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* 7572 POLICE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES—KAMMOUN V COMMISSIONER OF POLICE—The Hon. Robert Borsak to ask the Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

- (1) In the matter of *Kammoun v Commissioner of Police*, NSW Police Force [2021] NSWCATAD 273, Senior Constable Sachin Raj and Senior Constable Michael Matic both made multiple claims in their respective statements about an incident involving Mr Kammoun on 2 September 2020, that under cross examination were found to be false and omitted key events:
- (a) Was Senior Constable Raj investigated by the NSW Police Force Professional Standards Command?
 - (i) Was any disciplinary action taken?
 - (ii) If so, what action was taken?
 - (b) Was Senior Senior Constable Matic investigated by the NSW Police Force Professional Standards Command?
 - (i) Was any disciplinary action taken?
 - (ii) If so, what action was taken?
 - (c) Does the Minister believe that it is ‘in the public interest’ for Senior Constable Raj and Senior Constable Matic to remain employed as sworn officers in the NSW Police Force?
 - (d) Does the Minister believe that Senior Constable Raj and Senior Constable Matic are ‘fit and proper’ persons, to be employed by the NSW Police Force?

Answer—

I am advised:

This matter has been referred to the NSW Police Force Professional Standards Command, and is being assessed in accordance with Part 8A of the Police Act 1990. I have full confidence in the Commissioner of the NSW Police Force to act accordingly. It would be inappropriate for me as Minister, to make any further comment at the current time.

* 7573 WATER, PROPERTY AND HOUSING—SYDNEY WATER - SYDNEY SCIENCE PARK—The Hon. Mark Latham to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) In September 2015 did Sydney Water respond to the proposed Sydney Science Park (SSP) rezoning at Penrith City Council by saying that:
- (a) “It does not have an integrated water servicing strategy for the proposed development and has made no additional system capacity allowance for the servicing of the project”?
 - (b) “Sydney Water will not be funding trunk or lead-in infrastructure for the proposed science park development”?
 - (c) “The proponent is required to prepare an integrated water management plan that considers water, wastewater (including centralised and decentralised treatment) and storm water”?
 - (d) “The proponent will be required to demonstrate that the servicing of the project will be at no cost to the Government, including Sydney Water”?
- (2) Why did the Minister announce in December 2020 a partnership arrangement between Sydney Water and the SSP whereby Sydney Water would invest \$200 million to build an integrated water system and associated infrastructure at the SSP, initially with the capacity to produce 1.2 million litres of water each day?
- (a) Why did Sydney Water change its position from September 2015?

- (3) What role did the Minister play in breaking the 'no cost to government' position at the SSP by making a \$200 million funding contribution to the proponent, Celestino?

Answer—

In 2008, under the previous Government, developer contributions for water infrastructure were set to zero. Under the zero developer charges operating environment, Sydney Water's policy required developers to forward fund major water infrastructure where there was development risk. Sydney Water would then reimburse major infrastructure costs to the developer as development occurred.

Exceptions to this funding and reimbursement model were based on Sydney Water's infrastructure plans and the site's planning status.

Under Sydney Water's policy for rezoned land and accelerated development, if Sydney Water believed there remained development risk, the proponent would need to forward fund infrastructure. That funding and certain components of that funded infrastructure would be reimbursable under a commercial agreement as development progressed.

Under the final commercial agreement between Sydney Water and Celestino, Celestino provided up-front funding. Some funding is reimbursable as regulated or 'standard servicing', and some is non-reimbursable being unregulated 'enhanced services' that are delivered on a purely commercial basis. This investment is staged, subject to demand and may require further commercial agreements.

- * 7574 WATER, PROPERTY AND HOUSING—SYDNEY WATER AND CELESTINO DEAL—The Hon. Mark Latham to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) In the preparation of media material for the announcement of the Sydney Water/Celestino \$200 million funding deal at the Sydney Science Park in December 2020:
- (a) On what scientific basis did Sydney Water project that "temperatures are likely to increase by between 5 to 10 degrees Celsius in Western Sydney by 2060"?

Answer—

I am advised the media speaking point that contained this statement was transcribed incorrectly from another document when drafted.

- * 7575 ATTORNEY GENERAL—DOMESTIC VIOLENCE RELATED ASSAULTS—The Hon. Peter Primrose to ask the Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans representing the Attorney General, and Minister for Prevention of Domestic and Sexual Violence—

- (1) According to figures from the NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research, there were 31,947 domestic violence related assaults between April 2020 and March 2021:
- (a) How many of these reported incidents involved domestic violence reoffenders?
- (b) How many of these reported incidents involved grievous bodily harm?
- (i) How many of the reported incidents involving grievous bodily harm involved reoffenders?
- (2) How many domestic violence related assaults were reported in each of the following months:
- (a) April 2021?
- (i) How many of these reported incidents involved domestic violence reoffenders?
- (ii) How many of these reported incidents involved grievous bodily harm?
- (iii) How many of the reported incidents involving grievous bodily harm involved reoffenders?
- (b) May 2021?
- (i) How many of these reported incidents involved domestic violence reoffenders?
- (ii) How many of these reported incidents involved grievous bodily harm?

- (iii) How many of the reported incidents involving grievous bodily harm involved reoffenders?
- (c) June 2021?
 - (i) How many of these reported incidents involved domestic violence reoffenders?
 - (ii) How many of these reported incidents involved grievous bodily harm?
 - (iii) How many of the reported incidents involving grievous bodily harm involved reoffenders?
- (3) How many domestic violence related assaults were reported between April 2019 and March 2020?
 - (a) How many of these reported incidents involved domestic violence reoffenders?
 - (b) How many of these reported incidents involved grievous bodily harm?
 - (i) How many of the reported incidents involving grievous bodily harm involved reoffenders?
- (4) How many domestic violence related assaults were reported between April 2018 and March 2019?
 - (a) How many of these reported incidents involved domestic violence reoffenders?
 - (b) How many of these reported incidents involved grievous bodily harm?
 - (i) How many of the reported incidents involving grievous bodily harm involved reoffenders?
- (5) How many domestic violence related assaults were reported between April 2017 and March 2018?
 - (a) How many of these reported incidents involved domestic violence reoffenders?
 - (b) How many of these reported incidents involved grievous bodily harm?
 - (i) How many of the reported incidents involving grievous bodily harm involved reoffenders?
- (6) How many domestic violence related assaults were reported between April 2016 and March 2017?
 - (a) How many of these reported incidents involved domestic violence reoffenders?
 - (b) How many of these reported incidents involved grievous bodily harm?
 - (i) How many of the reported incidents involving grievous bodily harm involved reoffenders?
- (7) How many domestic violence related assaults were reported between April 2015 and March 2016?
 - (a) How many of these reported incidents involved domestic violence reoffenders?
 - (b) How many of these reported incidents involved grievous bodily harm?
 - (i) How many of the reported incidents involving grievous bodily harm involved reoffenders?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1)
 - (a) In the 12 months to March 2021, NSW Police proceeded against 17,173 distinct offenders for domestic violence assault. Of these, 1,857 (or 10.8%) were domestic violence assault reoffenders (i.e. someone who had been legally proceeded against for domestic violence related assault incidents who had also been legally proceeded against for prior domestic violence related assault incidents within the previous 12 months).
 - (b) 402 incidents of domestic violence related grievous bodily harm recorded by NSW Police in the 12 months to March 2021.

