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(Paper No. 573)

* 7290 EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING—BUNGENDORE HIGH SCHOOL—Mr David Shoebridge to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) Is the Minister aware the local community has significant concerns about the proposed site of the Bungendore High School?
- (2) What is the Minister doing to investigate other options?

Answer—

I am aware of the Bungendore community's desire for a new high school in the town and the commitment from the Deputy Premier and Member for Monaro Mr John Barilaro MP, during the 2019 NSW Election to deliver these new facilities.

During my time as Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning, I have received a number of briefings on this project. In August 2020, I visited Bungendore and alongside the Deputy Premier and local community, announced the site for the new high school.

The process to identify the most appropriate site took more than 12 months, considering more than 1,000 hectares of land in and around Bungendore. A number of sites were considered and assessed based on their suitability to support the new high school including availability of services such as sewerage, electricity, roads, the accessibility of the site and environmental constraints such as bushfire, ecological impacts, and flooding. Following the due diligence process, the Majara/Gibraltar Streets precinct was identified as the most suitable location.

The State Significant Development application for the project has been lodged with the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE). The community will have an opportunity to submit feedback on the proposal to DPIE during the exhibition stage of the proposal.

The Department of Education will continue to engage with the local community to ensure the best facilities are delivered for the future students of the new high school.

Information will continue to be shared with the local community as it becomes available through regular updates which are publicly accessible on the School Infrastructure NSW's project webpage at <https://www.schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au/projects/n/new-high-school-in-bungendore.html>.

* 7291 EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING—CLIMATE CHANGE—Mr David Shoebridge to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) What has the Department of Education done to prepare and protect New South Wales public school communities from the impacts of climate change that we are seeing right now?
- (2) What work is being done to prepare and protect New South Wales public school communities from a 3 degree warmer world?
- (3) What action is being taken on heat mitigation in Western Sydney?
- (4) What action is currently being taken on flood mitigation for schools in flood-prone areas?
- (5) What steps are being taken to update the bushfire risk register for all schools?
- (6) Does the Department have a renewable energy/net zero emissions target?
 - (a) If not, why not?
- (7) What changes are there in terms of support for school given that the Bushfire Relief Strategy has wound up?
- (8) We understand the government announced earlier this year that the directorate was being subsumed into a new "Response and Recovery" team within the new Regional Rural and Remote Directorate within the Department Rural Regional And Remote Education:
 - (a) Has this started yet?

(b) What changes will it entail?

Answer—

(1-3) The Department of Education recognises that climate change will affect the natural, social and economic welfare of NSW. The Department is building its understanding of the impacts of climate change on our environment, communities and lifestyles, so we can prepare and adapt for the future.

There are a number of measures undertaken, as well as initiatives either underway or being explored, which will help to equip schools now and for the future. For example:

- When planning and designing new and upgraded schools, the Department ensures the appropriate Environmental Impact Assessments are completed and climate change risks and hazards are considered.
- The Educational Facilities Standards and Guidelines is continuously updated and refined to incorporate feedback from schools and the latest research.
- Cooler Classrooms Program, is delivering air conditioning to more than 900 schools to ensure comfortable temperatures year-round.
- The Department of Planning, Industry and Environment's Cooling the Schools program will see thousands of trees planted in schools to build the tree canopy across Greater Sydney, particularly in Western Sydney.
- Pilot the use of hydropanels in 10 drought effected schools to convert air humidity into drinking water.
- Schools Renewable Energy Infrastructure Pilot Project (Pilot Project), which will assess the benefits and costs of large-scale implementation of solar photovoltaic (PV) systems, batteries and demand response initiatives in schools.
- The Department continues to install new or increased capacity solar PV systems in schools. Over 70 per cent of NSW public schools already have some form of solar PV system installed.
- Sustainable Schools Grants program, is supporting practical student-based sustainability initiatives in schools.

The Department of Education is working with the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment, Resilience NSW and Treasury to understand future risks and build resilience and preparedness in schools.

- (4) The Department works with relevant authorities and experts to undertake flood mitigation activities at schools as required. When planning for new and upgraded schools, flood risk assessment and mitigation is addressed at various stages of the project planning phase. This includes: considering the location of a school, local council requirements and advice, and assessing the likelihood of flood events. The Department works with expert advice to take into account the potential for flood hazards.
- (5) The Department has an obligation to comply with relevant legislative frameworks in relation to fire safety and schools. The bushfire risk register is continuously updated in accordance to NSW Rural Fire Service mapping and as part of the Bushfire Hazard Mitigation Program (BHMP). The BHMP is designed to meet required legislative frameworks and community expectations regarding fire safety.

The Department continues to work with the Rural Fire Service and emergency services on bushfire risk planning at schools in the lead up to each bushfire season. The Department has recently reviewed and updated its tool to carry out assessments to determine a school's categorisation on the bushfire risk register. The Department has started planning for the delivery of a long-term bushfire risk management framework that builds upon Phase 1 of the Bushfire Relief Strategy, to reinforce and embed evidence based, technology focussed solutions in managing bushfire risk at schools.

- (6) The Department is bound by the NSW Government's commitments to net zero emissions. The NSW Net Zero Plan, Stage 1: 2020-2030 sets a target of 35 per cent emissions reduction in NSW by 2030.

(7) The Bushfire Relief Strategy has now been subsumed into the Regional, Rural and Remote Education Policy Directorate, with a dedicated Resilience and Recovery Unit. Support for schools will continue, with Phase Two of the strategy currently in progress.

(8)

(a) Yes - the Resilience and Recovery team began on 2 August, 2021.

(b) The Resilience and Recovery team will continue to deliver the Bushfire Relief Strategy, providing ongoing support to schools throughout NSW. Phase Two of the Bushfire Relief Strategy is currently underway which strengthens support for school communities throughout NSW.

The Directorate is working in collaboration with other areas of the Department in the delivery of ongoing recovery support and working towards the implementation of sustainable systems and operational practices.

* 7292 EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING—COEDUCATIONAL SCHOOLS—Mr David Shoebridge to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

(1) Could the Minister set out the timeframe as to when all children in areas with single sex high schools will be given the real local choice of co-educational high school enrolment?

(a) When will this be delivered in Randwick following previous Ministerial commitments?

(2) In relation to the current situation for a number of Local Government Areas (LGA) with only single sex high schools:

(a) Why has this only been provided to children in the Oatley electorate?

Answer—

The Department of Education continues assessing the provision of single gender and coeducational opportunities. Currently, this is undertaken on a case-by-case basis to ensure the Department is meeting specific educational needs and demand across groups of schools.

All new public high schools in NSW offer co-educational education.

There is a range of considerations involved to ensure an equitable and sustainable distribution of students across all public schools. Any amendments to boundaries or educational models factor in local considerations including existing teaching space requirements of co-educational and single gender schools, future demand for each educational model, existing interfaces between schools (for example, schools within a collegiate), enrolment trends and impacts on future enrolments and the utilisation of these schools.

The collegiate structure of the Georges River College and the geographical location of the schools afforded the effective facilitation of a shared catchment across the four campuses.

Effective from Term 1 2021, the intake areas of the Oatley Senior, coeducational Years 11-12, Penshurst Girls 7-10, Hurstville Boys 7-10 and Peakhurst coeducational, Years 7-10 campuses were adjusted to provide a single catchment area across Georges River College. This will provide the incoming Year 7 students with a choice of either co-educational or single gender education.

Enrolment applications for older students or students living outside of the new local intake area will be considered on a case-by-case basis in line with the Department's enrolment policy.

The results of this pilot will inform potential future changes within other networks.

* 7293 EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING—CONSULTATION WITH TEACHERS—Mr David Shoebridge to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

(1) Has there been a meeting or consultation called by either the Minister or the Secretary to discuss the return of teachers and students to school?

(a) If not, why not?

(2) How many times has the Minister met with the leadership of the Teachers Federation regarding the return of students to schools?

- (3) How many times has the Secretary for Education met with the leadership of the Teachers Federation?

Answer—

Since the start of the 2021 COVID-19 outbreak in NSW, I have met virtually with principals, teachers, and students multiple times a week to listen, learn, and share ideas about how best to support staff, students and school communities.

Senior representatives of the Department of Education, including the Secretary, have been consulting widely with stakeholders across the Education cluster and the non-government education sector throughout this period.

Consultation has occurred with representatives of the Department's workforce, including the NSW Teachers Federation and Public Service Association, as well as with the NSW Primary Principals' Association, NSW Secondary Principals' Council, Aboriginal Education Consultative Group, and the Federation of Parents and Citizens Associations of NSW, as necessary.

Since 6 August 2021, senior representatives of the Department have been having twice weekly consultation meetings in relation to COVID-19 matters with the NSW Teachers Federation as the industrial representative for the teaching workforce.

- * 7294 EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING—EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTRES—Mr David Shoebridge to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) How many early childhood centres are in financial difficulty right now?
- (2) What has been done to ensure educators have had access to the vaccine?
- (3) Is the Minister overlooking the numbers of children attending centres across Sydney?
 - (a) If so, what is the percentage of attendance by region?
 - (b) If not why not?

Answer—

As the Regulatory Authority in NSW for early childhood services, the Department of Education does not collect, nor have visibility over, financial circumstances of individual services.

The Australian Government is the primary funder of early childhood education and care services through the Child Care Subsidy (CCS) and Additional Child Care Subsidy (ACCS) programs. Information in relation to attendance is reported to the Australian Government for the purposes of CCS funding.

The NSW Government has been actively engaging with the sector about the support they need and has made multiple representations on their behalf to the Australian Government.

In August 2021, the Australian Government provided financial supports for early childhood centres, alongside the waiving of gap fees and increasing allowable absences for parents who keep their children at home.

The NSW Government is providing financial assistance to individuals and businesses (including early childhood services) in NSW who are impacted by COVID-19. A range of COVID-19 related supports for individuals and households are also available.

