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*7500 FREE SHUTTLE BUS FOR ROADS AND MARITIME SERVICES EMPLOYEES—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

- (1) Has the free shuttle bus to transport Roads and Maritime Services employees from Sydney CBD to Rozelle three times daily been cancelled?
 - (a) If so, on what date was the service cancelled?
 - (b) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

The shuttle bus which transports Roads and Maritime Services employees from the Sydney CBD to Rozelle has not been cancelled. Roads and Maritime has a commercial contract in place with the shuttle service provider.

This service was an enterprise bargaining condition agreed to in recognition of the limited public transport options available.

Roads and Maritime's office located within the industrial precinct at Rozelle is similar to other large employers in the business precinct providing a shuttle bus service for staff.

*7501 INSTALLATION OF LIFTS AT UNANDERRA STATION—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) On what dates has the Parliamentary Secretary for Education and the Illawarra and South Coast raised with you the need to fund the installation of lifts at Unanderra Station?
 - (a) What has been your response?
 - (i) Why has this been your response?

Answer—

I am advised:

I do not disclose discussions with my colleagues.

*7502 PUBLIC PURPOSE FUND—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General—

- (1) Is consideration being given to the Law and Justice Foundation becoming a non-discretionary beneficiary of the Public Purpose Fund?
 - (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

Non-discretionary payments from the Public Purpose Fund can only be made for the purposes of regulating the legal profession in New South Wales, pursuant to section 53 of the Legal Profession Uniform Law Application Act 2014.

*7503 ON DEMAND SHUTTLE IN FIGTREE—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) How many passengers have used the On Demand shuttle operating in the Figtree area since it began operations (to 13 February 2018)?
- (2) How many passengers have, to 13 February 2018, used the On Demand shuttle operating in:
 - (a) Thirroul;
 - (b) Shellharbour?
- (3) How many vehicles are involved in the On Demand trial in the Figtree area?
- (4) How many vehicles are involved in the On Demand shuttle operating in:
 - (a) Thirroul;
 - (b) Shellharbour?
- (5) How has this service been advertised in:
 - (a) Figtree;
 - (b) Thirroul;

- (c) Shellharbour?
- (6) How many people have downloaded the On Demand app in Figtree (as at 13 February 2018)?
- (7) How much revenue has the On Demand service raised since its operation in Figtree (to 13 February 2018)?
- (8) How much revenue have the On Demand services raised since the start of operation (to 13 February 2018) in:
- Thirroul;
 - Shellharbour?
- (9) What are the expenses for the On Demand service since it started operation (to 13 February 2018) in Figtree?
- (10) What are the expenses for the On Demand service since the start of operation (to 13 February 2018) in:
- Thirroul;
 - Shellharbour?
- (11) What is the reason for setting the On Demand trial boundaries on the suburb of Figtree, while excluding those areas of the suburb located in the electorate of Wollongong?

Answer—

I am advised:

On Demand transport allows people to book a vehicle to pick them up from home or a convenient local location like a bus stop using an app, website or phone.

On Demand pilots are currently underway at various locations across greater Sydney.

Initially, the pilots will run alongside existing services and help inform Transport for NSW's thinking for future service contracts and create potential opportunities for new models and entrants in the transport network of the future.

Incremental patronage growth has been strong for the Premier On Demand Service since the service started on 2 January 2018, with results showing consistent week-on-week growth and continued positive community and customer feedback.

The operational zones were determined by the proponent, and chosen based on a range of operational factors including the number of vehicles allocated per zone and an ability to meet estimated maximum journey times.

*7504 FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT PARAMEDICS IN THE ILLAWARRA—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

What is the number of full-time equivalent Paramedics in the Illawarra in each year from 2012 to 2018 (as at 13 February 2018)?

Answer—

I am advised that the number of Paramedic positions across the Illawarra Zone Stations has increased by over 20.0 full-time equivalent during this period.

*7506 TRAIN SERVICES ON THE SOUTH COAST LINE—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) How many train services on the South Coast Line between 26 November 2017 and 31 December 2017 were:
- Cancelled;
 - Delayed?
- (2) How many train services on the South Coast Line between 1 and 31 January 2018 were:
- Cancelled;
 - Delayed?

Answer—

I am advised:

Sydney Trains performance is measured by punctuality. This information is available on the Sydney Trains website. Services that are cancelled are not considered on time for the purposes of punctuality reporting.

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*7507 WOLLONGONG HOSPITAL CONCESSION PARKING—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

(1) How many people applied for concessions for parking at Wollongong Hospital (to 13 February 2018)?

(a) How many concessions have been issued (as at 13 February 2018)?

(2) What were the top five reasons for refusing applications for concession?

Answer—

I am advised that Wollongong Hospital does not record the number of concession parking applications received.

Applicants who meet the criteria are issued concessions for parking.

*7508 PASSENGER DATA ON NEWCASTLE BUSES—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

(1) What methods are used for the collection of passenger data on Newcastle Buses?

(a) What guidelines exist to set out methodologies for the collection and reporting of this data?

(b) What guidelines exist for the publication of this data?

Answer—

I am advised:

Passenger travel data is collected from Opal readers. Guidelines are in place and are available on the Opal website.

*7510 SCHOOLS IN FLETCHER—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Education—

What plans exist to ensure that schools in the Fletcher area are capable of incorporating expected demand for rising populations of young families?

Answer—

I'm advised that the Fletcher area is currently serviced by the Glendore and Minmi Public Schools, Callaghan College Wallsend and Jesmond secondary schools.

I'm further advised that these schools are adequate to meet the enrolment demand.

Planning to meet future school needs is well advanced. This includes identifying long-term educational requirements of the area and assessing options to meet future enrolment demand.

*7511 OLD WALLSEND FIRE STATION SITE—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—

What are the current plans for the use of the old Wallsend Fire Station site?

Answer—

I am advised:

With the opening of the new Wallsend Fire Station, the previous site will be disposed of in accordance with relevant policies and procedures.

*7512 2018 LEGAL TOPICS FOR OLDER PEOPLE DIARY—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General—

How much was spent preparing, publishing, printing and distributing the NSW Legal Aid Legal Topics for Older People Diary 2018?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Legal Aid Legal Topics for Older People Diary 2018 (the diary) is available free of charge and provides older people across NSW with essential information about their legal rights, legal services and resources in an accessible and useful format.

There were 55,000 diaries produced in 2018, with more than 38,000 pre-orders for the diary from sponsor organisations, libraries offices and community organisations.

The cost of preparing, publishing, printing and distributing the diary was contributed to by a mixture of government and non-government organisations including Legal Aid NSW, the Department of Family and Community Services, Law Society of NSW, NSW Trustee & Guardian, Seniors Rights Service, NSW

Elder Abuse Helpline and Resource Unit, Financial Ombudsman Service Australia, Credit & Investments Ombudsman and the Energy & Water Ombudsman NSW.

*7513 JUST REINVEST NSW PRE-BUDGET SUBMISSION—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General—

What is your response to the Just Reinvest NSW Pre-Budget submission?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Just Reinvest NSW pre-budget submission is being considered in the context of wider work being done to address the overrepresentation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the criminal justice system and to increase community safety.

*7514 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CLAIMS—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General—

In light of comments on page 121 of the Department of Justice's Annual Report 2016-17, in what ways have the number of domestic violence claims changed in the last three years?

Answer—

I am advised:

The number of applications from victims of domestic violence have changed over the last couple of years as more victims are accessing the Victims Support Scheme (VSS). The increase is mainly driven by Government initiatives aimed at helping domestic violence victims gain direct access to the Victims Services section of the Department, such as the state wide rollout of Safer Pathway, and an increased media focus on family violence which may increase awareness and usage of assistance from the VSS.

*7516 LEGAL EXPENDITURES REPORTED TO NSW PROCUREMENT—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) Considering the responses to LA Q7192 and LA Q7193, what was the amount of legal expenditures reported to NSW Procurement by each cluster of NSW Government agencies for the 2016-17 financial year?
- (2) What was the total legal expenditures reported to NSW Procurement by General Government agencies for the 2015-16 and 2016-17 financial years?

Answer—

I am advised:

Transport for NSW reports NSW Government Legal Services Panel billings to the NSW Procurement Board.

These billings are available in the NSW Government Legal Services Panel annual report for the 2016-17 financial year, which is publicly available on the website of the Department of Justice.

As the NSW Government Legal Services Panel commenced on 1 July 2016, this information is not available for the 2015-2016 financial year.

*7517 CAMDEN COURT HOUSE—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General—

What are the plans for the development of Camden Court House?

Answer—

I am advised:

I refer the Member to the response to his previous question LA Q7345.

*7518 LIFELINK PROGRAM—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General—

- (1) Why has the LifeLink Program used by marriage celebrants not yet been upgraded to take account of changes to Marriage Legislation in December 2017?
- (2) When will the LifeLink Program be updated?
- (3) What is the estimated cost of the upgrade of the LifeLink Program?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Marriage celebrants do not have access to the Lifelink program and do not use it to register marriages.
- (2) The Lifelink program, and other electronic programs used by the NSW Registry of Births Deaths &

Marriages, are currently being updated.

(3) This information is not available.

*7519 PRIVACY MANAGEMENT PRACTICES—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General—

What steps have you or your Department taken to monitor or improve the privacy management practices and capacity of non-government organisations that have received Government funding to deliver services?

Answer—

I am advised:

Non-government organisations engaged to deliver services on behalf of the Government are required to comply with privacy obligations outlined in their contracts of engagement.

Standard clauses in funding deeds also require non-government organisations to comply with the Information Privacy Principles of the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998 when handling the personal information of individuals they engage with in the course of delivering funded services.

Non-government organisations in New South Wales which have an annual turnover of more than \$3 million are also required to comply with the Commonwealth Government's Privacy Act 1988.

*7520 FREE BUS TRAVEL FOR YEARS 3 TO 6 STUDENTS—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

(1) Are students in Years 3 to 6 eligible for free bus travel to and from school if they live:

- (a) 2.2 kilometres from their school?
- (b) 2.3 kilometres from their school?

(2) Is terrain between a child's house and school taken into account when determining eligibility for a bus pass?

(3) Is there any consideration of risks associated with a child walking to school if they are ineligible for a bus pass on the basis of their walking distance, for example crossing busy roads/major highways?

Answer—

I am advised:

This information is available on the School Student Transport Scheme website.

*7521 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN ORANGE—Mr Philip Donato asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—

What steps are you, as Minister for Police, and the Government undertaking to reduce the incidence of domestic violence in Orange, which is reportedly twice that of the State average?

Answer—

Through the investment of more than \$350 million over four years, the Government has taken concrete steps to improve the safety of domestic and family violence victims and hold perpetrators accountable.

The Safer Pathway program, which is an important component of the Government's domestic and family violence reforms, was successfully launched in two sites, one of which was Orange, in September 2014. The Government will continue to roll out Safer Pathway investing \$13 million in the 2017-18 budget.

Additionally, in the 2017-18 budget the Government committed:

- \$25 million for Start Safely, to help people escaping violence move into stable housing in the private rental market;
- More than \$10 million for behaviour change interventions for high-risk offenders;
- \$10 million for Women's Domestic Violence Court Advocacy service to support victims through the criminal justice system;
- \$6.2 million for Staying Home Leaving Violence to support women and their children to remain safely at home;
- \$5.1 million for the NSW Police Force High Risk Offender Teams, which includes the continued roll-out of new teams in 2017-18;
- \$4 million to support a trial of the core and cluster accommodation model to increase capacity of women's refuges;
- \$4.9 million for non-government organisation led community based perpetrator interventions;
- \$3.7 million in support of the multi-agency Integrated Domestic and Family Violence Service

Program;

- \$1.7 million for the NSW Domestic Violence Line.

Additionally, under reforms by this Government the NSW Police Force has the power to issue provisional Apprehended Domestic Violence Orders (ADVOs) to help provide immediate protection to domestic violence victims. Domestic Violence Suspect Target Management Plans targeting repeat domestic violence offenders were rolled out state-wide in February 2016.

In addition, I am advised:

The Central Western Police District was one of the first to use the Domestic Violence Safety Assessment Tool and to participate in Safety Action Meetings to proactively reduce the risk of harm to domestic violence victims.

The new District has a Domestic Violence Officer and a Domestic Liaison Officer at both Orange and Parkes, specialising in enforcement and victim support respectively, who also work with the Districts Proactive and Property Investigation Team when conducting Apprehended Violence Order compliance operations.

*7522 CORRESPONDENCE CONCERNING NOISE MITIGATION AT TREWILGA—Mr Philip Donato asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

- (1) When can I expect a response to the letter sent to your office dated 27 October 2017, in which I detailed concerns raised by my constituent regarding Roads and Maritime Services proposals that relate to noise mitigation at Trewilga and reported subsequent significant adverse effects suffered by my constituent and his family?
- (2) What steps is the Government undertaking to investigate the issues raised within my correspondence?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) A response was signed by the Parliamentary Secretary on 22 February 2018.
- (2) Roads and Maritime Services will continue to engage with your constituent until agreement is reached.

*7523 RESPONSE TO CORRESPONDENCE—Mr Philip Donato asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) When can I expect a response to letters sent to your office dated 26 October 2017 and 2 February 2018 regarding concerns raised by a constituent regarding an incident at Circular Quay on 22 April 2017 which resulted in significant injuries sustained at the Transport for NSW facility?
- (2) What steps is the Government undertaking to investigate the issues raised within my correspondence?

Answer—

I am advised:

I refer you to the response from the Parliamentary Secretary for Transport and Infrastructure dated 5 December 2017 and my response dated 26 February 2018.

*7524 TRANSPORT FOR NSW OFFICIAL TRAVEL—Ms Trish Doyle asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) Have Transport for NSW representatives travelled to Korea to meet with Hyundai-Rotem representatives and inspect progress of construction of the New Intercity Fleet?
 - (a) If yes:
 - (i) How many trips have been undertaken?
 - (ii) What were the dates of those trips?
 - (iii) How many Transport for NSW representatives travelled on each of those trips?
 - (iv) What is the total cost of overseas trips since the sign-off on the contract for the New Intercity Fleet?

Answer—

I am advised:

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Overseas travel by officers is detailed in the Transport Cluster annual reports and must comply with the Code of Ethics and Conduct for NSW government sector employees and the NSW Procurement Policy Framework.

- *7525 ADVERTISING OF INSTANT CASH LOANS—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation—

What regulation is in place to protect people from the targeted advertising of instant cash loans?

Answer—

Regulation of instant cash loans is the responsibility of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC).

The New South Wales Government has invested in financial counselling positions across the State. People experiencing financial distress can visit www.fcan.com.au or call 1300 914 408 to find a financial counsellor in their local area.

- *7526 NSW STOLEN GENERATIONS REPARATIONS SCHEME AND FUNERAL ASSISTANCE FUND—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Education representing the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education—

What is the Government doing to promote the NSW Stolen Generations Reparations Scheme and Funeral Assistance Fund?

Answer—

In response to the General Purpose Standing Committee No. 3 report into reparations for the Stolen Generations Unfinished Business the Government has invested \$75 million in reparations initiatives. This included the establishment of the Stolen Generations Reparations Scheme and Funeral Assistance Fund that commenced on 1 July 2017. The Reparations Scheme will run until 31 December 2022, and the Funeral Assistance Fund will run as long as needed. As at 19 March 2018 a total of \$21.7 million has been paid in reparation and funeral assistance payments to Stolen Generation survivors.

The remainder of the funding is allocated to the establishment of a Stolen Generations healing fund and financial support to Stolen Generations organisations.

An extensive media campaign was rolled out in late June 2017 to publicise the opening of the Stolen Generations Reparations Scheme (SGRS). This included public notices in all key state wide, regional and indigenous press along with online digital public notices in the Koori Mail Online and the National Indigenous Times Online.

In addition, specific briefings were held for key stakeholders and information about the eligibility requirements of the Scheme along with application forms and various Fact Sheets relating to a variety of SGRS issues were posted on the Aboriginal Affairs Website - <https://www.aboriginalaffairs.nsw.gov.au/healing-and-reparations/stolen-generations>.

Ongoing, targeted and trauma informed promotion of the Scheme is being undertaken on a regular basis through conversations with key stakeholder organisations including Legal Aid NSW, Aboriginal Health and Medical Research Council NSW and LinkUP NSW.

Aboriginal Affairs considers the advice of Stolen Generations survivors in formulating all communication strategies as it is critical in understanding and minimising the trauma that can be experienced by survivors when confronted by media and other publicity relating to Stolen Generation issues.

In 2017 the Stolen Generations Advisory Committee was established to support the implementation of the New South Wales Government Response to 'Unfinished Business' including the Scheme and Funeral Assistance Fund. The Stolen Generations Advisory Committee reports to the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and the Premier on issues impacting on Stolen Generations survivors.

Through the Advisory Committee representatives from the four New South Wales Stolen Generations Organisations – Kinchela Boys' Home Aboriginal Corporation, Coota Girls Aboriginal Corporation, Children of the Bomaderry Aboriginal Children's Home Incorporated and the New South Wales/Australian Capital Territory Stolen Generations Council – work with government officials from the Departments responsible for delivering services or supports for Stolen Generations survivors.

The Advisory Committee meets quarterly and regular updates are discussed regarding the Scheme and Funeral Assistance Fund.

- *7527 48 BUS SERVICE—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

Why did the 48 bus service, due at Charlestown at 3:55 pm, arrive at 4:20 pm on 6 February 2018?

Answer—

I am advised:

The bus used to run the 48 bus service was delayed due to heavy traffic on its previous run. As a result, the 48 bus service ran late and reached Charlestown at 4.19pm.

Keolis Downer is reviewing the timetable to ensure it accounts for the heavy traffic in the afternoon.

*7528 LAKE MACQUARIE TRANSPORT INTERCHANGE—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

Is the Government committed to funding the Lake Macquarie Transport Interchange at Glendale?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Government has committed \$1.7 million to the preparation of a Strategic Business Case.

*7529 STAGE 5 OF THE NEWCASTLE INNER CITY BYPASS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

Has the Government funded Stage 5 of the Newcastle Inner City Bypass from Rankin Park to Jesmond?

Answer—

I am advised:

Information about the Newcastle Inner City Bypass is available on the Roads and Maritime Services website.

*7530 FIRST RESPONSE GENERAL DUTIES POLICE OFFICERS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—

(1) How many first response general duties Police Officers prior to the re-engineering process were in the:

- (a) Central Hunter Police Command?
- (b) Port Stephens Police Command?

(2) How many first response general duties Police Officers are there in the re-engineered Port Stephens/Hunter Police District?

Answer—

I am advised:

Police District boundaries do not align with the previous Local Area Commands (LACs). Police strength figures for former LACs are available on the NSW Police Force website at www.police.nsw.gov.au.

The Commissioner of Police allocates police officers based on operational requirements.

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*7531 RETURN AND EARN SCHEME—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) What are the impacts on the Return and Earn scheme of China's decision to stop importing recyclable materials from Australia?
- (2) What contingency plans have been devised or implemented to manage any impact on the scheme caused by the decision?
- (3) What assistance or advice is the Government providing to local councils around kerbside recycling collection?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) and (2) Containers collected through Return and Earn Collection Points have not been impacted by China's decision.

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(3) An assistance package was announced on March 20. Please refer to NSW Environment Protection Authority website for further information.

*7532 DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING'S CHARACTER STATEMENTS—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Housing, and Special Minister for State—

- (1) What legal impact will the Department of Planning's character statements have on the determination of the Sydenham to Bankstown Urban Renewal strategy?
- (2) Will the proposed statements incorporate recommendations that councils will be required to integrate into amended Local Environment Plans?
 - (a) Will the Sydney Planning Panel or Greater Sydney Commission have to refer to or incorporate these character statements?
 - (i) If so, how?
- (3) How will these character statements impact development approvals along the corridor?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Department is currently in the process of finalising the submissions report for the public exhibition of the Sydenham to Bankstown Urban Renewal Strategy that occurred in 2017. The planning response to the issues and challenges raised by over 2,800 submissions will be informed by the Local Character Statement.

The Local Character Statements will define the elements of the precinct that the community values. It will ensure that the existing and desired future local character is acknowledged in all future planning for the precinct.

The recent changes to the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 recognise the critical role of councils in strategic planning for their local area. Under the changes each council will prepare a local strategic planning statement which will set out the 20-year vision for land-use in the local area, the special character and values that are to be preserved and how change will be managed into the future. The statements will need to align with the regional and district plans, and the council's own priorities in the community strategic plan it prepares under local government legislation.

The statements will shape how the development controls in the local environmental plan (LEP) evolve over time, with the LEP the main tool to deliver the council and community's plan.

As part of preparing these statements council will consider a range of inputs, such as local housing strategies, employment studies, as well as any planned precincts within their local government area and their accompanying Local Character Statements.

*7533 SECONDARY MATHEMATICS TEACHERS—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) How many vacancies are there, as at 13 February 2018, of suitably qualified and accredited secondary mathematics teachers in New South Wales public schools:
 - (a) Across the State?
 - (b) In the Macquarie Fields electorate?
- (2) What is being done to rectify the shortage of suitably qualified and accredited secondary mathematics teachers in New South Wales secondary schools?
- (3) What measures are in place to ensure that secondary students without suitably qualified and accredited mathematics teachers are not left behind?
 - (a) What is being done to ensure those students' learning outcomes meet the requirements of the current syllabus and curriculum?
- (4) How many teachers applied for a Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Scholarship for Science and Mathematics in 2017?
- (5) How many STEM Scholarships for Science and Mathematics will be made available in 2018?
 - (a) Will the intake of suitable candidates be increased to help address the existing shortfall of suitably qualified and accredited secondary mathematics teachers?

Answer—

I'm advised that as at 13 February 2018, there were 81 mathematics related vacancies across New South Wales, two of which were in the Macquarie Fields electorate.

As part of the Government's commitment to Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM), 320 public school teachers are being provided scholarship opportunities to train as specialists in mathematics and science over a four year period commencing in 2015, increasing the supply of highly trained teachers in key foundation learning areas.

If a teaching position in a school does not have a permanent occupant, the Principal will engage a qualified casual or temporary employee, endorsed by the NSW Department of Education, to support in the delivery of the school's educational and curriculum priorities.

Principals are responsible for the teaching allocation, resourcing and monitoring of all subjects offered within the school. Schools monitor student achievement of learning outcomes in all subjects through a variety of school-based and external assessments.

