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(Paper No. 595)

- * 7627 TRANSPORT AND ROADS—TAXI DRIVERS—The Hon. Mark Banasiak to ask the Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs, and the Arts representing the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- (1) The Minister has recently contracted Kathy Jones & Associates (KJA) to run consultation on proposed reforms on the Point-to-Point sector:
 - (a) Why did the Minister instruct KJA to ignore the report produced by Portfolio Committee No. 6 which had far wider consultation with the industry than the Sue Bake Finch report?
 - (b) Should such a reform not be based on all the information available?
 - (c) A spokesperson from Transport for NSW in a webinar hosted on Wednesday 15 September (12.00 pm to 1.00 pm) stated that next year Transport for New South Wales (TfNSW) is going to cancel all existing New South Wales Taxi Licenses. This is the first time anyone from the industry was made aware of this announcement:
 - (i) When was this decided upon and by whom?
 - (d) Under the Minister's proposal, existing property rights in licenses will be extinguished (cancelled):
 - (i) Is this proposal being utilised to encourage taxi plate owners to accept assistance payments that fall short of the value of their plates at point when rideshare entities entered the market?
 - (e) Why has TfNSW unilaterally decided to use the same criteria as the 2016 payment when that payment was for income loss, and this is for the capital value of the license?
 - (f) Why are all licenses (within a category) owned by an entity not automatically included?
 - (i) Do they not have the same market value as each other?
 - (g) If the PSL is the mechanism that is funding the monetary arrangement, why is it to be capped?
 - (h) Why will a financing structure that securitises the PSL and other P2P income streams (at a 3 per cent coupon rate) not be considered to raise the \$1.5 - \$2 billion required to buy back all licenses at fair and just value?
 - (i) Has the government sought or engaged independent professional financial services to accurately determine a financial assistance dollar value to the industry?
 - (i) If so, what were the terms of reference and outcome?
 - (ii) If not, how did the government arrive at the indicative figure of \$250 million?
 - (j) The current slated financial assistance options and process are very similar to the 2016 assistance model in which most of the funds were absorbed by tax:
 - (i) What steps are the government taking to ensure this is not going to lead to a similar result?
 - (k) The Webinar format provided for specific online questionnaires and industry feedback. In many instances these questions were offered with absolutely no substance to allow for accurately informed answers..... e.g. "Would you as a current license holder want to or be likely to continue in the industry after the reforms?":
 - (i) Why was such a question asked when the government has not provided comprehensive modelling as to how the industry will look?
 - (2) The Sue Baker-Finch "report" which has been described by industry as a rehash of reports in other jurisdictions is reportedly forming the basis of these reforms:

- (a) What qualifications and experiences in the point-to-point industry did Sue Baker-Finch present that entitled her to make representation on the future sustainability of the regulated industry?
- (b) Given that hire car drivers were paid out in full up to \$418,000 tax free previously, allowed to keep their licence plates for 2 years then hand them back to RMS, and now in 2021 many still operating with HC plates attached:
 - (i) Why are they included in this process?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Government response to the Point to Point Transport Independent Review, which contains information about Transport for NSW's proposed suite of reforms to the point to point transport industry, is publicly available on the Transport for NSW website.

Transport for NSW has consulted with a range of key stakeholders on the proposed principles for the design of a financial assistance scheme and transitional arrangements for the taxi industry. Transport for NSW engaged Kathy Jones & Associates to assist with the carrying out of the consultation process.

The feedback gathered through the consultation process will help to inform the finalisation of these principles and the development and final design of the financial assistance scheme and transitional arrangements.

The NSW Government response to the Legislative Council Committee Inquiry into the operation of the *Point to Point Transport (Taxis and Hire Vehicles) Act 2016*, which is publicly available on the NSW Parliament website, states the NSW Government's position in respect of the Inquiry's report.

