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(Paper No. 565)

- * 7192 TRANSPORT AND ROADS—SYDNEY METRO ACQUISITIONS—The Hon. Daniel Mookhey to ask the Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs, and the Arts representing the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- (1) How many persons currently pay or owe rent to Sydney Metro on property previously owned by the tenant that has since been acquired by Sydney Metro?
 - (2) How many businesses currently pay or owe rent to Sydney Metro on property previously owned by the tenant that has since been acquired by Sydney Metro?
 - (3) How much has Sydney Metro collected in rent on properties previously owned by the tenant, in the following financial years:
 - (a) 2019-20?
 - (i) July?
 - (ii) August?
 - (iii) September?
 - (iv) October?
 - (v) November?
 - (vi) December?
 - (vii) January?
 - (viii) February?
 - (ix) March?
 - (x) April?
 - (xi) May?
 - (xii) June?
 - (b) 2020-21?
 - (i) July?
 - (ii) August?
 - (iii) September?
 - (iv) October?
 - (v) November?
 - (vi) December?
 - (vii) January?
 - (viii) February?
 - (ix) March?
 - (x) April?
 - (xi) May?
 - (xii) June?
 - (c) 2021-22?
 - (i) July?
 - (ii) August?

(iii) September to date?

- (4) How much rent on properties previously owned by the tenant, is currently in arrears and owed to Sydney Metro?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) None.
- (2) Six.
- (3) Sydney Metro collected \$53,285 in rent from July 2019 to July 2021.
- (4) As at 30 July 2021, Sydney Metro rental arrears are at \$253,500. Sydney Metro adheres to the Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991 when assessing any applicable rent to be applied to current and former property owners.

* 7193 PREMIER—AFGHANISTAN – ASYLUM FOR OUR ALLIES AND CHRISTIANS—Reverend the Hon. Fred Nile to ask the Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs, and the Arts representing the Premier—

- (1) Senior Australian officials are talking with their American and British counterparts about possibly joining with those countries to rescue Afghans who have worked with Australian soldiers:
 - (a) Does the Premier know if the Prime Minister intends on also rescuing Afghan Christians at the same time, as they face imminent death from the Taliban?
- (2) The Christian communities of New South Wales are urging the Premier to speak to the Prime Minister about offering Afghan Christians asylum in Australia:
 - (a) Will the Premier advocate to the Prime Minister for these people to also be rescued and resettled in Australia?

Answer—

The Commonwealth Government is responsible for humanitarian arrivals.

The NSW Government stands ready to support the Commonwealth Government.

* 7194 EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING—KPMG AND SCHOOL RETURN PLANNING—Mr David Shoebridge to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) When were KPMG engaged?
- (2) Who signed the initial contract for this work with KPMG?
- (3) What is the total cost for the 8 week engagement?
- (4) What is the scope of the work being undertaken by the KPMG consultants?
- (5) What qualifications and skills do the KPMG consultants have?
- (6) Can the project be extended?
 - (a) If so, for how long?
 - (i) At what cost?

Answer—

A contract for the secondment of four roles from KPMG to provide Project Management Office (PMO) services to the Department of Education's COVID Taskforce was entered into on 6 August 2021, approved by the Department's Chief Operating Officer, Mr David Withey. The KPMG consultants hold qualifications and skills relevant to the delivery of PMO services.

Engagement costs will be reported in the normal way at the conclusion of the engagement as required under the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 and the emergency procurement provisions.

Any variations to the current engagement would be managed in accordance with the relevant Procurement policies and procedures.

* 7195 BETTER REGULATION AND INNOVATION—RESIDENTIAL TENANCY SUPPORT PACKAGE—The Hon. Courtney Houssos to ask the Minister for Finance and Small Business representing the Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation—

- (1) How many landlords have received the \$1500 support payment since 14 July 2021?
- (2) How many landlords have applied for the \$1500 support payment since 14 July 2021?
 - (a) Please provide a breakdown of applications per week?
- (3) How many people have accessed the online application for the residential tenancy support package since the 10 August 2021?