A total of 139 teachers applied for the scholarship in 2017.

In 2018, 90 scholarships will be made available for the 2019 STEM scholarships for science and maths program.

In addition, the department offers cadetships, internships and teach. Rural scholarships to students seeking to qualify as teachers in subject areas and locations of workforce need, including mathematics; physics; technological and applied studies, particularly engineering studies and industrial technology including design and technology; and special education.

*7534 MACQUARIE FIELDS POLICE STATION—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—

- (1) Is the exhibit room at Macquarie Fields Police Station fit for purpose to securely store police exhibits?
 - (a) If not:
 - (i) Why not?
 - (ii) How is this being addressed?

Answer—

I am advised:

The exhibits storage facilities at Macquarie Fields police station are fit for purpose.

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

*7535 LEACOCK REGIONAL PARK MAINTENANCE—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) Considering the Minister's response to LA Q7079 regarding the \$423,000 budget allocation for the maintenance and improvement of Leacock Regional Park for the 2017-18 financial year, how will this money be spent?
- (2) What is the forward-planning strategy for Leacock Regional Park, including details of improvements and upgrades planned over the next three years?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) \$170,000 was allocated for the Bellbird walking track upgrade

\$210,000 was allocated for bush regeneration

\$43,000 was allocated for general park maintenance works.

(2) The National Parks and Wildlife Service will continue to work to goals set out in the Vegetation Rehabilitation and Landscape Management Plan 2014 and the Regional Pest Management Strategy.

*7536 CAMPBELLTOWN CITY POLICE AREA COMMAND—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—

- (1) Considering the announcement the Macquarie Fields Local Area Command and Campbelltown Local Area Command have been consolidated into the Campbelltown City Police Area Command, as of 1 February 2018, will the operations of Macquarie Fields station change in any way?
- (2) Will the number of police stationed at Macquarie Fields on a daily basis decrease?
- (3) Will the Macquarie Fields Police Station be upgraded to meet current operational standards?

Answer—

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I am advised:

(1) and (2) There will be no change in service to the local community by the Macquarie Fields police station. The station will remain in operation 24 hours a day, seven days a week with no change to the availability of police crews. This has been widely communicated to the community via meetings, local newspapers and social media.

(3) All facilities at Macquarie Fields remain operational and adequate for current policing needs and are regularly maintained.

*7537 SINGLE-VEHICLE ACCIDENTS IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Ms Trish Doyle asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

- (1) How many non-fatal single-vehicle accidents were there in New South Wales in each year from 2014 to 2016?
- (2) How many motorists involved in a motor vehicle accident were charged with the following offences in each year from 2014 to 2016:
 - (a) Negligent driving;
 - (b) Negligent driving occasioning grievous bodily harm?
- (3) How many charges of negligent driving and negligent driving occasioning grievous bodily harm were issued as traffic infringement notices versus court attendance notices in each year from 2014 to 2016?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) Information regarding vehicle crashes is available on the NSW Centre for Road Safety website.

(2) and (3) This is a matter for the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services.

*7538 COMPLAINTS LODGED BY PUBLIC HOSPITAL STAFF—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) How many complaints about sexual harassment, assault or vilification on the basis of sexuality or gender have been lodged by staff within New South Wales public hospitals against other staff in each year from 2008 to 2018 (as at 14 February 2018)?
 - (a) For each of these instances, how many investigations were launched?
 - (i) How many of these investigations have resulted in disciplinary action?
 - (ii) How many of these investigations have resulted in termination from a New South Wales public hospital?
- (2) How many complaints about vilification on the basis of race have been lodged by staff within New South Wales public hospitals about the conduct of other staff in each year from 2008 to 2018 (as at 14 February 2018)?
 - (a) For each of these instances, how many investigations were launched?
 - (i) How many of these investigations have resulted in disciplinary action?
 - (ii) How many of these investigations have resulted in termination from a New South Wales public hospital?
- (3) How much financial compensation has been paid on behalf of New South Wales public hospitals to victims in each year from 2008 to 2018 (as at 14 February 2018)?

Answer—

Each NSW Health organisation is responsible for having local procedures for managing complaints against their staff. This information is not centrally held.

A range of NSW Health Policy Directives set out the requirements for NSW Health organisations' management of complaints about NSW Health staff.

*7539 COMPLAINTS AGAINST OFFICERS AND STAFF—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—

- (1) How many complaints about sexual harassment, assault or vilification on the basis of sexuality or gender have been lodged by staff or officers within the NSW Police Force about the conduct of other staff or officers in each year from 2008 to 2018 (as at 14 February 2018)?
 - (a) For each of these instances, how many investigations were launched?
 - (i) How many of these investigations have resulted in disciplinary action?

- (ii) How many of these investigations have resulted in termination from NSW Police?
- (2) How many complaints about vilification on the basis of race have been lodged by staff or officers within the NSW Police Force about the conduct of other staff or officers in each year from 2008 to 2018 (as at 14 February 2018)?
- (a) For each of these instances, how many investigations were launched?
- (i) How many of these investigations have resulted in disciplinary action?
- (ii) How many of these investigations have resulted in termination from NSW Police?
- (3) How much financial compensation has been paid by the NSW Police Force to victims in each year from 2008 to 2018 (as at 14 February 2018)?

Answer—

I am advised:

The information requested cannot be provided in the terms specified. The NSW Police Force complaints management system is not a statistical tool and does not allow data to be automatically extracted in a way that would distinguish between each issue or allegation contained in a complaint. Manual extraction of this data would require a significant allocation of police resources.

*7540 FUELCHECK COMPLIANCE OPERATION—Ms Yasmin Catley asked the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation—

- (1) Considering the recent FuelCheck compliance operation, how many instances of pricing mismatches were identified by Fair Trading?
- (2) How many infringement notices were issued for price mismatches?
- (3) How many price mismatches were identified where the retail price on the site was:
- (a) Lower than the price recorded on FuelCheck;
- (b) Higher than the price recorded on FuelCheck?

Answer—

- (1) In the recent Fuel Price mismatch operation, 24 instances of pricing mismatches were identified by Fair Trading officers.
- (2) 24 penalty infringement notices were issued for price mismatches.
- (3) (a) 19 were lower than the price recorded on FuelCheck.
- (b) 5 were higher than the price recorded on FuelCheck.

*7542 PRE-EXPOSURE PROPHYLAXIS MEDICATION—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) Considering the recent decision to include Pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) medication on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS), what is the future of the Expanded PrEP Implementation in Communities trial in New South Wales?
- (2) How is the Government ensuring that patients currently on the trial are not negatively impacted by the decision to list PrEP on the PBS?
- (3) Will there be any period in which patients on the trial are left without access to PrEP medication?

Answer—

I am advised that:

EPIC-NSW will continue to enroll participants until Pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) is listed on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme.

There is no anticipated period where trial patients will be left without access to PrEP medication.

*7543 LOVE MAKES A FAMILY REPORT—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Attorney General—

- (1) What is the Department of Justice's response to the Love Makes a Family Report provided to the Attorney General late in 2017?
- (2) What actions have been taken to implement recommendations from the report?

Answer—

I am advised :

- (1) The Department of Justice has briefed me on the recommendations of the Loves Makes a Family Report.
- (2) I refer the Member to the response to LA Q6446.

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*7545 NEW SOUTH WALES PUBLIC SCHOOL TOILETS—Mr Jihad Dib asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) Is there a determination regarding ratios of toilets to students in New South Wales public schools?
 - (a) If so, what are the ratios?
- (2) Is there a determination regarding ratios of toilets to teachers in New South Wales public schools?
 - (a) If so, what are the ratios?

Answer—

I'm advised the Department's Educational Facilities Standards and Guidelines (EFSG) states the number of toilets to be provided in public schools.

*7546 AIR CONDITIONING IN SCHOOLS—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Western Sydney, Minister for WestConnex, and Minister for Sport—

What are you doing, as the Minister for Western Sydney, to ensure schools in Western Sydney are adequately air conditioned?

Answer—

I'm advised public schools that are eligible for air cooling under the Department of Education's Air Cooling Policy are identified by the department and prioritised in a program of necessary works.

The department cools all habitable spaces in New South Wales public schools located in areas that have a mean maximum January temperature of 33 degrees celsius or higher. In addition to this, air cooling is provided in schools with students that have special needs, in all demountable teaching spaces, and in those areas where temperature combined with humidity is likely to cause heat stress.

Any public school below the policy threshold may make a local decision to install air-conditioning at their cost.

The department has a set of design standards that recommend sustainable and cost effective approaches to improving thermal comfort in schools via passive measures such as insulation, sunscreens, improved ventilation and appropriately designed landscaping. These measures have been included in the design for the upgrade of this school.

*7547 ILLEGAL LAND-CLEARING RATES—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) Why has the Government not released information on land-clearing rates since 2015?
 - (a) When will this information be released to the public?
- (2) Have the Government's recent changes to land-clearing laws resulted in a sharp spike in illegal land-clearing?
 - (a) If so, how?
- (3) Why has there been a fall in prosecutions for illegal land clearing?
- (4) What is the total budget expended in each financial year from 2012-13 to 2017-18 (as at 14 February 2018) to:
 - (a) Inform residents about the regulations and consequences around illegal land-clearing;
 - (b) Enforcing illegal land-clearing laws?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) The Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) will release a combined 2014-16 and a 2016-17 NSW Report on Native Vegetation with updated data on land clearing rate this year.

(2) and (3) Statistics for completed prosecutions against illegal land clearing are detailed in OEH annual reports, which are available on the OEH website.

(4) Local Land Services is responsible for informing the community of the new regulations.

*7548 MACARTHUR SERVICE CENTRE GREGORY HILLS—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

Does the Macarthur Service Centre Gregory Hills comply with all requirements in terms of disability access?

Answer—

I am advised that the Macarthur Service Centre complies with the requirements of the Building Code of Australia. In December 2017, Service NSW held a Disability Inclusion Forum with representatives from several peak disability organisations. Service NSW is considering a range of options to further enhance accessibility to its network.

*7549 STATE FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT PROGRAM AND THE FLOODPLAIN RISK MANAGEMENT GRANTS SCHEME—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) What funds have been allocated and provided across New South Wales in each financial year from 2011-12 to 2016-17 for the:
 - (a) State Floodplain Management Program;
 - (b) Floodplain Risk Management Grants Scheme?
- (2) How much in each financial year from 2011-12 to 2016-17 was provided for the State Floodplain Management Program to:
 - (a) Cessnock City Council;
 - (b) Lake Macquarie City Council;
 - (c) Singleton Council?
- (3) How much in each financial year from 2011-12 to 2016-17 was provided for the Floodplain Risk Management Grants Scheme to:
 - (a) Cessnock City Council;
 - (b) Lake Macquarie City Council;
 - (c) Singleton Council?
- (4) Are surplus funds from the State Floodplain Management Program returned to consolidated revenue annually or carried over to the following financial year for use within the program?
- (5) Are surplus funds from the Floodplain Risk Management Grants Scheme returned to consolidated revenue annually or carried over to the following financial year for use within the program?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Details can found at www.environment.nsw.gov.au.
- (2) and (3) See Question 1.
- (4) There are no surplus funds left in the State Floodplain Management Program each year.
- (5) There are no surplus funds in the Floodplain Risk Management Grants Scheme each year.

*7550 DEVELOPMENT HEIGHT LIMITS—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Housing, and Special Minister for State—

Why do parts of the Ingleburn CBD, that is a 47-minute train ride to the Sydney CBD, have an uncapped development height limit when other areas closer to the CBD by train such as Wollstonecraft, Oatley, Revesby and Roseville have development height limits less than 14 metres?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Precinct Plan for Ingleburn is a strategic plan that provides guidance about the future character of the precinct. It does not remove current height limits. It identifies where medium and high-rise development could potentially occur subject to future rezoning. Until Campbelltown City Council puts forward planning proposals, the current planning controls will continue to apply.

The precinct plans for the Glenfield to Macarthur corridor supports the growth of local jobs by reinforcing Campbelltown and Macarthur as a Metropolitan City cluster with a health and education precinct. This is complemented by employment growth in each precinct. Ingleburn is less than 20 minutes by train to Campbelltown.

*7551 FUELCHECK NSW—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

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- (1) Since its launch, how many downloads of the FuelCheck NSW app have there been (as at 15 February 2018)?
- (2) Did the Government partner up with any start-ups to launch the FuelCheck NSW app?
- (3) How much did the FuelCheck NSW app cost to develop?
- (4) What is the projected annual cost to maintain the FuelCheck NSW app?
- (5) Has the FuelCheck NSW app had any technical difficulties that have arisen since the launch?
 - (a) If so,
 - (i) How long was it before the problem was detected on each occasion?
 - (ii) How was the problem detected on each occasion?
 - (iii) What steps were taken to inform customers/users of the platform?
 - (iv) How long did it take to fix the problem on each occasion?
 - (v) Was any compensation payable as a result of the problems?

Answer—

These questions should be redirected to the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation.

*7552 SERVICE NSW CENTRES—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) Following the announcement in the 2017-18 Budget that 24 Service NSW Centres will be opened in rural and regional NSW prior to 2019, how many of these:
 - (a) Have been officially opened?
 - (i) Where are these Centres located?
 - (b) Are currently undergoing fit-out and preparation works?
 - (i) Where are these Centres located?
 - (c) Are still trading as a registry?
 - (i) Where are these Centres located?
- (2) How many staff that were previously employed at a registry have been retained at the re-badged and rebranded Service NSW Centres (as listed under the answer to Question 1(a)(i))?
- (3) How many staff who were employed in an agency before the transition to a Service NSW Centre have been offered voluntary redundancies?
 - (a) How many of these offers of voluntary redundancy were refused?
- (4) Have there been any delays in the transition of these 24 locations?

Answer—

Five Service Centres have opened and are located at Maclean, Murwillumbah, Gunnedah, Wentworth and Muswellbrook. On 8 March 2018, Glen Innes and Wellington were undergoing fit out and preparation works. On 8 March 2018, 17 motor registries were in operation and are located at Walgett, Lightning Ridge, Leeton, Narrandera, Yass, Moree, Finley, Hay, Cootamundra, Tumut, Tenterfield, Nambucca Heads, Wauchope, Springwood, Nyngan, West Wyalong and Forbes.

I am advised that five Roads and Maritime Services Employees were successful in gaining roles with Service NSW at Maclean, Murwillumbah, Gunnedah, Wentworth and Muswellbrook Service Centres.

The redundancy process is managed by Roads and Maritime Services. All Roads and Maritime Services registry employees are invited to apply for roles at Service NSW via a priority recruitment process ensuring they have the first opportunity to secure roles. Staff members that choose not to apply are offered voluntary redundancy or redeployment where opportunities existed.

As at 8 March 2018, the overall program timeline remained on track.

*7553 PRIVATE OPERATORS AND SERVICE NSW CONTACT CENTRES—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) How many calls to Service NSW Contact Centres have been handled by the eight private operators as identified in the Service NSW (One-stop Access to Government Services) Amendment (Approved Persons) Regulation 2017?
- (2) What is the definition of "overflow" as referred to in the Regulation?
- (3) What is the definition of "after-hours" as referred to in the Regulation?
- (4) Where are the headquarters of these private operators located?
- (5) What training or advice is provided to these private operators prior to them taking calls on behalf of Service NSW?
- (6) Have there been any formal complaints about the conduct or response of these private operators by customers (as at 15 February 2018)?

- (a) If so, how are these complaints handled?
- (b) Who is responsible for providing feedback and advice to the private companies on improving customer service?

Answer—

As at 28 February 2018, 11 per cent of the total amount of calls made to Service NSW contact centres were answered by the singular outsourced contact centre provider DataCom. On 15 February 2018, there was no reference to 'overflow' or 'after-hours' in the Service NSW (one-stop Access to Government Services) Regulation 2013. Contact details for the approved persons listed in the Service NSW (one-stop Access to Government Services) Regulation 2013 are publicly available.

An outsourced provider will receive appropriately designed training and instruction relevant to the call types being answered prior to commencing work. Outsourced provider training is delivered by Service NSW to the same high standard that is delivered to Service NSW employees.

I am advised that Service NSW conducts weekly quality reviews of outsourced calls and monthly calibrations of all work types to ensure rigorous standards of quality, compliance and customer experience are maintained. Far less than 0.01 per cent of calls handled by an outsourced provider have resulted in a complaint. These complaints are handled by Service NSW in accordance with its Complaints Management Policy.

This blended Contact Centre model was established in 2013 and allows Service NSW to quickly scale up and down to meet customer demand.

*7554 DIVERSITY AT SERVICE NSW—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) What programs or initiatives has Service NSW implemented to attract graduate and non-graduate Indigenous employees to assist in meeting the 3.3% benchmark?
- (2) What explanation can be provided for the decrease in Indigenous workplace representation between 2015 and 2017?
- (3) Given the decline in Indigenous representation, will more focus and attention be directed towards programs to attract more Indigenous employees?
- (4) Given that in 2017 20.3 per cent of Service NSW's staff were from English as a second language (ESL) backgrounds, what language groups can be identified in the Service NSW workforce?
- (5) Are ESL employees strategically placed in locations that require their language skills and expertise (i.e. a Mandarin speaking individual is relocated to a Service NSW Centre that is close to a large Chinese community)?
- (6) Have there been any instances where employees have been required to purchase or rent a house in another location due to the need for them to work in a more culturally diverse Service NSW Centre?
 - (a) If so, have these staff been provided assistance to make the move?
- (7) What ESL support do the Service NSW Contact Centres offer?
- (8) How many ESL people are employed in the Contact Centres?
- (9) What support is provided to customers who are unable to speak English and visit a Service NSW Centre that cannot offer them the translation support they require?
- (10) Are employees educated on the processes of providing non-English speaking customers with the support they require?
 - (a) If yes, what are the inclusions of this education?
- (11) What are the 18 languages that Service NSW staff speak to assist customers, as reported in the 2016-17 Service NSW Annual Report?
 - (a) In what Service NSW Centres is this language support offered?
 - (b) Is this support offered in agencies that have not yet transitioned to Service NSW Centres?
 - (i) If so, in what agencies?

Answer—

(1) The Service NSW Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Employment and Community Engagement Plan 2018-2019 is being developed. Its main purpose is to increase representation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples throughout the Service NSW workforce.

(2) and (3) The Service NSW network has grown. The overall number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander employees has increased from 15 in January 2015 to 38 employees in December 2017.

(4) Service NSW values the diversity of its workforce. For example, at least 20 language groups have been identified at the Parramatta Contact Centre and these are Punjabi, Hindi, Gujarati, Cantonese,

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Arabic, Spanish, Bengali, Croatian, Macedonian, Bosnian, Serbian, Thai, Mandarin, Tagalog, Vietnamese, German, Syrian, Tongan, Samoan, and Marathi.

(5) Yes.

(6) No.

(7) All Service Centres and Contact Centres offer customers free access to translating and interpreting Services.

(8) Around 14 per cent of staff members at the Service NSW Contact Centres have advised that they speak a language other than English. The provision of this information is voluntary.

(9) and (10) Employees are trained on the availability of translating and interpreting Services that are available for customers.

(11) In addition to the language groups listed at the answer to no. 4, Greek, Italian, Portuguese, Persian, Dari, Korean, Nepalese, Indonesian, Laotian, Assyrian, Chaldean and Tamil are also represented in the Service NSW network.

(a) Language support is offered at all Service Centres and Contact Centres for free through current workforce capability or through translating and interpreting services.

(b) I am advised that Service NSW does not hold this information.

*7555 TEACHER HOUSING PROPERTIES—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

(1) How many properties are currently owned by Teacher Housing (as at 15 February 2018)?

(a) Of these properties, how many are currently occupied by teachers?

(b) Of these properties, how many currently do not have occupancy?

(2) Are applicants placed on a waiting list prior to being offered accommodation?

(3) Is maintenance undertaken by local tradespeople or Government contractors?

(4) What amount has Teacher Housing paid in maintenance costs in each year from 2011 to 2017?

(5) How many Teaching Housing properties were sold in each year between 2011 and 2017?

(a) What has been the total revenue for these sales?

(6) How many new Teacher Housing properties were purchased or constructed in each year between 2011 and 2017?

(a) What has been the total expense for the purchases and constructions?

Answer—

(1) As at 15 February 2018, Teachers Housing Authority (THA) owns 1,180 properties and has 26 pieces of vacant land. THA also manages a further 106 properties owned by the Department of Education (DoE).

(a) 834 THA properties are occupied by teachers and 68 DoE properties are occupied by teachers, a total of 902 properties occupied by teachers.

(b) There are 248 vacant THA properties and 23 vacant DoE properties a total of 274 vacant properties. Of these:

(i) 34 are held vacant as they are scheduled for disposal;

(ii) 13 are vacant as they are undergoing refurbishment;

(iii) 11 are vacant due to a teacher sourcing alternate accommodation and recently exiting;

(iv) 16 are held vacant pending current teacher recruitment;

(v) 22 are currently under offer awaiting the teacher to confirm their lease commencement date

(vi) 178 are vacant as there is no current teacher demand. These properties will be either be privately tenanted, sold, or held for future teacher occupancy.

(2) Yes, applicants for housing are placed on a waiting list prior to being offered accommodation. Allocation of housing is carried out in accordance with the Housing Eligibility and Allocation Policy (HEAP Policy) which provides guidelines for how THA prioritises the applications. The HEAP Policy is published on the Property NSW website.

(3) Yes, responsive repairs and maintenance are performed by local tradesmen sourced through an established network of managing agents. Refurbishment work of a larger scale is subject to a tender process in which local sub-contractors are engaged to undertake the work by the awarded contractor.

(4) Teacher Housing paid in maintenance costs (including responsive repairs and refurbishments) the amount of \$11 million in financial year ended 30 June 2011, \$10.3 million in 2012, \$6.8 million in 2013, \$8.4 million in 2014, \$7.6 million in 2015, \$6.6 million in 2016 and \$7.2 million in 2017.

