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\*5956 AGEING, DISABILITY AND HOME CARE RESPITE CARE SERVICES IN PORT STEPHENS—Ms Kate Washington asked the Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Disability Services—

- (1) For each of the respite care services that Ageing, Disability and Home Care (ADHC) is currently operating in the Port Stephens electorate, please provide:
  - (a) The address;
  - (b) A description of the service provided, and types of disability catered for;
  - (c) The current number of clients;
  - (d) The client capacity of the service;
  - (e) The number of staff?
- (2) Is ADHC charging a fee for delivering respite care at the services referred to in (1)?
  - (a) If so:
    - (i) When did ADHC start charging a fee for the services;
    - (ii) Who is it charging;
    - (iii) How much is it charging;
    - (iv) Were fees imposed retrospectively for any respite service;
    - (v) How were families notified of the fees;
    - (vi) When were families notified of the fees?

Answer—

- (1) Information about Family and Community Services (FACS) respite services is available at [www.adhc.nsw.gov.au/individuals/support/getting\\_respite](http://www.adhc.nsw.gov.au/individuals/support/getting_respite). For the privacy and safety of residents, FACS does not provide specific addresses or details of accommodation services.
- (2) Information regarding the pricing and payment of respite care is available at [www.ndis.gov.au/providers/pricing-and-payment](http://www.ndis.gov.au/providers/pricing-and-payment).

\*5957 GRANVILLE TRANSPORT TIME—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) What forecasts have been made of future travel times in 2019, 2023 and 2027 by public transport between Granville and:
  - (a) Parramatta CBD;
  - (b) Westmead Hospital;
  - (c) Bankstown CBD;
  - (d) Fairfield CBD;
  - (e) Blacktown CBD;
  - (f) Sydney Olympic Park;
  - (g) Sydney Airport;
  - (h) Proposed Western Sydney Airport;
  - (i) Liverpool CBD;
  - (j) Penrith CBD;
  - (k) Macarthur;
  - (l) Macquarie Park;
  - (m) Sydney CBD?

Answer—

Service planning guides are available on the Transport for NSW website.

\*5958 GREATER SYDNEY COMMISSION—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) In relation to HealthOne in Merrylands identified in the Plan for health facilities in the West Central District Plan, what progress has been made?
- (2) What is the budget and timeline for completion for HealthOne at Merrylands?

Answer—

The Government is committed to delivering first class health services, including HealthOne services, across the State.

\*5959 REVIEW OF ABORIGINAL CHILDREN OUT-OF-HOME CARE PLACEMENTS—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—

What is the status of the Government's review of Aboriginal children out-of-home care placements?

Answer—

I am advised by Professor Davis that the review is underway.

\*5960 OWNER OF TOMAREE LODGE—Ms Kate Washington 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) Which Government agency is the owner of the land on which the Tomaree Lodge operates (Lot 453/DP 705463)?
- (2) Are there any plans to sell this land?

Answer—

These questions are a matter for the Minister for Health.

\*5961 CIVICS EDUCATION—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) What programs does the Government fund or support for people to learn about our system of government and democracy?
- (2) What resource materials or programs in civics does the Government support?
- (3) What plans does the Government have to introduce or expand civics education?
- (4) What further action will the Government take to increase community understanding or our system of government and democracy?

Answer—

- (1) I refer the member to the answer for his previous QON 5511, which was tabled on 8 June 2017.
- (2) Students develop an understanding of decision-making and electoral processes through student representative council (SRC), and school parliaments. The Department of Education provides resources to support schools with the implementation of these student forums. The New South Wales Parliament offers education programs including the secondary student leadership program, young women's leadership program and the New South Wales schools state constitutional convention. There are also nationally available programs that New South Wales schools utilise, including activities and online resources provided by the Museum of Australian Democracy and the National Electoral Education Centre.
- (3) I refer the member to the answer for his previous QON 5511, which was tabled on 8 June 2017.
- (4) I refer the member to the answer for his previous QON 5511, which was tabled on 8 June 2017..

\*5962 ORCHARDISTS IN THE ORANGE ELECTORATE—Mr Philip Donato asked the Minister for Lands and Forestry, and Minister for Racing representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—

Will consideration be given to extending the deadline for the assisted netting program for a further three years at a cost of \$1 million per year (total \$3 million) at a 50 per cent subsidy to cover a greater area of the Orange electorate's orchards and allow orchardists the time to contribute to the government assisted purchase of netting?

Answer—

The NSW Rural Assistance Authority (RAA) administered the Flying Fox Netting Subsidy program on behalf of the Office of Environment & Heritage (OEH) and was funded by the NSW Environmental Trust.

Provision of ongoing funding or continuation of this program is a decision of the NSW Environmental Trust.

Assistance is available for flying-fox netting works through the highly popular Farm Innovation Fund. The RAA provides loans to meet the cost of carrying out permanent capital works up to \$250,000 at a concessional interest rate with a maximum loan term of 20 years.

\*5963 GRANVILLE TRANSPORT TIME—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

- (1) What forecasts have been made of future travel times in 2019, 2023 and 2027 by private vehicle

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between Granville and:

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- (d) Fairfield CBD;
- (e) Blacktown CBD;
- (f) Sydney Olympic Park;
- (g) Sydney Airport;
- (h) Proposed Western Sydney Airport;
- (i) Liverpool CBD;
- (j) Penrith CBD;
- (k) Macarthur;
- (l) Macquarie Park;
- (m) Sydney CBD?

Answer—

I am advised:

Specific forecasting is not currently available for future travel times between Granville and other centres.

\*5964 EMERGENCY SERVICES LEVY—Ms Anna Watson asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

- (1) How many landowners currently in New South Wales will be charged the Emergency Services Levy (ESL)?
- (2) How many landowners in New South Wales currently have home insurance?
- (3) How were the base rates of the ESL calculated?
- (4) What is the total revenue expected to be collected from ESL in 2017?
- (5) Will New South Wales' emergency services be fully funded through the levy?
  - (a) If not, where will the remainder of the emergency services funding originate from?
- (6) Will residents that have recently made their emergency services contribution through payment to their insurance company receive compensation for effectively paying the levy twice in a period of approximately three months?
- (7) Has the Government sought a guarantee from the appropriate insurance companies that their rates will drop by the amount previously being charged for their emergency services contribution?
  - (a) If so, which insurance companies have provided this guarantee?
  - (b) If so, how will the Government ensure this guarantee is delivered upon?

Answer—

The Emergency Services Levy will continue in 2017-18 following the deferral of the Fire and Emergency Services Levy. Residents and businesses will continue to help fund the fire and emergency services through contributions made as part of insurance premiums.

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

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

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

\*5965 CONSTRUCTION OF A CORONER'S FACILITY AT LIDCOMBE—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) (a) How much money has been allocated in 2016-17 year for the construction of the Coroner's facility at Lidcombe?
- (b) Who has been contracted to construct the Coroner's facility at Lidcombe?

Answer—

Details regarding funding are contained in the 2016-17 Budget papers.

Watpac Construction Pty Ltd have been awarded the contract for constructing the new NSW Forensic Pathology and Coroner's Court.

\*5966 PARLIAMENTARY PENSION OF CONVICTED FORMER MEMBERS—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Premier—

- (1) What is being done to investigate whether former members who after leaving office are convicted of a serious offence that occurred while in office should receive their publicly funded parliamentary pension?
- (2) When are changes expected to be presented to Parliament?

Answer—

On 1 June 2017, the Parliament passed the Parliamentary Contributory Superannuation Amendment (Criminal Charges and Convictions) Bill 2017. The amendments in the Bill mean that any former member convicted of a serious offence committed during their time in office will no longer receive a taxpayer-funded pension, and will be required to repay any taxpayer-funded pension amounts they have previously received.

The Parliamentary Contributory Superannuation Amendment (Criminal Charges and Convictions) Act 2017 received assent and came into effect on 1 June 2017.

\*5967 HEAVY VEHICLES—Mr Philip Donato asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

- (1) Where is the Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) up to on the rolling-out of the Heavy Vehicle Pilot Escort Program (HVPES)?
- (2) Have the HVPES trials that were due to commence in October/November 2016 in the Hunter Valley occurred yet?
  - (a) If yes, what are the results?
  - (b) If not, why not?
- (3) Are training seminars for over-size and over-mass vehicles being run by the NSW Farmers' Federation in which mock scenarios are being conducted?
  - (a) Will RMS Heavy Vehicle Inspectors and staff attend and participate in these seminars and scenarios?
- (4) Where is the RMS up to in regard to the RMS National Notice to cover all agricultural equipment and its associated guidelines in regard to heavy vehicle dimensions?

Answer—

I am advised:

Information on the scheme is available on the Roads and Maritime Services website.

\*5968 MEDICINAL CANNABIS COMPASSIONATE USE SCHEME—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

What is being done to ensure a safe and adequate supply of cannabinoids for the use of those registered in the Medicinal Cannabis Compassionate Use Scheme?

Answer—

The Medicinal Cannabis Compassionate Use Scheme was established to extend compassionate access to adults with a terminal illness. The scheme provides guidelines to assist NSW Police Force officers on exercising their discretion not to charge registered adults with a terminal illness who use (illicit) cannabis and/or cannabis products to alleviate symptoms associated with their condition.

Legal pathways have been established in Australia for doctors to prescribe cannabis medicines for their patients where they believe it is an appropriate treatment. Patients registered with the scheme can discuss with their medical practitioner the possibility of accessing cannabis medicines that are lawfully prescribed and supplied.

\*5969 YASMAR JUVENILE JUSTICE TRAINING FACILITY—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Lands and Forestry, and Minister for Racing—

How much was spent on the maintenance of the gardens at the Yasmar Juvenile Justice Training Facility in each of the financial years from 2012-13 to 2016-17 (to 11 May 2017)?

Answer—

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The approximate amount expended on maintenance of the heritage gardens located on that part of Yasmar Estate that is directly managed by Department of Industry Lands & Forestry is as follows:

- 2012-13 \$26,000
- 2013-14 \$2,400
- 2014-15 \$30,916
- 2015-16 \$16,000
- 2016-17 \$130,000

\*5970 TAXI AND RIDE-SHARING TRANSPORT INDUSTRY—Mr Philip Donato asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) What legislative changes to the transport industry have occurred since December 2015 (to 20 June 2017)?
- (2) What legislation has been introduced which applies to Uber and other ride-share transport business in New South Wales (to 20 June 2017)?
- (3) What rules, regulations, levies apply to Uber and similar ride-share businesses in New South Wales (as at 20 June 2017)?

Answer—

- (1) and 2) The Point to Point Transport (Taxis and Hire Vehicles) Act was gazetted on 1 July 2016.
- (3) Presently all point to point transport operators are regulated under the Passenger Transport Regulation 2007.

The final Point to Point Transport Regulations are not yet published, however, a draft version of the regulations can be found on the Point to Point Transport page on the Transport for NSW website.

\*5971 MAITLAND DEPARTMENT OF LANDS—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) How long will the Maitland Department of Lands office be re-located to the temporary address in High Street Maitland?
- (2) When will the office re-open at its location in Newcastle Street/New England Highway?

Answer—

- (1) The Department of Lands tenancy in High Street Maitland is a permanent relocation.
- (2) There are no plans for the Newcastle Street office to re-open with the same tenants.

\*5972 ANTI-LIBIDINAL MEDICATION FOR CONVICTED CHILD SEX OFFENDERS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Counter Terrorism, Minister for Corrections, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—

- (1) Considering the announcement of the 'Tough and Smart Justice Reforms Delivering Safer Communities', is there any specific criteria that convicted child sex offenders must meet prior to volunteering to take anti-libidinal medication?
  - (a) If so, what are they?
- (2) Is it intended that legislation that will ensure this policy is a sentencing option for convicted child sex offenders be introduced?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The suitability of offenders for anti-libidinal medications is a matter for health authorities and is dependent on individual medical assessments.
- (2) A Taskforce was established by the NSW Government in July 2015 to investigate anti-libidinal treatment for child sexual assault offenders. As part of the Taskforce's terms of reference it examined whether introducing a sentencing option for the courts to order an offender to undergo anti-libidinal treatment should be introduced. The Taskforce's report is currently being considered.

Sentencing remains the responsibility of the Attorney General.

\*5973 35-YEAR CONCESSION OF LAND AND PROPERTY INFORMATION—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

- (1) What was the total amount paid to the Government in relation to the 35 year concession of Land and Property Information NSW Titling and Registry Services?
- (2) From what companies, organisations, banks or other institutions were these funds paid?

- (a) How much did each of these pay?
- (3) Are there any outstanding monies still owed?
- (4) How much of the total amount paid will:
- (a) Go toward stadium infrastructure in Sydney;
- (b) Go toward Restart NSW;
- (c) Be spent on projects in regional New South Wales?

Answer—

I am advised that information about the LPI transaction is available at [www.treasury.nsw.gov.au](http://www.treasury.nsw.gov.au).

\*5974 GOVERNMENT RESPONSE TO E-BRIEF—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation—

- (1) With reference to the synopsis of Government response to the May 2013 NSW Parliament e-brief 'Construction Industry in NSW: Background to the Insolvency Inquiry', as outlined on page 15, has the Government conducted and completed a cost-benefit study on the proposed introduction of the NSW Building and Construction Commission?
- (a) If so, are the findings publicly available?
- (b) If so, where can the findings be found?
- (2) Has the Government conducted and completed a cost-benefit study on the proposed introduction of the NSW Building and Construction Licensing System?
- (a) If so, are the findings publicly available?
- (b) If so, where can the findings be found?
- (3) Is the cash retention trust scheme in place and operational?
- (a) If so, where can details of the scheme be found?
- (b) If so, does the scheme provide an annual report?
- (i) If so, where can that be found?
- (c) If so, which Minister has responsibility for the oversight of this scheme?
- (4) Has an Industry Advisory Taskforce been established to develop an education program targeting subcontractors to improve business and financial skills?
- (a) If so, is it continuing?
- (b) If so, has a review or report been done?
- (i) Where can any documented report on the scheme be found?
- (c) If so, which Minister has responsibility or oversight of the scheme?

Answer—

(1) A comprehensive cost-benefit analysis was completed over the recommendations arising from the Independent Review of the Building Professionals Act 2005 (Lambert Review) in 2015. This analysis assessed the economic impacts of strengthening the administration of building regulation and certification through consolidation of regulatory functions and Ministerial responsibilities.

(a) The cost-benefit analysis of recommendations from the Lambert Review is publicly available.

(b) The cost-benefit analysis of recommendations from the Lambert Review can be found on the Building Professionals Board website at <http://bpb.nsw.gov.au/sites/default/files/public/Attachment%20B%20-%2020CBA.pdf>.

(2) The proposal to license commercial builders was considered by Government having regard to:

- Government's commitment to reducing regulatory costs for the business and the community,
- New South Wales better regulation principles,
- work by the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal's (IPART) review on licence rationale and design, and
- National harmonisation reforms for occupational licensing.

The proposal was also subject to public consultation.

(3) Yes. A cash retention trust account scheme was established in the Building and Construction Industry Security of Payment Regulation 2008 in 2015. The scheme applies to projects valued at \$20 million or more.

(a) Details of the scheme can be found in Part 2 of the Building and Construction Industry Security of Payment Regulation 2008, available at [www.legislation.nsw.gov.au](http://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au) and the NSW Fair Trading web site at <http://www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au>.



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[/www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au/ftw/Tradespeople/Building\\_industry\\_essentials/Security\\_of\\_payment/Retention\\_money.page](http://www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au/ftw/Tradespeople/Building_industry_essentials/Security_of_payment/Retention_money.page).

(b) Yes. A head contractor who operates a retention trust account must annually prepare an account review report and retention account statement for each financial year. An account review report must be obtained from a registered company auditor and certify that the account operator has complied with legislative requirements.

(i) The account review report and retention account statements are submitted to the Commissioner for Fair Trading and are not publicly available.

(c) The Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation.

(4) Yes, a Construction Industry Advisory Taskforce (the Taskforce) was established in 2013 and developed an education strategy to enhance the levels of business and financial skills in the construction industry and assisted in communicating information on reforms such as the reforms to Security of Payment legislation. The Taskforce had the following membership:

- Housing Industry Association;
- Australian Constructors Association;
- Master Builders Association;
- NSW Consult Australia;
- Construction, Forestry, Mining and Energy Union;
- NSW Small Business Commissioner;
- Insurance Council of Australia;
- Civil Contractors Federation;
- Office of the Small Business Commissioner.

(a) No, the Taskforce was discontinued in 2015, with further consultation to occur as required.

(b) No.

(i) NA.

(c) The Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation.

\*5975 2018 COMMONWEALTH GAMES QUEEN'S BATON RELAY—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Premier—

(1) Did the Government contact the Commonwealth Games Corporation on behalf of particular communities during the process to select locations for the 2018 Commonwealth Games Queen's Baton Relay to visit?

(a) If so, which communities?

(b) How were the communities advocated on behalf of determined?

(2) In which New South Wales communities will the Relay be stopping?

Answer—

DPC is the lead agency for the government coordination of major state events. Upon GOLDOC's request, DPC is coordinating NSW Government agency planning, advisory and operational support services to assist in staging a successful and safe QBR.

Details of the Queen's Baton Relay can be found at [www.gc2018.com/qbr](http://www.gc2018.com/qbr).

\*5976 COAL SEAM GAS AND DRINKING WATER—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—

Now that petroleum exploration licence (PEL) 458 has lapsed, will legislation be introduced to protect Newcastle's drinking water supply from coal seam gas?

Answer—

I can assure the people of Newcastle that no new legislation is required to protect their drinking water supply from coal seam gas exploration or production.

This Government has introduced some of the toughest legislation, regulation and policies for the coal seam gas industry in Australia and likely worldwide. This includes 2 kilometre exclusion zones around residential areas.

The result of this is that Newcastle's drinking water supply is already protected under the Government's Strategic Release Framework. There are no plans to release areas close to Newcastle for gas exploration.

