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\*6597 MOOREBANK INTERMODAL—Mr Luke Foley asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

- (1) Has any money been allocated or reserved for road works on nearby off-site roads to respond to increased heavy vehicle traffic associated with the Moorebank Intermodal?
  - (a) If so, how much and for which projects?
  - (b) If not, why not?
- (2) Are the proponents of the Moorebank Intermodal, including Qube, required to pay for any road upgrades on nearby roads?
  - (a) If so, how much are they paying and to which projects?
  - (b) If not, why not?
- (3) Are any upgrades planned for Moorebank Avenue and the M5 Georges River Bridge, and the M5 between these locations, given the number of heavy vehicles that will use the Moorebank Intermodal?
- (4) What road safety measures will be implemented to accommodate the increased number of heavy vehicles entering and exiting the Moorebank Intermodal site?
  - (a) When will these measures be commenced and completed?
  - (b) What is the cost of these safety measures and which organisation is to fund them?

Answer—

I am advised:

I refer you to the response provided to Budget Estimates supplementary questions 22-26.

\*6598 ADDITIONAL PRIMARY SCHOOL CLASSROOMS—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) How many extra primary school classrooms has the Department projected are needed to service the residents of the proposed additional 27,000 new homes in the Parramatta Road Corridor?
- (2) When will there be a commitment to constructing these extra primary school classrooms?

Answer—

I'm advised that the following major capital works projects currently in construction or design/planning stages will provide additional capacity for the urban renewal corridor and wider Parramatta area:

- Croydon Public School upgrade (Strathfield)
- Russell Lea Public School upgrade (Drummoyne)
- Marie Bashir Public School upgrade (Strathfield)
- Lidcombe Public School upgrade (Auburn)
- Auburn North Public School upgrade (Auburn)
- Rosehill Public School upgrade (Parramatta)
- Parramatta West Public School upgrade (Granville)
- Parramatta Public School, redeveloped school (Parramatta)
- Arthur Phillip High School, redeveloped school (Parramatta)
- Sydney Olympic Park, new high school (Auburn)
- Wentworth Point Public School, new primary school (Auburn).
- Darlington Public School, new primary school (Newtown).

The Department of Education is working with key agencies to ensure we provide additional capacity to meet future public education needs in this urban renewal corridor.

The timeframe for delivery of future school infrastructure to support the Parramatta Road Corridor will be determined as part of the process.

\*6599 RE-ENGINEERING OF THE NEW SOUTH WALES POLICE FORCE—Mr Philip Donato asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—

Will all current Local Area Commanders, Crime Managers, Local Area Managers' positions at the Local Area Commands which are subject to amalgamation under the New South Wales Police Force 'Re-Engineering' be retained?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Police Force (NSWPF) re-engineering reforms, which include a new position of Deputy Commissioner for Regional New South Wales, will allow a more tailored focus on regional communities. This process will provide the NSWPF with more flexibility to adapt policing techniques and resources to each community in response to its own challenges, rather than a 'one size fits all' approach.

There will be no reduction in frontline policing. The process of re-engineering the Force is about having frontline officers where and when they are needed and in the numbers required. It is about giving the people of New South Wales a police force that is flexible, nimble, well-resourced and best placed to address current and future policing needs.

Re-engineering the Force will put more police on the ground, especially in regional communities.

\*6600 PRIVATELY OPERATED RESIDENTIAL AGED CARE FACILITIES—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

What mechanisms are in place to ensure that privately-operated residential aged care facilities are compliant with State regulations?

Answer—

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

\*6601 TRIPLE-0 EMERGENCY CALLS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—

(1) How many triple-0 emergencies were called in in the Newcastle Local Area Command in the year leading up to August 2017?

(a) Of those triple-0 emergencies in the Newcastle Local Area Command, how many were responded to within twelve minutes?

(2) How many triple-0 emergencies were called in in the Lake Macquarie Local Area Command in the year leading up to August 2017?

(a) Of these triple-0 emergencies in the Lake Macquarie Local Area Command, how many were responded to within twelve minutes?

Answer—

Telstra has responsibility for providing the service which answers calls to Triple Zero and transfers them, with relevant information, to the requested organisation for response. Questions about the Triple Zero call service should be addressed to the Commonwealth Minister for Communications.

\*6602 SOCIAL HOUSING PROPERTIES THAT ARE VACANT OR BEING PREPARED FOR RELETTING—Ms Sonia Hornery 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 NSW Land and Housing properties located in the following suburbs were vacant or being prepared for reletting as at 30 June 2017:

- (a) Wallsend;
- (b) Maryland;
- (c) Jesmond;
- (d) Shortland;
- (e) Glendale;
- (f) Lambton;
- (g) Elernmore Vale;
- (h) Beresfield;
- (i) Tarro?

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.

\*6603 WARATAH POLICE STATION—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—

(1) What number of allocated staff at Waratah Police Station are available to attend to incoming calls to

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the station on an average day?

- (2) How many times in 2017 has there not been sufficient staff to answer calls to Waratah Police Station phones?
- (3) Is this due to a shortage of allocated staff?
  - (a) If so, when will more staff be allocated to Waratah Police Station?
  - (b) If not, what is the Government doing to ensure calls to Waratah Police Station don't go unanswered?

Answer—

Staffing arrangements within a Local Area Command (LAC) vary according to operational requirements. Waratah police station is open 24 hours a day. LACs provide a 24 hour mobile policing response to all areas within the boundary of each Command.

\*6604 MANUFACTURING INFRASTRUCTURE—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

Considering the existing manufacturing infrastructure in the Wallsend electorate, does the Government intend to ensure the replacements for the Xplorer, Endeavour and the XPT are built locally?

Answer—

I am advised:

The contract for the new regional fleet will set a target for 100 per cent final train completion works in New South Wales, with a preference towards regional New South Wales, to boost jobs and skills.

\*6605 AVERAGE AMBULANCE WAIT TIMES—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) What is the average wait time for an ambulance in Wallsend (as at 19 September 2017)?
- (2) What is the State average wait time for an ambulance (as at 19 September 2017)?

Answer—

NSW Ambulance activity and performance data is publicly available on the Bureau of Health Information website at [www.bhi.nsw.gov.au](http://www.bhi.nsw.gov.au).

\*6606 MAINTENANCE BACKLOG FOR SCHOOLS IN THE WALLSEND ELECTORATE—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) Of the 24 schools in the Wallsend electorate with a maintenance backlog of over \$150,000 dollars, how many have received enough funding to start on repairs?
  - (a) How much funding has been allocated?
- (2) How much longer will those schools which haven't received funding have to wait for funding?

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.

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

\*6607 ALTERATIONS TO ALBION PARK RAIL BYPASS DESIGN—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

- (1) How will the Albion Park Rail Bypass design be altered following the recent discovery that the proposed street lights would impede the operations of Illawarra Regional Airport?
  - (a) Will these design changes impact the project's construction timeline?

Answer—

I am advised:

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

\*6608 WOMEN'S CRISIS ACCOMMODATION CENTRES—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 women's crisis accommodation centres that receive funding from the Government within the Shellharbour electorate (as at 19 September 2017)?

- (a) Where are these centres located?
- (b) What is the total number of women these centres are currently able to accommodate (as at 19 September 2017)?

Answer—

I am advised that information about government funded homelessness services is available on the Department of Family and Community Services website at <http://www.housing.nsw.gov.au/help-with-housing>.

\*6609 VACANT HOUSING NSW 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) How many Housing NSW properties are currently vacant of tenants in the Shellharbour electorate (as at 19 September 2017)?
  - (a) For what reasons are these properties vacant?

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.

\*6610 2017-18 BUDGET SOCIAL HOUSING UPGRADE EXPENDITURE—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 refer you to my answer to LA Q6180.

\*6611 TAFE NSW DAPTO ACCESS POINT—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Tourism and Major Events, and Assistant Minister for Skills—

- (1) How many students, on average, have been utilising the TAFE NSW Dapto Access Point each month since it opened (to 19 September 2017)?
- (2) How many staff are currently employed at the site of the TAFE NSW Dapto Access Point (as at 19 September 2017)?
- (3) What courses specifically are currently run from the TAFE NSW Dapto Access Point (as at 19 September 2017)?

Answer—

(1) and (2) TAFE NSW operates in a competitive environment. Data is not provided by location. TAFE NSW does provide enrolment and staffing 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>.

(3) Access Points are designed to be smaller, largely self-service facilities where students and the community can access information, support and training using TAFE computers and facilities. Since its opening the following programs have been offered:

- Certificate I in Access to Work and Training
- Certificate II in Skills for Work and Training
- Provide First Aid
- Provide Emergency First Aid Response in an Education and Care Setting
- Statement of Attainment in Process Payroll
- Statement of Attainment Accounts Payable/Receivable
- Certificate II in Information, Digital Media and Technology

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\*6612 NSW LAND AND HOUSING PROPERTIES WITHIN 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 19 September 2017)?
- (2) How many NSW Land and Housing properties were located within the Shellharbour electorate as at:
  - (a) 1 January 2015;
  - (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).

\*6613 INTRODUCTION OF A PASSENGER SERVICE LEVY—Mr Philip Donato asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

Why is a Passenger Service Levy of \$1.10, including GST, being introduced to the fares of taxi passengers, which additional cost will negatively impact regional towns, those who use the services of taxi transport and small scale taxi operators?

Answer—

I am advised:

Transport for NSW has provided for a levy exemption and a levy rebate for some small service providers within the Point to Point (Taxis and Hire vehicles) Regulation 2017. Information about special circumstances and exemptions is available on the NSW Point to Point Transport Commissioner website.

\*6614 STREAMLINING OF PAYMENT OF AMBULANCE SERVICE—Mr Philip Donato asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

Could payments to the NSW Ambulance Service for ambulance services from transported patients be streamlined by obtaining details of the patient's healthcare fund from either the hospital or the patient for direct billing?

Answer—

Patients using NSW Ambulance services can provide their health fund membership details to NSW Ambulance over the telephone, online, in writing and/or to paramedics at the scene.

\*6615 CAMPBELLTOWN LOCAL AREA COMMAND—Mr Greg Warren asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—

- (1) When is the current lease for the premises occupied by the Campbelltown Local Area Command of the NSW Police Force due to expire?
- (2) Does the Government intend to continue the lease beyond that date?
  - (a) If so, for how many years is it expected that the lease will be extended?
  - (b) If not, why not?

Answer—

The Commissioner of Police is responsible for the management of police properties.

\*6616 OPAL CARD USAGE—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) What was the average amount spent on public transport fares by holders of Opal cards for the weeks commencing:
  - (a) 1 March 2013;
  - (b) 1 March 2014;
  - (c) 1 March 2015;
  - (d) 1 March 2016;
  - (e) 1 November 2016;
  - (f) 1 March 2017;
  - (g) 1 September 2017?
- (2) What was the average amount spent on public transport fares by holders of Gold Opal cards for the

weeks commencing:

- (a) 1 March 2013;
- (b) 1 March 2014;
- (c) 1 March 2015;
- (d) 1 March 2016;
- (e) 1 November 2016;
- (f) 1 March 2017;
- (g) 1 September 2017?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The average amount spent on public transport fares by Opal cards per week is \$17.63.
- (2) The average amount spent on public transport fares by holders of Gold Opal cards per week is \$4.97.

\*6617 NATIONAL PARKS AND RESERVES—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) What was the expenditure on each of the following National Parks since March 2015 (to 19 September 2017):
  - (a) Blue Mountains National Park;
  - (b) Cattai National Park;
  - (c) Georges River National Park;
  - (d) Leacock Regional Park;
  - (e) Rouse Hill Regional Park;
  - (f) Marramorra National Park;
  - (g) Scheyville National Park;
  - (h) William Howe Regional Park;
  - (i) Agnes Banks Nature Reserve;
  - (j) Castlereagh Nature Reserve;
  - (k) Dural Nature Reserve;
  - (l) Kemps Creek Nature Reserve;
  - (m) Mulgoa Nature Reserve;
  - (n) Newington Nature Reserve;
  - (o) Pitt Town Nature Reserve;
  - (p) Prospect Nature Reserve;
  - (q) Wianamatta Nature Reserve;
  - (r) Wianamatta Regional Park;
  - (s) Windsor Downs Nature Reserve;
  - (t) Kanangra Boyd National Park;
  - (u) Nattai National Park;
  - (v) Wollemi National Park;
  - (w) Bargo State Conservation Area;
  - (x) Yerranderie State Conservation Area?
- (2) What is the forecast expenditure in each of the following National Parks for the next four years (from 19 September 2017):
  - (a) Blue Mountains National Park;
  - (b) Cattai National Park;
  - (c) Georges River National Park;
  - (d) Leacock Regional Park;
  - (e) Rouse Hill Regional Park;
  - (f) Marramorra National Park;
  - (g) Scheyville National Park;
  - (h) William Howe Regional Park;
  - (i) Agnes Banks Nature Reserve;
  - (j) Castlereagh Nature Reserve;
  - (k) Dural Nature Reserve;
  - (l) Kemps Creek Nature Reserve;
  - (m) Mulgoa Nature Reserve;
  - (n) Newington Nature Reserve;
  - (o) Pitt Town Nature Reserve;



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- (p) Prospect Nature Reserve;
- (q) Wianamatta Nature Reserve;
- (r) Wianamatta Regional Park;
- (s) Windsor Downs Nature Reserve;
- (t) Kanangra Boyd National Park;
- (u) Nattai National Park;
- (v) Wollemi National Park;
- (w) Bargo State Conservation Area;
- (x) Yerranderie State Conservation Area?

Answer—

I am advised:

The budget for the National Parks and Wildlife Service is allocated according to operational program priorities and expenditure is reported on a program, rather than on an individual park and reserve basis.

\*6618 SOCIAL HOUSING IN THE ILLAWARRA—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) How many new social housing properties were built by the Government in the Illawarra in each year from 2011-12 to 2016-17?
- (2) How many two bedroom social housing properties were built by the Government in the Illawarra in each year from 2011-12 to 2016-17?
- (3) How many three bedroom social housing properties were built by the Government in the Illawarra in each year from 2011-12 to 2016-17?
- (4) How many four bedroom social housing properties were built by the Government in the Illawarra in each year from 2011-12 to 2016-17?

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).

\*6619 BUS PATRONAGE—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) What was the average weekday bus patronage of the Wollongong Free Shuttle Bus in each financial year from 2014-15 to 2016-17?
- (2) What was the average weekday bus patronage of the Gwynneville Keiraville (GK) Shuttle Bus in each financial year from 2014-15 to 2016-17?
- (3) What is the total capacity of the Wollongong Free Shuttle Bus on weekdays in each financial year from 2014-15 to 2016-17?
- (4) What is the total capacity of the GK Shuttle Bus on weekdays in each financial year from 2014-15 to 2016-17?

Answer—

I am advised:

I refer to the response I provided to Budget Estimates supplementary questions.

\*6620 BULLI PASS—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

- (1) How many pieces of correspondence were received by the Roads and Maritime Services with relation to the closure of Bulli Pass in 2017 (as at 19 September 2017)?
  - (a) How many of these pieces of correspondence were supportive of the closure?
  - (b) How many of these pieces of correspondence expressed satisfaction with the level of community consultation regarding the closure?
  - (c) How many of these pieces of correspondence expressed dissatisfaction with the level of community consultation regarding the closure?
- (2) How many pieces of correspondence were responded to within 10 working days by the Roads and Maritime Services with relation to the closure of Bulli Pass in 2017?

Answer—

I am advised:

The amount of correspondence received in 2017 halved compared to the first closure in 2016.

Work on the Bulli Pass is focused on the long term safety of road users. The pass has a history of rock falls, posing a genuine risk to road users.

Information about the Bulli Pass (Princes Highway) closure - rock fall protection fencing is available on the Roads and Maritime Services website.

\*6621 SCHOOL COUNSELLORS—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) How many school counsellors were employed in primary schools in each financial year from 2012-13 to 2016-17:
  - (a) In the Keira electorate;
  - (b) Across New South Wales?
- (2) How many school counsellors were employed in high schools in each financial year from 2012-13 to 2016-17:
  - (a) In the Keira electorate;
  - (b) Across New South Wales?

Answer—

(1) I'm advised school counsellors employed in primary schools:

(a) In the Keira electorate:

2012-13 - 2

2013-14 - 2

2014-15 - 2

2015-16 - 4

2016-17 - 3

(b) Across New South Wales (including Keira):

2012-13 - 422

2013-14 - 434

2014-15 - 427

2015-16 - 526

2016-17 - 634

(2) I'm advised school counsellors employed in secondary schools:

(a) In the Keira electorate:

2012-13 - 11

2013-14 - 11

2014-15 - 11

2015-16 - 19

2016-17 - 21

(b) Across New South Wales (including Keira):

2012-13 - 503

2013-14 - 494

2014-15 - 491

2015-16 - 580

2016-17 - 592

\*6622 COUNCILLOR NUMBERS—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) How many councillors per 10,000 voters are there in the following Local Government Areas as at 30 September 2017:
  - (a) Wollongong City Council;
  - (b) Shellharbour City Council;
  - (c) Kiama Municipality Council;

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- (d) Shoalhaven City Council;
- (e) Eurobodalla Shire Council;
- (f) Sutherland Shire Council;
- (g) Central Coast Council;
- (h) City of Hawkesbury;
- (i) Northern Beaches Council;
- (j) North Sydney Council;
- (k) City of Parramatta Council;
- (l) City of Sydney Council?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Office of Local Government does not hold this information. Electoral roll data is managed by the NSW Electoral Commission.

\*6624 IN VITRO FERTILISATION DOCTORS—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) Considering recent reports regarding the bonus scheme that reward In Vitro Fertilisation (IVF) doctors for the more treatments they carry out, will NSW Health take any action to investigate this issue?
- (2) Have there been any doctors who have been investigated for unethical practices in relation to IVF procedures?

Answer—

Under the Code of Good Medical Practice issued by the Medical Board of Australia, doctors registered to practise medicine in Australia must be honest and transparent in financial and commercial arrangements with patients, and in dealings with employers, insurers and other organisations and individuals.

I am advised that the Health Care Complaints Commission has not received any complaints about practices outlined in recent reports about a bonus scheme and IVF.

\*6625 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMS—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) How do you support victims of domestic violence who remain in private rental premises and continue to pay market rent if the alleged perpetrator was the main income earner of the household?
- (2) Do you collate data in relation to the number of victims of domestic violence who are forced out of their residential homes as a result of an alleged perpetrator no longer supporting the victim financially?
  - (a) If so, how many victims of domestic violence have had to leave their residential home as a result?
  - (b) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised the Department of Family and Community Services (FACS) delivers services to assist those escaping domestic and family violence to remain in or secure safe and affordable accommodation and access the support they need.

FACS has two programs, Start Safely and Staying Home Leaving Violence, which assist victims of domestic and family violence to move into or remain in stable housing in the private market. Information about these programs may be found at [www.facs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.facs.nsw.gov.au).

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\*6626 NEWCASTLE BUS DRIVERS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

What steps is the Government taking to ensure that public transport workers at Keolis Downer in Newcastle are appropriately remunerated?

Answer—

I am advised:

When former State Transit Authority (STA) staff joined Keolis Downer Hunter (KDH) they kept their STA Award conditions of employment, including their pay rates.

These Award conditions are protected by both the Fair Work Act and the transition agreement between KDH and the Government until they are replaced by a new enterprise agreement negotiated between staff, their unions and KDH.

\*6627 VACANT LAND AND HOUSING NSW PROPERTIES—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) How many Land and Housing NSW properties were vacant as at 19 September 2017 in the following suburbs:

- (a) Bellambi;
- (b) Corrimal;
- (c) Tarrawanna;
- (d) Woonona;
- (e) Bulli?

(2) What is the average length of time properties are vacant whilst they are being prepared for reletting?

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.