- (5) Teacher Housing sold 11 properties (including land) in financial year ended 30 June 2011, 35 properties in 2012, 25 properties in 2013, 44 properties in 2014, 26 properties in 2015, 10 properties in 2016 and 44 properties in 2017.
- (a) The total revenue from these sales equals \$23.2 million.
- (6) Teacher Housing has purchased or constructed 16 properties (including land) in financial year ending 30 June 2011, 21 in 2012, 17 in 2013, 24 in 2014, 10 in 2015, 21 in 2016 and 5 in 2017.
- (a) The total expense for these constructions and purchases equals \$28.3 million.

*7556 SERVICE NSW POSTAGE COST—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) Does Service NSW prefer to correspond with customers via email or post?
- (2) With respect to correspondence from Service NSW to customers, what is the total percentage breakdown between email and postage correspondence in 2017?
- (3) What documentation or information from Service NSW must be delivered to customers via postage?
- (4) What explanation can be offered for the 233 per cent increase in postage costs incurred by Service NSW between 2016 and 2017, as reported in the Financial Statements 2016-17?

Answer—

- (1) Service NSW communicates in the most appropriate method considering the customer's preference and purpose of the correspondence.
- (2) I am advised that this information is not readily available. Service NSW communicates with customers electronically where possible.
- (3) Driver Licence Cards, NSW Photo cards, Mobility Parking Scheme Permits, Firearms, Security and Commercial Agents and Private Inquiry Agents Licences are sent by post. Other items may be sent by post if there is a legislative or regulatory requirement.
- (4) During 2016-17, the number of items required to be sent by post increased and direct postage costs were incurred by Service NSW. Previously, Roads and Maritime Services reimbursed Service NSW through a grant payment.

*7562 REGIONAL FOREST AGREEMENTS—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) What has been the change in the number and status of threatened forest species over the life of the Regional Forest Agreements (RFAs)?
- (2) What has been the change in tree hollow density in production forests over the life of the RFAs?
- (3) What has been the change in forest age structure in production forests over the life of the RFAs?
- (4) What has been the change in carbon stocks and flows in production forests over the life of the RFAs?
- (5) What is the economic value of the carbon stores and water provided by production forests, compared to the value of the available timber?
- (6) How much sawlog-quality timber is available in production forests now compared to the outset of the RFAs?
- (7) In how many years of the RFAs were timber quotas (particularly sawlogs) met?
- (8) Considering the Government has committed to remake the NSW Integrated Forestry Operations Approvals with no net change to wood supply and no erosion of environmental values, will you release the Natural Resources Commission report into outstanding settings finalised in early 2017, so the public assess it as part of the RFA consultation process?
- (9) To what extent will the Government consider abolishing RFAs in response to community consultation?
- (10) Why has the proposed roadmap for RFAs on exhibition been based on the NSW Forest Industry Roadmap without any input from environmental stakeholders?
- (11) Why has the proposed Regional Forest Agreement Roadmap included a claim that "sustainably managed forests have the capacity to absorb greenhouse gases" when most high level academic experts including in published papers in the Nature Climate Change journal conclude that managing forests for conservation delivers the greatest climate benefit?
- (12) Will the Minister extend the time period for consultation to ensure that all affected councils have the opportunity to make considered submissions?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Tables 66 and 67 of the report NSW Regional Forest Agreements: a report on progress with implementation of the New South Wales Regional Forest Agreements list the threatened species of flora

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and fauna in the three NSW RFA regions and the status of recovery plans and conservation advice for each threatened species.

- (2) There is no specific requirement to monitor changes to tree hollow density over the life of the RFAs.
- (3) Matters relating to monitoring changes in forest age structure of production forests are the responsibility of the Minister for Lands and Forests.
- (4) Matters relating to research and monitoring of carbon cycles in production forests are the responsibility of the Minister for Lands and Forests.
- (5) Matters relating to the economic value of various resources in production forests are the responsibility of the Minister for Lands and Forests.
- (6) Matters relating to volumes of sawlog-quality timber are the responsibility of the Minister for Lands and Forests.
- (7) Matters relating to the supply of timber quotas are the responsibility of the Minister for Lands and Forests.
- (8) The Government is currently finalising a draft Coastal Integrated Forestry Operations Approval for public consultation.
- (9) The New South Wales and Commonwealth Governments have a shared intent for the RFAs to be extended, and are currently seeking the views of the public to inform the future of the RFAs.
- (10) The New South Wales and Commonwealth Governments are currently consulting with the public to inform the content and form of future RFAs. Further questions on the renegotiation of three New South Wales' RFAs should be directed to the Minister for Lands and Forestry.
- (11) This is a matter for the Honourable Paul Toole MP, Minister for Lands and Forestry and Minister for Racing.
- (12) Public consultation on the 10 and 15 year review of the three New South Wales RFAs review ran for nine weeks, with stakeholders who requested an extension being granted an additional week to make a submission. The consultation period for the review has now ended.

Public consultation for the proposed extension of the New South Wales RFAs is running for 11 weeks, and closed on 12 March 2018. Further questions on the renegotiation of three New South Wales' RFAs should be directed to the Minister for Lands and Forestry who is leading this process for New South Wales.

*7563 EDGECLIFF STATION AND INTERCHANGE ACCESS—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) How will the Edgecliff Bus Interchange and Railway Station provide access for cyclists travelling:
 - (a) West from New South Head Road;
 - (b) East from New South Road;
 - (c) From Edgecliff Road;
 - (d) From Ocean Street;
- (2) What provision has the Government made for legal and safe crossing for bike riders into this Interchange and Railway Station through the station upgrade project?
- (3) What provision has been made for access to the Interchange by people using wheelchairs, mobility scooters and prams?
- (4) Will the bike parking cage recently installed at Edgecliff Bus Interchange be moved to ensure safe access for passengers to the planned lift?
 - (a) If so, where will the bike parking cage be moved to?
- (5) When does the Government plan to provide safe and legal cycle access to Edgecliff Interchange and Railway Station?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Existing public roadways provide cycle access to all new and existing bike parking facilities.
- (2) and (5) Bike riders can use the existing bike path and bike parking facility within the bus interchange off Ocean Street. Bicycle riders can safely and legally access the interchange by road, obeying the Road Rules, or dismounting from their bicycles and using footpaths.

(3) Two new lifts will be provided as part of the upgrade to the station allowing customers using wheelchairs, mobility scooters and prams to access the bus interchange, station concourse, platforms and shop/gallery level. New pedestrian crossings and ramps will be provided in the bus interchange providing access between the bus stops and the new lift. An accessible ramp will also be provided on New Mclean Street.

(4) The bike parking facility within the bus interchange will be relocated approximately 15 metres north (towards the Holdsworth Community Bus office) to improve access to the new lift.

*7565 ON-DEMAND BUS SERVICE BANKSTOWN—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) Are customers without a mobile phone able to access the Transport for NSW on-demand bus service being trialled in Bankstown?
 - (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

Yes.

*7568 NATIONAL PARKS AND WILDLIFE SERVICE—Ms Liesl Tesch asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) What was the total budget for the National Parks and Wildlife Service in each financial year from 2012-13 to 2016-17?
- (2) What was the budget for the National Parks and Wildlife Service Hunter-Central Coast operations in each financial year from 2012-13 to 2016-17?
- (3) What is the total number of people employed in the National Parks and Wildlife Service (as at 15 February 2018):
 - (a) Across New South Wales;
 - (b) In the Gosford electorate?
- (4) What was the dollar amount allocated to the Old Great North Road in each financial year from 2012-13 to 2016-17?
- (5) What support does the Government give to the Convict Trail Project?

Answer—

- (1) These figures are reported in the annual budget papers.
- (2) Figures prior to 2014-15 are not given due to boundary changes for the Hunter Central Coast branch.
 - (a) 2014-15: \$9.6 million
 - (b) 2015-16: \$9.7 million
 - (c) 2016-17: \$10.6 million
- (3) The total number of full and part time people employed by National Parks and Wildlife Service is:
 - (a) 1,968
 - (b) 30.
- (4) Approximately \$584,000 has been funded since the 2012-13 financial year.
- (5) 21 Convict Trail Projects have been funded through the NSW Heritage Grants program since 1995, totalling \$710,000.

*7569 PALLIATIVE CARE SERVICES GOSFORD—Ms Liesl Tesch asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) What palliative care services are currently provided by the Government:
 - (a) On the Central Coast;
 - (b) In the Gosford electorate?
- (2) How many palliative care beds are there in:
 - (a) Gosford Hospital;
 - (b) Woy Woy Hospital?
- (3) Does the Government have a plan to increase the number of palliative care beds on the Central Coast?
 - (a) If so, what is the timeline to increase palliative care beds on the Central Coast?

Answer—

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The Central Coast Local Health District offers a multidisciplinary Specialist Palliative Care Service, which includes medical, nursing, bereavement and occupational therapy staff.

Across New South Wales, specialist palliative care services are delivered in a range of settings and are provided in a networked arrangement, complementing the care provided by primary care services.

*7570 FIRST HOME BUYERS ASSISTANCE—Ms Liesl Tesch asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) What was the income to Government generated from stamp duty in the 2015-16 and 2016-17 financial years in:
 - (a) Terrigal;
 - (b) Wyong;
 - (c) The Entrance;
 - (d) Swansea?
- (2) How many new home buyers took up the First Home - New Home scheme during each financial year from 2012-13 to 2016-17 in:
 - (a) Gosford;
 - (b) Terrigal;
 - (c) The Entrance;
 - (d) Wyong;
 - (e) Swansea?
- (3) Since the launch, how many new home buyers have taken up the First Home Buyers Assistance Scheme offer (to 15 February 2018) in:
 - (a) Gosford;
 - (b) Terrigal;
 - (c) The Entrance;
 - (d) Wyong;
 - (e) Swansea?

Answer—

(1) Revenue from stamp duty by selected postcodes

Suburb	2015-16	2016-17	Grand Total
Terrigal	\$31,900,550	\$28,606,803	\$60,507,352
Wyong	\$40,641,761	\$39,238,440	\$79,880,201
The Entrance	\$38,411,599	\$38,509,046	\$76,920,645
Swansea	\$9,603,461	\$10,042,267	\$19,645,728
Total	\$120,557,370	\$116,396,555	\$236,953,926

(2) First Home - New Home volume by selected postcodes

Suburb	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	Grand Total
Gosford	\$82,808	\$235,385	\$637,954	\$517,773	\$928,965	\$2,402,884
Terrigal	\$27,321	\$18,301	\$73,855	\$61,098	\$45,195	\$225,769
The Entrance	\$28,810	\$68,318	\$158,278	\$23,497	\$88,749	\$367,652
Wyong	\$481,559	\$424,712	\$448,797	\$980,298	\$1,149,952	\$3,485,318
Swansea	\$68,405	\$156,017	\$202,111	\$165,375	\$65,246	\$657,154
Total	\$688,902	\$902,732	\$1,520,995	\$1,748,040	\$2,278,108	\$7,138,777

(3) First Home Buyers Assistance Scheme volume of exemptions provided by selected postcodes

Suburb	2017-18
Gosford	\$6,085,952
Terrigal	\$238,108
The Entrance	\$3,014,202

Wyong	\$3,725,759
Swansea	\$314,265
Total	\$13,378,285

Notes:

- Data as at 23 February 2018. Data may change retrospectively.
- Stamp Duty data includes all documents lodged between 1 July 2015 and 30 June 2017 for the postcodes:
 - Gosford: 2250
 - Terrigal: 2260
 - The Entrance: 2261
 - Wyong: 2259
 - Swansea: 2281
- First Home Owner Grant Scheme data is entered and maintained in a computer system managed jointly by all state jurisdictions. Revenue NSW extracts data from this system for reporting purposes.
- First Home - New Home data includes all exemptions granted for documents lodged between 1 July 2012 and 30 June 2017 for the postcodes:
 - Gosford: 2250
 - Terrigal: 2260
 - The Entrance: 2261
 - Wyong: 2259
 - Swansea: 2281
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*7571 SALE OF MANN STREET PROPERTY—Ms Liesl Tesch asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) Has the Government received the income from the sale of 32 Mann Street to St Hilliers?
(a) If so, when was this received?

Answer—

- (1) Contracts for the sale of the remaining 1.1 hectares of the former Gosford Public School to St Hilliers were exchanged in May 2017 with settlement to occur in two lots. The Government has settled the first lot and the remaining lot will settle at the end of 2018.
(a) \$3.26 million was received as Settlement 1 in October 2017. The remaining \$6.24 million will be received as Settlement 2, targeted for October 2018.

*7572 WIND AND SOLAR FARMS—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Housing, and Special Minister for State representing the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) What work is being done on the State's capacity to increase its provision of wind and solar farms?
- (2) What commitment in terms of gigawatts to new wind and solar farms will the Government make for the period between February 2018 and 2030?
- (3) What policies, laws and actions will the Government initiate to achieve this commitment?
- (4) What consideration will the Government give to the recommendation by the Nature Conservation Council's Repowering Our Regions report that the state should add 1.5 gigawatt of energy from new wind and solar farms to the network each year to 2030?
- (5) What assessment and consideration has the Government made on the potential of running clean energy reverse auctions to encourage the provision of new wind and solar farms and investor certainty?
- (6) How will sites for wind and solar farms be identified?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) The Government is delivering on its commitments in the Renewable Energy Action Plan, which was released in 2013 to increase renewable energy projects in New South Wales including wind and solar farms. This includes providing \$64.9 million in funding support for the development of the state's first major solar farms at Nyngan and Broken Hill.

Appointed under the Plan, the Renewable Energy Advocate has provided tailored support to 51 major renewable energy projects in New South Wales worth almost \$10 billion in potential investment. This includes facilitating the process of network connection and leveraging funding support from the Australian Renewable Energy Agency and Clean Energy Finance Corporation.

As a result, New South Wales is now home to four major solar farms and nine major wind farms with an additional 13 major renewable energy projects currently under construction across the state. The share of renewable energy in the New South Wales energy mix has more than doubled over the past six years.

New South Wales has around 12,000 megawatts of large-scale renewable energy projects that are either approved or in the New South Wales planning system, representing \$15 billion of potential investment. This is in addition to 1,300 megawatts of projects that are already under construction across the state in regional locations like Glen Innes, Dubbo, Parkes, Crookwell and Griffith.

(2) The Government supports the achievement of the national Renewable Energy Target of 33,000 gigawatt hours of clean energy by 2020 and is working to remove barriers to investment under this target in New South Wales. The Government has an aspirational objective to achieve net zero emissions across the economy by 2050, and is focused on the transition to a modern, reliable and affordable energy future.

(3) The Government is working to finalise implementation of the Renewable Energy Action Plan, removing unreasonable barriers to new renewable energy projects and business models. The Government is also working to finalise initiatives for funding under the Climate Change Fund.

(4) and (5) The Government supports an orderly, private sector-led transition to a modern, reliable and affordable energy system, and supports the clean energy industry to deliver the investment needed to enable this transition. The Government is also working to finalise initiatives for funding under the Climate Change Fund.

(6) Renewable energy sites are identified by the private sector and subject to rigorous, merit-based assessment through the New South Wales planning system. The Government assists the private sector to identify appropriate sites by providing information about the state's significant renewable energy resources in the NSW Renewable Energy Map, which can be found on the Department of Planning and Environment's website at www.resourcesandenergy.nsw.gov.au/energy-supply-industry/renewable-energy/renewable-resources-map.

The Government is also working with the Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO) to support the development of an Integrated System Plan and identify the best locations for potential new energy zones in New South Wales. This plan will support the private sector to connect new renewable energy projects including wind and solar farms.

*7573 OLD PYRMONT COTTAGES—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

(1) Is the Government considering selling the Old Pyrmont Cottages on Cross Street and Scott Street in Pyrmont?

(a) If so, which cottages are being considered for sale?

(i) What is the progress of these plans?

(2) Will the sales be for perpetual ownership or on lease?

(a) If on lease, what will the length of the lease be?

(3) What will happen to the existing tenants of the buildings before and during any sale?

(4) Will the Government ensure that there is a conservation management plan approved by the Heritage Council in place before any sale proceeds?

(5) What uses will be permitted for the building under a sale?

(6) Will the Government ensure that the cottages will continue to be used as artist studios?

Answer—

(1) Yes.

(a) 1-5 Cross Street and 6-8 Scott Street, Pyrmont (the Pyrmont Cottages).

(i) Property NSW is developing a plan to bring the property to market.

- (2) Perpetual ownership (freehold sale).
 - (a) Not applicable.
- (3) The properties will be divested with current tenants in place and subject to any existing leases.
- (4) The property will be sold with an endorsed Conservation Management Plan. As the site is listed on the State Heritage Register, the sale process and documentation will outline the obligation of the future owner to maintain this property in line with the Conservation Management Plan.
- (5) The permitted uses for the site are governed under the Conservation Management Plan, which was recently endorsed, and the relevant planning controls for the site, being B4 Mixed Use.
- (6) The properties will be divested with current tenants, Culture at Work, a not-for-profit art science creative hub, in place and subject to existing leases.

*7574 THE CLIMATE CHANGE FUND DRAFT STRATEGIC PLAN 2017 TO 2022—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) What action is needed before the Climate Change Fund Draft Strategic Plan 2017 to 2022 is finalised?
- (2) What commitment does the Government give that it will not remove priority investment areas and potential actions in the draft before the plan is finalised?
- (3) When will the draft plan be finalised?
- (4) What funding has been or will be allocated to ensure this climate policy is implemented?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) to (3) The Government is finalising future priorities for the Climate Change Fund.
- (4) Details can be found at <http://energyaffordability.nsw.gov.au>.

*7575 SCHOOL MAINTENANCE—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) What does the Minister consider a "backlog" when it comes to school maintenance?
- (2) Does the Government consider any of the following schools to be suffering from a maintenance backlog:
 - (a) Barrack Heights Public School;
 - (b) Lake Illawarra South Public School;
 - (c) Mount Warrigal Public School;
 - (d) Peterborough School;
 - (e) Warilla Public School;
 - (f) Warilla North Public School;
 - (g) Balarang Public School;
 - (h) Flinders Public School;
 - (i) Oak Flats Public School;
 - (j) Shellharbour Public School;
 - (k) Mount Brown Public School;
 - (l) Lakelands Public School;
 - (m) Koonawarra Public School;
 - (n) Dapto Public School;
 - (o) Shell Cove Public School;
 - (p) Hayes Park Public School;
 - (q) Lake Illawarra High School;
 - (r) Warilla High School;
 - (s) Oak Flats High School;
 - (t) Dapto High School;
 - (u) Kanahooka High School?
- (3) What is the monetary value of the backlog in each of the schools listed in (2)?
- (4) When does the Government intend to fix the maintenance issues at these schools?

Answer—

The Department of Education works directly with principals to develop a program of planned maintenance works for every school. The planned maintenance lists at each school reflects the estimated cost of current and future repair work required to ensure buildings continue to perform at an acceptable level.

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Any maintenance issue that poses a safety risk to students or staff is addressed immediately. Any broken items in classrooms that impact on teaching and learning are addressed as a matter of priority by the school or the department.

The Government's record \$747 million funding for school maintenance over four years will address maintenance issues in almost every government school in New South Wales.

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

*7577 COMPLAINTS REGARDING FOSSICKING—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) How many complaints have been received in regard to individuals fossicking through recycling bins of apartment complexes and households in New South Wales since the introduction of the Return and Earn Container Deposit Scheme (to 15 February 2018)?
 - (a) What has been the action taken on these complaints?
 - (b) What action can be taken to stop these fossickers?
- (2) What is the legal position in relation to the ownership of containers and bottles within recycling bins awaiting collection from a waste contractor?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) This information is not available.
- (2) This is outlined in the Local Government Act 1993.

*7579 ELECTRIC BUSES—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) What action has the Government taken on electric or hybrid electric buses since LA Q5517?
- (2) What action has been taken on the identified Expression of Interest and trial?
- (3) What assessment has the Government made of other jurisdictions using electric or hybrid electric buses?
- (4) What incentives does the Government provide to operators contracted to provide public bus services to buy and use electric or hybrid electric buses?
- (5) What plans does the Government have to introduce and support electric or hybrid electric buses?
- (6) What further action will the Government take to encourage and support electric or hybrid electric buses?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The contract for Region 6 (Inner West) bus services requires the operator Transit Systems to conduct a trial of electric buses. This will involve the trial of four electric buses on an operational route for two years from July 2019.
- (2) to (6) Refer to LA Q5517.

*7580 FLOOD RELIEF FOR BACK YAMMA AND COOKAMIDGERA—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—

- (1) How many applications for flood relief have been received from primary producers of Back Yamma and Cookamidgera since the 17 November 2017 storm was declared a natural disaster?
- (2) How many of those applications have been processed?
- (3) Has relief been delivered to any of those applicants?

Answer—

- (1) As at 20 February 2018 the Rural Assistance Authority had not received any applications.
- (2) and (3) Not applicable.

*7581 NEWCASTLE BUS TIMETABLE—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

Will the new privatised Newcastle bus network timetable be reviewed following its roll-out?

Answer—

I am advised:

Your question proceeds on a false premise.

I refer you to my comments in the House on 15 February 2018.

*7582 MENTAL HEALTH IN THE ORANGE ELECTORATE—Mr Philip Donato asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) What was the number of mental health admissions in the Orange electorate in each year from 2015 to 2018 (as at 15 February 2018)?
- (2) What is the amount of funding provided for mental health services in the Orange electorate in each year from 2015 to 2018 (as at 15 February 2018)?
- (3) What is the number of community mental health staff employed in the Orange electorate in each year from 2015 to 2018 (as at 15 February 2018)?

Answer—

(1) to (3) Mental health issues are a matter for the Hon Tanya Davies MP, Minister for Mental Health.

*7584 DONATION STATION AT EAST MAITLAND SERVICE NSW—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) When will the Donation Station at East Maitland Service NSW be operational?
- (2) How many cans or bottles is the station able to collect before it is at capacity?
- (3) How often will the machine be emptied?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) It became operational on 23 February 2018.
- (2) Up to 500 depending on assortment and size of containers.
- (3) The deployment, collection and operation of collection points is a matter for the Network operator, TOMRA Cleanaway.

*7585 SALE OF RECYCLED MATERIALS—Ms Tamara Smith asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

How much revenue has been earned by the Government from the sale of recycled materials collected through the Return and Earn scheme since it began (to 15 February 2018)?

Answer—

I am advised:

None.

*7586 LAND TAX FOR PROPERTIES WITHIN THE BYRON SHIRE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA—Ms Tamara Smith asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

What was the total amount of land tax paid on properties within the Byron Shire Local Government Area in the 2016-17 financial year ?