Answer—

I refer to the answer provided to Question on Notice 7064.

* 7196 HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESEARCH—SAFEWORK INVESTIGATIONS—The Hon. Courtney Houssos to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) How many investigations have SafeWork done regarding workplace transmission of COVID-19 for the following months:
 - (a) February 2020?
 - (b) March 2020?
 - (c) April 2020?
 - (d) May 2020?
 - (e) June 2020?
 - (f) July 2020?
 - (g) August 2020?
 - (h) September 2020?
 - (i) October 2020?
 - (j) November 2020?
 - (k) December 2020?
 - (l) January 2021?
 - (m) February 2021?
 - (n) March 2021?
 - (o) April 2021?
 - (p) May 2021?
 - (q) June 2021?
 - (r) July 2021?
 - (s) August 2021?

Answer—

When a person is confirmed to have COVID-19 and has attended a workplace, NSW Health carries out a risk assessment and notifies all people that may have been exposed to COVID-19. This may result in people being considered a close or casual contact. NSW Health advises close and casual contacts of their responsibilities for testing and self-isolation.

NSW Health also provides guidance for businesses with COVID-19 cases, including hygiene and cleaning advice. Information is available on the NSW Government website at: <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/getting-back-to-work-a-covid-safe-way/guidance-for-businesseslinked-covid-19-cases>.

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* 7201 BETTER REGULATION AND INNOVATION—WORKPLACE INCIDENTS AT SHOALHAVEN ZOO—The Hon. Emma Hurst to ask the Minister for Finance and Small Business representing the Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation—

- (1) In answers to questions on notice published on 9 August 2021, the Minister indicated that SafeWork NSW has received notifications in relation to four workplace incidents at Shoalhaven Zoo in the last five years (excluding the 2020 lion attack):
- (a) What are the details of each of these four notifications?
 - (b) Were these notifications a result of a report from a member of the public or an employee of Shoalhaven Zoo?
 - (c) Why did these notifications not result in a full investigation or prosecution action?

Answer—

- (1) As at 25 August 2021, SafeWork NSW advised that it has been notified of four incidents relating to the Shoalhaven Zoo since 2015. This excludes the incident relating to a lion in 2020. Details of each of the incidents notified to SafeWork are provided below.

Incident one

- (a) Reference 2-114600

Date notified to SafeWork NSW: 9 August 2015

On 9 August 2015, a casual zookeeper injured their elbow while completing animal care tasks. The worker had closed, but not latched, the adjoining gate between the water buffalo and camel enclosures. The camel chased the water buffalos into the enclosure where the worker was struck by a buffalo and injured their elbow when they came into contact with the ground. The injured worker underwent surgery, recovered from their injuries and returned to pre-injury duties.

- (b) Notification source: employer representative
- (c) The incident was investigated by SafeWork NSW; however, evidence did not support prosecution action. The decision not to take prosecution action was based on the worker's injuries, the injured worker's own actions and the worker being aware of required control measures for the movement of animals. The Inspector issued an improvement notice and worked with the employer to improve systems to manage this workplace activity. The employer complied with the improvement notice and no further action was required.

Incident two

- (a) Reference 2-120183 & 15-1130

Date notified to SafeWork NSW: 17 June 2016

On 17 June 2016, SafeWork NSW were notified that a worker had become ill and was taken to hospital. The worker returned a positive result for zoonotic disease – Q Fever.

- (b) Notification source: employer representative.
- (c) In accordance with SafeWork NSW triaging protocols, this incident did not meet the requirements for an Inspector Response. An administrative response letter was provided to the person conducting a business or undertaking (PCBU). However, during a SafeWork NSW audit of administrative letters an Inspector Response was requested to ensure the PCBU had put in place preventative measures.

The inspection found the employer had taken steps to develop a Q fever program including risk assessment and vaccination program. As reasonable control measures were introduced by the employer, no notices were issued, and no further action was required.

