMBI AREA—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—
- (1) Does the Government plan to sell further public housing properties in the Bellambi area?
    - (a) If so, can the Minister please provide further detail regarding which properties will be sold?
    - (b) If so, please provide detail regarding when the properties are due for sale?
- 6460 AFFORDABLE HOUSING—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Housing, and Special Minister for State—
- (1) Over the past 12 months, how many developments have received approval with a condition requiring 0 to 5 per cent of rezoned land to be affordable housing?
  - (2) Over the past 12 months, how many developments have received approval with a condition requiring no rezoned land to be affordable housing?
  - (3) Over the past 12 months, how many developments have received approval with a condition requiring 5 to 10 per cent of rezoned land to be affordable housing?
  - (4) Over the past 12 months, how many developments have received approval with a condition requiring more than 10 per cent of rezoned land to be affordable housing?
  - (5) Of the developments in (1) to (5) how many affordable dwellings have been built on publicly-owned land?
- 6461 ALBION PARK RAIL BYPASS SUBMISSIONS REPORT—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—
- (1) On what date will the submissions report regarding the Albion Park Rail Bypass, originally scheduled to be released in mid-2017, be published?
  - (2) How many submissions were received following the display of the environmental impact statement (EIS) for the Albion Park Rail Bypass and will be included in the report?
- 6462 EXTENSION OF PRIVACY DIRECTIONS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—
- Did Commissioner Mick Fuller, or someone on his behalf send an email on 21 June 2017 to the office of the Privacy Commissioner requesting assistance in the preparation of an application for the extension of the Privacy Directions concerning the Countering Violent Extremism Program?
- 6463 PRIVACY DIRECTIONS CONCERNING THE COUNTERING VIOLENT EXTREMISM PROGRAM—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General—
- Did the Privacy Commission or their office receive an email on 21 June 2017 from or on behalf of Commissioner Mick Fuller requesting assistance in the preparation of an application for the extension of Privacy Directions concerning the Countering Violent Extremism Program?
- 6464 COUNTERING VIOLENT EXTREMISM PROGRAM—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General—
- (1) When did you become aware of the expiry of the Privacy Directions concerning the Countering Violent Extremism Program?
  - (2) What did you do when you became aware?

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- 6465 NSW BUSINESSLINK—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—
- (1) How many voluntary redundancies have been accepted by former and current employees of Businesslink in the periods:
    - (a) 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015?
    - (b) 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016;
    - (c) 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017?
  - (2) How many voluntary redundancies from former and current employees of Businesslink have been forecasted from 1 July 2017 to December 2017?
  - (3) How many contractors with NSW Businesslink have had their contracts terminated or not renewed since 1 July 2017 (as at 12 September 2017)?
- 6466 PALLIATIVE CARE SERVICES IN THE ILLAWARRA SHOALHAVEN LOCAL HEALTH DISTRICT—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- (1) What changes will be made to palliative care services in the Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District following the Palliative Care Regional Workshop in Kiama on 2 June 2017?
  - (2) Within the report produced from this roundtable a number of priority issues and potential solutions were identified. Which (if any) of the possible solutions identified to target the following priorities will be adopted:
    - (a) 'Educating and developing the workforce';
    - (b) 'Extending access to support';
    - (c) 'Integrating care';
    - (d) 'Supporting staff and carers'?
- 6467 FLOODS IN THE ILLAWARRA REGION—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—
- (1) What is the total number of serious, severe or very severe floods that have occurred within the Illawarra region over the last:
    - (a) 10 years;
    - (b) 25 years;
    - (c) 50 years?
  - (2) How many flood mitigation projects have been completed in the Illawarra region in each year from 2011 to date (as at 12 September 2017)?
    - (a) What were the nature, location and cost of these projects?
  - (3) What funding has been made available in the 2017-18 Budget for the provision of additional flood mitigation works to be carried out within:
    - (a) The Illawarra region;
    - (b) The Shellharbour electorate?
- 6468 UPGRADE AND EXPANSION DAPTO PUBLIC SCHOOL—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Education—
- (1) What is the total amount of funding that has been allocated for the upgrade and expansion of Dapto Public School, announced recently and funded under the 2018-19 Budget?
  - (2) What will the nature of these upgrades be?
  - (3) How many additional students will Dapto Public School cater for following the upgrade?
  - (4) Will additional land be acquired for the expansion?
  - (5) What allowances will be made for green space in the design of this upgrade and expansion?
- 6469 JUDICIAL OFFICERS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General—
- Does the recent proposal by the President of the Bar Association concerning the retirement age of judicial officers and/or qualifications for judicial pensions involve an alteration to entrenched provisions of the State Constitution?
- 6470 RECOMMENDATION FROM THE REPORT OF THE MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION OF NSW—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General—
- What steps have been taken and what involvement has the department had in implementing the recommendation of the report of the Mental Health Commission of NSW entitled Towards a Just System: Mental illness and cognitive impairment in the criminal justice system?