\*6628 STORMWATER—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 financial investment/s and what work has been done in the Finlaysons Creek stormwater catchment over the past four years (to 19 September 2017)?
- (2) What financial investment/s and what will be been done in the Finlaysons Creek stormwater catchment over the next four years (from 19 September 2017)?
- (3) What financial investment/s and what work has been done in the Clay Cliff Creek stormwater catchment over the past four years (to 19 September 2017)?
- (4) What financial investment/s and what work will be done in the Clay Cliff Creek stormwater catchment over the next four years (from 19 September 2017)?
- (5) What financial investment/s and what work has been done in the A'Becketts Creek stormwater catchment over the past four years (to 19 September 2017)?
- (6) What financial investment/s and what work will be done in the A'Becketts Creek stormwater catchment over the next four years (from 19 September 2017)?
- (7) What financial investment/s and what work has been done in the Duck Creek stormwater catchment over the past four years (to 19 September 2017)?
- (8) What financial investment/s and what work will be done in the Duck Creek stormwater catchment over the next four years (from 19 September 2017)?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) \$32,000 was spent on the sections of the Finlaysons Creek Stormwater Channel which are owned by Sydney Water.
- (2) \$1.03 million is forecast to be spent on the sections of the Finlaysons Creek Stormwater Channel which are owned by Sydney Water.
- (3) \$77,000 was spent on the sections of the Clay Cliff Creek Stormwater Channel which are owned by Sydney Water.
- (4) \$527,000 is forecast to be spent on the sections of the Clay Cliff Creek Stormwater Channel which are owned by Sydney Water.
- (5) \$354,000 was spent on the sections of the A'Becketts Creek Stormwater Channel which are owned by Sydney Water.
- (6) \$572,000 is forecast to be spent on the sections of the A'Becketts Creek Stormwater Channel which are owned by Sydney Water.

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- (7) \$565,000 was spent on the sections of the Duck Creek Stormwater Channel which are owned by Sydney Water.  
(8) \$813,000 is forecast to be spent on the sections of the Duck Creek Stormwater Channel which are owned by Sydney Water.

Work carried out on aforementioned stormwater channels to date includes the removal of rubbish and sediment from stormwater assets, grounds maintenance along open stormwater channels, repairs to stormwater safety fences, structural inspections and minor repairs to stormwater assets.

Work to be carried out in future includes operations and maintenance work such as rubbish and sediment removal, grounds maintenance, structural inspections and minor repairs to stormwater assets. Planned capital works will involve the installation of new stormwater safety fences, the renewal of other stormwater channels, investigations into and installation of new gross pollutant traps to stop litter and sediment and the ongoing development of a masterplan to improve waterway health at Milson Park, Parramatta.

\*6629 WOODVILLE ROAD ACCIDENTS—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

- (1) How many motor vehicle accidents were recorded at the M4 off-ramp at Church Street, Granville in each year from 2011 to date (as at 19 September 2017)?
- (2) How many motor vehicle accidents were recorded at the M4 on-ramp at Woodville Road, Granville in each year from 2011 to date (as at 19 September 2017)?
- (3) How many motor vehicle accidents were recorded near the railway overpass on Woodville Road, Granville in each year from 2011 to date (as at 19 September 2017)?
- (4) How many motor vehicle accidents were recorded at the intersection of Woodville Road and Merrylands Road, Merrylands in each year from 2011 to date (as at 19 September 2017)?
- (5) How many motor vehicle accidents were recorded at the intersection of Woodville Road and Louis Street, Granville in each year from 2011 to date (as at 19 September 2017)?
- (6) How many motor vehicle accidents were recorded at the intersection of Woodville Road and Oxford Street, Guildford in each year from 2011 to date (as at 19 September 2017)?
- (7) How many motor vehicle accidents were recorded at the intersection of Woodville Road and Rawson Street, Guildford in each year from 2011 to date (as at 19 September 2017)?

Answer—

I am advised:

Information about crashes is available on the Centre for Road Safety website.

\*6630 SPECIAL AREAS—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 was the expenditure on each of the following Special Areas since March (to 19 September 2017):
  - (a) Prospect;
  - (b) Woodford;
  - (c) Katoomba;
  - (d) Blackheath;
  - (e) Warragamba;
  - (f) Woronora;
  - (g) Metropolitan;
  - (h) Wingecarribee;
  - (i) Fitzroy Falls;
  - (j) Shoalhaven?
- (2) What is the forecast expenditure in each of the following Special Areas for the next four years:
  - (a) Prospect;
  - (b) Woodford;
  - (c) Katoomba;
  - (d) Blackheath;
  - (e) Warragamba;
  - (f) Woronora;
  - (g) Metropolitan;
  - (h) Wingecarribee;

- (i) Fitzroy Falls;
- (j) Shoalhaven?

Answer—

(1) WaterNSW does not collect expenditure data for individual Special Areas.

Due to the seasonal nature of the work done on the Special Areas, the most relevant financial data to understand total expenditure, is that of a financial year.

WaterNSW expenditure for the Special Areas in the Sydney drinking water catchment for 2016-17 was:

Capital expenditure: \$490,000

Operational expenditure: \$10,400,000\*

\* Includes expenditure on Braidwood Lands and Controlled Lands (Upper Canal and Warragamba Pipeline), which are not part of the Special Areas.

Expenditure does not include National Parks & Wildlife Service expenditure in the Special Areas, who own approximately two thirds of the Special Areas.

(2) Annual spend projected for the next four years is:

Capital expenditure: \$2,665,000\*

Operational expenditure: \$10,400,000

\* Includes a one-off upgrade to a recreational area.

\*6631 POINT TO POINT TRANSPORT (TAXIS AND HIRE VEHICLES) ACT 2016—Mr Philip Donato asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

Is consideration being given to amending the point to point legislation to exempt small taxi operators from their requirement to record details of each passenger service transaction and retaining those records for two years, given the associated costs for small regional taxi services?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Government's reforms of the Point to Point Transport industry repealed more than 50 regulations, slashing red tape and allowing industry to focus on innovation and future growth.

The Point to Point Transport Commission has recently conducted a series of industry information sessions delivered to regional and metropolitan audiences across New South Wales. Led by the Point to Point Transport Commissioner, Barbara Wise, the sessions gave industry an overview of what the new laws mean for their business, including detailed information on the new safety standards and a demonstration of the Point to Point Transport Commission Industry Portal.

Over 1,500 people attended the events held in Tweed Heads, Ballina, Coffs Harbour, Queanbeyan, Gosford, Wagga Wagga, Tamworth, Brighton, Newcastle, Chatswood, Dubbo and Penrith.

Public consultation confirmed there was broad in-principle support from stakeholders for a new 'general duties' safety framework for the point to point transport industry. To comply with the 'general duties' safety framework and legally provide a point to point transport service in New South Wales under the new regulatory framework, all authorised service providers will be required to maintain records, including the number of trips conducted. This requirement is a condition of authorisation.

There are no plans to amend the legislation to provide any exemptions for providers from the requirement to record details of each passenger service transaction and retain these records for two years.

\*6632 SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR THE 2017 HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE—Mr Jihad Dib asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) How many students applied for special provisions for the 2017 Higher School Certificate (HSC)?
- (2) How many applications for special provisions for the 2017 HSC were rejected?
- (3) What is the breakdown of the type and number of special provisions for the 2017 HSC that were granted?

Answer—

The 2017 Higher School Certificate disability provisions program is not complete. Final data is published annually and will be publicly available on the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) website next year.

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\*6633 SCHOOLS FOR SPECIAL PURPOSES STUDENTS—Mr Jihad Dib asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) How many applications were made for students to attend Schools for Special Purposes (SSP) throughout the 2017 school year?
- (2) What is the breakdown of the Access Request areas regarding SSP applications for the 2017 school year?
- (3) How many applications for SSPs were rejected in the 2017 school year?
- (4) How many students are awaiting placement in New South Wales SSPs?
- (5) In which regions are students awaiting SSP placements?

Answer—

I'm advised:

(1) 1,589 access requests were made for students in 2016 and 2017 to seek placement in a special school (SSP) in 2017 or 2018.

(2), (4) and (5) The following table shows the number of access requests and outcomes for the 2017 school year.

Access Request outcomes	Total
Completed - Placement has been provided in a special school (SSP).	672
Completed Placement has been provided in a specialist support class in a regular school. This was either priority 2 or 3 for the student.	405
Completed - Integration funding has been provided to support the student in a regular class. This was either priority 2 or 3 for the student.	79
Completed supported from within school resources.	103
As at end of Term 3, 2017, access requests still under consideration for 2018.	330
Total	1,589

(3) Requests for students' placement in a special school will be supported from within the full range of school resources.

\*6634 MERCHANT FEES FOR SERVICE NSW CUSTOMERS—Mr David Harris asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) Does Service NSW currently charge a merchant fee to customers using a credit card for transactions?
  - (a) If so:
    - (i) How is the rate determined?
    - (ii) How much revenue was collected, considering people are being forced online to make transactions?

Answer—

Merchant fee recovery is mandated by NSW Treasury. Service NSW only recovers the merchant fee that is applied by financial institutions, this is also in line with the Reserve Bank of Australia Standard relating to merchant pricing for credit and debit cards.

The merchant fee recovery surcharge is 0.44 per cent for payments using MasterCard, Visa credit and debit cards and 1.54 per cent for payments paid using an American Express Card.

\*6635 NEW INTERCITY FLEET—Ms Trish Doyle asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) Has the exterior layout and form of the New Intercity Fleet been finalised by the manufacturer Hyundai Rotem?
  - (a) If yes, where can designs and technical drawings be viewed?
- (2) Have New Intercity Fleet carriage frames entered production?
- (3) Setting aside current loading-gauge restrictions along the Blue Mountains line - which prevent Medium Electric trains from travelling beyond Springwood - are suburban train types on the Sydney Trains network able to ascend slopes on tracks equivalent to grades found along the Blue Mountains line?
  - (a) If not all are able, please provide a list of those which are able.
- (4) Will the New Intercity Fleet have on-board Wifi activated at their launch in 2019?

(a) If yes, will the Wifi be free?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The New Intercity Fleet is currently at the preliminary design stage. The exterior layout and form will be finalised during the detailed design stage.
- (2) Yes.
- (3) Your question proceeds on a false premise. While I note the Member for the Blue Mountains may wish to have 40-year-old suburban trains service her electorate, the Government currently has no plans to deploy suburban trains onto the Blue Mountain Line.
- (4) This information is available on the Transport for NSW website.

\*6636 RECOMMENDATION OF REPORT FROM THE OFFICE OF THE PRIVACY COMMISSIONER—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General—

What is your response to the recommendation contained in the report of the Office of the Privacy Commissioner entitled 'NSW Informational Privacy Rights: Legislative Scope and Interpretation - Employer, Employee and Agent Responsibilities' dated February 2017?

Answer—

I am advised:

There is no legislative requirement for a Government response to the report. The former Privacy Commissioner's reports provide a useful resource for the Government and the incoming Privacy Commissioner for the improvement of New South Wales privacy law and practice.

The Government considers these reports carefully and provides any response as appropriate.

\*6637 ROYAL PREROGATIVE OF MERCY—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General—

On how many occasions since 1 April 2011 has the Governor exercised the royal prerogative of mercy (to 19 September 2017)?

Answer—

I am advised:

Between 1 April 2011 and 19 September 2017, His Excellency the Governor, the Hon David Hurley AC, DSC (Ret' d), and the former Governor, Professor The Hon. Dame Marie Bashir AD, CVO, exercised the Royal prerogative of mercy in relation to 123 applicants. Between 1 April 2011 and 19 September 2017, the Department of Justice received 434 applications for the Royal prerogative of mercy.

\*6638 RESPONSE TO REPORT BY THE NSW OMBUDSMAN—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General—

- (1) Why was there a six month delay between the finalisation in December 2015 of the Ombudsman's Report entitled 'Did Police provide their name and place of duty?' and your tabling of it on 13 June 2017?
- (2) What is the Government's response to the comments of the Ombudsman in the report referred to above?
- (3) What steps will the Government take to determine if police comply with their obligations to provide their name and place of duty under Part 15 of the Law Enforcement (Powers and Responsibilities) Act 2002?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The Ombudsman's Report was finalised in December 2016, and was tabled in June 2017, during which time the Department of Justice sought advice from the NSW Police Force on the implications of the report.
- (2) The Ombudsman's Report made no recommendations, though operational matters are the responsibility of the Minister for Police.
- (3) NSW Police Force compliance with section 202(1)(b) of the Law Enforcement (Powers and Responsibilities) Act 2002 is a matter for the Minister for Police.

\*6639 COSTS INCURRED BY THE SURETY BONDS SCHEME—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General—



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- (1) Considering the Surety Bond Scheme introduced and now cancelled by NSW Trustee and Guardian, what were the costs incurred by NSW Trustee and Guardian and/or any other Government Agency for:
- The Request For Tender;
  - The tender process;
  - Corresponding with Private Managers concerning the scheme;
  - The KPMG Review?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (a) None.
- (b) None.
- (c) \$15,555.
- (d) This information is not available as the Review is ongoing.

\*6640 FORENSIC DOCTOR AT MOUNT DRUITT HOSPITAL—Mr Edmond Atalla asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- Does the Mount Druitt Hospital currently have a forensic doctor available to assist with victims of domestic abuse?
  - If not, why not?
- Are there future plans to employ a forensic doctor at the Mount Druitt Hospital?

Answer—

Victims of domestic violence who attend Mount Druitt Hospital have access to services provided by the Western Sydney Local Health District Forensic Medical Unit (FMU).

Forensically trained doctors and nurses see complainants of Domestic Violence who have obvious injuries caused by a partner, ex-partner or a family member with whom they reside.

\*6641 NATIONAL STATEMENT OF PRACTICES—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General—

- Does the Government endorse the draft National Statement of Practices Relating to Persons Unfit to Plead or Found Not Guilty by Reason of Cognitive or Mental Health Impairment?
  - If so, what changes, if any, do you propose to the existing law in New South Wales?

Answer—

I am advised:

The National Statement of Principles Relating to Persons Unfit to Plead or Found Not Guilty by Reason of Cognitive or Mental Health Impairment is due to be considered by the Council of Attorneys-General in December 2017, and is currently under consideration by the Government.

\*6642 STAFF EMPLOYED AT THE LAW ENFORCEMENT CONDUCT COMMISSION—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—

- How many people were employed at the Law Enforcement Conduct Commission as at:
  - 1 July 2017;
  - 1 August 2017?

Answer—

The Law Enforcement Conduct Commission (LECC) has advised me:

Staffing details are available in agency annual reports.

\*6643 ACTING JUDGES—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General—

- How many people were Acting Judges in the period 1 January 2016 to 31 December 2016 in the:
  - Supreme Court;
  - District Court?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) (a) The Supreme Court publishes the Supreme Court Annual Review on the Operations of the Court for the period 1 January to 31 December each year. The Supreme Court Annual Reviews are published at [www.supremecourt.justice.nsw.gov.au](http://www.supremecourt.justice.nsw.gov.au).

(b) The District Court publishes the District Court Annual Review on the Operations of the Court for the period 1 January to 31 December each year. The District Court Annual Reviews are published at [www.districtcourt.justice.nsw.gov.au](http://www.districtcourt.justice.nsw.gov.au).

\*6644 LOCAL MANAGEMENT PLAN TRIALS—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—

When will the trials referred to in your answer to LA Q6301 be completed?

Answer—

The development of the Aboriginal cultural fishing local management plans is to be undertaken through respectful negotiations with the involved Aboriginal communities and as such a firm timeline is not being enforced. It is, however the intention to have the trials underway around the middle of 2018 with the period of trial expected to be across at least a full twelve months.

\*6645 ASBESTOS INJURIES COMPENSATION FUND—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General—

(1) Has the Attorney General received advice concerning the financial viability of the Asbestos Injuries Compensation Fund (AICF)?

(a) If so, what was the advice?

(2) Will the AICF continue to be able to meet verdicts and claims as they arise?

Answer—

I am advised:

AICF consolidated group financial statements for the year ending 31 March 2017 are available on the AICF website [www.aicf.org.au](http://www.aicf.org.au).

\*6646 COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT AT EASTERN CREEK PARKLAND—Mr Edmond Atalla asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Housing, and Special Minister for State—

What is the expected timeframe for the commencement of works with regard to the commercial development currently planned within the Eastern Creek Parkland?

Answer—

I am advised:

A development application has recently been lodged with the Department of Planning and Environment for the construction of a retail centre on Lot 2. This application is on public exhibition from 12 October to 13 November 2017. If consent is granted, the developer has advised that works will commence approximately 3 months after determination of the application.

\*6647 ELDER ABUSE IN AGED CARE FACILITIES—Mr Edmond Atalla asked the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Women, and Minister for Ageing—

(1) Have there been any complaints of elder abuse recorded within aged care facilities located in the Mount Druitt electorate?

(a) If so:

(i) How many complaints in total have been recorded?

(ii) Which aged care facilities have received complaints?

(iii) Have these complaints been independently investigated?

Answer—

I am advised that the Elder Abuse Helpline and Resource Unit has not received any complaints about aged care facilities in Mount Druitt in 2017.

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\*6648 BUSES IN THE STATE TRANSIT FLEET—Ms Jodi McKay asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

How many buses have been added to the State Transit fleet in each year from 2006 to 2017 (as at 21 September 2017)?

Answer—

I am advised:

1,302 buses were delivered to the State Transit fleet between 1 January 2006 and 25 September 2017.

\*6649 CAPITAL PROGRAM REPORT FOR THE STRATHFIELD ELECTORATE—Ms Jodi McKay asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

What projects will be funded as part of the \$930,000 Social Housing - Upgrade commitment listed in the 'Capital Program Report for the Strathfield Electorate' as part of the electorate report on the NSW Budget 2017-18?

Answer—

This question would be more appropriately directed to the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault.

\*6650 SUPERVISED HEROIN ASSISTED TREATMENT—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) What assessment has the Government carried out on the international evidence in support of supervised heroin assisted treatment for people with severe heroin dependence?
- (2) What discussions have been held between NSW Health, NSW Police and Department of Justice officers about this approach?
- (3) What assessment has the Government made of the call by more than 40 prominent Australian experts including Harm Reduction Australia and the Australian Drug Law Reform Foundation for such a trial?
- (4) What advocacy has the Government undertaken with the Commonwealth to consider a national approach?
- (5) What further action will the Government take to test supervised heroin assisted treatment?

Answer—

I am advised that the NSW Ministry of Health's current priorities in this area are to increase access to the Opioid Treatment Program, prioritise access to treatment for vulnerable populations, and leverage emerging therapies.

\*6651 RAISING OF WARRAGAMBA DAM—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) What options other than raising the Warragamba Dam by 14 metres will the government investigate for improving flood security in rare extreme flood events?
- (2) To what extent will the Government explore the option of using the capacity of the existing dam with a second spillway on the eastern side of the dam wall, new gates and a comprehensive flood management plan?
- (3) What assessment has been made on the following impacts from raising the dam:
  - (a) Inundation and scarring of important wilderness areas in the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area;
  - (b) Sedimentation filling Lake Burragorang;
  - (c) Expected cost from the loss of fisheries, including valuable oyster farming as a result of changed river flows affected wetland and estuarine areas;
  - (d) Loss of access to important wilderness areas in the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area;
  - (e) Longer periods during which low level bridges and roads will be impassable?
- (4) To what extent will a decision on whether to proceed with the proposal to raise the dam consider the resultant potential development opportunities in low lying rural land?

Answer—

I am advised:

This question should be referred to the Minister for Western Sydney.

\*6652 BUSINESS CASE FOR UPGRADING ALLIANZ STADIUM—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Western Sydney, Minister for WestConnex, and Minister for Sport—

- (1) What are the terms of reference for the business case for upgrading Allianz Stadium?
- (2) Will the business case rule out any boundary encroachment outside of the existing Sydney Cricket and Sports Ground Trust land?
- (3) To what extent will the business case for upgrading Allianz Stadium cover refurbishing the existing facility?
- (4) What other options will be considered?
- (5) To what extent will the business case for the upgrade account for predicted:
  - (a) Traffic, transport and parking impacts;
  - (b) Public open space impacts; and
  - (c) Impacts on adjacent communities?
- (6) How will the business case address external costs and impacts on Moore Park and surrounding residential areas?
- (7) To what extent will the business case for the upgrade account for impacts during construction?
- (8) Who is drafting the business case?
- (9) Who will be consulted on developing the business case?
- (10) Will a draft business case be put on public exhibition for comment prior to its finalisation?
- (11) When will the business case for upgrading Allianz Stadium be made public?
- (12) Will the Government wait until the business cases for the other five assets of the six assets being considered for funding under the Government's stadia network strategy are complete before making a decision on funding for Allianz Stadium?