Incident three

- (a) Reference 2-128500

Date notified to SafeWork NSW: 1 July 2017

On 1 July 2017, SafeWork NSW received notification of a worker injured on 30 June 2017 while performing duties in the zoo knackery. The worker was injured when their knife slipped going across their wrist. The injured worker received first aid and was taken to hospital receiving stitches and was released on the same day.

- (b) Notification source: employer representative.
- (c) In accordance with SafeWork NSW triaging protocols, this incident did not meet requirements for an Inspector Response. An administrative response letter was provided to the PCBU. No further action was required or taken.

Incident four

- (a) Reference 2-131989 & 15-5097

Date notified to SafeWork NSW: 21 November 2017

On 21 November 2017, a worker was performing duties in the zoo knackery when he accidentally pierced their own stomach with their knife. The injured worker was taken to hospital for treatment but did not receive any stitches and returned to pre-injury duties.

- (b) Notification source: employer representative.
- (c) In following SafeWork NSW triaging protocols, this incident did not meet requirements for an Inspector Response. An administrative response letter was provided to the PCBU. However, during a SafeWork NSW audit of administrative letters an Inspector Response was requested to ensure the PCBU had put in place preventative measures.

The inspection found that the employer had standard operating procedures for the knackery and a training program, in which the worker had been trained. The injured worker was a casual staff member with over 20-years-experience in abattoirs. Appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) was provided to workers, and the employer correctly consulted with staff. No further action was required or taken.

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(Paper No. 580)

- 7403 HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESEARCH—CO-ORDINATION BETWEEN THE NSW DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND THE NSW POLICE FORCE—The Hon. Rod Roberts to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

I refer the Minister to the answer given to question 7174 on the notice paper standing in my name. The Minister was not asked to comment on New South Wales Police Force investigations, he was asked if the Department of Health provided the New South Wales Police Force with the details of persons who had breached public health orders at a specific gathering that occurred this year on the 19th of July. I ask the Minister again:

- (1) Did the New South Wales Department of Health provide the New South Wales Police Force with the details of the people that breached public health orders by attending a gathering at a residence after a funeral at Pendle Hill on the 19th July 2021?
- (a) If the details of the individuals who attended the unlawful gathering were not provided:
- (i) Why were these details not provided to the New South Wales Police Force by the New South Wales Department of Health?

7404 PREMIER—VACCINATION FREEDOMS AND PRIVILEGES—The Hon. Rod Roberts to ask the Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs, and the Arts representing the Premier—

On 3 September 2021 the Premier is quoted on news.com.au as giving the following statements in the media.

“NSW residents won’t be granted any more freedoms until the state hits its 70 per cent double dose target” and “But when the state does start opening up the privileges will only be for those who are vaccinated” and “I don’t want people who have chosen not to get vaccinated to whinge that they can’t do certain things. Only the vaccinated will be able to go out for a meal and do things others can’t do”.

- (1) Did the Premier make those three statements?
- (2) Is it the Premier's role to grants residents of New South Wales their “freedoms”?
- (3) Why did the Premier associate “freedoms” and “privilege”?
- (4) Is it government policy to differentiate between vaccinated and unvaccinated people when granting the privilege of freedom for some and not others?
- (5) Before implementing these two sets of rules will the Premier recall both houses of the New South Wales Parliament to debate the merits of this policy?
- (6) Can the Premier understand that many people might be offended by her choice of language in these quotes?
- (7) Does the Premier regret making these statements?

7405 BETTER REGULATION AND INNOVATION—RENT RELIEF DURING COVID-19—The Hon. Rose Jackson to ask the Minister for Finance and Small Business representing the Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation—

- (1) How many residential landlords have applied for a Residential Tenancy Support Payment for agreeing to reduce the rent for COVID-19 impacted tenants from 14 July 2021?
- (2) How many residential landlords have applied the COVID-19 land tax benefit for agreeing to reduce the rent for COVID-19 impacted tenants from 14 July 2021?
- (3) How much of the \$210 million the New South Wales Government allocated to rent relief has been spent?