- 6471 IMS HEALTH AND IMS HEALTH AUSTRALIA—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- (1) What connection is there between IMS Health or IMS Health Australia and the Department of Health, Local Area Health Boards and/or Hospitals?
  - (2) What information is provided to IMS Health and IMS Health Australia by:
    - (a) NSW Department of Health;
    - (b) Local Area Health Boards in New South Wales;
    - (c) Hospitals in New South Wales?
  - (3) What regulation is there of the provision of information to IMS Health or IMS Health Australia by any element of the health industry and/or profession in New South Wales?
- 6472 FULL-TIME AND RETAINED FIREFIGHTERS IN THE WALLSEND ELECTORATE—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—
- What number of full-time and retained firefighters were engaged at each station in the Wallsend electorate in each financial year from 2010-11 to 2016-17?
- 6473 FORMER WARATAH BOYS SCHOOL SITE—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—
- (1) What are the plans for the old Waratah Boys School on the corner of Harriet Street and Georgetown Road?
  - (2) Who is maintaining the site?
  - (3) Has the Government identified potential uses for the site?
    - (a) If so, what are the uses?
- 6474 JOBS AT THE AUSGRID DEPOT, WALLSEND—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Housing, and Special Minister for State representing the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- (1) Why have 30 people lost their jobs at the Ausgrid depot at Wallsend?
  - (2) In which way will these job losses contribute to better services?
- 6475 OUT OF ZONE APPLICATIONS FOR PLACEMENTS IN 2017—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Education—
- (1) What number of out of zone applications were made by students in 2016 for placements in 2017 at each of the following schools:
    - (a) Waratah West Public School;
    - (b) Plattsburg Public School;
    - (c) Callaghan College Waratah Campus;
    - (d) Shortland Public School?
- 6476 OWNER OF TOMAREE LODGE—Ms Kate Washington to ask the Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Disability Services—
- (1) Which Government agency is the owner of the land on which the Tomaree Lodge operates (Lot 453/DP 705463)?
  - (2) Are there any plans to sell this land?
- 6477 WORKERS COMPENSATION ACT 1987—Mr Philip Donato to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—
- (1) What consideration is given, or has been given, to the injured workers under s66 (1A) of the Workers Compensation Act 1987 who suffer significant deterioration of their condition as a consequence of perhaps effluxion of time or surgery to be properly compensated for their impairment?
  - (2) What remedy is available for this category of injured workers?
  - (3) Is the Government going to incorporate recommendation 17 of the current review into the legislation by amending Section 322A of the Workplace Injury Management and Workers Compensation Act 1998, to allow up to two assessments of permanent impairment for certain clearly defined injuries that are prone to deteriorate over time, i.e. spinal injuries etc.?
- 6478 EARLY CHILDHOOD PROVIDERS AND SCHOOL SHARE FACILITIES—Mr Jihad Dib to ask the Minister for Education representing the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education—



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Which schools (including dollar amount) have received money from the Before and After School Care Fund?