The Department has been working closely with NSW Health to ensure priority access to vaccinations for educators to enable them to meet the vaccination requirements outlined in the Public Health Orders.

- * 7295 EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING—RESTRUCTURE WITHIN DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION—Mr David Shoebridge to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) What is the currently planned restructure in the Department of Education which staff were advised of on 26 August 2021?
- (2) Is it true the Health and Safety directorate will need to reapply for their jobs?
- (3) Is it true that Information Technology Directorate staff who have ensured kids get home schooled need to reapply?

- (4) Is it true that Human resources staff that have kept teachers being placed are having to reapply?
- (5) Will any of the deputy secretaries have to reapply?

Answer—

The Department of Education is currently undertaking a realignment of functions in the People and Operations Groups to ensure the Department is able to provide high quality, responsive and cohesive support services to schools.

As a result of the realignment, some staff in the Operations and People Groups will see changes to their reporting lines and line management arrangements. Non-Executive staff will not need to reapply for their jobs.

Once functional accountabilities are finalised, Public Sector Senior Executive (PSSE) staff in the Operations Group will undertake a placement process to assign people to re-scoped executive roles. This follows the wider realignment of executive roles in the Department in 2020 for which the Operations Group PSSE were out of scope.

Directorates within the People Group, including the Health and Safety Directorate, were in scope for the 2020 realignment and therefore executives within these directorates are not required to re-apply for their roles.

The Deputy Secretaries for People Group and Operations Group were appointed through a competitive merit process in 2020 and will not be impacted by the placement process.

* 7296 EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING—SCHOOL SUCCESS MODEL—Mr David Shoebridge to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) Regarding the Tell the from me survey:
- (a) What is the number, per group, that have participated in the 2021 survey:
- (i) Students?
- (ii) Parents?
- (iii) Teachers?
- (2) Will systems based targets be based on this number for next year?
- (a) If not how will these targets be determined?

Answer—

The annual survey period for the Tell Them From Me parent and teacher surveys occurs in Terms 3-4, and an optional second student survey is also available at this time. As this survey window is currently open, participation numbers for these surveys in 2021 are not yet available.

The 2021 Tell Them From Me data will be used to monitor progress towards the 2022 target. The baseline for the target was calculated using results from the 2017 and 2018 student surveys (averaged across both years).

* 7297 EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING—SCRIPTURE PROVIDERS REQUIREMENTS—Mr David Shoebridge to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) How many special religious education (SRE) providers currently have the required information on the education website that they are supposed to provide?
- (a) How many do not?
- (2) Which providers do not currently have active links to the required materials?
- (3) What does the department do to oversight this content and ensure links are active and direct to relevant material?
- (4) Has the Minister looked into the audits of this material provided by FIRIS which shows providers consistently failing to satisfy their requirements?

Answer—

It is a requirement that approved providers submit an annual written assurance that their organisation has in place processes that satisfy the requirements for teaching Special Religious Education and Special Education in Ethics in NSW government schools.

All approved providers met the 2021 annual assurance requirement to have their curriculum scope and sequence(s) accessible on their website.

* 7298 EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING—TEACHER LIBRARIANS—Mr David Shoebridge to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) The Minister has previously advised that the new Arthur Phillip HS has a library, and has a full time qualified teacher librarian, is this still the case?
- (2) In how many schools has the Department appointed a permanent qualified teacher librarian to fill their entitlement?
- (3) Does the Department ensure that when a teacher librarian retires they are immediately replaced with another permanent qualified teacher librarian?
 - (a) What is the average time taken to achieve this?
- (4) Which schools have renamed or repurposed their library by calling it for instance a Learning Hub or Learning Centre?
 - (a) Does the Department support the renaming and repurposing of school libraries?
 - (b) What do those schools do with their entitlement to a teacher-librarian if they repurpose their library?

Answer—

- (1) Yes.
- (2) 926 schools have a permanent qualified teacher librarian to fill their entitlement.
- (3) As with any vacancy in a school, recruitment activity commences when the Principal declares the vacancy and advises of the needs of the position. While a position is being recruited, the Principal will typically fill the position on a temporary basis. Teacher librarian positions are filled in accordance with the Staffing Agreement.
- (4) The Department is committed to ensuring all schools have a resource collection that can be accessed by students and staff, whether through information or learning hubs or a traditional library space depending on the needs of the school.

* 7299 EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING—SYNTHETIC FIELDS IN SCHOOLS—Mr David Shoebridge to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) How many schools in New South Wales have synthetic fields?
- (2) Where was funding for these fields from?
- (3) How many government primary schools have these fields?
- (4) How many government high schools have these fields?
- (5) How many non-government primary schools have these fields?
- (6) How many non-government high schools have these fields?
- (7) What health advice is provided to students/teachers about the risk of heat impacts from these fields?

Answer—

The Department is committed to ensuring that schools remain safe spaces; every measure is taken to ensure health and safety standards are upheld when catering to the needs of individual schools.

The Department of Education's Educational Facilities Standards and Guidelines (EFSG) do not specify the use of synthetic grass in government schools. The EFSG recommend consideration of synthetic turf in high use zones, shaded areas and other spaces where the growth of natural turf is problematic.

Some government schools install their own synthetic turf; some install it with partial funding from the Department under the joint funding program, while others have synthetic turf wholly funded and installed by the Department. The Department also enters into joint use agreements with local councils and other groups that may fully or partially fund synthetic turf.

The Department of Education does not keep a record of facilities at non-government schools.

* 7300 EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING—PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHER TRAINING MODEL FOR CHILD PROTECTION—The Hon. Mark Latham to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) In the Department of Education's mandatory primary school teacher training model for child protection:
- (a) Does the material, without evidence or need, demonise farmers and miners as perpetrators of family violence?
 - (b) Does it encourage teachers, in a series of unrealistic scenarios, to assume the worst about working class families?
 - (c) Does it encourage teachers to use online learning as an opportunity to spy on the student's home and parents, supposedly looking for things like 'crack pipes' sitting on kitchen benches?
 - (i) Is it realistic for these items to be accurately identified on a computer screen and for teachers to potentially involve themselves in breaches of family privacy?
 - (d) How have teachers responded to the material?
 - (e) Will the Minister order a rewriting of the material to address the issues identified above?
 - (f) How many teachers have used the current period of online learning to report:
 - (i) Crack pipes in homes?
 - (ii) Other contraband in homes?
 - (iii) Their suspicion off computer screens of wrong doing in family homes?

Answer—

The Annual Child Protection Training Update looks at real scenarios based on previous experiences of our workforce, de-identified to provide our workforce with practical learning and preparation.

The content is updated each year in response to guidance from the workforce, and relevant research and recommendations. The material is developed by learning and development experts with extensive experience as teachers and school leaders, who have worked on child protection issues. There is a thorough planning, research, consultation, writing, and reviewing process which draws on the expertise of teachers, principals, policy officers, legal officers, and child protection officers.

The focus of the 2021 training update is in response to findings and recommendations for the Department of Education from the NSW Domestic Violence Death Review Team Report 2015-17 and recommendations from the Special Commission of Inquiry into the Drug 'Ice'. The training update also reflected recent requests for guidance from our workforce around their obligations when conducting online lessons synchronously where they may encounter wellbeing or welfare concerns for the student.

* 7301 TRANSPORT AND ROADS—COMBINED PREFERRED OPTION FOR THE JERVIS BAY TO SUSSEX INLET PRINCES HIGHWAY UPGRADE—Mr Justin Field 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) The final determination for a preferred corridor option combined the shortlisted option 6a from north of Falls Creek to Jervis Bay Road and option 5a from the south of Falls Creek to Sussex Inlet Road:
- (a) Was this combination considered and ranked as a separate option in the Values Management Study and Workshop?

- (i) If so, how was this option ranked against each objective?
- (ii) What other combination options were assessed?
- (iii) If no, who determined this combined option to be the preferred corridor?
- (iv) When was the combined option to be the preferred corridor decided?

Answer—

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads.

* 7302 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—COMBINED PREFERRED OPTION FOR THE JERVIS BAY TO SUSSEX INLET PRINCES HIGHWAY UPGRADE—Mr Justin Field to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

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Answer—

I am advised:

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* 7303 TRANSPORT AND ROADS—CONSIDERATION OF CONSTRAINTS AS PART OF THE ASSESSMENT OF OPTIONS FOR THE JERVIS BAY TO SUSSEX INLET PRINCES HIGHWAY UPGRADE—Mr Justin Field 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—

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 - (a) What was the process used for considering each of the constraints identified in Table 5.2 Summary of key constraints against each of the corridor options?
- (2) Given coastal wetlands defined under the Coastal Management SEPP were defined as a ‘no go zone’ in the Princes Highway Upgrade – Jervis Bay Road to Sussex Inlet Road Strategic Corridor Option Report and that there is coastal wetlands immediately adjacent to the preferred corridor chosen:
 - (a) How was this constraint specifically assessed in relation to option 5a by the Values Management Study Workshop?
- (3) Given 1 per cent AEP (1 in 100 year) flood extent was listed as “avoidance preferred” and a large proportion of the area between Bewong and Wandandian in the preferred options is subject to flooding at this level:
 - (a) How was this constraint specifically assessed in relation to option 5a by the Values Management Study Workshop?
- (4) Given Swamp Oak Floodplain Forest Endangered Ecological Community (EEC) was listed as “avoidance if achievable” and the Southern section of option 5a, which became the preferred option, was the only corridor option that would impact on this (EEC):

- (a) How was this constraint specifically assessed in relation to option 5a by the Values Management Study Workshop?

Answer—

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads.