- (i) This information is not available.
- (2)
 - (a) 2,683 domestic violence related assault incidents.
 - (i) In April 2021, there were 1,555 distinct offenders proceeded against for domestic violence assault. Of these, 12.5% were domestic violence assault reoffenders.
 - (ii) 31 domestic violence related grievous bodily harm incidents.
 - (iii) This information is not available.
 - (b) 2,732 domestic violence related assaults incidents.
 - (i) In May 2021, there were 1,522 distinct offenders proceeded against for domestic violence assault. Of these, 10.8% were domestic violence assault reoffenders.
 - (ii) 25 domestic violence related grievous bodily harm incidents.
 - (iii) This information is not available.
 - (c) 2,605 domestic violence related assaults incidents.
 - (i) In June 2021, there were 1,523 distinct offenders proceeded against for domestic violence assault. Of these, 11.7% were domestic violence assault reoffenders.
 - (ii) 29 domestic violence related grievous bodily harm incidents.
 - (iii) This information is not available.
- (3) 31,607 domestic violence related assaults incidents.
 - (a) In the 12 months to March 2020, NSW Police proceeded against 16,467 distinct offenders for domestic violence assault. Of these 1,783 (or 10.8%) were domestic violence assault reoffenders.
 - (b) 355 incidents of domestic violence related grievous bodily harm recorded by NSW Police in the 12 months to March 2020.
 - (i) This information is not available.
- (4) 30,238 domestic violence related assaults incidents.
 - (a) In the 12 months to March 2019, NSW Police proceeded against 15,991 distinct offenders for domestic violence assault. Of these 1,736 (or 10.9%) were domestic violence assault reoffenders.
 - (b) 364 incidents of domestic violence related grievous bodily harm recorded by NSW Police in the 12 months to March 2019.
 - (i) This information is not available.
- (5) 28,368 domestic violence related assaults incidents.
 - (a) In the 12 months to March 2018, NSW Police proceeded against 14,964 distinct offenders for domestic violence assault. Of these 1,707 (or 11.4%) were domestic violence assault reoffenders.
 - (b) 371 incidents of domestic violence related grievous bodily harm recorded by NSW Police in the 12 months to March 2018.
 - (i) This information is not available.
- (6) 29,053 domestic violence related assaults incidents.
 - (a) In the 12 months to March 2017, NSW Police proceeded against 15,171 distinct offenders for domestic violence assault. Of these 1,865 (or 12.3%) were domestic violence assault reoffenders.
 - (b) 364 incidents of domestic violence related grievous bodily harm recorded by NSW Police in the 12 months to March 2017.

- (i) This information is not available.
- (7) 29,318 domestic violence related assault incidents.
 - (a) In the 12 months to March 2016, NSW Police proceeded against 14,828 distinct offenders for domestic violence assault. Of these 1,805 (or 12.2%) were domestic violence assault reoffenders.
 - (b) 406 incidents of domestic violence related grievous bodily harm recorded by NSW Police in the 12 months to March 2016.
 - (i) This information is not available.

* 7576 ATTORNEY GENERAL—DOMESTIC VIOLENCE—The Hon. Peter Primrose to ask the Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans representing the Attorney General, and Minister for Prevention of Domestic and Sexual Violence—

- (1) According to figures from the NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research, there were 31,947 domestic violence related assaults between April 2020 and March 2021:
 - (a) How many people charged with a domestic violence assault over this period had been charged with domestic assault in the twelve months prior?
 - (b) How many people with a domestic violence assault over this period had been charged with domestic assault at any time in past?
 - (c) How many of these reported domestic violence related assaults resulted in charges?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (a) In the 12 months to March 2021, NSW Police proceeded against 17,173 distinct offenders for domestic violence assault. Of these, 1,857 (or 10.8%) were DV assault reoffenders (i.e. someone who had had been legally proceeded against for domestic violence related assault incidents who had also been legally proceeded against for prior domestic violence related assault incidents within the previous 12 months).
- (b) There is no readily available data to show how many people charged with domestic violence assault in a given 12 month period had been charged with domestic violence assault at any time in the past. Based on a cohort of 16,946 persons proceeded against for domestic violence assault in the 12 months to June 2020, 3,742 (22.1%) had been proceeded against for a domestic violence assault within the previous 10 years.
- (c) In the 12 months to March 2021, legal proceedings were commenced within 90 days for 21,876 domestic violence assault incidents.

* 7577 ATTORNEY GENERAL—BRIAN HOUSTON—Mr David Shoebridge to ask the Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans representing the Attorney General, and Minister for Prevention of Domestic and Sexual Violence—

- (1) What is the current status of the extradition of Brian Houston?
- (2) When is it anticipated he will return to Australia to face court?
- (3) What steps are being taken to keep victims of child sexual abuse who may have a direct interest in this matter advised of the progress of this?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Police Force commenced proceedings against Brian Houston by way of Future Court Attendance Notice.

The matter was listed for first mention at Downing Centre Local Court on Tuesday 5 October 2021 and has been adjourned until 23 November 2021.

The matter has recently been taken over by the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions, and the complainant will continue to be informed of the progress of the matter in accordance with the Prosecution Guidelines.

* 7578 POLICE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES—BRIAN HOUSTON—Mr David Shoebridge to ask the Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

- (1) What is the current status of the extradition of Brian Houston?
- (2) When is it anticipated he will return to Australia to face court?
- (3) What steps are being taken to keep victims of child sexual abuse who may have a direct interest in this matter advised of the progress of this?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Police Force has not commenced any extradition action in relation to this matter, and as it is now before the Court, it would be inappropriate for me as Minister to make any further comment at the current time.

* 7579 HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESEARCH—SALARY PACKAGING—The Hon. Mark Buttigieg to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) In relation to Budget Estimates Health Supplementary question 84, “In relation to the salary packaging and the 50 per cent tax saving withheld from staff:
 - (a) which department retains this money?
 - (i) Is it Health or Treasury?
 - (b) How much money was returned to Government due to withholding the 50 per cent in the 2020-21 year?
 - (c) Is this policy being reviewed?

Answer—

As advised in response to Budget Estimates Supplementary Question 84, the share of tax savings from salary packaging is retained by the Health entities, principally local health districts. For reform to be considered, employee-related cost savings and workforce productivity improvements would need to be realised.

* 7580 AGRICULTURE AND WESTERN NEW SOUTH WALES—RECREATIONAL FISHING FEE RECEIPTS—The Hon. Mark Banasiak to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—

- (1) What is the breakdown of recreational fishing fee receipts by New South Wales postcode?

Answer—

The answer is an attachment on the Parliament's website.

* 7581 EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING—KPMG—The Hon. Mark Banasiak to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) It has been reported that the Department of Education contracted the services of KPMG to conduct its consultation with stakeholders on the return to school plan:
 - (a) What was the rationale behind hiring a KPMG to manage the consultation process on the proposed return to school plan as opposed to public servants within the Department of Education?

- (b) What additional skills and expertise in videoconferencing and basic communication that which wasn't available within the Department of Education did KPMG possess to perform this role?
- (c) What is the total cost of this contract with KPMG in facilitating this consultation process?
- (d) How much money has been expended in the last 3 years by the Department on Education in hiring external companies to complete bodies of work?

Answer—

For accurate information regarding KPMG's support for the Department's COVID-19 Taskforce please see answer to LC QON 7194.

The Department of Education's consultancy spend is reported in its Annual Report, which is publicly available on the Department's website.

* 7582 POLICE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES—RURAL BOUNDARY CLEARING CODE—The Hon. Rod Roberts to ask the Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

- (1) Considering that Bilpin has experienced significant bushfires in the past such as the 2019 Gosper's Mountain Fire:
 - (a) Why are landholders not able to clear their property of vegetation under the Rural Boundary Clearing Code to protect their families and properties from future bushfire attacks?

Answer—

I am advised:

Pursuant to Clause 3 of the Rural Boundary Clearing Code states that the code does not apply to certain council areas unless the council requests inclusion. Hawkesbury City Council is one of the local government areas yet to opt into the scheme. There are a range of other avenues for landholders to manage risk such as the 10/50 code and bush fire hazard reduction certificate program. I would encourage Hawkesbury City Council to opt-into the code.