6479 HOME BUILDING DEFECTS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) What proportion of insolvent builders against whom claims were made under the Home Building Compensation Fund Scheme from 2013 to 2016 were reregistered under another company name and operated after insolvency?
- (2) What mechanisms does the Government use to obtain feedback from consumers about the Home Building Compensation Fund Scheme disputes process and improvements needed, including automatic requests for feedback following case closure?

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## ATTACHMENT A

(2) The number of residential properties in New South Wales local government areas, whose unimproved land value exceeds \$1 million, in half a million dollar increments to \$10 million and above are as follows:

	Land Value Range	Albury	Armidale Regional	Ballina	Balranald	Bathurst Regional	Bayside	Bega Valley	Bellingen	Berrigan	Blacktown
a	>\$1,000,000	105	18	283	0	37	10,237	18	8	0	1,619
b	>\$1,500,000	53	11	101	0	14	2,264	8	3	0	1,038
c	>\$2,000,000	32	8	41	0	10	1,748	4	1	0	774
d	>\$2,500,000	20	4	28	0	6	1,324	2	0	0	595
e	>\$3,000,000	17	2	17	0	3	998	2	0	0	436
f	>\$3,500,000	13	1	15	0	3	768	1	0	0	343
g	>\$4,000,000	11	1	11	0	2	589	0	0	0	286
h	>\$4,500,000	6	1	10	0	1	459	0	0	0	245
i	>\$5,000,000	5	1	6	0	0	382	0	0	0	194
j	>\$5,500,000	3	0	6	0	0	307	0	0	0	155
k	>\$6,000,000	2	0	3	0	0	260	0	0	0	130
l	>\$6,500,000	2	0	3	0	0	229	0	0	0	107
m	>\$7,000,000	2	0	3	0	0	212	0	0	0	93
n	>\$7,500,000	1	0	3	0	0	195	0	0	0	74
o	>\$8,000,000	1	0	2	0	0	177	0	0	0	65
p	>\$8,500,000	0	0	2	0	0	162	0	0	0	60
q	>\$9,000,000	0	0	2	0	0	149	0	0	0	52
r	>\$9,500,000	0	0	2	0	0	140	0	0	0	50
s	>\$10,000,000	0	0	2	0	0	130	0	0	0	43

	Land Value Range	Bland	Blayney	Blue Mountains	Bogan	Bourke	Brewarrina	Broken Hill	Burwood	Byron	Cabonne	Camden
a	>\$1,000,000	0	1	144	0	0	0	0	4,930	766	0	458
b	>\$1,500,000	0	0	53	0	0	0	0	2,225	386	0	322
c	>\$2,000,000	0	0	27	0	0	0	0	1,101	219	0	276
d	>\$2,500,000	0	0	18	0	0	0	0	718	152	0	211
e	>\$3,000,000	0	0	12	0	0	0	0	534	104	0	158
f	>\$3,500,000	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	447	70	0	114
g	>\$4,000,000	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	362	49	0	95
h	>\$4,500,000	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	305	38	0	84
i	>\$5,000,000	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	256	33	0	70
j	>\$5,500,000	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	229	27	0	63
k	>\$6,000,000	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	195	24	0	60
l	>\$6,500,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	171	15	0	51
m	>\$7,000,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	159	12	0	47
n	>\$7,500,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	147	11	0	42
o	>\$8,000,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	140	9	0	38
p	>\$8,500,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	122	7	0	35
q	>\$9,000,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	110	3	0	33
r	>\$9,500,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	97	3	0	32
s	>\$10,000,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	88	3	0	31