\*5977 HOMEBUSH BAY LIQUID WASTE TREATMENT PLANT—Mr Luke Foley asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) When is the contract for the Homebush Bay Liquid Waste Treatment Plant (LWTP) up for renewal?
- (2) Will the Homebush Bay LWTP be relocated at or prior to the end of the current contract?
- (3) Where will the Homebush Bay LWTP be relocated?

Answer—

- (1) 30 June 2025.
- (2) A timeframe for relocation of the plant has not been confirmed.
- (3) The Lidcombe Liquid Waste Treatment Plant (LWTP) working group was formed to investigate potential locations for the LWTP relocation. No decision has been made yet on the location.

\*5978 CLASSIFICATION OF PROPERTY AT PUZZLE CREEK FLAT AND EUGOWRA PROPERTY OWNERS—Mr Philip Donato asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) What steps has the Government taken, or what steps will the Government take to mitigate the costs of insurance premiums to the property owners of the areas now classified as 'flood-prone' at Puzzle Creek Flat and the Eugowra township?
- (2) What steps has the Government taken, or what steps will the Government take to restore and maintain property values which have reportedly reduced as a result of the re-classification of the area they occupy as 'flood-prone' at Puzzle Creek Flat and the Eugowra township?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Office of Environment and Heritage has assisted Cabonne Council to manage flood risk from the Puzzle Flat Creek since 2011 and will continue to work with the council on these matters.

\*5979 FINDINGS BY THE HEALTH CARE COMPLAINTS COMMISSION—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

What action have you taken following findings by the Health Care Complaints Commission (concerning Dr Paris-Browne and the birth of twins on 02.01.2015) that systemic issues contributed to the death of a newborn baby and lifelong disabilities of a surviving twin at Shoalhaven District Memorial Hospital?

Answer—

There have been changes to obstetric services at Shoalhaven District Memorial Hospital, including the implementation of a new escalation procedure. This has resulted in improvements to service delivery.

A full-time Staff Specialist Obstetrician has also been appointed at the hospital.

\*5980 RESPONSE TO REPRESENTATIONS—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General—

- (1) Do you propose to respond to the as yet unanswered representations of Stephen Groch dated 1 July 2015 (to the Attorney General) on behalf of Jeffrey O'Reilly?
  - (a) If so, when?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Department of Justice has communicated with the Solicitors for the applicant about the progress of this matter.

I intend to consider the application when practicable.

\*5981 KOALA CONSERVATION PROJECTS—Mr Greg Warren asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

How much of the Government's \$800,000 investment in koala conservation projects, as announced on 19 June 2017, will be spent on projects in the Campbelltown Local Government Area?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Government has provided \$33,000 to Campbelltown City Council in 2016-17 to conserve koala populations.

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Funding allocations for this financial year are expected to be made shortly.

\*5982 STATUTORY REVIEW OF THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION (PUBLIC ACCESS) ACT—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General—

- (1) When will the Statutory Review of the Government Information (Public Access) Act be complete?  
(a) When will the Statutory Review be tabled?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Department of Justice is currently finalising the statutory review of the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009, and a report will be tabled in due course.

\*5983 TERMINATION OF A DEDICATED BUS FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENTS—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) Was there a decision made to terminate the dedicated bus for primary school students to and from the Good Shepherd Catholic Primary School in Hoxton Park?  
(a) If so, why?

Answer—

There have been no changes to the morning services to the Good Shepherd Catholic Primary School in Hoxton Park.

Transit Systems, the bus operator, reviewed the school bus services in the local area to better align capacity with demand and provide additional capacity to schools where services are regularly crowded.

Two afternoon services have been combined, with the 9825 now also providing the service previously provided by the 9823.

\*5984 RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE CORONER—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) Have all the relevant Department of Health recommendations by the Coroner arising from the death of Kyran Day been adopted?  
(a) If not, why not?

Answer—

A formal response is being prepared for the Coroner and will be provided by 14 July 2017 for recommendation one and for recommendation two and three by 20 August 2017.

\*5985 NSW ABORIGINAL LAND COUNCIL NETWORK—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Education representing the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education—

Will the funding available to the Registrar of the Aboriginal Land Rights Act be reviewed and increased in accordance with the proposal from the Independent Commission Against Corruption May 2017 report concerning governance and regulation of the NSW Aboriginal Land Council Network?

Answer—

I'm advised that funding to support the Registrar of the Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983 (ALRA) is reviewed and determined annually as part of budget building processes within Aboriginal Affairs. Aboriginal Affairs is working with the NSW Aboriginal Land Council and the Registrar, ALRA, to improve the coordination and efficiency of resource use within the regulatory framework of the ALRA.

\*5986 INQUEST INTO THE DEATHS AT THE LINDT CAFE—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General—

What steps, if any, have been taken by or in relation to the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions following the conclusions, findings and recommendations of the State Coroner arising from his inquest into the deaths at the Lindt Cafe?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (ODPP) has implemented all relevant recommendations from the NSW Coroner's inquest into the deaths arising from the Lindt Café siege.

The Government will continue to do everything it can to keep the people of New South Wales safe.

\*5987 ACTION TAKEN AGAINST A DOCTOR AT THE SHOALHAVEN DISTRICT MEMORIAL HOSPITAL—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

What action have you taken in relation to Shoalhaven District Memorial Hospital following the determinations by the Health Care Complaints Commission concerning Dr Toby Greenacre?

Answer—

A Professional Standards Committee Inquiry was held into complaints in relation to Dr Toby Greenacre and a six month old infant he cared for who died in October 2013.

There was a public practice condition imposed by the Professional standards Committee, which Dr Toby Greenacre has now met.

\*5988 PARRAMATTA ROAD CORRIDOR URBAN TRANSFORMATION STRATEGY—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Education—

What benefit is envisaged for residents of the Granville precinct from the "Introduction of the Parramatta to Strathfield Light Rail line (as part of the Western Sydney Light Rail Network)" identified on page 12 of the Infrastructure Schedule?

Answer—

I'm advised that this question should be referred to the Minister for Planning.

\*5989 GOVERNMENT SERVICES TO SELF-FUNDED RETIREES—Ms Trish Doyle asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

What support mechanisms, discounts or concessions are available across Government services to self-funded retirees who hold a Commonwealth Health Card but not a Pension Card?

Answer—

The Government provides a range of benefits for eligible Seniors and these expenditures are set out in broad categories in the Tax Expenditure and Concessional Charges Statement published in 2017-18 Budget Papers.

\*5990 ROADS AND MARITIME SERVICES—Ms Trish Doyle asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

- (1) What is the total value of road taxes raised by the Government through annual registration renewals in each of the financial years from 2012-13 to 2014-15?
- (2) How many vehicles not subject to a registration concession (i.e. pensioner, primary producer) were registered with the Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) in each of the financial years from 2012-13 to 2014-15?
- (3) What was the Budget allocation to the RMS agency, and its contractors, in each of the the financial years from 2012-13 to 2014-15?

Answer—

- (1) I am advised that this information is available online at [www.budget.nsw.gov.au](http://www.budget.nsw.gov.au).
- (2) This question would be more appropriately referred to the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight.
- (3) I am advised that this information is available online at [www.budget.nsw.gov.au](http://www.budget.nsw.gov.au).

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\*5991 MOUNT DRUITT SERVICE NSW CENTRE—Mr Edmond Atalla asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) How much rent is being paid to Westfield's for the Mount Druitt Service NSW Centre?
- (2) Are all the services that were previously provided by the Mount Druitt Roads and Maritime Services Centre now being provided by the newly established Service NSW Centre located in Mount Druitt?
  - (a) If not, which services are not being provided by this Service NSW Centre?

Answer—

- (1) I am advised that the rent payable for the Mount Druitt Service Centre is \$322,000 net per annum.

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(2) Previously, the former Mount Druitt motor registry provided access to around 180 transactions from a single agency. The Mount Druitt Service Centre provides customers and businesses with access to more than 970 transactions from over 45 agencies across government.

On 24 March 2016, driver testing services at the former Mount Druitt Motor Registry transitioned to the nearby high capacity driver testing hub at Blacktown Service Centre that can provide up to 450 tests per week.

\*5992 MOUNT DRUITT MOTOR REGISTRY BUILDING—Mr Edmond Atalla asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) Has the Mount Druitt Motor Registry building been sold to a private entity or government department?
- (2) How much was the building sold for?
- (3) Why was this asset sold when it was previously earmarked to be an extension of the Mount Druitt Police Station?

Answer—

- (1) Private Entity.
- (2) \$4.1 million.
- (3) Property NSW is not aware of any previous commitments to NSW Police.

\*5993 EDUCATION IN AUSTRALIA—Mr Edmond Atalla asked the Minister for Education—

What action is being taken to address the recent low United Nations ranking of Australian schools?

Answer—

As the question refers to all Australian schools, the Member should direct his enquiry to Senator the Hon Simon Birmingham, Minister for Education and Training.

\*5994 TENDER FOR THE PROVISION OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE COURSES—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Tourism and Major Events, and Assistant Minister for Skills—

On what basis has the tender for the provision of English language courses previously taught at Hunter TAFE been awarded to Max Solutions?

Answer—

This question should be referred to the Commonwealth Assistant Minister for Vocational Education and Skills, The Hon Karen Andrews MP, as the awarding of the tender is a matter for the Commonwealth

\*5995 AMBULANCE VEHICLES SERVICING THE WALLSEND ELECTORATE—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) How many ambulance vehicles service the Wallsend electorate each day?
- (2) How many ambulance vehicles are available to service the Wallsend electorate each day?

Answer—

The number of crews and ambulance vehicles available on any given day vary.

\*5996 FLOOD PREVENTION WORKS IN WALLSEND—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) Considering the \$180,000 dollars allocated for flood prevention works in Wallsend (LA Q4713), which infrastructure was the \$180,000 spent on?
- (2) What are the current and projected states of that or those projects?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) A \$180,000 grant under the Floodplain Management program was awarded to Newcastle City Council for a detailed design to remove the Tyrrel and Boscawen Street bridges and modify the Nelson Street bridge.
- (2) The project began in February 2017 and is due to be finished in June 2018.

\*5997 ENGLISH LANGUAGE COURSES AT HUNTER TAFE—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Tourism and Major Events, and Assistant Minister for Skills—

- (1) How many people were enrolled in English language courses at Hunter TAFEs in

- (a) Semester 1, 2015;
- (b) Semester 2, 2015;
- (c) Semester 1, 2016;
- (d) Semester 2, 2016;
- (e) Semester 1, 2017?

Answer—

TAFE NSW operates in a competitive environment. Disaggregated data is not provided. 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>.

\*5998 ONCOLOGISTS IN THE HUNTER—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

What is the Government doing to improve waiting times and access to oncologists in the Hunter?

Answer—

Calvary Mater Newcastle has enacted a number of initiatives to improve waiting times to see an oncologist. These include:

- Early discharge and follow up by alternate providers following post-operative therapies.
- Oncologists are undertaking additional clinics to accommodate urgent patients.
- One point of referral to electronically streamline all referrals for treatment to one location.
- The quick identification of cancellations allowing the next patient on the list to be scheduled, avoiding a wasted appointment.
- Access to Cancer Care Coordinators and Advanced Trainees to facilitate timely investigations and expedite ready-for-care dates.
- A dedicated Triage Clerk is communicating information about new patients to specialists enabling more urgent patients to be seen sooner.

\*5999 STUDENT SUSPENSIONS—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) What policies are in place to prevent recidivism of suspension by some students?
- (2) What policies are in place to reduce the attractiveness of suspension to some students?
- (3) If suspension is not successful in altering a student's behaviour, what other mechanisms are available to schools in attempting to change a student's behaviour?

Answer—

(1) to (3) Establishing and maintaining positive student discipline is a high priority for every New South Wales public school to allow effective learning. Schools implement individual, class and/or whole school programs to support the development of appropriate behaviour.

Principals take strong action when the behaviour of a student is not meeting acceptable standards, and principals can use suspension where serious misbehaviour occurs.

Suspension allows time for students, their parents and teachers to work together, with relevant support, to assist students to successfully return to school and get back on track.

Since 2012, more than \$80 million has been allocated directly into schools annually to support students with additional needs, including in behaviour. This funding has been provided through the Government's Every Student, Every School initiative.

More than 4,000 specialist positions across learning, behaviour, psychology and attendance work with identified students with additional needs to support learning and behaviour. These services are being drawn together through the establishment of 22 Networked Specialist Centres supporting public schools across New South Wales.

There are currently around 100 specialist facilities and programs across NSW to support students in public education with behavioural and/or mental health support needs, including 41 of the department's special schools, 40 tutorial centres and behaviour support classes, and 22 suspension centres. Collectively, these programs and settings provide a timely and flexible response.

\*6000 HOUSING NSW MAINTENANCE CONTRACTORS—Mr Edmond Atalla asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

Are all housing maintenance works provided by contractors inspected and verified by Housing NSW

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before payment is made to the contractor?

Answer—

I am advised that public housing maintenance contractors are required to ensure their subcontractors complete work to standard before payment is made. I am further advised that the Department of Family and Community Services also conducts its own assurance process.

\*6001 NEW HOME GRANT SCHEME—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) Since the inception of the New Home Grant Scheme (to 8 June 2017), what is the number of individuals that have received more than:
  - (a) One grant;
  - (b) Two grants;
  - (c) Three grants;
  - (d) Four grants;
  - (e) Five grants?
- (2) Since the inception of the New Home Grant Scheme (to 8 June 2017), what is the number of companies that have received more than:
  - (a) One grant;
  - (b) Two grants;
  - (c) Three grants;
  - (d) Four grants;
  - (e) Five grants?
- (3) Since the inception of the New Home Grant Scheme (to 8 June 2017), what is the number of trusts that have received more than:
  - (a) One grant;
  - (b) Two grants;
  - (c) Three grants;
  - (d) Four grants;
  - (e) Five grants?

Answer—

Information about the New Home Grant Scheme can be found here: <http://www.osr.nsw.gov.au/grants/nhg>.

\*6002 SYDNEY LIGHT RAIL CONSTRUCTION—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

Has the Government quantified the financial impact on local small businesses as a result of road closures and other construction-related disruptions resulting from the building of the Sydney Light Rail?

Answer—

I am advised:

This information is contained in the Environmental Impact Statement on the Sydney Light Rail website.

\*6003 ENERGY COST RECOVERY LEVY—Mr Edmond Atalla 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—

Will the Government be providing businesses with an Energy Cost Recovery Levy to offset the impending electricity and gas price increase?

Answer—

The Government is working hard to provide businesses and industrial customers with an affordable energy supply.

The Government is assisting businesses to through programs such as the:

- Energy Savings Scheme (ESS), which is the Government's largest energy efficiency program . It provides financial incentives for businesses that implement electricity and gas saving activities. Since 2009, the ESS has supported projects that will deliver more than 17,000 gigawatt hours of energy savings, and more than \$2.6 billion in bill savings. Projects have included efficient lighting retrofits and upgrades to chillers for cooling buildings.
- Energy Saver Program which offers subsidised energy investigations and training as well as project,

financial and technical support for businesses

- Sustainability Advantage Program which can assist organisations across New South Wales to achieve increased competitiveness and improved bottom lines.
- National Australian Built Environment Rating System (NABERS) Program, which considers the building's performance in relation to energy efficiency.

Information on these programs and more can be found at [www.resourcesandenergy.nsw.gov.au](http://www.resourcesandenergy.nsw.gov.au) and at [www.environment.nsw.gov.au/business](http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/business).

I would encourage all businesses to take advantage of these programs to improve their business competitiveness.

\*6004 2016 OAKHAMPTON HEIGHTS FLOOD—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—

What measures, if any, have been taken since the flooding at Oakhampton Heights in January 2016 to ensure that the access road at Walka Water Works remains open during extreme weather events?

Answer—

The NSW State Emergency Service (NSW SES) has advised me that the road in question is owned by the Australian Rail Track Corporation and the Maitland City Council.

\*6005 SEXUAL MISCONDUCT IN SCHOOLS—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Education—

What measures are being taken to keep children safe from sexual abuse and misconduct in New South Wales schools?

Answer—

The safety and wellbeing of children and young people in an educational setting are paramount and the Department of Education has a number of policies and procedures in place in this regard.

The department's policy framework for child protection outlines the department's legislative responsibilities.

All teachers in public schools are mandatory reporters of child abuse or neglect, including sexual abuse, through their school principal. Concerns about suspected risk of significant harm must be reported to the Family and Community Services Child Protection Helpline. The department's Child Wellbeing Unit provides advice and support for all child protection concerns. The department requires staff to participate in annual mandatory child protection training that reinforces these roles and responsibilities.

\*6006 EAR, NOSE AND THROAT SPECIALIST AT JOHN HUNTER HOSPITAL—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) What is the average wait time for an appointment for patients referred to see an Ear, Nose and Throat specialist at John Hunter Hospital?
- (2) What has been the wait time for the person, still on the list waiting, who has waited the longest for an appointment to see an Ear, Nose and Throat specialist at John Hunter Hospital?

Answer—

Due to data limitations, wait times cannot be accurately quantified.

\*6007 NEWCASTLE LIGHT RAIL CONSTRUCTION—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

Has the Government quantified the financial impact on local small businesses as a result of road closures and other construction-related disruptions resulting from the building of the Newcastle Light Rail?

Answer—

I am advised:

Newcastle light rail will contribute to the continued economic growth of the city by bringing people back to the city centre, delivering customers directly to the door of businesses, and linking great new public spaces and city precincts.

As with any major construction, there will be some short term disruption. The Revitalising Newcastle team will support businesses through the construction period so they can reap the benefits of Newcastle's bright future.



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Pedestrian access to businesses will be maintained, local engagement managers will provide businesses with personalised assistance and the Revitalising Newcastle team will host events and regular attractions to ensure people continue to come into the city.

\*6008 MINIMUM VIABLE PRODUCT GRANT—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Minister for Skills, and Minister for Small Business—

- (1) How many small businesses have successfully obtained a Minimum Viable Product Grant?
- (2) How is the Government measuring the efficacy of this program?