* 7628 ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT—COST OF REWILDING PLANS FOR SHANES PARK—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 Energy and Environment—

- (1) In regards to the Government's announcement on 26 September 2021 for the reintroduction of species as part of a new National Park at Shanes Park in Western Sydney:
 - (a) What is the anticipated capital cost for the establishment of the park?
 - (b) What is the anticipated annual operational cost for the running of the park?
 - (c) What is the anticipated annual revenue from the park?
 - (d) How many full time equivalent staff will be dedicated to the park?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1)
 - (a-b) Establishment of the project at Shanes Park will cost approximately \$3.1 million across three years. This covers a mix of integrated capital (e.g. fence construction) and operational costs (e.g. feral animal eradication, translocations). The project is designed to support the reintroduction of up to 30 locally extinct species, representing an exceptional ecological return on investment. The design of visitor infrastructure has not yet been undertaken and relevant expenditure is not included in the above estimate.
 - (c) Not yet determined.
 - (d) There are currently four full-time equivalent positions dedicated to Shanes Park.

* 7629 ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT—REWILDING PLANS FOR SHANES PARK—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 Energy and Environment—

- (1) In regards to the Government's announcement on 26 September 2021 for the reintroduction of species as part of a new National Park at Shanes Park in Western Sydney:

- (a) In addition to the 12 priority species identified on the Department's website:
- (i) What are the names of the remainder of the 30 species planned for reintroduction to the park?
- (b) For each of the 30 species identified for reintroduction:
- (i) What is the proposed timeline for reintroduction?
- (c) For each of the 30 species identified for reintroduction:
- (i) How many individuals will likely be part of the initial release?
- (d) For each of the 30 species identified for reintroduction:
- (i) Where will the individual animals for release into the park come from?
- (ii) If this information isn't available for all species, please provide details for the priority species?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1)
- (a) Expert advice provided to the National Parks and Wildlife Service in relation to amphibians and reptiles is as follows:
- there are an estimated 15 extant species (common) that will benefit from removal of feral animals;
 - there are an estimated 14 extant species (declining) that will benefit from removal of feral animals in conjunction with habitat augmentation/rehabilitation and or supplementation of numbers;
 - there are an estimated 17 locally or regional extinct species that are being considered as candidates for reintroduction; and
 - there are another 20 species that require further assessment/investigation but could be candidates for reintroduction

Examples of the locally or regional extinct species include Ornate Burrowing Frog, Rainbow Litter Skink and Diamond Python. The report will be published on the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment's website.

This illustrates the importance of the Shanes Park reintroduction project – the loss of around 30 species (probably more) represents an exceptional loss of biodiversity with significant impacts on ecosystem function. The Shanes Park project is designed to return locally extinct species and restore ecological processes on a nationally significant scale.

- (b-d) The first reintroduction of locally extinct animals is planned for November 2022. Reintroduction of candidate species will occur over several years. Details relating to the timeline for reintroduction of each species, the number of individuals of each species to be released, the source populations and a range of other relevant issues will be identified as part of science-based planning for the translocation, including the preparation of formal translocation plans. These plans will be informed by expert advice and review.

* 7630 ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT—THE SUITABILITY OF SPECIES FOR REINTRODUCTION TO SHANES PARK—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 Energy and Environment—

- (1) In regards to the Government's announcement on 26 September 2021 for the reintroduction of species as part of a new National Park at Shanes Park in Western Sydney and specifically the statement on the Department's website that:

“The suitability of the mammal and bird species selected for reintroduction has been confirmed by one of Australia’s leading ecologists, Dr Chris Dickman from the University of Sydney”:

- (a) How did Dr Chris Dickman provide this certification? (ie. was a report provided to the Government or a certifying letter in response to a Government request or some other form?)
- (b) Can any analysis by Dr Chris Dickman about the suitability certification be made public?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1)

- (a) Christopher Dickman, Professor in Terrestrial Ecology, and William La Marca, PhD candidate from the University of Sydney, provided a report to the National Parks and Wildlife Service in April 2021.
- (b) Yes, the report will be made available on the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment’s website.