	Land Value Range	Campbelltown	Canada Bay	Canterbury Bankstown	Carrathool	Central Coast	Central Darling	Cessnock	City of Parramatta	City of Sydney
a	>\$1,000,000	740	13,882	9,790	0	1,900	0	38	8,657	9,000
b	>\$1,500,000	433	4,558	2,557	0	752	0	24	2,879	4,410
c	>\$2,000,000	261	1,871	1,628	0	369	0	16	1,786	3,206
d	>\$2,500,000	179	1,196	1,049	0	208	0	9	1,323	2,645
e	>\$3,000,000	135	953	681	0	113	0	6	1,053	2,303
f	>\$3,500,000	110	740	476	0	65	0	6	881	2,060
g	>\$4,000,000	73	564	331	0	50	0	5	745	1,849
h	>\$4,500,000	64	457	263	0	38	0	5	647	1,639
i	>\$5,000,000	54	377	202	0	29	0	2	571	1,459
j	>\$5,500,000	45	327	160	0	21	0	2	497	1,339
k	>\$6,000,000	41	287	139	0	17	0	2	431	1,233
l	>\$6,500,000	37	256	118	0	15	0	2	393	1,155
m	>\$7,000,000	32	225	98	0	10	0	1	352	1,087
n	>\$7,500,000	28	203	78	0	6	0	0	317	1,027
o	>\$8,000,000	27	191	69	0	6	0	0	292	969
p	>\$8,500,000	26	175	66	0	3	0	0	270	904
q	>\$9,000,000	25	161	54	0	2	0	0	251	851
r	>\$9,500,000	24	151	52	0	2	0	0	237	805
s	>\$10,000,000	22	131	39	0	2	0	0	223	748

	Land Value Range	Clarence Valley	Cobar	Coffs Harbour	Coolamon	Coonamble	Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional	Cowra	Cumberland	Dubbo Regional	Dungog
a	>\$1,000,000	77	0	233	0	0	0	0	3,064	23	4
b	>\$1,500,000	23	0	98	0	0	0	0	1,735	8	2
c	>\$2,000,000	10	0	60	0	0	0	0	1,012	6	2
d	>\$2,500,000	6	0	36	0	0	0	0	672	3	1
e	>\$3,000,000	3	0	20	0	0	0	0	414	3	1
f	>\$3,500,000	1	0	13	0	0	0	0	295	3	0
g	>\$4,000,000	1	0	8	0	0	0	0	215	3	0
h	>\$4,500,000	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	163	2	0
i	>\$5,000,000	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	132	2	0
j	>\$5,500,000	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	107	1	0
k	>\$6,000,000	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	91	1	0
l	>\$6,500,000	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	83	1	0
m	>\$7,000,000	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	77	1	0
n	>\$7,500,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	68	1	0
o	>\$8,000,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	61	1	0
p	>\$8,500,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	0	0
q	>\$9,000,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	41	0	0
r	>\$9,500,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	34	0	0
s	>\$10,000,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	0	0

	Land Value Range	Edward River	Eurobadalla	Fairfield	Forbes	Federation	Georges River	Gilgandra	Glenn Innes Severn	Goulburn Mulwaree	Greater Hume
a	>\$1,000,000	0	103	1,460	0	15	13,262	0	0	20	1
b	>\$1,500,000	0	41	748	0	8	3,087	0	0	12	1
c	>\$2,000,000	0	20	485	0	7	1,706	0	0	9	0
d	>\$2,500,000	0	12	327	0	5	971	0	0	5	0
e	>\$3,000,000	0	5	235	0	4	528	0	0	2	0
f	>\$3,500,000	0	4	168	0	3	336	0	0	1	0
g	>\$4,000,000	0	2	132	0	3	232	0	0	1	0
h	>\$4,500,000	0	2	114	0	2	176	0	0	1	0
i	>\$5,000,000	0	2	95	0	2	142	0	0	1	0
j	>\$5,500,000	0	2	85	0	1	117	0	0	1	0
k	>\$6,000,000	0	2	77	0	1	99	0	0	1	0
l	>\$6,500,000	0	2	66	0	1	82	0	0	0	0
m	>\$7,000,000	0	1	60	0	1	58	0	0	0	0
n	>\$7,500,000	0	1	56	0	1	54	0	0	0	0
o	>\$8,000,000	0	1	52	0	1	48	0	0	0	0
p	>\$8,500,000	0	1	44	0	0	44	0	0	0	0
q	>\$9,000,000	0	1	32	0	0	37	0	0	0	0
r	>\$9,500,000	0	1	29	0	0	35	0	0	0	0
s	>\$10,000,000	0	1	27	0	0	30	0	0	0	0