Answer—

- (1) 142
- (2) The Department of Premier and Cabinet Circular (C2016-01) Program Evaluation requires agencies to review their funding support programs consistent with the Government's Evaluation Framework (2016). All of Jobs for NSW's programs are measured against robust key performance indicators that are consistent with this Framework.

\*6009 MAITLAND STATE DEBT RECOVERY OFFICE—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) How many positions make up the full staffing establishment at the Maitland State Debt Recovery Office (SDRO) as at 1 June 2017?
- (2) How many of these positions are vacant as at 1 June 2017?
- (3) Will all established positions (including vacant positions) be maintained at the Maitland SDRO?
- (4) Does the Government intend on moving any positions from the Maitland SDRO to any other site (including Gosford and Lithgow)?
- (5) Will all vacant positions at the Maitland SDRO (as at 1 June 2017) be filled?
  - (a) If so, when will those positions be filled?

Answer—

- (1) The Office of State Revenue has 329 positions at Maitland.
- (2) 38 are vacant.
- (3) No. The established positions will vary according to business and customer needs.
- (4) 39 positions to Gosford.
- (5) Some recruitment action is underway. Further recruitment will be subject to business and customer needs.

\*6010 WESTERN SYDNEY UNIVERSITY LAUNCH PAD PROGRAM—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Minister for Skills, and Minister for Small Business—

- (1) How many small businesses have consulted the Western Sydney University Launch Pad program?
- (2) How is the Government measuring the efficacy of this program?

Answer—

(1) A report provided by Western Sydney University to the Government states that 1,650 businesses engaged with the Launch Pad from its inception in July 2015 to June 2017.

(2) The Government supported Western Sydney University to establish the Launch Pad to drive innovation across Western Sydney for economic growth and the creation of high-value knowledge jobs.

Program efficacy is measured by project delivery. The program has achieved the deliverables and milestones outlined in the project plan under agreement with the Department of Industry in 2015.

Launch Pad was officially launched by Minister Dominello, MP Minister for Innovation in November 2015.

Launch Pad is

- supporting startups and small to medium enterprises (SMEs) in a range of industries to start and scale their business through a technology based incubator and makerspace facilities
- linking businesses with university researchers to develop and commercialise innovative products and services
- improving the skills of local business people through mentoring, training, and events
- growing the Western Sydney smart manufacturing community through an accelerator and community of practice established under the NSW Government Boosting Business Innovation Program
- collaborating with industry partners, such as NAB, KPMG, CISCO, and CSIRO, and local councils

- creating a Western Sydney innovation network with centres at Penrith (Werrington), Parramatta, and Liverpool, with plans to expand to Camden, Blue Mountains and Cumberland in the next two years.

\*6011 DISABLED TOILETS AT CIRCULAR QUAY RAILWAY STATION—Mr Edmond Atalla asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) Were the disabled toilets locked at Circular Quay Railway Station during the 2017 Vivid Light Festival?  
(a) If so, why?

Answer—

Stations across the Sydney Trains network, including Circular Quay, have accessible toilets fitted with a Master Locksmith Access Key (MLAK) lock. This is to prevent acts such as vandalism and to ensure they are only available to customers with a disability. To assist in maintaining security, station staff will unlock accessible toilets upon request from a customer. Circular Quay Station is staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

These toilets are also fitted with a MLAK and holders of MLAK can access the toilets when required.

\*6012 AIR CONDITIONING IN CLASSROOMS AND SCHOOL HALLS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) How many schools in the Wallsend electorate do not have air conditioning installed in their classrooms and schools halls?  
(a) What are the names of these schools?

Answer—

I'm advised there are no schools in the Wallsend electorate that currently meet the criteria for inclusion in the Department of Education's Air Cooling Policy.

Air cooling is provided in schools with students that have special needs and in all demountable teaching spaces.

Many schools choose to install air conditioning at their own expense. The department does not track this data on an annual basis.

I have asked the Department of Education to review the air-cooling policy to ensure it reflects current scientific data.

\*6013 LAND TAX SURCHARGE—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

How many property purchases in the Wallsend electorate attracted the Land Tax surcharge in each financial year from 2012-13 to 2015-16?

Answer—

Nil as the land tax surcharge did not start until the 2016-17 financial year.

\*6014 STAMP DUTY IN THE WALLSEND ELECTORATE—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

How much revenue was generated by stamp duty in the Wallsend electorate in each financial year from 2012-13 to 2015-16?

Answer—

Financial Year	Value
2012-13	20,065,750
2013-14	24,925,015
2014-15	29,992,561
2015-16	34,069,245

Note: Data includes all documents lodged between 01-Jul-2012 and 28-Jun-2016. The following postcodes were used as the basis for the Wallsend Electorate: 2285; 2287; 2298; 2299; 2305; 2307; 2308 and 2322.

\*6015 NEWCASTLE TRANSPORT CONSULTATION—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

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Why has community consultation not been carried out in Wallsend prior to the changeover from public to private transport operators on 1 July 2017?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Government appointed Keolis Downer as the operator of Newcastle Transport on 12 December 2016. In the initial phase of operations by Keolis Downer, there are no changes to the operations of Newcastle Transport. Details about the Voice of Newcastle program are available on the Newcastle Transport website and on social media.

The Newcastle Transport team was at Wallsend Plaza on 3 July 2017 to provide information and answer questions. The community can also provide feedback at the Newcastle Transport Hub in the Hunter Street Mall or via the digital engagement tool Social Pinpoint and can stay up to date via the Newcastle Transport website and Facebook page.

\*6016 PRIVATE PROVIDER OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT IN NEWCASTLE—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) What oversight mechanisms, if any, will the Government maintain over the private provider of public transport in the Newcastle region after 1 July 2017?
- (2) How will these mechanisms ensure equitable delivery of services for residents in Wallsend and the western suburbs of Newcastle?

Answer—

I am advised:

This information is available on the Newcastle Transport website.

\*6017 SMALL BUSINESS GRANT—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Minister for Skills, and Minister for Small Business—

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

Answer—

(1) to (3) These are matters for the Minister for Finance, Services and Property, as the responsible Minister.

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\*6018 HOME BUILDING DEFECTS—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) What proportion of claims were eligible under the Home Building Compensation Fund Scheme because the builder became insolvent in each year from 2013 to 2016?
- (2) What types of defects do these claims encompass?
- (3) What proportion of builders against whom these claims were made reregistered under another company name and operated after insolvency?
- (4) What assessment has the Government made of the association between defects and builders entering into voluntary insolvency?
- (5) How can consumers find out whether a builder has previously conducted building work that was subject to a successful claim under the Home Building Compensation Fund Scheme or under statutory warranties?
- (6) How can consumers find out about a builder's history when choosing a contractor for home building work including breaches of the Act or high-cost rectification orders?
- (7) What Code of Conduct applies to licensed builders, including:
  - (a) Contractor licensees;
  - (b) Nominated supervisor licensees; and
  - (c) Licensed company directors?

- (8) What consideration has the Government given to a tiered builder licence system with specialist recognition for more complex projects, and for roofing and waterproofing as in the Australian Capital Territory?
- (9) What action is the Government taking to reduce the number of building defect matters that need to proceed to court for resolution?
- (10) Considering new insurers will be providing insurance under the Home Building Compensation Fund Scheme and costs are passed on to consumers, what consideration has the Government given to providing an independent selection process for builders' insurance that would enable consumers to choose insurers?
- (11) What mechanisms does the Government use to obtain feedback from consumers about the disputes process and improvements needed, including automatic requests for feedback following case closure?
- (12) What further action is the Government taking to reduce the incidence of defects to home building work?

Answer—

(1) For claims where liability has been accepted, 94% of the number of claims were due to builder insolvency. In terms of the estimated total claim costs, 95% were due to builder insolvency. Being a last resort scheme, claims can only be made in the event of builder death, disappearance or insolvency (or in certain cases, licence suspension).

(2) In terms of the number of 'accepted liability' claims due to builder insolvency:

- 57 per cent related to major defects
- 29 per cent to failure to complete
- 5 per cent to failure to commence, and
- 9 per cent to other defects.

In terms of the estimated total claim costs due to builder insolvency:

- 72 per cent related to major defects
- 22 per cent to failure to complete
- 1 per cent to failure to commence
- 5 per cent to other defects.

(3) Please redirect this question to the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation.

(4) Builders become insolvent within the meaning of the Home Building Act for a variety of reasons, and can include voluntary administration or voluntary winding up of a company. We are not aware of any clear association between the level of defects in the work of a particular builder and the likelihood of them becoming voluntarily insolvent.

(5) Consumers can find out whether a claim has been paid under the Home Building Compensation Fund for work by a particular builder by checking the public register of building contractor and tradespersons licences. The register can be accessed from the websites of Service NSW or Fair Trading, or by searching for the builder's profile on the NSW Government's new Construction Assist website. Consumers can also find out whether claims have been paid on particular policies of insurance by accessing the public register of insurance certificates. This register can be accessed through [www.hbcf.nsw.gov.au](http://www.hbcf.nsw.gov.au) and can be searched by the address of the property or by the certificate number.

(6) See response to question 5 above. Builder history can be checked via the Service NSW or Fair Trading website.

(7) Detailed conduct rules for builders are set out in the Home Building Act and Regulations.

(8) Please redirect this question to the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation.

(9) Please redirect this question to the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation.

(10) Once there is a market with multiple insurers, it will be open to homeowners that are contracting work to negotiate with their builder about their preferred insurance arrangements. Government reforms to the home building scheme also include measures to enable insurers to offer innovative products. This could allow products where the consumer may have a greater involvement in the purchase of the insurance or for the consumer to opt-in for additional insurance features.

(11) Please redirect this question to the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation.

(12) The home building scheme reforms are designed to facilitate innovation. This could include insurance or alternative indemnity product offerings that include services to help manage the building process and reduce the underlying risk of defects that may result in claims on insurance.

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\*6020 VACANT MILLERS POINT PROPERTIES—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) How many vacant Millers Point properties has the Land and Housing Corporation transferred to Property NSW for sale?
  - (a) What are the addresses of these properties?
  - (b) How long has Property NSW been responsible for each?
- (2) How many of these vacant homes are:
  - (a) Disability accessible;
  - (b) 1 bedroom;
  - (c) 2 bedrooms;
  - (d) 3 bedrooms?
- (3) What is the estimated loss of rent for those properties vacated but not yet sold?
- (4) What is the cost of security and maintenance of vacant properties waiting for sale?
- (5) What steps will the Government take to ensure best use of and income from these properties until they are sold?

Answer—

Property NSW has managed the divestment of Millers Point properties on behalf of the NSW Land and Housing Corporation (LAHC) since mid-2014. LAHC does not transfer title to vacant properties to Property NSW prior to sale. LAHC has been the vendor in the contracts for sale.

- (1) Please refer question to the Minister for Family and Community Services
- (2) Please refer question to Minister for Family and Community Services
- (3) Please refer question to Minister for Family and Community Services
- (4) Please refer question to Minister for Family and Community Services

\*6021 TOM BASS BRONZE WALL FOUNTAIN—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) What steps are being taken to ensure the Tom Bass Bronze Wall Fountain is not damaged when 55 Hunter Street is demolished?
- (2) Where will the fountain be stored before a new location is found for it?
- (3) How long is the fountain expected to remain in storage?
- (4) What criteria are guiding where the fountain will be relocated?
- (5) To what extent are heritage experts involved in the process of determining a new location for the fountain?
- (6) What locations are currently under consideration (as at 22 June 2017)?
- (7) When will a relocation site be determined?
- (8) What commitment will the Government give that the fountain will be retained and relocated to a public place?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) to (3) The fountain has been safely removed and transferred by a heritage restoration specialist, to a secure storage facility in Sydney. It will remain in storage until its permanent location is determined.
- (4) to (7) The project has engaged heritage and public art advisors and will work in collaboration with these advisors and relevant stakeholders, including City of Sydney Council.
- (8) Incorporation of the Tom Bass Bronze Wall fountain in Sydney Metro's Station Design and Precinct plans are a condition of the project's planning approval.

\*6022 B-LINE ACQUISITIONS—Ms Jodi McKay asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) How many properties will be acquired for the B-Line, including for commuter car parks?
- (2) How many properties have been acquired for the B-Line, including for commuter car parks as at 22 June 2017?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Owners of 10 properties have been approached regarding partial acquisition of their property for the B-Line project.
- (2) As you were advised following your GIPA Application (TRA-00381), two.

\*6023 REPORTING IN THE NSW BUDGET—Ms Yasmin Catley asked the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation—

Why is NSW Fair Trading no longer reporting in the Budget on complaints finalised within 30 days and the proportion of successful prosecutions as contained in the NSW Budget 2016-17?

Answer—

As a result of the transition to outcome budgeting across the New South Wales public sector, Budget Paper 3 (BP3) is now structured around outcome-aligned cluster program groups which replace the output-focused service groups used in previous years. In the 2017-18 Budget, Fair Trading is reported within the Regulation program group, which includes all the Finance, Services and Innovation cluster's regulatory activities.

A limited number of indicators can be reported in BP3 at program group level. The number of complaints finalised within 30 days and the proportion of successful prosecutions remain important indicators, and continue to be monitored and reported upon within Fair Trading.

\*6024 HOUSING NSW POP UP 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—

- (1) What services are provided to homeless persons by the pop-up service operated by Housing NSW in Martin Place?
- (2) How many individuals have been assisted by this service (to 22 June 2017)?
- (3) How many have been found permanent housing in social or community housing as a result of their interaction with the pop-up service (to 22 June 2017)?
- (4) What other similar services have been operated around the State (to 22 June 2017)?
  - (a) Where are these services operating?
  - (b) When do these services operate?

Answer—

I am advised that Family and Community Services' (FACS) pop-up housing offices assist people sleeping rough in Martin Place with access to crisis accommodation, temporary accommodation, long term accommodation or other assistance, including private rental housing products, health services, case management, specialist Aboriginal services, Centrelink and Births Deaths and Marriages services.

I am further advised that FACS regularly operates pop-up housing offices in other areas of need including Belmore Park, Wentworth Park, Town Hall, Central Station and Woolloomooloo. Pop-up housing offices also take place outside inner city Sydney; past locations have included Parramatta and Sutherland.

Link2home is on 1800 152 152 available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, every day of the year to assist people who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless with links to services and support.

\*6025 ST PAUL'S COLLEGE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) Has the Minister met with staff or leadership at St Paul's College at the University of Sydney since being appointed Minister (as at 22 June 2017)?
- (2) Has the Minister met with the staff or leadership of any other residential colleges since being appointed Minister (as at 22 June 2017)?
- (3) Has the Minister engaged in any consultation with residential colleges, students or other stakeholders in relation to allegations of misconduct and sexual harassment and assault at residential colleges or on university campuses since being appointed Minister (as at 22 June 2017)?
  - (a) If so, whom?
  - (b) If so, when?
  - (c) If not, why not?

Answer—

I have engaged in discussions and correspondence in relation to the allegations concerning residential colleges, as well as the work and role of the residential colleges more broadly. I have asked the Department to look into options around the amendment or repeal of the various University of Sydney college acts, recognising that not all college legislation is within the allocation of acts to the Minister for Education.

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The findings of the Broderick review will likely have significant impact on the operation of the residential colleges. In the interests of procedural fairness, any decisions on potential changes to the college acts will only take place after the findings of the review are released in November. I expect that further consultation with both the University of Sydney and the residential colleges will be required.

I have met with vice-chancellors and other senior officials from New South Wales universities, many of whom have a leadership role in relation to residential colleges on their campuses, and have discussed issues relating to personal safety and assault

\*6026 CROYDON RAILWAY STATION—Ms Jodi McKay asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) When was the Croydon Railway Station upgrade scheduled to be completed?
- (2) When will the Croydon Railway Station upgrade be completed?
- (3) What is the cost of the Croydon Railway Station upgrade?
- (4) What was the estimated cost of the Croydon Railway Station upgrade?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) and (2) The Croydon Station upgrade was scheduled to be completed by June 2018. This information is available on the Transport for NSW website. It is anticipated that the upgrade will be completed in late 2017, well ahead of schedule.

(3) and (4) The estimated cost is approximately \$36.5 million. The upgrade is tracking well under budget, with the final cost expected to be under \$30 million.

\*6027 NEWCASTLE 500 SUPERCARS EVENT—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) Have all the conditions of consent for the Section 60 application regarding the Supercars event in Newcastle been met?
- (2) Did work commence before all of the conditions of consent were met?
  - (a) If so, what action is being taken?
- (3) What conditions of consent were issued for the works taking place outside of the Coal River Precinct?
  - (a) Is there a Heritage Officer overseeing the works?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Yes.
- (2) Site preparation works were undertaken.
  - (a) No action was necessary as the main works had already been approved.
- (3) A section 140 Excavation Permit application for excavations to be carried out outside the Coal River Precinct was issued.
  - (a) An experienced heritage consultant and archaeologist has been appointed by the applicant as required by the conditions of approval.

\*6028 LISTING OF HABERFIELD ON THE STATE HERITAGE REGISTER—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) Have meetings been held between Environment and Heritage and Inner West Council or other organisations to discuss the listing of Haberfield on the State Heritage Register?
- (2) What other consultation has been undertaken regarding listing Haberfield on the State Heritage Register?
- (3) What research or preparation work has been undertaken to assess the listing of Haberfield on the State Heritage Register?
- (4) Does the Government support listing Haberfield on the State Heritage Register?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) and (2) Yes.

(3) and (4) The Office of Environment and Heritage and Inner West Council are working together through the process.

\*6029 CHANGE GENDER ON BIRTH CERTIFICATE—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Attorney General—

On how many occasions have transgender or gender diverse citizens of New South Wales been required to divorce their partners in order to change the gender marker on their birth certificate in each year from 2013 to 2017 (as at 22 June 2017)?

Answer—

I am advised:

None.

\*6030 DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES BURWOOD OFFICE—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 annual turn-over of staff at the Burwood office of the Department of Family and Community Services, specifically those working in Housing?
- (2) How does this compare with other offices?