* 7583 COUNTER TERRORISM AND CORRECTIONS—COUNTER TERRORISM—The Hon. Walt Secord to ask the Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans representing the Minister for Counter Terrorism and Corrections—

- (1) Given the Daily Telegraph article entitled "'Terrorists' go scot-free" published on September 23, 2021, in relation to suspects linked to the Irish Republican Army activity living in Australia and receiving an amnesty in the UK for the period up to 1998:
 - (a) How many people are under investigation or surveillance in New South Wales by the NSW Police Joint Counter-Terrorism Team (JCTI) in regard to this?

Answer—

I am advised that the NSW Police Joint Counter-Terrorism Team (JCTI) is the responsibility of the Minister for Police and Emergency Services.

* 7584 POLICE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES—COUNTER TERRORISM—The Hon. Walt Secord to ask the Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

- (1) Given the Daily Telegraph article entitled "'Terrorists' go scot-free" published on September 23, 2021, in relation to suspects linked to the Irish Republican Army activity living in Australia and receiving an amnesty in the UK for the period up to 1998:
 - (a) How many people are under investigation or surveillance in New South Wales by the NSW Police Joint Counter-Terrorism Team (JCTI) in regard to this?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Police Force does not publicly disclose operational information regarding current terrorism-related investigations or surveillance activities.

* 7585 SPECIAL MINISTER OF STATE—NEW SOUTH WALES GOVERNMENTS CREATIVE CAPITAL PROGRAM—The Hon. Walt Secord to ask the Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs, and the Arts—

- (1) Given the Minister announced that \$60 million would be made available through the New South Wales Government's Creative Capital program, will the Minister please provide the below details:
 - (a) How much of this money will be spent during the 2021-22 financial year?
 - (b) How much of this money will be spent during the 2022-23 financial year?
 - (c) How much of this money will be reserved for Minor Works and Equipment Projects?
 - (d) How much of this money will be reserved for Medium to Large Projects?
 - (e) How much of this money will be reserved for Indigenous projects?
 - (f) Will successful projects have mandated local supply requirements?
- (2) Given Create NSW has said that "Cultural equity is at the heart of the new Creative Capital Program and will ensure that more people have access to and can participate in the arts" will the Minister detail:
 - (a) How the awarding of grants will ensure "cultural equity"?
 - (b) How the awarding of the grants will ensure that "more people have access to and can participate in the arts"?
 - (c) What requirements are expected of prospective applications to show that they are exhibiting "cultural equity"?
- (3) What requirements are expected of prospective applications to show that they will "ensure that more have access to and can participate in the arts"?
- (4) Given the Creative Capital Program has a three tier system for co-contributions, will the Minister detail:
 - (a) If there is an allocated spending amount for each tier?
 - (i) If so, how much money will go to tier one?
 - (ii) If so, how much money will go to tier two?
 - (iii) If so, how much money will go to tier three?

Answer—

- (1)
 - (a-e) There is no pre-determined amount allocated to each financial year from the program, or to each project round. Final allocations will be informed by the demand for each round.
 Financial commitments from each round will be made according to the timetable for announcements as set out in the Guidelines, which are available at: <https://www.create.nsw.gov.au/create-infrastructure/creativecapital/>
 The program cash flow will be dependent upon the delivery timetables of the projects.
 - (f) No.
- (2-3) The \$60 million investment is open to eligible applicants from any part of NSW, including Regional NSW and Western Sydney. The funding of infrastructure needs of organisations across NSW will increase access and participation to quality local spaces for local communities who need more or improved cultural facilities.

As set out in the Guidelines, the assessment process will consider how well the applications meet all of the assessment criteria, and demand by art form and distribution across the State.

Individual applications are required to demonstrate how they address all of the assessment criteria. This includes demonstration of how the requested investment will support at least one Priority Activity, which are outlined in the Guidelines. The outcome of each Priority Activity will enable more people to have access to and participate in the arts.

- (4) There is no pre-determined amount allocated to each tier. Final allocations will be informed by the demand for each round.

* 7586 SPECIAL MINISTER OF STATE—POWERHOUSE CONTRACT—The Hon. Walt Secord to ask the Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs, and the Arts—

- (1) Given the awarding of the contract to build the Parramatta Powerhouse to Lendlease, will the Minister detail:
- (a) How many jobs will be created directly by the project?
 - (i) How was that figure determined?
 - (b) How many jobs will be created indirectly by the project?
 - (i) How was that figure determined?
 - (c) Was there any mandated local supply attached to the contract?
 - (i) If so, will you provide a breakdown of what local supply has been mandated?
 - (d) Will there be an Australian Industry Participation Plan attached to the project?
 - (i) If so, will you provide us with a copy of this plan?

Answer—

The Powerhouse Parramatta project will create more than 4,000 direct and indirect jobs, including more than 300 trainees and apprentices, with hundreds more jobs to be supported upon completion. This figure comes from the Social and Economic Impact Assessment completed in the statutory planning phase, as well as assessments made by tenderers in the tender phase.

All major projects funded by governments across Australia are required to have an Australian Industry Participation Plan, which sets out the process for Australian industry to compete for work on the project. Summaries of these plans are published by the Commonwealth Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources.

I am also advised Lendlease is committed to partnering with Western Sydney communities and businesses to deliver the Powerhouse Parramatta.

* 7587 ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT—SURF LIFE SAVING IN NATIONAL PARKS—The Hon. Penny Sharpe 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) Given 50 per cent of Sydney coastal water drownings during 2019-2020 occurred in National Parks:
- (a) What work have you undertaken to support and implement Surf Life Saving Sydney proposals to provide lifesaving services in Sydney National Parks?
 - (b) Who holds the responsibility for coastal and beach safety, and drowning risk mitigation for identified drowning blackspots in the Royal and Kamay Botany National Parks?
 - (c) Why are the National Parks and Wildlife Service KPI and planning systems silent on the support and development of aquatic lifesaving services?
 - (d) Given in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic, public use of coastal waters in New South Wales National Parks will increase substantially this summer:

- (i) What will the Minister do to urgently commence lifesaving services to prevent drownings and injuries from swimming and rock fishing in our National Parks?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Every drowning is a tragedy. While a small number of these events are directly associated with the use of lands declared under the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974, some are associated with boating activities outside of the responsibility of the National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS).
- (a) An additional \$1 million dollars was provided in 2019–20 to deliver targeted safety initiatives including new beach safety signage and improved safety messaging and information on the NPWS website and social media. Safety measures already in place include website and social media alerts, signage and staff patrols. Additional lifesaving patrols are planned for two popular beaches in the Royal National Park over the summer holidays.
- (b) Visitor safety will always be a priority in our national parks and at our beaches. NPWS is focused on improving visitor awareness about how to stay safe, particularly in remote areas, beaches and waterways, and delivers on-the-ground prevention measures in high-risk areas.
- (c) Under the NPWS visitor risk framework, NPWS reports on visitor-related hazards and incidents and cooperates with NSW Police and other emergency services to respond to and investigate visitor incidents. This information and other assessments inform ongoing efforts to minimise all risks to visitors, not just those presented by the coastal and waterway environment.
- (d) Progress is well advanced with Australian Lifeguard Services to ensure that Wattamolla and Garie beaches have the same support as during summer 2020–21. NPWS continues to work with councils and Fisheries officers to co-operatively deliver patrols and education for key rock-fishing locations under the Rock Fishing Safety Act 2016.

* 7588 AGRICULTURE AND WESTERN NEW SOUTH WALES—DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—The Hon. Mick Veitch to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—

- (1) In relation to the Department of Primary Industries:
- (a) What is the total number of full-time equivalent employees in the Strategy and Engagement division?
- (b) What was the total budget allocation for this division of the Department in 2020-21?
- (c) What is a salary range for employees in this division of the Department?
- (d) How many consultants and contractors were engaged by the unit last financial year?
- (e) What was the total funds expended on contractors and consultants in the following financial years:
- (i) 2020-2021?
- (ii) 2021 to date?

Answer—

- (1)
- (a) As at 31 August 2021, Department of Primary Industries Strategy and Engagement division has 105.39 Full-Time Equivalent employees.
- (b) \$16.4 million.
- (c) For non-Executive employees, the salary range is \$81,158 to \$159,015.