	Land Value Range	Griffith	Gunnedah	Gwydir	Hawkesbury	Hay	Hilltops	Hornsby	Hunters Hill	Inner West	Inverell	Junee
a	>\$1,000,000	16	2	0	237	0	3	4,386	3,221	20,190	0	0
b	>\$1,500,000	6	0	0	77	0	2	885	2,049	5,610	0	0
c	>\$2,000,000	2	0	0	39	0	1	615	1,274	2,545	0	0
d	>\$2,500,000	1	0	0	21	0	1	491	903	1,803	0	0
e	>\$3,000,000	1	0	0	14	0	1	400	620	1,346	0	0
f	>\$3,500,000	1	0	0	10	0	0	328	439	1,020	0	0
g	>\$4,000,000	0	0	0	8	0	0	268	311	731	0	0
h	>\$4,500,000	0	0	0	6	0	0	234	222	580	0	0
i	>\$5,000,000	0	0	0	6	0	0	207	153	466	0	0
j	>\$5,500,000	0	0	0	4	0	0	173	120	367	0	0
k	>\$6,000,000	0	0	0	4	0	0	139	95	305	0	0
l	>\$6,500,000	0	0	0	4	0	0	123	73	264	0	0
m	>\$7,000,000	0	0	0	4	0	0	110	61	228	0	0
n	>\$7,500,000	0	0	0	4	0	0	96	53	196	0	0
o	>\$8,000,000	0	0	0	4	0	0	86	42	171	0	0
p	>\$8,500,000	0	0	0	3	0	0	80	33	154	0	0
q	>\$9,000,000	0	0	0	3	0	0	64	28	141	0	0
r	>\$9,500,000	0	0	0	2	0	0	58	26	131	0	0
s	>\$10,000,000	0	0	0	2	0	0	54	21	112	0	0

	Land Value Range	Kempsey	Kiama	Ku-ring-gai	Kyogle	Lachlan	Lake Macquarie	Lane Cover	Leeton	Lismore	Lithgow
a	>\$1,000,000	17	299	19,286	0	0	597	5,935	1	17	12
b	>\$1,500,000	3	54	4,409	0	0	211	2,135	0	4	4
c	>\$2,000,000	2	20	1,412	0	0	83	1,016	0	2	1
d	>\$2,500,000	1	11	710	0	0	53	574	0	1	1
e	>\$3,000,000	1	7	489	0	0	34	348	0	1	1
f	>\$3,500,000	0	5	362	0	0	27	236	0	0	0
g	>\$4,000,000	0	3	302	0	0	22	162	0	0	0
h	>\$4,500,000	0	1	251	0	0	17	120	0	0	0
i	>\$5,000,000	0	0	219	0	0	13	95	0	0	0
j	>\$5,500,000	0	0	183	0	0	10	77	0	0	0
k	>\$6,000,000	0	0	158	0	0	10	65	0	0	0
l	>\$6,500,000	0	0	136	0	0	9	60	0	0	0
m	>\$7,000,000	0	0	118	0	0	6	55	0	0	0
n	>\$7,500,000	0	0	102	0	0	6	49	0	0	0
o	>\$8,000,000	0	0	86	0	0	4	45	0	0	0
p	>\$8,500,000	0	0	78	0	0	4	42	0	0	0
q	>\$9,000,000	0	0	65	0	0	4	36	0	0	0
r	>\$9,500,000	0	0	54	0	0	3	33	0	0	0
s	>\$10,000,000	0	0	49	0	0	3	27	0	0	0