Answer—

A strategic business case has yet to be completed.

Any redevelopment of Allianz Stadium will be on Sydney Cricket and Sports Ground Trust land.

\*6653 SMOKE-FREE ENVIRONMENT ACT—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) What assessment has been made of the outcomes of the Smoke-free Environment Act 2000 legislation, and needed gaps and reform?
- (2) What assessment has been made of compliance rates and enforcement strategies?
- (3) What further reform is the Government considering to prevent impacts of passive smoking?
- (4) What proposals is the Government considering to make it easier to declare smoke-free zones?
- (5) What consultation will the Government carry out about further reform and when is this expected to occur?
- (6) What further action will the Government take to prevent smoking impacts?

Answer—

The Smoke-free Environment Act 2000 initially applied only to enclosed public spaces. The law was extended in 2007 to include all indoor licensed venues. The majority of outdoor smoking bans under the Smoke-free Environment Act 2000 were introduced in January 2013. The smoking bans were extended to commercial outdoor dining areas in July 2015.

The Smoke-free Environment Act 2000 has contributed to the denormalisation of tobacco smoking in public places and a consistent downward trend in smoking among the New South Wales population:

From January to April 2017, as part of the process to develop the new tobacco strategy, the NSW Ministry of Health undertook consultation with a range of key stakeholders.

The Government will continue to pursue evidence-based strategies to prevent smoking impacts.

\*6654 VACANT PROPERTY TAX—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

- (1) What assessment has the Government made of the Victorian Government's tax on residential properties vacant for more than six months in identified areas?
- (2) Has the Government carried out a cost-benefit analysis for impacts of a similar approach in New South Wales?
- (3) What community and industry consultation does the Government plan about this proposal?
- (4) What plans does the Government have to progress a vacant property tax in New South Wales?

Answer—

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The Government has no plans to introduce a Vacant Property Tax.

\*6655 LOVE BITES PROGRAM IN NEW SOUTH WALES SCHOOLS—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) How many schools in New South Wales currently implement the Love Bites program (as at 20 September 2017)?
- (2) How many schools in the Maitland electorate have implemented the Love Bites program (as at 20 September 2017)?
- (3) When will the Love Bites program be introduced into all New South Wales schools?

Answer—

I'm advised the NSW Department of Education does not collect data on the individual teaching resources or programs used by individual schools. Principals, in consultation with their communities, make decisions about the use of optional programs.

\*6656 REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE BLUEPRINT—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) When will the Government release a review on their implementation of the NSW Domestic and Family Violence Blueprint for Reform 2016 2021?
  - (a) Will this review made be public?

Answer—

I am advised that information about the Blueprint Annual Report Card Year One can be found online at [www.women.nsw.gov.au/violence\\_prevention/blueprint](http://www.women.nsw.gov.au/violence_prevention/blueprint) and at <http://www.domesticviolence.nsw.gov.au/publications/blueprint>.

\*6657 RELOCATION OF THE POWERHOUSE MUSEUM FROM ULTIMO—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) Has the Government considered the impact of the move of the Powerhouse Museum from Ultimo to Parramatta on people from rural and regional New South Wales?
- (2) What steps has the Government taken to ensure that people from rural and regional communities are not affected by this move?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Government recognises the importance of a strong creative and cultural sector and the new Powerhouse Museum in Parramatta is testament to our commitment to accelerating our investment and improvement in the sector beyond Sydney's inner city and for all people of New South Wales.

Visitors from rural and regional New South Wales will get to experience the new Powerhouse Museum in Parramatta which will be bigger and better and a drawcard for domestic and international visitors.

Costs and benefits of the new Powerhouse Museum in Parramatta are being comprehensively assessed by the extended business case. The extended business case is due for completion later this year.

The Museum of Applied Arts and Sciences (MAAS) Regional Program continues to engage with regional New South Wales communities through public programming, co-productions, festivals and partnerships. In 2015-16 MAAS saw nearly 50,000 participants at 27 events across regional New South Wales.

\*6658 WORKS AT CESSNOCK ROAD, TESTER'S HOLLOW—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

When will the raising of Cessnock Road at Tester's Hollow be completed?

Answer—

I am advised:

Early works are expected to start in 2018. Construction is expected to start in 2019 and will take around 12 months to complete.

\*6659 WESTERN SYDNEY RAIL NEEDS SCOPING STUDY—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) In relation to the Western Sydney Rail Needs Scoping Study, what is the proposed timeline for:
  - (a) Identifying the preferred options short list;
  - (b) Providing the final report provided to both the New South Wales and the Commonwealth Governments for their consideration?
- (2) What will be the estimated travel time from the proposed Western Sydney Airport to the following railway stations:
  - (a) Wentworthville;
  - (b) Westmead;
  - (c) Granville;
  - (d) Clyde;
  - (e) Merrylands;
  - (f) Guildford?
- (3) In relation to page 36 of the Western Sydney Rail Needs Scoping Study Discussion Paper, what work has been completed or is underway to assess Option C from Western Sydney Airport to Liverpool in conjunction with Option C extending Sydney Metro from Bankstown to Liverpool?

Answer—

I am advised:

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

\*6660 PUBLIC TRANSPORT PENALTY NOTICES—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) How many penalty notices have been issued to passengers travelling on trains each year since the 2013 timetable changes (as at 19 September 2017)?
- (2) How many passengers were given cautions for travelling on trains without a valid ticket each year since the 2013 timetable changes (as at 19 September 2017)?
- (3) How many penalty notices were withdrawn for travelling on trains without a valid ticket each year since the 2013 timetable changes (as at 19 September 2017)?
- (4) How many penalty notices have been issued to passengers at train stations each year since the 2013 timetable changes (as at 19 September 2017)?
- (5) How many passengers were given cautions without a valid ticket at train stations each year since the 2013 timetable changes (as at 19 September 2017)?
- (6) How many penalty notices were withdrawn for travelling without a valid ticket at train stations (as at 19 September 2017)?
- (7) How many penalty notices have been issued to passengers travelling on buses each year since the 2013 timetable changes (as at 19 September 2017)?
- (8) How many passengers were given cautions for travelling on buses without a valid ticket each year since the 2013 timetable changes (as at 19 September 2017)?
- (9) How many penalty notices were withdrawn for travelling on buses without a valid ticket each year since the 2013 timetable changes (as at 19 September 2017)?

Answer—

(1)

All penalty notices issued to rail passengers

Year issued	Penalty notices	Face Value (\$)
October to December 2013	25,174	4,890,600
2014	104,606	20,249,050
2015	114,460	21,859,300
2016	120,911	22,930,000
January to September 2017	89,519	16,887,300

Fare evasion penalty notices issued to rail passengers

Year issued	Penalty notices	Face value (\$)
October to December 2013	23,462	4,338,250
2014	96,673	17,762,550
2015	103,858	18,583,850

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2016	112,106	20,246,500
January to September 2017	81,831	14,544,450

In addition to the data provided in answer to question 1, and in response to questions 2, 3, 7, 8 and 9 below, Revenue NSW also advise that they receive notice of penalty notices issued which do not specify the mode of transport or the particulars of the offence, as shown below:

All penalty notices issued to unspecified passengers

Year issued	Penalty notices	Face value (\$)
October to December 2013	3,920	776,950
2014	20,879	4,050,600
2015	40,663	7,920,700
2016	50,689	9,861,850
January to September 2017	32,967	6,281,150

Fare evasion penalty notices issued to all unspecified passengers

Year issued	Penalty notices	Face value (\$)
October to December 2013	3,211	535,550
2014	16,942	2,770,200
2015	32,343	5,319,750
2016	41,592	7,044,100
January to September 2017	27,814	4,673,700

Cautioned fare evasion penalty notices issued to unspecified passengers

Year issued	Penalty notices	Face value (\$)
October to December 2013	72	13,350
2014	203	35,800
2015	264	48,450
2016	258	46,500
January to September 2017	82	14,150

Withdrawn fare evasion penalty notices issued to unspecified passengers

Year issued	Penalty notices	Face value (\$)
October to December 2013	15	1,950
2014	113	11,350
2015	178	20,600
2016	137	23,500
January to September 2017	64	10,650

Report includes penalty notices with an issue date between 20 October 2013 and 19 September 2017, grouped by year.

Where fare evasion offences are specified they are determined by the offence description. Report includes penalty notices issued by all transport bodies and NSW Police.

(2)

Cautioned fare evasion penalty notices issued to rail passengers

Year issued	Penalty notices	Face value (\$)
October to December 2013	3,977	777,650
2014	12,742	2,498,900
2015	7,034	1,364,500
2016	4,627	898,700
January to September 2017	1,197	228,750

(3)

Withdrawn fare evasion penalty notices issued to rail passengers

Year issued	Penalty notices	Face value (\$)
October to December 2013	76	12,200
2014	374	60,250

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2015	533	87,700
2016	434	80,200
January to September 2017	150	28,350

(4) to (6) Revenue NSW is unable to determine from available data whether fines were issued specifically at train stations.

(7)

All penalty notices issued to bus passengers

Year issued	Penalty notices	Face value (\$)
October to December 2013	7,110	1,402,650
2014	23,893	4,730,400
2015	6,751	1,329,050
2016	4,014	780,000
January to September 2017	2,965	573,950

Fare evasion penalty notices issued to bus passengers

Year issued	Penalty notices	Face value (\$)
October to December 2013	7,087	1,396,850
2014	23,773	4,702,700
2015	6,687	1,314,750
2016	3,958	764,600
January to September 2017	2,924	564,550

(8)

Cautioned fare evasion penalty notices issued to bus passengers

Year issued	Penalty notices	Face value (\$)
October to December 2013	1,683	331,950
2014	4,876	967,850
2015	878	173,650
2016	323	62,350
January to September 2017	127	24,950

(9)

Withdrawn fare evasion penalty notices issued to bus passengers

Year issued	Penalty notices	Face value (\$)
October to December 2013	15	2,850
2014	79	15,350
2015	38	7,450
2016	18	3,450
January to September 2017	9	1,800

\*6661 SMOKING FINES ISSUED—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

(1) How many penalty notices have been issued under the Smoke-free Environment Act 2000 and Smoke-free Environment Amendment Regulation 2013 since 20 September 2013 (to 19 September 2017)?

(a) Of these penalty notices, how many were for smoking:

- (i) On railway stations or on trains;
- (ii) On light rail stations or on light rail carriages;
- (iii) On ferry wharves or ferries;
- (iv) At bus stops, bus interchanges or on buses?

(2) What is the total value of penalty notices issued under the Smoke-free Environment Act 2000 since September 2013 (to 19 September 2017)?

Answer—

(1) 1,344 penalty notices have been issued under the Smoke-free Environment Act 2000 and Smoke-free Environment Amendment Regulation 2013 since 20 September 2013.



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- (a) Revenue NSW does not hold data to this level of detail.  
(2) \$403,200.

\*6662 CANCELLED SERVICES ON THE SOUTH COAST LINE—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) How many services on the South Coast Line have been cancelled over the last 12 months (to 20 September 2017)?  
(a) Of these, which services were cancelled?  
(i) What was the date of the cancelled service?  
(ii) What was the time of the cancelled service?  
(2) What arrangements are normally made for commuters if a service is cancelled?  
(a) Were these arrangements implemented for the cancelled services in (1)?  
(i) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) 0.6 per cent of services scheduled to run on the South Coast line during this period were cancelled.  
(2) If numerous train services are affected, replacement buses will be arranged where possible.

\*6663 ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM FUNDING IN THE WOLLONGONG ELECTORATE—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) How many applications were received in each year from 2011 to 2017 (as at 20 September 2017) for projects in the Wollongong electorate for each of the following grant funding programs:  
(a) Building Resilience to Climate Change;  
(b) Eco Schools;  
(c) Education;  
(d) Lead Environment Community Groups;  
(e) Protecting Our Places;  
(f) Research;  
(g) Restoration and Rehabilitation;  
(h) Pollution clean-up;  
(i) Waste Less, Recycle More;  
(j) Food gardens in Schools;  
(k) Saving Our Species Partnership Grants;  
(l) Urban Sustainability?  
(2) How many applications were successful in each year from 2011 to 2017 (as at 20 September 2017) for projects in the Wollongong electorate for each of the grant funding programs listed in (1)?  
(3) What is the total value of successful grants for projects in the Wollongong electorate in each year from 2011 to 2017 (as at 20 September 2017) for each of the grant funding programs listed in (1)?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1)

Program	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Building Resilience to Climate Change				1			
Eco Schools		1	1		2	8	3
Education		4	4		1	1	2
Lead Environment Community Groups							
Protecting our Places		1					
Research	2						

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Restoration and Rehabilitation	3		2	2	1	1	
Pollution Clean-up							
Waste Less, Recycle More	1	1	10	26	23	16	4
Food Gardens in Schools							
Saving our Species Partnership Grants							
Urban Sustainability							
Total	6	7	17	29	27	26	9

(2)

Program	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Building Resilience to Climate Change							
Eco Schools			1		2	2	
Education							
Lead Environment Community Groups							
Protecting our Places		1					
Research	1						
Restoration and Rehabilitation					1	1	
Pollution Clean-up							
Waste Less, Recycle More	1	1	6	17	11	9	4
Food Gardens in Schools							
Saving our Species Partnership Grants							
Urban Sustainability							
Total	2	2	7	17	14	12	4

(3)

Program	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
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Building Resilience to Climate Change							
Eco Schools			\$23,500		\$7,000	\$7,000	
Education							
Lead Environment Community Groups							
Protecting our Places		\$31,342					
Research	\$1,000,000						
Restoration and Rehabilitation					\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	
Pollution Clean-up							
Waste Less, Recycle More	\$1,000,539	\$1,138,422	\$2,315,952	\$2,497,334	\$2,908,718	\$1,349,373	\$275,272
Food Gardens in Schools							
Saving our Species Partnership Grants							
Urban Sustainability							
Total	\$1,100,539	\$1,169,764	\$2,318,452	\$2,497,334	\$3,015,718	\$1,456,373	\$275,272

\*6664 PICTON ROAD TRAFFIC MOVEMENTS—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

- (1) What is the average daily vehicle traffic movement on the Picton Road in each year from 2011 to 2017 (as at 20 September 2017)?
  - (a) What proportion of this was for freight movement in each of these years?
- (2) What estimated additional daily vehicle movements are forecast for Picton Road for:
  - (a) 2020;
  - (b) 2030;
  - (c) 2040;
  - (d) 2050?
- (3) What estimated additional daily freight vehicle movements are forecast for Picton Road for:
  - (a) 2020;
  - (b) 2030;
  - (c) 2040;
  - (d) 2050?

Answer—

I am advised:

Roads and Maritime Services is assessing the safety and performance of Picton Road for the 20,000 motorists using this road daily.

A draft corridor strategy now under way identifies priorities and further potential improvements along the Picton Road corridor.

\*6665 TAFE ENROLMENTS—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Tourism and Major Events, and Assistant Minister for Skills—

What is the Government doing to stem the decline in TAFE enrolments across the Hunter and Central Coast after a further 6.5 per cent drop in the year to July 2017 following the 65,000 to 25,000 drop of previous years?

Answer—

Given the commercial environment in which TAFE NSW operates, it would be inappropriate to provide data at location level. 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>.

\*6666 DEFINITION OF WOLLONGONG FOR FUNDING PROGRAMS—Mr Paul Scully asked the Premier—

- (1) What is the Premier's position on whether Wollongong is considered regional or metropolitan for the purposes of funding?
- (2) If Wollongong is defined as Wollongong, will Wollongong be included or excluded in regional funding programs in the future?

Answer—

I refer you to my recent answer to LA Q6368. The Government is investing record amounts of funding in the Illawarra. This would not be possible under a Labor government, due to your Party's ongoing opposition to asset recycling.

\*6667 ACCESS TO SPECIALIST RAPE AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNSELLING SERVICES—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—

Considering the Minister's comments in the Budget Estimates Hearing in relation to the Commonwealth Government's \$8 million cut to Rape and Domestic Violence Services Australia, what action has been undertaken to guarantee that New South Wales residents will continue to be able to access specialist rape and domestic violence counselling services beyond 29 October 2017?

Answer—

Contractual arrangements for 1800RESPECT are a matter for the Commonwealth. I am advised by the Department of Family and Community Services (FACS) that the 1800RESPECT Domestic and Sexual Violence National Counselling Service remains available to New South Wales residents.

\*6668 WORKERS COMPENSATION RECIPIENTS IN THE GOSFORD ELECTORATE—Ms Liesl Tesch asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) How many workers compensation recipients in the Gosford electorate will be affected by changes to section 39 of the Workers Compensation Legislation Amendment Act 2012 that removes weekly payments after five years before the end of 2017?
- (2) What support will the Government offer to those recipients that will be unable to return to work due to ongoing incapacity when their weekly compensation payments end?

Answer—

(1) Based on insurer data submitted as at 18 August 2017, there are 25 workers projected to be impacted by section 39 in the Gosford electorate between September 2017 and December 2017.

(2) The State Insurance Regulatory Authority (SIRA) has been working closely with all insurers and broader Government services to ensure impacted workers are provided with timely support and communication.

Workers whose entitlements to workers compensation weekly payments cease may be eligible for Centrelink payments. Centrelink assess each application based on individual circumstances. To assist with the assessment process, SIRA, in partnership with Centrelink, have ensured that impacted workers can apply to Centrelink up to 13 weeks in advance (usually two weeks) of their cessation date. This added timeframe will help ensure that there are no potential delays incurred in accessing payments and services offered by Centrelink.

Workers and stakeholders who require additional guidance and support regarding the 260 week limit to weekly payments may contact SIRA's Support and Information Service. This service may be utilised by workers, family members, insurers, service providers and legal representatives, and can assist with inquiries regarding the 260 week payment limit under section 39. This service also provides information on, or direct links to, community services, depending on the worker's needs and circumstances, through HSN (Human Services Network) and Ability Links NSW. HSN is a database of over 65,000 support

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services across all regions in New South Wales covering health, disability, aged care, welfare, community services, education, legal services and housing.

Affected workers will continue to be entitled to reasonably necessary medical and related treatment for at least two years after ceasing entitlement to weekly payments.

\*6669 DREDGING EXPENDITURE IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Ms Liesl Tesch 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) What is the total value of dredging committed to by the Government in each financial year from 2014-15 to 2016-17?
- (2) With the election of the new Central Coast Council, will the Government commit to working with the Council to fund a long term solution to silting in the Ettalong Channel?

Answer—

The matter raised falls under the responsibilities for the Minister for Lands, the Hon Paul Toole MP.

\*6670 GONSKI FUNDING TO SCHOOLS—Ms Liesl Tesch asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) What Gonski funding has been provided to:
  - (a) Brisbane Water Secondary College - Umina Campus;
  - (b) Brisbane Water Secondary College - Woy Woy Campus;
  - (c) Henry Kendall High School;
  - (d) Gosford High School;
  - (e) Kariong Mountain High School;
  - (f) Narara Valley High School?

Answer—

As part of the Government's Local Schools, Local Decisions reforms, the Resource Allocation Model (RAM) was developed. The RAM funding combines Gonski/National Education Reform Agreement (NERA) with existing recurrent funding to deliver needs based funding to New South Wales public schools.