Answer—

Byron Shire Council:

Number of liable properties: 2,220

Number of liable residential properties: 1,193

Estimated Land Tax Paid (All properties): \$20,112,994.35

Estimated Land Tax Paid (Residential properties): \$8,498,272.85

Note: land tax is NOT assessed on an individual property basis but on the aggregate holdings of the client. As a result, the figures shown above are the sum of the assessed land tax that has been apportioned on the basis of the percentage of holdings that a particular property represents for a given client; based on assessments for the 2017 assessment year issued to 12 February 2018.

*7587 ROYAL COMMISSION INTO INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSES TO CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Premier—

- (1) Considering that the Royal Commission report makes 85 significant recommendations that also require State Government action, how will the Government ensure a Whole of Government response to these recommendations?

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- (a) What agencies will be involved?
- (2) What is the Government's timeframe for action?
- (3) What commitment has the Government given to participate in the national redress scheme and ensure that this contributes towards healing?
- (4) How will the Government engage with survivors and their representative organisations?
- (5) How will the Government provide for wider community input?
- (6) How will the Government inform the community about progress?

Answer—

As you may be aware, New South Wales and Victoria were the first states to opt into the National Redress Scheme for people who were sexually abused as children while in the care of institutions.

The Redress Scheme will provide critical support to those who have suffered past wrongs, including abuse, community silence and institutional corruption that meant survivors weren't listened to, believed or acknowledged.

Any further questions can be addressed to the Attorney General.

*7588 DISCRIMINATION CONCERNS IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Disability Services—

- (1) What research has the Government carried out into increasing concerns of racism, xenophobia, Islamophobia and ethnic-based discrimination in New South Wales?
- (2) What options have been considered to respond to these concerns?
- (3) What training does the Government provide for government agencies to deal with these?
- (4) What resource materials or community education will the Government provide to address these?
- (5) What proposals has the Government taken to the Commonwealth or Council of Australian Governments (COAG) processes for national action?
- (6) What further action will the Government take to address racism, xenophobia, Islamophobia and ethnic-based discrimination?

Answer—

Multicultural NSW has a range of programs that promote community harmony amongst the peoples of New South Wales.

The Multicultural Policies and Services Program administered by Multicultural NSW under a legislative and reporting framework, requires all Government agencies to incorporate multicultural principles in planning and delivering service frameworks. Similarly, the Multicultural NSW Cultural Competence Program supports organisations to train people in cultural competence, diversity and inclusion.

The Government has invested significant support in initiatives that build and strengthen social cohesion. The Community Partnership Action (COMPACT) Program supports an alliance of community partners who are committed to safeguarding social cohesion against fear, hate and division. The Premier's Fund for Social Cohesion is a grants program that supports community led events and activities that bring together people from a range of cultural backgrounds to celebrate diversity.

The Community Cohesion Ambassadors Program aims at empowering a team of community influencers and role models to stand united as champions for community harmony and deliver a strong, public message against hate, fear and division. Further, Multicultural NSW administers a Grants Program that provides funds to organisations to deliver community projects and activities that seek to strengthen community harmony and social cohesion.

*7590 LAND TAX PAID WITHIN THE BYRON SHIRE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA—Ms Tamara Smith asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

What was the total amount of land tax paid on properties within the Byron Shire Local Government Area in the 2015-16 financial year?

Answer—

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Finance, Services and Property.

*7591 AIR-CONDITIONED TRAINS—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) How many trains, between 1 December 2017 and 15 February 2018, operated without air conditioning on the:

- (a) T1 Line;
- (b) T2 Line;
- (c) T3 Line;
- (d) T4 Line;
- (e) T5 Line;
- (f) T6 Line;
- (g) T7 Line;
- (h) T8 Line?

(2) Who is responsible if someone suffers heat stroke in a non-air-conditioned train service?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Sydney Trains does not track fleet allocation by T1-T8 Train Lines.
- (2) Information about how to be heat smart when travelling on the network during summer is available on the Sydney Trains website. I would also remind the Member that when Labor was in government only 72 per cent of the Sydney Trains network was air-conditioned. Today 97 per cent of the network is air-conditioned.

*7592 MACQUARIE FIELDS RAILWAY STATION—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) What were the results of the most recent assessment of Macquarie Fields Railway Station under the Transport Access Program?
- (2) When will lifts be installed at Macquarie Fields Railway Station to ensure fair access for all?

Answer—

I am advised:

Labor had 16 years to upgrade Macquarie Fields Station but instead left us with only two out of every five stations being wheelchair accessible.

Since March 2011, the Government has invested over \$1 billion in the Transport Access Program. This includes accessibility upgrades, commuter car parks and transport interchanges. The Government has delivered 47 more wheelchair accessible stations since coming to government, with 89 per cent of customers now having access to a wheelchair accessible station.

Stations across the network are currently being assessed to see which projects will be delivered under the program. Lifts at Macquarie Fields Station will be considered as part of this process.

*7593 SYDNEY GATEWAY—Ms Jodi McKay asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

What is the total overall cost of the Sydney Gateway project?

Answer—

I am advised:

Roads and Maritime Services is continuing to develop the design solution for Sydney Gateway. The WestConnex budget includes an \$800 million contribution to the road component of Sydney Gateway.

*7594 PROCESSING OF CONTAINERS COLLECTED—Ms Tamara Smith asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) What sort of processing happens to the containers collected through the Return and Earn Scheme?
 - (a) What is the cost of this processing since the scheme began (to 15 February 2018)?

Answer—

The deployment and operation of collection points is a matter for TOMRA Cleanaway, the Network Operator.

*7595 FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS AT CASAURINA GROVE—Mr David Harris asked the Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Disability Services—

How many full-time equivalent positions are there at Casaurina Grove facility at Hamlyn Terrace (as at 14 February 2018)?

Answer—

Information on Casaurina Grove including staffing levels is available on the Department of Family and

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Community Services' website at www.facs.nsw.gov.au.

*7596 TRAINS SERVICES AT STRATHFIELD AND BURWOOD STATION—Ms Jodi McKay asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) How many services at Strathfield Station in the period from 1 December 2017 to 14 January 2018 were:
 - (a) Cancelled;
 - (b) Delayed?
- (2) How many services at Burwood Station in the period from 1 December 2017 to 14 January 2018 were:
 - (a) Cancelled;
 - (b) Delayed?

Answer—

I am advised:

Sydney Trains performance is measured by punctuality. This information is available on the Sydney Trains website. Services that are cancelled are not considered on time for the purposes of punctuality reporting.

*7597 REGIONAL MANAGER NORTHERN REGION CORRESPONDENCE RESPONSE TIMES—Ms Tamara Smith asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

What was the average response time to correspondence sent to the Regional Manager Northern Region at Roads and Maritime Services in 2016?

Answer—

I am advised:

Roads and Maritime Services aims to respond within twenty days for general correspondence.

*7598 GENERAL MANAGER PROJECTS PACIFIC HIGHWAY CORRESPONDENCE RESPONSE TIME—Ms Tamara Smith asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

What was the average response time to correspondence sent to the General Manager Projects Pacific Highway at Roads and Maritime Services in 2016?

Answer—

I am advised:

Roads and Maritime Services aims to respond within twenty days for general correspondence.

*7599 RESPONSE TIME TO MINISTERIAL CORRESPONDENCE—Ms Tamara Smith asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

What was the average response time to correspondence sent to the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight in 2016?

Answer—

I am advised:

31 workings days.

*7600 GOSFORD ELECTORATE NATIONAL PARKS VISITS—Ms Liesl Tesch asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

How many visits were there to National Parks located in the Gosford electorate during each financial year from 2012-13 to 2016-17?

Answer—

Information on visitor numbers to New South Wales national parks is available at www.environment.nsw.gov.au/research/NSWparkspopularity.htm.

*7601 NEW INTERCITY FLEET BUDGET—Ms Liesl Tesch asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) What was the original budget for the new InterCity fleet?
 - (a) Has that budget changed?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) Information is available in the Transport for NSW 2015-16 Annual Report.

(a) No.

*7602 ILLEGAL DUMPING—Ms Liesl Tesch asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

(1) Have penalties been levied against any property owners and waste operators involved in illegal dumping on the edge of the Hawkesbury River at Spencer?

(a) If so, what?

Answer—

I am advised:

Yes. The Environment Protection Authority (EPA) has commenced proceedings in the Land and Environment Court against individuals who are alleged to have failed to co-operate with the EPA during its Spencer investigation. The EPA's investigation is ongoing.

*7603 DISABILITY INCLUSIVE TOURISM EVENTS—Ms Liesl Tesch asked the Minister for Tourism and Major Events, and Assistant Minister for Skills—

(1) How much was spent to make Vivid a disability inclusive event in 2017?

(2) Besides Vivid, what is the dollar amount spent by the Government on other New South Wales events to make them disability compliant?

(3) What action has been taken to support tourism facilities in New South Wales to become disability compliant?

(4) Has the Government supported any projects on the Central Coast to be more inclusive for people with disability?

(5) What action is being undertaken by Destination NSW to promote the growth of inclusive tourist opportunities in New South Wales?

Answer—

(1) Destination NSW owns, manages and produces Vivid Sydney on behalf of the Government and works with event partners, land owners and other government agencies to increase accessibility to the event.

In 2017, Cushman & Wakefield became Vivid Sydney's inaugural Accessibility & Inclusion Partner delivering financial support to develop a cohesive program to provide infrastructure and facilities to make the Vivid Light Walk accessible for all attendees.

A Vivid Sydney Access and Inclusion Coordinator is also engaged to assist access guests pre-plan their trip and to provide information about accessible services and facilities. To further enhance Vivid Sydney as an accessible and inclusive event for all guests, the Access and Inclusion Coordinator liaises directly with specialist disability and accessibility groups to facilitate Vivid Sydney's access and inclusion initiatives.

In 2017, more than \$107,000 was spent to make Vivid Sydney an inclusive event. Specific accessibility measures within the Vivid Sydney program include:

- Encouraging lighting designers creating installations for the Vivid Light walk to consider features to provide sensory, tactile, auditory or visual interactivity options to event goers
- Specially designed accessibility map, detailing routes that are level and avoid steps
- Accessible information booths at Circular Quay and Darling Harbour, with lower counter tops for access guests in wheelchairs, plus offering water bowls for Guide Dogs
- Text to Talk function via VividSydney.com, offering short descriptions of each Vivid Light Walk installation for screen reader or smartphone devices with accessibility options
- Audio described tours of Lighting of the Sydney Opera House Sails led by specially trained Sydney Opera House staff for people with vision impairment and their companions to experience the centre piece of Vivid Sydney
- Managed access areas for access visitors at Sydney Opera House and the Overseas Passenger Terminal, plus an all-weather managed accessible chill out zone at Darling Harbour which was undercover and located close to accessible amenities and ramps
- Dedicated drop-off zones and parking areas for access visitors
- Auslan interpreters at Vivid Ideas Game Changer major events and hearing loop systems at Game Changer venues including Roslyn Packer Theatre Walsh Bay and Sydney Town Hall.

(2) As the Government's tourism and major events agency, Destination NSW supports initiatives to assist the tourism industry in how to make attractions, destinations and events accessible to people of all ages and abilities, helping to promote maximum participation and enjoyment for all visitors to New South Wales.

Destination NSW works with event partners, landowners and other government agencies, to increase accessibility to events including Vivid Sydney and has been actively engaged in the Accessible Tourism Project, established by the NSW Department of Family and Community Services.

The Newcastle 500 took place for the first time in November 2017 and had dedicated facilities and services to ensure all attendees could make the most of the event. Specific information concerning accessible facilities, including wheelchair friendly viewing points and amenities was made available via the Supercars Australia website.

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

- An accessible lift located at the pedestrian bridge on Wharf Road (opposite Customs House) with a lift operator to assist patrons.
- All residents with accreditation had access to a wheelchair friendly shuttle service within the track.
- A pathway providing wheelchair access to Newcastle Ocean Baths, via the tunnel near Telford Street.
- The path at the east end of Scott Street to Shortland Esplanade provided wheelchair access to Newcastle Ocean Baths.
- A phone number was set up and communicated to the community for those requiring assistance.
- Two wheelchair accessible stands located trackside. Supercars Australia refers to these as 'Accessible Viewing Areas'.

In 2014-15, Parkes Shire Council received \$79,570 through the Contestable Fund of the Regional Visitor Economy Fund for cabin development and site upgrading at Spicer Caravan Park. The project sought to meet identified gaps in the market by providing sites for Recreational Vehicle (RV) travellers by levelling five unpowered sites, installing laybacks to an additional five sites and construct three high quality self-contained cabins, one of which is accessible.

In 2016-17, the Government supported the \$140,000 Local Government NSW Enabling Accessible Tourism project which received support under the Commonwealth Tourism Demand-Driver Infrastructure program. The project, is being delivered in the South Coast, Northern Rivers and Central West to improve the provision of information on tourism services, attractions and activities in regional New South Wales destinations for people with disability, their family and their carers.

Destination NSW is supporting the Local Government NSW project by making changes to the accessible dataset in the Australian Tourism Data Warehouse database for the collection of this information, based on Local Government NSW's extensive research. Destination NSW has provided funding of \$7,500 for the development of the criteria for assessment and the tagging of listed products providing accessibility information to enable a consumer requiring this information to determine if it is suitable for them.

Destination NSW has presented at workshops organised by Local Government NSW around regional New South Wales to promote the Get Connected program, Destination NSW's online listing program, and the Australian Tourism Data Warehouse distribution channel and how this platform provides a solution to the collection and distribution of inclusive tourism content.

Destination NSW's Get Connected program includes enhanced accessibility reporting, which allows operators to outline how their products and experiences suit a broader range of accessibility needs. This enables visitors searching for information on accessible travel experiences in New South Wales on sydney.com or visitsw.com to gain a better understanding of whether products meet their needs.

New South Wales tourism operators who list their businesses on Destination NSW's websites can apply accessibility filters to their listing, which make it possible for visitors to understand whether a tourism product meets their needs.

The accessibility filters include:

- Suitable for guests with sufficient mobility to climb two or three steps, but would benefit from fixtures and fittings to aid balance
- Suitable for guests who depend on the use of a wheelchair in a seated position at all times
- Suitable for guests with high support needs who use a hoist and always travel with a carer
- Suitable for guests with a hearing impairment, from mild hearing loss to profoundly deaf
- Suitable for guests with a vision impairment. Attained by providing for guests with partial vision impairment or total loss of usable vision
- Disabled access available and contact operator for details.

Information on accessible facilities in Sydney is also outlined in The Official Sydney Guide which is available at Visitor Information Centres, visitor kiosks, hotels and attractions throughout Sydney and at Sydney International Airport.

(3) and (5) See response to question 2 above.

(4) Destination NSW has supported a range of events in the Central Coast through its major event investment and Regional Flagship Events Program. In line with the actions taken to make Vivid Sydney and other events more accessible, Destination NSW works with event partners, landowners and other government agencies, to increase accessibility to events.

*7604 TAFE NSW DAPTO ACCESS POINT—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Tourism and Major Events, and Assistant Minister for Skills—

- (1) How many students have utilised the TAFE NSW Dapto Access Point in the last three months (as at 15 February 2018)?
- (2) How many staff are currently employed at the site of the TAFE NSW Dapto Access Point (as at 15 February 2018)?
- (3) What courses specifically are currently run from the TAFE NSW Dapto Access Point (as at 15 February 2018)?

Answer—

(1) and (2) TAFE NSW operates in a competitive environment. Data is not provided by location. TAFE NSW does provide enrolment and staffing data as part of its annual reporting, which can be found at https://www.tafensw.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0007/97189/TAFE-NSW-2016-17-Annual-Report.pdf.

(3) Access Points are designed to be smaller, largely self-service facilities where students and the community can access information, support and training using TAFE computers and facilities. Students attend the Dapto Access Point to access flexible learning resources.

*7605 DAPTO PUBLIC SCHOOL—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) What is the current number of students enrolled at Dapto Public School for the 2018 school year (as at 15 February 2018)?
- (2) What is the projected number of students at Dapto Public School in each year from 2019 to 2037?
- (3) What is the capacity of Dapto Public School? Please provide the answer as the absolute maximum number of students that can be enrolled at this school at one single time.
- (4) Has the Government purchased land on which to build future schools in West Dapto?
 - (a) If not:
 - (i) Why not?
 - (ii) Does the Government have any plans to purchase additional land?
 - (b) If so, when will these negotiations begin?

Answer—

I'm advised that as at 15 February 2018, there were 714 students enrolled at Dapto Public School.

I'm advised the projected enrolments for Dapto Public School are:

2021 – 705; 2026 – 735; 2031 – 770; 2036 – 800.

Every eligible student who wishes to attend a New South Wales government school will be given a place at their local school.

The Department of Education regularly purchases land for new schools or school expansions to meet changing demographics and ensure demand for public school places is satisfied. While there is not sufficient demand to require land acquisition, this situation will continue to be monitored. I'm advised, however, that Dapto Public School is subject to a major capital works project that will provide new permanent teaching spaces and the removal of demountables.

*7606 CONSTRUCTION ON THE ALBION PARK RAIL BYPASS—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

- (1) When will construction on the Albion Park Rail bypass begin?
- (2) When does the Government expect the Albion Park Rail bypass will be opened to traffic?
- (3) Have planning approval delays affected the construction and completion date of the Albion Park Rail bypass?
 - (a) If so, in what ways and to what extent?

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(b) If not, how?

Answer—

I am advised:

Construction of the Albion Park Rail Bypass will begin in mid-2018, with the commencement of early works at Croom Park. The bypass is planned to open to traffic in 2022.

Planning approval provided in January 2018 has not delayed the start of construction activities, nor has it affected the target completion dates.

*7607 CAR PARK SPACES AT THE NEW MAITLAND HOSPITAL—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) How many car park spaces will be available to patients and visitors at the new Maitland Hospital?
- (2) Will the car park be run by the Government or tendered out to the private sector?
- (3) Will patients and visitors to be required to pay for parking?
 - (a) If so, how much will they pay?

Answer—

The number of car spaces and the management of the car park for the New Maitland Hospital will be determined during the development process.

Car parking developments are subject to the requirements of the NSW Health policy, which determines fees applied to patients and visitors. This policy is available online at <http://www.health.nsw.gov.au>.

*7608 DISABILITY ADVOCACY SERVICES—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Disability Services—

- (1) What disability advocacy services will be available for people with a disability in the Maitland electorate when the Government ceases funding for disability advocacy services in 2018?
- (2) What provisions will the Government put in place to ensure the continuation of advocacy services for people with a disability in the Maitland electorate?

Answer—

Once individuals receive their National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) funding package, they are able to choose how this funding will be spent and who they spend it with. NDIS participants may have activities funded within their NDIS plan that closely align with advocacy activities.

Advocacy and information organisations can choose to register as an NDIS provider to provide direct services to NDIS participants, and provide supports that maximise outcomes for these individuals.

The Information Linkages and Capacity building (ILC) functions of the NDIS will assist people to connect with their local communities and mainstream supports. Importantly, ILC support is available to people with or without an NDIS plan.

When the NDIS is fully operational around Australia, \$130 million each year will be provided for ILC supports. The latest New South Wales round of ILC grants closed on 30 November 2017 with up to \$46 million available to NSW for projects commencing from 1 July 2018. This represents an investment of around four times the existing New South Wales specialist disability advocacy funding under the current system.

Disability advocacy and information organisations are well positioned to access the ILC grants. The outcomes of the ILC National Readiness Grants are expected shortly, with the New South Wales jurisdictional ILC Grants to follow.

Commonwealth funded programs such as the National Disability Advocacy Program (NDAP) will fund independent, systemic advocacy and legal review and representation. The Commonwealth Government recently announced \$60 million in funding to extend the NDAP and other advocacy programs to 30 June 2020. This includes continuing funding for NDAP and NDIS Appeals and Disability Representative Organisations (DRO) programs.

Advocacy services provided through NDAP and NDIS Appeals Programs will continue to be funded in the Hunter region including Maitland.

On 14 December 2017, the Commonwealth announced an increase of \$875,000 under the DRO program for the provision of advocacy and representation services for people with disability to \$5.3 million to 30 June 2020.

There will be no change in New South Wales Government investment in advocacy supports which provide assistance to vulnerable people, including people with disability, to engage with mainstream services such as health, mental health, housing and education.

After full Scheme rollout, the Government will retain a strong focus on promoting community inclusion. The NSW Disability Inclusion Act, passed in 2014, means that the NSW Disability Council and its supporting groups will continue to represent people with disability and provide advice to the Government on emerging issues impacting on community access and inclusion.

*7609 FARMERS IN MAITLAND—Ms Jenny Aitchison 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—

What steps is the Government taking to support farmers in Maitland who are being affected by drought-like conditions?

Answer—

The Government continues to offer support to farmers throughout New South Wales including those experiencing drought conditions in the Hunter Valley. This includes providing assistance through the \$300 million Drought Strategy that was launched in February 2015.

Since 1 July 2017, 245 new Farm Innovation Fund Loans have been approved, with a total value of nearly \$45 million. These loans have been used for activities that can help in preparing for, or managing drought- activities like installing tanks, silos, irrigation, fencing, bores, and desilting dams. In the same time period, 235 applications for Farm Business Skills Grants have been approved, with a total value of more than \$549,000. This training can help farmers with vocational training and the development of farm business plans, including risk management.

The Department of Primary Industries (DPI) also recently approved the appointment of two new rural support workers as part of the Rural Resilience Program. These new workers are on the ground in Scone and Dubbo, and will help bring farmers together and inform them how to access the support that they need. The NSW DroughtHub provides a central place for farmers and their families to go for information and links to a wide range of additional drought assistance from the Commonwealth and New South Wales Governments. This includes assistance such as:

- Farm Management Deposits
- Rural Financial Counselling Service
- Farm Debt Mediation
- An enhanced network of weather stations across New South Wales
- Taxation measures
- Managing Farm Risk Programme
- Enhanced social and community support for drought affected farmers including Rural Resilience Program and Rural Support Workers

In addition to the support offered through DPI and the Rural Assistance Authority, Local Land Services (LLS) has been actively working with producers on the ground across the Hunter region to help them manage their livestock and properties during these difficult times including:

- assessing pasture conditions and stock management,
- assessing animal health and welfare concerns,
- issuing roadside grazing permits, Travelling Stock Route agistment and assistance with pest animal problems.