7406 CUSTOMER SERVICE—NSW COVID SAFE APP—Mr David Shoebridge to ask the Minister for Finance and Small Business representing the Minister for Customer Service, and Minister for Digital—

- (1) What if any personal information collected by or from the Service NSW COVID Safe Check-in app has been retained beyond the 28 day period specified in the FAQs?
- (2) Per day how many check ins are conducted on the app?
- (3) How many records are accessed each day for COVID related contact tracing purposes?
- (4) Have there been any audits or reviews of the use of the app either internally, or by the Information and Privacy Commissioner, the Ombudsman, the Auditor-General or any other external agency?
- (5) Was consideration given when the app was built to include functionality enabling notifications of exposures to be directly delivered to app users who had checked in at a relevant location?
 - (a) If not, why not?
- (6) How much is it costing to enable this additional functionality?
- (7) How long will it take before this is available as an update for users?
- (8) How many times, if any, have New South Wales Police accessed the data and what protections, if any, are there to prevent this occurring?

7407 LOCAL GOVERNMENT—CODE OF CONDUCT COMPLAINTS—Mr David Shoebridge to ask the Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs, and the Arts representing the Minister for Local Government—

- (1) What is the total cost to all Councils in New South Wales since the 2017 election on the investigation of Code of Conduct complaints?
- (2) What are the total amount of complaints that have had a preliminary investigation by Code of Conduct Investigators, that did not result in proceeding to findings going before a Council meeting?
- (3) What are the total amount of matters that resulted in findings that were reported to Council meetings for determination of disciplinary outcomes?
- (4) What steps are being undertaken to ensure these complaints are not abused for political purposes?

7408 LOCAL GOVERNMENT—LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS—Mr David Shoebridge to ask the Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs, and the Arts representing the Minister for Local Government—

- (1) Regarding the use of the word Independent as part of the name of Local Government candidates, when was this referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters?
 - (a) When is a response to this anticipated?
- (2) What consideration has been given to amending clause 356G of the regulation, to ensure where a candidate has safety risks with providing their street address, a PO Box is an accepted alternative?
- (3) What changes if any are being made to the conduct of performance reviews of Local Government executives?
- (4) Has consideration been given to changing the performance review process so a General Manager cannot appoint their own representative to the Review Panel and that it consists of qualified persons capable of doing proper reviews?

7409 REGIONAL NEW SOUTH WALES, INDUSTRY AND TRADE—EDEN REGION WOOD SUPPLY—Mr David Shoebridge to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade—

- (1) Noting that the Wood Supply Agreement (WSA) for sawlogs in the Eden Region sets out milestones regarding the approval and construction of a new sawmill mill at the Eden chipmill:
 - (a) Have the milestones in the WSA been met?
 - (b) What would be the consequences of not meeting the milestones?
 - (c) Has the new sawmill at the Allied Natural Wood Enterprises (ANWE) premises become operational?
 - (d) What quantity of sawlogs has been supplied to Allied Natural Wood Enterprises (ANWE) from the Eden Region in each month since January 2019?
- (2) Has any timber from any south coast State Forests been supplied to South Coast Timbers Pty Ltd at Eden in 2020 and 2021?
 - (a) If so, what are the details?
 - (b) How much and under what arrangements?
- (3) Regarding compensation arrangements for redundancy payments to staff of the former Blue Ridge Hardwoods at Eden following its loss of the Eden Sawlog Wood Supply Agreement:
 - (a) How many workers received redundancy payments?
 - (b) What was the total of payments made?
 - (c) How many former Blue Ridge staff were ineligible because they were engaged by Allied Natural Wood Enterprises or Pentarch?
 - (d) How many are now employed by South Coast Timbers Pty Ltd?