* 7631 HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESEARCH—MONEY ALLOCATION—The Hon. Peter Primrose to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) How much money is allocated to the Office of Health and Medical Research?
- (2) How much money is allocated for the Medical Research Support Program (MRSP)?
- (3) What Institutes receive money?
 - (a) How much do they receive?

Answer—

(1-3) Through the Office for Health and Medical Research, the NSW Government is investing \$135.1 million in 2021-22 to support research, commercialisation and infrastructure. In addition, NSW Health was awarded funding of \$30.6 million over five years from the Medical Research Future Fund – 2019 Rural, Regional and Remote Clinical Trial Enabling Infrastructure Grant scheme.

The Medical Research Support Program provides \$43.5 million in funding to independent medical research institutes to provide support for the indirect costs of research. Applications for the 2020–2024 funding round are closed. The successful applicants are listed on the Office’s website at <https://www.medicalresearch.nsw.gov.au/medical-research-support-program/> and funding amounts are published in the NSW Health Annual Report.

* 7632 SPECIAL MINISTER OF STATE—ENDANGERED HOUSES FUND—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) How much was allocated to the Endangered Houses Fund from April 2011 to 1 October 2021?
 - (a) How many houses were funded and saved?
 - (i) Of those, how many involved works related to homes, but not specific homes?
- (2) How much was allocated to the Endangered Houses Fund in 2020-2021?
 - (a) In that year, how much was spent?
 - (b) Please list the houses funded and the individual amount?
 - (c) How much of those allocations did not involve actual houses - but items like road and bridge work?
- (3) How much was allocated to the Endangered Houses Fund in 2019-2020?
 - (a) In that year, how much was spent?

- (b) Please list the houses funded and the individual amount?
 - (c) How much of those allocations did not involve actual houses - but items like road and bridge work?
- (4) How much was allocated to the Endangered Houses Fund in 2018-2019?
- (a) In that year, how much was spent?
 - (b) Please list the houses funded and the individual amount?
 - (c) How much of those allocations did not involve actual houses - but items like road and bridge work?
- (5) How much was allocated to the Endangered Houses Fund in 2017-2018?
- (a) In that year, how much was spent?
 - (b) Please list the houses funded and the individual amount?
 - (c) How much of those allocations did not involve actual houses - but items like road and bridge work?

Answer—

- (1) A total of \$2,840,688 was allocated and expended as part of the Endangered Houses Fund program during the period. Of that, \$400,000 was NSW Government funding with the balance being funded through the Endangered Houses Fund endowment, philanthropic donations and the Foundation for Sydney Living Museums.
- (a) The Endangered Houses Fund is a conservation program of Sydney Living Museums (SLM) that identifies significant 'at risk' properties and saves them from demolition or unsympathetic development. SLM applies its expertise to conserve and protect the identified properties, which are then offered back to the marketplace for future generations to enjoy. The program is predominantly self-funded through both donations and the sale proceeds of previous Endangered Houses Fund properties.
- Six properties in total have been acquired by Sydney Living Museums in relation to the Endangered Houses Fund. No Endangered Houses Fund properties were acquired by Sydney Living Museums in the period between April 2011 and October 2021. Sydney Living Museums divested three Endangered Houses Fund properties between 2012-2013, following the conservation of the properties.
- (i) Any works undertaken as part of the Endangered Houses Fund Program have been undertaken in specific relation to the six Endangered Houses Fund properties.
- (2) \$400,000 in NSW Government funding was allocated to the Endangered Houses Fund in 2020-21, for expenditure on the Nissen Hut across the 2020/21 and 2021 /22 financial years. An additional \$44,155, funded by the Endangered Houses Fund endowment, was allocated for expenditure on the property Beulah.
- (a) \$264,326
 - (b) \$220,171 - 'Nissen Hut', Belmont North, NSW.
\$44,155 - Beulah, Campbelltown, NSW.
 - (c) Nil.
- (3) \$64,387. However, no NSW Government funding was allocated to the Endangered Houses Fund in 2019-2020.
- (a) \$64,387
 - (b) \$56,248 - 'Nissen Hut', Belmont North, NSW.
\$8,138-Throsby Park, Moss Vale, NSW.
 - (c) Nil.