Hunter LLS has also been:

- running non-stop control programs, assisting landholders in drought affected areas to remove pest species, especially wild dogs and pigs.
- More than 1,000 pigs have been controlled by the Hunter LLS team in the Upper Hunter since the start of January 2018.
- More than 400 landholders have attended our drought management events across the region in recent months.

LLS District Vets have been attending weekly cattle sales across the Hunter, monitoring animal welfare and providing support to landholders. They are also assisting with property visits to help producers manage their herd in difficult conditions.

Hunter LLS has also offered delayed payment plans to ratepayers affected by drought conditions in the

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region, during the current rate period.

*7610 TRAUMA INFORMED STAFF AT VICTIMS SERVICES—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Attorney General—

- (1) How many trauma informed counselors are employed or contracted by Victims Services? Please disaggregate by sex and location.
- (2) How many trauma informed psychologists are employed or contracted by Victims Services? Please disaggregate by sex and location.
- (3) How many trauma informed social workers are employed or contracted by Victims Services? Please disaggregate by sex and location.

Answer—

I am advised:

Approved Counsellors are qualified psychologists and social workers who are registered with the Approved Counselling Service under the Victims Right and Support Act 2013. To qualify as an Approved Counsellor, all counsellors must demonstrate their understanding and experience in trauma informed practice working with victims of crime.

In 2017, there were 591 Active Approved Counsellors contracted by Victims Services to provide counselling services throughout New South Wales, compared with 316 Active Approved Counsellors in 2010.

It is inappropriate to provide the sex and location of Approved Counsellors for privacy reasons.

*7611 INSTALLATION OF REVERSE VENDING MACHINE IN MATILAND ELECTORATE—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

When will a reverse vending machine be installed in the Maitland electorate?

Answer—

I am advised a reverse vending machine was installed at BP Thornton, 5 Glenwood Drive, Thornton on 28 February 2018.

*7612 COSTS OF THE RETURN AND EARN CONTAINER DEPOSIT REVERSE VENDING MACHINES—Ms Tamara Smith asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

What has been the cost of manufacturing and installing Return and Earn Container Deposit Scheme reverse vending machines since the start of the Scheme (to 15 February 2018)?

Answer—

The deployment and operation of collection points is a matter for TOMRA Cleanaway the Network Operator.

*7613 CONTAINERS COLLECTED AT RETURN AND EARN REVERSE VENDING MACHINES AND COLLECTION POINTS—Ms Tamara Smith asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) Where do the containers collected at Return and Earn reverse vending machines and Collection Points throughout New South Wales get transported to after collection?
 - (a) What is the cost of transporting the containers to this location or locations?

Answer—

I am advised that:

The deployment and operation of collection points is a matter for TOMRA Cleanaway, the Network Operator.

*7614 SYDNEY GATEWAY BUSINESS CASE—Ms Jodi McKay asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

When will the business case for the Sydney Gateway be released?

Answer—

I am advised:

Roads and Maritime is currently working with key stakeholders to develop the design solution for Sydney Gateway for consideration by Government.

*7615 BURWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL UPGRADE—Ms Jodi McKay asked the Minister for Education—

When will Burwood Public School be upgraded?

Answer—

I'm advised that three projects are currently underway in the vicinity of Burwood Public School:

An upgrade to Croydon Public School that will provide an additional 20 classrooms, Works at Homebush West Public School that will provide an additional 26 classrooms, and Marie Bashir Public School, which will be upgraded with 18 new classrooms.

These projects will increase enrolment capacity in the Burwood-Strathfield area.

The department continually undertakes planning work to ensure school facilities properly cater for long-term student demand.

*7616 RELEASE OF THE METRO WEST ROUTES—Ms Jodi McKay asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

When will the details of the route for the Metro West be released?

Answer—

I am advised:

The proposed corridor information is available on the Sydney Metro website.

*7617 BIKESHARE REGULATION—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) What regulations apply to the four online bikeshare operators in New South Wales?
- (2) What assessment has Transport for NSW made of the benefits of dockless bikeshare schemes?
- (3) What complaints have been received about these businesses since they began operating?
- (4) What consideration has the Government given to including dockless bikeshare as a regulated form of public transport?
- (5) What benefits have been identified of regulation including accreditation, minimum bicycle safety requirements and consistency across local government areas?
- (6) How will the government work with bikeshare operators to:
 - (a) Prevent bikes being misplaced, abandoned, blocking access or risking safety;
 - (b) Inform the community how to deal with abandoned bikes and take timely action to remove unsafe, damaged or misplaced bikes?
- (7) What action is the Government taking to ensure appropriate regulation of bikeshare operators?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1), (3), (4), (5) and (6) Councils are responsible for footpaths and local roads, including cycling and bike parking infrastructure. Councils have sufficient powers under the Local Government Act and the Impounding Act to deal with issues pertaining to share bikes. Councils are encouraged to exercise their existing powers. Additionally, bike share operators have to meet the same requirements as any other private business. Further, as Councils are responsible for the regulation of share bikes, complaints about their operations are a matter for Councils. Councils are strongly encouraged to take all complaints seriously.

(2) and (7) The Government is considering if any further regulation is required.

*7618 WOLLONGONG ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE UPGRADE—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Tourism and Major Events, and Assistant Minister for Skills—

- (1) Was the need for an upgrade to the Wollongong Entertainment Centre raised in discussions at the tourism forum in the Illawarra held on 5 February 2018?
 - (a) Which organisations attended this forum?

Answer—

(1) Yes.

- (a) In addition to the Minister for Tourism and Major Events and the Parliamentary Secretary for

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the Illawarra and South Coast, the following organisations attended the forum:

- Destination Sydney Surrounds South
- Destination NSW
- Approximately 50 local tourism stakeholders, including Regional Development Australia Illawarra, local councils and tourism operators and businesses.

*7619 BEAUMONT STREET BUS SERVICES—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) Is the Minister aware that bus services no longer operate along the commercial hub of Beaumont Street, Hamilton?
- (2) What consultation was undertaken before these changes were introduced?
- (3) Was the Hamilton Business Chamber consulted about the cut in services?
- (4) Is the Minister aware of any detrimental effects that the cut to bus services on Beaumont Street, Hamilton is having on the small businesses located there?
- (5) What will the Minister do to support small businesses in Hamilton?
- (6) Will any support be offered to small businesses and commuters who are being negatively impacted by the cuts to services?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) Beaumont Street continues to be serviced by five bus routes that travel on both Tudor and Donald Streets. Those routes have benefitted from an additional 188 services per week since the network redesign.

(2) Newcastle Transport proactively invited community input into the new network.

A citizens' panel was also involved in detailed planning to help Newcastle Transport meet and respond to the community's needs and views. More than 600 submissions were received during this consultation process.

This feedback was reviewed by the Newcastle Transport network planning team to help shape the Newcastle Transport network.

(3) The Chamber was consulted, however there has been no cuts to services.

(4) to (6) Given the false assertions in your original question, your assertions of business impacts should be backed up by evidence before they will be taken as true.

There are 188 more weekly services to the Hamilton area under the new network.

*7620 SEAFOOD LABELLING—Mr Tim Crakanthorp 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—

What is the Government doing to support Seafood Country of Origin Labelling in New South Wales?

Answer—

The NSW Department of Primary Industries (DPI) has established an industry-led working group, with representation across the seafood supply chain, to develop options in relation to country of origin labelling for seafood sold for immediate consumption. This includes investigating schemes that provide direct benefits for New South Wales fishers at a regional level.

The industry led working group is developing a trial to obtain a greater understanding of the impacts to the consumer and retailers.

*7621 AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN NEWCASTLE—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Housing, and Special Minister for State—

- (1) How many affordable housing properties has the Government provided in Newcastle in each financial year from 2011-12 to 2017-18 (as at 15 February 2018)?
- (2) What is the Government doing to provide affordable housing in the Newcastle electorate?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) One of the ways the government facilitates affordable housing is through the State Environment Planning Policy (Affordable Rental Housing) 2009. The data on development applications which have

used State Environment Planning Policy (Affordable Rental Housing) 2009 is obtained from the Local Development Performance Monitor, using data provided by Newcastle City Council.

Figures are for development and complying development applications for new affordable housing, new boarding houses, new group homes and new secondary dwellings.

By year development applications and complying development applications were:

- 2010-11 – 24
- 2011-12 – 44
- 2012-13 – 45
- 2013-14 – 72
- 2014-15 – 62
- 2015-16 – 77
- 2016-17 – 94

Figures for 2017-18 are not yet available.

(2) The Government is committed to increasing housing supply and making housing more affordable. This is evidenced through a range of initiatives including State policies and plans such as the State Environment Planning Policy (Affordable Rental Housing) and the Hunter Regional Plan. The Regional Plan includes actions to develop a local housing strategy to respond to housing needs, including social and affordable housing.

The Government and Department are happy to work with local councils or any other party interested in increasing affordable housing in the Newcastle electorate.

*7622 GYNAECOLOGY WARD AT THE JOHN HUNTER HOSPITAL—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) Was the gynaecology ward at the John Hunter Hospital closed during the 2016-17 Christmas/New Year period?
 - (a) If so, why?
- (2) Was the gynaecology ward at the John Hunter Hospital closed during the 2017-18 Christmas/New Year period?
 - (a) If not, why was the staffing level of this ward changed?

Answer—

I am advised that the gynaecology ward at John Hunter Hospital was not closed over the 2016-2017 Christmas/New Year period, or over the 2017-2018 Christmas/New Year period.

The gynaecology ward continued to provide acute inpatient care and access to emergency operating procedures 24 hours per day, seven days a week.

*7623 RETURN AND EARN VENDING MACHINE MAYFIELD—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

What will be done to ensure that the Return and Earn reverse vending machine in Mayfield is not full or out of service?

Answer—

The deployment and operation of collection points is a matter for TOMRA Cleanaway the Network Operator.

*7624 KEOLIS DOWNER HUNTER ROSTERING—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) Is Keolis Downer Hunter correctly displaying rosters as required under the Enterprise Agreement?
- (2) Do the rosters advise drivers if they are complying with fatigue rules?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Keolis Downer is correctly displaying rosters in accordance with the Enterprise Agreement, four weeks in advance.
- (2) Rosters are set to comply with the fatigue rules.

*7625 STOCKTON EROSION—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

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What is currently being done to safeguard the community of Stockton in the face of increased erosion including the local surf club, café, childcare centre, roads and an exposed tip?

Answer—

I am advised:

Newcastle City Council is responsible for managing coastal erosion at Stockton Beach.

The Office of Environment and Heritage continues to provide technical and policy advice to help Council develop a viable long-term response to coastal erosion at Stockton Beach.

*7626 DEMOUNTABLE CLASSROOMS IN THE CESSNOCK ELECTORATE—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) In the Cessnock electorate is there a maximum term that a demountable classroom is utilised that triggers a requirement for a permanent additional classroom to be constructed?
- (2) Is there a maximum term that a demountable is utilised before it needs to be replaced with another demountable?
- (3) Are all demountable buildings air-conditioned?

Answer—

I'm advised:

The Department of Education replaces demountable classrooms through its capital works program based on projected long-term enrolment demand.

The department will maintain and refurbish demountables on a regular basis, both on and off school sites.

All demountable classrooms are air-conditioned.

*7627 RETURN AND EARN SCHEME IN THE CESSNOCK ELECTORATE—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) How many containers, that carry a fee or levy for the Return and Earn scheme, have been sold in the Cessnock electorate between when charges for the scheme began on 1 November 2017 and 15 February 2018?
 - (a) What is the total amount of funds collected as a result of the sale of those containers?
- (2) Does all money collected under the scheme come back to Government, or is a portion held by the point of sale?
 - (a) If so, what percentage of collected funds is withheld by the point of sale?
- (3) How many containers have been recycled through the Return and Earn scheme in the Cessnock Electorate between when refunds for the scheme began on 1 December 2017 and 15 February 2018?
- (4) Did your Department instruct the operator Tempra to remove the Return and Earn machine from the Kurri Kurri Golf Club?
 - (a) If so, on what date and on what grounds?
- (5) How many complaints, from how many different individuals, did your Department receive about the Kurri Kurri Golf Club Return and Earn machine?
 - (a) What was the nature of these complaints?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) This information is not available.
- (2) No money returns to the Government.
- (3) 2,212,822 as of 21 March 2018.
- (4) No.
- (5) This information is not available.

*7628 COMPLAINTS OF ELDER ABUSE IN THE MAITLAND ELECTORATE—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Women, and Minister for Ageing—

- (1) Have there been any complaints of elder abuse recorded within aged care facilities in the Maitland electorate in 2017?
 - (a) If so:
 - (i) Which aged care facilities have received complaints against them?
 - (ii) How many complaints have been recorded?

Answer—

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

I am advised that instances of elder abuse in aged care facilities fall under the jurisdiction of the Commonwealth Government.

*7629 STOCKTON FERRY—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) Is the Government supportive of the petition tabled in the Legislative Council on 14 February 2018 in relation to extending current Stockton ferry services?
 - (a) If so, will exploration of extending these services be expedited?
- (2) What has the Government done to investigate proposals to extend the ferry service since 2015 (as at 15 February 2018)?
- (3) Why was a direct connection to the ferry service not considered as part of the original Wickham Interchange Plan?

Answer—

I am advised:

No petition regarding Stockton ferry services was lodged in the Legislative Council on 14 February 2018.

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*7630 BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE LAW AND JUSTICE FOUNDATION—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General—

What was the attendance record of the members of the Board of Governors of the Law and Justice Foundation in the period from 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2017?

Answer—

I am advised:

The attendance record of the members of the Board of Governors of the Law and Justice Foundation in the period from 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2017 was:

- One member attended six Board meetings.
- One member attended eight Board meetings.
- One member attended nine Board meetings.
- Three members attended ten Board meetings.
- One member attended eleven Board meetings.

During the same period, one member of the Board of Governors was absent from one meeting before the end of that member's term of office. A new member was appointed and attended three Board meetings.

*7631 SECTION 39 OF THE WORKERS COMPENSATION ACT 1987—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) How many people in the Macquarie Fields electorate are directly affected by Section 39 of the Workers Compensation Act 1987 (as at 6 March 2018)?
 - (a) How many of these people have been referred to Human Services Network (HSNet) for support services?
 - (i) Which type of service did they request?
 - (b) How many of these people have been referred to Ability Links NSW?
 - (c) How many of these people have successfully applied for funding under Community Connect?
 - (i) What is the average funding level for these people under Community Connect?
 - (d) How many people have been referred by the Workers Compensation Independent Review Office (WIRO) to the Independent Legal Assistance and Review Service (ILARS)?

Answer—

- (1) 34.
 - (a) Zero.

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- (i) Not applicable.
- (b) Zero.
- (c) Two.
- (i) \$1,000.
- (d) Zero.

*7632 ARTS AND SCREEN FUNDING GRANTS IN THE SUMMER HILL ELECTORATE—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Housing, and Special Minister for State representing the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council—

How many arts and screen funding grants have been awarded to companies, organisations or residents in the Summer Hill electorate in each financial year from 2013-14 to 2016-17?

Answer—

I am advised:

- 2013-14 - 8
- 2014-15 - 19
- 2015-16 - 16
- 2016-17 - 23

*7633 ACCESS TO THE MEDICINAL CANNABIS TRIALS—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) Has the Government delayed access to medicinal cannabis under the Government's medicinal cannabis trials?
 - (a) If so, why?
- (2) How many patients have been able to gain access to medicinal cannabis in New South Wales?
- (3) Are these trials considered to be a success so far?

Answer—

(1) No.

(2) and (3) Patients have accessed cannabis medicines as part of the three Government funded program areas. Patients have also accessed S8 cannabis medicines prescribed through the special access scheme or authorised prescriber schemes, as well as through clinical trials funded through other avenues for certain conditions.

The Government funded trials are generating new evidence about the safety and efficacy of cannabis medicines to enable doctors to appropriately prescribe them to their patients.

*7634 HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE MINIMUM STANDARDS—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) Will Year 9 students continue to be required to complete minimum standard testing online to be able to complete their Higher School Certificate (HSC)?
 - (a) If so, how many times per year?
- (2) Will Year 10, 11 and 12 students be required to complete minimum standard testing online to be able to complete their HSC?
 - (a) If so, how many times per year?
- (3) What will be the outcome for students who do not meet the minimum standard?
- (4) Will students who do not meet the minimum standard receive a HSC or only a Record of School Achievement?
- (5) Will students be provided the option to complete testing in handwriting?
- (6) Are students being taught to touch type in preparation for mandatory online testing?
 - (a) If so, at what age are students being taught to touch type?
- (7) What actions is the Government taking to address incidences of poor mental health and suicide rates related to school testing?

Answer—

I'm advised that:

Students will meet the Higher School Certificate (HSC) minimum standard through short online tests in reading, writing and numeracy. Students will have multiple opportunities in Years 10, 11 and 12 to pass the tests.

Students who do not pass the tests by the end of Year 12 will still be able to sit their HSC examinations, receive their HSC results and an Australian Tertiary Admission Rank.

Students will have further opportunities to pass the online tests in the five years after starting their first HSC course, and to receive their HSC credential to add to their earlier package of course results.

If a student is unable to access an online test, due to a disability or exceptional circumstance, then alternative arrangements will be considered. Students are not required to touch type for minimum standard online tests.

Each school in New South Wales will have a planned approach to support the wellbeing of all students. Schools prepare students to be familiar with assessment processes. Teachers are well-placed to monitor and respond to the wellbeing needs of their students.

*7635 STATUTORY REVIEW OF THE SURVEILLANCE DEVICES ACT 2007—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General—

When will the statutory review of the Surveillance Devices Act 2007 be complete?

Answer—

I am advised:

The statutory review of the Surveillance Devices Act 2007 is being finalised and a report will be tabled in due course.

*7636 HIGHWAY PATROL IN REGIONAL NEW SOUTH WALES—Mr Philip Donato asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—

Will consideration be given to increasing the number of high visibility Highway Patrol vehicles and Highway Patrol Police Officers in Regional New South Wales to detect dangerous driver behaviour and to reduce serious motor vehicle collisions?

Answer—

The Government's commitments regarding road safety initiatives are set out in the Road Safety Plan 2021. The Plan was released by the Premier and the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight on 6 February 2018 and can be viewed on the website www.towardszero.nsw.gov.au/roadsafetyplan.

The plan includes an action item for the next five years to "Develop a new NSW Police enforcement strategy for regional and metropolitan New South Wales to target high risk behaviour".

The Commissioner of Police will determine the appropriate deployment of police resources in implementing this action.

*7637 DEATHS OF JACINTA ROSE SMITH AND MONA LISA SMITH—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General—

What steps do you propose to take, if any, concerning the deaths of Jacinta Rose Smith and Mona Lisa Smith?

Answer—

I am advised:

I wish to extend my deepest sympathy to the Smith families for the tragic loss of Ms Jacinta Rose Smith and Ms Mona Lisa Smith.

I have requested advice from the Department of Justice regarding this matter.

*7638 CORONIAL INQUIRY INTO THE DEATH OF STUART KELLY—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Attorney General—

Does the Government support a coronial inquiry into the death of Stuart Kelly and any involvement of St Paul's College at the University of Sydney?

Answer—

I am advised:

This matter is currently under investigation by the acting NSW State Coroner.

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It would be inappropriate to comment while the coronial investigation is still underway.

*7639 NSW SEXUAL ASSAULT STRATEGY CONSULTATION—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) In developing the NSW Sexual Assault Strategy, what consultation was undertaken with:
 - (a) Women at University and TAFE campuses;
 - (b) University residential colleges;
 - (c) Victims of sexual assault, harassment and rape at University and TAFE campuses?
- (2) Will the NSW Sexual Assault Strategy explicitly address the issue of sexual assault, harassment, hazing and rape at University and TAFE campuses, and in particular residential colleges?
- (3) What is the reason behind the delayed release of the NSW Sexual Assault Strategy?
- (4) When will the NSW Sexual Assault Strategy be released?

Answer—

The strategy will be released in 2018.

The Government has engaged with New South Wales university staff and students as part of the development of the strategy.

In March 2017, I met with senior representatives from universities across New South Wales. In June 2017, I convened a sexual assault forum with student leaders from university campuses across New South Wales at Parliament House which was also attended by the Member for Maitland, Jenny Aitchison MP.

I am advised information about public online consultation was distributed through university student networks in July 2017. Women's officers, student counsellors and university staff attended stakeholder consultation workshops in Bankstown, Nowra and Sydney.

*7640 POINT-TO-POINT SPEED CAMERAS—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

Why has Roads and Maritime Services not extended point-to-point speed camera technology to cars across New South Wales like all other Australian states?

Answer—

I am advised that point-to-point cameras are not used in all Australian states and territories.

*7641 HUNTER SPORTS HIGH SCHOOL PUBLIC WORKS—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Education—

Are the Hunter Sports High School public works still due for completion in January 2019?

Answer—

Yes.

*7642 WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK FEES—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) Why did the Government not discuss waiving the \$80 Working With Children Check fee with the Members of the Australian Paramedics Association?
- (2) Why are Hunter paramedics required to pay the fee whilst Police and volunteers are exempt?

Answer—

I have met with representatives of the Australian Paramedics Association regarding the Working With Children Check fee.

The Police are not exempt from the fee. They are exempt from having to have a Working with Children Check because of the extensive background checking they are subject to as part of being a police officer.

Under the Child Protection (Working with Children) Regulation 2013, there is no fee for the Working with Children Check for people in unpaid child related work.

*7643 POWER BILL COMPLAINTS ACROSS THE HUNTER—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Housing, and Special Minister for State representing the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) What is being done to address the 42.8 per cent increase in high billing complaints for power bills in

the Hunter?

- (2) How much have the wholesale costs of electricity in New South Wales risen in the past two years (to 6 March 2018)?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The Energy and Water Ombudsman NSW resolves a wide variety of energy and water complaints. The most common energy complaints relate to high bills.