I'm advised the following RAM funding has been provided:

School	RAM Funding 2017
Brisbane Water Secondary College - Umina Campus	\$1,485,226
Brisbane Water Secondary College - Woy Woy Campus	\$846,080
Henry Kendall High School	\$572,787
Gosford High School	\$405,590
Kariong Mountain High School	\$532,767
Narara Valley High School	\$872,570

\*6671 COMPLAINTS TO THE NSW ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION AUTHORITY—Ms Liesl Tesch asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) How many air pollution complaints has the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) received regarding the train line in the Gosford electorate in each financial year from 2013-14 to 2016-17?
  - (a) What actions has the EPA taken to address these complaints?
  - (b) How many fines has the EPA issued as a result of these complaints?
- (2) How many noise complaints has the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) received regarding train noise in the Gosford electorate in each financial year from 2013-14 to 2016-17?
  - (a) What actions has the EPA taken to address these complaints?
  - (b) How many fines has the EPA issued as a result of these complaints?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) and (2) The EPA's records are not able to be searched by electorate

\*6672 PUBLIC SERVICE EMPLOYEES WITH A DISABILITY—Ms Liesl Tesch asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) What percentage of public service employees have a disability?
- (2) What percentage of public service employees have a disability in:

- (a) Regional NSW;
- (b) Rural NSW;
- (c) Sydney Metropolitan area;
- (d) Western Sydney?

Answer—

In answer to all the questions above, this question should be directed to The Premier.

\*6673 PLANNING OF THE ALBION PARK RAIL BYPASS—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

- (1) Will the Government commit to ensuring that Dapto residents can access the Albion Park Bypass?
- (2) Is it considered acceptable that Dapto residents must drive through 6 sets of traffic lights before they can access the Albion Park Rail Bypass?
- (3) Has the Government taken into account the significant population growth of Dapto when planning the Albion Park Rail Bypass?
- (4) When will the Government make an announcement about whether the Yallah interchange will be part of the Albion Park Rail Bypass?

Answer—

I am advised:

Information about the Albion Park Rail Bypass Princes Highway upgrade and design for the interchange at Yallah is available on the Roads and Maritime Services website.

\*6674 FAIRFIELD HOSPITAL EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT WORKS—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) When are the works for the redevelopment works for the Fairfield Hospital emergency department scheduled to commence?
- (2) Is there a projected completion date for these works?

Answer—

The redevelopment works for the Fairfield Hospital Emergency Department commenced 10 days before you asked your question.

\*6675 SOCIAL AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING FUND CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION COSTS—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) Has the Government projected contract administration costs for the 25 year term of the Social and Affordable Housing Fund?
  - (a) If so, what are the projected costs over the 25 year term?

Answer—

Information about the Social and Affordable Housing Fund is available on the Department of Family and Community Services website at [www.facs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.facs.nsw.gov.au).

\*6676 CONSTRUCTION OF SOCIAL HOUSING DWELLINGS—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 social housing dwellings have been newly constructed and occupied by a tenant in financial year from 2015-16 to 2017-18 (as at 21 September 2017)?

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).

\*6677 DISABILITY ACCESS TO THE NEWCASTLE 500—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Tourism and Major Events, and Assistant Minister for Skills—

- (1) Considering access to the Newcastle 500 Supercars race will be via footbridges over a high perimeter fence, what consideration has been given to disability access to the Newcastle 500 Supercars race area?
- (2) Will there be more than one lift access point, to ensure adequate access for both residents and race goers?

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Answer—

(1) The Newcastle 500 will have dedicated facilities and services to ensure all attendees can make the most of the event. Specific information concerning accessible facilities, including wheelchair friendly viewing points and amenities will be available via the Supercars Australia website closer to the event at the following link: <http://www.supercars.com/newcastle/event-info/accessibility-information/>.

The following provisions will be in place at all times during the three-day event:

(a) An accessible lift will be located at the pedestrian bridge on Wharf Road (opposite Customs House). There will be a lift operator to assist patrons.

(b) All residents with accreditation will have access to a wheelchair friendly shuttle service within the track.

(c) A pathway will provide wheelchair access to Newcastle Ocean Baths, via the tunnel near Telford Street.

(d) The path at the east end of Scott Street to Shortland Esplanade will provide wheelchair access to Newcastle Ocean Baths.

(e) A phone number is currently being set up for those who may require assistance. This number will be communicated to the community.

(f) There will be two wheelchair accessible stands located trackside. Supercars Australia refers to these as 'Accessible Viewing Areas'.

(2) See response to (1).

\*6678 UTILISATION OF FUNDS FROM THE M5 TOLL—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Premier—

Will the Government commit that funds accrued from the M5 toll will not be used to fund the Northern Beaches Tunnel?

Answer—

Yes, as the Government has previously stated.

\*6679 INITIATION OF SOCIAL AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING FUND DWELLINGS BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA—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 will properties be initiated through Phase 1 of the Social and Affordable Housing Fund in each Local Government Area of New South Wales?

Answer—

I am advised that information on the Social and Affordable Housing Fund is available at the Family and Community Services website: <https://www.facs.nsw.gov.au>.

\*6680 PHASE 1 DWELLINGS OF THE SOCIAL AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING FUND—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) For the 2,200 dwellings to be initiated through the course of Phase 1 of the Social and Affordable Housing Fund, what is the projected total cost to Government for contract payments relating to:

- (a) Capital;
- (b) Tenancy management;
- (c) Data/evaluation;
- (d) Support services?

Answer—

Information about the Social and Affordable Housing Fund is available on the Department of Family and Community Services' website at [www.facs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.facs.nsw.gov.au).

\*6681 SOCIAL AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING FUND DWELLINGS—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) Of the 2,200 properties to be initiated through Phase 1 of the Social and Affordable Housing Fund, how many of these dwellings will be:

- (a) Capital or leasehold dwellings;

- (b) Repurposed dwellings;
- (c) New builds, including off the plan;
- (d) Mainstream use or specialist (either built for particular use eg retirement, or restricted allocations)?

Answer—

I am advised that information on the Social and Affordable Housing Fund is available on the Family and Community Services website at [www.facs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.facs.nsw.gov.au).

\*6682 M5 TOLL—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

Considering that the Government had indicated that the M5 toll will be extended from 2026 until 2060, what upgrades will be undertaken on the M5 between King Georges Road and Fairford Road prior to 2026?

Answer—

I am advised:

Information about upgrades on the M5 is publicly available on the Roads and Maritime Services website.

\*6683 SOCIAL AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING FUND PHASE 1—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) What are the administrative costs the Government has incurred from the design and procurement process for Social and Affordable Housing Fund Phase 1?
  - (a) What is the breakdown for costs paid to consultants in all parts of the process?

Answer—

Information about the Social and Affordable Housing Fund is available on the Department of Family and Community Services' website at [www.facs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.facs.nsw.gov.au).

\*6684 OUTSTANDING MAINTENANCE FOR SCHOOLS IN THE GOSFORD ELECTORATE—Ms Liesl Tesch asked the Minister for Education—

What is the value of outstanding maintenance for all schools in the Gosford electorate?

Answer—

The maintenance requirements for each government school, including schools in the Gosford electorate, are currently being assessed as part of the Department of Education's condition assessments.

\*6685 ENERGY REBATES IN THE GOSFORD ELECTORATE—Ms Liesl Tesch 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 of each of the following rebates were issued to residents in the Gosford electorate in the 2016-17 financial year:
  - (a) Family energy rebate;
  - (b) NSW Gas rebate;
  - (c) Low income household rebate;
  - (d) Life support rebate;
  - (e) Medical energy rebate?
- (2) What was the value of each of the following rebates to Gosford residents in the 2016-17 financial year:
  - (a) Family energy rebate;
  - (b) NSW Gas rebate;
  - (c) Low income household rebate;
  - (d) Life support rebate;
  - (e) Medical energy rebate?

Answer—

I am advised:

Energy retailers do not deliver rebates on the basis of electorate boundaries. The retailers do not report rebate data to the government using electorate boundaries.



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\*6686 GOSFORD LEGAL AID OFFICE—Ms Liesl Tesch asked the Attorney General—

- (1) What was the budget for the Gosford Legal Aid office in each financial year from 2014-15 to 2016-17?
- (2) How many requests for legal assistance were made to the Gosford Legal Aid Office in each financial year from 2014-15 to 2016-17?
- (3) How many of those requests were rejected in each financial year from 2014-15 to 2016-17?

Answer—

I am advised :

Legal Aid NSW runs free civil, family and criminal law advice clinics at a range of locations around New South Wales, including Gosford and other locations on the Central Coast.

Staff at the Gosford office provide legal advice and minor assistance at these clinics. They also undertake casework (legal representation) and duty services.

The table below shows the direct budget and the number of legal advice and minor assistance services provided by the staff in the Gosford Legal Aid NSW office for the financial years requested:

	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
Direct budget	\$2,255,891	\$2,317,236	\$2,808,931
Legal advice	1,858	2,674	4,059
Minor Assistance Program	737	1,140	1,627

Legal Aid NSW is not aware of anyone who was turned away from seeking legal advice or assistance at the free advice clinics in the financial years in question. This would only be the case if Legal Aid NSW already acted for another party in the matter and a legal conflict arose. In such circumstances, Legal Aid NSW would refer the person to other service providers, including private practitioners or screened units within Legal Aid NSW.

\*6687 RAWSON ROAD LEVEL CROSSING, WOY WOY—Ms Liesl Tesch asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

- (1) With the election of the new Central Coast Council, will the Government commit to working with the Council to fix the dangerous Rawson Road level crossing at Woy Woy?
- (2) Will the Government commit to funding the required works?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The Government through Transport for NSW and Sydney Trains will continue to work with Central Coast Council to facilitate improvements to the Rawson Road level crossing.
- (2) In June 2017 Central Coast Council advised the Government that they are no longer proposing to seek funds to undertake the works.

\*6688 WELFARE STANDARDS AND GUIDELINES FOR POULTRY REPORT—Ms Jo Haylen 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 the draft Welfare Standards and Guidelines for Poultry and the associated papers be released to the public for exhibition?
- (2) Does the Government support making these draft guidelines public?

Answer—

- (1) and (2) Once approved by the national Animal Welfare Task Group.

\*6689 OPAL CARD READERS—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) What is the annual cost to maintain and repair Opal card readers at train stations across New South Wales?
- (2) What is the estimated annual loss of revenue from Opal card readers being unavailable due to maintenance issues or malfunctions?
- (3) What is the total annual budget for staffing dedicated to the maintenance and repair of Opal card readers and associated infrastructure?

Answer—

I am advised:

This information is commercial in confidence.

\*6690 MUIRS HOLDEN SITE, HABERFIELD—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

What was the total cost paid by Roads and Maritime Services for the Muirs Holden site at 199 Parramatta Road, Haberfield, to use as a WestConnex site?

Answer—

I am advised:

This information is commercial-in-confidence.

\*6691 FUNDING FOR COMMUNITY LEGAL CENTRES—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—

What funding is in place to guarantee community legal centres including the Marrickville Legal Centre can continue to provide specialist domestic and family violence services once funding runs out early next year?

Answer—

I am advised that the Government funds the Marrickville Legal Centre in recognition of their important work in supporting the victims of domestic and family violence.

\*6692 WESTERN SYDNEY METRO—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Western Sydney, Minister for WestConnex, and Minister for Sport—

(1) What provisions have engineers for the proposed M4-M5 Link made in the current designs for the project to accommodate a future Western Sydney Metro?

(2) When will the business case for the Western Metro be released?

Answer—

This is a matter for the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure.

\*6693 ALBION PARK RAIL BYPASS—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

(1) Does the Government have any plans to introduce a toll on the Albion Park Rail Bypass?

(2) Will the Government commit to not imposing a toll on the Albion Park Rail Bypass in the future?

Answer—

I am advised:

There are no plans to introduce a toll on the Albion Park Rail bypass.

\*6694 FORECAST OF RETAINED DWELLINGS FROM THE SOCIAL AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING FUND—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) Has the Government forecasted the quantum of retained dwellings at the end of the 25 year period of the Social and Affordable Housing Fund?

(a) If yes, how many have been forecasted to be retained?

Answer—

Information about the Social and Affordable Housing Fund is available on the Department of Family and Community Services' website at [www.facs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.facs.nsw.gov.au).

\*6695 PRIVATE PROVIDERS FOR SERVICE NSW—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

(1) Is the Government currently considering plans to enable a number of entities to become 'private providers' of its services for Service NSW?

(a) If so, for what reasons?

Answer—

There are no plans to privatise Service NSW. Since opening in 2013, Service NSW has engaged outsourced providers to assist with contact centre overflow as required.

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\*6696 STATE EMERGENCY SERVICES BASE NEAR THE BADGERYS CREEK AIRPORT—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—

- (1) Has a site been selected for a new State Emergency Services base near the Badgerys Creek Airport?
- (a) If yes:
- (i) When will construction of the new station commence?
  - (ii) How much will it cost?
  - (iii) What is the projected number of staff and volunteers who will be working for this station?
- (b) If not, is a suitable site being sourced?

Answer—

The NSW State Emergency Service (NSW SES) has advised me that it has no current plans to establish a Unit or point of presence near the Badgerys Creek Airport. The NSW SES is monitoring projected residential development and population growth in and around the new airport in the Liverpool and Penrith Local Government Areas, and will plan accordingly.

\*6697 SCOPE OF THE REDEVELOPMENT WORKS FOR FAIRFIELD HOSPITAL EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

What is the scope of the redevelopment works for the Fairfield Hospital emergency department?

Answer—

The redevelopment works for Fairfield Hospital Emergency Department will result in improved facilities for patients.

\*6698 MAINTENANCE AND UPGRADE WORKS AT THE MECCANO SET IN VILLAWOOD—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

Can you provide a precise start date for maintenance and upgrade works at the 'Meccano Set' in Villawood?

Answer—

I refer you to my previous response to LA Q6386.

\*6699 FUNDING FOR THE CLEARING OF RUBBISH AND DEBRIS ON THE M7 MOTORWAY—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

- (1) Has any funding been allocated for the collection and clearing of debris and rubbish from land surrounding the M7 Motorway?
- (a) If yes:
- (i) How much funding is allocated?
  - (ii) How often are crews dispatched to clear the land of debris and rubbish?

Answer—

The M7 operator, Westlink M7, is responsible for the removal of litter and debris along the M7 Motorway including the median and verges.

Daily patrols are carried out along the M7 to collect any debris that is observed or reported. The shared path is also monitored and rubbish is collected twice weekly.

\*6700 PRESERVATION AND CONSERVATION WORKS FOR THE LENNOX BRIDGE IN LANSVALE—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

- (1) Has any funding been provided for preservation and conservation works to be carried out for the land surrounding the Lennox Bridge in Lansvale?
- (a) If yes:
- (i) When are the works projected to commence?
  - (ii) How much funding has been allocated?

Answer—

I refer you to my previous answer LA Q6193.

\*6701 LOCAL AREA COMMAND AMALGAMATIONS—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—

- (1) Can you provide an indication as to which Local Area Commands (LACs) are earmarked for

amalgamation?

- (2) Can you indicate how many Police Officers and support staff will be allocated to each of the amalgamated LACs?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force (NSWPF) re-engineering reforms will allow a more tailored focus on the allocation of policing resources and techniques to individual Commands, rather than a 'one size fits all' approach.

There will be no reduction in frontline policing. The process of re-engineering the Force is about having frontline officers where and when they are needed and in the numbers required. It is about giving the people of New South Wales a police force that is flexible, nimble, well-resourced and best placed to address current and future policing needs.

Re-engineering the Force will put more police on the ground.

- \*6702 AMBULANCE STATION NEAR THE BADGERYS CREEK AIRPORT—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) Has a site been selected for a new Ambulance Station near the Badgerys Creek Airport?
- (a) If yes:
- (i) When will construction of the new station commence?
  - (ii) How much will it cost?
  - (iii) What is the projected number of staff and paramedics who will be stationed there?
- (b) If no, is anyone from your department presently searching for a suitable site?

Answer—

There are a number of existing ambulance stations that provide support to the area, and these will accommodate for any increase in demand.

- \*6703 POLICE STATION NEAR THE BADGERYS CREEK AIRPORT—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—

- (1) Has a site been selected for a new Police Station near the Badgerys Creek Airport?
- (a) If yes:
- (i) When will construction of the new station commence?
  - (ii) How much will it cost?
  - (iii) What is the projected number of staff and Police Officers who will be stationed there?
- (b) If no, is anyone from your department presently searching for a suitable site?

Answer—

The Commissioner of Police is responsible for the management of police properties.

I am advised that the NSWPF undertakes regular forward planning which informs its property management strategies. New police stations are considered as part of this annual review process.

- \*6704 LAND AND HOUSING CORPORATION PROPERTIES SOLD—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—

- (1) How many Land and Housing Corporation properties have been sold in the Newcastle electorate since 2011 (to 21 September 2017)?
- (2) How many more Land and Housing corporation properties in the Newcastle electorate does the Government plan to sell?

Answer—

I am advised that the Department of Family and Community Services' (FACS) Land and Housing Corporation continually reviews the suitability of the properties it owns. Proceeds from the sale of assets are re-invested to upgrade social housing and build new dwellings.

- \*6705 BOXING DAY TRADING—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

Why has the Government legislated for shops to trade on Boxing Day?

Answer—

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The Government made a commitment at the 2015 Election to modernise retail trading laws to provide more certainty and choice for consumers, retailers and employees.

The legislation follows a two-year trial and a comprehensive review, conducted by Professor Percy Allan AM, which found clear support for unrestricted Boxing Day trade among consumers, retailers and employees. Prior to the trial, thousands of shops across New South Wales were required to close on Boxing Day while those in Sydney's CBD were free to open.

Shops can only open on Boxing Day on the condition that staff have freely elected to work on the day without coercion, harassment, threat or intimidation.

The legislation also provides strict safeguards to protect workers, with retailers who force staff to work on December 26 facing fines of up to \$11,000 per employee.

This is another example of the Government fulfilling its election commitments.

**\*6706 PRESERVATION OF LOCOMOTIVES AT BROADMEADOW**—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

Considering the recent fires at Richmond Vale, which devastated the collection of trains at the Railway Museum there, what measures will the Government implement to protect and preserve the rolling stock at the Broadmeadow heritage rail site?

Answer—

I am advised:

I refer you to my response to LA Q6531.

**\*6707 LAND AND HOUSING CORPORATION PROPERTIES BEING BUILT**—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—

- (1) How many new Land and Housing Corporation properties have been built in the Newcastle electorate since 2011 (to 21 September 2017)?
- (2) How many more does the Land and Housing Corporation plan on building in the Newcastle electorate?

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).

**\*6708 AUSGRID JOB LOSSES**—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 the Minister aware that Ausgrid is planning to offshore up to 35 Geographic Information Systems (GIS) jobs from the Hunter and Sydney regions?
- (2) Is the Minister aware Ausgrid is sending the remaining GIS workers to India to train the new workers on how to do their former colleagues jobs?
- (3) Will any action be taken to prevent the offshoring of Ausgrid jobs to India?

Answer—

I am advised:

This is an internal operational matter for Ausgrid.

More broadly, job losses are always a concern and I understand that Ausgrid is taking a number of steps in this regard.

**\*6709 MISSED SCHOOL BUS RUNS**—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) Why is the new private operator of Newcastle buses missing school bus runs?
- (2) Why have 300 bus routes been cancelled since the new operators have taken over?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) I refer you to the response I gave in the house on 12 October 2017.

- (2) Newcastle Transport operates over 7,000 services per week for the people of Newcastle and eastern Lake Macquarie, and has delivered over 90,000 services since Keolis Downer took over services on 1 July 2017. Not a single bus route has been cancelled since Keolis Downer took over services and to suggest so is a barefaced untruth.

\*6710 WILLIAMTOWN AND FULLERTON COVE CONTAMINATION—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

When will the Minister visit the residents of Fullerton Cove who may also be affected by the poly-fluorinated alkyl substances (PFAS) contamination emanating from the Williamtown Royal Australian Air Force Base?

Answer—

The Government is committed to working with and supporting residents affected by offsite contamination from RAAF Base Williamtown.