Answer—

I am advised that turnover in Department of Family and Community Services (FACS) Housing staff fluctuates and is influenced by opportunities for secondments to other parts of FACS and to community housing providers.

\*6031 FUNDING OF CAR PARKS—Ms Jodi McKay asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) What bus infrastructure is being funded as part of the \$290 million Bus Priority Infrastructure (including B-Line) other than the Northern Beaches B-Line rapid bus service?
- (2) What is the budget for the Mona Vale car park?
  - (a) What is the line item in the Budget that includes funds for this car park?
- (3) What is the budget for the Warriewood car park?
  - (a) What is the line item in the Budget that includes funds for this car park?
- (4) What is the budget for the Narrabeen car park?
  - (a) What is the line item in the Budget that includes funds for this car park?
- (5) What is the budget for the Manly Vale car park?
  - (a) What is the line item in the Budget that includes funds for this car park?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Your question contradicts itself. Information on the Bus Priority Infrastructure Program is available on the Roads and Maritime Services website.
- (2) Funding for the Northern Beaches B-Line commuter car parks is included in the overall project budget. This information is available in the Budget Papers.

\*6032 SCHOOLS IN THE SUMMER HILL ELECTORATE—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) What arrangements have been put in place for students and staff at Petersham Public School to access facilities or resources at the former Crystal Street Petersham TAFE campus?
- (2) What is the reason for the delay in moving Open High School to this location?
- (3) Will Open High School be able to use the old childcare site at this location?
  - (a) If not, for what purpose will it be used? .
- (4) What has been the impact on Randwick Public School of the delay?

Answer—

(1) to (4) I'm advised the Department of Education will relocate the Open High School to fully refurbished accommodation on the Petersham TAFE site. The Principal of Petersham Public School is working with TAFE and the Open High School regarding shared use arrangements. The upgrade of Randwick Public School is on schedule for completion by Day 1, Term 1, 2019

\*6033 BINISHELLS AT NEW SOUTH WALES PUBLIC SCHOOLS—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) What is the policy of the Department of Education in relation to retaining or removing Binishells at New South Wales public schools?



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(2) How many Binishells are located on public schools in New South Wales?

Answer—

(1) I'm advised that Binishells are assessed on a case-by-case basis, and if they are found to be unserviceable, the department removes them.

(2) Ten.

\*6034 STOCKTON CENTRE—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Disability Services—

(1) What are the plans for the Stockton Centre site if all residents are transferred to group homes?

Answer—

I refer to my answer to Question on Notice 5501 in the Legislative Assembly.

\*6035 NEWCASTLE SUPERCARS—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Tourism and Major Events, and Assistant Minister for Skills—

(1) Is the Government providing compensation for claims of economic loss (including loss of business) resulting from the Newcastle Supercars event?

(a) If not, why?

Answer—

Businesses will not be eligible for any compensation from either the Government or Supercars Australia. While there are no provisions for claim of economic loss, there will be no 'forced shutdown' of businesses.

All convenience stores, restaurants and bars and other business operators within the event precinct will have the ability to trade as usual and restock nightly. Businesses that stay open on race days will have the full support of Supercars Australia, including facilitated customer and client access.

\*6036 NEWCASTLE EAST PUBLIC SCHOOL UPGRADE—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Education—

(1) What will the upgrade announced in the 2017-18 Budget at Newcastle East Public School deliver?

(a) Will this upgrade increase capacity at the School?

(b) When will the upgrade start?

(c) When will the upgrade be completed?

(d) What is the cost of the upgrade?

(e) How much funding has been allocated to the upgrade in the 2017-18 Budget?

Answer—

(1) I'm advised that planning for the project has recently commenced and will include consultation with the school community regarding the final scope of works.

Timeframes and key milestones of the project will be determined as part of the planning process.

Final project budget will remain commercial-in-confidence until a construction tender is awarded.

The works will increase the school's capacity.

\*6037 STOCKTON CENTRE RESIDENTS—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Disability Services—

(1) What is being done to ensure that residents transitioning from the Stockton Centre to group homes receive the same level of care?

(a) Will the Minister meet with residents and families to discuss their concerns regarding the transition to group homes?

Answer—

(1) I refer to my answer to Question on Notice 5673 in the Legislative Assembly.

(a) I refer to my answer to Question on Notice 5885 in the Legislative Assembly.

\*6038 LOWER HUNTER FREIGHT CORRIDOR—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

(1) Has the extensive consultation with the community and other key stakeholders referred to in LA Q3761 for the Lower Hunter Freight Corridor commenced?

- (2) Has route investigation for the Lower Hunter Freight Corridor commenced?
- (3) Has identifying and securing potential environmental offset lands for the Lower Hunter Freight Corridor commenced?
- (4) What has the \$1,970,000 for the Lower Hunter Freight Corridor referred to in Budget Paper No. 2 been spent on?

Answer—

I am advised:

Information is available on the Transport for NSW website.

- \*6039 BHP MEMORIAL AND MUSTER POINT MASTERPLAN—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

What is the time frame for delivering BHP Memorial and Muster Point Masterplan?

Answer—

Significant remediation work is currently being undertaken on the site that is scheduled for completion in late 2017.

Post remediation, Property NSW may consider the development of a masterplan for the site. This work, if undertaken, would commence in early 2018.

Any concept masterplan would take into consideration relevant planning controls and the site's heritage significance.

As part of any master-planning process, Property NSW would consult with all relevant stakeholders, including the Newcastle Industrial Heritage Association (NIHA).

- \*6040 FREE BUS SERVICE—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

Will the fare free zone in Newcastle's CBD continue to run until the light rail is operational?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Government has made a commitment that there will be no changes to the Newcastle CBD Fare Free Zone until service improvements are implemented.

- \*6041 WESTCONNEX NOISE IMPACT—Mr Ron Hoenig asked the Minister for Western Sydney, Minister for WestConnex, and Minister for Sport—

(1) With regards to the properties at 365 Gardeners Road Mascot, in particular Unit 17, why was that property originally classed as a "noise receiver" under the original Westconnex New M5 and St Peters Interchange Environmental Impact Statement, but is now no longer considered as such?

- (a) Will properties at 365 Gardeners Road still be eligible for acoustic treatment to reduce the noise impact of construction and operation of the widened Gardeners Road?

Answer—

I am advised:

The property at 365 Gardeners Road, Rosebery is not within the project study area for the new M5.

- \*6042 HEAVY RAIL SERVICES ON THE BANKSTOWN LINE—Mr Ron Hoenig asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

(1) Considering that Erskineville Station and St Peters Station will be disconnected from the Bankstown line as a consequence of the Sydney Metro, will the Minister commit to continuing to service those stations by heavy rail?

- (a) If so, will they be serviced by trains running on the Illawarra line, or by a shuttle service between St Peters and the CBD?
- (b) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

Erskineville and St Peters stations will continue to be serviced as part of the Sydney Trains network following the opening of Sydney Metro City and Southwest in 2024.

The Government is currently assessing the best way to integrate these services onto other lines on the

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network to provide the best outcome for customers.

\*6043 SOCIAL HOUSING IN THE CS3 ZONE—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

- (1) How many people are currently on the waitlist (as at 22 June 2017) in the CS3 zone for:
  - (a) General housing;
  - (b) Priority housing?
- (2) How many people have been on both lists in each financial year from 2012-13 to 2016-17 (as at 22 June 2017)?
- (3) How many families are currently on the waitlist (as at 22 June 2017) in the CS3 zone for:
  - (a) General housing;
  - (b) Priority housing?
- (4) How many families have been on both lists in each financial year from 2012-13 to 2016-17 (as at 22 June 2017)?

Answer—

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)

\*6044 AIR CONDITIONING SYSTEM AT THE WAGGA WAGGA COURT HOUSE—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General—

- (1) What steps are being taken to remedy and rectify the problems with the air conditioning system at Wagga Wagga Court House?
- (2) During the summer 2016-17 on which occasions did the air conditioning system at Wagga Wagga Court House not operate?
- (3) What is your response to the complaint from a Magistrate to the Deputy Registrar (email dated 5 June 2017), that it is extraordinary that the Court is expected to perform its role in the conditions at Wagga Wagga Court House?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Department of Justice has been working with its facility management contractor to implement interim measures while a permanent solution is identified.

\*6045 WORKERS COMPENSATION LEAD ASSESSOR—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) How many claims for total impairment utilising a Lead Assessor within the Workers Compensation framework were lodged between 1 January 2012 and 21 June 2017?
  - (a) Of these, how many claims were determined as total impairment?
- (2) How many requests for a Lead Assessor to be appointed were received between 1 January 2012 and 21 June 2017 from:
  - (a) Solicitors;
  - (b) Employers?
- (3) How many Assessors which were approved for funding between 1 January 2012 and 21 June 2017 through Workers Compensation Independent Review Office (WIRO) were noted as Lead Assessors?

Answer—

- (1) There were 10 claims for permanent impairment in which a Lead Assessor was utilised to determine the worker's total permanent impairment rating in the period between 1 January 2012 and 31 May 2017 (note: data is currently only available to 31 May 2017 not 21 June 2017 as requested).
  - (a) Of these 10 assessments, there were no claims determined as total impairment (100% whole person impairment).
- (2) During this time period, all 10 requests for a lead assessor were made by insurers.
- (3) None. The WIRO office opened for business 1 October 2012 and to date there has not been any approved funding for Assesors as Lead Assesors.

\*6046 NEW APPLIANCES FOR NEW SOUTH WALES STATE EMERGENCY SERVICES—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—

- (1) What funding has been included for the provision of new appliances for New South Wales State Emergency Services (SES) in the 2017-18 Budget?  
(a) What is the estimated number of appliances the SES could procure with this funding?

Answer—

Expenditure for the NSW State Emergency Service in 2017-18 is outlined in Budget Paper No. 3.

- \*6047 FUNDING FOR ADDITIONAL FLOOD MITIGATION WORKS—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—

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

Answer—

The NSW Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) supports and manages funding from the 2017-18 Budget for floodplain mitigation projects. This question should therefore be addressed to the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government and Minister for Heritage.

- \*6048 LIFE SAVING VOLUNTEERS SUPPORT SERVICES—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Western Sydney, Minister for WestConnex, and Minister for Sport—

What support services are available to Life Saving volunteers to aid their communication with non-English speaking individuals accessing waterways throughout New South Wales?

Answer—

This question is relevant to the Minister for Emergency Services.

- \*6049 SUPPORT FOR LIVER SURGERY—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

What support has been provided by the Government to ensure that Paige Humphrey from Coraki is able to receive her life saving liver surgery in the United States (as at 21 June 2017)?

Answer—

The Northern NSW Local Health District has advised that Ms Paige Humphreys is not currently a patient with any of the paediatricians at Lismore Base Hospital and it appears that Ms Humphreys' care is being provided by medical staff in Queensland.

Paige's father, Mr Humphreys, has been provided with the contact details of the Federal Minister for Health who has responsibility for the Australian Government's Medical Treatment Overseas Program that may assist persons suffering a life-threatening condition who require overseas medical treatment not available in Australia and require financial assistance.

- \*6050 ELIGIBILITY FOR ARTS FUNDING—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Housing, and Special Minister for State representing the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) Why is the Wollongong Local Government Area ineligible for funding under the Regional Cultural Fund?  
(2) Will the Minister reconsider this decision and include the Wollongong Local Government Area as eligible for funding?  
(a) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

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

Due to lower population densities, arts organisations and local governments in regional New South Wales face increased challenges in leveraging investment opportunities to deliver these projects. Unfortunately, that means areas in Sydney, Western Sydney, Newcastle Local Government Area (LGA) and Wollongong LGA are not eligible for the Regional Cultural Fund.

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

\*6051 WIN STADIUM NORTHERN GRANDSTAND RECTIFICATION—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Western Sydney, Minister for WestConnex, and Minister for Sport—

What are the details of the rectification works for the WIN Stadium Northern Grandstand announced in the 2017-18 NSW Budget?

Answer—

NSW Budget 2017-18, Budget Paper No. 2, Infrastructure Statement outlined Major Works, New Works with an estimate cost of \$5.41 0 million for WIN Stadium Northern Grandstand rectification works in Wollongong.

Budget Estimates 2017-18 (Section 6, Industry Cluster) outlined that the capital works included roof repairs and structural steel rectification to ensure public safety and provide for the continued use of the stand for sport and recreation events.

\*6052 WORKERS COMPENSATION FRAUD INVESTIGATIONS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation—

(1) How many matters were investigated by Safework NSW for potential fraud of the Workers Compensation scheme in the 2012-13 financial year?

(a) How many of these instances led to the pursuit of fraud charges and prosecution?

(2) How many matters were investigated by Safework NSW for potential fraud of the Workers Compensation scheme in the 2013-14 financial year?

(a) How many of these instances led to the pursuit of fraud charges and prosecution?

(3) How many matters were investigated by Safework NSW for potential fraud of the Workers Compensation scheme in the 2014-15 financial year?

(a) How many of these instances led to the pursuit of fraud charges and prosecution?

(4) How many matters were investigated by Safework NSW for potential fraud of the Workers Compensation scheme in the 2015-16 financial year?

(a) How many of these instances led to the pursuit of fraud charges and prosecution?

Answer—

These questions should be directed to the Minister for Finance, Services and Property as the responsible Minister for fraud matters relating to Workers Compensation.

\*6053 WOLLONGONG LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA FUNDING—Mr Paul Scully asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

(1) Will the Wollongong Local Government Area be eligible for funding under:

(a) Regional Growth: Economic Activation Fund;

(i) If not, what are the reasons for not including the Wollongong Local Government Area as eligible for funding under this program?

(b) Growing Local Economies;

(i) If not, what are the reasons for not including the Wollongong Local Government Area as eligible for funding under this program?

(c) Regional Sports Infrastructure?

(i) If not, what are the reasons for not including the Wollongong Local Government Area as eligible for funding under this program?

Answer—

The Regional Growth: Economic Activation Fund was established to provide funding for eligible projects in rural and regional New South Wales. Consistent with section 9 of the Restart NSW Fund Act 2011 (NSW), rural and regional New South Wales excludes the metropolitan areas of Sydney, Newcastle and Wollongong.

\*6054 LIFESPAN OF MARINE SERVICE VESSELS—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—

(1) Is there a maximum number of years a NSW Marine Rescue vessel can be used before it must be

replaced?

- (a) If so, when must one be replaced?
- (b) If no, what are the criteria for the replacement of vessels?

Answer—

This question should be directed to Marine Rescue NSW, which is an independent non-government organisation.

\*6055 LENNOX BRIDGE IN LANSVALE—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

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

Answer—

I am advised:

The funding and timing of preservation and conservation works for Lennox Bridge in Lansvale and the surrounding land is a matter for the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight.

\*6056 FUNDING FOR THE PROVISION OF NEW POLICE OFFICERS—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—

What funding has been included for the provision of new police officers in New South Wales in the 2017-18 Budget?

Answer—

Employee related expenditure for the NSW Police Force in 2017-18 is outlined in Budget Paper No. 3.

\*6057 REPLACEMENT OF APPLIANCES FOR NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—

- (1) Is there a maximum number of years a NSW Rural Fire Service appliance can be used before it must be replaced?
  - (a) If so, when must it be replaced?
  - (b) If no, what are the criteria for the replacement of appliances?

Answer—

The NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) has advised that there is no mandatory timeframe for replacement of its fire fighting appliances. The replacement of appliances is guided by the relevant asset management strategy.

\*6058 FIRE & RESCUE NSW APPLIANCE LIFESPAN—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—

- (1) Is there a maximum number of years a Fire & Rescue NSW appliance can be used before it must be replaced?
  - (a) If so, when must it be replaced?
  - (b) If no, what are the criteria for the replacement of appliances?

Answer—

Fire & Rescue NSW (FRNSW) has advised me:

- (1) No.
  - (a) N/A.
  - (b) FRNSW appliances are replaced in line with the agency's asset management strategy.

\*6059 REPLACEMENT OF APPLIANCES FOR STATE EMERGENCY SERVICES—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—

- (1) Is there a maximum number of years a New South Wales State Emergency Services appliance can be used before it must be replaced?

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- (a) If so, when must they be replaced?
- (b) If no, what are the criteria for the replacement of appliances?

Answer—

The NSW State Emergency Service has advised me that it has guidelines for mobile asset replacements. Decisions are made in reference to these guidelines.

\*6060 INJURED WORKERS ON THE WORKERS COMPENSATION SCHEME—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

- (1) How many injured workers were in the Workers Compensation scheme as at:
  - (a) 1 July 2012;
  - (b) 1 January 2013?
  - (c) 1 July 2013?
  - (d) 1 January 2014?
  - (e) 1 July 2014?
  - (f) 1 January 2015?
  - (g) 1 July 2015?
  - (h) 1 January 2016?
  - (i) 1 July 2016?
  - (j) 1 January 2017?
- (2) How many injured workers were successfully returned to work, at full capacity and on full pre-injury duties in each financial year from 2012-13 to 2015-16?
- (3) How many injured workers were cut-off or removed from the scheme before returning in full to their pre-injury place of work, undertaking normal full duties, in each financial year from 2012-13 to 2015-16?

Answer—

The New South Wales workers compensation scheme comprises the Nominal Insurer and Treasury Managed Fund, both administered by Insurance and Care NSW (icare), as well as self and specialised insurers which sit outside of the government.

icare protects 3.1 million workers in more than 284,000 New South Wales businesses and has the strength of being one of the world's largest workers compensation schemes. It provides incentive and risk-based insurance policies for New South Wales employers to cover the cost of supporting an injured worker after a workplace injury or illness. In 2015/16, icare cared for over 60,000 injured workers and paid \$1.7 billion in claims.

\*6061 NSW TREASURY VEHICLES—Ms Yasmin Catley asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

- (1) What is the percentage of E10 fuel used in vehicles owned or leased by NSW Treasury?
- (2) What is the percentage of E10 fuel used by vehicles provided for the use of the Treasurer?