* 7304 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—CONSIDERATION OF CONSTRAINTS AS PART OF THE ASSESSMENT OF OPTIONS FOR THE JERVIS BAY TO SUSSEX INLET PRINCES HIGHWAY UPGRADE—Mr Justin Field to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

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* 7305 TRANSPORT AND ROADS—JERVIS BAY ROAD TO SUSSEX INLET ROAD STRATEGIC CORRIDOR OPTION REPORT—Mr Justin Field 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—

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Answer—

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads.

* 7306 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—JERVIS BAY ROAD TO SUSSEX INLET ROAD STRATEGIC CORRIDOR OPTION REPORT—Mr Justin Field to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

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(1) As reported on page 96 of the Princes Highway Upgrade – Jervis Bay Road to Sussex Inlet Road Strategic Corridor Option Report:

Each of the shortlisted options were then evaluated by participants of the value management workshop against each of the criteria during the value management workshop, with participants split into four work groups. Each work group:

- *Discussed and agreed on the weighting of each KRA (Key Result Area) for their assigned objective(s)*
- *Scored each option against each KRA documented the rationale behind the scoring*
- *Identified if there were any potential improvements that could be made to any of the options to enable them to perform better against the KRAs:*

(a) What were the names and roles of the participants in each of the 4 work groups?

(b) Which objectives did each group assess?

(c) What were the weightings of each KRA for each objective that were agreed by the work groups?

(d) What were the absolute scores given against each KRA by the work groups?

(e) Please provide the documented rationale behind the scoring against each KRA and objective?

(f) Were these justifications documented?

(i) If so, please provide the document?

(ii) If no, were there minutes produced from the workshop?

(g) Please provide any potential improvements proposed by the work groups?

Answer—

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads.

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 - (i) If so, please provide the document?
 - (ii) If no, were there minutes produced from the workshop?
 - (g) Please provide any potential improvements proposed by the work groups?

Answer—

I am advised:

Transport for NSW undertook a rigorous strategic options development and assessment process to identify the preferred option. The methodology is contained within the publicly available Princes Highway Upgrade - Jervis Bay Road to Sussex Inlet Road - Strategic Corridor Option Report.

* 7309 TRANSPORT AND ROADS—SELECTION OF A PREFERRED CORRIDOR FOR THE JERVIS BAY TO SUSSEX INLET PRINCES HIGHWAY UPGRADE—Mr Justin Field 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) Regarding the determination of a preferred corridor for the Jervis Bay Road to Sussex Inlet Road as outlined in the *Strategic Corridor Options Report* dated 25 November 2020:

- (a) How was the weighting of the preferred option selection criteria determined?
- (b) How were the Key Result Areas against each objective determined?
- (c) What objective or subjective measures were used to assess each option against the selection criteria?
- (d) What were the absolute ratings (ie. not the relative rank as published in the Strategic Corridor Options Report) of each option as assessed against each criterion?
- (e) How were the absolute ratings of each option against each criteria decided at the workshop?
 - (i) Was it by consensus within the workshop participants?
 - (ii) A vote?

(iii) Other process?

Answer—

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads.

* 7310 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—SELECTION OF A PREFERRED CORRIDOR FOR THE JERVIS BAY TO SUSSEX INLET PRINCES HIGHWAY UPGRADE—Mr Justin Field to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) Regarding the determination of a preferred corridor for the Jervis Bay Road to Sussex Inlet Road as outlined in the *Strategic Corridor Options Report* dated 25 November 2020:
- (a) How was the weighting of the preferred option selection criteria determined?
 - (b) How were the Key Result Areas against each objective determined?
 - (c) What objective or subjective measures were used to assess each option against the selection criteria?
 - (d) What were the absolute ratings (ie. not the relative rank as published in the Strategic Corridor Options Report) of each option as assessed against each criterion?
 - (e) How were the absolute ratings of each option against each criteria decided at the workshop?
 - (i) Was it by consensus within the workshop participants?
 - (ii) A vote?
 - (iii) Other process?

Answer—

I am advised:

Transport for NSW undertook a rigorous strategic options development and assessment process to identify the preferred option. The methodology is contained within the publicly available Princes Highway Upgrade - Jervis Bay Road to Sussex Inlet Road - Strategic Corridor Option Report.

* 7311 TRANSPORT AND ROADS—VALUE MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP JERVIS BAY TO SUSSEX INLET PRINCES HIGHWAY UPGRADE—Mr Justin Field 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) Regarding the Value Management Study Workshop held to determine a preferred corridor for the Jervis Bay Road to Sussex Inlet Road as outlined in the *Strategic Corridor Options Report* dated 25 November 2020:
- (a) Who participated in the Value Management Study Workshop?
 - (b) What briefs and considerations were provided to the participants of the workshop to inform their assessment of the shortlisted options against the preferred option selection criteria?
 - (i) If so, please list the briefs or reports provided?

Answer—

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads.

* 7312 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—VALUE MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP JERVIS BAY TO SUSSEX INLET PRINCES HIGHWAY UPGRADE—Mr Justin Field to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) Regarding the Value Management Study Workshop held to determine a preferred corridor for the Jervis Bay Road to Sussex Inlet Road as outlined in the *Strategic Corridor Options Report* dated 25 November 2020:
- (a) Who participated in the Value Management Study Workshop?
 - (b) What briefs and considerations were provided to the participants of the workshop to inform their assessment of the shortlisted options against the preferred option selection criteria?
 - (i) If so, please list the briefs or reports provided?

Answer—

I am advised:

In October 2020, Transport for NSW staff and key stakeholders attended the value management workshop to assess each of the shortlisted options against a series of selection criteria.

An assessment of key constraints and design constraints was used to identify corridor features to be considered in the development of the preliminary options.

* 7313 REGIONAL NEW SOUTH WALES, INDUSTRY AND TRADE—ABS FAÇADE—The Hon. Peter Primrose 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) With regards to the \$3 million grant from the Government's Regional Job Creation Fund to facilitate the relocation of ABS Façade from the ACT to Queanbeyan:
- (a) Of the claimed 150 new jobs:
 - (i) Where did this figure of 150 new jobs come from?
 - (ii) Are only New South Wales residents able to fill these new positions?
 - (iii) If not, why not?
 - (iv) Over what period of time will these claimed new 150 be created?
 - (b) Of the claimed 30 new apprenticeships:
 - (i) What trades will these be in?
 - (ii) Will the apprenticeships only be open to NSW residents?
 - (iii) If not, why not?
 - (iv) Over what period of time will these new apprenticeships be created?
 - (c) Was a business case prepared to assess the merit of the granting ABS Façade the \$3 million grant?
 - (i) If not, why not?
 - (ii) What criteria was applied to allocate ABS Façade the \$3m grant?
 - (iii) Are these the same criteria applied to other submissions?
 - (d) Did the Minister, the Minister's office or Minister's staff have any role in the assessment of the merits of granting ABS Façade the grant?
 - (e) Did the Minister or Minister's staff ever meet with ABS Façade prior to them submitting the grant application?
 - (f) Do the Minister or Ministers office meet with every applicant who makes a submission to access the Regional Job Creation Fund grant?
 - (i) If so, what are the names of these applicants?

- (g) How many of the grant applicants have the Minister or Minister's office met that ended up being successful in receiving funding from the Regional Job Creation fund?
 - (i) What are the names?
- (h) How long has ABS Façade committed to staying in New South Wales?

Answer—

Expected outcomes are provided by applicants to the Regional Job Creation Fund.

Project outcomes must be achieved over three years. A cost-benefit analysis was completed by Investment NSW. The likelihood of some employees residing outside of NSW was considered in the project assessment.

The new apprentices will be for a Certificate III in Carpentry. Further details regarding the assessment of applications to the Regional Job Creation Fund is available on the Invest Regional NSW website. Ministerial diary disclosures are published on a quarterly basis on the Department of Premier and Cabinet website.

- * 7314 REGIONAL NEW SOUTH WALES, INDUSTRY AND TRADE—GLOBAL NEW SOUTH WALES STRATEGY—The Hon. Peter Primrose 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) What was the outcome of the cost benefit analysis for the Global New South Wales Strategy undertaken by Deloitte Access Economics Pty Ltd for the sum of \$110,805 in 2019-20?
 - (a) Will the Minister be making this report/findings publicly available?
 - (i) If so, when?

Answer—

The Cost-benefit analysis undertaken for the Global NSW Strategy is consistent with the NSW Government Guide to Cost-Benefit Analysis and is subject to cabinet confidentiality.

- * 7315 REGIONAL NEW SOUTH WALES, INDUSTRY AND TRADE—INVESTMENT NSW—The Hon. Peter Primrose 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) Given the Minister's joint responsibility for Investment NSW:
 - (a) What is the detailed breakdown of the \$61.6 million in expenses and capital expenditure for 2020-21, including:
 - (i) A list of projects funded?
 - (ii) A list of capital expenditure?
 - (iii) A list of any funding recipients and the criteria for funding?
 - (iv) Employee costs?

Answer—

Please refer to the answer to Question on Notice 7149.

- * 7316 REGIONAL NEW SOUTH WALES, INDUSTRY AND TRADE—OVERSEAS NSW TRADE AND INVESTMENT OFFICES EXPENDITURE—The Hon. Peter Primrose 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) For each of the NSW Trade and Investment offices located overseas:
 - (a) How much was spent on hospitality and catering in 2020-21?
 - (b) How much was spent on limousine and chauffeur services?
 - (c) How much was spent on rent?
 - (d) How many new investors were signed up to receive New South Wales exports?

Answer—

Please refer to the answer to Question on Notice 7159.

* 7317 REGIONAL NEW SOUTH WALES, INDUSTRY AND TRADE—OVERSEAS NSW TRADE AND INVESTMENT OFFICES—The Hon. Peter Primrose 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) Of the 10 additional overseas NSW Trade and Investment offices announced in November 2020:
- (a) How many have been set up?
 - (b) In what locations?
 - (i) How many staff are at each location and their corresponding salaries?
 - (ii) What is total cost of each office location?