\*6711 SOCIAL HOUSING ADJACENT TO WESTCONNEX CONSTRUCTION SITE—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 properties currently head-leased for Family and Community Services (FACS) tenants in:
  - (a) Ashfield;
  - (b) Haberfield?
- (2) How many of these homes in each suburb are immediately adjacent to a construction site for the WestConnex project?
- (3) How many FACS owned properties are immediately adjacent to a construction site for the WestConnex project?
- (4) How many complaints have been made by FACS tenants to the Department of Housing or the Minister regarding the impacts of WestConnex?
- (5) How many requests for transfers have been made by FACS tenants impacted by WestConnex?
- (6) What has been the total cost to FACS of maintaining or altering FACS owned properties to ameliorate impacts from WestConnex?

Answer—

I am advised the Department of Family and Community Services (FACS) and the Sydney Motorway Corporation work in partnership to support FACS tenants should any issues arise as a result of the WestConnex construction. This includes the utilisation of noise minimisation technologies such as noise dampening mats, together with the offer of temporary accommodation and transfers should construction work impact on a tenant's wellbeing.

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

\*6712 FAST TRAIN BETWEEN SYDNEY AND CANBERRA—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) What assessment has the Government made into the feasibility of a fast train between Sydney and Canberra?
- (2) Has the Government carried out a cost-benefit analysis and business case for this longstanding proposal?
- (3) What liaison has been carried out with the Australian Capital Territory and Commonwealth Governments on this proposal?
- (4) What further action will the Government take to progress a fast train service?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The Government continually seeks new and innovative transport solutions to improve the public transport experience for commuters across the State.
- (2) The Government continues to work with the Australian Capital Territory and Commonwealth Governments to investigate and improve transport in this corridor.

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\*6713 POST-CRISIS HOMELESSNESS SUPPORT—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) Considering that Family and Community Services has housed a large number of vulnerable people with complex needs who have been homeless for some time, what additional supports has the Government provided to ensure that long-term homeless people with complex needs can maintain their tenancy?
- (2) What additional resources have been allocated for support services?
- (3) What liaison has been carried out with other departments and agencies to ensure ongoing support?
- (4) What further action will the Government take to ensure that long-term homeless people with complex needs can maintain their tenancies?

Answer—

Information about homelessness support services is available at <http://www.housing.nsw.gov.au/help-with-housing/specialist-homelessness-services>.

The Government is investing \$1.1 billion to support people experiencing homelessness and improve services for social housing tenants to help break disadvantage.

\*6714 ANTI-RACISM PROGRAMS—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Disability Services—

- (1) What anti-racism programs does the Government provide?
- (2) What anti-racism programs does the Government provide for government agency staff and volunteers?
- (3) What anti-racism programs does the Government fund or support?
- (4) What anti-racism resource materials or programs does the Government provide to the community?
- (5) What proposals has the Government taken to the Commonwealth or the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) processes for national action?
- (6) What plans does the Government have to introduce or expand anti-racism programs?
- (7) What further action will the Government take to discourage racism?

Answer—

I am advised:

Multicultural NSW has a range of programs and activities that promote social cohesion and community harmony.

The COMPACT program is an alliance of community partners committed to safeguarding social cohesion against fear, hate and division.

The Premier's Fund for Social Cohesion is a grants program that supports community led events and activities that bring together people from diverse cultural backgrounds to celebrate cultural diversity. Further, the Community Cohesion Ambassadors Program aims at empowering a team of community influences and role models to stand united as champions for community harmony and deliver a strong, public message against hate, fear and division.

Additionally, Multicultural NSW administers a Grants Program that provides funds to organisations with the intention of promoting social cohesion and community harmony. Examples of grants awarded are included in the Appendices of Multicultural NSW's Annual Report.

\*6715 MANLY SEA LIFE SANCTUARY—Ms Jodi McKay asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

- (1) Considering the closure of the Sea Life Sanctuary in Manly, does the Government have any plans to maintain the facility as an education and emergency rescue centre for sea life?
- (2) Has the Government investigated the possibility of maintaining the facility as a rescue centre?
  - (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

Roads and Maritime Services will commission an investigation of the building, its structural integrity and condition in order to assess potential future uses of the facility.

\*6716 EPPING TO CHATSWOOD RAILWAY LINE UPGRADE—Ms Jodi McKay asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) When is the exact date that the Epping to Chatswood railway line will be closed for the upgrade?
- (2) What is the exact date the Epping to Chatswood railway line will re-open?
- (3) What contingency measures has the Government put in place to address the public transport concerns which will arise for staff and students endeavouring to get to and from the Macquarie University campus?

Answer—

I am advised:

Information about the Epping to Chatswood upgrade and temporary transport plan is available on the Sydney Metro website.

\*6717 TRAIN FATALITIES—Ms Jodi McKay asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) How many train fatalities have taken place on the train network in the last three years (to 21 September 2017)?
- (2) What measures is Transport for NSW taking to reduce suicides on the train network?

Answer—

(1) Information about fatal injuries is included in the NSW Office of the National Rail Safety Regulator's Rail Safety Report.

(2) On 22 February 2017, TrackSAFE Foundation and Lifeline Australia hosted the Suicide Safety Railways Roundtable. The purpose of the Roundtable was to foster discussion among key stakeholder in New South Wales on how to achieve suicide safer railways and to prioritise key issues in order to determine what strategies will be effective. The Roundtable also considered how joint action between stakeholders can occur. Participants examined current data and knowledge and identified any gaps which needed to be addressed.

A working group has been set up to develop and implement actions from the Roundtable.

Transport for NSW supports Rail Safety Week, an annual community awareness event. Each year, Sydney Trains and NSW TrainLink host events to raise awareness about railway level crossing and track safety.

\*6718 MAULES CREEK MINE RISK CHANGE—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) When was the Environmental Protection Licence number 20221 for the Maules Creek mine elevated from level 2 to level 3 risk rating under the risk based licensing scheme?
- (2) Why was the licence escalated to level 3?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) 12 July 2017.

(2) Following an assessment carried out in accordance with the Environment Protection Authority's (EPA) Risk Based Licensing System.

\*6721 HUNTER LOCAL AREA COMMAND—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—

- (1) Does the Government intend to amalgamate the Hunter Local Area Command with any other Commands?
- (2) Will the Government guarantee that the Maitland electorate does not see a reduction in Police officers?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force (NSWPF) re-engineering reforms, which include a new position of Deputy Commissioner for Regional NSW, will allow a more tailored focus on regional communities. This process will provide the NSWPF with more flexibility to adapt policing techniques and resources to each community in response to its own challenges, rather than a 'one size fits all' approach.

There will be no reduction in frontline policing. The process of re-engineering the Force is about having frontline officers where and when they are needed and in the numbers required. It is about giving the people of New South Wales a police force that is flexible, nimble, well-resourced and best placed to address current and future policing needs.

Re-engineering the Force will put more police on the ground, especially in regional communities.



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\*6722 CATEGORY C FUNDING TO NORTH COAST SMALL BUSINESSES—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Minister for Skills, and Minister for Small Business—

- (1) Has the Government conducted an investigation into why it took so long for small businesses in the North Coast to receive Category C funding?
  - (a) If not, why not?
  - (b) If so, will the result of this investigation be publically released?

Answer—

The Category C funding was declared on 13 April 2017 and the first Category C payment to a small business was made on 2 May 2017.

This is a matter for the Minister for Emergency Services, the Hon Troy Grant MP, as the responsible Minister.

\*6723 OUT OF ZONE ENROLMENTS—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) Which schools are deemed 'at capacity' and will not/choose not to accept 'out of zone' enrolments in the Maitland electorate?
  - (a) Which of these schools are scheduled to have permanent buildings constructed to increase capacity?
    - (i) What is the scheduled date of completion of works?
- (2) If permanent buildings are not being constructed because the schools have added capacity by way of demountables, is this capacity deemed calculable to allow an increase in the number of students a school is allowed to enrol?
  - (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

I'm advised that all schools are required to follow the Department of Education's enrolment policy. Every eligible student who wishes to attend a New South Wales government school will be given a place at their local school. The department does not have fixed enrolment capacities at New South Wales government schools. Schools have the capacity to adapt to fluctuating enrolments through the use of a combination of temporary and permanent teaching spaces. Where non-local enrolment is possible and places exceed availability, a placement panel is formed. The placement panel considers non-local enrolment applications in line with the department's policy.

\*6724 NEWCASTLE BUS DRIVERS UNIFORMS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

What steps is the Minister taking to ensure that Keolis Downer are issuing workers with appropriate workplace uniforms?

Answer—

I am advised:

Newcastle Transport employees were provided with shirts, jackets, ties, scarves and caps ready for the start of services on 1 July 2017. Further Newcastle Transport uniform items will be rolled out in 2018.

\*6726 SOCIAL AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING FUND—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

Of the 3,400 new social and affordable dwellings announced through the Social and Affordable Housing Fund, how many will be delivered in the Wollongong electorate?

Answer—

I am advised that information on the Social and Affordable Housing Fund is available on the FACS website at [www.facs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.facs.nsw.gov.au).

\*6727 ONLINE TRADING BUSINESSES IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation—

- (1) How many staff are tasked with searching the internet to identify persons conducting an online trading business in New South Wales without a licence?
- (2) How many prosecutions have been undertaken for operating an online trading business in New South

Wales without a licence in each year from 2011 to 2017 (as at 20 September 2017)?

- (3) Have any of the prosecutions been for the sale of stolen goods?
  - (a) If so, how many?
- (4) How many referrals for further investigation have been received each year from 2011 to 2017 (as at 20 September 2017) by the NSW Police?

Answer—

(1) Eight staff are allocated to conduct this type of investigative work. Fair Trading routinely checks and surveys the market for emerging problems and issues in regard to specific industries it regulates. It also works closely with Commonwealth and state and territory regulators in regard to online businesses.

(2) Fair Trading prosecuted 596 traders, charging them with 2,246 offences with court fines and penalties totalling in excess of \$6.1 million, in matters completed in the period 1 July 2011 to 20 September 2017. Fair Trading advise that extraction of specific data for online trading is not readily available from its information systems.

(3) and (4) This question should be referred to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services.

\*6728 WOLLONGONG TO SYDNEY RAIL CORRIDOR—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) Is the Minister aware that the Illawarra Business Chamber (IBC) has publicly called on the Government to nominate the Wollongong-Sydney rail corridor for business case funding under the Commonwealth Government's National Rail Program?
- (2) Will the Government do so?
  - (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

The Government will be fighting hard to ensure we receive our fair share of the announced National Rail Program. Discussions regarding which projects will be nominated are at an early stage and ongoing.

\*6729 WEST WOLLONGONG TAFE—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Tourism and Major Events, and Assistant Minister for Skills—

- (1) What are the number of student enrolments at West Wollongong TAFE campus in each year from 2010 to 2017 (as at 20 September 2017)?
- (2) What are the teacher staffing numbers at West Wollongong TAFE campus in each year from 2010 to 2017 (as at 20 September 2017)?
- (3) What is the market value of the West Wollongong TAFE campus site?
- (4) When was the last time the campus site was valued?
- (5) What are the Government's plans for the campus site?

Answer—

(1) and (2) TAFE NSW operates in a competitive environment. Data is not provided by location. TAFE NSW does provide enrolment and staffing 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>.

(3) TAFE NSW does not have a market value for the Wollongong West Campus.

(4) An interim valuation on TAFE NSW's asset portfolio was undertaken in March 2017 in accordance with NSW Treasury's requirements and accounting standards.

(5) TAFE NSW regularly assesses its facility requirements in line with course delivery to ensure that the needs of students, employers and the local community are met.

\*6730 MARRICKVILLE SERVICE NSW—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) How many full-time equivalent staff are located at the Marrickville Service NSW office as at 21 September 2017?
- (2) How many driving tests were conducted from the Marrickville Service NSW Office in the 2016-17 financial year?
- (3) How many individual customers were served at the Marrickville Service NSW Office in the 2016-17 financial year?
- (4) How many individual transactions were conducted at the Marrickville Service NSW Office in the 2016-17 financial year?

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Answer—

On 21 September 2017, the Marrickville Service Centre had 23.28 full time equivalent positions. In 2016-17, over 5,900 driving tests were conducted, over 198,000 customers were served and over 190,000 transactions were completed.

\*6731 PROCEDURAL ADVICE GIVEN TO PRINCIPAL'S—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Education—

What is the procedural response from the Department of Education and/or the Minister for Education if a Principal requests advice as to how to enrol a student whose SRE Participation Form is not returned?

Answer—

I'm advised that New South Wales public schools use information provided in the enrolment form to allocate students to Special Religious Education (SRE) classes.

If a religious persuasion is nominated, and a relevant SRE program is available at the school, the student will be placed in that program. If there is no nominated persuasion or the persuasion is unavailable, the school sends a letter to parents/caregivers outlining options available, including the option to withdraw from SRE.

If the parents/caregivers do not return the letter, the student will engage in alternative meaningful activities during time allocated for SRE. Suitable activities include reading, private study and completing homework. Ethics classes may also be an option in some schools.

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\*6732 PROJECTED DEMAND FOR THE ILLAWARRA AND SOUTH COAST LINE—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

(1) Considering your response to LA Q6095, in relation to the estimates of projected demand for the Illawarra and South Coast Line:

- (a) Over what period is demand for services projected?
- (b) Have the projected demands for services on the line been made public?
  - (i) If not, will they be?
  - (ii) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

Projected demand data undergoes consistent revision based on a range of conditions, and as such, is not reported on.

Transport for NSW reviews load data and customer feedback to make improvements that meet existing capacity demand. This information also informs projected demand data which undergoes constant revision. As a priority, Transport for NSW is investigating options on the Illawarra and South Coast Line to make further improvements for customers.

\*6733 NSW FREIGHT AND PORTS PLAN—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

- (1) What features will be different in the development of the NSW Freight and Ports Plan from the NSW Freight and Ports Strategy in 2013?
- (2) Which stakeholders are involved in the development of the NSW Freight and Ports Plan?
- (3) On what date did work commence on the development of the NSW Freight and Ports Plan?
- (4) On what date will the NSW Freight and Ports Plan be published and publicly released?
- (5) Will there be public consultation during the development of the NSW Freight and Ports Plan?
  - (a) If not, why not?
- (6) Will there be public consultation in the Wollongong local government area in relation to the development of the NSW Freight and Ports Plan?
  - (a) If so, on what date will those public consultations take place?
  - (b) If not, why not?
- (7) Have all of the recommendations contained in the NSW Freight and Ports Strategy been

implemented?

(8) Please list how recommendations have been implemented.

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) The 2013 Freight and Ports Strategy is being refreshed to reflect changing needs, challenges and opportunities. The NSW Freight and Ports Plan, due to be finalised in 2018, supports the Future Transport Strategy and will address challenges such as technology, urban land use encroachment, separation of passenger and freight rail, and preserving freight transport corridors.

(2) Transport for NSW is consulting with freight industry stakeholders across all modes, including operators, logistics providers, academics and local government.

(3) and (4) Work is expected to be finalised in mid-2018.

(5) and (6) Consultation has commenced and is expected to be completed by March 2018. Stakeholders in the Wollongong region will be given the opportunity to participate with forums to be held across metropolitan and regional New South Wales.

(7) and (8) Many of the strategic actions and tasks from the NSW Freight and Ports Strategy have been implemented. The Freight and Ports Plan provides a refresh of the 2013 Freight and Ports Strategy and will continue to deliver on its objectives.

\*6734 SPOIL MANAGEMENT PROJECT, REVIEW OF ENVIRONMENT FACTORS—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

(1) How were households in the Port Kembla area, postcode 2505, contacted and informed about the Transport for NSW Spoil Management Project, Review of Environment Factors, published in August 2017?

(2) How many households in the Port Kembla area were contacted?

(a) What was the method of this contact?

(3) How many households responded to the invitation to submit their views by the closing date of 28 August 2017?

(4) How many households made submissions after the closing date of 28 August 2017?

(5) How many stakeholder organisations made submissions:

(a) By the closing date of 28 August 2017,

(b) After the closing date of 28 August 2017?

(6) Please list the stakeholder organisations consulted?

(7) Will all the submissions received after the closing date of 28 August 2017 be considered?

(a) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) and (2) A project newsletter was distributed to residents within a one kilometre radius of the Commonwealth Rolling Mills (CRM - Illawarra) site.

Hard copies of the Review of Environmental Factors (REF) were also available at the nearby Wollongong City Council and the Warrawong District Library.

Letters were mailed to select residents of Wentworth Street, Port Kembla, who have a direct line of sight to the BlueScope site where activities are proposed. The letters notified the residents of the REF and invited them to provide feedback.

Advertisements were placed in the Illawarra Mercury (and the Canterbury Bankstown Express) local paper on 15 and 22 August 2017.

(3), (4) and (7) I refer to the response I provided to Budget Estimates supplementary question 263.

(5) I refer to the response I provided to Budget Estimates supplementary questions 268 and 269.

(6) Sydney Trains, Sydney Motorways Corporation (M4 WestConnex), Environment Protection Authority (Wollongong Branch), BlueScope Steel, Port Kembla Coal Terminal, local council and the Project Steering Committee.

\*6735 30 YEAR MASTER PLAN 'NAVIGATING THE FUTURE'—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

(1) Considering the NSW Ports' 30 Year Master Plan, Navigating the Future, how is the plan for the Port

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of Port Kembla progressing?

- (2) What parts of the plan in relation to the Port of Port Kembla have been implemented?
- (3) What parts of the plan remain to be implemented?

Answer—

I am advised:

Port Kembla was leased to NSW Ports on 1 June 2013. The Government does not have any direct involvement in the way NSW Ports manages its assets.

\*6736 ANNOUNCEMENT OF TENDER TO PREPARE THE WOLLONGONG HARBOUR MASTER PLAN—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Lands and Forestry, and Minister for Racing—

- (1) In relation to the announcement to award a tender to prepare the Wollongong Harbour Master Plan, how many tender applications were received?
- (2) How many tender applications were received from applicants with a Wollongong business address?
- (3) How much is being paid to Place Design Group to prepare the Wollongong Harbour Master Plan?
- (4) What will be the total cost for the development of the Wollongong Harbour Master Plan?
- (5) What is the breakdown in all the component costs for the preparation of the Wollongong Harbour Master Plan?
- (6) Has Place Design Group made any political donation to any political party prior to its tender application?
  - (a) If so:
    - (i) How much;
    - (ii) On what date;
    - (iii) To which political party?

Answer—

- (1) Ten.
- (2) One.
- (3) The contract price is \$169,169 (includes GST).
- (4) The total cost is expected to be \$169,169 (includes GST).
- (5) Breakdown of all the component costs is as follows:

Item	Description	Cost (includes GST)
1	Background Research	\$52,206.00
2	Opportunities and Constraints Mapping	\$8,800.00
3	Identify Stakeholders	\$1,716.00
4	Stakeholder and Community Engagement	\$51,238.00
5	Draft Master Plan	\$38,467.00
6	Exhibition of Draft Master Plan	\$3,542.00
7	Finalise Master Plan and Deliver to Stakeholders	\$13,200.00
8	Total	\$169,169.00

- (6) Donations are required to be disclosed and are on public record.

\*6737 CROWN LAND IN THE WYONG ELECTORATE—Mr David Harris asked the Minister for Lands and Forestry, and Minister for Racing—

- (1) What is the current size of Crown Land in the Wyong electorate in square metres administered by:
  - (a) The Department of Industry - Lands & Forestry;
  - (b) Council by delegation?

Answer—

1(a) and 1(b) - As at 12 October 2017, the following Crown land was administered in the Wyong state electorate district as follows.

The Department of Industry – Crown Lands and Water administered a total of approximately 5,400 hectares\*, comprising

- approximately 620 hectares of Crown land
- approximately 380 hectares of Crown roads
- approximately 4,400 hectares of Crown waterways

Central Coast Council administered approximately 290 hectares of Crown land, comprising

- approximately 250 hectares as appointed reserve trust manager under the Crown Lands Act 1989.
- approximately 40 hectares which devolves to Council under the Local Government Act 1993

\* 1 hectare = 10,000m<sup>2</sup>

\*6738 DISTANCE EDUCATION IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Mr Jihad Dib asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) How many students are currently enrolled in Distance Education courses as part of their 2018 High School Certificate (as at 10 October 2017)?
- (2) How many primary school aged students are enrolled in Distance Education (as at 10 October 2017)?
- (3) How many Year 7 to 10 students are enrolled in full-time Distance Education (as at 10 October 2017)?
- (4) How many stage 6 students are enrolled in full-time Distance Education (as at 10 October 2017)?
- (5) How many residential days are full-time Distance Education students expected to complete in a year?