The Government is working to put downward pressure on prices for all customers across New South Wales, including in the Hunter region. The Government:

- Sought a new national rule requiring retailers to provide customers with advance notice of any price changes
- Implemented the Energy Bill Relief Package which increased all energy rebates by 20 per cent and prohibited fees for leaving a contract early, fees for paper bills and fees for paying a bill at Australia Post. It also helps households and small businesses replace inefficient appliances
- Introduced new obligations on retailers under the NSW Social Programs for Energy Code to assist customers that receive energy rebates to identify the most appropriate deal
- Requests all retailers to adopt the Australian Energy Regulator's (AER) Sustainable Payment Plans Framework. This Framework provides guidance for retailers on how to assist certain groups of customers in paying their bills.

- (2) Data obtained from the Australian Energy Market Operator shows that from March 2016 to February 2017 the average wholesale price for electricity in New South Wales was \$72.94 per megawatt. For the period of March 2017 to February 2018, the average wholesale price was \$86.80 per megawatt.

- *7644 SURFBOARD COLLISIONS ON NEW SOUTH WALES BEACHES—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—

Does NSW Police have a plan for action with local councils and volunteer surf lifesavers to prevent surfboard collisions on New South Wales beaches?

Answer—

I am advised:

Questions relating to beach safety are best answered by local councils. Councils have responsibility for addressing water safety issues within their respective Local Government Area and will implement measures to prevent water related injuries and fatalities using a risk management approach. Local councils have the power under section 633 of the Local Government Act 1993 to erect notices controlling activities in public places, including public beaches, such as the use of water-based recreational equipment like surfboards.

- *7645 GREATER NEWCASTLE METROPOLITAN PLAN—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Housing, and Special Minister for State—

In targeting objectives to activate the North-West of the Greater Newcastle area, will Cardiff be added to the list of 'catalyst areas' important for the region's growth in the Greater Newcastle Metropolitan Plan?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Department of Planning and Environment has been working with Lake Macquarie City Council on a proposal for a catalyst area at North-West Lake Macquarie, including land at Cardiff and Glendale.

- *7646 STOCKPILING RECYCLABLES—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) What assistance is being provided to Lake Macquarie City Council to prevent the collapse of kerbside recycling collection?
- (2) What offset storage facilities are being used to offset excess recyclables from Gateshead recycling plant until a long-term market development plan can be implemented?

Answer—

I am advised :

- (1) On 20 March 2018, I announced an assistance package of up to \$47 million to support local government and the waste industry to respond to China's National Sword policy.

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The Environment Protection Authority (EPA) and councils in the Hunter region have met to discuss kerbside collection issues and short, medium and long term solutions. Lake Macquarie City Council attended one of these meetings on 8 March 2018.

(2) The EPA will continue to work with Lake Macquarie City Council and other councils in the Hunter region to find solutions to kerbside collection issues.

*7647 ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION AUTHORITY WASTE LEVY—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

(1) Considering the need to stockpile recyclables, what is being done to ensure recyclables will not be disposed of at landfill in New South Wales, other Australian states or other countries?

(2) Does the Government plan to waive the Environment Protection Authority waste levy of \$138 per tonne in metropolitan areas, or \$79.60 in regional areas applied to recycled waste stored more than a year?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) On March 20 2018, I announced an assistance package of up to \$4 7 million to support local government and the waste industry to respond to China's National Sword Policy.

(2) The Environment Protection Authority (EPA) is undertaking urgent work to consider the circumstances under which a levy exemption on stockpiled material might be considered, and its impacts.

*7648 SHERIFF'S OFFICERS ON DUTY AT GRIFFITH COURT HOUSE—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General—

How many sheriff's officers were on duty at Griffith Court House on Friday 16 February 2018?

Answer—

I am advised:

For safety reasons, the Office of the Sheriff does not disclose sheriff's officer allocations.

*7649 GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS AT RESIDENTIAL COLLEGES IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Education—

(1) Following your recent changes to the Saint John's College Act, will you now be undertaking a broader review of governance arrangements at residential colleges across New South Wales for which New South Wales has legislative jurisdiction?

(2) Will additional information contained in The Red Zone Report be considered as part of any broader review?

(3) Will the recommendations made in The Red Zone Report be responded to?

Answer—

(1) and (2) The Government continues to actively monitor and review the legislative framework governing University of Sydney residential colleges. The Saint John's College Act 2018 was recently passed with bipartisan support and changes to the legislation for St Paul's College are currently being considered.

(3) The Red Zone Report recommendation that the State Government review "the legislative framework governing residential colleges" is already in place and progressing.

*7650 INNER WEST BUS SERVICES BENCHMARKS—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

(1) Under the terms of the contract signed with Transit Systems to operate Inner West buses, what penalties will apply should the operator not meet benchmarks for service frequency and on-time running?

(2) How will success or failure of meeting these benchmarks be monitored?

(3) How will the Government manage customer complaints under the terms of the new contract?

(4) How many complaints has the Government received for bus services in regions operated by Transit Systems in each financial year from 2012-13 to 2016-17?

(5) How does the Government manage complaints regarding failures of buses to run on-time in other areas where Transit Systems operates, including Liverpool?

Answer—

I am advised:

The contract is expected to be published by the end of April 2018.

- *7651 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HIGH RISK OFFENDER TEAM—Mr Philip Donato asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—

Will consideration be given to basing a Domestic Violence High Risk Offender Team at the Orange Police Station to reduce the incidence of domestic violence in Orange?

Answer—

The location of resources is a matter for the Commissioner of Police.

I am advised:

The Western Region Domestic Violence High Risk Offender Team (DVHRT) was established in late 2017. In structuring the Team, the NSW Police Force acknowledged the significant size of the Region by creating two bases, in Dubbo and Tamworth. Officers in the DVHRT work across the Region.

- *7652 ORANGE REGIONAL ENFORCEMENT SQUAD—Mr Philip Donato asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—

Will consideration be given to a Regional Enforcement Squad to be based at the Orange Police Station to provide increased police resources to target illicit drug supply across the Central West of New South Wales?

Answer—

The location of resources is a matter for the Commissioner of Police. Regional Enforcement Squads have been deployed to large regional centres to tackle crimes such as mid-level drug supply across regional areas, allowing local police to focus on other crimes.

As re-engineering continues to be rolled out, the NSW Police Force will continue to take into account crime trends, population density and expected growth, as well as the unique needs of each community, in developing its responses.

- *7653 819 BUS ROUTE—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

Can the 819 bus route be extended up Orange Grove Road at Liverpool to the Liverpool Megacentra so that people who utilise public transport can actually access the Liverpool Service Centre?

Answer—

I am advised:

There are no plans to alter Route 819 which already operates in the vicinity of the Liverpool Megacentra. Improved bus access to the Liverpool Megacentra will be considered as part of broader transport planning in the area.

- *7654 REFERRAL OF INVESTIGATING POLICE OFFICERS TO THE LAW ENFORCEMENT CONDUCT COMMISSION—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—

Do you propose to refer the actions of police who investigated the deaths of Jacinta Rose Smith and Mona Lisa Smith to the Law Enforcement Conduct Commission?

Answer—

The Law Enforcement Conduct Commission (LECC) is an independent entity. The decision to investigate matters is made at the discretion of the LECC, in accordance with the Law Enforcement Commission Act 2016.

- *7655 COMMUNITY LEGAL CENTRES—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General—

- (1) To which community legal centres was the over \$3 million additional support (announced in April 2017) actually distributed in 2017-18?
- (2) How much was distributed to each Centre?
- (3) What was the basis, or formula, used to determine that distribution?
- (4) What consultation with the community legal centres sector was undertaken prior to the distribution?

Answer—

I am advised:

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In 2017-18, the \$3.041 million in additional support was distributed to community legal centres and the sector peak body, Community Legal Centres NSW. The distribution was informed by a needs-based funding methodology and my commitment that no community legal centre would receive less funding in 2017-18 than they had in 2016-17.

The needs-based funding methodology was based on the following principles:

- Prioritising clients in areas of significant disadvantage, particularly where there is a high likelihood of legal need having regard to availability of other legal assistance services;
- Prioritising the client groups and performance milestones agreed to by the Commonwealth and State Governments under the National Partnership on Legal Assistance Services 2015-20;
- Ensuring sustainability of frontline services and recognising the need to implement administrative efficiencies in line with the findings in the Productivity Commission Inquiry into Access to Justice.

Significant consultation was conducted with Community Legal Centres NSW prior to the determination of the allocations and distribution of additional support.

*7656 METAL DETECTORS AT GRIFFITH COURT HOUSE—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General—
What plans, if any, are there to install metal detectors at Griffith Court House?

Answer—

I am advised:

For safety reasons, the Office of the Sheriff does not disclose security arrangements.

*7657 SHERIFF OFFICERS AT GRIFFITH COURT—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General—
What plans, if any, are there to increase the level of sheriff officers staffing at Griffith Court?

Answer—

I am advised:

Refer to LA Q7648.

*7658 EXTENDING FERRY SERVICES TO HABERFIELD—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

(1) Has Transport for NSW investigated the feasibility of extending ferry services to Haberfield and constructing a ferry wharf at Haberfield?

(a) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

Sydney's Ferry Future considered more than 30 new potential locations to be serviced as part of the ferry network, including a location near Haberfield. This location was not recommended for further analysis.

Bus and light rail services in Haberfield provide access to Sydney CBD within 30 minutes meeting Government's vision of a 30 minute city. The bus and light rail services connect Haberfield to a range of local and regional destinations for residents and visitors in the area.

*7659 SYDNEY GAY AND LESBIAN MARDI GRAS 40TH YEAR—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Tourism and Major Events, and Assistant Minister for Skills—

(1) How is the Government supporting the Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras as it celebrates its 40th year?

(2) What financial contribution has the Government made to support the Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras and Festival in each of the financial years since the Government was elected in 2011 (to 6 March 2018)?

(3) In what other ways does the Government support initiatives to attract tourists from the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex, queer/questioning and asexual (LGBTIQ+) communities?

(4) How does the Government measure rates of tourism from these communities?

(5) What have been the estimated rates of tourism from the LGBTIQ+ community in each of the financial years since 2011 (to 6 March 2018)?

Answer—

(1) As a strategic sponsor of the Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras, the Government is proud to have invested in this iconic event since 2009. This investment exemplifies the Government's commitment to inclusivity and has delivered a return of more than \$265 million in International and Interstate visitor spend into the New South Wales economy between 2009 and 2017. In recognition of this commitment, the Government's tourism and major events agency, Destination NSW provided additional support for the festival's 40th anniversary in 2018, including a performance from world-class artist Cher as part of the 40th celebrations.

The Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras featured on Destination NSW's recent 'It's ON! in Sydney' Summer event campaign across television, outdoor, and digital channels. The festival was also promoted on Destination NSW's digital and social media channels.

Travel packages for the Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras were promoted domestically, in the United States of America, New Zealand and the United Kingdom.

(2) See answer to question 1. All event investment figures are commercial-in-confidence and cannot be disclosed.

(3) The Government continues to remain accepting, open and diverse in delivering initiatives that support the growth in visitation to Sydney and regional New South Wales, and contribute to the Government's goal of doubling overnight visitor expenditure by 2020.

(4) The Government measures quarterly domestic and international visitation (visitor numbers, nights and expenditure) based on Tourism Research Australia's International and National Visitor Survey. Visitor data is provided per market of origin, destinations visited, age and purpose of travel. The Government also conducts post-event evaluations into the visitation for events in which it invests to measure their return to the New South Wales economy.

(5) See answer to question 4.

*7660 DAIRY HERD AT HURLSTONE AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL (GLENFIELD)—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) How many head were in the dairy herd at Hurlstone Agricultural High School (Glenfield) as at:
- 1 March 2014;
 - 1 March 2015;
 - 1 March 2016;
 - 1 March 2017;
 - 1 March 2018?

Answer—

I'm advised as follows:

The herd's numbers fluctuate depending on a range of factors including breeding cycle, milking cycle, feed availability and milking volumes of individual cows.

Approximately 40 cows in the current herd are scheduled to calve between now and the end of 2018.

*7661 MOBILITY PARKING SCHEME PHOTO CARD PERMITS—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- How many Mobility Parking Scheme photo card permits were issued in the Wollongong Local Government Area in each year from 2011 to 2018 (to 6 March 2018)?
- What was the average number of days taken for customers to receive their cards in each year from 2011 to 2018 (to 6 March 2018)?
- How many cards took longer than the expected working time of 10 working days to be processed in each year from 2011 to 2018 (to 6 March 2018)?

Answer—

(1) This question should be referred to the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight.

(2) and (3) Before Service NSW, Mobility Parking Scheme Permits were processed and issued to customers onsite at former motor registries. Service NSW generally processes Mobility Parking Scheme Permits within 3 business days and then they are mailed to customers. The number of days taken for customers to receive their Mobility Parking Scheme Permits is not available. However, customers can expect to receive their Mobility Parking Scheme Permits within 10 business days. For urgent requests, an express service is available.

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*7662 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TARIFFS ON STEEL—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) Has the Government made any representations to the Commonwealth Government on the announcement by the United States of America to impose tariffs on steel?
 - (a) If so, what has been the nature of these representations?
 - (b) If not, why not?
- (2) What will be the impact of a United States of America tariff on steel producers in New South Wales?
- (3) What preparations has the Government made to ameliorate an expected increase in steel dumping in New South Wales from any decision by the United States of America to impose a tariff on steel?
 - (a) If none, why not?

Answer—

The United States of America is yet to finalise its new tariff arrangements so the impact on New South Wales steel exports is not yet known.

Note: I am aware of the recent press reports of exemptions for Australia. The Department of Finance, Services and Innovation will continue to monitor the situation.

*7663 TERMINATION OF SOCIAL HOUSING TENANCIES—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) Since 2014 (to 6 March 2018), how many social housing tenancies in the Wollongong electorate have been terminated by Family and Community Services due to:
 - (a) Drug dealing;
 - (b) Manufacture of drugs?
- (2) How many people have been banned from social housing areas in the Wollongong electorate due to drug activity?

Answer—

I am advised that information on antisocial behaviour is available found on the Department of Family and Community Services (FACS) website at <https://www.facs.nsw.gov.au>.

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7664 SMART WORK HUBS PILOT PROGRAM—Mr Paul Scully 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—

7665 COMPULSORY THIRD PARTY REFUNDS—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

7666 WATER SUPPLY FOR WESTERN SYDNEY RESIDENTS—Mr Edmond Atalla to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

*7667 HOSPITALS IN WESTERN SYDNEY—Mr Edmond Atalla asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) Are there any plans to build new hospitals in Western Sydney to accommodate the predicted population increase?
- (2) What provisions are being made to ensure that the current hospitals in Western Sydney are able to cope with this increase?

Answer—

I am advised that Comprehensive service planning has informed capital investment in the Western Sydney Local Health District, including major redevelopments in progress at Westmead, Blacktown and Mount Druitt hospitals.

Major hospital redevelopments underway in the District include \$700 million for expansion of Blacktown and Mount Druitt hospitals. A \$918 million Westmead Hospital Redevelopment is also underway. This

includes \$750 million for the redevelopment of Westmead Hospital, \$95 million for The Children's Hospital at Westmead and \$73 million for precinct car parking.

*7668 MOUNT DRUITT HOSPITAL DENTAL CLINIC—Mr Edmond Atalla asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) What is the current waiting time for an eligible person to receive dental services at the Mount Druitt Hospital Dental Clinic (as at 7 March 2018)?
- (2) How many patients attended the Mount Druitt Hospital Dental Clinic from March 2016 to March 2017?
- (3) How many dental practitioners are employed at the Mount Druitt Hospital Dental Clinic (as at 7 March 2018)?

Answer—

As at 7 March 2018, waiting times at Mount Druitt Hospital Dental Clinic for all patient categories were within recommended maximum benchmark waiting times.

In the twelve month period 1 March 2016 to 28 February 2017 (inclusive), nearly 6000 patients were treated at the Mount Druitt Hospital Dental Clinic.

Staff work across all oral health facilities in the Western Sydney Local Health District, Oral Health Network.

7669 ADDITIONAL REVERSE VENDING MACHINES FOR ORANGE—Mr Philip Donato to ask the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

7670 RESPONSE TO CORRESPONDENCE—Mr Philip Donato to ask the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

7671 CLASSIFICATION OF A REGION—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Minister for Skills, and Minister for Small Business—

*7672 BODY BAGS USED BY NSW HEALTH—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) Where are the body bags used by NSW Health currently made?
- (2) Who is the company that makes these bags?
- (3) When does the contract expire?

Answer—

There are multiple suppliers who provide body bags. All NSW Health hospitals and forensic services can purchase directly from a number of suppliers based on local requirements.

7673 TRUCK INSPECTIONS AT THE MOUNT WHITE HEAVY VEHICLE SAFETY STATION—Mr David Harris to ask the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

*7674 CAR PARK SPACES AT THE REDEVELOPED BULLI HOSPITAL—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) How many car park spaces will be available to patients and visitors when the Bulli Hospital redevelopment is completed?
- (2) Will the car park be run by the Government or tendered out to the private sector?
- (3) Will patients and visitors be required to pay for parking?
 - (a) If so, how much will they pay?

Answer—

I am advised that when completed the Bulli Aged Care Centre of Excellence will provide more parking spaces on site than required under the Wollongong City Council Development Control Plan.

The car park will be managed by the Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District in the same way as other similar facilities.

There are currently no plans for paid parking.

7675 NEW INTERCITY FLEET ON THE SOUTH COAST LINE—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

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7676 FODDER AND FODDER TRANSPORT SUBSIDY—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—

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7677 IMPROVING AIR QUALITY—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

*7678 CLOSE THE GAP REVIEW—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Premier—

- (1) What assessment has the Government made of the 2018 'Closing The Gap Prime Minister's Report' on the progress of the agreed 2008 framework?
- (2) What assessment has the Government made about how the 21 per cent increase in New South Wales Indigenous identified people between the 2011 and 2016 Censuses affect the outcomes in the report?
- (3) What proposals has the Government taken to the Commonwealth Government for better outcomes?
- (4) What action has the Government planned to address those areas where national outcomes fail to meet the agreed targets:
 - (a) Child mortality;
 - (b) Early education enrolment;
 - (c) Incarceration rates?
- (5) What action does the Government plan to address those areas where New South Wales outcomes fail to meet the agreed targets:
 - (a) School attendance;
 - (b) Reading and numeracy;
 - (c) Year 12 or equivalent attainment;
 - (d) Employment;
 - (e) Life expectancy?
- (6) What action will the Government take to implement the:
 - (a) National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Plan Implementation Plan;
 - (b) National Strategic Framework for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples' Mental Health and Social and Emotional Wellbeing 2017-2023?
- (7) What action will the Government take to build primary health service capacity through Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services?

Answer—

The Government is absolutely committed to improving outcomes for Indigenous Australians, including as part of the current Closing the Gap national agenda.

This question would be more appropriately addressed to the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs.

7679 PHARMACY DEPARTMENT AT GOSFORD HOSPITAL—Ms Liesl Tesch to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

*7680 GLEBE ISLAND PLANNING—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Premier—

- (1) To what extent is increasing and intensifying port activities at Glebe Island beyond references to retaining a working harbour included in past strategic plans publicly released for The Bays Precinct?
- (2) To what extent does increasing and intensifying port activities at Glebe Island reflect Government policy?
 - (a) When was this policy determined?
- (3) When did the Government first propose or hear a proposal to increase port activities at Glebe Island?
- (4) Which department, agency, minister or company first raised the proposal to increase port activities at Glebe Island?
- (5) Is the Port Authority or UrbanGrowth responsible for planning land use at Glebe Island?
- (6) What consultation has the Government carried out with adjacent residents, including those at Jackson's Landing, about increasing and intensifying port activities at Glebe Island?
 - (a) When did this occur?
- (7) What commitment will the Government give to protecting residential amenity for Pymont residents

including those at Jackson's Landing with increased and intensified port activities at Glebe Island?

Answer—

The Government is committed to the transformation of The Bays Precinct that will deliver Glebe Island as part of an emerging innovation district.

I am advised your questions relating to port activity would be more appropriately addressed to the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight.

- 7681 ETHICS CLASSES—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Education—
- 7682 SHORE TO SHIP POWER GLEBE ISLAND—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—
- 7683 SHUTTLE BUS SERVICES BETWEEN EASY ACCESS STATIONS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 7684 CARDIO-THORACIC SURGEON AT WOLLONGONG PUBLIC HOSPITAL—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- *7685 TENANCY EVICTIONS AT THE 'THREE SISTERS' IN REDFERN—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—
- (1) How many tenants have been evicted from the housing estates of the building known as 'Three Sisters' in Redfern under the Antisocial Behaviour Management Policy in:
- (a) 2016;
- (b) 2017?

Answer—

I am advised that information on antisocial behaviour is available on the Department of Family and Community Services website at <https://www.facs.nsw.gov.au>.

- *7686 TENANCY EVICTIONS AT THE NORTHCOTT BUILDING IN SURRY HILLS—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—
- (1) How many tenants have been evicted from the housing estates of the Northcott building in Surry Hills under the Antisocial Behaviour Management Policy in:
- (a) 2016;
- (b) 2017?

Answer—

I am advised that information on antisocial behaviour is available on the Department of Family and Community Services (FACS) website at <https://www.facs.nsw.gov.au>.

- *7687 TENANCY EVICTIONS AT THE SOLANDER BUILDING IN WATERLOO—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—
- (1) How many tenants have been evicted from the housing estates of the Solander building in Waterloo under the Antisocial Behaviour Management Policy in:
- (a) 2016;
- (b) 2017?

Answer—

I am advised that information on antisocial behaviour is available on the Department of Family and Community Services (FACS) website at <https://www.facs.nsw.gov.au>.

- *7688 TENANCY EVICTIONS AT THE MCKELL TOWERS IN REDFERN—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—
- (1) How many tenants have been evicted from the housing estates of the McKell Towers in Redfern under the Antisocial Behaviour Management Policy in:
- (a) 2016;

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(b) 2017?

Answer—

I am advised that information on antisocial behaviour is available on the Department of Family and Community Services (FACS) website at <https://www.facs.nsw.gov.au>.