- (4) Since January 2020, have log trucks travelling between New South Wales and Victoria been categorised in any ways to modify or exempt drivers from rules applying to the general public for example, are they considered essential workers?
 - (a) If so, what are the details?
- (5) Have any permanent or temporary changes been made to Wood Supply Agreements since the summer 2019-2020 bushfires?
 - (a) If so, what are the details?
- (6) Have any permanent or temporary changes been made to log prices for each grade of logs delivered following the summer 2019-2020 bushfires?
 - (a) If so, what are the details?
- (7) Has the Forestry Corporation made provision for additional protection for species affected by the 2019-2020 bushfires, as identified by the federal Wildlife and Threatened Species Bushfire Recovery Expert Panel for urgent management intervention?
 - (a) If so, what are the details?
- (8) What is the current delivered price for each grade of logs from:
 - (a) The Southern RFA Region?
 - (b) The Eden RFA Region?
 - (i) What is the stumpage component of each delivered price?

7410 FAMILIES, COMMUNITIES AND DISABILITY SERVICES—SOCIAL HOUSING—The Hon. Rose Jackson to ask the Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans representing the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

- (1) How many individuals over 65 are currently on the social housing waiting list?
- (2) How many individuals over 65 are currently on the priority social housing waiting list?
- (3) How many individuals over 65 were on the social housing waiting list in each of the following financial years:
 - (a) 2019-2020?
 - (b) 2018 – 2019?
 - (c) 2017 – 2018?
 - (d) 2016 – 2017?
- (4) How many individuals over 65 were on the priority social housing waiting list in each of the following financial years:
 - (a) 2019-2020?
 - (b) 2018 – 2019?
 - (c) 2017 – 2018?
 - (d) 2016 – 2017?
- (5) What additional information is collected in relation to individuals on the social housing waiting list?
 - (a) Is data collected regarding:
 - (i) Gender?
 - (ii) Cultural background?
 - (iii) Sexual identity?
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 - (i) Gender?
 - (ii) Cultural background?
 - (iii) Sexual identity?

7411 EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING—VACCINATION IN SCHOOLS—The Hon. Mark Latham to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) What vaccination records are parents required to provide for the purposes of enrolling their children in New South Wales kindergartens and schools?
- (2) What happens to children who are not vaccinated in respect of their school attendance?
- (3) Given the high rate of unvaccinated children in Byron Bay:
 - (a) What are the restrictions on the enrolment of unvaccinated students?

7412 AGRICULTURE AND WESTERN NEW SOUTH WALES—DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—The Hon. Mark Banasiak to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—

- (1) Given that the Department of Primary Industries has contacts for most if not all the recreational fishing associations:
 - (a) Why did your department exclude them as a key stakeholder from the initial consultation of the Animal Welfare Reform?
- (2) Given that the Department of Primary Industries has contacts for most if not all of the commercial fishing business owners within New South Wales:
 - (a) Why did your department exclude them as a key stakeholder from the initial consultation of the Animal Welfare Reform?
- (3) Given that the Department of Primary Industries through the Game Licensing Unit has the contacts for 237 approved hunting organisations in New South Wales:
 - (a) Why did your department excluded them as a key stakeholder from the initial consultation of the Animal Welfare Reform?

7413 AGRICULTURE AND WESTERN NEW SOUTH WALES—FISHING OFFENCES—The Hon. Mark Banasiak to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—

- (1) What is the total value of fines issued for fishing offences over the last 3 years?
- (2) What is the total value from fines that has been returned to the Recreational Fishing trusts over the last 3 years?

7414 AGRICULTURE AND WESTERN NEW SOUTH WALES—INVESTMENTS MADE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—The Hon. Mark Banasiak to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—

- (1) What has been the total investment by the Department of Primary Industries over the last 3 years in lab grown/cell based meats?
- (2) What research projects into lab grown/cell based meats led by other organisations has the Department of Primary Industries partnered with in the last 3 years?
- (3) Did this partnership include financial assistance?
 - (a) If yes, what was the total amount in dollars in assistance?
 - (b) If no, what was the nature of the assistance you provided?