- (d) For the Financial Year 20/21, Department of Primary Industries Strategy and Engagement division did not engage any contingent workers (contractors), nor did it engage any consultants.
- (e)
- (i) 2020-21 - consultants \$NIL, contractors \$NIL.
- (ii) 2021 to 31 August - consultants \$NIL, contractors \$NIL.

* 7589 AGRICULTURE AND WESTERN NEW SOUTH WALES—MOUSE PLAGUE SUPPORT PACKAGES—The Hon. Mick Veitch to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—

- (1) In relation to the Government's \$150 million mouse plague support packages:
- (a) How many applications from small businesses have been received?
- (i) How many have been improved?
- (ii) How many applications have been rejected?
- (iii) How many applications have yet to be assessed?
- (b) What is the total value of the applications from small businesses that are yet to be assessed?
- (c) What is the total amount of financial support issued by the Government to small businesses as at 1 October 2021?
- (d) How many applications from households have been received?
- (i) How many have been approved?
- (ii) How many applications have been rejected?
- (iii) How many applications have yet to be assessed?
- (e) What is the total value of the applications from households that are yet to be assessed?
- (f) What is the total amount of financial support issued by the Government to households as at 1 October 2021?
- (g) How many applications from primary producers have been received?
- (i) How many have been approved?
- (ii) How many applications have been rejected?
- (iii) How many applications have yet to be assessed?
- (h) What is the total value of the applications from primary producers that are yet to be assessed?
- (i) What is the total amount of financial support issued by the Government to primary producers as at 1 October 2021?

Answer—

This question should be directed to the Minister for Customer Service.

* 7590 AGRICULTURE AND WESTERN NEW SOUTH WALES—ZINC PHOSPHIDE—The Hon. Mick Veitch to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—

- (1) In relation to the financial support for primary producers purchasing zinc phosphide:
- (a) How many applications from primary producers have been received?
- (b) How many have been improved?
- (c) How many applications have been rejected?
- (d) How many applications have yet to be assessed?

- (e) What is the total value of the applications from primary producers that are yet to be assessed?
- (f) What is the total amount of financial support issued by the Government under this scheme to primary producers as at 1 October 2021?

Answer—

- (1) The NSW Mouse Control Program: Zinc Phosphide Rebate for Primary Producers has been available to eligible primary producers since 2 August. As at 1 October 2021:
 - (a) 686 applications from primary producers have been received.
 - (b) 635 applications have been approved.
 - (c) Five applications have been refused and four have been withdrawn or cancelled.
 - (d) 32 applications are under assessment and ten are awaiting further information from the applicant. The current average processing time is 4.2 days.
 - (e) Assuming a maximum claim of \$10,000 this represents a value of \$320,000.
 - (f) \$1,638,441 has been approved for disbursement.
- * 7591 EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING—GUNNEDAH HIGH SCHOOL—The Hon. Mick Veitch to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—
 - (1) With regard to Gunnedah High School, can you please provide the enrolment figures for:
 - (a) The last five years for the following year groups:
 - (i) Year 7?
 - (ii) Year 8?
 - (iii) Year 9?
 - (iv) Year 10?
 - (v) Year 11?
 - (vi) Year 12?
 - (b) The commencement of Term 1 2021 for the following year groups:
 - (i) Year 7?
 - (ii) Year 8?
 - (iii) Year 9?
 - (iv) Year 10?
 - (v) Year 11?
 - (vi) Year 12?
 - (c) The end of term three of 2021 for the following year groups:
 - (i) Year 7?
 - (ii) Year 8?
 - (iii) Year 9?
 - (iv) Year 10?
 - (v) Year 11?
 - (vi) Year 12?

Answer—

- (1)

- (a) Enrolment figures for Gunnedah High School for the last five years are:

Year Group	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
(i) Year 7	74	66	92	77	93
(ii) Year 8	80	64	63	90	74
(iii) Year 9	75	78	73	67	85
(iv) Year 10	72	70	72	68	55
(v) Year 11	57	52	63	55	53
(vi) Year 12	43	30	25	44	25
	401	360	388	401	385

- (b) Enrolment figures at the commencement of Term 1, 2021 for Gunnedah High School are:

Year Group	Student enrolment
(i) Year 7	73
(ii) Year 8	79
(iii) Year 9	67
(iv) Year 10	72
(v) Year 11	47
(vi) Year 12	32
	370

- (c) Enrolment figures at the end of Term 3, 2021 for Gunnedah High School are:

Year Group	Student enrolment
(i) Year 7	71
(ii) Year 8	73
(iii) Year 9	68
(iv) Year 10	80
(v) Year 11	46
(vi) Year 12	31
	369

* 7592 REGIONAL NEW SOUTH WALES, INDUSTRY AND TRADE—MOUSE PLAGUE SUPPORT PACKAGES—The Hon. Mick Veitch 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) In relation to the Government's \$150 million mouse plague support packages:

- (a) How many applications from small businesses have been received?

- (i) How many have been improved?
(ii) How many applications have been rejected?
(iii) How many applications have yet to be assessed?

- (b) What is the total value of the applications from small businesses that are yet to be assessed?

- (c) What is the total amount of financial support issued by the Government to small businesses as at 1 October 2021?
- (d) How many applications from households have been received?
 - (i) How many have been approved?
 - (ii) How many applications have been rejected?
 - (iii) How many applications have yet to be assessed?
- (e) What is the total value of the applications from households that are yet to be assessed?
- (f) What is the total amount of financial support issued by the Government to households as at 1 October 2021?
- (g) How many applications from primary producers have been received?
 - (i) How many have been approved?
 - (ii) How many applications have been rejected?
 - (iii) How many applications have yet to be assessed?
- (h) What is the total value of the applications from primary producers that are yet to be assessed?
- (i) What is the total amount of financial support issued by the Government to primary producers as at 1 October 2021?

Answer—

- (1) In relation to the Government's \$150 million mouse plague support packages:
 - (a) As of 1 October 2021, 5,268 applications from small businesses have been received:
 - (i) 4,232 applications have been approved and paid and 279 have been approved but not yet paid.
 - (ii) 337 applications have not been approved
 - (iii) 420 are in progress.
 - (b) As of 1 October 2021, \$395,112 of applications from small businesses are yet to be assessed.
 - (c) Small businesses have received \$3,631,231 in support.
 - (d) As of 1 October 2021, 33,822 household applications have been received.
 - (i) 27,079 have been approved and paid and 2,702 have been approved and not yet paid.
 - (ii) 576 have not been approved.
 - (iii) 3,465 are in progress.
 - (e) As of 1 October 2021, \$1,705,310 is yet to be assessed.
 - (f) Households have received \$12,442,872 in support.
 - (g) As of 1 October 2021, 686 applications from primary producers have been received for the Zinc Phosphide Rebate for Primary Producers. Some primary producers may also qualify for the small business and household rebates. It is not currently possible to determine how many primary producers are applying for the small business rebate.
 - (i) 635 applications have been approved for Zinc Phosphide rebate.
 - (ii) Five applications have been rejected, and four have been withdrawn or cancelled from the Zinc Phosphide rebate program.
 - (iii) 32 applications are under assessment and ten are awaiting further information from the applicant. The current average processing time is 4.2 days for the Zinc Phosphide rebate program.
 - (h) Assuming a maximum claim of \$10,000 this represents a value of \$320,000.

- (i) \$1,638,441 has been approved for disbursement through the Zinc Phosphide Rebate program. It is not currently possible to determine how many primary producers are applying for the small business rebate.