Answer—

This question would be more appropriately directed to the Minister for Finance, Services and Property.

\*6062 SUCCESSFUL PROSECUTIONS BY FAIR TRADING—Ms Yasmin Catley asked the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation—

- (1) What was the actual proportion of successful prosecutions by Fair Trading in 2016-17 under the the service measures for the Fair Trading service group,?
- (2) What is the forecast proportion of successful prosecutions by Fair Trading for 2017-18?

Answer—

I am advised that:

- (1) The actual proportion of successful prosecutions by Fair Trading in 2016-17 was 94 per cent.
- (2) The forecast proportion of successful prosecutions by Fair Trading for 2017-18 is 90 per cent.

Note: The figures above relate to all prosecutions undertaken by Fair Trading across legislation administered by Fair Trading.

\*6063 DEPARTMENT OF PREMIER AND CABINET VEHICLES—Ms Yasmin Catley asked the Premier—

- (1) What is the percentage of E10 fuel used in vehicles owned or leased by the Department of Premier and Cabinet?

(2) What is the percentage of E10 fuel used by vehicles provided for the use of the Premier?

Answer—

Provision of Vehicles and Drivers for Public Office Holders is detailed in the Ministers' Office Handbook.

The Ministers' Office Handbook provides policy and practice material for Ministers and their staff about employment and office management arrangements following implementation of Ministers' powers to employ staff under the Members of Parliament Staff Act 2013 (MOPS Act).

DPC 'Memo M2012-08 Use of Biofuels' details requirements in relation to biofuels as part of the long term transport fuel mix in New South Wales.

\*6064 WORKERS COMPENSATION SCHEME—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

- (1) How many injured workers under the workers compensation scheme are receiving payments in the period of 131 to 260 weeks with an impairment of less than 20 per cent (as at 1 June 2017)?
- (2) How many injured workers have applied for, but been refused access to, payments in the period of 131 to 260 weeks with an impairment of less than 20 per cent since the introduction of the time limited workers compensation payments (as at 1 June 2017)?
- (3) How many injured workers are receiving payments in the period of 131 to 260 weeks with an impairment of more than 20 per cent (as at 1 June 2017)?
- (4) How many injured workers are receiving payments in the period beyond 260 weeks (five years) with an impairment of more than 20 per cent (as at 1 June 2017)?
- (5) How many injured workers have received a payment of up to \$1,000 under the new employment assistance scheme (as at 1 June 2017)?
  - (a) What is the average amount of money that each has received?
- (6) How many injured workers have received a payment of up to \$200 under Tier One of the Transition to Work scheme (as at 1 June 2017)?
  - (a) What is the average amount of money that each has received?
- (7) How many injured workers have received a payment of up to \$5,000 under Tier Two of the Transition to Work scheme (as at 1 June 2017)?
  - (a) What is the average amount of money that each has received?
- (8) How many employers have received a payment of up to \$27,400 under the JobCover Placement Program (as at 1 June 2017)?
  - (a) What is the average amount of money that each has received?

Answer—

The New South Wales workers compensation scheme comprises the Nominal Insurer and Treasury Managed Fund, both administered by Insurance and Care NSW (icare), as well as self and specialised insurers which sit outside of the government.

Following amendments to the Workers Compensation Act 1987 in 2012, a five year cap on weekly compensation payments for injured workers with 20 per cent whole person impairment (WPI) or less was introduced. The legislation was amended to refocus the Workers Compensation Scheme on its core objectives of maintaining a financially viable and sustainable workers compensation system that is fair and affordable for employers, while improving outcomes for injured workers.

To support affected workers, icare has rolled out a comprehensive assistance program, including:

- An Advisory Assistance Service, with psychologists and mental health nurses staffing the phones to support workers in understanding how they will be impacted by the change.
- Early medical reviews to ascertain each injured worker's whole person impairment so they have clarity and certainty about their situation and time to plan for the change.
- Proactive engagement with injured workers and their treatment providers to identify return to work options, ensure they get the most out of the return to work packages available and facilitate a smooth transition.
- A Community Transition Program to help workers link in with the community and the other services available when they exit the scheme.
- Engagement with Centrelink to minimise disruption for claimants.

\*6065 WORKERS COMPENSATION PUBLIC FUNDING—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—



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- (1) Would a Workers Compensation insurer be allowed to claim 'Commercial in Confidence' when the State Insurance Regulatory Authority (SIRA) checks procedures the Insurer has developed with government funding?
  - (a) If yes, under what circumstances?
- (2) Are all Workers Compensation insurers contracted by the Government contracted under the same contractual arrangements?
  - (a) If not:
    - (i) Why not?
    - (ii) Are individual contracts available for public scrutiny?
    - (iii) Which government department has access to all contracts?
    - (iv) To whom does the department report to ensure transparency of funds spent?

Answer—

- (1) SIRA would consider any such claim if made by an insurer in the context of the particular facts and circumstances. SIRA has compulsory information gathering powers that may apply in such cases.
- (2) No. The New South Wales workers compensation system includes different types of insurers, all of which operate under different arrangements.
  - (a) If not:
    - (i) The Workers Compensation Act 1987 (1987 Act) provides for the legislative arrangements under which the Nominal Insurer, self- insurers and specialised insurers operate. The Nominal Insurer and the Treasury Managed Fund, both of which are administered by icare, contract some insurers as scheme agents. Whether the contractual arrangements are the same or not is a question for icare, which is in the Treasury portfolio.
    - (ii) Please direct this question to the Treasurer.
    - (iii) Please direct this question to the Treasurer.
    - (iv) Please direct this question to the Treasurer.

\*6066 INSPECTORS OF WORK PLACES—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation—

- (1) How many fully trained and qualified Inspectors were employed by SafeWork (formerly WorkCover):
  - (a) as at 1 January 2013?
  - (b) as at 1 January 2014?
  - (c) as at 1 January 2015?
  - (d) as at 1 January 2016?
  - (e) as at 1 January 2017?
- (2) How many Improvement Notices were issued by Inspectors in the 2012-13 financial year?
  - (a) What was the average length of time allowed for each?
- (3) How many Improvement Notices were issued by Inspectors during the 2013-14 financial year?
  - (a) What was the average length of time allowed for each?
- (4) How many Improvement Notices were issued by Inspectors during the 2014-15 financial year?
  - (a) What was the average length of time allowed for each?
- (5) How many Improvement Notices were issued by Inspectors during the 2015-16 financial year?
  - (a) What was the average length of time allowed for each?
- (6) How many Prohibition Notices were issued by Inspectors in each financial year from 2012-13 to 2015-16?
- (7) How many Penalty Notices were issued by Inspectors in the 2012-13 financial year?
  - (a) What was the total value of funds collected as a result?
- (8) How many Penalty Notices were issued by Inspectors during the 2013-14 financial year?
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- (9) How many Penalty Notices were issued by Inspectors during the 2014-15 financial year?
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- (10) How many Penalty Notices were issued by Inspectors during the 2015-16 financial year?
  - (a) What was the total value of funds collected as a result?
- (11) What percentage of work health and safety incidents resulted in an Inspector being dispatched for investigation in each financial year from 2012-13 to 2015-16?

Answer—

(1) Between 1 January 2013 to 1 January 2017, SafeWork NSW has had an establishment of 315 inspector positions. Recruitment to maintain this number is conducted through group intakes as SafeWork NSW is a Registered Training Organisation and provides a 12-month comprehensive training and assessment program required for the Diploma of Government (Workplace Inspection). In between intakes the number of inspectors employed will vary due to natural attrition. When there are sufficient vacancies a new intake is conducted.

(2) 6,118 Improvement Notices were issued by SafeWork inspectors in the 2012-13 financial year. The average length of time to comply was 17 days.

(3) 5,098 Improvement Notices were issued by SafeWork inspectors in the 2013-14 financial year. The average length of time to comply was 16 days.

(4) 6,545 Improvement Notices were issued by SafeWork inspectors in the 2014-15 financial year. The average length of time to comply was 17 days.

(5) 7,266 Improvement Notices were issued by SafeWork inspectors in the 2015-16 financial year. The average length of time to comply was 18 days.

(6) The following number of Prohibition Notices were issued by SafeWork inspectors from 2012 to 2016.

2012-13 - 551

2013-14 - 498

2014-15 - 673

2015-16 - 718

(7) 124 Penalty Notices were issued by SafeWork inspectors in the 2012-13 financial year with a total value of \$138,250.

(8) 55 Penalty Notices were issued by SafeWork inspectors in the 2013-14 financial year with a total value of \$78,758.

(9) 92 Penalty Notices were issued by SafeWork inspectors in the 2014-15 financial year with a total value of \$74,572.

(10) 88 Penalty Notices were issued by SafeWork inspectors in the 2015-16 financial year with a total value of; \$159,644.

(11) The percentage of work health and safety incidents resulting in an inspector being dispatched for investigation is set out below.

2012-13 - 47.3 per cent

2013-14 - 28.1 per cent

2015-16 - 32.6 per cent

\*6067 WHOLE PERSON IMPAIRMENT RATES—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

(1) How many injured workers were assessed, registered and regarded by the Workers Compensation scheme to be a worker with highest need at more than 30 per cent Whole Person Impairment (WPI) as at 1 January 2017?

(2) How many injured workers were assessed, registered and regarded by the Workers Compensation scheme to be a worker with high need at more than 20 per cent WPI as at 1 January 2017?

(3) How many injured workers with a WPI of 20 per cent or less had successfully sought continuation of weekly payments beyond the 130 week limit that is the standard maximum period for less than 20 per cent impaired (as at 1 January 2017)?

(4) How many injured workers with 20 per cent or less WPI are expected to reach the absolute limit of 260 weeks weekly payment during 2017 meaning that they can no longer receive any weekly payment from the scheme? Please provide the data in a month by month break down.

Answer—

The New South Wales workers compensation scheme comprises the Nominal Insurer and Treasury Managed Fund, both administered by Insurance and Care NSW (icare), as well as self and specialised insurers which sit outside of the government.

I am advised that icare has been proactively contacting injured workers since mid-2016 to ensure they are fully aware of the impact of changes made in 2012 with relation to workers with a WPI of 20 per cent or

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less. Early medical reviews to determine an injured worker's whole person impairment (WPI) have been conducted to ensure certainty around their situation, with a choice of three examiners. At every stage, injured workers have been advised of the supports available, such as the Assistance and Advisory Service, Community Support Service, and their right to dispute decisions with the State Insurance Regulatory Authority (SIRA), Workers Compensation Independent Review Office (WIRO) and/or the Workers Compensation Commission (WCC).

\*6068 WORKERS COMPENSATION IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) Are insurers legislated to comply with duty of care obligations when dealing with injured workers?
- (2) Have insurers been exempted from complying with duty of care obligations when dealing with injured workers?
  - (a) If so, why have insurers been exempted from complying with duty of care obligations?
  - (b) What avenues are available to the injured worker to hold the insurer accountable for any injuries incurred or sustained?
- (3) If insurers have not been exempted from complying with duty of care obligations:
  - (a) Where are the breaches reported to?
  - (b) Who investigates the breaches?
  - (c) Who ensures the injured workers are adequately represented?

Answer—

- (1) The workers compensation legislation does not contain a 'duty of care' as such for insurers. However, insurers are subject to a range of obligations on matters such as claims management, dispute resolution and return to work.
- (2) See above
- (3) See above. Allegations of breaches by an insurer of its obligations under the Act can be made to SIRA, and would be assessed in the normal course for potential compliance action.

\*6069 RESPONSE TO CORRESPONDENCE—Mr Philip Donato asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

What action has been taken in relation to the actions of Nowra Family and Community Services raised in correspondence from me on 24 February 2017 and 12 May 2017?

Answer—

I am advised that my response to your correspondence was signed on 6 July 2017 and mailed to you.

\*6070 OUTSOURCING OF PROGRAM CHARGES—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) How many Government agencies are now paying more for the services provided by Unisys and Infosys, in comparison to the price that they were paying under the government run Service First?
  - (a) Which agencies are paying more?
- (2) How many Government agencies are now paying less for the services provided by Unisys and Infosys, in comparison to the price that they were paying under the government run Service First?
  - (a) Which agencies are paying less?
- (3) On the "as a service" model, which ten government agencies have, on average, the highest monthly costs, being paid to the two new private operators?
  - (a) What is the average monthly bill for each of these ten government agencies?
- (4) What is the Governments Service First outsourcing program ?
  - (a) Where can information about the outsourcing program be found?

Answer—

- (1) One
  - (a) ServiceNSW, staff numbers have increased by approximately 250 per cent which is driving the increase in vendor fees.
- (2) Four of the six Foundation Agencies are paying less and one agency is paying approximately the same for the services provided by Unisys and Infosys. (see Table 1 below)
  - (a) DFSI, DPC, Treasury & PSC are paying less iPART is paying approximately the same

(3) The agency paying the highest monthly costs on average is DFSI.

(a) The average monthly bill for each of the agencies is:

Client Agency	Average monthly bill (rounded) \$Millions
DFSI	1.98
DPC	0.53
Treasury	0.35
ServiceNSW	0.23
PSC	0.09
iPART	0.04

(4) The ServiceFirst Outsourcing Program (SFOP) was initiated at the request of the Expenditure Review Committee (ERC) to undertake evaluation, recommendation and implementation of alternative delivery models for ServiceFirst. The program was led by the NSW Office of Finance and Services (OFS), with input from key client agencies.

(a) Information on the outsourcing program is part of the Cabinet-in-Confidence business case considered by the Government in deciding to establish GovConnect.

\*6071 MILLERS POINT SOCIAL HOUSING SALES PROGRAM—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

(1) How many vacant properties does the Land and Housing Corporation have waiting transfer to Property NSW for sale in:

- (a) Millers Point;
  - (i) What are the addresses of these properties?
- (b) Dawes Point;
  - (i) What are the addresses of these properties?
- (c) The Rocks?
  - (i) What are the addresses of these properties?

(2) How many are:

- (a) Disability accessible;
- (b) 1 bedroom;
- (c) 2 bedrooms;
- (d) 3 bedrooms?

(3) Which of these homes meet the housing needs of the remaining elderly and vulnerable Millers Point public housing tenants?

(4) How many vacant properties has Land and Housing Corporation transferred to Property NSW for sale in:

- (a) Millers Point;
- (b) Dawes Point;
- (c) The Rocks?

(5) What consideration will be given to allowing the remaining 23 social housing tenants to remain in Millers Point while vacant properties already transferred to Property NSW are sold?

(6) What is the estimated loss of rent for those properties vacated but not yet sold?

(7) What is the cost of security and maintenance of vacant properties waiting for sale?

(8) What steps will be taken to ensure best use of these properties until they are sold?

Answer—

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

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

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

\*6072 BIKE SHARE REGULATION—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Premier—

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

Answer—

I refer your question to the New South Wales Minister for Transport and Infrastructure, The Hon Andrew Constance MP

\*6073 STAMP DUTY REVENUE FROM THE CENTRAL COAST—Mr David Mehan asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

How much revenue was generated by stamp duty transactions related to persons or businesses located on the Central Coast in each financial year from 2010-11 to 2016-17 (as at 22 June 2017)?

Answer—

Financial Year	Value
2010-11	101,232,659
2011-12	101,262,738
2012-13	151,342,350
2013-14	169,300,493
2014-15	232,901,197
2015-16	252,320,603
2016-17	249,873,234

- The data is current as 13 July 2017 and includes all documents lodged between 01-Jul-2010 and 22-Jun-2017.
- The data collected includes the following postcodes 2250; 2251; 2252; 2256; 2257; 2258; 2259; 2260; 2261; 2262 and 2263 to represent the Central Coast.

\*6074 DRUG DOG OPERATIONS ON LICENSED PREMISES—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—

- (1) How does NSW Police determine which licensed premises will be the subject of a drug dog operation?
- (2) How does NSW Police work with venue operators when conducting a drug dog operation on their premises?
- (3) What action does NSW Police take to ensure operations do not interfere with entertainment at licensed premises?
- (4) What steps are required to be taken by police to ensure patrons do not feel intimidated when a police operation is taking place?
- (5) What steps are police officers required to take if a dog provides an indication that a person on a licensed premise could be carrying illegal drugs?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force (NSWPF) has advised me:

- (1) Licensed premises to be the subject of a drug detection dog operation are determined following a review of intelligence holdings, including information provided by police, the general public, registered sources and licensees.
- (2) Police will liaise with the venue operator or management either prior to an operation or at the time of deployment. Where management or staff are suspected of drug activity or where urgency is a factor, the operator will be spoken to at the earliest opportunity without compromising the operation.
- (3) Drug detection dog operations do not generally interfere with the operation of the licensed premises and entertainment is not required to cease during deployment.
- (4) Dog handlers are required to keep any dog they are working with under control during operations and all reasonable precautions are taken to prevent a dog from touching a person.
- (5) Where a dog handler determines a detection has been made they will, where practicable, introduce themselves to the person and if deemed necessary, administer the official police caution before local police take over enquiries. Local police will then introduce themselves and determine whether reasonable grounds exist to carry out a search of a person. Police should make all attempts to preserve the privacy of a person being searched. All searches are to be recorded on the COPS system.

\*6075 MODIFICATIONS TO WOLLONGONG STATION—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) What are the modifications planned for Wollongong Station as mentioned in the Transport Funding Statement 2017-18 published in the Wollongong electorate report for the 2017-18 NSW Budget?
  - (a) What is the total cost of these modifications?
- (2) When will the planned modifications commence and conclude?

Answer—

I am advised:

Details of this funding will be announced during the 2017-18 financial year.

\*6076 SCHOOL MAINTENANCE FUNDING IN THE WOLLONGONG ELECTORATE—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) Which public schools in the Wollongong electorate will not benefit from additional spending on maintenance?
- (2) Is the expected expenditure of \$4.7 million during the 2016-17 and 2017-18 financial years greater than the amount allocated prior to the Minister's announcement of additional funding for school maintenance on 2 May 2017?