Answer—

I'm advised that

- (1) 2,172 students are currently enrolled in distance education single course provision categories as part of their 2018 Higher School Certificate.
- (2) 635 primary school aged students are enrolled in distance education.
- (3) 1,690 Year 7 to 10 students are enrolled in full-time distance education
- (4) 793 Stage 6 students are enrolled in full-time distance education
- (5) Residential days are programmed to enhance learning interactions and are not compulsory. Schools work flexibly to ensure all students have access to their teachers.

Additionally, students in rural and regional communities benefit from the Government's establishment of Aurora College, a virtual secondary school that provides improved access to a broad range of curriculum opportunities, including specialist subjects.

\*6739 ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR IN CUMNOCK—Mr Philip Donato asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—

Could you advise if the Sector Supervisor of the Cumnock Police Station could be allowed to perform a greater amount of his rostered shifts to policing the Cumnock Sector to address the community identified increase in anti-social behaviour?

Answer—

I am advised:

Local Area Commanders are responsible for the allocation of resources and other operational issues within their Commands.

The allocation of police resources is determined by the New South Wales Commissioner of Police, not the Government.

\*6740 FLOOD-PROOFING OF THE NEWELL HIGHWAY—Mr Philip Donato asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

- (1) Will you work with the Member for Cootamundra to identify suggestions and ideas on improving the Newell Highway within that electorate?
- (2) Will you undertake to flood-proof the Newell Highway in the Orange and Cootamundra electorates with the \$500 million which you referred to in the Legislative Assembly Chamber on 4 May 2017?

Answer—

I will work with the Member for Cootamundra to improve roads right across her electorate including the Newell Highway.

The Newell Highway Corridor Strategy sets out objectives, current performance and issues in managing the Newell Highway corridor in the next 20 years.

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The Strategy aligns with the NSW Long Term Transport Master Plan, Regional Transport Plans and other relevant national and state planning frameworks.

\*6741 YOUNG PEOPLE IN NURSING HOMES—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) How many people currently in New South Wales nursing homes (as at 10 October 2017) are:
  - (a) 20 to 30 years of age;
  - (b) 30 to 40 years of age;
  - (c) 40 to 50 years of age;
  - (d) 50 to 60 years of age?
- (2) How many people currently in Illawarra nursing homes (as at 10 October 2017) are:
  - (a) 20 to 30 years of age;
  - (b) 30 to 40 years of age;
  - (c) 40 to 50 years of age;
  - (d) 50 to 60 years of age?
- (3) How many people aged 20 to 40 were in New South Wales nursing homes in 2012?

Answer—

The Commonwealth Government has responsibility for residential aged care facilities. NSW Health does not hold this data.

\*6742 SCHOOL ENROLMENT IN THE ILLAWARRA—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) How many students were enrolled in Austinmer Public School in each financial year from 2011-12 to 2016-17?
- (2) How many students were enrolled in Thirroul Public School in each financial year from 2011-12 to 2016-17?
- (3) How many students were enrolled in Coledale Public School in each financial year from 2011-12 to 2016-17?
- (4) How many students were enrolled in Bulli Public School in each financial year from 2011-12 to 2016-17?
- (5) How many students were enrolled in Woonona Public School in each financial year from 2011-12 to 2016-17?
- (6) How many students were enrolled in Woonona East Public School in each financial year from 2011-12 to 2016-17?
- (7) How many students were enrolled in Keiraville Public School in each financial year from 2011-12 to 2016-17?
- (8) How many students were enrolled in Tarrawanna Public School in each financial year from 2011-12 to 2016-17?
- (9) How many students were enrolled in Lindsay Park Public School in each financial year from 2011-12 to 2016-17?
- (10) How many students were enrolled in Nareena Hills Public School in each financial year from 2011-12 to 2016-17?

Answer—

Student enrolment data is available via the NSW Department of Education website.

\*6743 M5 MOTORWAY TOLL CASHBACK—Mr Greg Warren asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

- (1) On what date(s) was all signage along the M5 Motorway promoting the M5 toll cashback removed?
  - (a) For what reason(s) was this signage removed?
  - (b) Is there any intention to restore the signage?
- (2) Have funds been allocated for the specific purposes of the M5 toll cashback in the 2017-18 Budget?
- (3) Is there an intention to continue to fund the M5 toll cash back in the 2017-18 financial year and beyond?

Answer—

- (1) The removal of Cashback signs or other advertising is a commercial decision for Interlink Roads.
- (2) and (3) Information about the budget is available in the NSW Budget Papers.

\*6744 CONTRACT FOR THE SALE OF THE SYDNEY MOTORWAY CORPORATION—Mr Greg Warren asked the Minister for Western Sydney, Minister for WestConnex, and Minister for Sport—

- (1) When is it expected that the contract(s) for the sale of the Sydney Motorway Corporation will be signed?
- (2) Will the Government commit to not signing any such contracts until after the 2019 election, to allow residents of South West Sydney to have their say on the Government's plans to extend the toll on the M5 South West?
  - (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

This is a matter for the Treasurer and Minister for Industrial Relations.

\*6745 CONVICTIONS UNDER SECTION 25A(2) OF THE CRIMES ACT—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General—

How many people have been convicted of an offence under Section 25A(2) of the Crimes Act since its introduction (to 10 October 2017)?

Answer—

One. However, this number does not include people charged under these offence provisions currently awaiting trial.

\*6746 INDEMNITY FOR JUSTICES OF THE PEACE—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General—

Why is New South Wales the only state not to provide indemnity for Justices of the Peace when performing their official functions?

Answer—

I am advised :

Not all states and territories provide indemnity to Justices of the Peace when performing their official functions.

\*6747 AMBULANCE FACILITY AT HOXTON PARK ROAD, LIVERPOOL—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

When will the ambulance facility constructed at Hoxton Park Road, Liverpool become operational?

Answer—

The Liverpool Superstation located on Hoxton Park Road, Liverpool commenced operations 55 days prior to when you asked this question.

\*6748 PRE-APPOINTMENT TRAINING FOR JUSTICES OF THE PEACE—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General—

Why is New South Wales the only state in Australia not to require pre-appointment training for Justices of the Peace?

Answer—

I am advised :

The role of Justices of the Peace (JPs) varies across state and territories.

Not all states and territories require pre-appointment training for JPs.

The Department of Justice has developed a number of resources to support JPs in their role, including the JP Handbook, the JP Code of Conduct, the JP website and a dedicated information line and email account for JP support.

\*6749 RESULT OF PROSECUTORIAL MISCONDUCT REFERRAL—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General—

What was the result of the referral to the New South Wales Legal Services Commissioner by the Director of Public Prosecutions on 23 September 2016 of instances of prosecutorial misconduct in the prosecution of a young man known as JB for the murder of Edward Spowart?

Answer—

I am advised:



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Information about the initiation, receipt and investigation of complaints about lawyers is subject to the confidentiality provisions of the Legal Profession Uniform Law (NSW) and is not publicly available.

\*6750 OUTSTANDING MAINTENANCE FOR SCHOOLS IN THE LIVERPOOL ELECTORATE—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Education—

What is the value of outstanding maintenance for all Government schools within the Liverpool electorate?

Answer—

The maintenance requirements for each school, including schools in the Liverpool electorate, are currently being assessed as part of the Department of Education's condition assessments.

\*6751 NATIONAL RAIL PROGRAM—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) Which projects has the Government nominated for funding under the National Rail Program?
- (2) Will the Government nominate the South Coast Line as part of the Wollongong to Sydney transport corridor for funding and priority under this program?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Government nominated three corridors as part of the first stage of the National Rail Program. These were Sydney to Newcastle via the Central Coast, Sydney to Wollongong and a joint submission with the Australian Capital Territory Government for the Sydney to Canberra corridor.

\*6752 ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE TEACHERS—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) How many English as a Second Language (ESL) teachers were employed in the following high schools in each school year from 2014 to 2017 (as at 19 September 2017):
  - (a) Keira High School;
  - (b) Wollongong High School of the Performing Arts;
  - (c) Figtree High School;
  - (d) Bulli High School;
  - (e) Corrimal High School;
  - (f) Woonona High School?
- (2) How many ESL teachers were employed in the following primary schools in each school year from 2014 to 2017 (as at 19 September 2017):
  - (a) Waniora Public School;
  - (b) Bellambi Public School;
  - (c) Bulli Public School;
  - (d) Corrimal Public School;
  - (e) Balgownie Public School?

Answer—

The term English as an Additional Language or Dialect (EAL/D) has replaced English as a Second Language (ESL) across New South Wales public schools. In relation to specialised English as an Additional Language or Dialect (EAL/D) class teachers at the listed schools, I'm advised:

Total EAL/D teachers (FTE) by year

School	2014	2015	2016	2017
Keira High School	2.0	3.0	2.9	3.4
Wollongong High School of Performing Arts	1.4	2.1	1.0	2.0
Figtree High School	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.6
Bulli High School	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Corrimal High School	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0
Woonona High School	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Waniora Public School	.0	0.0	0.2	0.0

Bellambi Public School	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.0
Bulli Public School	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.0
Corrimal Public School	0.0	0.4	0.2	0.2
Balgownie Public School	0.6	0.4	0.4	0.4

Funding to support EAL/D students is provided based on data from the Annual EAL/D Survey.

\*6753 TEACHER AIDES AND SUPPORT TEACHERS—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) How many support teachers were employed in the following high schools in each school year from 2014 to 2017 (as at 19 September 2017):
  - (a) Keira High School;
  - (b) Wollongong High School of the Performing Arts;
  - (c) Figtree High School;
  - (d) Bulli High School;
  - (e) Corrimal High School;
  - (f) Woonona High School?
- (2) How many support teachers were employed in the following primary schools in each school year from 2014 to 2017 (as at 19 September 2017):
  - (a) Waniora Public School;
  - (b) Bellambi Public School;
  - (c) Bulli Public School;
  - (d) Corrimal Public School;
  - (e) Balgownie Public School?

Answer—

- (1) (a) 7.0 FTE support teaching positions in 2014 and 7.8 FTE in 2015, 2016 and 2017 (as at 11 October 2017).
  - (b) 7.0 FTE support teaching positions in 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017 (as at 11 October 2017).
  - (c) 14.710 FTE support teaching positions in 2014, 13.1 FTE in 2015 and 14.5 FTE in 2016 and 2017 (as at 11 October 2017).
  - (d) 2.4 FTE support teaching positions in 2014 and 5.4 FTE in 2015, 2016 and 2017 (as at 11 October 2017).
  - (e) 8.4 FTE support teaching positions in 2014 and 8.3 FTE in 2015, 2016 and 2017 (as at 11 October 2017).
  - (f) 1.0 FTE support teaching positions in 2014, 2015 and 2016 and 2.4 FTE in 2017 (as at 11 October 2017).
  - (2) (a) 1.684 FTE support teaching positions in 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017 (as at 11 October 2017).
  - (b) 2.515 FTE support teaching positions in 2014, 2.5 FTE in 2015, 2.315 FTE in 2016 and 2.5 FTE in 2017 (as at 11 October 2017).
  - (c) 0.5 FTE support teaching positions in 2014 and 0.6 FTE in 2015, 2016 and 2017 (as at 11 October 2017).
  - (d) 0.910 FTE support teaching positions in 2014, 8.182 FTE in 2015, 8.287 FTE in 2016 and 9.472 FTE in 2017 (as at 11 October 2017).
  - (e) 1.6 FTE support teaching position in 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017 (as at 11 October 2017).
- \*6754 OUTSTANDING PREMIUMS UNDER THE SURETY BOND SCHEME—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General—

Will any payments be made by or to NSW Trustee and Guardian in respect of the \$724,497 of outstanding premiums under the Surety Bond Scheme?

Answer—

I am advised:

This matter is the subject of discussions between the NSW Trustee and Guardian and Willis Towers Watson.

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\*6755 INFRINGEMENTS ON APPIN ROAD—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—

- (1) How many infringements for speeding on Appin Road were issued in each financial year from 2013-14 to 2016-17?
- (2) How many infringements for driving while distracted on Appin Road were issued in each financial year from 2013-14 to 2016-17?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force has advised me:

(1) A total of 2,863 infringements were issued for speeding on Appin Road in the financial years 2013-14 to 2016-17.

(2) There is no offence category "for driving while distracted".

It should be noted that these figures include infringements issued at intersections where Appin Road intersects other roads, which may include incidents in which the vehicle involved was on the intersecting road.

\*6756 INFRINGEMENTS ON PICTON ROAD—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—

- (1) How many infringements for speeding on Picton Road were issued in each financial year from 2013-14 to 2016-17?
- (2) How many infringements for driving while distracted on Picton Road were issued in each financial year from 2013-14 to 2016-17?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force has advised me:

(1) A total of 6,697 infringements were issued for speeding on Picton Road in the financial years 2013-14 to 2016-17.

(2) There is no offence category "for driving while distracted".

It should be noted that these figures include infringements issued at intersections where Picton Road intersects other roads, which may include incidents in which the vehicle involved was on the intersecting road.

\*6757 UNEMPLOYMENT IN REGIONAL NEW SOUTH WALES—Mr Ryan Park asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Minister for Skills, and Minister for Small Business—

- (1) What steps is the Government taking to reduce youth unemployment in the following local government areas:
  - (a) Wollongong;
  - (b) Shoalhaven;
  - (c) Eurobodalla?
- (2) What steps is the Government taking to reduce unemployment for people aged over 50 years of age in the following local government areas:
  - (a) Wollongong;
  - (b) Shoalhaven;
  - (c) Eurobodalla?

Answer—

The New South Wales unemployment rate has hit a five year low at 4.6 per cent and youth unemployment in New South Wales is the lowest in the nation as a result of the government's strong economic management. Our Vocational Education and Training (VET) services work hand-in-hand with the Commonwealth Government's delivery of employment services and under Smart and Skilled, the Government subsidises VET courses on the NSW Skills List. These are qualifications in demand by businesses and so provide students with improved job prospects. The New South Wales Department of Industry reviews the NSW Skills List throughout the year and has introduced a rolling list to be more responsive to changes in industry needs.

Smart and Skilled also includes concessional fees and fee-free scholarships for disadvantaged students, including students receiving Commonwealth Government welfare benefits (e.g. unemployment benefits).

\*6758 MALDON DOMBARTON RAIL LINK—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) Can the Minister please provide an update on the Maldon Dombarton Rail Link indicating where the unsolicited proposal is up to (as at 10 October 2017)?
- (2) What are the estimated costs associated with the project?
- (3) What are the costs based on?
- (4) What is the cost-benefit ratio of completing the Maldon Dombarton Rail Link and taking the pressure off the South Coast Line?

Answer—

I am advised:

The proposed Maldon to Dombarton Railway is a single track rail freight line. As such, this is a matter of the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight.

\*6759 SYDNEY RAIL ROUTES—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) When will construction of the North West Metro be completed?
- (2) What is the budget for the North West Metro?
- (3) When will construction of the Sydney Metro between Chatswood and Sydenham be completed?
- (4) What is the budget for the Sydney Metro?
- (5) When will construction of the South West Metro between Sydenham and Bankstown commence?
- (6) When will construction of the South West Metro between Sydenham and Bankstown be completed?
- (7) What is the budget for the South West Metro?
- (8) When will construction of the Sydney Metro West commence?
- (9) When will construction of the Sydney Metro West be completed?
- (10) What is the budget for the Sydney Metro West?
- (11) When will construction of the Parramatta Light Rail Stage 1 from Westmead to Camellia commence?
- (12) When will construction of the Parramatta Light Rail Stage 1 be completed?
- (13) What is the budget for the Parramatta Light Rail Stage 1?
- (14) What options for extension of the Parramatta Light Rail Stage 1 are being considered?

Answer—

I am advised:

Information about project timelines is available on the Transport for NSW project websites. Budget allocation is available in the NSW Budget papers.

\*6760 PRIORITY PRECINCTS—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Housing, and Special Minister for State—

When will the Minister reply to the request for a briefing on the Wentworthville and Westmead Priority Precincts?

Answer—

I am advised:

My office has responded most recently on 14 November 2017.

\*6761 CLASSIFICATION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREAS AS METROPOLITAN OR REGIONAL—Mr Paul Scully asked the Premier—

Considering your response to LA Q6368, what is the list of factors that New South Wales departments and agencies consider when classifying local government areas as metropolitan or regional?

Answer—

As my previous answer, LA Q6368, makes clear - there is no standard methodology for defining a Local Government Area as metropolitan or regional. Agencies consider individual community needs and characteristics, as they relate to specific programs or projects.

\*6762 INTERSECTION OF MASTERS AND SPRINGHILL ROADS, SPRING HILL—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) What is the total number of fines issues to motorists at the Masters and Springhill Roads, Spring Hill, intersection since red light cameras were installed (as at 10 October 2017)?

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- (a) What is the total amount of revenue raised from the fines issued at this intersection since the red light cameras were installed (as at 10 October 2017)?
- (2) What is the total number of fines for other motor vehicle offences not related to the red light camera at the Masters and Springhill Roads, Spring Hill, intersection since the red light camera was installed (as at 10 October 2017)?
- (a) What is the total revenue generated from these fines (as at 10 October 2017)?

Answer—

- (1) 4, 582.  
(a) \$1,678,609.
- (2) 8.  
(a) \$2,863.

\*6763 NATIONAL RAIL PROGRAM PROJECTS—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) What projects are under consideration by the Government for nomination as part of the Commonwealth Government's National Rail Program?
- (2) Will the Government meet the Commonwealth Government deadline for nominations by October 2017?
- (3) Is the Wollongong-Sydney rail corridor under consideration for project nomination under the National Rail Program?
- (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

Refer to LA Q6751.

\*6764 IMPROVEMENTS TO OLD PORT ROAD OR FLINDERS STREET, PORT KEMBLA—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

- (1) Are there any plans to make improvements to Old Port Road or Flinders Street, Port Kembla to cater for additional truck movements expected as part of the Transport for NSW, Spoil Management Project?
- (a) If not, why not?
- (b) If so, what are those plans?

Answer—

I am advised:

A Review of Environmental Factors (REF) was prepared to assess impacts likely to result from the construction and operation of the proposed Spoil Management Project, including traffic.

The REF is available on the Transport for NSW website.

\*6765 UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN SYDNEY HONORARY FELLOWSHIPS—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) What criteria are used by the University of Western Sydney to award Honorary Fellowships?
- (2) How do these criteria apply to N. Mannoun?

Answer—

Public universities in New South Wales have full control over their academic and administrative affairs.

These questions should be referred to Western Sydney University.

\*6766 WAIT TIME FOR AMBULANCES IN THE LIVERPOOL ELECTORATE—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

What is the average wait time for an ambulance in the Liverpool electorate?

Answer—

NSW Ambulance activity and performance data is publicly available on the Bureau of Health Information website at [www.bhi.nsw.gov.au](http://www.bhi.nsw.gov.au).