Answer—

Details of the NSW Government's international network and expansion information is available on the Invest NSW website and within the Global NSW Strategy, with operational expenditure to be available in the annual report.

* 7318 POLICE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES—LARGE AIR TANKER—The Hon. Courtney Houssos to ask the Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

- (1) Does the Government own the Marie Bashir 737 Large Air Tanker?
- (2) Is the Marie Bashir 737 Large Air Tanker registered as N138CG?
- (a) If so:
 - (i) Why is the Marie Bashir registered in the United States of America under the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and not the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA)?
 - (ii) Why does the Federal Aviation Administration list N138CG list 'Delaware Trust Co Trustee'?
 - (iii) If the FAA registration is incorrect, has the New South Wales Government taken legal or administrative action to have N138CG registered with a New South Wales Government entity as the owner?
- (3) On 22 August 2019, the Minister David Elliott, MP said "the air tanker has a cruising speed of 850 kilometres an hour and it can carry up to 15,000 litres of water and fire suppressant. It can also transport 70 firefighters to anywhere in New South Wales within an hour. Being able to deploy firefighters within an hour is a significant capability for our Rural Fire Service [RFS]—indeed, we have already done so":
- (a) Is the aircraft currently certified to 'transport 70 firefighters'?
 - (b) When was this certification achieved?
 - (c) When did the Marie Bashir first 'transport 70 firefighters'?
 - (i) Was this sanctioned by CASA?
 - (d) What volume of water or fire suppressant would otherwise fit in to the 70-seat passenger compartment?
- (4) Why did the Government send the Large Air Tanker to North America three days prior to the commencement of the bush fire danger period in the northern New South Wales Local Government Areas (LGA)?
- (a) Was a specific risk assessment on the northern LGAs conducted prior to this deployment?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Yes.
- (2) Yes.
 - (a)
 - (i) The aircraft was purchased with US registration. The process of conversion to Australian registration is underway and is now in the final stages to achieve the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) 'VH' registration.
 - (ii) A US registered (N) aircraft cannot be held in non US ownership hence the beneficial ownership through the Delaware Trust Co as trustees.
 - (iii) The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) registration is correct.
- (3)
 - (a) The process is underway to finalise the Australian (VH) registration process. Once in place, the procedural work to allow the Large Air Tanker (LAT) to perform passenger-carrying tasks will be completed.
 - (b) I refer to my answer to question 3 a)
 - (c) I refer to my answer to question 3 a)
 - (d) The aircraft is designed to undertake bombing operations and passenger carriage, but not to perform these tasks at the same time. Passengers will not be carried at the same time as water/suppressant bombing operations are being conducted.
- (4) This approach is consistent with the process used by NSW to request assistance from the United States and Canada during the 2019/2020 fire season. Similar to Canada requesting assistance from Australia for firefighting resources, the US Forest Service made a request to Australia through the National Resource Sharing Centre (NRSC) within the Australasian Fire & Emergency Services Authority Council (AFAC), which facilitates resource sharing of firefighters, specialists and aircraft to large scale emergency events nationally and, when required, internationally.
 - (a) This decision has been made in consideration of an assessment of the upcoming fire season in NSW.

* 7319 PLANNING AND PUBLIC SPACES—POPULATION PROJECTIONS—The Hon. Courtney Houssos to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) Regarding the New South Wales population projections, to what more granular levels below Local Government Area (LGA level) does that data exist?
- (2) Please provide population projections by the following:
 - (a) Postcode?
 - (b) Suburb?
 - (c) Other more granular levels?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Department of Planning, Industry and Environment publishes the NSW Population Projections on its website. This information is publicly available at www.planning.nsw.gov.au/Research-and-Demography/Population-projections.

* 7320 HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESEARCH—REPORTING OF DEATHS FROM OR WITH COVID-19—The Hon. Rod Roberts to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) At the 11 am morning COVID-19 briefings and in several other media outlets the number of deaths associated with COVID-19 are being reported. At times they are reported as ‘died of COVID-19’ or “died with COVID-19”:
 - (a) What definition does the government use when assigning a death as “died of COVID-19” when reporting in the media?
 - (b) What definition does the government use when assigning a death “died with COVID-19” when reporting in the media?
 - (c) Has the coroner been consulted in relation to these two definitions?
- (2) Is an autopsy performed on each deceased prior to informing media of the death due to COVID-19?
 - (a) If not, why not?
- (3) Are autopsies carried out on the deceased at any time?
- (4) Has the New South Wales Coroner confirmed the cause of death for each of the people reported prior to the Minister releasing these reports?

Answer—

- (1-4) COVID-19 deaths are defined in the COVID-19 Communicable Diseases Network Australia National Guidelines for Public Health Units:

<https://www1.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/cdna-song-novel-coronavirus.htm> COVID-19 weekly surveillance reports, which include information on COVID-19 deaths in NSW, are published at <https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/covid-19/Pages/weekly-reports.aspx>

* 7321 HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESEARCH—SYDNEY SCIENCE PARK PARTNERSHIP—The Hon. Mark Latham to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) I refer the Minister to the Westmead Health Precinct - Sydney Science Park Partnership (SSP) announced at the Westmead Institute for Medical Research on 26 July 2017 by the Premier:
 - (a) What has been the basis of the partnership in the 4 years?
 - (i) Can the Minister please identify the benefits from it?
- (2) Given that the Sydney Science Park committed to opening its first research facilities in 2019:
 - (a) Has the Minister or the Department investigated the SSP's failure to deliver on its side of the partnership?
 - (i) If so, what did this investigation reveal?
- (3) Does the Minister regard the partnership as a viable entity that should be maintained?
 - (a) If so, when does the Minister expect the SSP to deliver anything on its side of the partnership?

Answer—

- (1-3) The intent of the two-year partnership was to establish professional and intellectual links between Sydney Science Park and the Westmead Health Precinct, and to afford the opportunity to students for improved education, personal experience and professional advancement while also facilitating laboratory and high-tech equipment utilisation.

Western Sydney Local Health District has had no contact with the Sydney Science Park organiser, Celestino, since early 2020.

* 7322 HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESEARCH—LOCAL HEALTH DISTRICTS—The Hon. Mick Veitch to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) Given that health services are managed on the basis of local health districts:
- (a) Why did the Government decide to structure its response to COVID-19 around local government areas and as a result, split some local health districts?

Answer—

- (1)
- (a) Local health districts work closely with local government councils in their region. Implementing COVID-19 public health measures based on local government areas enables a targeted, cross-sectoral, and localised response. It can also reduce the need to unnecessarily place restrictions on people across a large geographical area if the risk of COVID-19 transmission is lower in some communities within that area.

* 7323 HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESEARCH—VACCINATION RATES IN POSTCODES—The Hon. Mick Veitch to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) Do the projections of full vaccination indicate that the following postcodes will reach the 70 per cent target by October 15 2021:
- (a) 2500?
- (b) 2502?
- (c) 2505?
- (d) 2506?
- (e) 2530?
- (f) 2518?

Answer—

- (1) Data on vaccination rates by postcode and LGA is publicly available on NSW and Australian Government websites.
- Map of NSW vaccinations by home postcode and LGA: <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/find-the-facts-about-covid-19#map-of-nsw-vaccinations-by-home-postcode-and-lga>
 - Australian Department of Health Local Government Area (LGA) COVID-19 Vaccine Rates: <https://www.health.gov.au/resources/publications/covid-19-vaccination-geographic-vaccination-rates-local-government-area-lga>

* 7324 HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESEARCH—WOLLONGONG MASS VACCINATION CENTRE—The Hon. Mick Veitch to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) From what date will the vaccine supply to the Wollongong Mass Vaccination Centre allow it to deliver the 2500 doses a day it has been designed to deliver?

Answer—

- (1) Australia's COVID-19 vaccination program is led by the Australian Government. The vaccine supply from the Australian Government determines how rapidly the roll-out can occur. The Wollongong Mass Vaccination Centre can increase its capacity at any time in response to increased vaccine supply from the Commonwealth.

* 7325 PLANNING AND PUBLIC SPACES—PUBLIC SPACES LEGACY PROGRAM—The Hon. Mick Veitch to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) Which local government areas were eligible for funding under the Public Spaces Legacy Program?
- (2) How many applications were received for funding through the Public Spaces Legacy Program?
 - (a) What was the total amount of the applications received?
 - (b) Which individuals or organisations undertook the ranking of applications?
- (3) How much funding was available to councils under the most recent round of applications under the Public Spaces Legacy Program?
- (4) Please provide a list of the councils who received funds?
 - (a) Please provide details of the project?
 - (b) Please provide details of the amount of funding allocated?
- (5) Did the Minister approve the final grant recipients?
- (6) Did any of the recipients recommended to the Minister by the Department not receive funding?
- (7) Did any councils or projects not recommended for funding receive a funding allocation?
 - (a) If so:
 - (i) Which council?
 - (ii) What was the total amount of the funding received?
- (8) Has the total \$250 million in funding allocated to the program been allocated to councils?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) 68 local government areas in NSW were eligible to apply for participation. These are listed at www.planning.nsw.gov.au/Policy-and-Legislation/Planning-reforms/NSW-Public-Spaces-Legacy-Program.
- (2) 62 councils applied to participate in the Program. 60 councils ultimately participated and qualified for funding, with 60 applications for funding received.
 - (a) The total amount requested from the 60 applications received was \$215,458,116.
 - (b) The review panel consisted of four Department of Planning, Industry and Environment representatives and two independent panellists:
 - Dr Caroline Butler-Bowdon, Executive Director, Public Spaces;
 - Fiona Morrison, Director, Open Space;
 - Keith Baxter, Director, Emergency Recovery, Office of Local Government;
 - Drew Pinazza, Senior Manager, Place Management;
 - David Moir, Director, Moir Landscape Architecture (Independent); and
 - Kylie Legge, Director, Place Partners and Place Score (Independent).
- (3) 68 councils were eligible to apply for a total of \$247 million funding. 60 eligible councils applied for funding, and the total funding available in that round was \$216,750,000. The amount requested through applications was \$215,458,116. The funding available to eligible councils was calculated in accordance with the program guidelines available at www.planning.nsw.gov.au/-/media/Files/DPE/Guidelines/NSW-public-spaces-legacy-program-guidelines-2020-08.pdf?la=en.
- (4) This information is publicly available at www.planning.nsw.gov.au/Policy-and-Legislation/Planning-reforms/NSW-Public-Spaces-Legacy-Program.
- (5) Refer to (3).