* 7593 REGIONAL NEW SOUTH WALES, INDUSTRY AND TRADE—UPPER HUNTER FUTURES REPORT FOR THE ILLAWARRA REGION—The Hon. Mick Veitch 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) Has the Department commissioned any research work similar to the Upper Hunter Futures report for the Illawarra region?
- (a) If so:
- (i) Who was commissioned to conduct the research?
- (ii) When was the research commissioned?
- (iii) What did the research find and recommend?
- (iv) When will the research be publicly released?
- (b) If not:
- (i) Why not?
- (ii) Will the Department now do so?
- (2) What was the total cost of the research for the Upper Hunter Futures report?

Answer—

- (1)
- (a) No.
- (b) The Illawarra coal industry is metallurgical coal, used in large quantities locally through steelmaking operations in Port Kembla.
- The Illawarra Shoalhaven's regional economy is dependent on the coal mining industry for steel production, but it also has other engine industries including: defence, advance manufacturing and knowledge services. Knowledge Services encapsulates technology, finance and business process outsourcing.
- This is in contrast to the coal profile produced in the Hunter Valley.
- (2) This information has been released in GIPA Ref 21-61.

* 7594 REGIONAL NEW SOUTH WALES, INDUSTRY AND TRADE—ZINC PHOSPHIDE—The Hon. Mick Veitch 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) In relation to the financial support for primary producers purchasing zinc phosphide:
- (a) How many applications from primary producers have been received?
- (b) How many have been improved?
- (c) How many applications have been rejected?
- (d) How many applications have yet to be assessed?
- (e) What is the total value of the applications from primary producers that are yet to be assessed?
- (f) What is the total amount of financial support issued by the Government under this scheme to primary producers as at 1 October 2021?

Answer—

- (1) The NSW Mouse Control Program: Zinc Phosphide Rebate for Primary Producers has been available to eligible primary producers since 2 August. As at 1 October 2021:
- (a) 686 applications from primary producers have been received.
 - (b) 635 applications have been approved.
 - (c) Five applications have been refused and four have been withdrawn or cancelled.
 - (d) 32 applications are under assessment and ten are awaiting further information from the applicant. The current average processing time is 4.2 days.
 - (e) Assuming a maximum claim of \$10,000 this represents a value of \$320,000.
 - (f) \$1,638,441 has been approved for disbursement.

* 7595 REGIONAL NEW SOUTH WALES, INDUSTRY AND TRADE—DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL NSW CLUSTER—The Hon. Mick Veitch 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) In relation to the Department of Regional NSW Cluster:
- (a) What is the total number of full-time equivalent employees in the following cluster's:
 - (i) Internal and Ministerial Communications?
 - (ii) Regional Media, Communications and Engagement?
 - (b) What was the total budget allocation for the above two sections of the Department in 2020-21?
 - (c) What is a salary range for employees in these sections of the Department?
 - (d) How many consultants and contractors are engaged to work in these two units?
 - (e) In financial year 2020-2021, what was the total funds spent on contractors and consultants in the following two units:
 - (i) Internal and Ministerial Communications?
 - (ii) Regional Media, Communications and Engagement?
 - (f) In financial year 2021 to date, what was the total funds spent on contractors and consultants in the following two units:
 - (i) Internal and Ministerial Communications?
 - (ii) Regional Media, Communications and Engagement?

Answer—

- (1)
- (a)
 - (i) 16.8 FTE
 - (ii) 20.8 FTE
 - (b)
 - (i) \$2,568,000.
 - (ii) \$4,686,000.
 - (c)
 - (i) \$74,117 to \$151,609.
 - (ii) \$99,431 to \$151,609
 - (d) 3
 - (e)

- (i) \$105,554
- (ii) \$122,562
- (f)
 - (i) \$43,648.
 - (ii) \$97,930

* 7596 HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESEARCH—COVID POSITIVE PATIENTS—The Hon. Courtney Houssos to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) How many New South Wales COVID positive patients have been referred to Royal Adelaide hospital for treatment since the 26 June 2021?
- (2) How many doctors or specialists have travelled from Adelaide to Broken Hill to treat COVID positive patients?
- (3) Have any COVID positive patients coming from Broken Hill been turned away from Royal Adelaide Hospital?
- (4) How many COVID patients are being treated in the Hospital in the Home program in Western NSW Local Health District (LHD)?
- (5) How many COVID patients are being treated in the hospital in the home program in the Far West LHD?
- (6) How often do supplies of PPE arrive at Dubbo Base Hospital?
- (7) How often do supplies of PPE arrive at Broken Hill Base Hospital?
- (8) Has the Western NSW LHD contacted private providers to supply health workers with PPE?

Answer—

- (1) One.
- (2) Nil.
- (3) No.
- (4) As at 27 September 2021, 242 patients were being treated in Western NSW Local Health District's COVID Care in the Community program.
- (5) As at 28 September 2021, 85 patients were being treated in Far West Local Health District's Hospital In The Home program.
- (6-7) As scheduled. No.

* 7597 FAMILIES, COMMUNITIES AND DISABILITY SERVICES—INDIGENOUS CHILDREN IN OOHC—Mr David Shoebridge to ask the Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans representing the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

- (1) What is the number and percentage of Indigenous children in New South Wales that were returned from permanent care to their family in:
 - (a) 2018?
 - (b) 2019?
 - (c) 2020?
 - (d) 2021 to date?
- (2) What is the number and percentage of Indigenous children in out of home care (OOHC) that were transitioned from short to permanent care in:
 - (a) 2018?

- (b) 2019?
 - (c) 2020?
 - (d) 2021 to date?
- (3) What is the number and percentage of Indigenous children OOHC that were transitioned from permanent care to adoption in:
- (a) 2018?
 - (b) 2019?
 - (c) 2020?
 - (d) 2021 to date?

Answer—

I am advised:

Data on permanency exits from out-of-home care (OOHC) for Aboriginal children (restorations to family, exits to guardianship, and adoption) for financial years to 2019-20 are publicly available in the Annual Statistical Report 2019-20:

https://public.tableau.com/app/profile/dcj.statistics/viz/Annual_Statistical_Report_2019-20_measure_list/Coverpage

Data on permanency exits from OOHC for Aboriginal children during 2020-21 will be available in the Annual Statistical Report 2020-21, to be published in early 2022.

* 7598 FAMILIES, COMMUNITIES AND DISABILITY SERVICES—NON-INDIGENOUS CHILDREN IN OOHC—Mr David Shoebridge to ask the Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans representing the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

- (1) What is the number and percentage of non-Indigenous children in New South Wales that were returned from permanent care to their family in:
- (a) 2018?
 - (b) 2019?
 - (c) 2020?
 - (d) 2021 to date?
- (2) What is the number and percentage of non-Indigenous children in out of home care (OOHC) that were transitioned from short to permanent care in:
- (a) 2018?
 - (b) 2019?
 - (c) 2020?
 - (d) 2021 to date?
- (3) What is the number and percentage of non-Indigenous children OOHC that were transitioned from permanent care to adoption in:
- (a) 2018?
 - (b) 2019?
 - (c) 2020?
 - (d) 2021 to date?

Answer—

I am advised:

Data on non-Aboriginal children in OOHC as at 30 June 2018, 2019 and 2020 are publicly available in the Annual Statistical Report 2019-20:

https://public.tableau.com/app/profile/dcj.statistics/viz/Annual_Statistical_Report_2019-20_measure_list/Coverpage

Data on permanency exits from OOHC for non-Aboriginal children (restorations to family, exits to guardianship, and adoption) for financial years to 2019-20 are publicly available in the Annual Statistical Report 2019-20:

https://public.tableau.com/app/profile/dcj.statistics/viz/Annual_Statistical_Report_2019-20_measure_list/Coverpage

Data on non-Aboriginal children in OOHC as at 30 June 2021 and permanency exits from OOHC for Non-Aboriginal children during 2020-21 will be available in the Annual Statistical Report 2020-21, to be published in early 2022.