	Land Value Range	Liverpool	Liverpool Plains	Lockhart	Maitland	Mid-Western Regional	Mid-Coast	Moree Plains	Mosman	Murray River	Murrumbidgee
a	>\$1,000,000	1,987	0	0	113	10	261	0	5,820	8	0
b	>\$1,500,000	1,242	0	0	65	7	84	0	4,522	3	0
c	>\$2,000,000	927	0	0	35	3	39	0	2,782	0	0
d	>\$2,500,000	611	0	0	18	1	25	0	1,886	0	0
e	>\$3,000,000	469	0	0	8	1	15	0	1,163	0	0
f	>\$3,500,000	346	0	0	6	1	10	0	604	0	0
g	>\$4,000,000	286	0	0	5	1	7	0	388	0	0
h	>\$4,500,000	203	0	0	2	1	3	0	273	0	0
i	>\$5,000,000	168	0	0	2	0	1	0	202	0	0
j	>\$5,500,000	142	0	0	0	0	1	0	168	0	0
k	>\$6,000,000	120	0	0	0	0	0	0	134	0	0
l	>\$6,500,000	102	0	0	0	0	0	0	114	0	0
m	>\$7,000,000	93	0	0	0	0	0	0	73	0	0
n	>\$7,500,000	83	0	0	0	0	0	0	55	0	0
o	>\$8,000,000	74	0	0	0	0	0	0	48	0	0
p	>\$8,500,000	62	0	0	0	0	0	0	36	0	0
q	>\$9,000,000	53	0	0	0	0	0	0	28	0	0
r	>\$9,500,000	46	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	0	0
s	>\$10,000,000	42	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	0	0

	Land Value Range	Muswellbrook	Nambucca	Narrabri	Narrandera	Narramine	Newcastle	North Sydney	Northern Beaches	Oberon
a	>\$1,000,000	6	9	0	0	0	2,041	7,277	30,807	2
b	>\$1,500,000	5	0	0	0	0	584	4,474	10,242	1
c	>\$2,000,000	2	0	0	0	0	303	2,786	5,114	1
d	>\$2,500,000	1	0	0	0	0	172	1,920	2,836	0
e	>\$3,000,000	0	0	0	0	0	114	1,436	1,880	0
f	>\$3,500,000	0	0	0	0	0	74	1,121	1,381	0
g	>\$4,000,000	0	0	0	0	0	63	913	1,098	0
h	>\$4,500,000	0	0	0	0	0	46	742	883	0
i	>\$5,000,000	0	0	0	0	0	29	591	728	0
j	>\$5,500,000	0	0	0	0	0	24	502	529	0
k	>\$6,000,000	0	0	0	0	0	20	441	442	0
l	>\$6,500,000	0	0	0	0	0	16	390	365	0
m	>\$7,000,000	0	0	0	0	0	13	335	317	0
n	>\$7,500,000	0	0	0	0	0	11	290	273	0
o	>\$8,000,000	0	0	0	0	0	11	248	239	0
p	>\$8,500,000	0	0	0	0	0	9	215	204	0
q	>\$9,000,000	0	0	0	0	0	7	196	174	0
r	>\$9,500,000	0	0	0	0	0	5	168	155	0
s	>\$10,000,000	0	0	0	0	0	4	150	139	0

	Land Value Range	Orange	Parkes	Penrith	Port Macquarie-Hastings	Port Stephens	Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional	Randwick	Richmond Valley	Ryde	Shellharbour
a	>\$1,000,000	47	1	1,370	231	360	163	18,500	9	10,455	286
b	>\$1,500,000	30	1	528	124	49	77	6,764	1	2,430	104
c	>\$2,000,000	14	0	307	77	33	33	3,453	0	1,226	73
d	>\$2,500,000	4	0	213	50	21	23	1,950	0	808	47
e	>\$3,000,000	2	0	160	40	13	16	1,250	0	569	38
f	>\$3,500,000	1	0	130	31	8	12	881	0	403	31
g	>\$4,000,000	1	0	101	28	7	9	658	0	328	24
h	>\$4,500,000	1	0	82	17	4	7	514	0	277	21
i	>\$5,000,000	1	0	72	11	2	6	385	0	242	19
j	>\$5,500,000	1	0	57	9	0	6	317	0	217	16
k	>\$6,000,000	0	0	50	6	0	6	260	0	199	16
l	>\$6,500,000	0	0	42	3	0	6	216	0	175	14
m	>\$7,000,000	0	0	39	3	0	6	191	0	160	11
n	>\$7,500,000	0	0	37	2	0	6	157	0	138	10
o	>\$8,000,000	0	0	36	1	0	6	136	0	120	8
p	>\$8,500,000	0	0	33	1	0	5	121	0	110	8
q	>\$9,000,000	0	0	31	1	0	5	108	0	101	7
r	>\$9,500,000	0	0	29	1	0	5	96	0	97	7
s	>\$10,000,000	0	0	25	1	0	4	86	0	90	7