Answer—

- (1) All schools in the Wollongong electorate maintained by the Department of Education will benefit from the additional spending on maintenance.
- (2) Yes.

\*6077 FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES FULL TIME EQUIVALENT STAFF—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 total number of full time equivalent staff that have been funded in the 2017-18 NSW Budget to provide:
  - (a) Early Intervention Support;
  - (b) Statutory Child Protection Services;
  - (c) Homelessness Services;
  - (d) Out of Home Care Services;
  - (e) Social Housing Assistance and Tenancy Support?

Answer—

I am advised that information about the FACS Budget is available on the NSW Budget website at <https://www.budget.nsw.gov.au/>.

\*6078 FUNDING FOR FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICTS—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—

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- (1) How much funding has the 2017-18 NSW Budget provided to each of the following Family and Community Services Districts:
- (a) Central Coast;
  - (b) Far West;
  - (c) Hunter New England;
  - (d) Illawarra Shoalhaven;
  - (e) Mid North Coast;
  - (f) Murrumbidgee;
  - (g) Nepean Blue Mountains;
  - (h) Northern NSW;
  - (i) Northern Sydney;
  - (j) South Eastern Sydney;
  - (k) South Western Sydney;
  - (l) Southern NSW;
  - (m) Sydney;
  - (n) Western NSW;
  - (o) Western Sydney?

Answer—

I am advised that information about the FACS Budget is available on the NSW Budget website at <https://www.budget.nsw.gov.au/>.

- \*6079 CAPITAL WORKS FUNDING FOR EASY ACCESS LIFTS—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) Why was capital works funding not allocated in the 2017-18 NSW Budget to install easy access lifts at :
- (a) Chester Hill Railway Station;
  - (b) Birrong Railway Station;
  - (c) Yagoona Railway Station;
  - (d) Villawood Railway Station?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Government recently allocated a further \$200 million to the Transport Access Program, boosting our total investment to \$1 billion. Since the program began, more than 450 projects have been completed or are underway, including an additional 40 wheelchair accessible stations. It is expected that by March 2019, 174 stations across the network will be wheelchair accessible.

Stations across the network are currently being assessed to see which ones are delivered under this program. This assessment process uses evidence-based criteria, including current and future patronage. It takes into account the needs and demographics of customers who use the station. It also considers the location of important services, such as hospitals or schools and the accessibility of other transport interchanges.

The provision of accessibility upgrades at Chester Hill, Birrong, Yagoona and Villawood Stations will continue to be considered as part of the Transport Access Program's ongoing process.

- \*6080 EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT AT BANKSTOWN-LIDCOMBE HOSPITAL—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

Why was capital works funding in the 2017-18 NSW Budget not allocated to increase the capacity of the emergency department at Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital to treat projected increases in patients?

Answer—

The 2017-18 Budget invests an additional \$2.8 billion over four years to 2020-21, bringing the total investment over that period to a record \$7.7 billion. This will enable NSW Health to deliver new facilities, upgrades and redevelopments across New South Wales. It will ensure the commencement of the remaining 2015 election commitments by this Government relating to health infrastructure, as well as enabling the continued delivery of major capital works across the State.

- \*6081 COMMERCIAL FISHING BUSINESSES ON THE CENTRAL COAST—Mr David Mehan 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) How many commercial fishing businesses located on the Central Coast hold shares entitling them to fishing in New South Wales?
- (2) Following the close of share trading under the Business Adjustment Program (BAP), how many of these businesses will continue to be entitled to fish once the new minimum share and quota scheme under the BAP commences later this year?

Answer—

- (1) There are 88 fishing businesses registered with postcodes in the range 2250-2264. A total of 22 of these are not subject to the current reforms.
- (2) Fishing businesses typically have a number of share classes allowing them to fish using different methods or in different regions. Many fishing businesses used the subsidised share trading market to restructure their business, selling shares in some share classes and buying shares in others. There were only three businesses that applied to sell all their shares and receive the fishing buyout grant of \$20,000. The fishing businesses that have ongoing access account for more than 85 per cent of average historical production.

\*6082 SMALL BUSINESS GRANTS ON THE CENTRAL COAST—Mr David Mehan asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Minister for Skills, and Minister for Small Business—

- (1) How many businesses located on the Central Coast will have successfully applied for a Small Business Grants as at 30 June 2017?
  - (a) How many of these businesses are located in The Entrance electorate?

Answer—

- (1) and (a) These are matters for the Minister for Finance, Services and Property, as the responsible Minister.

\*6083 RECOMMENDATIONS OF DEPUTY STATE CORONER—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) Will the Hunter New England Local Health District implement the recommendations of Magistrate Derek Lee, Deputy State Coroner, following the Inquest into the death of Ahlia Raftery?
  - (a) If yes, when?
  - (b) If not, why not?

Answer—

A response to the Coroner is due on 6 December 2017.

\*6084 IMPLEMENTATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) Will the recommendations of Magistrate Derek Lee, Deputy State Coroner, following the inquest into the death of Ahlia Raftery be implemented?
  - (a) If yes, when?
  - (b) If not, why not?

Answer—

A response to the Coroner is due on 6 December 2017.

\*6085 GWYNNEVILLE AND WOLLONGONG PUBLIC SCHOOLS—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) On what dates will upgrades to Gwynneville Public School commence and finish?
  - (a) What does this upgrade involve?
- (2) What is the total cost of the upgrades planned?
- (3) Why is the upgrade to Wollongong Public School listed in the Daily Telegraph on 19 June 2017 not included in the 2017-18 Budget Papers or the NSW Budget 2017-18 Wollongong Electorate Report?
- (4) Will the upgrade of Wollongong Public School proceed?
  - (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

- (1) and (2) Gwynneville Public School will be expanded to provide new additional permanent classrooms and upgraded core facilities. The detailed project scope and timeframes are yet to be finalised.



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(3) and (4) The 2017-18 State Budget announced a record investment of \$4.2 billion for school facilities and infrastructure projects. This includes an expansion of Wollongong Public School to provide new additional permanent classrooms and upgraded core facilities.

\*6086 APPLICATIONS FOR SICK LEAVE—Mr Jihad Dib asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) How many applications were made for sick leave (psychological injury) from Day 1 Term 3, 2016 through to 22 June 2017 in New South Wales Public Schools from:
- (a) Teaching staff;
  - (b) Non-Teching staff?

Answer—

(1) (a) and (b) I'm advised that staff take sick leave for a variety of reasons. The Department of Education does not record the specific nature of various illnesses or injuries for which leave is required.

\*6087 CONGESTION ON KING GEORGES ROAD—Mr Jihad Dib asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

What is the status of works to ease congestion on King Georges Road in the Lakemba electorate?

Answer—

I am advised:

This information is available on the Roads and Maritime Services website.

\*6088 SICK LEAVE APPICATIONS—Mr Jihad Dib asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) How many applications were made for sick leave (psychological injury) from Day 1 Term 3, 2015 through to 22 June 2016 in New South Wales Public Schools from:
- (a) Teaching staff;
  - (b) Non-Teching staff?

Answer—

(1) (a) and (b) I'm advised that staff take sick leave for a variety of reasons. The Department of Education does not record the specific nature of various illnesses or injuries for which leave is required.

\*6089 EASY ACCESS FOR PUNCHBOWL RAILWAY STATION—Mr Jihad Dib asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

What more evidence is required to highlight the need for Easy Access at Punchbowl Railway Station?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Sydney Metro City and Southwest project will upgrade and convert the T3 Bankstown Line to metro standards, including the upgrade of all 11 stations from Sydenham to Bankstown. Further information regarding the Sydenham to Bankstown component of the Sydney Metro City and Southwest Project is available on Sydney Metro's website.

\*6090 STEEL PROCUREMENT REFORMS—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) On what date did the Government commence the review of the application of a 'broader economic benefit' test as part of the Government's Steel Procurement reforms?
- (2) On what date will the review be completed?
- (3) Will the findings of the review be made public?
- (4) Will the dashboard that will report the amount of Australian steel be publicly available and begin reporting on 1 October 2017?
  - (a) If not, why not?
  - (b) If not, when will it begin publicly reporting Australian steel use?

Answer—

- (1) On 8 April 2017, the Government announced that it would be reviewing the application of a "broader economic benefit" test using Australian versus imported suppliers to ensure fairness between local and international suppliers when considering value for money assessment.

- (2) An external, independent consultant has been engaged to complete the review. A set of recommendations will be made to the government as part of the Small and Medium Enterprise Policy Framework evaluation due to be completed by August 2017.
- (3) The review's recommendations will be considered by internal government stakeholders and the Minister for Finance Services and Property, and is expected to be made public once the Government has landed on a position in regard to the recommendations.
- (4) It is expected that the dashboard will be publically available in October 2017.

\*6091 FAIR TRADING EXPENSES—Ms Yasmin Catley asked the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation—

- (1) What were the actual total expenses including losses for 2016-17 for the Fair Trading service group?
  - (a) What are the forecasts for total expenses including losses for 2017-18?
  - (b) What were the actual employee related expenses for 2016-17?
  - (c) What are the forecasts for employee related expenses for 2017-18?

Answer—

- (1) Actual results for 2016-17 are not yet available. The revised Budget forecast for the 2016-17 financial year for total expenses including losses is \$149 million.
  - (a) The 2017-18 budget for total expenses including losses is \$153.2 million.
  - (b) Actual results for 2016-17 are not yet available. The revised Budget forecast for the 2016-17 financial year for employee related expenditure is \$56 million.
  - (c) The 2017-18 budget for employee related expenses is \$62 million.

\*6092 REPORTING OF FAIR TRADING COMPLAINTS FINALISED WITHIN 30 DAYS—Ms Yasmin Catley asked the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation—

- (1) What was the actual number of complaints finalised within 30 days by Fair Trading in 2016-17?
- (2) What is the forecast number of complaints finalised within 30 days by Fair Trading for 2017-18?

Answer—

- (1) The provisional number of complaints finalised within 30 days by Fair Trading is 41,636, from a total of 44,756 received.
- (2) The forecast\* number of complaints finalised within 30 days by Fair Trading for 2017-18 is 45,766, from a total of 47,730.

Notes:

\*Linear forecast using previous six years of historical data

Data provided above is as at 11 July 2017 and may vary once final annual figures have been verified.

\*6093 TRANSPORT ACCESS PROGRAM PROJECTS—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) How are projects assessed for priority under the Transport Access Program?
- (2) Where does Macquarie Fields station, and its need for a lift and easy access, sit on the list (as at 21 June 2017)?
- (3) Where does the need for additional commuter carparking at Edmondson Park station sit on the list (as at 21 June 2017)?
- (4) Where does the need for additional commuter carparking at Ingleburn station sit on the list (as at 21 June 2017)?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) and (2) The Transport Access Program assessment process uses evidence-based criteria, including current and future patronage. It takes into account the needs and demographics of customers who use the station. It also considers the location of important services, such as hospitals or schools and the accessibility of nearby transport interchanges. An easy access upgrade at Macquarie Fields Station will be considered as part of this assessment process.

(3) and (4) In 2015, the Government delivered 400 untimed commuter car parking spaces at Edmondson Station as part of the South West Rail Link. As part of the Future Transport Program Transport for NSW is reviewing its approach to prioritising, location and funding interchange upgrades and commuter car parks. Ingleburn Station and Edmondson Park will be considered as part of this process. Public consultation will commence this year.

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\*6094 JOBS AT FAIR TRADING—Ms Yasmin Catley asked the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation—

- (1) How many jobs were there in the Fair Trading service group for 2016-17?
- (2) What is the forecast for the number of Fair Trading jobs in 2017-18?

Answer—

- (1) The revised Budget number of FTEs at Fair Trading at 30 June 2017 was 685.
- (2) The Budget number of FTEs at Fair Trading at 30 June 2018 is 774.

\*6095 OSCAR AND INTERCITY FLEET CARRIAGE SEATING—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) When the Oscar rolling stock is replaced by the intercity fleet on the South Coast Line, will the carriage sets be eight carriages at a minimum and ten at a maximum?
- (2) What is the current seating capacity of an eight car Oscar set?
- (3) What will be the seating capacity of an eight car intercity fleet carriage set?
- (4) What will be the seating capacity of a ten car intercity fleet carriage set?
- (5) Will a ten car intercity fleet set contain less seating capacity than a current eight car Oscar set?
  - (a) If so, what is the difference in seat capacity?

Answer—

I am advised:

The capacity of a 10-car New Intercity Fleet train is identical to the current V-set. These trains will operate on the Blue Mountains and Newcastle-Central Coast lines which have the highest patronage.

The 8 car NIF has 650 seats and a capacity of just over 1000 total. These will operate on the Illawarra and South Coast line.

Based on projected demand, it is estimated that 96.6 per cent of intercity customers will have a seat available on the New Intercity Fleet.

The feedback from our customers was that the current 3 + 2 seating configuration on the Oscar trains was not comfortable, especially during the longer journeys. Fixed 2+2 provides a more comfortable seat, with an arm-rest (which is not feasible on 2+3); and allows for a wider aisle meaning standing room is less cramped. It also enables additional in-seat amenity to be provided, with a flip-down tray table and in-seat power (which is otherwise not possible). Amenities like bicycle racks and luggage storage will also be provided.

The interior layout of the New Intercity Fleet has been designed to optimise the level of compliance with the Disability Standards for Access to Public Transport. This includes extra space for wheelchairs and prams and the inclusion of accessible toilets.

Information about the capacity of current rolling stock is available on the Sydney Trains website.

\*6096 CANTERBURY ROAD CORRIDOR—Ms Sophie Cotsis asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

Can the Minister provide itemised details as to the \$7 million worth of improvements nominated for the Canterbury Road Corridor?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Government is funding improvements to Canterbury Road, Campsie as part of its Pinch Point Program. Information on the program is available on the Roads and Maritime Services website.

\*6097 SOCIAL HOUSING UPGRADES IN THE WOLLONGONG ELECTORATE—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—

- (1) What are the locations and street addresses of the social housing upgrades estimated to cost \$5.4 million in the 2017-18 Budget for the Wollongong electorate?
  - (a) What is the nature of these social housing upgrades?
- (2) What is the street address of the new supply of social housing in Towardgi estimated to cost \$2.8 million in the 2017-18 Budget for the Wollongong electorate?

Answer—

I am very pleased that the 2017-18 NSW Budget delivers for the Wollongong community to ensure that upgrades and new supply will be available for social housing in the Wollongong electorate. This funding will be allocated in the 2017-18 financial year.

\*6098 REDEVELOPMENT OF THE CANTERBURY HOSPITAL—Ms Sophie Cotsis asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

When will the funding be provided for the redevelopment of the Canterbury Hospital?

Answer—

Funding for any future redevelopment will be considered as part of the NSW Budget processes.

\*6099 SYDNEY CITY CENTRE ACCESS STRATEGY—Mr Jamie Parker asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) When will the entry numbers in the Sydney City Centre Access Strategy be updated, considering the current edition is dated 2013?
- (2) What are the projected city entry numbers for mid-2019 after the CBD and South East Light Rail comes into service and buses are adjusted?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The Sydney City Centre Access Strategy was published in 2013 and is a five year plan for the CBD. The Access Strategy will be updated in late 2018 to align with the five year timeline.
- (2) The redesign of the bus network will be based on the patronage and demand evidenced by Opal data as well as opportunities to provide improved connections for customers and meet emerging sources of demand such as cross-regional travel.

\*6100 ADDITIONAL CAPACITY TO SCHOOLS IN THE CANTERBURY ELECTORATE—Ms Sophie Cotsis asked the Minister for Education—

How and when will additional capacity be provided to the schools in the suburbs of Belmore, Campsie, Canterbury, (Earlwood) Turella and Bardwell Park as a result of the Priority Precincts Plan?

Answer—

I'm advised that government school capacity in the Canterbury area will be managed through the Department of Education's Schools Community Planning program, including an upgrade to Canterbury South Public School. This upgrade was announced in the 2017-18 Budget's record \$4.2 billion investment in school facilities and infrastructure.

\*6101 MANAGEMENT OF HEALTH CARE DELIVERY IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Women, and Minister for Ageing—

- (1) Did you suggest to any mental health advocacy groups or community based support providers that they make a submission to the Public Accounts Committee Inquiry into the Management of Health Care Delivery in New South Wales?
  - (a) If yes, how many?
  - (b) If not, why not?

Answer—

The Public Accounts Committee, which is conducting the inquiry into the Management of Health Care Delivery in New South Wales, operates independently of executive government. I am advised by the Committee Chair that a call for submissions was distributed widely to the mental health sector.

I have also encouraged a number of community members across the state to share their experiences with the New South Wales mental system through the Parliamentary inquiry.

\*6102 SCHOOLS IN THE PRIORITY PRECINCTS PLAN—Ms Sophie Cotsis asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Housing, and Special Minister for State—

How and when will additional capacity be provided to the schools in the suburbs of Belmore, Campsie, Canterbury, (Earlwood) Turella and Bardwell Park as a result of the Priority Precincts Plan?

Answer—

I'm advised that government school capacity in the Canterbury area will be managed through the Department of Education's Schools Community Planning program, including an upgrade to Canterbury

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South Public School. This upgrade was announced in the 2017/18 Budget's record \$4.2 billion investment in school facilities and infrastructure.

\*6103 PROTECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT—Ms Sophie Cotsis asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) What measures are being taken to protect the local environment in Belmore, Campsie, Canterbury, (Earlwood) Turrella and Bardwell Park, especially the Wolli Creek Regional Park, from being destroyed as a result of the projected growth from the Priority Precincts Plan?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) This is a matter for my colleague, the Hon Anthony Roberts MP, Minister for Planning.

\*6104 INFRASTRUCTURE GROWTH AS PART OF THE PRIORITY PRECINCTS PLAN—Ms Sophie Cotsis asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Housing, and Special Minister for State—

- (1) What plans are there for new infrastructure to support projected growth in Belmore, Canterbury, (Earlwood) Turrella and Bardwell Park as a result of the Priority Precincts Plan?  
(2) What measures are being taken to protect the local environment, especially the Wolli Creek Regional Park, from being destroyed as a result of this projected growth?