* 7599 BETTER REGULATION AND INNOVATION—RESIDENTIAL TENANCY AREAS—The Hon. Courtney Houssos to ask the Minister for Finance and Small Business representing the Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation—

- (1) On 14 July 2021 the Government announced new support for renters and landlords impacted by the COVID-19 lockdown:
 - (a) Are you tracking rental debts accrued as part of the Residential Tenancy Support Payment?
 - (b) Are you tracking rental accruals as part of the Residential Tenancy Support payment?
- (2) How many tenants accrued arrears since 14 July 2021?
 - (a) Please provide a breakdown by month from July 2021 to September 2021
 - (b) Please provide a broken down by Local Government Area (LGA)?
- (3) How many tenants had rent arrears waived between 14 July 2021 and 23 September 2021?
 - (a) Please provide a breakdown by month?
 - (b) Please provide a breakdown by LGA?
- (4) How many tenants have accrued arrears between 15 April 2020 and 26 March 2021?
 - (a) Please provide a breakdown by month?
 - (b) Please provide a breakdown by LGA?
- (5) How many tenants have outstanding rent arrears as of 23 September 2021?
 - (a) Please provide a breakdown by month?
 - (b) Please provide a breakdown by LGA?

Answer—

NSW Fair Trading's reporting does not capture this specific information.

* 7600 CUSTOMER SERVICE—REBATE AND GRANT PROGRAMS—The Hon. Mick Veitch to ask the Minister for Finance and Small Business representing the Minister for Customer Service, and Minister for Digital—

- (1) Could the Minister please list all New South Wales rebate and grant programs wholly or in part delivered by Service NSW?
 - (a) For each of the programs, what are:
 - (i) The operational costs?
 - (ii) The implementation costs?

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- (b) What is the total operational cost incurred by Service NSW for each of the rebate and grant programs?
- (2) Are the costs paid by Service NSW or are they billed to the Government agency responsible for the programs?
- (a) If costs are billed, please provide a breakdown of those costs allocated to other Government agencies?
- (3) For operational costs of each program, what are the total costs incurred by Service NSW for the following channel cost distributions:
- (a) Digital?
- (b) Contact Centre?
- (c) Service Centre?
- (d) Middle Office?
- (e) SfB?
- (f) Fraud and Security?
- (4) What is the role and function of the “Middle Office”?
- (5) How many full-time equivalent staff are employed in the “Middle Office”?
- (6) For the implementation cost of each Government rebate or grant program, what are the total costs incurred by Service NSW for the following:
- (a) Digital Solution?
- (b) SD, MO, SfB and Fraud?
- (c) Project Delivery?
- (d) Partnerships and Reporting?
- (e) Testing?
- (f) Comms Campaign?

Answer—

The answer is an attachment on the Parliament's website.

24 SEPTEMBER 2021

(Paper No. 592)

* 7602 POLICE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES—DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ASSAULT OFFENCES—Ms Abigail Boyd to ask the Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

- (1) Of all domestic violence assault offenders who were proceeded against by NSW Police for a subsequent domestic violence assault within 12 months:
- (a) How many had a new domestic violence assault offence involving at least one of the same victims within the 12 month period for each of the financial years from 1 July 2015 until 30 June 2020?

Answer—

I am advised:

Questions relating to domestic violence offence statistics should be directed to the Attorney General and Minister for Prevention of Domestic and Sexual Violence, as the Minister responsible for NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research.

27 SEPTEMBER 2021

(Paper No. 593)

- * 7616 POLICE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES—BURNING GRASSLANDS UNDER BIODIVERSITY SCHEMES—The Hon. Mark Latham to ask the Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—
- (1) What cost-recovery arrangements do the New South Wales fire brigades have in place for work undertaken on private properties in burning grasslands under biodiversity schemes?
 - (a) What are the details?
 - (2) Given the fire hazard risk, carbon emissions and air pollution created in (1) above:
 - (a) Why don't the NSW fire brigades advise property owners to mow or slash their land like normal people do?

Answer—

I am advised:

Landowners in NSW are supported in meeting their obligations under s63 of the Rural Fires Act 1997 by a range of initiatives to clear vegetation on their property. Methods of clearing vegetation may include burning, mechanical clearing, mowing and slashing.

Landowners managing vegetation under a biodiversity scheme may need to burn to meet the ecological outcomes for that type of vegetation. The method chosen by the landowner is a matter for them in meeting the requirements of the biodiversity scheme and any other environmental requirements, for example the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997.

Landowners who need to undertake burning on their properties can do so if they comply with permits and notice requirements under the Rural Fires Act 1997 and the relevant environmental constraints such as their biodiversity agreement. Should a permit be required, it is issued at no cost.

Where a landowner fails to meet their obligations under s63 of the Rural Fires Act 1997, the NSW RFS can inspect the land and determine if a bushfire hazard exists. If a hazard does exist then the NSW RFS Commissioner may issue a notice requiring hazard reduction works to be done. If the landowner fails to comply then the NSW RFS may carry out the works and recover the costs.

14 OCTOBER 2021

(Paper No. 604)

- 7676 TRANSPORT AND ROADS—SYDNEY COORDINATED ADAPTIVE TRAFFIC SYSTEM—The Hon. John Graham to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning representing the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, and Minister for Transport and Roads—
- (1) Which intersections in the Kogarah and the Rockdale electorates utilise the Sydney Coordinated Adaptive Traffic System (SCATS) sensors?
 - (2) How many vehicles were recorded at each of these intersections for each month in each of the following years:
 - (a) 2020?
 - (b) 2021?
 - (3) For the \$200 million SCATS Technology Upgrade Program:
 - (a) How much has been spent to date?
 - (b) What is the breakdown of SCATS Technology Upgrade Program expenditure by electorate?
- 7677 WATER, PROPERTY AND HOUSING—MACQUARIE WATER SECURITY SCHEME—The Hon. Rose Jackson to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) The Map of Water projects in New South Wales includes the Macquarie Water Security Scheme (Macquarie River Re-reg Storage):
 - (a) Does the Macquarie Water Security Scheme contain any additional infrastructure elements than the Macquarie River re-regulating storage project?
 - (b) Does the Macquarie Water Security Scheme include any pipelines?
- (2) Has Water Infrastructure NSW secured funding for first phase of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Macquarie River Re-Regulating Storage Project or the Macquarie Water Security Scheme (the project)?
 - (a) What is the dollar figure of the funding for the first phase of the EIS for the project?
 - (b) What is the source of the funding for the first phase of the EIS for the project?
 - (c) What is the balance of the funding required to complete the EIS for the project?
- (3) What was the Tributary Utilisation Rate for the Macquarie Regulated Water Source for the following water years:
 - (a) 2020/2021?
 - (b) 2019/2020?
 - (c) 2018/2019?
 - (d) 2017/2018?
 - (e) 2016/2017?
 - (f) 2015/2016?
 - (g) 2014/2015?
 - (h) 2013/2014?
 - (i) 2012/2013?
 - (j) 2011/2012?
- (4) Has the Final Business Case for the Macquarie River Re-Regulating Storage Project or the Macquarie Water Security Scheme been completed?
- (5) Does the case for change in the business case for Macquarie Water Security Scheme include a concise yet rigorous assessment of the impacts of increasing the reliability of water for general security water customers in the Macquarie regulated water source upstream of the project, on the following:
 - (a) The availability and quality of water for basic landholder rights, including First Nations right to access water downstream?
 - (b) The condition and the resilience of the Ramsar listed Macquarie Marshes?
 - (c) The volume of water available for connectivity events between the Macquarie and the Barwon Rivers?
- (6) Does the Cost Benefit Analysis of the Macquarie Water Security Scheme include a concise yet rigorous assessment of the economic, social and environmental cost the project would have on:
 - (a) The irrigation industry in the unregulated Lower Macquarie water source?
 - (b) The recreational fishing industry?
 - (c) Loss of tourism and social amenity in the community of Warren?
 - (d) The grazing industry adjacent to the Macquarie Marshes?
 - (e) The increase in cost of water charges to compensate the annual repairs and maintenance budget of the project?
- (7) Do any of the Cost Benefit Analysis scenarios included in the Final Business Case for the Macquarie Water Security Scheme incorporate the capture of water from all sources?