- (6) Yes, based off recommendations made by the independent review panel outlined in (2). The 68 councils eligible to apply under the Program were approved by the NSW Government.
- (7) No.
- (8) No.
- (9) See (3) and (6).

* 7326 PLANNING AND PUBLIC SPACES—SHUTDOWN OF THE CONSTRUCTION SECTOR—The Hon. Mick Veitch to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) On what date were you informed of the shutdown of the construction sector that took place on July 17 2021?
- (2) On what date was the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment consulted on the shutdown of the construction sector that took place on July 17 2021?

Answer—

I am advised:

Consultation on the then proposed construction pause took place prior to its announcement.

* 7327 PLANNING AND PUBLIC SPACES—ILLAWARRA SHOALHAVEN AFFORDABLE HOUSING ROUNDTABLE—The Hon. Mick Veitch to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) Has the Illawarra Shoalhaven Affordable Housing Roundtable been established?
 - (a) If not, on what date will it be established?
- (2) Which organisations have been invited to be part of the Illawarra Shoalhaven Affordable Housing Roundtable?
 - (a) How were these organisations:
 - (i) Nominated?
 - (ii) Selected?
- (3) Did the Minister recommend any organisations to be part of the Illawarra Shoalhaven Affordable Housing Roundtable?
 - (a) If so, which ones?
- (4) Who is the chair or convenor of the Illawarra Shoalhaven Affordable Housing Roundtable?
- (5) How often will the Illawarra Shoalhaven Affordable Housing Roundtable meet?
- (6) What are the terms of reference for the Illawarra Shoalhaven Affordable Housing Roundtable?
 - (a) Have they been made available to the public?
 - (i) If not, will they be made public?
 - (ii) If they will be made public, on what date?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The Illawarra Shoalhaven Affordable Housing Roundtable will be established prior to the end of 2021 and after the Regional Housing Taskforce has delivered its recommendations report to Government.
- (2) No formal invitations have been made. The Roundtable was strongly supported through the public exhibition of the draft Illawarra Shoalhaven Regional Plan, with a range of stakeholders expressing an interest in taking part. In particular, Community Industry Group and Property Council of Australia requested to be part of the Roundtable and will be invited to participate, along with councils, state agencies and community housing providers.

- (3) The Illawarra Shoalhaven Regional Plan 2041 identified the Affordable Housing Roundtable would be comprised of local councils, community housing providers, the NSW Government and the housing development industry. The Coordination and Monitoring Committee, the body responsible for implementation of the Regional Plan, may identify additional invitees.
- (4) The Department of Planning, Industry and Environment's Director, Southern Region, will convene the Affordable Housing Roundtable.
- (5) It is anticipated the Affordable Housing Roundtable will meet twice a year.
- (6) The Terms of Reference, once developed, will be publicly available.

* 7328 PREMIER—A CURRENT AFFAIR—The Hon. Mick Veitch 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) On A Current Affair on 23 August 2021 when asked about the response to the June 2021 COVID-19 outbreak the Premier said “There were so many things we could have done differently”:
 - (a) What things is the Premier referring to?
 - (b) What would have been the impact of doing those things differently?

Answer—

The NSW Government continues to respond to the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic.

* 7329 PLANNING AND PUBLIC SPACES—SYDNEY SCIENCE PARK—The Hon. Mark Latham to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) In the planning instruments being developed for the Aerotropolis, will the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) enforce the 3400 dwellings cap for the Sydney Science Park (SSP)?
- (2) Has the Minister or the Department received representations from Celestino for 15,000-plus dwellings to be permitted at the SSP?
 - (a) How has the Minister and DPIE responded?
- (3) Has the Minister rejected the Celestino/SSP submission of 27 January 2021 that, under revised SSP proposals, “Detached housing is the cornerstone of the (SSP) vision and early activation of the SSP” on the basis that this should be a Science Park and high-tech employment generator for Western Sydney, as long promised by Celestino?
- (4) Is Celestino, contrary to earlier planning proposals and agreements, now proposing detached housing around the Luddenham Metro station?
 - (a) Does the Government see this a poor outcome for densities surrounding a critical public transport node in Western Sydney?
- (5) Has the Minister been informed as to why the SSP development has been delayed several years behind its intended commencement?
 - (a) What are those reasons?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The 3,400 residential dwelling cap for the Sydney Science Park (SSP) will be enforced as per the executed Voluntary Planning Agreement that applies to the SSP site.
- (2)
 - (a) The Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (the Department) is not aware of any representations made by Celestino for 15,000 plus dwellings to be permitted at the SSP site.

- (3) The Department is not aware of a submission dated 27 January 2021.
- The Western Sydney Planning Partnership is working through the submissions received during the exhibition of the Draft Precinct Planning package for the Aerotropolis. All issues raised in submissions, including the Celestino submission dated 12 March 2021, will be considered in detail prior to the finalisation of the draft precinct planning package for the Aerotropolis.
- (4) The rezoning of the SSP site on 28 October 2016 amended the Penrith Local Environmental Plan to permit detached housing. These planning controls will continue to apply until such time as a precinct plan is in force for the SSP site.
- (a) The Department recognises the importance of delivering appropriate densities to support investment around transport nodes like a future station. The finalisation of the draft precinct plans will be informed by urban design work, including the spread of appropriate dwellings densities within the SSP site, while maintaining the 3,400 cap.
- (5) Timing for the development on the SSP site is largely a matter for Celestino. Since the site has been rezoned, Celestino have lodged development applications for the development of the SSP land.
- (a) Not applicable.

* 7331 BETTER REGULATION AND INNOVATION—RESIDENTIAL TENANCY SUPPORT PAYMENTS—The Hon. Daniel Mookhey to ask the Minister for Finance and Small Business representing the Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation—

- (1) As of the most recent date available:
- (a) What is the total number residential landlords who have received the \$1500 or \$3000 Residential Tenancy Support Payment?
- (b) What is the total dollar value of Residential Tenancy Support Payments given to residential landlords?

Answer—

Information on the Government's residential tenancy support payments including the number of applications received, number of applications approved or declined and the total amount released can be found on the Fair Trading website.

* 7332 BETTER REGULATION AND INNOVATION—SAFE WORK NSW AND FOOD DELIVERY PLATFORMS—The Hon. Daniel Mookhey to ask the Minister for Finance and Small Business representing the Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation—

- (1) Mr Burak Dogan passed away on 2 April 2020 while working as a delivery rider for Uber Eats, did Safe Work NSW consider Mr Dogan's death as a workplace death?
- (a) If not, please explain how this determination was made?
- (b) If so, has Safe Work issued any warnings, improvement notices or prohibition notices to Uber Eats regarding the death?
- (i) What was issued?
- (ii) When was it issued?
- (2) Uber Eats advised a Parliamentary Committee that there were two deaths that they did not consider a workplace death, including Mr Dogan:
- (a) Has Safe Work NSW investigated the second death?
- (i) If so, what was the decision?
- (ii) If not, why not?
- (3) How many other notifications from delivery platforms of rider deaths has Safe Work NSW received that were not considered workplace deaths?
- (4) Has Safe Work NSW made a determination regarding prosecution of Uber Eats and/or Hungry Panda following deaths of their riders last year?

- (5) How many warnings has Safe Work NSW issued to:
- (a) Uber Eats?
 - (b) Menulog?
 - (c) Deliveroo?
 - (d) Easi?
 - (e) Hungry Panda?
 - (f) Any other food delivery platforms?
- (6) How many improvement notices has Safe Work NSW issued to:
- (a) Uber Eats?
 - (b) Menulog?
 - (c) Deliveroo?
 - (d) Easi?
 - (e) Hungry Panda?
 - (f) Any other food delivery platforms?
- (7) How many prohibition notices has Safe Work NSW issued to:
- (a) Uber Eats?
 - (b) Menulog?
 - (c) Deliveroo?
 - (d) Easi?
 - (e) Hungry Panda?
 - (f) Any other food delivery platforms?
- (8) How many compliance field activities did Safe Work NSW undertake specifically in the food delivery industry in:
- (a) 2019?
 - (b) 2020?
 - (c) 2021 to date?

Answer—

- (1) No.
- (a) The determination was based on information gathered during the SafeWork investigation and was consistent with the view of the NSW Police Force (NSWPF). Factors which informed this determination included the following:
- Mr Burak Dogan was killed after his bicycle was struck from behind by a truck on 2 April 2020. The incident occurred at 12:54pm. At the time, Mr Dogan was logged in to the Uber Eats App and was available for work, but he had not been assigned a delivery task. The Uber Eats trip log showed that Mr Dogan's previous trip with Uber Eats was between 12:17pm and 12:25pm.
 - Although a SafeWork NSW Notice was issued for the NSWPF report, the report did not reveal any work-related factors that contributed to the collision.
 - Witness statements taken by NSWPF at the scene of the incident confirm that Mr Dogan was struck from behind by the truck.