Answer—

I am advised:

Belmore and Canterbury precincts are part of the Sydenham to Bankstown urban renewal corridor. A revised strategy for these precincts has recently been released for community comment. In addition to the new metro rail service and upgraded rail stations, the strategy identifies:

- District road upgrades, such as the Campsie by-pass;
- Upgrades to existing public schools like Ashbury and Canterbury South;
- Investigation of a location for a new school in Campsie or Belmore as part of the next 'priority precinct' phase of planning;
- New open space and bike/walk paths for the 13.km proposed Greenway South; and
- Improvements to existing open space such as plans to increase accessibility to the Cooks River foreshore.

The planning for Turrella and Bardwell Park has only just commenced. The planning investigation will make recommendations for land use changes and will identify necessary infrastructure to support proposed growth over time.

The Wolli Creek is protected by environmental zones and there are no plans to change this.

\*6105 NEWCASTLE ART GALLERY FUNDING—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) Has the business case for the redevelopment of the Newcastle Art Gallery been received?  
(2) Considering the Government's announcement that the Newcastle Art Gallery will not receive any of the \$600 million arts and culture funding, and is not eligible for the \$100 million regional cultural funding, what funding avenues are available for the redevelopment to proceed?

Answer—

- (1) The Government has received a copy of the business case for the Newcastle Art Gallery. The Minister for the Arts recently toured the gallery and listened to the Newcastle City Council's plans for the gallery upgrade.

As part of the annual budget process government assesses the needs of the community and allocates funds accordingly.

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

\*6106 DEPARTMENT OF DEPARTMENT OF INNOVATION AND BETTER REGULATION VEHICLES—Ms Yasmin Catley asked the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation—

- (1) What is the percentage of E10 fuel used in vehicles owned or leased by the Department of

Innovation and Better Regulation?

- (2) What is the percentage of E10 fuel used in vehicles provided for the use of the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation?

Answer—

Provision of Vehicles and Drivers for Public Office Holders is detailed in the Ministers' Office Handbook.

The Ministers' Office Handbook provides policy and practice material for Ministers and their staff about employment and office management arrangements following implementation of Ministers' powers to employ staff under the Members of Parliament Staff Act 2013 (MOPS Act).

DPC 'Memo M2012-08 Use of Biofuels' details requirements in relation to biofuels as part of the long term transport fuel mix in New South Wales.

\*6107 AMENDMENT TO EVIDENCE ACT 1995—Mr Philip Donato asked the Attorney General—

- (1) Will consideration be given to giving Police or other investigating officers the right to ask a person to account for items of property in their possession if they suspect these possessions may have been or may be used in the commission of any crime or offence?
- (2) Will consideration be given to giving Police or other investigating officers the right to ask such persons to account for their presence at any location or time?
- (3) Will consideration be given to allowing any such questions and answers to be admissible in any court of law and conclusions to be drawn from both answers and non-answers?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) and (2) Police and other investigating officers can ask a person questions, including to account for items of property or the person's whereabouts.

(3) Subject to the provisions of the Evidence Act 1995, answers to questions asked by police and other investigating officers may be admissible in proceedings. In 2013, the Government amended the Evidence Act 1995 to allow unfavourable inferences to be drawn in criminal proceedings for serious indictable offences if a defendant fails or refuses to mention a fact during official questioning that the defendant could reasonably be expected to mention, and relies on in their defence in that proceeding, after being given a special caution by an investigating official.

\*6108 AMENDMENT TO RURAL LANDS PROTECTION ACT 1988—Mr Philip Donato asked the Attorney General—

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

Answer—

I am advised:

The Member should direct his question to my colleague, the Hon Niall Blair, Minister for Primary Industries.

\*6109 DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY VEHICLES—Ms Yasmin Catley asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Minister for Skills, and Minister for Small Business—

- (1) What is the percentage of E10 fuel used in vehicles owned or leased by the Department of Industry?
- (2) What is the percentage of E10 fuel used in vehicles provided for the use of the Deputy Premier?

Answer—

Provision of Vehicles and Drivers for Public Office Holders is detailed in the Ministers' Office Handbook.

The Ministers' Office Handbook provides policy and practice material for Ministers and their staff about employment and office management arrangements following implementation of Ministers' powers to employ staff under the Members of Parliament Staff Act 2013 (MOPS Act).

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\*6110 CONTRIBUTION TO SUPPORT PAIGE HUMPHREY—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) Will the Government make a financial contribution to support Paige Humphrey receiving lifesaving Rex bypass surgery in Chicago?
  - (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

I refer you to QON LA 6049.

\*6111 TRANSGENDER SUPPORT AND TREATMENT FOR CHILDREN—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) How many health care centres in New South Wales have psychiatrists who specialise in assessing children for Stage 1 treatment for gender dysphoria?
- (2) What is the average waiting time to see the psychiatrist at the Adolescent Centre at Westmead Children's Hospital for assessment for Stage 1 treatment?
- (3) What concerns have been raised that long wait times for children to be assessed for Stage 1 treatment could interfere with treatment because treatment is less effective if it starts after puberty commences?
- (4) What action will the Government take to ensure children seeking treatment for gender dysphoria can get timely access to treatment?

Answer—

There are a limited number of child and adolescent psychiatrists in the public and private sectors with the skills and experience to assess young people for stage one treatment of Gender Dysphoria. Best practice is that assessment takes place as part of a multidisciplinary team including mental health, endocrine and adolescent clinicians.

Referrals are assessed on a case-by-case basis. The urgency of the appointment is assessed and young people are prioritised accordingly. Starting treatment before the development of any irreversible effects of puberty is more effective.

A NSW Gender Dysphoria service is currently under consideration, which is expected to deliver care through all phases of treatment from childhood into adulthood. A key component would be ongoing mental health support. Enabling access to Gender Dysphoria services for children would require planning for transition to adult services to ensure continuity of care and establishment of best practice.

\*6112 NOISY VEHICLES—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) Considering current data about noisy vehicles infringements for the inner city is not available on the Environment Protection Agency (EPA) website which was indicated in the response to LA Q4790, how many reports have been made to the EPA about noisy vehicles in the inner city in the first half of 2017?
- (2) How many infringements have been issued for noisy vehicles in the inner city in the first half of 2017?
- (3) How many operations have been carried out to address noisy vehicles in the inner city in the first half of 2017?
- (4) What is the total amount of fines and average fine issued for these infringements for:
  - (a) Motorcycles;
  - (b) Motor vehicles?
- (5) What progress has been made with the EPA review of motor vehicle compliance operations?
  - (a) What are the plans for community consultation?
  - (b) When will this review be completed?
- (6) What further action will the Government take to improve noisy vehicle enforcement?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) 163 in the City of Sydney Local Government Area.
- (2) 53.
- (4) (a) \$3,800 and \$380.
- (b) \$10,200 and \$275.

- (5) The review is underway.
- (6) The EPA will continue to conduct joint compliance operations with the NSW Police Force and Roads and Maritime Services.

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- 6113 MAINLINE ACCELERATION PROGRAM—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- (1) What projects have been developed as part of the Mainline Acceleration Program outlined in the 2014 State Infrastructure Strategy?
  - (2) What is the expected impact of these projects on passenger travel times between Wollongong and Central?
  - (3) Which of these projects have commenced?
    - (a) When are they due to be completed?
  - (4) Which of these projects have not commenced?
    - (a) When will they commence?
- 6114 MENTAL HEALTH BEDS IN THE SHELLHARBOUR ELECTORATE—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Women, and Minister for Ageing—
- (1) How many public sector specialised mental health hospital beds are available within the Shellharbour electorate (as at 1 August 2017)?
    - (a) Of these beds, how many are:
      - (i) Acute mental health beds;
      - (ii) Non-acute mental health beds;
      - (iii) Youth mental health beds;
      - (iv) Children's mental health beds?
  - (2) How many specialised mental health hospital beds are available at private hospitals and non-government health facilities within the Shellharbour electorate (as at 1 August 2017)?
    - (a) Of these beds, how many are:
      - (i) Acute mental health beds;
      - (ii) Non-acute mental health beds;
      - (iii) Youth mental health beds;
      - (iv) Children's mental health beds?
  - (3) How many residential mental health service beds are currently available within the Shellharbour electorate (as at 1 August 2017)?
    - (a) Of these beds, how many are:
      - (i) Acute mental health beds;
      - (ii) Non-acute mental health beds;
      - (iii) Youth mental health beds;
      - (iv) Children's mental health beds?
- 6115 MEETING OF ENVIRONMENT MINISTERS—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—
- (1) What was the nature of the research presented to the Meeting of Environment Ministers in June 2017 regarding the environmental impact of single-use plastic bags?
    - (a) Will this research be made public?
  - (2) Will the Government ban the use and sale of single-use plastic bags in New South Wales?
    - (a) If yes, when will this policy be instituted?
    - (b) If not, why not?
- 6116 ALBION PARK RAIL BYPASS SUBMISSIONS REPORT—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—
- (1) On what date will the submissions report regarding the Albion Park Rail Bypass, originally scheduled to be released in mid-2017, be published?



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- (2) How many submissions were received following the display of the environmental impact statement for the Albion Park Rail Bypass and will be included in the report?
- 6117 WORKS ANNOUNCED IN THE 2017-18 BUDGET PAPER—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Education—
- (1) In what areas and regions will the 90 new school and major upgrade projects announced in the New South Wales 2017-18 Budget Paper - Infrastructure Statement ('New major works to commence in 2017-18 and 2018-19' page 4 to 16) be located?
- (a) Will any of these projects occur within the Shellharbour electorate?
- (b) Will any of these projects occur within the West Dapto area?
- 6118 SHELLHARBOUR HOSPITAL REDEVELOPMENT STAGE 1—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- (1) How will the \$5 million allocated to 'Shellharbour Hospital Redevelopment Stage 1' in the 2017-18 Budget for the Shellharbour electorate be spent?
- (2) What does 'Stage 1' of Shellharbour Hospital's redevelopment entail?
- 6119 TRAIN LENGTHS—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- (1) What is the current length of an eight car Oscar railway carriage set?
- (2) What will the length of an eight car intercity fleet carriage set be?
- (3) What will the length of a ten car intercity fleet carriage set be?
- (4) What is the average length of station platforms on the South Coast Line?
- (5) What is the current length of the train platform at:
- (a) Dapto Station;
- (b) Albion Park Station;
- (c) Oak Flats Station;
- (d) Shellharbour Junction Station?
- (6) If the length of a ten car intercity fleet carriage set exceeds the length of the platform, will passengers be forced to depart from only certain carriages, or will platforms be extended to fit the new carriage sets?
- 6120 ALBION PARK RAIL BYPASS—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—
- (1) When is the tender process for the Albion Park Rail Bypass expected to be completed?
- (2) Considering your response to LA Q5147:
- (a) How many of the 35 parcels of land and their owners that the Government was engaged in negotiations with as of 2 May 2017 have now been purchased?
- (b) How many more parcels of land are currently still to be negotiated before the construction of the Albion Park Rail Bypass can commence?
- 6121 STOLEN ITEMS SOLD THROUGH ONLINE MARKETPLACES—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation—
- (1) Has the Government examined steps that it could take to reduce the sale of stolen items through online marketplaces in a manner similar to measures taken to reduce the number of stolen items sold through pawn shops?
- (a) If so, what measures have been examined?
- 6122 FINES ON INTERCITY TRAINS—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- (1) What is the current fine for passengers who break the pick-up or set-down only travel restrictions on intercity trains?
- (2) How many fines have been issued to passengers travelling on South Coast intercity services each month since the timetable changes introduced in October 2016 (to 1 August 2017)?
- 6123 RAIL INFRASTRUCTURE ON THE SOUTH COAST LINE—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- (1) What rail infrastructure upgrades will take place on the South Coast rail line between Waterfall and Wollongong as part of the Government's "More Trains More Services" program?

- (a) In what year will these upgrades take place?
- 6124 ENERGY ACCOUNTS PAYMENT ASSISTANCE VOUCHERS—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Housing, and Special Minister for State representing the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- (1) How many Energy Accounts Payment Assistance vouchers have been provided in each year since 2011 in the following suburbs:
- (a) Towradgi;
  - (b) Fairy Meadow;
  - (c) North Wollongong;
  - (d) Wollongong;
  - (e) Gwynneville;
  - (f) West Wollongong;
  - (g) Mangerton;
  - (h) Coniston;
  - (i) Figtree;
  - (j) Unanderra;
  - (k) Farmborough Heights;
  - (l) Cordeaux Heights;
  - (m) Mount Kembla;
  - (n) Berkeley;
  - (o) Warrawong;
  - (p) Lake Heights;
  - (q) Port Kembla;
  - (r) Primbee;
  - (s) Windang?
- 6125 FUNDING FOR ADDITIONAL FLOOD MITIGATION WORKS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—
- (1) What funding has been made available in the 2017-18 Budget for the provision of additional flood mitigation works to be carried out around the:
- (a) Fairfield Local Government Area;
  - (b) Cumberland Local Government Area?
- 6126 FUNDING FOR ENVIRONMENTAL EFFICIENCY AND SUSTAINABILITY—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—
- (1) What grant schemes or programs are available to sporting clubs, non-for-profit or community organisations to fund works to improve the energy, water, environmental efficiency or environmental sustainability of buildings and grounds, their clubs or organisations use?
- (2) When will applications be open for the next round of funding for each of these schemes or programs?
- 6127 REVIEW OF THE RESTART NSW FUND ACT—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—
- (1) Has the review of the Restart NSW Fund Act 2011 been completed (as at 1 August 2017)?
- (a) If so:
- (i) What did this review examine?
  - (ii) Did the review consider whether projects in Wollongong should continue to be excluded from eligibility under the Fund?
  - (iii) When will this review be tabled?
- 6128 VACANT POSTIONS AT WALLSEND AGED CARE FACILITY—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- (1) Are there vacant patient care positions at the Wallsend Aged Care Facility as at 31 July 2017?
- (2) Are there vacant support service positions at the Wallsend Aged Care facility as at 31 July 2017?
- 6129 OUTPATIENT PSYCHOLOGISTS IN HUNTER NEW ENGLAND HEALTH DISTRICT—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

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- (1) How many outpatient psychologists are working in the Hunter New England Health District as at 1 August 2017?  
(a) Where are they located?  
(b) How many hours a week are they each available?
- 6130 EAR NOSE AND THROAT SPECIALIST APPOINTMENTS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—  
How many patients referred for an ear nose and throat specialist appointment at the John Hunter Hospital are waiting to be seen as at 1 August 2017?
- 6131 EYE SPECIALIST APPOINTMENTS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—  
How many patients referred for an eye specialist appointment at the John Hunter Hospital and the John Hunter Children's Hospital are waiting to be seen as at 1 August 2017?
- 6132 HEALTH RECORDS AND INFORMATION PRIVACY ACT—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—  
(1) Has the Public Interest Direction by the Privacy Commissioner under the Health Records and Information Privacy Act concerning the extended offender's management system expired?  
(a) If so, when?  
(b) If so, has a code been developed under the Health Records and Information Privacy Act to replace the Direction?  
(2) If the Direction has expired and no code has been developed have agencies within your portfolio continued to operate in the same way as when the Direction was in force?
- 6133 ROADS IN THE COOKAMIDGERA AREA—Mr Philip Donato to ask the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—  
(1) When can I expect a response to my letters of 2 March 2017 and 29 May 2017 regarding my constituent's concerns about the poor condition and dangerous state of the roads in the Cookamidgera area?  
(2) Have you taken any action to investigate the concerns of my constituent which are outlined in my letter?
- 6134 WESTERN SYDNEY RAIL NEEDS SCOPING STUDY—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—  
(1) Has the Western Sydney Rail Needs Scoping Study been completed?  
(a) If no, when will it be completed?  
(b) If yes, when will it be released?
- 6135 SOCIAL HOUSING IN THE KEIRA ELECTORATE—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—  
(1) What is the average number of days between a tenant vacating a Housing NSW property and it being relet in the Keira electorate in each year from 2013 to 2017 (as at 1 August 2017)?  
(2) How many Housing NSW properties are currently vacant in the Keira electorate (as at 1 August 2017)?  
(3) How many days does each property remain vacant for, on average?
- 6136 NOISE CAMERA ON MOUNT OUSLEY M1—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—  
What funding has been set aside for the noise camera on Mount Ousley M1 to become functional in each Budget from 2013-14 to 2017-18?
- 6137 REDUCING THE MAINTENANCE BACKLOG IN SCHOOLS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Education—  
(1) Of the over 2100 schools in New South Wales to receive funding under the extra \$60 million to reduce the maintenance backlog, announced on 2 May 2017:  
(a) Which schools in the Kiama electorate have been allocated funds?  
(b) Which schools in the Shellharbour electorate have been allocated funds?

- (c) Which schools in the Wollongong electorate have been allocated funds?
- (d) Which schools in the Heathcote electorate have been allocated funds?
- (e) Which schools in the South Coast electorate have been allocated funds?
- (f) Which schools in the Keira electorate have been allocated funds?

6138 TAX REVENUE—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

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

6139 ROADSIDE DRUG TESTING—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

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

6140 MAKARATTA—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Education representing the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education—

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

6141 IWORCS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

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

6142 PRIVATELY OPERATED RESIDENTIAL AGED CARE FACILITIES—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

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

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

- (1) How many mental health beds are available in the Gosford electorate?
  - (a) Of these beds, how many are:
    - (i) Acute mental health beds;

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

6144 LAKE MACQUARIE TRANSPORT INTERCHANGE—Ms Jodie Harrison to ask the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

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

6145 GOVERNMENT CONTRACT FOR BUILDING CONSTRUCTION—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

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

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

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

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

- (1) How many businesses located on the Central Coast will have successfully applied for a Small Business Grant as at 30 June 2017?
  - (a) How many of these businesses are located in The Entrance electorate?