- (4) \$230,326. However, no NSW Government funding was allocated to the Endangered Houses Fund in 2018-2019.
- (a) \$230,326
- (b) \$171,183 - 'Nissen Hut', Belmont North, NSW.
\$59,142-Throsby Park, Moss Vale, NSW.
- (c) Nil.
- (5) \$75,801. However no NSW Government funding was allocated to the Endangered Houses Fund in 2017-2018.
- (a) \$75,801
- (b) \$64,109 - 'Nissen Hut', Belmont North, NSW.
\$11,692 -Throsby Park, Moss Vale, NSW
- (c) Nil.

* 7633 EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING—TEACHERS PERFORMANCE—The Hon. Mark Banasiak to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) How many teachers have been placed on a teacher improvement plan (TIP) and employee performance improvement plan (EPIP) within the last 5 years while restricted from duties due to a workers compensation claim?
- (a) If any, why has the department chosen to act contrary to the *Workers Compensation Act 1987*?
- (2) How many teachers have been placed on a TIP/EPIP while conducting learning from home?
- (3) How does the department propose to conduct a performance management plan of a teacher's capabilities while learning from home that complies with procedural fairness?
- (4) How many teachers placed on a TIP/EPIP since the Tedeschi review have failed to have their submission reviewed by a panel as per the recommendations which were accepted by the Department of Education?
- (5) What is the mean, median and longest timeframe for a determination to be made on a TIP/EPIP since the Tedeschi review?

Answer—

- (1) Teachers who are sick or injured while on a Teacher Improvement Plan (TIP) are able to apply for sick leave in accordance with the relevant provisions. Where a teacher returns to work part time on a rehabilitation program, the TIP will recommence after consultation with the Health and Safety area of the Department. A worker's compensation claim submitted by a teacher who is on a TIP is managed by Health and Safety in accordance with the Department's return to work program and relevant legislation. A TIP is only implemented where a teacher is fit to undertake the full range of duties required for the position.
- The Department follows the relevant legislation when managing the return to work of a teacher subject to an improvement program.
- (2) All TIPs, Executive Teacher Improvement Programs (ETIP) and Principal Improvement Programs (PIP) were paused in 2020 and 2021 during the COVID lockdown and stay at home orders. However, individualised support was provided to all staff with identified underperformance during this time to assist them to improve. No new TIP/ETIP/PIP was commenced during stay at home orders.
- (3) The Employee Performance area of the Department is currently consulting with stakeholders to develop guidelines for addressing teacher performance in a learning from home environment. This consultation has been very productive and procedural fairness will always be the basis of any process.

- (4) The Tedeschi Review was focused on the investigations area of EPAC (now Professional and Ethical Standards - PES), not the performance management/improvement area. No recommendation was made for improvement program submissions to go before a panel.
- (5) The scope of the Tedeschi Review was the investigative practices and procedures in EPAC (now PES). The review did not recommend any change of practice in the employee performance area. The timeframe for decision making in a TIP/EPIP has not altered.

* 7634 EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING—HEALTH AND SAFETY DIRECTORATE—The Hon. Mark Banasiak to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) In 2019 Budget Estimates after you were presented with 140 page document pertaining to complaints regarding bullying and harassment within the health and safety directorate, the secretary Mark Scott explained that Price Waterhouse Coopers had done a health check who found no evidence of such claims. Under further questioning about whether Price Waterhouse Coopers was restrained from looking at such matters, the secretary at the time stated “that he was sorry people had that perception”.

Given Price Waterhouse coopers made the following statement within the report.