- NSWPF provided dashcam footage from the truck involved in the incident, and this did not indicate that Mr Dogan was doing anything other than peddling his bicycle when he was struck from behind.
- (b)
- (i) See 1a.
 - (ii) See 1a.
- (2) Yes.
- (i) The notified incident was a double fatality involving a motorcycle carrying a driver and a pillion passenger. The motorcycle was stationary, waiting to turn right, when it was struck from behind by a bus. The driver of the motorcycle was an Uber Eats food delivery rider who was "on trip" at the time of the incident. However, the pillion passenger was not on the App at the time of the incident. As such the driver was a worker, but the pillion passenger was not considered a worker. NSWPF laid charges against the bus driver which resulted in a criminal conviction. SafeWork NSW issued Notices against the bus company to review and revise systems of work.
 - (ii) See 2i.
- (3) Nil.
- (4) Matters relating to Uber Eats remain under investigation by SafeWork NSW. SafeWork NSW reviewed the incident involving Hungry Panda and determined that there was insufficient evidence to lay charges under Work Health and Safety (WHS) legislation. This matter is currently under investigation by NSWPF.
- (5)
- (a-f) WHS legislation does not provide for warnings to be issued. However, during SafeWork NSW's field compliance activity conducted in February and March 2021, a warning document was used by Inspectors when they observed food delivery riders operating unsafely or breaking a road rule.
- The warning document allowed Inspectors to identify which platform the rider was delivering for at the time, and the deidentified data was presented to the platforms. Twenty-eight (28) warning letters were issued to Food Delivery Riders, mainly for failing to use or wear adequate personal protective equipment (PPE). These were not recorded against the individual platform.
- (6)
- (a) Uber Eats = 5
 - (b) Menulog = 1
 - (c) Deliveroo = 3
 - (d) Easi = 4
 - (e) Hungry Panda = 4
 - (f) other delivery platforms = 2
- (7)
- (a-f) Nil.
- (8)
- (a) 2019 = nil
 - (b) 2020 = 4 visits undertaken by SafeWork Inspectors to various part of Sydney with a focus on delivery riders.
 - (c) 2021 to 30 August 2021 = 327 visits undertaken by SafeWork Inspectors with a focus on delivery riders to the following locations in Sydney:

- Newtown
- Enmore
- Kings Cross
- Potts Point
- Parramatta
- Haymarket
- Bondi
- Bondi Junction
- Surry Hills
- Bankstown

* 7333 CUSTOMER SERVICE—GRANTS TO SMALL BUSINESSES FOR FEES AND CHARGES—The Hon. Daniel Mookhey to ask the Minister for Finance and Small Business representing the Minister for Customer Service, and Minister for Digital—

- (1) Regarding the \$1,500 grants to small businesses for fees and charges:
- (a) How many applications have been successful?
 - (b) What is the total dollar value of all successful applications?
 - (c) What is the expected total final number of businesses budgeted to benefit from the program?
 - (d) What is the expected total final dollar value budgeted for the program?

Answer—

On behalf of the Minister, I refer to my answer to QoN 7337.

* 7335 CUSTOMER SERVICE—RESIDENTIAL TENANCY SUPPORT PAYMENTS—The Hon. Daniel Mookhey to ask the Minister for Finance and Small Business representing the Minister for Customer Service, and Minister for Digital—

- (1) As of the most recent date available:
- (a) What is the total number residential landlords who have received the \$1500 or \$3000 Residential Tenancy Support Payment?
 - (b) What is the total dollar value of Residential Tenancy Support Payments given to residential landlords?

Answer—

On behalf of the Minister, I can advise that this question is best directed to the Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation.

* 7336 CUSTOMER SERVICE—DINE OR DISCOVER VOUCHERS—The Hon. Daniel Mookhey to ask the Minister for Finance and Small Business representing the Minister for Customer Service, and Minister for Digital—

- (1) As of the most recent date available:
- (a) What is the total number of \$25 Dine or Discover vouchers applied for?
 - (b) What is the total number of \$25 Dine or Discover vouchers received?
 - (c) What is the total number of \$25 Dine vouchers used?
 - (d) What is the total number of \$25 Dine vouchers remaining received but not used?
 - (e) What is the total number of \$25 Discover vouchers used?

- (f) What is the total number of \$25 Discover vouchers remaining received but not used?
- (g) Of the initial \$500 million budgeted allocation:
- (i) What is the total value of vouchers downloaded or allocated?
- (ii) What is the total value of vouchers used?

Answer—

This question is best answered directly by me, as Minister for Finance and Small Business.

Given the limited opportunities to use Dine & Discover vouchers due to recent COVID-19 restrictions, the NSW Government has extended the program to 30 June 2022.

- (1) As at 17 September 2021:
- (a-b) 18,891,500
- (c) 6,965,426
- (d) 2,480,324
- (e) 3,522,608
- (f) 5,923,142
- (g)
- (i) \$472,287,525
- (ii) Vouchers to the value of \$260,361,185 have been redeemed with a total customer spend of \$426,920,768.

* 7337 FINANCE AND SMALL BUSINESS—GRANTS TO SMALL BUSINESSES FOR FEES AND CHARGES—The Hon. Daniel Mookhey to ask the Minister for Finance and Small Business—

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- (a) How many applications have been successful?
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- (d) What is the expected total final dollar value budgeted for the program?

Answer—

The \$1,500 rebate scheme will help tens of thousands of businesses pay for NSW and local government fees and charges. Under the scheme, small businesses, sole traders and non-profit organisations can apply to be reimbursed up to \$1500 for NSW and local government fees and charges that are related to the cost of doing business. These include:

- Food authority licences
- Liquor licences
- Tradesperson licences
- Event fees
- Council rates
- Business vehicle registration fees

The scheme cannot be used for fees and charges specifically excluded under policy guidelines, such as fines and penalties, and is only available for those charges and fees that are due and paid after 1 March 2021.

Since the scheme launched, 107,257 small businesses have registered and 95,749 claims have been paid, returning \$61.375 million to NSW small businesses.

\$472 million has been budgeted for this rebate scheme over FY 2020/21 and FY 2021/22. The program is available via Service NSW and will run until 30 June 2022.

* 7339 FINANCE AND SMALL BUSINESS—RESIDENTIAL TENANCY SUPPORT PAYMENTS—The Hon. Daniel Mookhey to ask the Minister for Finance and Small Business—

- (1) As of the most recent date available:
- (a) What is the total number residential landlords who have received the \$1500 or \$3000 Residential Tenancy Support Payment?
 - (b) What is the total dollar value of Residential Tenancy Support Payments given to residential landlords?

Answer—

This question is best directed to the Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation.

* 7340 JOBS, INVESTMENT, TOURISM AND WESTERN SYDNEY—NSW TRADE AND INVESTMENT ACTION PLAN 2017-18—The Hon. Daniel Mookhey to ask the Minister for Finance and Small Business representing the Minister for Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney—

- (1) The “Competing Globally: NSW Trade and Investment Action Plan 2017-18” included a target to grow investment from \$4.3 billion to \$8 billion by 2020:
- (a) What was the investment value in 2020?
 - (i) If not \$8 billion, why was the target not met?
- (2) The “Competing Globally: NSW Trade and Investment Action Plan 2017-18” included a target to grow financial services exports from \$3.2 billion to \$4.5 billion by 2020:
- (a) What was the value of financial services exports in 2020?
 - (i) If not \$4.5 billion, why was the target not met?
- (3) The “Competing Globally: NSW Trade and Investment Action Plan 2017-18” included a target to grow exports from food and fibre from \$7.4 billion to \$10 billion by 2020:
- (a) What was the value of food and fibre exports in 2020?
 - (i) If not \$10 billion, why was the target not met?
- (4) The “Competing Globally: NSW Trade and Investment Action Plan 2017-18” included a target to grow the international education sector from \$7.2 billion in 2015 to \$9 billion by 2020 and return market share of international education in NSW to 38.9 per-cent:
- (a) What was the value of the international education sector in 2020?
 - (i) If not \$9 billion, why was the target not met?
 - (b) What was the market share of international education in NSW in 2020?
 - (i) If not 38.9 per-cent, why was the target not met?
- (5) The “Competing Globally: NSW Trade and Investment Action Plan 2017-18” included a target to double MedTech exports to Asia from \$362 million to \$620 million by:
- (a) What was the value of MedTech exports in 2020?
 - (i) If not \$620 million, why was the target not met?
- (6) The “Competing Globally: NSW Trade and Investment Action Plan 2017-18” included a target to create 15,000 investment-related jobs per annum by 2020:
- (a) How many investment-related jobs were created in 2019?
 - (b) How many investment-related jobs were created in 2020?
 - (i) If not 15,000 per annum, why was the target not met?

- (7) The “Competing Globally: NSW Trade and Investment Action Plan 2017-18” included a target to have more than 16,000 Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) exporting and have New South Wales businesses exporting \$80 billion worth of goods and services by 2020:
- (a) How many SMEs in New South Wales were exporting in 2020?
 - (i) If not 16,000, why was the target not met?
 - (b) What was the total value of goods and services exported by New South Wales businesses in 2020?
 - (i) If not \$80 billion, why was the target not met?
- (8) What is the status of the Interagency Steering Committee established in April 2016 and referred to in the “Competing Globally: NSW Trade and Investment Action Plan 2017-18”?
- (a) How often does/ did the Interagency Steering Committee meet to review progress against the objectives and targets contained in the “Competing Globally: NSW Trade and Investment Action Plan 2017-18”?
 - (b) When was the last review undertaken by the Interagency Steering Committee?
 - (i) What was the outcome of that review?
- (9) What is the status of the NSW Investment Handbook referred to in the “Competing Globally: NSW Trade and Investment Action Plan 2017-18”?
- (a) When was the handbook drafted?
 - (b) Which Government departments have received a copy of the handbook?
 - (c) When was the handbook last updated?
- (10) What is the status of the “competitive positioning platform for Sydney” referred to in the “Competing Globally: NSW Trade and Investment Action Plan 2017-18”?
- (a) What is the status of the digital strategy that was to be prepared concurrently with the competitive positioning platform?
 - (b) What communication tools were implemented to provide public and private sectors consistent communication about Sydney as a leading global city?

Answer—

This is a matter for the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade.