- 7689 HERITAGE ITEMS AND ARTEFACTS AT HURLSTONE AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong to ask the Minister for Education—
- 7690 MOTOR VEHICLE DUTY—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—
- 7691 ENFORCEMENT OF SECTION 39 OF THE WORKERS COMPENSATION ACT 1987—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—
- 7692 SECTION 39 OF THE WORKERS COMPENSATION ACT—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—
- 7693 FUNDING FOR A PALLIATIVE CARE AND HOSPICE FACILITY FOR ORANGE—Mr Philip Donato to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 7694 POLICE TRANSPORT COMMAND—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—
- 7695 INJURED WORKERS IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—
- 7696 NEW TIMETABLE COST—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- *7697 PRIORITY PRECINCTS—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Housing, and Special Minister for State—

- (1) What is the Department's budget for developing Priority Precincts?
- (2) What is the budget in 2017-18 for the development of the Wentworthville Priority Precinct?
 - (a) What proportion of the budget is allocated to community consultation?
- (3) What is the budget in 2017-18 for the development of the Westmead Priority Precinct?
 - (a) What proportion of the budget is allocated to community consultation?
- (4) What is the budget in 2017-18 for the development of the Granville Precinct within the Greater Parramatta Growth Area?
 - (a) What proportion of the budget is allocated to community consultation?
- (5) What will be done to reduce traffic on already congested local streets with forecast additional parking and traffic requirements in:
 - (a) The Wentworthville Priority Precinct;
 - (b) The Westmead Priority Precinct;
 - (c) The Granville Precinct within the Greater Parramatta Growth Area?
- (6) What is the expected date of the formal exhibition of a draft plan for the:
 - (a) Wentworthville Priority Precinct;
 - (b) Westmead Priority Precinct?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Government has allocated \$7.6 million in 2017-18 towards planning for expanding the Planned Precinct program as announced by the Premier on 1 June 2017. Of this \$7.6 million, \$2.45 million is allocated to staff costs and \$5.15 million is allocated towards specialist studies and community engagement.

In relation to the Wentworthville and Westmead Planned Precincts, I am advised that approximately \$1.04 million (for 2017-18) in specialist studies is currently underway in partnership with councils and other State government agencies. Approximately \$60,000 (for 2017-18) is allocated for community engagement in the Wentworthville and Westmead Planned Precincts.

Granville is not currently identified as a Planned Precinct and will be managed by council as part of their local strategic planning.

Traffic and parking outcomes will be identified as the planning progresses for each precinct. Technical

studies and specialist advice from Transport for NSW will inform these considerations.

A date for the exhibition of a draft plan for Wentworthville and Westmead has not yet been determined.

- 7698 REVERSE VENDING MACHINE IN GRANVILLE—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—
- 7699 POINT TO POINT TRANSPORT—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Attorney General—
- 7700 DATA USED IN SPEED LIMIT REVIEW—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—
- 7701 IMPACT OF SPEED LIMIT CHANGE—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—
- *7702 INCREASE IN RATS AROUND LIGHT RAIL CONSTRUCTION—Ms Jenny Leong asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—
- (1) What action has the Minister or Department taken to address the increase in the number of rats around the Northcott Estate and surrounding areas in Surry Hills as a result of the light rail construction?
 - (2) Has the Minister raised the concerns of residents about this situation with the Minister for Transport?
 - (a) If so, what response has been received?
 - (3) Has the Minister raised the concerns of residents with the Minister for Health?
 - (a) If so, what response has been received?
 - (4) What communication has been provided to residents about the actions taken and advice given on how to minimise the risks to them?

Answer—

I am advised that the Department of Family and Community Services (FACS) operates a pest and rodent management program across all high rise and walk up unit buildings. I am also advised that FACS has recently commenced an additional intensive weekly rodent eradication program at Northcott and the adjoining buildings in Devonshire and Clisdell Streets, in response to resident concerns.

I further understand these actions have been communicated to tenants through signage at the buildings, together with updates at the monthly Neighbourhood Advisory Board Meeting and other forums.

- *7703 STOCKTON TIP—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—

Will the Minister require Hunter Water to remove all of the waste located at the old tip that has been unearthed by erosion in Stockton?

Answer—

I am advised:

Hunter Water is working hard to rectify the site at Stockton Beach and is committed to stabilising it as soon as possible to protect it from further erosion.

Hunter Water has already removed approximately 10 metres of material from the face of the site. The material is currently covered with a specialist fabric that is regularly monitored and inspected to ensure there is no risk to public health and safety or the environment.

Hunter Water is currently obtaining an Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit from the Office of Environment and Heritage to understand the cultural sensitivities of the site on advice that approval is required to allow the next phase of stabilisation works to proceed. Hunter Water is working as quickly as possible to prepare the site, and will continue to work cooperatively with the local Aboriginal community in undertaking on site works.

Hunter Water is working with the Environmental Protection Authority and Newcastle City Council to investigate whether additional remediation of the site is required.

- *7704 DEFINITION OF REGIONAL—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Premier—

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Considering that for the Regional Tourism Fund and the Regional Growth Marketing and Promotion Fund, Newcastle is considered "regional", but for the Government's Cultural Infrastructure Fund, Newcastle is not considered "regional", what is the Government's definition of "regional"?

Answer—

I refer you to my previous answers regarding this topic.

- 7705 DREDGING THE ENTRANCE CHANNEL—Mr David Mehan to ask the Minister for Lands and Forestry, and Minister for Racing—
- 7706 SHELLHARBOUR SCHOOLS AIR CONDITIONING—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Education—
- 7707 WARRAWONG SERVICE CENTRE—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—
- 7708 SHELLHARBOUR PUBLIC HOSPITAL BEDS AND NURSES—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 7709 NEW ENGLAND HIGHWAY MAITLAND ELECTORATE INSPECTIONS—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—
- *7710 ABORIGINAL FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES CASEWORKERS IN THE HUNTER NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—
- (1) How many full-time equivalent caseworkers are currently employed in the following Hunter New England District Family and Community Services community service centres (as at 8 March 2018):
 - (a) Cessnock;
 - (b) Charlestown;
 - (c) Edgeworth;
 - (d) Mayfield;
 - (e) Muswellbrook;
 - (f) Raymond Terrace?
 - (2) How many of these workers identify as Aboriginal?

Answer—

Information on caseworker numbers is available on the Caseworker Dashboard on the Family and Community Services (FACS) website at <http://www.community.nsw.gov.au/>.

- *7711 ABORIGINAL FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES CASEWORKERS IN THE MAITLAND—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—
- (1) How many full-time equivalent caseworkers are currently employed in the Maitland Family and Community Services (FACS) community service centre (as at 8 March 2018)?
 - (a) How many of these workers identify as Aboriginal?
 - (2) How many cases are being managed by the Maitland FACS community service centre (as at 8 March 2018)?
 - (a) How many of these cases involve clients who identify as Aboriginal?

Answer—

Information on caseworker numbers is available on the Caseworker Dashboard on the Family and Community Services (FACS) website at <http://www.community.nsw.gov.au/>. Information is available at <https://www.facs.nsw.gov.au/> about the percentage of employees within FACS who identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islanders.

- 7712 UPGRADE OF THE NEW ENGLAND HIGHWAY IN MAITLAND—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—
- *7713 HUNTER NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES CASES—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—
- (1) How many cases are being managed by the following Hunter New England District Family and

Community Services community service centres:

- (a) Cessnock;
- (b) Charlestown;
- (c) Edgeworth;
- (d) Mayfield;
- (e) Muswellbrook;
- (f) Raymond Terrace?

(2) How many of these cases involve clients who identify as Aboriginal?

Answer—

I am advised that District information can be found on the FACS website at <https://www.facs.nsw.gov.au>.

7714 ASSISTANCE TO BUSINESSES DURING THE ROLLOUT OF THE NATIONAL BROADBAND NETWORK—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Minister for Skills, and Minister for Small Business—

7715 SERVICE NSW PRIVACY POLICY—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

7716 MAITLAND ELECTORATE INCIDENCE OF VIOLENT CRIME—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—

*7717 FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES CASEWORKERS—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

- (1) How many full-time equivalent caseworkers are currently employed in Family and Community Services (FACS) community service centres across New South Wales (as at 8 March 2018)?
 - (a) How many of these workers identify as Aboriginal?
- (2) How many cases are being managed by FACS community service centres across New South Wales (as at 8 March 2018)?
 - (a) How many of these cases involve clients who identify as Aboriginal?

Answer—

Information on caseworker numbers is available on the Caseworker Dashboard on the Family and Community Services (FACS) website at <http://www.community.nsw.gov.au/>.

Information is available at <https://www.facs.nsw.gov.au/> about the percentage of employees within FACS who identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islanders.

7718 TRAIN STATIONS STAFFING—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

7719 SHELLHARBOUR JUNCTION TRAIN STATION OPAL TOP UP MACHINE—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

7720 DREDGING OF NAVIGABLE CHANNELS ON TUGGERAH LAKES—Mr David Mehan to ask the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

7721 WATER QUALITY OF OURIMBAH CREEK—Mr David Mehan to ask the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

7722 WASTE LEVIES FOR WASTE REMOVED FROM THE OLD STOCKTON TIP—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

7723 CYCLEWAYS IN THE NEWCASTLE CBD—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

7724 EROSION AT STOCKTON—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

7725 NEWCASTLE SERVICE NSW CALL CENTRE—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

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*7726 OFFSHORE DRILLING—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—

What is the Government's policy position on offshore oil and gas exploration off the coast of Newcastle?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Government is opposed to seismic testing off the coast of Newcastle.

The reason for the Government's opposition is our concern with the inadequacies of the Commonwealth's offshore requirements for exploration.

Under Petroleum Exploration Permit 11, proposed seismic testing will take place in Commonwealth waters from Newcastle down to Sydney. The permit is held by Asset Energy Pty Limited. The term of the permit was recently extended by the Commonwealth Government— a renewal the Government was opposed to.

The Government made it quite clear that we remained opposed to the extension of Petroleum Exploration Permit 11. This was in line with the decision taken in November 2015 to oppose its extension.

The reasons for our opposition included the significant inconsistencies between the Commonwealth's offshore and the New South Wales onshore assessment and performance requirements in relation to exploration and titleholders across a wide range of considerations. These include technical, financial, reporting, environmental and community consultation standards.

Although petroleum exploration permits are jointly administered by the State and Commonwealth, the Government's objections to seismic testing were overridden.

The work New South Wales has done in the last few years to reform the legislative framework for onshore assessment and performance requirements means that New South Wales' requirements are now much, much more rigorous than the offshore requirements that the Commonwealth Government has in place.

*7727 AFFORDABLE ELECTRICITY—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Housing, and Special Minister for State representing the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council—

What steps is the Government taking to make rising electricity costs more affordable for consumers?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Government provides help for households that are facing energy bill stress through the Energy Bill Relief Package, announced in September last year.

From 1 July 2017 there was a 20 per cent increase to all energy rebates as part of the Energy Bill Relief Package. Rebates include the Low Income Household Energy Rebate, the Family Energy Rebate, the Gas and LPG Rebate, the Medical Energy Rebate, Energy Accounts Payment Assistance and Life Support Rebate.

The Government has abolished some key retailer fees, putting the needs of the customer first. This includes removal of retailer early termination fees, fees when paying bills over the counter at Australia Post and fees for choosing to receive paper bills. This also includes retailers charging customers leaving electricity and gas contracts before their end-date, and the recovery of upfront benefits for signing the original contract. This means that customers are free to leave expensive contracts to find a better deal.

The Energy Bill Relief Package will also assist households and small businesses when upgrading to energy efficient appliances and equipment.

For households, the Government has the appliance replacement offer, which helps homes in need by providing discounts when replacing old appliances with new energy efficient appliances. We also help households to save on their energy consumption with LED efficient lighting. Customers can gain a discount of about \$150 to replace their lights with the latest LED technology, with the help of a service provider that is accredited by the Government. LEDs use 90 per cent less power than traditional light bulbs, this can provide households with up to \$2,100 of energy savings over the lifetime of the lights.

The Government also provides assistance to New South Wales small businesses to replace their appliances with high energy rating equipment and upgrading their lighting to LED technology to help them save money on energy bills, be more energy efficient and at the same time help the environment.

More information on these schemes is available at www.energyaffordability.nsw.gov.au.

The Government is also working with other states and the Commonwealth through the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) Energy Council to enact national market reforms. These reforms would provide certainty to the national market, encourage investment and reduce wholesale prices.

- 7728 WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECKS—Mr David Mehan to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 7729 CENTRAL COAST LOCAL HEALTH DISTRICT PHARMACY BUDGET—Ms Liesl Tesch to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 7730 WOY WOY SERVICE NSW DIGITAL STORE—Ms Liesl Tesch to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—
- 7731 GOSFORD COMMUTER CARPARK—Ms Liesl Tesch to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 7732 CANCER TREATMENT TRIALS AT GOSFORD HOSPITAL—Ms Liesl Tesch to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 7733 WORKPLACE CULTURE SURVEY OF GOSFORD HOSPITAL—Ms Liesl Tesch to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 7734 PATRONAGE NUMBERS FOR BUSWAYS SERVICES—Ms Liesl Tesch to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- *7735 OFFICE OF THE COORDINATOR-GENERAL OF THE CENTRAL COAST—Ms Liesl Tesch asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Housing, and Special Minister for State—

What has been the total dollar amount spent on establishing and staffing the Office of the Coordinator-General of the Central Coast?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Office of the Co-ordinator General of the Central Coast was established in April 2017.

Total spend to date (7 April 2017 to 28 February 2018) incurred in establishing and staffing of the office:

(\$'000)	Total 7 April 2017 to 28 February 2018
Staff Costs (Labour Expense Cap)	409.3
Operational Expenditure	162.7
Total Costs incurred	572.0

- *7736 PROCESS OF SELLING A HOUSING NSW PROPERTY—Ms Liesl Tesch asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

- (1) What is the process that the Department of Family and Community Services' Land and Housing Corporation goes through to sell a former Housing NSW property?
(a) How is it advertised?

Answer—

Information about the sale policy of Land and Housing Corporation properties is available at www.housing.nsw.gov.au.

- 7737 RENT-BIDDING APPS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation—
- *7738 ELECTRICITY STORAGE TECHNOLOGY—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Housing, and Special Minister for State representing the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council—

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- (1) What assessment has been done on the potential to use batteries for grid stabilisation and to store solar and wind energy on a large scale?
- (2) What plans does the Government have to increase the role of storage in the electricity network?
- (3) What storage technologies have been identified as needed in New South Wales to help expand the contribution of clean energy in the electricity network and to provide grid security?
- (4) How will the Government provide support for the expansion of storage technologies in the state electricity network?
- (5) What targets does the Government have for future expansion of storage plants?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO) is constantly monitoring the vital system operations and security of the network. AEMO regularly publishes reports on the future security and reliability of the National Energy Market. Assessment of batteries is included in publicly available reports: www.aemo.com.au/-/media/Files/Media_Centre/2018/AEMOobservations.pdf.

CSIRO also published a comprehensive report which sets out the pathway for the transformation of the electricity network over the next decade: www.csiro.au/en/Research/EF/Areas/Electricity-grids-and-systems/Economic-modelling/NTR.

The Government supports a private-sector lead energy market, which is increasing the role of storage in the market.

- 7739 SYDNEY MARINE PARK—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—
- 7740 LAND CLEARING DATA—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—
- 7741 CHESTER HILL RAILWAY STATION EASY ACCESS LIFT—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 7742 YAGOONA RAILWAY STATION EASY ACCESS LIFT—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 7743 BIRRONG RAILWAY STATION EASY ACCESS LIFT—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 7744 CRUISE DEVELOPMENT PLAN—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Tourism and Major Events, and Assistant Minister for Skills—
- *7745 FEDERATION REFORM WHITE PAPER PROCESS—Mr Paul Scully asked the Premier—

- (1) What further updates can the Premier advise in regards to LA Q5738?
- (2) What progress has the Council of Australian Governments made in relation to the Premier's proposal to reform the Australian Federation?

Answer—

I refer you to my previous answer and the recent COAG Communique; both are publicly available for your consideration.

- 7746 STACEY STREET WIDENING PROJECT—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—
- *7747 DISTRIBUTION OF THE SNOWY HYDRO SCHEME SALE—Mr Philip Donato asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Minister for Skills, and Minister for Small Business—
- (1) Will the \$4.154 billion in proceeds from the Snowy Hydro scheme sale be equally distributed to each of this State's regional electorates?
 - (2) When will the proceeds from the Snowy Hydro scheme be delivered to Regional New South Wales?
- Answer—
- (1) The Government is committed to investing all proceeds of the Snowy Hydro transaction into regional New South Wales.
 - (2) The details of the Snowy Hydro transaction are still being finalised.

- 7748 RESPONSE TO CORRESPONDENCE—Mr Philip Donato to ask the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—
- 7749 REDEVELOPMENT OF HURLSTONE AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL, GLENFIELD—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong to ask the Minister for Education—
- 7750 SCHEME AGENTS AND INJURED WORKERS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—
- 7751 ICARE EMPLOYEES—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—
- 7752 ICARE APPROVED SURVEILLANCE—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—
- 7753 GRANT APPLICATIONS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Counter Terrorism, Minister for Corrections, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—
- 7754 MERRYLANDS POLICE STATION—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—
- 7755 M4 WIDENING PROJECT LAND ACQUISITIONS WITHIN THE GRANVILLE ELECTORATE—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Western Sydney, Minister for WestConnex, and Minister for Sport—
- *7756 RESPONSE TIME TO MINISTERIAL CORRESPONDENCE—Ms Julia Finn asked the Premier—
- (1) What guidelines have been issued to ministers in relation to the Premier's expectations concerning appropriate times to reply to correspondence from Members of the New South Wales Parliament?
 - (2) Does the Department of Premier and Cabinet collate average response times to ministerial correspondence?
 - (a) If not, why not?
- Answer—
- The Government is committed to responding to Members of Parliament as quickly as possible.
- 7757 WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK FOR NSW HEALTH EMPLOYEES—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- *7758 POLICY FOR REPORTING UNSATISFACTORY WORK—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—
- What is the Housing NSW policy for reporting and penalising contractors that carry out unsatisfactory work?
- Answer—
- I am advised information on the Department of Family and Community Services' maintenance program is available on at www.facs.nsw.gov.au.
- 7759 EMERGENCY CALL OUT RESPONSE TIMES—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—
- *7760 COMPLAINTS AGAINST ELECTRICITY RETAILERS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Housing, and Special Minister for State representing the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- What steps is the Government taking to ensure consumers are being treated fairly by electricity retailers?
- Answer—
- I am advised:
- Customers in New South Wales have access to dispute resolution through the NSW Energy and Water Ombudsman for matters such as incorrect billing, aggressive marketing, as well as negotiating payment plans.
- The Ombudsman has authority to investigate matters on behalf of customers and resolve disputes.
- In addition, the Government:

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- Recently requested retailers to report on how they are assisting Government energy rebate recipients to move to the best offer for their needs
 - Requests all retailers to adopt the Australian Energy Regulator's Sustainable Payment Plans Framework
 - Has sought a new national rule requiring retailers to provide customers with advance notice of any price changes
 - Has recently banned retailers from charging fees for paying over the counter, paper bills and exit fees for ending electricity and gas contracts before their end-date, including any charges by the retailer to recover upfront benefits for signing the original contract.
- 7761 PROTECTION OF WETLANDS IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—
- 7762 RECYCLABLES COLLECTED FROM THE RETURN AND EARN SCHEME—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—
- 7763 REVIEW OF NEWCASTLE BUS NETWORK—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 7764 HUNTER NEW ENGLAND HEALTH MENTAL HEALTH LINE—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Women, and Minister for Ageing—

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- 7765 WEEKEND CLEARWAYS ALONG LIVERPOOL ROAD, ASHFIELD—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—
- 7766 RESIDENTIAL HOUSING TENANTS WHO ARE VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation—
- 7767 POLICY ON CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Education—
- 7768 LOOSE-FILL ASBESTOS VOLUNTARY PURCHASE AND DEMOLITION PROGRAM—Ms Yasmin Catley to ask the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation—
- 7769 AMENDMENT TO FAIR TRADING ACT—Ms Yasmin Catley to ask the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation—
- 7770 SCHOOL MAINTENANCE BACKLOG IN THE ORANGE ELECTORATE—Mr Philip Donato to ask the Minister for Education—
- 7771 COUNTDOWN TIMERS ON TRAFFIC LIGHTS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—
- 7772 SOCIAL HOUSING EVICTIONS—Mr David Mehan to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—
- 7773 TREATMENT OF NON-ACUTE EATING DISORDERS—Ms Jodie Harrison to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 7774 NEWCASTLE BUSES SERVICE KILOMETRES—Ms Jodie Harrison to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 7775 INTERCONNECTED SMOKE ALARMS—Ms Jodie Harrison to ask the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation—
- 7776 INNER-CITY TRAIN FLEET—Ms Jodie Harrison to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 7777 INSURANCE FOR BUILDINGS ABOVE THREE STOREYS—Ms Jodie Harrison to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

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- 7778 ADAMSTOWN LEVEL RAIL CROSSING—Ms Jodie Harrison to ask the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—
- 7779 UTILISATION OF THE ON DEMAND BUS SERVICE—Ms Jodie Harrison to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 7780 AMPUTEES IN THE CHARLESTOWN ELECTORATE—Ms Jodie Harrison to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 7781 MITCHELL HIGHWAY ROADWORKS AT GUANNA HILL—Mr Philip Donato to ask the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—
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- 7910 RESPONSE TO CORRESPONDENCE—Mr Philip Donato to ask the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—
- When will you respond to my letter to you dated 23 October 2017, which relates to the lack of information in your response to LA Q6426?
- 7911 REDEVELOPMENT OF CANTERBURY HOSPITAL—Ms Sophie Cotsis to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- (1) Why was the redevelopment of Canterbury Hospital not completed by 2017 considering the Canterbury Hospital Strategic Plan 2013-2018 recommended this be the date of completion?
 - (2) What is the projected end date of the redevelopment of Canterbury Hospital?
 - (3) Is the Government aware of any threats to patient care due to the delay of the redevelopment of the hospital?
 - (4) Considering the high levels of medium density development in the Canterbury area, when is the current hospital expected to reach capacity?
- 7912 BUS SERVICES IN THE CANTERBURY ELECTORATE—Ms Sophie Cotsis to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- (1) Will there be a loss in total bus services per route, according to the current timetable, in the Canterbury area after 1 July 2018?
 - (2) Has an assessment been conducted of bus routes in Newcastle prior to and after privatisation to assess delays, cancellation of services, driver employment and affects on commuters?
 - (a) If yes, what are the projected outcomes when this assessment is applied to comparable bus routes in Sydney regarding delays, cancellation of services, driver employment and affects on commuters?
 - (3) How many bus stops have been moved or removed in the Canterbury electorate since July 2017 (to 20 March 2018)?
 - (4) How many bus stops have been moved or removed in the Canterbury electorate since January 2018 (to 20 March 2018)?
 - (5) How many bus stops are projected to be moved or removed from the Canterbury electorate between March 2018 and July 2018?