"Throughout the course of the consultations, there were several instances where individuals raised instances of unacceptable behaviour that they believe constituted bullying and/or harassment. Investigating these allegations was outside of the scope of the Health Check." (PWC: Health & Safety Directorate Health Check, p15, March 2019)”:

- (a) Why did the Department secretary seemingly mislead the Budget Estimates committee by suggesting that it was a misperception that bullying and harassment had been left off the scope of the health check?
- (b) Was Mark Scott directed or encouraged by the Minister's office to make such a statement?
- (c) Who within the Department made the decision to exclude bullying and harassment from the scope of the health check?
- (d) Given there has been at least one successful case regarding this matter in the workers compensation commission, of which the Minister has appealed, does the Department stand by its decision to remove bullying and harassment from the scope of the health check?
- (e) How many complaints of bullying and harassment have been received since that health check?
- (f) How many of those complaints have been investigated?
- (g) How many complaints have been received since the Executive Director of that Department took leave?

Answer—

The issue raised in this question was examined at length in September 2019 and in March 2020 through Portfolio Committee No. 3’s examination of the proposed expenditure for the portfolio area. A record of these examinations can be found at:

- <https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/lcdocs/transcripts/2228/Transcript%20-%204%20September%202019%20-%20CORRECTED%20-%20PC%203%20%20Education%20and%20Early%20Childhood%20Learning%20-%20Mitchell.pdf>
- <https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/lcdocs/transcripts/2325/Transcript%20-%203%20March%202020%20-%20CORRECTED%20-%20Education%20and%20Early%20Childhood%20Learning.pdf>

As the then-Secretary outlined in September 2019, “*Let us talk about the health and safety directorate and the cultural issues you have raised. Yes, we did have some complaints raised about that directorate by some staff. There were some changes and change management processes that took place in that area and there were some staff complaints. Those complaints were independently assessed and evaluated and as*

sometimes is the case where complaints are made the people who made the complaint were not happy with the finding.”

The former Secretary further elaborated, “*We subsequently did get a health check done of that division, which provided some advice back to us.*”

The Department commissioned PwC to conduct a Workplace Health Check of the Health and Safety Directorate. The Workplace Health Check was released in March 2019 and shared with Directorate employees. The scope of the exercise was to assess the current state of culture within the Directorate, and identify themes influencing the employee experience. The Workplace Health Check was conducted in consultation with employees through both individual consultation and focus group sessions.

The Department is committed to providing a safe workplace that provides dignity and respect to all its employees and has a clear and accessible framework for managing individual complaints. It has and continues to encourage and guide all employees through appropriate processes if they believe they have been subjected to inappropriate behaviour in the workplace. The Department’s processes and management are intended to address complaints effectively, impartially and confidentially.

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* 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1-2) SCATS data is based on collection of vehicle counts from closed loop traffic light sensors that are located across Greater Sydney and vary by location. The sensors provide a proxy for vehicle observation.
 - (3) This information is publicly available in the 2021-22 Budget Paper.
 - (4) Transport for NSW does not hold this information in the requested format.
- * 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?
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 - (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?
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 - (i) Top 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Customer Service, and Minister for Digital.

* 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?
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 - (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?
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 - (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?
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 - (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?
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- (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?

Answer—

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Customer Service, and Minister for Digital.

* 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Customer Service, and Minister for Digital.

* 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?

Answer—

This is a matter for the Minister for Customer Service, and Minister for Digital.

* 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?

Answer—

This is a matter for the Minister for Customer Service, and Minister for Digital.

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7685 WATER, PROPERTY AND HOUSING—SOCIAL HOUSING—The Hon. Rose Jackson to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) Please list every social housing project currently underway or committed to by the government?
 - (a) For each project:
 - (i) Please outline the number of social housing units each project will have?
 - (ii) Please outline the total estimated cost or funding allocated to each project?
- (2) What is the current total funding allocated to social housing in New South Wales?
- (3) How much additional new funding has been allocated since the announcement of the \$812 million in the 2020-21 Budget?
- (4) How much funding is allocated to the social housing maintenance and repairs?
 - (a) What is the total cost of the identified social housing maintenance backlog?
- (5) As of October 2021:
 - (a) How many people are on the social housing waiting list?
 - (b) How many people are on the priority waiting list?

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