(8) Does the Financial Analysis in the Final Business Case of the Macquarie Water Security Scheme include the estimated annual cost of repairs and maintenance of the project?

(a) What is the estimated annual cost of repairs and maintenance of the project?

(9) Have the issues quoted below and raised by Dr Jim Bentley Chief Executive Officer – Water (Deputy Secretary), in his correspondence to Water NSW in February 2020 (*BN 20/98 Macquarie mid system re-regulating storage and Lachlan Lake Rowlands to Carcoar business case project plans (Snowy Hydro Legacy Fund)*) been fully addressed?

“The draft project plans and associated documents /do not currently demonstrate value for money and an efficient, effective and prudent use of public funds.”

“Both Treasury and Infrastructure NSW committee members were not satisfied with the budget and/or governance arrangements for the project.”

7678 TRANSPORT AND ROADS—DECILE DISTRIBUTION—The Hon. John Graham to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning representing the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, and Minister for Transport and Roads—

(1) Across all Linkt “customer” accounts (category) which paid at least one toll on the Sydney toll road network in financial year 2020-21:

(a) What financial year 2020-21 total toll amount (in dollars) of this category represents the cut off for the:

(i) Top decile of toll payers in this category (ie cut off for top 10 per cent)?

(ii) Second decile of toll payers in this category?

(iii) Third decile of toll payers in this category?

(iv) Fourth decile of toll payers in this category?

(v) Fifth decile of toll payers in this category?

(vi) Sixth decile of toll payers in this category?

(vii) Seventh decile of toll payers in this category?

(viii) Eighth decile of toll payers in this category?

(ix) Ninth decile of toll payers in this category?

(x) Tenth decile of toll payers in this category (ie cut off for bottom 10 per cent)?

(b) What was the average toll paid in 2020-21 for the:

(i) Top decile of toll payers in this category?

(ii) Second decile of toll payers in this category?

(iii) Third decile of toll payers in this category?

(iv) Fourth decile of toll payers in this category?

(v) Fifth decile of toll payers in this category?

(vi) Sixth decile of toll payers in this category?

(vii) Seventh decile of toll payers in this category?

(viii) Eighth decile of toll payers in this category?

(ix) Ninth decile of toll payers in this category?

(x) Tenth decile of toll payers in this category?

(2) Across all Linkt “commercial” accounts (category) which paid at least one toll on the Sydney toll road network in financial year 2020-21:

- (a) What financial year 2020-21 total toll amount (in dollars) of this category represents the cut off for the:
- (i) Top decile of toll payers in this category?
 - (ii) Second decile of toll payers in this category?
 - (iii) Third decile of toll payers in this category?
 - (iv) Fourth decile of toll payers in this category?
 - (v) Fifth decile of toll payers in this category?
 - (vi) Sixth decile of toll payers in this category?
 - (vii) Seventh decile of toll payers in this category?
 - (viii) Eighth decile of toll payers in this category?
 - (ix) Ninth decile of toll payers in this category?
 - (x) Tenth decile of toll payers in this category?
- (b) What was the average toll paid in 2020-21 for the:
- (i) Top decile of toll payers in this category?
 - (ii) Second decile of toll payers in this category?
 - (iii) Third decile of toll payers in this category?
 - (iv) Fourth decile of toll payers in this category?
 - (v) Fifth decile of toll payers in this category?
 - (vi) Sixth decile of toll payers in this category?
 - (vii) Seventh decile of toll payers in this category?
 - (viii) Eighth decile of toll payers in this category?
 - (ix) Ninth decile of toll payers in this category?
 - (x) Tenth decile of toll payers in this category?
- (3) Across all Linkt “customer” accounts (category) which paid at least one toll on the Sydney toll road network in financial year 2019-20:
- (a) What financial year 2019-20 total toll amount (in dollars) of this category represents the cut off for the:
- (i) Top decile of toll payers in this category?
 - (ii) Second decile of toll payers in this category?
 - (iii) Third decile of toll payers in this category?
 - (iv) Fourth decile of toll payers in this category?
 - (v) Fifth decile of toll payers in this category?
 - (vi) Sixth decile of toll payers in this category?
 - (vii) Seventh decile of toll payers in this category?
 - (viii) Eighth decile of toll payers in this category?
 - (ix) Ninth decile of toll payers in this category?
 - (x) Tenth decile of toll payers in this category?
- (b) What was the average toll paid in 2019-20 for the:
- (i) Top decile of toll payers in this category?
 - (ii) Second decile of toll payers in this category?

- (iii) Third decile of toll payers in this category?
 - (iv) Fourth decile of toll payers in this category?
 - (v) Fifth decile of toll payers in this category?
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 - (viii) Eighth decile of toll payers in this category?
 - (ix) Ninth decile of toll payers in this category?
 - (x) Tenth decile of toll payers in this category?
- (4) Across all Linkt “commercial” accounts (category) which paid at least one toll on the Sydney toll road network in financial year 2019-20:
- (a) What financial year 2019-20 total toll amount (in dollars) of this category represents the cut off for the:
 - (i) Top decile of toll payers in this category?
 - (ii) Second decile of toll payers in this category?
 - (iii) Third decile of toll payers in this category?
 - (iv) Fourth decile of toll payers in this category?
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 - (vii) Seventh decile of toll payers in this category?
 - (viii) Eighth decile of toll payers in this category?
 - (ix) Ninth decile of toll payers in this category?
 - (x) Tenth decile of toll payers in this category?
 - (b) What was the average toll paid in 2019-20 for the:
 - (i) Top decile of toll payers in this category?
 - (ii) Second decile of toll payers in this category?
 - (iii) Third decile of toll payers in this category?
 - (iv) Fourth decile of toll payers in this category?
 - (v) Fifth decile of toll payers in this category?
 - (vi) Sixth decile of toll payers in this category?
 - (vii) Seventh decile of toll payers in this category?
 - (viii) Eighth decile of toll payers in this category?
 - (ix) Ninth decile of toll payers in this category?
 - (x) Tenth decile of toll payers in this category?

7679 TRANSPORT AND ROADS—PERCENTILE DISTRIBUTION—The Hon. John Graham to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning representing the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, and Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) Across all Linkt “customer” accounts (category) which paid at least one toll on the Sydney toll road network in financial year 2020-21:
 - (a) What financial year 2020-21 total toll amount (in dollars) of this category represents the cut off for the:

- (i) Top percentile of toll payers in this category (ie cut off for top 1 per cent)?
 - (ii) Second percentile of toll payers in this category?
 - (iii) Third percentile of toll payers in this category?
 - (iv) Fourth percentile of toll payers in this category?
 - (v) Fifth percentile of toll payers in this category?
 - (vi) Sixth percentile of toll payers in this category?
 - (vii) Seventh percentile of toll payers in this category?
 - (viii) Eighth percentile of toll payers in this category?
 - (ix) Ninth percentile of toll payers in this category?
 - (x) Tenth percentile of toll payers in this category (ie cut off for top 10 per cent)?
- (b) What was the average toll paid in 2020-21 for the:
- (i) Top percentile of toll payers in this category?
 - (ii) Second percentile of toll payers in this category?
 - (iii) Third percentile of toll payers in this category?
 - (iv) Fourth percentile of toll payers in this category?
 - (v) Fifth percentile of toll payers in this category?
 - (vi) Sixth percentile of toll payers in this category?
 - (vii) Seventh percentile of toll payers in this category?
 - (viii) Eighth percentile of toll payers in this category?
 - (ix) Ninth percentile of toll payers in this category?
 - (x) Tenth percentile of toll payers in this category?
- (2) Across all Linkt “commercial” accounts (category) which paid at least one toll on the Sydney toll road network in financial year 2020-21:
- (a) What financial year 2020-21 total toll amount (in dollars) of this category represents the cut off for the:
- (i) Top percentile of toll payers in this category?
 - (ii) Second percentile of toll payers in this category?
 - (iii) Third percentile of toll payers in this category?
 - (iv) Fourth percentile of toll payers in this category?
 - (v) Fifth percentile of toll payers in this category?
 - (vi) Sixth percentile of toll payers in this category?
 - (vii) Seventh percentile of toll payers in this category?
 - (viii) Eighth percentile of toll payers in this category?
 - (ix) Ninth percentile of toll payers in this category?
 - (x) Tenth percentile of toll payers in this category?
- (b) What was the average toll paid in 2020-21 for the:
- (i) Top percentile of toll payers in this category?
 - (ii) Second percentile of toll payers in this category?
 - (iii) Third percentile of toll payers in this category?
 - (iv) Fourth percentile of toll payers in this category?