* 7341 PREMIER—NSW TRADE AND INVESTMENT ACTION PLAN 2017-18—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 Premier—

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Answer—

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade.

* 7342 REGIONAL NEW SOUTH WALES, INDUSTRY AND TRADE—NSW TRADE AND INVESTMENT ACTION PLAN 2017-18—The Hon. Daniel Mookhey to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade—

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Answer—

The NSW Trade and Investment Action Plan 2017-18 was superseded by the Global NSW Strategy in 2019, which can be found on the Global NSW website.

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- 7490 HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESEARCH—VACCINATION EXEMPTION—The Hon. Mark Latham to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Health and Medical Research—
- (1) Among NSW Health Department employees:
 - (a) How many have presented medical certificates for vaccination exemption?
 - (b) Of these in (1a), how many:
 - (i) Certificates have been accepted?
 - (ii) How many have been rejected by the Department and for what reasons?
- 7520 ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT—ELECTRIC VEHICLES—The Hon. Mark Latham 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 Energy and Environment—
- (1) Is the Minister aware that since the announcement of the Government’s rebate on electric vehicles:
 - (a) The Hyundai Ioniq Electric Elite’s price has increased by \$1,000 to \$49,970, and the Hyundai Ioniq Electric Premium has also increased by \$1,000 to \$54,010 before on-road costs?
 - (b) The MG ZS EV, Australia’s cheapest available electric car, has increased \$1000 in price to \$44,990 drive-away?
 - (c) The Hyundai has also raised the price of the Ioniq Premium plug-in hybrid by \$1000, to \$47,950 including on-roads, and the ordinary hybrid variant has also increased by \$1000 to \$41,390 plus on-roads?
 - (2) How effective is the rebate if car manufacturers action price increases in response?

- (3) What is the Government doing to overcome the price and availability restraint on the sale of electric vehicles in New South Wales caused by the European practice of the EU providing carbon credits on the domestic sale of electric vehicles, forcing car manufacturers to keep their product in Europe (limiting exports to Australia) to avoid carbon penalties on the sale of their petrol-fuelled cars?

7521 FAMILIES, COMMUNITIES AND DISABILITY SERVICES—ADVOCATING FOR CHILDREN IN LOCKDOWN—The Hon. Mark Latham to ask the Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans representing the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

- (1) Given that children in New South Wales have suffered badly during the current Lockdowns, being isolated from their friends, schoolmates and sporting teammates:
- (a) What advocacy to the Government has the Office of the Advocate for Children and Young People undertaken to ease the Lockdown distress and suffering of young people in New South Wales?
- (i) How has the Government responded to the advocacy?
- (2) What is the point of having a taxpayer-funded Children's Advocate if she has not advocated for children during the current crisis?

7522 FAMILIES, COMMUNITIES AND DISABILITY SERVICES—OFFICE OF THE ADVOCATE FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE COMPETITION—The Hon. Mark Latham to ask the Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans representing the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

- (1) Why is the Office of the Advocate for Children and Young People running a publicly-funded competition for popular songs on a Spotify list when this has been done hundreds of times by the private sector?
- (a) How much does the competition cost?
- (b) What are the prizes on offer?
- (2) Will the Minister now seek to redirect the funding to children in need?

7523 FAMILIES, COMMUNITIES AND DISABILITY SERVICES—OFFICE OF THE ADVOCATE FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SURVEYS—The Hon. Mark Latham to ask the Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans representing the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

- (1) Does the Minister support the publicly stated position of the Children's Advocate that she only advocates for children and young people after surveys have been conducted about their needs and opinions?
- (2) In 2020, what surveys of New South Wales children and young people were conducted by the Office of the Advocate for Children and Young People?
- (a) For each case:
- (i) What was the survey size?
- (ii) What was the survey purpose?
- (iii) What was the survey type?
- (iv) What was the method of selecting survey participants?
- (v) Where did the participants come from?
- (vi) What organisation conducted the survey?
- (vii) What was the survey outcomes?

7524 PLANNING AND PUBLIC SPACES—WESTERN SYDNEY PROJECTS—The Hon. Mark Latham to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) What progress has the Government made with implementing the recommendation of:
 - (a) The Department of Planning, Industry and Environment's (DPIE) 2014 'A Plan for Growing Sydney' to extend the South West Rail Link (SWRL) to the Badgerys Creek Airport site "as a major transport project to support the connection of jobs and homes in Western Sydney"?
 - (b) The June 2013 creation of a Broader Western Sydney Employment Area, as supported by DPIE, such that "The Government will facilitate an enterprise corridor from Leppington to Badgerys Creek Airport along Bringelly Road, potentially linked to a future extension of the SWRL"?
- (2) What role did DPIE play in the Government's decision post-2016 to abandon the strategic plans in (1) above and instead, prioritise the Badgerys Creek to St Marys Metro line and Luddenham Metro station for the commercial advantage of Celestino and its proposed Sydney Science Park?
- (3) Will the Minister ensure the Sydney Science Park is not converted into another detached housing estate with a jobs deficit for Western Sydney?

7525 TRANSPORT AND ROADS—SYDNEY METRO - WESTERN SYDNEY AIRPORT—The Hon. Mark Latham 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) Further to the Minister's Answer to Question on Notice 6650 on 12 July 2021:
 - (a) Why has the Final Business Case Evaluation Summary, Sydney Metro - Western Sydney Airport (SMWSA) failed to report on and assess:
 - (i) The likely destinations and origins of passengers using the Western Sydney Airport (WSA) and their public transport needs?
 - (ii) The travel times of SMWSA and alternative public transport options for passengers arriving at WSA and wanting to travel to major destinations, such as the Sydney CBD?
 - (b) What are the passenger destination/origins for WSA?
 - (c) What are the travel time numbers for SMWSA and alternatives?
 - (d) Why have the findings of the Evaluation Summary rested primarily on questions of land/housing development and 'city-shaping potential' without considering the public transport needs of the bigger and earlier development of the east-west residential corridor from Austral to Bringelly adjacent to the WSA site?
 - (e) What analysis has the Minister undertaken of the public transport needs of the Austral to Bringelly urban corridor?
 - (i) Why aren't they being addressed by the Government?
 - (f) How does the Minister explain the omission of basic business case analysis in (1a-1d) above?
 - (g) Will the Minister now halt the SMWSA project, given that its \$11 billion expenditure is based on incomplete and inadequate government processes?

7526 TRANSPORT AND ROADS—WESTERN SYDNEY AIRPORT METRO PROJECT—The Hon. Mark Latham 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) Further to the Minister's answer to Question on Notice 6650 on 12 July 2021:
 - (a) Why is the Government funding the Western Sydney Airport Metro (WSAM) using \$8-11 billion in Federal/State money when Infrastructure Australia has reported in its 'Project business case evaluation summary' (18 February 2021) that:
 - (i) "The proponent's business case does not provide sufficient evidence that the proposed project is the best solution" for linking the Western Sydney Airport by public transport?

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- (ii) The stated Benefit-Cost Ratio (BCR) for the project is just 0.75, with only 18 per cent of the benefits flowing to public transport usage and 64 per cent to "urban development benefits", mainly from "land value increases from rezoning and density changes" for land developers along the Metro line?
 - (iii) In relation to the BCR, "our review found that the benefits of the project may be overestimated"?
 - (iv) "Based on the business case and evidence available, Infrastructure Australia has not included the WSAM project on (its) Infrastructure Priority List"?
 - (v) "The investigations in the Western Sydney Rail Needs Scoping Study showed that alternative rail connections from the Western Parkland City could potentially perform better than the North-South Rail Link (which includes the WSAM) from an economic, social and environmental perspective", with these alternatives including extension of the existing Leppington line to Badgerys Creek and an east-west connection from Badgerys Creek to Greater Parramatta?
- (b) What are the BCR's for the:
 - (i) Leppington line extension to Badgerys Creek?
 - (ii) East-west connection from Badgerys Creek to Greater Parramatta?
 - (c) Why is the Government funding the WSAM when the March 2018 'Western Sydney Rail Needs Scoping Study' found that the Leppington line extension to Badgerys Creek airport was a less expensive (\$6 billion) option and potentially the fastest way of moving passengers from Badgerys Creek to the Sydney CBD (although for reasons unknown, this was not examined in the Scoping Study)?
 - (d) In building the WSAM, why has the Government ignored the advice of its then head of the Aerotropolis Authority, Sam Sangster, who, after an extensive international study of second airport viability, said Badgerys Creek Airport runs the risk of being a White Elephant if it does not have a fast direct train link to the Sydney CBD?
 - (e) Is the Minister aware of the Government decision circa 2012 to promise Celestino a rail station on their Luddenham property (at the time zoned farm land, prior to the 2014 Federal Government decision to build Badgerys Creek Airport) in recognition of the Celestino proposal to develop a science park on the site?
 - (f) Is the Minister aware of recent Celestino representations to the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) to scale back the science park component on their Luddenham land and instead, build detached housing around the WSAM Luddenham station, that is another Western Sydney housing estate?
 - (g) Why did the Government's transport and land use strategic planning (conducted by departmental officials) up to 2016 identify the Leppington line extension as the most effective way of linking the Badgerys Creek Airport site by public transport, only to abandon this approach post-2016 in favour of the WSAM for the benefit of the Celestino land development and science park proposal?
 - (h) Does the Government's assessment of the WSAM identify Celestino as the main beneficiary of land value increases in the BCR, especially given the Luddenham Metro station gifted to them by the Government?
 - (i) Will the Minister now order an independent inquiry into the financial viability of the WSAM project and the processes that led to its selection?
 - (i) Specifically the Government's relationship with Celestino?