\*6767 RESTART NSW FUND—Ms Julia Finn asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

- (1) What funds have been deposited into Restart NSW, since 2011 (as at 1 October 2017)?
- (2) What is the balance of funds in Restart NSW (as at 1 October 2017)?
- (3) Of the \$8.9 billion identified in the Rebuilding NSW program for urban transport, what funds remain in Restart NSW (as at 1 October 2017)?
- (4) What urban transport projects have been completed using funding from Restart NSW (as at 1 October 2017)?
- (5) What urban transport projects to be funded from Restart NSW have been delayed (as at 1 October 2017)?
- (6) Of the \$2.4 billion identified in the Rebuilding NSW program for urban roads, what funds remain in Restart NSW (as at 1 October 2017)?
- (7) What urban roads projects have been completed using funding from Restart NSW (as at 1 October 2017)?
- (8) What urban roads projects to be funded from Restart NSW have been delayed (as at 1 October 2017)?
- (9) Of the \$1 billion identified in the Rebuilding NSW program for regional transport, what funds remain in Restart NSW (as at 1 October 2017)?
- (10) What regional transport projects have been completed using funding from Restart NSW (as at 1 October 2017)?
- (11) What regional transport projects to be funded from Restart NSW have been delayed (as at 1 October 2017)?
- (12) Of the \$8.9 billion identified in the Rebuilding NSW program for health transport, what funds remain in Restart NSW (as at 1 October 2017)?
- (13) What health projects have been completed using funding from Restart NSW (as at 1 October 2017)?
- (14) What health projects to be funded from Restart NSW have been delayed (as at 1 October 2017)?
- (15) Of the \$8.9 billion identified in the Rebuilding NSW program for education, what funds remain in Restart NSW (as at 1 October 2017)?
- (16) What education projects have been completed using funding from Restart NSW (as at 1 October 2017)?
- (17) What education projects to be funded from Restart NSW have been delayed (as at 1 October 2017)?
- (18) Of the \$1 billion identified in the Rebuilding NSW program for water security, what funds remain in Restart NSW (as at 1 October 2017)?
- (19) What water security projects have been completed using funding from Restart NSW (as at 1 October 2017)?
- (20) What water security projects to be funded from Restart NSW have been delayed (as at 1 October 2017)?
- (21) Of the \$1.5 billion identified in the Rebuilding NSW program for culture and sport, what funds remain in Restart NSW (as at 1 October 2017)?
- (22) What culture and sport projects have been completed using funding from Restart NSW (as at 1 October 2017)?
- (23) What culture and sport projects to be funded from Restart NSW have been delayed (as at 1 October 2017)?

Answer—

Information requested is available in the NSW Budget Papers. All Restart NSW Fund accounts are prepared biannually and will be updated in the 2017-18 Half Yearly Budget Review.

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- 6768 INTERFAITH ROUNDTABLE—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—
- 6769 INCIDENTS REPORTED IN THE MAITLAND ELECTORATE—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—
- \*6770 SECURITY PERSONNEL AT MAITLAND AND JOHN HUNTER HOSPITALS—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

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- (1) How many security personnel are employed (as at 11 October 2017) at:
  - (a) Maitland Hospital;
  - (b) John Hunter Hospital?
- (2) How many security incidents were there at Maitland Hospital per month during 2017 (to 11 October 2017)?
  - (a) What was the nature of each incident?
- (3) How many security incidents were there at John Hunter Hospital per month during 2017 (to 11 October 2017)?
  - (a) What was the nature of each incident?

Answer—

The Government is committed to maintaining the safety of staff and patients in all public hospitals across New South Wales.

\*6771 UROLOGY SERVICES—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) How long is the waiting list for urology services at the John Hunter Hospital (as at 11 October 2017)?
- (2) Is there a urology clinic at Maitland Hospital?
  - (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

Urology is a specialty service provided by John Hunter Hospital to the population of the Hunter New England Local Health District, as well as patients from other Local Health Districts.

All patients on the waiting list for urology surgery at John Hunter Hospital will have their surgery within their clinical priority.

\*6772 SPEECH PATHOLOGY SERVICES—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) How long is the waiting list for speech pathology services at the John Hunter Hospital (as at 11 October 2017)?
- (2) Is there a speech pathology clinic at Maitland Hospital?
  - (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

Inpatients referred to speech pathology, are seen within 24 hours. Appointments for John Hunter Hospital outpatient referrals are scheduled based on the clinical urgency.

Maitland Hospital has an inpatient and outpatient speech pathology service.

\*6773 JOHN HUNTER SHUTTLE BUS SERVICE—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) Considering that the John Hunter Shuttle Bus service was in operation for the Hunter Medical Research Institute on 6 October 2017:
  - (a) How much did the service cost to run that day?
  - (b) How many people made use of the service?

Answer—

The bus was hired from a private bus company and paid for independently of Hunter New England Local Health District.

The number of visitors who used the bus that day was not recorded.

6774 STUDENT NUMBERS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Education—

\*6775 JOB SECURITY IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Minister for Skills, and Minister for Small Business—

What steps does the Government intend to take to develop a holistic approach to training and employment to increase job security?

Answer—

State and territory governments are responsible for the delivery of Vocational Education and Training (VET) services. The Commonwealth Government is responsible for the delivery of employment services.

There are many examples in New South Wales where our VET programs work hand-in-hand with employment services, including:

- Infrastructure Skills Legacy Program
- Smart, Skilled and Hired Program
- Regional VET Pathways Program
- Refugee Employment Support Program
- Illawarra Youth Employment Strategy.

Under Smart and Skilled, the Government subsidises VET courses on the NSW Skills List. These are qualifications in demand by businesses and so provide students with improved job prospects. The New South Wales Department of Industry reviews the NSW Skills List throughout the year and has introduced a rolling list to be more responsive to changes in industry needs.

Smart and Skilled also includes concessional fees and fee-free scholarships for disadvantaged students, including students receiving Commonwealth Government welfare benefits (e.g. unemployment benefits).

6776 SCHOOL BREAKFAST PROGRAM FUNDING—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Education—

\*6777 CONTINGENT LABOUR—Ms Julia Finn asked the Premier—

(1) From the Public Service Commission's most recent contingent workforce data from government sector agencies, how many contingent workers were engaged across the New South Wales public sector on:

- (a) 30 June 2015;
- (b) 30 June 2016;
- (c) 30 June 2017?

Answer—

I am advised contingent workforce data is publicly available on the Department of Finance, Services and Industry website.

6778 BETTER PRISONS—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Counter Terrorism, Minister for Corrections, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—

6779 887 BUS SERVICE—Mr Greg Warren to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

6780 REMOVAL OF OBSCENE AND OFFENSIVE GRAFFITI ON SOCIAL HOUSING PROPERTIES—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—

6781 TRANSPORT CUSTOMER SATISFACTION INDEX—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

\*6782 RECIDIVISM RATES FROM MAGISTRATES EARLY REFERRAL INTO TREATMENT PROGRAM—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Counter Terrorism, Minister for Corrections, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—

What was the recidivism rate for those that completed the Magistrates Early Referral Into Treatment (MERIT) program in the 2016-17 financial year?

Answer—

I am advised the most recent available information on re-offending by participants in the Magistrates Early Referral Into Treatment Program is for calendar year 2015, as there needs to be enough time to lapse before reoffending rates can be calculated.

Accordingly, please refer to my answer to LA Q5131, published in the Questions & Answers Paper No. 121.

\*6783 MONITORING OF ELECTRICITY CONTRACTS AND PRICES—Ms Sonia Hornery 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—



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How does the Government plan to monitor the contracts and prices offered by power companies to ensure customers receive fair rates?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Government is well progressed in developing obligations on retailers to provide information to the Government on customers who receive rebates and are on the standing offer. These obligations will be implemented through the Social Programs for Energy Code before the end of the year. This will be supported by a compliance and enforcement framework.

In addition, the NSW Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (!PART) has been appointed as the Market Monitor under Part 9A of the National Energy Retail Law (NSW) No. 37a. This role tasks I PART with reporting on an annual basis the performance and competitiveness of the retail electricity market and the retail gas market for small customers in New South Wales.

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission has also recently released a preliminary report for the Retail Electricity Price Inquiry.

- 6784 SCHOOL BREAKFAST PROGRAM—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Education—
- 6785 ADVICE FROM THE COMMONWEALTH—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Women, and Minister for Ageing—
- 6786 WESTCONNEX INTEGRATION WORKS—Ms Jodi McKay to ask the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—
- 6787 CESSNOCK TO MAITLAND TRAIN SERVICE—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 6788 TRAUMA INFORMED SERVICES—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—
- 6789 ROADS IN THE MAITLAND ELECTORATE—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

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- 6790 STAMP DUTY REVENUE IN THE GOSFORD ELECTORATE—Ms Liesl Tesch to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—
- 6791 CHILDREN WITH DISABILITY IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS—Ms Liesl Tesch to ask the Minister for Education—
- 6792 INTERRUPTIONS OR BREAKDOWNS IN SERVICE AT SERVICE NSW SITES—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—
- 6793 ILLAWARRA SHOALHAVEN LOCAL HEALTH DISTRICT DISABILITY ACTION PLAN 2014-2017—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 6794 POLICE RESPONSE TIMES—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—
- 6795 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE ILLAWARRA SOUTH COAST EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REGION—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—
- 6796 EXTENSION OF THE EASTERN VALLEY WAY CLEARWAY—Ms Jodi McKay to ask the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

- 6797 INCOME FROM WATERWAYS IN THE GOSFORD ELECTORATE—Ms Liesl Tesch to ask 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—
- 6798 FISHER SHARES IN THE GOSFORD ELECTORATE—Ms Liesl Tesch to ask 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—
- 6799 NSW CROWN HOLIDAY PARKS TRUST ANNUAL REPORT—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—
- 6800 ABORIGINAL CHILDREN ENTERING OUT-OF-HOME CARE—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—
- 6801 INTERVIEWS FOR THE REVIEW OF ABORIGINAL CHILDREN OUT-OF-HOME CARE PLACEMENTS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—
- 6802 ALLOCATION OF FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES STAFF—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—
- 6803 TOMAREE COMMUNITY HOSPITAL ON-SITE IMAGING—Ms Kate Washington to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 6804 TURTLE DEATHS—Ms Kate Washington to ask the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—
- 6805 PALLIATIVE CARE FUNDING—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- \*6806 TRAINING SERVICES NSW—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Minister for Skills, and Minister for Small Business—
- (1) Has Training Services NSW cut funding from apprenticeship courses across the State?
  - (2) Can you confirm whether 2,500 apprentice chef courses across New South Wales at a cost of \$940 per student, or \$2.35 million in total, have been cancelled?
  - (3) Given the shortage of qualified chefs, how many chef apprenticeships are currently in progress across the state?
  - (4) What steps are being taken to address the skills shortage within the hospitality industry?
- Answer—
- (1) No.
  - (2) and (3) The National Centre for Vocation Education Research (NCVER) reports on the number of apprentices in training, this information can be found at [www.ncver.edu.au/](http://www.ncver.edu.au/).
  - (4) A number of initiatives have been implemented to increase the take up of hospitality qualifications these include:
    - Front-End apprenticeship program
    - Fee-Free Scholarships under Smart and Skilled
    - Capping of apprenticeship and traineeship student fees
    - Pre-apprenticeship Pre-traineeship programMore information about the above programs can be found at [www.training.nsw.gov.au](http://www.training.nsw.gov.au).
- 6807 HEALTH AND SAFETY ON WESTCONNEX CONSTRUCTION SITES—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for Western Sydney, Minister for WestConnex, and Minister for Sport—
- 6808 MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE NATIONAL RUGBY LEAGUE—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Western Sydney, Minister for WestConnex, and Minister for Sport—
- 6809 NATIONAL FIREARMS AGREEMENT—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—

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\*6810 ENERGY REBATES—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) What action will the Government take to:
  - (a) Ensure that rebates are targeted at those who most need help;
  - (b) Streamline existing complex programs?
- (2) What plans does the Government have to support energy saving retrofitting that would reduce energy costs:
  - (a) for people experiencing energy poverty;
  - (b) for people in rented accommodation;
  - (c) for low cost accommodation providers;
  - (d) for social housing tenants?
- (3) What further action will the Government take to improve energy rebate programs?

Answer—

(1) The Government has announced that it will increase the budget for energy rebates from \$257 million this year to around \$310 million to assist low-income and vulnerable customers with energy bills.

Under the Energy Bill Relief Package 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.

The Government has already made a major change, streamlining the Energy Accounts Payment Assistance (EAPA) scheme with the new digital voucher system. Digital delivery of EAPA commenced on 1 July 2017 and this is making 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 in need will be able to receive up to twelve vouchers worth \$50 each for each energy type per year- up from 10 vouchers. The budget for EAPA has been increased in line with this change.

The Government will be closely monitoring retailer performance in moving customers on rebates to better options for customers through monthly reporting. Action can be taken where retailer performance is not satisfactory.

(2) On 3 September 2017, the Government announced an energy affordability package to provide bill relief for households and small businesses. As part of this package, the Government announced \$112.5 million of funding for energy efficiency programs to help households and small businesses save energy and money.

The Government has announced it will help households:

- providing households with discounts to upgrade their homes through partnering tradespeople and suppliers
- helping concession card holders by offering discounts on new energy efficient fridges and TVs so they can replace old inefficient models
- providing grants to cover up to half the cost of upgrading community, public and Aboriginal housing to help tenants save energy and money
- partnering with energy retailers to help their energy hardship customers go solar.

We are also helping small businesses to save energy and money by:

- providing discounts to upgrade equipment through partnering tradespeople and suppliers
- providing energy management training and follow up support so businesses know how they can save energy and money.

(3) The Government is always looking at ways to improve energy rebate programs and outcomes for low income households. The Government, over the next few months, will be looking closely at the recommendations outlined in the Audit Office Report.

6811 NEIGHBOUR DEVELOPMENT DAMAGE—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation—

6812 DOLTONE HOUSE JONES BAY WHARF COMPLAINTS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Housing, and Special Minister for State—

- 6813 CENTRAL STATION MAIN WORKS PROJECT—Ms Jodi McKay to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 6814 ESTIMATED JOURNEY TIMES—Ms Jodi McKay to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 6815 CBD AND SOUTH EAST LIGHT RAIL—Ms Jodi McKay to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 6816 BUS BREAKDOWNS—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 6817 REZONING OF LAND ADJACENT TO DULWICH HILL PUBLIC SCHOOL—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Education—
- \*6818 INCARCERATED WOMEN IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Counter Terrorism, Minister for Corrections, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—
- (1) What is the total number of women currently incarcerated in New South Wales prisons or correctional facilities (as at 11 October 2017)?
  - (2) What is being done to reduce the number of women in New South Wales prisons and correctional facilities?
  - (3) What is the total cost allocated for educational opportunities and resources for women in New South Wales prisons and correctional facilities in each financial year from 2012-13 to 2016-17?
  - (4) What is the total cost allocated for health care for women in New South Wales prisons and correctional facilities in each financial year from 2012-13 to 2016-17?
- Answer—
- (1) 1,014 as at 15 October 2017.
  - (2) Corrective Services NSW (CSNSW) offers programs and services to inmates to support their successful reintegration into the community and reduce re-offending. There is a range of programs and services available to women in prison. Some are generic and available to all inmates, while others have been designed specifically for women.
- As part of the Government's Strategy to Reduce Adult Reoffending, three of the 10 High Intensity Program Units will focus exclusively on the needs of female offenders. Specialist staff will deliver rehabilitation services, programs and improved release planning for inmates serving sentences of less than six months who pose a moderate to high risk of re-offending.
- CSNSW recognises women are both victims and offenders and as such, interventions, programs and services reflect these needs. Assessments of women offenders for services and programs take into account gender specific issues including health, abuse and trauma-related factors. Education and vocational training are designed to enhance employability post-release and offenders are able to engage in custody-based employment.
- CSNSW has enhanced the ability of staff to effectively supervise women offenders in the community through the implementation of the Practice Guide for Intervention which enables community corrections officers to manage and integrate offender reporting and supervision requirements with participation in programs and services.
- New sentencing and parole legislation introduced in October 2017 will provide greater supervision of offenders and community rehabilitation programs, and build on the existing range of CSNSW programs that focus on issues impacting women offenders' likelihood of re-offending and returning to custody.
- (3) CSNSW does not allocate education services budgets on a gender-basis.
  - (4) This question should be directed to the Minister for Health.
- 6819 INNER WEST COUNCIL—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Housing, and Special Minister for State—
- \*6820 SYDNEY MODERN PROJECT—Mr Luke Foley 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 area of land that the Sydney Modern project will occupy?
    - (a) Is this footprint larger than the existing building?
  - (2) Is the land occupied by the Sydney Modern to be bought or leased from the Royal Botanic Gardens

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and Domain Trust?

- (3) Will any compensation be paid to the Royal Botanic Gardens and Domain Trust for the loss of its land to the Sydney Modern project?
- (4) How many trees and shrubs will be removed to construct the Sydney Modern?
- (5) Will all vehicular access to the Sydney Modern be from Mrs Macquarie's Road?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) The external footprint of the Sydney Modern building is approximately 6,690 square metres. There is also an approximately 1490 square metres unenclosed, covered entrance plaza, which will be accessible to the public 24/7.

(a) The external footprint of the existing building is approximately 9,730 square metres.

(2) and (3) The Art Gallery of NSW, Royal Botanic Gardens Trust and the Department are working collaboratively to determine the most appropriate approach for the project site.

(4) A total of 140 existing trees are planned to be removed, and a total of 260 new trees are proposed to be planted.

(5) When Sydney Modern is complete in 2021, visitor drop-off zones and disabled parking will continue to be available along Art Gallery Road. Vehicular access to the Sydney Modern loading dock will be from Lincoln Crescent.

- 6821 ROYAL BOTANIC GARDENS AND DOMAIN TRUST AND THE SYDNEY MODERN PROJECT—Mr Luke Foley to ask the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—
- 6822 CRIME MANAGEMENT UNIT AND SCHOOL LIAISON TEAMS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—
- 6823 DRIVING HISTORY RECORD—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—
- 6824 LOCAL COUNCIL ELECTION PENALTY NOTICES—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—
- 6825 ABERDARE ROAD AND VINCENT STREET, CESSNOCK—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—
- 6826 NSW CIVIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL NEWCASTLE—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Attorney General—
- 6827 ICARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—
- 6828 WORKERS COMPENSATION—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—
- 6829 SCHOOLS WITH SECURITY FENCING IN THE CESSNOCK ELECTORATE—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Education—
- 6830 FINES FOR FALSE ALARMS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—
- 6831 SPEEDING OFFENCES IN SCHOOL ZONES—Mr Jihad Dib to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—
- 6832 NATIONAL DISABILITY INSURANCE SCHEME SUPPORT—Ms Sophie Cotsis to ask the Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Disability Services—
- 6833 POLICE OFFICERS IN THE BRISBANE WATER LOCAL AREA COMMAND—Ms Liesl Tesch to ask the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—
- 6834 SCHOOLS IN MANGROVE MOUNTAIN—Ms Liesl Tesch to ask the Minister for Education—

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- 6835 ILLAWARRA REGIONAL TRANSPORT PLAN—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 6836 AVERAGE WAIT TIME DURING PEAK AND OFF-PEAK PERIODS—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—
- 6837 SHELLHARBOUR ROADS AND MARITIME SERVICES AND SERVICE NSW—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—
- 6838 WORKERS COMPENSATION PAYMENTS IN THE GOSFORD ELECTORATE—Ms Liesl Tesch to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—
- 6839 TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE REVIEW OF ABORIGINAL CHILDREN OUT-OF-HOME CARE PLACEMENTS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—
- 6840 OUTCOMES OF THE REVIEW OF ABORIGINAL CHILDREN OUT-OF-HOME CARE PLACEMENTS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—
- 6841 BUDGET FOR THE REVIEW OF ABORIGINAL CHILDREN OUT-OF-HOME CARE PLACEMENTS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—
- 6842 REVIEW OF ABORIGINAL CHILDREN OUT-OF-HOME CARE PLACEMENTS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—
- 6843 LANGUAGE USED AS PART OF THE REVIEW OF ABORIGINAL CHILDREN OUT-OF-HOME CARE PLACEMENTS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—
- 6844 PARTICIPANTS IN THE REVIEW OF ABORIGINAL CHILDREN OUT-OF-HOME CARE PLACEMENTS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—
- 6845 PALLIATIVE CARE—Ms Kate Washington to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 6846 MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES IN PORT STEPHENS—Ms Kate Washington to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Women, and Minister for Ageing—
- 6847 CABBAGE TREE ROAD SAND MINE—Ms Kate Washington to ask 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—
- \*6848 EARLY CHILDHOOD PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT GRANTS—Ms Kate Washington asked the Minister for Education representing the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education—
- (1) What is the total budget allocated for the 2017 Early Childhood Professional Development Grants?
  - (2) How many grants does the Department forecast to award as part of this grants program?
  - (3) How many grants has the Department already awarded (as at 12 October 2017)?
  - (4) How much funding has been allocated to those awarded grants (as at 12 October 2017)?
  - (5) What are the criteria for allocation of grant funding?
  - (6) What is the maximum amount of funding available under each grant allocation?
- Answer—
- (1) The 2017-18 Budget supports a number of key initiatives that align with the Government's focus on early childhood education. This includes the ongoing support for the Sector Development program, which provides training support and resources to build sector capacity in alignment with Government priorities. The Professional Development Grants program is a key component of the Sector Development program.
  - (2) Applications for the 2017 Professional Development Grants close on 10 November 2017.
  - (3) 2017 is the first round of the Early Childhood Professional Development Grants.