- (v) Fifth percentile of toll payers in this category?
 - (vi) Sixth percentile of toll payers in this category?
 - (vii) Seventh percentile of toll payers in this category?
 - (viii) Eighth percentile of toll payers in this category?
 - (ix) Ninth percentile of toll payers in this category?
 - (x) Tenth percentile of toll payers in this category?
- (3) Across all Linkt “customer” accounts (category) which paid at least one toll on the Sydney toll road network in financial year 2019-20:
- (a) What financial year 2019-20 total toll amount (in dollars) of this category represents the cut off for the:
 - (i) Top percentile of toll payers in this category?
 - (ii) Second percentile of toll payers in this category?
 - (iii) Third percentile of toll payers in this category?
 - (iv) Fourth percentile of toll payers in this category?
 - (v) Fifth percentile of toll payers in this category?
 - (vi) Sixth percentile of toll payers in this category?
 - (vii) Seventh percentile of toll payers in this category?
 - (viii) Eighth percentile of toll payers in this category?
 - (ix) Ninth percentile of toll payers in this category?
 - (x) Tenth percentile of toll payers in this category?
 - (b) What was the average toll paid in 2019-20 for the:
 - (i) Top percentile of toll payers in this category?
 - (ii) Second percentile of toll payers in this category?
 - (iii) Third percentile of toll payers in this category?
 - (iv) Fourth percentile of toll payers in this category?
 - (v) Fifth percentile of toll payers in this category?
 - (vi) Sixth percentile of toll payers in this category?
 - (vii) Seventh percentile of toll payers in this category?
 - (viii) Eighth percentile of toll payers in this category?
 - (ix) Ninth percentile of toll payers in this category?
 - (x) Tenth percentile of toll payers in this category?
- (4) Across all Linkt “commercial” accounts which paid at least one toll on the Sydney toll road network in financial year 2019-20:
- (a) What financial year 2019-20 total toll amount (in dollars) of this category represents the cut off for the:
 - (i) Top percentile of toll payers in this category?
 - (ii) Second percentile of toll payers in this category?
 - (iii) Third percentile of toll payers in this category?
 - (iv) Fourth percentile of toll payers in this category?
 - (v) Fifth percentile of toll payers in this category?

- (vi) Sixth percentile of toll payers in this category?
 - (vii) Seventh percentile of toll payers in this category?
 - (viii) Eighth percentile of toll payers in this category?
 - (ix) Ninth percentile of toll payers in this category?
 - (x) Tenth percentile of toll payers in this category?
- (b) What was the average toll paid in 2019-20 for the:
- (i) Top percentile of toll payers in this category?
 - (ii) Second percentile of toll payers in this category?
 - (iii) Third percentile of toll payers in this category?
 - (iv) Fourth percentile of toll payers in this category?
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 - (vii) Seventh percentile of toll payers in this category?
 - (viii) Eighth percentile of toll payers in this category?
 - (ix) Ninth percentile of toll payers in this category?
 - (x) Tenth percentile of toll payers in this category?

7680 TRANSPORT AND ROADS—TOLL AVERAGE—The Hon. John Graham to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning representing the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, and Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) For 2019-20 what was the average toll burden of:
- (a) Linkt customer accounts that were eligible for 100 per cent reimbursement under the Toll Relief program?
 - (b) Linkt customer accounts that were eligible for 50 per cent reimbursement under the Toll Relief program?
 - (c) Linkt commercial accounts that were eligible for 100 per cent reimbursement under the Toll Relief program?
 - (d) Linkt commercial accounts that were eligible for 50 per cent reimbursement under the Toll Relief program?
- (2) For 2020-21 what was the average toll burden of:
- (a) Linkt customer accounts that were eligible for 100 per cent reimbursement under the Toll Relief program?
 - (b) Linkt customer accounts that were eligible for 50 per cent reimbursement under the Toll Relief program?
 - (c) Linkt commercial accounts that were eligible for 100 per cent reimbursement under the Toll Relief program?
 - (d) Linkt commercial accounts that were eligible for 50 per cent reimbursement under the Toll Relief program?

7681 TRANSPORT AND ROADS—TOLL RELIEF—The Hon. John Graham to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning representing the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, and Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) For 2018-19 what is the total dollar amount provided in toll relief through half price or free registration?
- (a) Of that amount, how much was provided via:

- (i) Free registration?
 - (ii) Half price registration?
- (2) For 2018-19 how many vehicles were registered for personal use in New South Wales?
 - (a) Of those, how many drivers or people were notified as being eligible to receive:
 - (i) Free registration?
 - (ii) Half price registration?
 - (b) Of those notified as eligible, how many drivers or people successfully claimed:
 - (i) Free registration?
 - (ii) Half price registration?
 - (c) Of those notified as eligible, what percentage of drivers or people successfully claimed:
 - (i) Free registration?
 - (ii) Half price registration?
- (3) For 2019-20 what is the total dollar amount provided in toll relief through half price or free registration?
 - (a) Of that amount, how much was provided via:
 - (i) Free registration?
 - (ii) Half price registration?
- (4) For 2019-20 how many vehicles were registered for personal use in New South Wales?
 - (a) Of those, how many drivers or people were notified as being eligible to receive:
 - (i) Free registration?
 - (ii) Half price registration?
 - (b) Of those notified as eligible, how many drivers or people successfully claimed:
 - (i) Free registration?
 - (ii) Half price registration?
 - (c) Of those notified as eligible, what percentage of drivers or people successfully claimed:
 - (i) Free registration?
 - (ii) Half price registration?
- (5) For 2020-21 what is the total dollar amount provided in toll relief through half price or free registration?
 - (a) Of that amount, how much was provided via:
 - (i) Free registration?
 - (ii) Half price registration?
- (6) For 2020-21 how many vehicles were registered for personal use in New South Wales?
 - (a) Of those, how many drivers or people were notified as being eligible to receive:
 - (i) Free registration?
 - (ii) Half price registration?
 - (b) Of those notified as eligible, how many drivers or people successfully claimed:
 - (i) Free registration?
 - (ii) Half price registration?
 - (c) Of those notified as eligible, what percentage of drivers or people successfully claimed:
 - (i) Free registration?
 - (ii) Half price registration?

7682 TRANSPORT AND ROADS—TOLL RELIEF BY REGION—The Hon. John Graham to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning representing the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, and Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) For the financial year 2019-20, please provide the following data on the toll relief free or discounted registration program, for each New South Wales electorate. If electorate breakdown is not available, please provide by suburb and postcode:
 - (a) Number of drivers eligible for free registration?
 - (b) Number of drivers eligible for half priced registration?
 - (c) Number of drivers who successfully received free registration?
 - (d) Number of drivers who successfully received half priced registration?
- (2) For the financial year 2020-21, please provide the following data on the toll relief free or discounted registration program, for each New South Wales electorate. If electorate breakdown is not available, please provide by suburb and postcode:
 - (a) Number of drivers eligible for free registration?
 - (b) Number of drivers eligible for half priced registration?
 - (c) Number of drivers who successfully received free registration?
 - (d) Number of drivers who successfully received half priced registration?

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