6148 SMALL BUSINESS GRANT—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

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

6149 ROADS AND MARITIME SERVICES—Ms Trish Doyle to ask the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

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

6150 OWNER OF TOMAREE LODGE—Ms Kate Washington to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

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

6151 BIKE SHARE REGULATION—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) What regulations apply to bike share operators in New South Wales?
- (2) How will the Government ensure a coordinated response from Transport for NSW, Roads and Maritime Services, Property NSW, Office of Local Government, Fair Trading, Councils and other agencies to new operators?
- (3) What measures will be taken to:
  - (a) Prevent large numbers of bikes blocking pedestrian access or risking safety;
  - (b) Clarify how abandoned bikes can be dealt with on public and private land and who is responsible;
  - (c) Provide insurance and consumer protection;

- (d) Clarify how bicycle helmet legislation applies and exemptions;  
(e) Ensure equitable access to public space across all agencies;  
(f) Facilitate competition amongst bike share operators?
- (4) What consideration has been given to applying similar provisions as will be implemented in Victoria with a bike share regulator?
- (5) What further action will be taken to ensure appropriate regulation of bike share operators using new online platforms?
- 6152 AMENDMENT TO RURAL LANDS PROTECTION ACT 1988—Mr Philip Donato 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—
- Will consideration be given to allowing an owner or occupier of land the right to require anyone bringing machinery onto their land to disturb the soil to have machinery professionally cleaned at the machinery owner's expense except in cases of emergency?
- 6153 WORKERS COMPENSATION FRAUD INVESTIGATIONS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—
- (1) How many matters were investigated by Safework NSW for potential fraud of the Workers Compensation scheme in the 2012-13 financial year?  
(a) How many of these instances led to the pursuit of fraud charges and prosecution?
- (2) How many matters were investigated by Safework NSW for potential fraud of the Workers Compensation scheme in the 2013-14 financial year?  
(a) How many of these instances led to the pursuit of fraud charges and prosecution?
- (3) How many matters were investigated by Safework NSW for potential fraud of the Workers Compensation scheme in the 2014-15 financial year?  
(a) How many of these instances led to the pursuit of fraud charges and prosecution?
- (4) How many matters were investigated by Safework NSW for potential fraud of the Workers Compensation scheme in the 2015-16 financial year?  
(a) How many of these instances led to the pursuit of fraud charges and prosecution?
- 6154 VACANT MILLERS POINT PROPERTIES—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—
- (1) How many vacant Millers Point properties has the Land and Housing Corporation transferred to Property NSW for sale?  
(a) What are the addresses of these properties?  
(b) How long has Property NSW been responsible for each?
- (2) How many of these vacant homes are:  
(a) Disability accessible;  
(b) 1 bedroom;  
(c) 2 bedrooms;  
(d) 3 bedrooms?
- (3) What is the estimated loss of rent for those properties vacated but not yet sold?
- (4) What is the cost of security and maintenance of vacant properties waiting for sale?
- (5) What steps will the Government take to ensure best use of and income from these properties until they are sold?
- 6155 CHILDREN'S CANCER AND HAEMATOLOGY SERVICES AT JOHN HUNTER HOSPITAL—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- How many patients were referred to the Children's Cancer and Haematology Service at the John Hunter Hospital in the 2016-17 financial year?
- 6156 BLOOD DONATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- (1) What measures are in place in New South Wales to test donated blood for blood-borne diseases?
- (2) What restrictions in New South Wales apply to the donation of blood by men who have sex with men?

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- 6157 AUDIT OF THE WALLSEND AGED CARE FACILITY—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Women, and Minister for Ageing—  
What steps are being taken to ensure all care recipients' privacy and dignity will be respected at the Wallsend Aged Care Facility?
- 6158 STAFFING LEVELS AT WALLSEND AGED CARE FACILITY—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—  
What strategies are in place to ensure that staffing levels are adequate to ensure best practice care at the Wallsend Aged Care Facility?
- 6159 POKER MACHINES IN ORANGE—Mr Philip Donato to ask the Minister for Lands and Forestry, and Minister for Racing—  
(1) How much money was put through poker machines in Orange in the 2015-16 financial year?  
(2) What measures are planned to control or reduce the amount of money spent on poker machine gambling in:  
(a) Orange;  
(b) New South Wales?
- 6160 BUS SERVICE FOR SPRING TERRACE PUBLIC SCHOOL—Mr Philip Donato to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—  
Will a bus service be provided to enable students of Spring Terrace Public School to travel between home and school?
- 6161 CALL OUT TIMES TO MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—  
(1) What was the average police call out time to motor vehicle accidents across New South Wales in each financial year from 2013-14 to 2017-18 (as at 1 August 2017)?  
(2) What was the average police call out time to motor vehicle accidents in the 2016-17 financial year for the following areas :  
(a) Hunter;  
(b) Illawarra;  
(c) Shoalhaven;  
(d) Central Coast;  
(e) Western New South Wales;  
(f) Sydney metropolitan area?
- 6162 DEATH IN CUSTODY—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Counter Terrorism, Minister for Corrections, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—  
(1) What caused the death of Eric James Whittaker while held in Parklea Prison?  
(2) What action have you taken to investigate this death?
- 6163 PROPOSED EXTENSION OF A RIGHT TURN BAY IN LIVERPOOL—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—  
Why did Roads and Maritime Services determine not to proceed with the proposal to extend the existing southbound right turn bay on Hume Highway into Memorial Avenue, Liverpool?
- 6164 PERINATAL DEPRESSION—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—  
If mothers diagnosed with perinatal depression are treated in Mental Health Units accompanied by their newborns, which child and health nurses are present to provide care and treatment?
- 6165 DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE DEBT RECOVERY WORKING GROUP—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General—  
(1) When did the Department of Justice debt recovery working group start to consider the issue of persons fraudulently obtaining default judgments in local courts?  
(2) When is it planned the working group will complete its task?  
(3) When will you bring legislative amendments to the Parliament concerning persons fraudulently obtaining default judgments in local courts?

- 6166 REDEVELOPED WAGGA WAGGA COURTHOUSE—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General—
- (1) What is your response to concerns in relation to the redeveloped Wagga Wagga Courthouse that:
    - (a) The new trial court jury box is too close to the bar table;
    - (b) Jurors can hear private conversations between lawyers about material not yet admitted to evidence;
    - (c) There is a lack of seating place for practitioners in large hearings;
    - (d) There are inadequate professional rooms for legal practitioners;
    - (e) There is no room for further expansion or parking;
    - (f) The architecture is out of character with surrounding buildings;
    - (g) The new structure is on a site too small and narrow?
- 6167 PICTON ROAD MAINTENANCE WORKS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—
- (1) What funding did the Government commit for maintenance works for Picton Road in each financial year from 2013-14 to 2017-18 (as at 1 August 2017)?
  - (2) What planned expenditure on new works to improve road safety on Picton Road did the Government commit in each financial year from 2013-14 to 2017-18 (as at 1 August 2017)?
- 6168 MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS REPORTED ON PICTON ROAD—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—
- (1) How many motor vehicle accidents have been reported on Picton Road in each year from 2013 to 2017 (as at 1 August 2017)?
    - (a) How many of these motor vehicle accidents have been fatalities?
- 6169 GRAFFITI REMOVAL BUDGET IN THE 2016-17 FINANCIAL YEAR—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—
- What was the graffiti removal budget to Roads and Maritime Services property in the 2016-17 financial year in the Illawarra?
- 6170 EMERGENCY SERVICES LEVY INSURANCE MONITOR—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—
- Was is the amount of annual remuneration paid to Allan Fels as the Emergency Services Levy Insurance Monitor?
- 6171 WILD DEER IN THE WERAKATA NATIONAL PARK—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—
- (1) Is the Minister aware of the population size of the herd of wild deer that lives in the Werakata National Park around the localities of Neath, Kearsley and Richmond Vale?
    - (a) If so, what is the approximate number?
  - (2) Are there any control programs available that will target these wild deer?
  - (3) Have any control programs been used in the area in the past to reduce the wild deer population?
- 6172 CLUBGRANTS CATEGORY 3 FUND—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Lands and Forestry, and Minister for Racing—
- (1) What was the contribution to the ClubGrants Category 3 Fund from clubs located in the Wollongong and Shellharbour local government areas for each year from 2011 (as at 1 August 2017)?
  - (2) How many ClubGrants Category 3 Grants have been awarded in the Wollongong and Shellharbour local government areas since 2011 (as at 1 August 2017)?
    - (a) What was the amount of each of these grants?
    - (b) Which organisations received funding?
    - (c) What were the projects for which the funding was received?
  - (3) How many applications were submitted for ClubGrants Category 3 Grants from organisations in the Wollongong and Shellharbour local government areas since 2011 (as at 1 August 2017)?
- 6173 SYDNEY FERRIES FORMER EMPLOYEE CLAIMS—Ms Jodi McKay to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- (1) Have any claims been made by former employees against Sydney Ferries in the 2015-16 or 2016-17 financial years?



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- (a) If so:
- (i) Has a law firm been engaged by Sydney Ferries?
    - (i) If so, which firm has been engaged?
  - (ii) In what year did each claim arise?
  - (iii) Have any claims been resolved?
    - (i) If so, was a settlement fee paid?
    - (ii) If so, how much was the settlement fee?
  - (iv) In what court were any claims being dealt with?
  - (v) What were the claims?
- 6174 PROPOSED FREE ALTERNATIVES ON NEW SOUTH WALES ROADS—Ms Jodi McKay to ask the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—
- (1) What is the proposed free alternative to the:
    - (a) M4 between Parramatta and Homebush;
    - (b) M4-M5 Link;
    - (c) New M5 as part of WestConnex;
    - (d) Proposed Western Harbour Tunnel toll road;
    - (e) M12 motorway;
    - (f) F6;
    - (g) Northern Beaches Link?
- 6175 SIX NEW FERRIES IN SYDNEY—Ms Jodi McKay to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- (1) When will each of the six new ferries in Sydney first carry passengers?
  - (2) How many of these ferries are in the water?
    - (a) On what date did they enter the water?
  - (3) What, if any, defects were detected with each of these six ferries?
- 6176 WESTCONNEX INTEGRATION WORKS—Ms Jodi McKay to ask the Minister for Western Sydney, Minister for WestConnex, and Minister for Sport—
- (1) What was the estimated total cost of WestConnex integration works?
  - (2) How much has been spent on WestConnex integration as at 1 August 2017?
- 6177 TRANSPORT ACCESS PROGRAM EXPENDITURE—Ms Jodi McKay to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- How much was spent as part of the Transport Access program in the 2015-16 and 2016-17 financial years?
- 6178 NSW SERVICES IN THE 2016-17 BUDGET—Ms Jodi McKay to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- (1) Have all the 218 new buses to cater for 'NSW Services' mentioned in the 2016-17 Budget been delivered?
    - (a) Please list the number of new buses to cater for 'NSW Services' that have been delivered to each depot.
- 6179 NSW LAND AND HOUSING PROPERTIES IN THE SHELLHARBOUR ELECTORATE—Ms Anna Watson 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) What is the total number of NSW Land and Housing properties currently located within the Shellharbour electorate (as at 1 August 2017)?
  - (2) How many NSW Land and Housing properties were located within the electorate of Shellharbour as at:
    - (a) 1 January 2015;
    - (b) 1 January 2011;
    - (c) 1 January 2005;
    - (d) 1 January 2000?

- 6180 SOCIAL HOUSING- UPGRADE IN THE SHELLHARBOUR ELECTORATE—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—
- (1) How 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?
- 6181 SERVICE NSW CENTRES—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—
- (1) How many people have been served at Service NSW Centres between 1 July 2016 and 30 June 2017 at:
    - (a) Parramatta;
    - (b) Auburn;
    - (c) Wetherill Park;
    - (d) Silverwater?
- 6182 WESTERN SYDNEY PORTFOLIO—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Western Sydney, Minister for WestConnex, and Minister for Sport—
- (1) Which local government areas fall within the Western Sydney portfolio?
  - (2) Are all of the local government areas covered by the proposed Western Sydney City Deal?
    - (a) If not, why not?
    - (b) Were the proposed boundaries of the Western Sydney City Deal proposed by the Government or the Commonwealth Government?
  - (3) What is the expected timeline for the finalisation of the Western Sydney City Deal?
  - (4) Will the Western Sydney City Deal include initiatives concerning:
    - (a) The Earn Back model to increase self-sufficiency in delivering infrastructure investment;
    - (b) Investment Framework;
    - (c) Skills;
    - (d) Business Support;
    - (e) Inward Investment;
    - (f) Low Carbon;
    - (g) Housing;
    - (h) Transport?
  - (5) In relation to the Western Sydney City Deal:
    - (a) What budget has been allocated and how many staff are employed to support this initiative?
    - (b) What is the expected timeline for finalisation of the agreement?
  - (6) In relation to the Western Sydney Airport:
    - (a) What budget has been allocated and how many staff are employed to support this initiative?
    - (b) What are the expected milestones for this project and what is the role of the Western Sydney portfolio in this project?
  - (7) In relation to the Hawkesbury Nepean Flood Strategy:
    - (a) What budget has been allocated and how many staff are employed to support this initiative?
    - (b) What are the expected milestones for this project?
    - (c) What is the role of the Western Sydney portfolio in this project?
  - (8) What benefits can residents of Cumberland and City of Parramatta local government areas expect from the Western Sydney portfolio?
- 6183 FORMER MINISTER FOR POLICE COMMITMENTS—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—
- (1) What progress is being made in implementing the following commitments made by the Member for Penrith on 30 September 2010:
    - (a) Requiring every Local Area Command to have at least one Neighbourhood Watch group;
    - (b) Piloting ten Online Neighbourhood Watch Groups that allow people to discuss local crime trends and share information over the internet as well as allowing Police to issue real time warnings to members;

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- (c) Creating a specialist team of Community Intelligence Information Officers based at Police Assistance Line locations to analyse crime data for Local Area Commands and Neighbourhood Watch groups?
- 6184 M4 WIDENING PROJECT—Mr Michael Daley to ask the Minister for Western Sydney, Minister for WestConnex, and Minister for Sport—
- (1) Was the M4 widening completed on time and on budget?
  - (2) What was the final total cost of the M4 widening?
  - (3) Were any liquidated damage penalties applicable to the M4 widening?
    - (a) If so, how much were the penalties?
- 6185 MAKING IT WORK FOR YOU (NGIS) PROGRAM—Mr Michael Daley to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- (1) When is the Making It Work For You (NGIS) program due to be completed?
  - (2) What is the total budget of the Making It Work For You (NGIS) program?
  - (3) How much has been spent to date on the Making It Work For You (NGIS) program (as at 1 August 2017)?
- 6186 AUTHORISED ENGINEERING ORGANISATION—Mr Michael Daley to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- (1) Is Transport for NSW, Sydney Trains and NSW Trains an Authorised Engineering organisation under the Asset Standards Authority?
    - (a) If so, when did these authorities become one?
    - (b) If not, are there any plans to become one?
- 6187 COMPENSATION CLAIMS WITH SYDNEY MOTORWAY CORPORATION PROJECT COMPANIES—Mr Michael Daley to ask the Minister for Western Sydney, Minister for WestConnex, and Minister for Sport—
- (1) Have the \$1.05 billion in compensation claims with Sydney Motorway Corporation project companies been finalised?
    - (a) If not, have any of the compensation claims from the Sydney Motorway Corporation project companies been finalised?
      - (i) If so, what was the valuation of the settlement?
  - (2) What is the total WestConnex budget for compensation claims?
  - (3) What is the current Roads and Maritime Services estimate of the value of the settlement of claims currently under review?
  - (4) What planning approval delays have resulted in a claim of compensation with Sydney Motorway Corporation project companies?
  - (5) When will compensation claims with Sydney Motorway Corporation project companies be finalised?
- 6188 WORKERS COMPENSATION PUBLIC FUNDING—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—
- (1) Are individual government contracts with Workers Compensation insurers available for public scrutiny?
  - (2) Which government department has access to all contracts?
  - (3) To whom does the department report to ensure transparency of funds spent?
- 6189 STOLEN GENERATION HEALING—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Education representing the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education—
- (1) Which Government agency has the authority to coordinate a whole of Government response to the Stolen Generation and the Healing Foundation study of 20 years progress since the 1997 'Bringing Them Home' report?
  - (2) What action has been taken to contribute to a comprehensive national needs analysis for surviving members of the Stolen Generation?
  - (3) What action has been taken to contribute to a national scheme for reparations and culturally appropriate healing services?
  - (4) What training has been provided for organisations and service providers about Stolen Generations

trauma and getting effective help to those affected?

- (a) Of the training that has been provided what training has been provided to :
- (i) Police and emergency service workers;
  - (ii) Health service providers;
  - (iii) Welfare service providers;
  - (iv) Service NSW officers?

- (5) What programs, funding or support have been provided to healing programs for survivors of the Stolen Generation and their descendants?
- (6) What action has been taken to contribute to comprehensive study of intergenerational trauma and responses to social and health problems in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities including:
- (a) Suicide;
  - (b) Domestic violence;
  - (c) Substance abuse;
  - (d) Incarceration rates;
  - (e) The high numbers of children entering the protection system?
- (7) What further plans are there to address the ongoing impacts of the Stolen Generation?

6190 TENANT LISTINGS ON TENANCY DATABASES—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Attorney General—

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

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

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

6192 HOME BUILDING DEFECTS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation—

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

6193 LENNOX BRIDGE IN LANSVALE—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

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

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

- (1) Who is investigating the nearly four year delay by police in arresting Michael Aboud after interviewing him?
  - (a) When did the investigation commence?

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- (b) When will the investigation review be complete?
  - (c) When will the report on the investigation be released publicly?
- 6195 FUTURE FUNDING OF COMMUNITY LEGAL CENTRES—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General—
- (1) When will the review into future funding of community legal centres (CLCs) commence?
    - (a) Who will conduct the review referred to above?
    - (b) Have the terms of reference from the referred to above been set?
      - (i) If yes, what are they?
      - (ii) If no, will CLCs be able to participate in the formation of the terms of reference?

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