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- (4) Not applicable.
- (5) Refer to the department's website at <http://www.dec.nsw.gov.au/what-we-offer/regulation-and-accreditation/early-childhood-education-care/funding/funding-projects/sector-development-program/professional-development-grants> for eligibility criteria.
- (6) Refer to the department's website at <http://www.dec.nsw.gov.au/what-we-offer/regulation-and-accreditation/early-childhood-education-care/funding/funding-projects/sector-development-program/professional-development-grants> for maximum grant per application
- 6849 CYCLE WAY STRATEGY FOR NEWCASTLE—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 6850 NEWCASTLE TRANSPORT INTERCHANGE—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 6851 STOCKTON CENTRE—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Disability Services—
- 6852 LOWER HUNTER FREIGHT CORRIDOR—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 6853 FUNDING FOR DISABILITY ADVOCACY NSW—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Disability Services—
- 6854 INNER CITY HIGH SCHOOL—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for Education—
- 6855 CAT MANAGEMENT—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask 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—
- \*6856 ELECTRICITY STORAGE—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) What programs does the Government operate to support electricity storage such as batteries in order to reduce peak loads?
  - (2) What programs does the Government operate to encourage grid scale electricity storage in New South Wales?
  - (3) What programs does the Government operate to encourage installation of electricity storage by:
    - (a) Small businesses;
    - (b) Home owners;
    - (c) Landlords;
    - (d) Government agencies;
  - (4) Will the Government take further action to increase electricity storage capacity and reduce peak loads?
    - (a) If so, what action will be taken?

Answer—

I am advised:

(2) The Government is participating in the joint demand response initiative being delivered by the Australian Renewable Energy Agency and the Australian Energy Market Operator. The demand response capability will be available from summer 2017-18. On 23 June 2017, ARENA and the Government announced that the Government is providing \$7.5 million to the program which will in turn be matched by ARENA.

Under the program, a range of innovative technologies and behaviour change programs will be trialled in order to ease the strain on the electricity grid at times of peak loads. Four funding recipients will deliver demand response capacity in New South Wales as part of the program. It is understood that electricity storage such as batteries will form part of the demand response under this initiative.

(2) The Government has consulted on a draft Climate Change Fund (CCF) Strategic Plan, which set out proposed priority areas for investment and potential actions over the next five years using funding from the CCF. This will help us achieve an energy future which is secure, affordable and clean. The Government is now finalising the Plan.

- (3) The Government has released the NSW Home Solar Battery Guide. This guide is designed to help households make informed decisions when considering buying a battery storage system, and is available via <https://www.resourcesandenergy.nsw.gov.au/energy-consumers/sustainable-energy/home-solar-battery-guide>.
- (4) The Government has also released a battery storage guide for businesses, including a business-specific guide on battery storage and an investment decision tool. This guide is available via <http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/resources/business/battery-storage-guide-160675.pdf>. The Government also offers training for businesses in understanding the business case for batteries at their sites. Information is available via <http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/business/battery-storage-training.htm>.
- 6857 ALEXANDRIA TO MOORE PARK CONNECTIVITY UPGRADE—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—
- 6858 USE OF COMMUTER CAR PARKS—Ms Jodi McKay to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 6859 MOORE PARK PARKING AND TRANSPORT—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—
- 6860 BUSINESS CASES FOR PROJECTS—Ms Jodi McKay to ask the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—
- 6861 OPAL DIGITAL STRATEGY—Ms Jodi McKay to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 6862 EVICTIONS FOR ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—
- 6863 SCHOOL COUNSELLORS IN PRIMARY AND HIGH SCHOOLS—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Education—
- 6864 COST OF CONCESSION TRAVEL—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- \*6865 DREDGING THE HAWTHORNE CANAL—Ms Jo Haylen 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—
- What was the total cost of dredging the Hawthorne Canal in September 2017?
- Answer—
- I am advised:
- This question should be referred to the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight.
- 6866 ELECTRONIC MESSAGE SIGNS IN SCHOOL GROUNDS—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Education—
- 6867 PERSONNEL AT THE NEW CAMPBELLTOWN CITY POLICE AREA COMMAND—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—
- 6868 PERSONNEL AT THE NEW INNER WEST POLICE AREA COMMAND—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—
- 6869 PERSONNEL AT THE NEW NEPEAN POLICE AREA COMMAND—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—
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- 7031 DETAINED JUNVENILES WITH SPECIAL NEEDS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
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- 7033 CORONIAL INQUEST INTO THE DEATH OF TIMOTHY ROSS MACPHERSON—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General—
- (1) Will a full Coronial inquest be held into the death of Timothy Ross Macpherson who was killed on a State Government sponsored building project at Barangaroo on 1 March 2017?



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- (a) If not, why not?  
(b) If so, when will it be held?
- 7034 VACANT HOMES IN WARWICK FARM—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—  
What is proposed for the currently vacant homes located at 3-13 Mannix Parade and 2-4 McGirr Parade, Warwick Farm?
- 7035 INFRASTRUCTURE—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—  
Considering the statement made by the Premier in the Legislative Assembly Chamber on 17 October 2017 during Question Time that \$73 billion will be spent over the next four years in New South Wales, please list every project valued over \$10 million for projects on infrastructure.
- 7036 CARBON DIOXIDE EMISSIONS—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—  
What is the average level of carbon dioxide emissions per hour of a passenger vehicle operating in New South Wales?
- 7037 ONLINE TRADING BUSINESSES IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—  
(1) How many of the prosecutions undertaken for operating an online trading business in New South Wales without a licence from 2011 to 2017 (as at 20 September 2017) as referred to in the answer to LA Q6727 have been for the sale of stolen goods?  
(2) How many referrals for further investigation have been received each year from 2011 to 2017 (as at 20 September 2017) by the NSW Police?
- 7038 IMPACT ON MAJOR EVENTS WITHOUT FREE SHUTTLE BUS SERVICE—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Tourism and Major Events, and Assistant Minister for Skills—  
(1) Were you or your department asked to provide advice on the expected impact on major events in Wollongong as a result of introducing full Opal fares on the 55A and 55C bus routes in Wollongong from 29 January 2018?  
(2) Did your department provide advice to the Minister for Transport or Transport for NSW that part of the bid to have Wigan FC play Hull FC at WIN Stadium on 10 February 2018 included the fact that a free bus service was available to transport patrons to the venue?
- 7039 ADVERTISING OF FARES TO BE CHARGED ON THE 55A AND 55C BUS ROUTES—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—  
(1) What notification and advertising processes does Transport for NSW intend to use to advertise that fares will be charged on the 55A and 55C bus routes in Wollongong from 29 January 2018?  
(2) What mediums will Transport for NSW use to notify existing and future passengers of the introduction of these charges?  
(3) When will this notification and advertising to passengers commence?  
(4) When will this notification and advertising to passengers end?  
(5) Will this include posting notices on buses servicing the 55A and 55C bus routes in Wollongong?  
(6) Will this include posting notices at bus stops on the 55A, 55C and other bus routes in Wollongong?  
(7) What is the budget for this advertising and notification of passengers?
- 7040 CONSULTATIONS WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF WOLLONGONG—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—  
Why did Transport for NSW not consult with representatives from the University of Wollongong prior to making the decision to discontinue the free Gong Shuttle bus?
- 7041 CONSULTATION WITH THE PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY FOR THE ILLAWARRA AND THE SOUTH COAST—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—  
Did you or Transport for NSW seek input or advice from the Parliamentary Secretary for the Illawarra and the South Coast before making the decision to discontinue the Gong Shuttle service?
- 7042 RAISING OF WARRAGAMBA DAM—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Western Sydney, Minister for WestConnex, and Minister for Sport—

- (1) What options other than raising the Warragamba Dam by 14 metres will the government investigate for improving flood security in rare extreme flood events?
  - (2) To what extent will the Government explore the option of using the capacity of the existing dam with a second spillway on the eastern side of the dam wall, new gates and a comprehensive flood management plan?
  - (3) What assessment has been made on the following impacts from raising the dam:
    - (a) Inundation and scarring of important wilderness areas in the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area;
    - (b) Sedimentation filling Lake Burragorang;
    - (c) Expected cost from the loss of fisheries, including valuable oyster farming as a result of changed river flows affected wetland and estuarine areas;
    - (d) Loss of access to important wilderness areas in the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area;
    - (e) Longer periods during which low level bridges and roads will be impassable?
  - (4) To what extent will a decision on whether to proceed with the proposal to raise the dam consider the resultant potential development opportunities in low lying rural land?
- 7043 ASSESSMENT OF THE FREE GONG SHUTTLE SERVICE—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- (1) Will the Minister travel on the Free Gong Shuttle to assess benefits it brings to the city before it is discontinued?
    - (a) If so, when?
- 7044 RESPONSE TO REPORT BY THE NSW OMBUDSMAN—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—
- (1) What is the Government's response to the comments of the Ombudsman in the Ombudsman's Report entitled 'Did Police provide their name and place of duty?' tabled on 13 June 2017?
  - (2) What steps will the Government take to determine if police comply with their obligations to provide their name and place of duty under Part 15 of the Law Enforcement (Powers and Responsibilities) Act 2002?
- 7045 WOLLONGONG PUBLIC HOSPITAL CARPARK—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- (1) What is the total vehicle capacity of the carpark at Wollongong Public Hospital?
  - (2) What is the current average daily utilisation as a percentage of total capacity of the carpark at Wollongong Public Hospital?
  - (3) Was the most recent expansion of carpark capacity designed to allow for future expansion?
    - (a) If so, when was it estimated that the next capacity expansion would need to take place?
    - (b) How many additional vehicles would this expansion accommodate?
    - (c) Have there been any estimates of the cost of an expansion of the carpark at Wollongong Public Hospital?
  - (4) Is Wollongong Public Hospital car park the only paid car park in the Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District?
  - (5) What is the average daily parking fee paid at Wollongong Public Hospital car park (as at 14 November 2017)?
- 7046 COMPLAINTS ABOUT THE GONG SHUTTLE SERVICE—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- (1) How many complaints have been received by Transport for NSW about the Gong Shuttle for each year since it was introduced in March 2009 (to 14 November 2017)?
    - (a) How many of these complaints have been about overcrowding?
- 7047 SIGNAGE AT BUS STOPS ALONG THE 55A AND 55C BUS ROUTES—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- (1) Is the Minister or Transport for NSW aware that bus stops on the 55A and 55C bus route in Wollongong indicate that this is a free shuttle service?
  - (2) Has Transport for NSW estimated the cost of updating this signage to reflect that full Opal fares will be charged from 29 January 2018?
    - (a) If so, what is the cost?

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- (b) If not, when will this cost be known?
- (3) Will Transport for NSW meet the cost of updating this signage to reflect that full Opal fares will be charged from 29 January 2018?
- (4) Was this cost considered as part of the decision that resulted in the announcement to introduce full Opal fares on these services from 29 January 2018?
- 7048 NEW TIMETABLES COST—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- (1) What was the total cost of developing new rail and bus timetables?
- (2) What is the cost of external consultants who provided advice on new rail and bus timetables?
- (3) What is the cost of the "We're moving forward" advertising campaign?
- (4) What is the cost of providing new maps at each railway station?
- (5) What estimate has been made of the cost to local businesses from the loss of express train services and longer journey times from Granville station?
- 7049 FORECASTS OF EXPECTED VEHICLE MOVEMENT CHANGES—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- (1) Does Transport for NSW have any forecasts of expected vehicle movement changes as a result of introducing full Opal fares on the 55A and 55C bus routes in Wollongong from 29 January 2018?
- (2) Have any impacts of additional vehicles on suburban streets in and around the 55A and 55C bus routes as a result of introducing Opal fares been modelled or estimated by Transport for NSW?
- (a) If not, why not?
- 7050 REDUCTION OF TRAFFIC AND PARKING PROBLEMS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- Will making the Gong Shuttle no longer a free service reduce traffic and parking problems across the city?
- 7051 FORECAST OF PARKING AND TRAFFIC IN KEIRAVILLE—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- What plans has Transport for NSW put in place to manage additional parking and traffic problems around the city and in particular the Keiraville community as a result of the changes to the Gong Shuttle?
- 7052 DECISION TO DISCONTINUE THE FREE GONG SHUTTLE SERVICE—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- As the Premier in her previous role as Minister for Transport promised that the free Gong Shuttle would not be removed, why has a decision been taken to discontinue it?
- 7053 MODELLING USED TO DETERMINE THE GONG SHUTTLE SERVICE—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- What specific modelling was used to determine that keeping the Gong Shuttle free was no longer necessary in order to improve traffic and parking issues across the city?
- 7054 GONG SHUTTLE SERVICE BUS DRIVERS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- Can you undertake that no bus drivers will lose their job or have their hours cut as a result of the changes you have announced for the Gong Shuttle?
- 7055 CONSULTATION WITH STAKEHOLDERS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- What stakeholders did you, your office or Transport for NSW consult with before you made the decision to no longer keep the Gong Shuttle service free from January 2018?
- 7056 55A AND 55C BUS ROUTES—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- (1) Did Transport for NSW consider the introduction of a fare below full Opal fares from 29 January 2018 for the 55A and 55C bus routes in Wollongong?
- (a) If so, what options were considered?
- 7057 GREEN VALLEY POLICE STATION—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—

- (1) When will a decision be taken as to whether Green Valley Police Station will close or remain open?  
(a) When will that decision be announced?
- 7058 STATUTORY REVIEW OF THE VICTIM'S RIGHTS AND SUPPORT ACT 2013—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General—  
When will the statutory review of the Victim's Rights and Support Act 2013 be completed?
- 7059 OWNER-BUILDER PERMITS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation—
- (1) How many owner-builder permits were issued in New South Wales in the periods 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016 and 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017?  
(2) How many of those permits were issued to people who were family members of people to whom owner builder permits had been issued in the previous five years?  
(3) How many of the people to whom the permits referred to in (1) above were issued continue to reside in the homes concerned?
- 7060 NEW POLICE STATIONS AROUND GREEN VALLEY—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—  
What steps have been taken to plan for new police stations in the new release and developing areas west and south of Green Valley?
- 7061 INCREASES IN CRIME—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—
- (1) What categories of crime have increased since 1 January 2015 (to 14 November 2017) in the areas of:  
(a) Green Valley Local Area Command;  
(b) Liverpool Local Area Command?
- 7062 ELECTED MEMBERS OF LIVERPOOL CITY COUNCIL—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—
- (1) Which elected members of Liverpool City Council in the period 1 July 2012 to date (as at 14 November 2017) have not filed as required a Disclosure of Interest Return?  
(a) What action will be taken in relation to these Councillors?
- 7063 WARWICK FARM PROPERTIES—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) Considering the properties at 10 and 12 Mannix Parade, 46 and 50 Lawrence Hargrave Drive and 3 McGirr Parade, Warwick Farm, is the accommodation provided transitional, long-term or other?  
(2) What degree of management and/or support is provided to tenants in those premises?
- 7064 WESTERN SYDNEY METRO—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- (1) What provisions have engineers for the proposed M4-M5 Link made in the current designs for the project to accommodate a future Western Sydney Metro?  
(2) When will the business case for the Western Metro be released?
- 7065 DREDGING THE HAWTHORNE CANAL—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—  
What was the total cost of dredging the Hawthorne Canal in September 2017?
- 7066 DREDGING EXPENDITURE IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Ms Liesl Tesch to ask the Minister for Lands and Forestry, and Minister for Racing—
- (1) What is the total value of dredging committed to by the Government in each financial year from 2014-15 to 2016-17?  
(2) With the election of the new Central Coast Council, will the Government commit to working with the Council to fund a long term solution to silting in the Ettalong Channel?

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- 7067 CAPITAL PROGRAM REPORT FOR THE STRATHFIELD ELECTORATE—Ms Jodi McKay to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—
- What projects will be funded as part of the \$930,000 Social Housing - Upgrade commitment listed in the 'Capital Program Report for the Strathfield Electorate' as part of the electorate report on the NSW Budget 2017-18?
- 7068 CATEGORY C FUNDING TO NORTH COAST SMALL BUSINESSES—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—
- (1) Has the Government conducted an investigation into why it took so long for small businesses in the North Coast to receive Category C funding?
    - (a) If not, why not?
    - (b) If so, will the result of this investigation be publicly released?
- 7069 PUBLIC SERVICE EMPLOYEES WITH A DISABILITY—Ms Liesl Tesch to ask the Premier—
- (1) What percentage of public service employees have a disability?
  - (2) What percentage of public service employees have a disability in:
    - (a) Regional New South Wales;
    - (b) Rural New South Wales;
    - (c) Sydney Metropolitan area;
    - (d) Western Sydney?
- 7070 INCARCERATED WOMEN IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- What is the total cost allocated for health care for women in New South Wales prisons and correctional facilities in each financial year from 2012-13 to 2016-17?
- 7071 ELECTROTECHNOLOGY CAPSTONE TEST—Ms Prue Car to ask the Minister for Tourism and Major Events, and Assistant Minister for Skills—
- What is the pass rate for the Electrotechnology capstone test for each TAFE campus where this test is delivered?
- 7072 NEW TIMETABLES CONSULTATION—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- What consultation was undertaken with public transport users in the Cumberland Council and City of Parramatta Council areas before the new railway timetable was announced?
- 7073 SHARING OF WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECKS—Mr Philip Donato to ask the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation—
- Will consideration be given to sharing the results of Working with Children checks across multiple agencies with the applicant's permission to avoid expense and duplication?
- 7074 OPAL CARD RETAILERS ON THE 55A AND 55C BUS ROUTES—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- (1) How many Opal card retailers are on the 55A and 55C bus routes in Wollongong?
    - (a) What is the street address of each of these Opal card retailers?
    - (b) What is the distance on each of these retailers from the stop and pick up points along the 55A and 55C bus routes?
- 7075 SENIORS OPAL CARDS IN REGIONAL AREAS—Mr Philip Donato to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- Will consideration be given to providing seniors residing in regional New South Wales with further options to purchase Seniors Opal Cards in regional areas at railway stations and/or Service NSW locations?
- 7076 AMBULANCE OFFICERS SERVICING THE ORANGE COMMUNITY—Mr Philip Donato to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- (1) What number of Ambulance Officers are presently based in Orange to service the Orange

community (as at 14 November 2017)?

- (2) What number of Ambulance Officers were based in Orange to service the Orange community in 1997?

7077 MALDON DOMBARTON RAIL LINK—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

- (1) Can the Minister please provide an update on the Maldon Dombarton Rail Link indicating where the unsolicited proposal is up to (as at 10 October 2017)?  
(2) What are the estimated costs associated with the project?  
(3) What are the costs based on?  
(4) What is the cost-benefit ratio of completing the Maldon Dombarton Rail Link and taking the pressure off the South Coast Line?

7078 CONTRACT FOR THE SALE OF THE SYDNEY MOTORWAY CORPORATION—Mr Greg Warren to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

- (1) When is it expected that the contract(s) for the sale of the Sydney Motorway Corporation will be signed?  
(2) Will the Government commit to not signing any such contracts until after the 2019 election, to allow residents of South West Sydney to have their say on the Government's plans to extend the toll on the M5 South West?  
(a) If not, why not?