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- (6) In relation to the policy of being able to order a bus, what assessments and consultations with the community have taken place to ensure people from culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) backgrounds and those who do not have access to technology will not miss services?
- 7913 BROKEN HILL LOCAL COURT MAGISTRATE—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General—
- (1) Did you receive representations from the Member for Barwon concerning:
 - (a) The acquisition of new premises for the magistrate at Broken Hill?
 - (b) The appointment of a permanent magistrate subsequent to the tenure of Magistrate Dunlevy at the Local Court at Broken Hill?
 - (2) If so, when were the representations received?
- 7914 SECTION 37 OF THE CRIMES ACT 1900—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General—
- (1) How many people have been charged under section 37 of the Crimes Act since the commencement of the Crimes Amendment (Strangulation) Act 2014?
 - (2) How many people have been convicted under section 37 of the Crimes Act since the commencement of the Crimes Amendment (Strangulation) Act 2014?
- 7915 REMEDIATION OF THE STATE ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING POLICY—Ms Jodie Harrison to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Housing, and Special Minister for State—
- Considering the metal contamination from the Pasminco Cockle Creek lead and zinc smelter, what does the Government plan to do to prevent the slowing of infrastructure projects in Lake Macquarie region as a result of the draft Remediation of Land State Environmental Planning Policy (SEPP)?
- 7916 LEADING CAUSES OF DEATH—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- (1) What preventative health actions have been put in place by the Government to reduce mortality, improve quality of life and extend patient's lives for each of the following leading causes of death in Western Sydney:
 - (a) Ischaemic heart diseases;
 - (b) Dementia, including Alzheimer disease;
 - (c) Cerebrovascular diseases;
 - (d) Trachea, bronchus and lung cancer;
 - (e) Chronic lower respiratory diseases;
 - (f) Diabetes;
 - (g) Colon, sigmoid, rectum and anus cancer;
 - (h) Blood and lymph cancer (including leukaemia);
 - (i) Heart failure;
 - (j) Diseases of the urinary system?
- 7917 LOSS OF DRIVERS LICENSES—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—
- (1) How many drivers have lost their licenses as a result of loss of demerit points in each financial year from 2012-13 to 2016-17?
 - (2) What is the total number of offences recorded for each of the possible offences that attract demerit points in each financial year from 2012-13 to 2016-17?
- 7918 UNBEQUEATHED INTERMENT RIGHTS—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Lands and Forestry, and Minister for Racing—
- (1) Under the Cemetery and Crematoria Act 2013, what happens to unbequeathed interment rights?
 - (2) How is the Government acting to resolve a lack of clarity around unbequeathed interment rights under the Act?
 - (3) How may a party erect a headstone on a cemetery plot if no-one holds the interment rights to that plot?
 - (a) If such a party should, under the law, be allowed to erect a headstone, what recourse do they have to ensure that their cemetery operator is complying with the above Act?
 - (4) In section 46 of the Act, it states that a cemetery operator must "permit a memorial to the deceased person to be erected at the site with the approval of the cemetery operator". What are the specific criteria under which a cemetery operator may approve or reject the erection of a memorial?
 - (a) What recourse does a party have should their cemetery operator refuse to permit the erection of

such a memorial?

- (5) Is the Government aware of any conflict between parties arising from the lack of clarity in the Act?
- 7919 RELOCATION OF A BUS STATION IN HABERFIELD—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—
- (1) Was Roads and Maritime Services responsible for relocating the bus stop at Northcote and Ramsay Street, Haberfield?
 - (2) What consultation did Roads and Maritime Services undertake when deciding to relocate the bus stop at Northcote Street and Ramsay Street, Haberfield?
 - (3) What interactions did Roads and Maritime Services have with Sydney Motorway Corporation and Inner West Council over the removal of the bus stop?
- 7920 BUS STOP RELOCATION IN HABERFIELD—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Western Sydney, Minister for WestConnex, and Minister for Sport—
- (1) Which authority was responsible for relocating the bus stop at Northcote Street and Ramsay Street, Haberfield?
 - (2) What consultation did Sydney Motorway Corporation undertake in relation to this matter with Inner West Council and Roads and Maritime Services?
- 7921 FORBES PASTORAL AGRICULTURAL AND HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY CORRESPONDENCE—Mr Philip Donato to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—
- When will you respond to my letter to you dated 6 October 2017, which relates to correspondence dated 7 July 2017 and 18 May 2017 forwarded to you on 26 May 2017 by the Office of Minister Dominello, regarding the Forbes Pastoral Agricultural and Horticultural Society?
- 7922 GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS (ANIMALS IN PET SHOPS) DRAFT GUIDELINES—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—
- Considering your response to written question LA Q7186, in which you advise Government consultation regarding the draft of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Animals in Pet Shops) Guidelines being undertaken with key stakeholders representing the spectrum of interests in companion animals including industry participants, did this include any Herpetological society, keeper or group?
- 7923 CLOSE THE GAP REVIEW—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 assessment has the Government made of the 2018 'Closing The Gap Prime Minister's Report' on the progress of the agreed 2008 framework?
 - (2) What assessment has the Government made about how the 21 per cent increase in New South Wales Indigenous identified people between the 2011 and 2016 Censuses affects the outcomes in the report?
 - (3) What proposals has the Government taken to the Commonwealth Government for better outcomes?
 - (4) What action has the Government planned to address those areas where national outcomes fail to meet the agreed targets:
 - (a) Child mortality;
 - (b) Early education enrolment;
 - (c) Incarceration rates?
 - (5) What action does the Government plan to address those areas where New South Wales outcomes fail to meet the agreed targets:
 - (a) School attendance;
 - (b) Reading and numeracy;
 - (c) Year 12 or equivalent attainment;
 - (d) Employment;
 - (e) Life expectancy?
 - (6) What action will the Government take to implement the:
 - (a) National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Plan Implementation Plan;
 - (b) National Strategic Framework for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples' Mental Health and Social and Emotional Wellbeing 2017-2023?

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- (7) What action will the Government take to build primary health service capacity through Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services?
- 7924 F6 EXTENSION STAGE 1—Mr Stephen Kamper to ask the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—
- (1) Why have public transport options not been modeled as part of the F6 Extension Stage One?
 - (2) Will the Minister release the Business Case for the F6 Extension Stage One?
 - (3) Why are works being proposed to occur 24 hours a day 7 days a week?
 - (a) Have the impacts of the noise of construction and trucking on residents been considered?
 - (4) Have the impacts on the environment and air pollution in St George been considered at any stage during the F6 Extension Stage 1 construction?
 - (5) Why has the Minister excluded the Sydney Motorway Corporation from Government Information (Public Access) (GIPA) requests?
 - (a) Will the rollout of the F6 Extension Stage 1 be managed by the Sydney Motorway Corporation?
 - (6) What repairs works have been carried out on residential homes impacted by WestConnex tunneling?
 - (7) Has traffic modelling been done on the impacts of the F6 Extension Stage 1 on local roads in Brighton-Le--Sands?
 - (a) Will the Minister make this available?
 - (8) Has the Minister determined the scope of works required in local roads to support the F6 Extension Stage 1?
 - (a) Will this be made available?
 - (9) How much recreational space will be impacted by the F6 Extension Stage 1?
 - (a) Where will this space be located?
 - (10) Has population growth from future developments, including the recent changes to the Kogarah Local Environment Plan, been considered in traffic growth?
- 7925 WATER TRADES—Mr Chris Minns 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—
- Have there been any water trades between Bourke and Collarenebri?
- 7926 TRIPS ON NEWCASTLE BUSES—Ms Jodie Harrison to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- (1) If a bus trip on Newcastle Buses takes longer than one hour, and consists of two buses, is it considered one bus trip or two when accruing patronage data?
 - (2) Considering that bus routes are significantly shorter, and commuters are required to catch multiple buses on the new routes implemented by Keolis Downer, are patronage statistics which suggest an increase of 5 per cent considered valid?
- 7927 WESTERN SYDNEY AIRPORT JOURNEY TIME—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—
- (1) What time is expected to be saved for motorists travelling to the Western Sydney Airport if the proposed M12 is built?
 - (2) What will be the expected total amount to be paid in tolls from Merrylands to Western Sydney Airport if the proposed M12 is built?
- 7928 WATER TRADING RULES—Mr Chris Minns 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—
- Considering Bourke and Collarenebri are not in the same river sections, do water trading rules allow water trading between these two areas?
- 7929 TANDOU WATER RIGHTS TRANSACTION—Mr Chris Minns 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—
- Was the Government a party to the transaction to buy Tandou's water rights or privy to the contractual details entered into between the Commonwealth and the seller?

7930 PURCHASE OF THE WATER RIGHTS AT TANDOU—Mr Chris Minns 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—

Did you direct your Department to write to the Commonwealth Government suggesting that they purchase the water rights at Tandou?

7931 TANDOU'S WATER RIGHTS—Mr Chris Minns 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—

Were you made aware by any public servant that the Government was going to recommend to the Commonwealth Government that they purchase Tandou's water rights?

7932 DARLING RIVER MANAGEMENT—Mr Chris Minns 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—

Considering that Ken Matthews recommended that options be drawn up to more actively manage low flows in his report, what steps have you taken to manage water during critical low water periods on the Darling River since the release of the Matthews Report?

7933 FLOODPLAIN HARVESTING EXTRACTIONS—Mr Stephen Kamper 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—

- (1) What were the estimates of floodplain harvesting extractions under baseline conditions included in the Long Term Annual Average Extraction Limit for the Border Rivers Regulated Water Sharing Plan 2009 and Gwydir River Regulated Water Sharing Plan 2004?
- (2) What process has been used to determine the volumes of water eligible for entitlement of floodplain harvesting licenses in the Gwydir River and Border Rivers as outlined in the 'Implementing the NSW Floodplain Harvesting Policy' consultation paper March 2013?
- (3) What were the estimates of floodplain harvesting extractions under baseline conditions included in the Long Term Annual Average Extraction Limit for the Namoi River Regulated Water Sharing Plan 2004 and Macquarie River Regulated Water Sharing Plan 2004?
- (4) What process is being used to determine the volumes of water eligible for entitlement of floodplain harvesting licenses in the Namoi River and Macquarie River?
- (5) What process is being used to determine the volumes of water eligible for entitlement of floodplain harvesting licenses in the Barwon-Darling River?
- (6) How will the volumes of water assessed as eligible for floodplain harvest entitlement in the Border Rivers, Gwydir River, Namoi River, Macquarie River and Barwon-Darling River meet the proposed Basin Plan Sustainable Diversion Limit and the Murray-Darling Basin Cap Agreement?
- (7) How will floodplain harvesting be included in revised Water Sharing Plans being developed for Water Resource Plans as required under the Basin Plan?
- (8) How are environmental considerations concerning the ecological benefits of flooding in an area being taken into account by Stakeholder Advisory Panels in decision-making around Water Sharing Plan Rules?

7934 SINGLE-VEHICLE ACCIDENTS IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Ms Trish Doyle to ask the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—

- (1) How many motorists involved in a motor vehicle accident in New South Wales were charged with the following offences in each year from 2014 to 2016:
 - (a) Negligent driving;
 - (b) Negligent driving occasioning grievous bodily harm?
- (2) How many charges of negligent driving and negligent driving occasioning grievous bodily harm were issued as traffic infringement notices versus court attendance notices in each year from 2014 to 2016?

7935 LAND TAX PAID WITHIN THE BYRON SHIRE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA—Ms Tamara Smith to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

What was the total amount of land tax paid on properties within the Byron Shire Local Government Area in the 2015-16 financial year?

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- 7936 MENTAL HEALTH IN THE ORANGE ELECTORATE—Mr Philip Donato to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Women, and Minister for Ageing—
- (1) What was the number of mental health admissions in the Orange electorate in each year from 2015 to 2018 (as at 15 February 2018)?
 - (2) What is the amount of funding provided for mental health services in the Orange electorate in each year from 2015 to 2018 (as at 15 February 2018)?
 - (3) What is the number of community mental health staff employed in the Orange electorate in each year from 2015 to 2018 (as at 15 February 2018)?
- 7937 FUELCHECK NSW—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation—
- (1) Since its launch, how many downloads of the FuelCheck NSW app have there been (as at 15 February 2018)?
 - (2) Did the Government partner up with any start-ups to launch the FuelCheck NSW app?
 - (3) How much did the FuelCheck NSW app cost to develop?
 - (4) What is the projected annual cost to maintain the FuelCheck NSW app?
 - (5) Has the FuelCheck NSW app had any technical difficulties that have arisen since the launch?
 - (a) If so,
 - (i) How long was it before the problem was detected on each occasion?
 - (ii) How was the problem detected on each occasion?
 - (iii) What steps were taken to inform customers/users of the platform?
 - (iv) How long did it take to fix the problem on each occasion?
 - (v) Was any compensation payable as a result of the problems?
- 7938 STOCKTON FERRY—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- (1) Is the Government supportive of the petition tabled in the Legislative Council on 13 February 2018 in relation to extending current Stockton ferry services?
 - (a) If so, will exploration of extending these services be expedited?
 - (2) What has the Government done to investigate proposals to extend the ferry service since 2015 (as at 15 February 2018)?
 - (3) Why was a direct connection to the ferry service not considered as part of the original Wickham Interchange Plan?
- 7939 MOBILITY PARKING SCHEME PHOTO CARD PERMITS—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—
- How many Mobility Parking Scheme photo card permits were issued in the Wollongong Local Government Area in each year from 2011 to 2018 (to 6 March 2018)?
- 7940 GLEBE ISLAND PLANNING—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—
- (1) To what extent is increasing and intensifying port activities at Glebe Island beyond references to retaining a working harbour included in past strategic plans publicly released for The Bays Precinct?
 - (2) To what extent does increasing and intensifying port activities at Glebe Island reflect Government policy?
 - (a) When was this policy determined?
 - (3) When did the Government first propose or hear a proposal to increase port activities at Glebe Island?
 - (4) Which department, agency, minister or company first raised the proposal to increase port activities at Glebe Island?
 - (5) Is the Port Authority or UrbanGrowth responsible for planning land use at Glebe Island?
 - (6) What consultation has the Government carried out with adjacent residents, including those at Jackson's Landing, about increasing and intensifying port activities at Glebe Island?
 - (a) When did this occur?
 - (7) What commitment will the Government give to protecting residential amenity for Pymont residents including those at Jackson's Landing with increased and intensified port activities at Glebe Island?
- 7941 COMMENTS MADE BY MAGISTRATE ALLEN AT BATHURST LOCAL COURT—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General—

- What is your response to comments made by Magistrate Allen at the Bathurst Local Court on 19 March 2018 concerning the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions in relation to proceedings against Bradley Cook?
- 7942 CORONIAL INQUESTS INTO THE DEATHS OF CINDY SMITH AND MONA SMITH—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General—
- (1) What coronial proceedings, if any, occurred in relation to the deaths of Cindy Smith and Mona Smith in December 1987?
 - (2) What action will you take to ensure a full coronial inquest is now held in relation to the deaths of Cindy Smith and Mona Smith?
 - (3) Will you issue a direction pursuant to s28 of the Coroner's Act in relation to these deaths?
 - (4) Will you make an application under s84 of the Coroner's Act in relation to these deaths?
- 7943 SECTION 66EA OF THE CRIMES ACT 1900—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General—
- (1) How many people have been charged under section 66EA of the Crimes Act since 1 July 2015 (to 10 April 2018)?
 - (2) How many people have been convicted under section 66EA of the Crimes Act since 1 July 2015 (to 10 April 2018)?
- 7944 INCARCERATION OF A PRISONER AT JUNEE CORRECTIONAL CENTRE—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Counter Terrorism, Minister for Corrections, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—
- Why was Jonathon Hogan held in Junee Correctional Centre in a cell which had a hanging point?
- 7945 LOCAL COURT AT BROKEN HILL—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General—
- (1) What changes are proposed for sittings of the Local Court at Broken Hill?
 - (2) Will the Magistrate's residence at Broken Hill be renovated?
 - (a) If so, when will the renovations commence?
 - (i) When will they be complete?
 - (b) If not, what alternative will be proposed for the Broken Hill Magistrate?
- 7946 NON-ELECTIVE SURGERY WAITING LIST—Ms Jodie Harrison to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- What is the Minister doing to reduce the waiting list for non-urgent elective surgery patients at the John Hunter Hospital?
- 7947 LOVE MAKES A FAMILY REPORT—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Education—
- What is the Minister's response to the Love Makes a Family Report submitted by Rainbow Families NSW in 2017?
- 7948 COMPANION ANIMALS ACT 1998—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—
- (1) What are the rights and responsibilities of an 'approved premises' that has taken in a seized or surrendered animal under the Companion Animals Act 1998?
 - (2) If a companion animal's owner is unable to be contacted by the holder of a seized or surrendered animal, what steps should the holder take to comply with the law?
 - (3) Under what circumstances can someone other than an approved officer seize an animal under the Companion Animals Act 1998?
 - (4) What are the criteria for a 'practicable' alternative to euthanizing animals that have been held by a council pound for the requisite period?
 - (5) What protections exist for an owner who, due to extenuating circumstances, is unable to claim a held animal from a council pound within the period?
- 7949 SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION OF STUDENTS—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Education—
- (1) How many students, in each year from 2011 to 2017, have been subject to a:
 - (a) Short suspension;
 - (b) Long suspension;
 - (c) Expulsion?
 - (2) What is the age and gender breakdown in each instance?

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- 7950 PETERSHAM TAFE—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Tourism and Major Events, and Assistant Minister for Skills—
- (1) What is the average class-size for programs taught at Petersham TAFE?
 - (2) What is currently the largest class size at Petersham TAFE (as at 10 April 2018)?
 - (3) What is currently the lowest class size at Petersham TAFE (as at 10 April 2018)?
 - (4) How has the average class size at Petersham TAFE changed in each year from 2010 to 2017?
- 7951 PUBLIC HOUSING MAINTENANCE—Ms Jodie Harrison 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 public housing properties in the Charlestown electorate have been damaged by tenants in:
 - (a) 2016;
 - (b) 2017?
 - (2) How much money has been recovered in the Charlestown electorate from public housing tenants who have damaged their properties in:
 - (a) 2016;
 - (b) 2017?
 - (3) What incentive does the Government provide to encourage public housing tenants to maintain their property condition?
- 7952 ROAD BLACK SPOTS—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—
- (1) How many nominations were received by Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) from members of the public for funding under the Commonwealth Government's Black Spot Program and the Government's Safer Roads Program in each financial year from 2013-14 to 2016-17?
 - (a) How many of these nominations were eligible and were considered for funding under the Black Spot Program?
 - (i) How many of these nominations were funded?
 - (b) How many of these nominations were eligible and were considered for funding under the Safer Roads Program?
 - (i) How many of these nominations were funded?
 - (2) How many nominations were received by RMS from local government councils for funding under the Commonwealth Government Black Spot Program and the Government's Safer Roads Program in each financial year from 2013-14 to 2016-17?
 - (a) How many of these nominations were eligible and were considered for funding under the Black Spot Program?
 - (i) How many of these nominations were funded?
 - (b) How many of these nominations were eligible and were considered for funding under the Safer Roads Program?
 - (i) How many of these nominations were funded?
- 7953 RESPONSE TO THE NSW DOMESTIC VIOLENCE DEATH REVIEW TEAM REPORT 2015-17 RECOMMENDATION—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General—
- (1) What is your response to Recommendation 5.1 of the NSW Domestic Violence Death Review Team Report 2015-17?
 - (2) Will you introduce legislation similar to that in Queensland which makes strangulation a criminal offence especially in the context of domestic violence?
- 7954 NSW DOMESTIC VIOLENCE DEATH REVIEW TEAM REPORT 2015-17 RECOMMENDATIONS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General—
- (1) Will you implement recommendations 23.1 and 23.2 of the NSW Domestic Violence Death Review Team Report 2015-17?
 - (a) If not, why not?
- 7955 PUBLIC HOUSING VACANCY TIME PERIODS—Ms Jodie Harrison 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 was the minimum time taken between a public housing property becoming vacant and

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- subsequently tenanted in each of the 2015-16 and 2016-17 financial years?
- (2) What was the maximum time taken between a public housing property becoming vacant and subsequently tenanted in each of the 2015-16 and 2016-17 financial years?
 - (3) What was the mean time taken between a public housing property becoming vacant and subsequently tenanted in each of the 2015-16 and 2016-17 financial years?
- 7956 OPEN HIGH SCHOOL—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Education—
- (1) What is the revised schedule for classes to commence at the Open High School following relocation to the Petersham West TAFE site?
 - (2) What has been the total cost of the relocation and renovations at the Petersham West TAFE site to date (as at 10 April 2018)?
 - (3) What is the total amount budgeted for the relocation and renovation?
 - (4) What preparations are being made to assist Higher School Certificate students at Open High School facing disruption as a result of the transition to the new campus?
 - (5) What is the planned use of the former child-care site at Petersham West TAFE site once Open High School classes commence?
- 7957 REGIONAL FOREST AGREEMENTS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Lands and Forestry, and Minister for Racing—
- (1) What has been the change in forest age structure in production forests over the life of the Regional Forest Agreements (RFAs)?
 - (2) What has been the change in carbon stocks and flows in production forests over the life of the RFAs?
 - (3) What is the economic value of the carbon stores and water provided by production forests, compared to the value of the available timber?
 - (4) How much sawlog-quality timber is available in production forests now compared to the outset of the RFAs?
 - (5) In how many years of the RFAs were timber quotas (particularly sawlogs) met?
 - (6) Why has the proposed Regional Forest Agreement Roadmap included a claim that "sustainably managed forests have the capacity to absorb greenhouse gases" when most high level academic experts including in published papers in the Nature Climate Change journal conclude that managing forests for conservation delivers the greatest climate benefit?