7527 TRANSPORT AND ROADS—WESTERN SYDNEY RAIL ALLIANCE—The Hon. Mark Latham 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) What role did the Western Sydney Rail Alliance (WSRA) play in the Government's decision to select the Western Sydney Airport Metro (WSAM) to St Marys as its preferred public transport link to the new airport site?
- (2) Did the WSRA Convenor, Mr Christopher Brown, declare to the Government his conflict of interest in also acting as a paid lobbyist for Celestino, the land developer which was the main financial beneficiary of the Government's decision to build the WSAM through Celestino land with a Metro station sited at Luddenham?
 - (a) Was the Minister aware of the conflict of interest?
 - (i) If so, what action did the Minister take?

7528 TRANSPORT AND ROADS—WESTERN SYDNEY RAIL NEEDS SCOPING STUDY—The Hon. Mark Latham 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) Why did the March 2018 Western Sydney Rail Needs Scoping Study fail to report on and assess:
 - (a) The likely destinations and origins of passengers using the Western Sydney Airport (WSA) and their public transport needs?
 - (b) The travel times of alternative public transport options for passengers arriving at WSA and wanting to travel to major destinations, such as the Sydney CBD?
- (2) Why did the findings of the Scoping Study rest primarily on questions of land/housing development and 'city-shaping potential' without prioritising the public transport needs of the large east-west residential corridor from Austral to Bringelly adjacent to the WSA site?
- (3) How does the Minister explain the omission of basic scoping study analysis in (1) and (2) above?
- (4) Why did the Scoping Study fail to include Benefit-Cost Ratios (BCR) for the various rail line links to the airport site under examination?
 - (a) What are those BCRs?

7529 TREASURER—ELECTRIC VEHICLES—The Hon. Mark Latham to ask the Minister for Finance and Small Business representing the Treasurer—

- (1) Is the Minister aware that since the announcement of the Government's rebate on electric vehicles:
 - (a) The Hyundai Ioniq Electric Elite's price has increased by \$1,000 to \$49,970, and the Hyundai Ioniq Electric Premium has also increased by \$1,000 to \$54,010 before on-road costs?
 - (b) The MG ZS EV, Australia's cheapest available electric car, has increased \$1000 in price to \$44,990 drive-away?
 - (c) The Hyundai has also raised the price of the Ioniq Premium plug-in hybrid by \$1000, to \$47,950 including on-roads, and the ordinary hybrid variant has also increased by \$1000 to \$41,390 plus on-roads?
- (2) How effective is the rebate if car manufacturers action price increases in response?
- (3) What is the Government doing to overcome the price and availability restraint on the sale of electric vehicles in New South Wales caused by the European practice of the EU providing carbon credits on the domestic sale of electric vehicles, forcing car manufacturers to keep their product in Europe (limiting exports to Australia) to avoid carbon penalties on the sale of their petrol-fuelled cars?

7530 TREASURER—WESTERN SYDNEY AIRPORT METRO (WSAM) PROJECT—The Hon. Mark Latham to ask the Minister for Finance and Small Business representing the Treasurer—

- (1) What independent assessment has Treasury made of the Benefit-Cost Ratio (BCR) of the Western Sydney Airport Metro (WSAM) project?
 - (a) What does this assessment show?

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- (2) Why is the Government funding the WSAM with \$8 billion Federal/State money in the New South Wales Budget forward estimates when Infrastructure Australia has reported in its 'Project business case evaluation summary' (18 February 2021) that:
- (a) “The proponent’s (NSW Government) business case does not provide sufficient evidence that the proposed project is the best solution” for linking the Western Sydney Airport by public transport?
 - (b) The stated BCR for the project is just 0.75, with only 18 per cent of the benefits flowing to public transport usage and 64 per cent to "urban development benefits", mainly from “land value increases from rezoning and density changes" for land developers along the Metro line?
 - (c) In relation to the BCR, “our review found that the benefits of the project may be overestimated”?
 - (d) “Based on the business case and evidence available, Infrastructure Australia has not included the WSAM project on (its) Infrastructure Priority List”?
 - (e) “The investigations in the Western Sydney Rail Needs Scoping Study showed that alternative rail connections from the Western Parkland City could potentially perform better than the North-South Rail Link (which includes the WSAM) from an economic, social and environmental perspective” and that these alternatives included extension of the existing Leppington line to Badgerys Creek and an east-west connection from Badgerys Creek to Greater Parramatta?
- (3) What are the BCRs available to Treasury for the:
- (a) Leppington line extension to Badgerys Creek?
 - (b) East-west connection from Badgerys Creek to Greater Parramatta?
- (4) Why is the Government funding the WSAM when the March 2018 ‘Western Sydney Rail Needs Scoping Study’ found that the Leppington line extension was a less expensive (\$6 billion) option and potentially the fastest way of moving passengers from Badgerys Creek to the Sydney CBD (although for reasons unknown, this was not examined in the Scoping Study)?
- (5) In building the WSAM, why has the Government ignored the advice of its then head of the Aerotropolis Authority, Sam Sangster, who, after an extensive international study of second airport viability, said Badgerys Creek runs the risk of being a White Elephant if it does not have a fast direct train link to the Sydney CBD?
- (6) Is the Treasurer aware of the Government decision circa 2012 to promise Celestino a rail station on their Luddenham property (at the time zoned farm land, prior to the 2014 Federal Government decision to build Badgerys Creek Airport) in recognition of the Celstino proposal to develop a science park on the site?
- (a) Is the Treasurer aware of recent Celestino representations to the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) to scale back the science park component on their Luddenham land and instead, build detached housing around the WSAM Luddenham station, that is another Western Sydney housing estate?
- (7) Why did the Government’s transport and land use strategic planning (conducted by departmental officials) up to 2016 identify the Leppington line extension as the most effective way of linking the Badgerys Creek Airport site by public transport, only to abandon this approach post-2016 in favour of the WSAM for the benefit of the Celestino land development and science park proposal?
- (8) Does the Government’s assessment of the WSAM identify Celestino as the main beneficiary of land value increases in the BCR, especially given the Luddenham Metro station gifted to them by the Government?
- (9) Will the Treasurer now order an independent Treasury review of the financial viability and suitability of the WSAM project?

7531 TREASURER—BUSINESS SUPPORT PACKAGE—The Hon. Rod Roberts to ask the Minister for Finance and Small Business representing the Treasurer—

- (1) As of the 13 July 2021:
 - (a) How many applications were there for the Small Business COVID-19 Support Grant announced by the Government on the 29 June 2021?
 - (2) As of the 20 September 2021:
 - (a) How many applications have there been for the Small Business COVID-19 Support Grant announced by the Government on the 29 June 2021?
 - (b) How many businesses are receiving financial support under the package?
 - (c) How much financial assistance has been paid in total by the Government under the Small Business COVID-19 Support Grant?
 - (3) How many businesses are registered in New South Wales?
 - (a) Of these, how many are classed as small businesses?
- 7532 JOBS, INVESTMENT, TOURISM AND WESTERN SYDNEY—NSW TRADE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES OFFICE—The Hon. Walt Secord to ask the Minister for Finance and Small Business representing the Minister for Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney—
- (1) What was the total cost of running the NSW Trade office in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) from 1 January 2021 to 31 July 2021?
 - (2) What was the total cost of running the NSW Trade office in the United Arab Emirates in the following years:
 - (a) 2020?
 - (b) 2019?
 - (c) 2018?
 - (d) 2017?
 - (3) Does Israel and the Palestinian Territories come under the jurisdiction of the UAE office?
- 7533 JOBS, INVESTMENT, TOURISM AND WESTERN SYDNEY—NSW-ISRAEL RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT AND TECHNOLOGICAL INNOVATION PROGRAM—The Hon. Walt Secord to ask the Minister for Finance and Small Business representing the Minister for Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney—
- (1) Given the Minister for Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney on 18 August 2020 announced that the NSW-Israel Research & Development and Technological Innovation Program had supported three New South Wales enterprises conducting joint research and development activity in Israel – and they were: Biotech firm Anthrocell; The Australian Foundation for Diabetes Research, and Personal data cyber security startup, Meecco:
 - (a) How much was provided to each company?
 - (b) What was the date of the official announcement of the NSW-Israel Research & Development and Technological Innovation Program?
 - (c) How much of the \$250,000 in available grants were dispersed or provided?
 - (i) Please detail all the recipients and the individual amounts over the three year program?
- 7534 REGIONAL NEW SOUTH WALES, INDUSTRY AND TRADE—NSW TRADE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES OFFICE—The Hon. Walt Secord to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade—
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- 7536 JOBS, INVESTMENT, TOURISM AND WESTERN SYDNEY—NSW-ISRAEL TRADE—The Hon. Walt Secord to ask the Minister for Finance and Small Business representing the Minister for Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney—
- (1) What was the total value of trade between Israel and New South Wales from January 1 to 31 July 2021?
- What was the value of exports from New South Wales to Israel in that period?
 - What were the top five trade categories/groups/products?
 - What was the value of imports from Israel into New South Wales in that period?
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- (6) In 2019, where did Israel rank as a trading partner with New South Wales?
 - (a) As a bilateral partner?
 - (b) As an export market?

7537 REGIONAL NEW SOUTH WALES, INDUSTRY AND TRADE—NSW-ISRAEL TRADE—The Hon. Walt Secord to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade—

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7538 EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING—KEGWORTH PUBLIC SCHOOL—The Hon. Mark Latham to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) Is the Minister aware of posters hanging on the fences of Kegworth Public School in Leichhardt, purportedly the work of 8 and 9 year old students, reading as follows: 'Aboriginal land was taken from them without permission and with violence', 'Now it's time to start over and make everything equal for everyone', 'Apologising for all we've done and accepting that it was wrong', 'The caring of Country has changed since the land was stolen' and 'Aboriginals were and still are, the Traditional Owners of this Country'?
- (2) Did the Kegworth teachers write out these statements and attach the students' names to them?
- (3) If so:
 - (a) Does the Minister believe that it is appropriate for teachers to make political statements like these through young students?
 - (b) What action will the Minister take against the practice in (1) and (2) above?

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