	Land Value Range	Shoalhaven	Singleton	Snowy Monaro Regional	Snowy Valleys	Strathfield	Sutherland	Tamworth Regional	Temora	Tenterfield	The Hills Shire
a	>\$1,000,000	439	17	8	0	4,930	9,690	36	0	0	4,701
b	>\$1,500,000	114	10	4	0	3,223	3,216	15	0	0	1,199
c	>\$2,000,000	48	5	1	0	1,221	1,838	8	0	0	949
d	>\$2,500,000	20	3	1	0	633	1,193	5	0	0	828
e	>\$3,000,000	13	1	1	0	491	794	2	0	0	742
f	>\$3,500,000	8	1	1	0	371	604	1	0	0	637
g	>\$4,000,000	6	1	0	0	295	453	1	0	0	557
h	>\$4,500,000	6	1	0	0	252	405	1	0	0	501
i	>\$5,000,000	4	0	0	0	210	293	1	0	0	462
j	>\$5,500,000	2	0	0	0	188	202	0	0	0	385
k	>\$6,000,000	0	0	0	0	152	156	0	0	0	319
l	>\$6,500,000	0	0	0	0	130	125	0	0	0	274
m	>\$7,000,000	0	0	0	0	112	99	0	0	0	224
n	>\$7,500,000	0	0	0	0	103	84	0	0	0	191
o	>\$8,000,000	0	0	0	0	85	76	0	0	0	167
p	>\$8,500,000	0	0	0	0	76	67	0	0	0	144
q	>\$9,000,000	0	0	0	0	67	53	0	0	0	119
r	>\$9,500,000	0	0	0	0	59	45	0	0	0	109
s	>\$10,000,000	0	0	0	0	53	35	0	0	0	97



	Land Value Range	Weddin	Wentworth	Willoughby	Wingecarribee	Wollondilly	Wollongong	Woolahra	Yass Valley
a	>\$1,000,000	0	1	14,168	225	182	1,347	9,774	42
b	>\$1,500,000	0	0	6,966	87	88	594	7,322	19
c	>\$2,000,000	0	0	1,366	46	58	336	5,869	8
d	>\$2,500,000	0	0	842	27	28	226	4,345	4
e	>\$3,000,000	0	0	626	12	16	150	3,116	3
f	>\$3,500,000	0	0	526	9	13	108	2,255	2
g	>\$4,000,000	0	0	437	9	11	72	1,785	2
h	>\$4,500,000	0	0	358	8	8	56	1,437	2
i	>\$5,000,000	0	0	279	7	8	47	1,181	2
j	>\$5,500,000	0	0	209	7	8	37	975	1
k	>\$6,000,000	0	0	171	6	7	30	848	1
l	>\$6,500,000	0	0	141	4	7	25	751	0
m	>\$7,000,000	0	0	126	3	7	20	649	0
n	>\$7,500,000	0	0	110	2	6	19	592	0
o	>\$8,000,000	0	0	102	1	5	16	545	0
p	>\$8,500,000	0	0	90	1	5	10	497	0
q	>\$9,000,000	0	0	82	0	4	8	460	0
r	>\$9,500,000	0	0	72	0	4	8	413	0
s	>\$10,000,000	0	0	64	0	4	6	373	0