- 7415 AGRICULTURE AND WESTERN NEW SOUTH WALES—MULLOWAY HARVEST STRATEGY WORKING GROUP—The Hon. Mark Banasiak to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—

The department advertised expressions of interest for the Mulloway Harvest Strategy Working Group on 23 May 2021, over 3 months ago. With the following positions open: Independent Chairperson, Independent Scientist, Independent Economist, New South Wales recreational fishers (3 positions), New South Wales commercial fishers (3 positions) and Aboriginal fishing representative.

- (1) Were EOI's for all positions received?
- (2) In the case of multiple EOI's for one position, how was the successful applicant chosen?
- (3) Are there any positions yet to be filled?
- (4) Will members of this working group receive any remuneration or be able to claim expenses?
- (5) What are the anticipated frequency of meetings?
- (6) Will the minutes of these meetings be published on the Department's website?
- (7) Will this working group be disbanded once it has provided its advice to Commfish and RFNSW or will it remain active to evaluate the harvest strategies implementation?

- 7416 TRANSPORT AND ROADS—UBER—The Hon. Mark Banasiak to ask the Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs, and the Arts representing the Minister for Transport and Roads—

It was reported recently that Uber had been issued \$200,000 in fines for more than 500 previously undeclared offences.

- (1) Why is the point-to-point commission heavily reliant on self-reporting for compliance?
- (2) Given the fines equate to less than a fine for failing to stop at a stop sign, are you confident these fines are an adequate deterrent for rogue behaviour by rideshare operators?
- (3) What further steps will the point-to-point commissioner make if Uber fails to comply with the 13 improvement notices it was issued?
- (4) What further steps are available to the point-to-point commissioner if Uber or any other operator continues to demonstrate behaviour contrary to the act?

- 7417 EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING—MAITLAND SCHOOLS—The Hon. John Graham to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) How many permanent staffing vacancies are there in New South Wales public primary and high schools throughout the Maitland electorate as at 1 September 2021?
 - (a) Which positions remain vacant?
 - (i) Which schools are they located at?
 - (ii) How long have these positions been vacant?
- (2) What is the age profile of permanent teachers working in schools in the Maitland electorate and how many are aged:
 - (a) Under 25 years?
 - (b) 26 years – 30 years?
 - (c) 31 years – 40 years?
 - (d) 41 years – 50 years?
 - (e) 51 years – 60 years?
 - (f) Over the age of 61 years?
- (3) From the commencement of term 1 this year, on how many occasions have schools in the Maitland electorate been unable to fill a vacancy with a casual replacement?

- (a) When this occurs what arrangements are put in place to ensure that classes can still be conducted?
 - (b) How many occasions have resulted in two classes or more being combined?
 - (i) Is there a capped number of students allowed in a classroom?
 - (ii) Was learning conducted in a COVID safe environment?
 - (c) Have teachers been taken from other support programs within the school to replace a vacancy?
 - (i) If so, which schools has this occurred at?
 - (ii) On how many occasions?
 - (iii) Which programs have they been taken from?
 - (iv) Were the support teachers replaced?
 - (d) When teachers are removed from their support programs to fill classroom vacancies, does that mean students who are requiring intensive intervention miss out?
- (4) How many casual teachers are listed as available to teach at schools in the Maitland electorate?
- (5) What is the age profile of casual teachers working in schools in the Maitland electorate and how many are aged:
- (a) Under 25 years?
 - (b) 26 years – 30 years?
 - (c) 31 years – 40 years?
 - (d) 41 years – 50 years?
 - (e) 51 years – 60 years?
 - (f) Over the age of 61 years?
- (6) Considering the Government's 2019 election commitment to hire an additional 4,600 teachers over the next four years, how many additional teachers have been hired to date (as at 1 September 2021)?
- (a) How many additional teachers have been funded and allocated to the Maitland electorate in this four-year period (as at 1 September 2021)?
 - (b) How many new teachers have been employed within the Maitland electorate (as at 1 September 2021)?
 - (i) Of these teachers, how many are currently employed on a casual, part-time and full-time basis (as at 1 September 2021)?
- (7) Will the Maitland electorate receive any additional resources over the next two years?
- (a) If not, why not?

David Blunt
Clerk of the Parliament