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#### **18 OCTOBER 2024**

(Paper No. 80)

- \* 3900 RESILIENCE OF THE ELECTRICITY GRID IN THE FAR WEST—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—
  - (1) Given recent electricity outages in the Far West of New South Wales, what is the Minister doing to ensure the resilience of the electricity grid in Broken Hill and surrounding small towns including Menindee, Sunset Strip, White Cliffs, Packsaddle, Milparinka Tibooburra?
  - (2) What can be done to move forward plans to ensure that the existing generators will provide enough emergency backup electricity supply in the event of future outages and to provide long-term sustainable solutions for customers in those smaller towns?

#### Answer-

- (1) During the recent outages caused by damage to the 'X2' transmission line, I asked my Department to develop a contingency plan with Transgrid and Essential Energy in Broken Hill. This plan involved commissioning additional mobile generators to supply the Far West region of NSW. Transgrid has committed to keep the mobile generators until both of its permanent large-scale backup generators are in service. This includes the mobile generators Essential Energy installed at the Pinnacles Place substation to supply communities surrounding Broken Hill.
- (2) Transgrid has commissioned three sets of mobile generators to provide redundancy while the large-scale backup generator is repaired. In the long term, Hydrostor's proposed Silver City Energy Storage Project will enable the Far West to operate as a renewable energy powered minigrid when the 'X2' transmission line is unavailable. Transgrid identified this project as its preferred reliability solution in 2022, and the project was successful in a NSW Electricity Infrastructure Roadmap tender for long duration storage. Essential Energy is also developing microgrids in some of the communities in the Far West region of NSW. I have asked my Department for advice on what else could be done to accelerate these projects.
- \* 3901 TRANSFER OF INTENSIVE CARE PARAMEDICS—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
  - (1) What are the current policies governing the assignment and practice locations of Intensive Care Paramedics (ICPs), including their deployment to Category A, B, and C stations?
  - (2) Can the Minister outline the factors considered in managing the workload of regional ICPs and maintaining their High Acuity Low Occurrence (HALO) skills across different station categories?
  - (3) How does the government ensure that ICPs can effectively serve regional communities, particularly those with limited access to Category A and B stations, such as Griffith?
  - (4) What steps is NSW Ambulance taking to provide transparency regarding decisions that affect healthcare delivery and paramedic services in regional areas?

Answer-

#### I'm advised:

(1) NSW Ambulance applies a Clinical Capability Assessment and service planning methodology to determine the placement of clinical resources, including intensive care paramedics, within geographical areas. A state-wide capability assessment has been completed for categorisation of stations and workforce role alignments. NSW Ambulance has identified locations with a workload and case mix suitable for Intensive Care Paramedic and Registered Paramedic practice. This

methodology considers patient safety and the volume and mix of services required when determining clinical service levels.

NSW Ambulance manages the transfer of paramedics in line with PRO2024-026, Filling vacant positions - staff transfers operating procedure.

- (2) All NSW Ambulance paramedics are Registered Health Professionals with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Authority (AHPRA). As part of their registration, paramedics are required to undertake Continual Professional Development. Intensive Care Paramedics undergo recredentialling annually which includes training in High Acuity Low Occurrence (HALO) procedures. NSW Ambulance provides education specific to HALO skills as part of regular Mandatory Clinical Professional Development. All intensive care paramedics are required to maintain current HALO credentials.
- (3) All NSW Ambulance paramedics are registered health professionals and are trained and equipped to safely provide a range of advanced clinical interventions and treatment to patients. All paramedics, regardless of scope of practice, form part of the integrated clinical services model of NSW Health.

Paramedics are a mobile workforce and usually respond from one patient to the next across NSW, regardless of whether they are located at a hospital, an ambulance station, or another location. Vehicles and their paramedic crew are moved throughout their shift to provide geographical coverage of ambulance resources across NSW. During periods higher demand NSW Ambulance can fluidly deploy resources to where they are needed most, helping deliver the best possible out-of-hospital care for the community.

NSW is serviced by a fleet of 12 operational helicopters and 6 fixed wing aircraft, located throughout the state. The NSW Ambulance helicopter fleet is staffed with a highly trained medical team, comprising a critical care paramedic and critical care doctor. These assets are strategically deployed to ensure the provision of safe and high-quality critical care wherever it is required.

(4) NSW Ambulance uses a service planning methodology that contains detailed analysis of station and location demand projections, the staffing levels required to meet demand, models of care, specialty resources and infrastructure requirements.

NSW Ambulance undertakes planning and consultation which considers the needs of diverse communities. This involves the engagement of clinical staff and consumers about key decisions including resource allocation and service planning.

NSW Ambulance priorities are documented and monitored through the NSW Ambulance Strategic Plan: Redefining our Future 2021-2026" NSW Ambulance will continue bolster the capability of its paid and volunteer workforce consistent with the Strategic Plan.

- \* 3902 COST OF MEDICAL ASSESSMENT FOR SENIOR DRIVERS—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
  - (1) Could the Minister please advise the average cost for the medical assessment required for senior drivers?
    - (a) Could the Minister advise the recommended fee?

Answer—

I am advised

Any fees payable to a doctor for a medical assessment must be met by the customer. While Transport for NSW appreciates the concerns raised regarding the costs associated with undertaking a medical assessment, it has no control over these costs, as they are set by and paid to the individual medical practitioner.

The Road Transport (Driver Licensing) Regulation 2017 Clause 54 specifies that the licence holder is responsible for any costs associated with undertaking a medical review to maintain a driver licence.

Medical assessments for private licence class holders due to age or medical condition are included in the Medicare Benefits Schedule and can be claimed through the Medicare rebate.

- \* 3903 BILLABONG CREEK FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT PLAN—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast—
  - (1) Can the Minister advise the rationale behind expanding the Billabong Creek Floodplain Management Plan area from 4,000 square kilometres to 10,446 square kilometres?

Answer-

I am advised:

As a result of the Natural Resources Commission audit and a review under Section 43 of the Water Management Act 2000, the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water is replacing the 10 southern Murray-Darling Basin Floodplain Management Plans (FMPs) developed under the Water Act 1912 with four whole-of-valley FMPs. This will include the whole of the Billabong Creek floodplain.

The new FMPs will establish clear, consistent criteria for assessing flood work approval applications. The proposed Billabong Creek boundary will align with the NSW Murray and Murrumbidgee valley FMPs that are currently being developed, enhancing the assessment of cumulative impacts from flood works across the region. This approach is consistent with the whole-of-valley method used in the northern Murray-Darling Basin.

- \* 3904 COMPENSATION UNDER CONSTRAINTS PROJECTS—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast—
  - (1) In determining compensation for private landholders will the Government include relief for land tax and council rates?
  - (2) What is the estimated cost of acquiring easement flows over 1042 properties along the Murrumbidgee River?

Answer-

I am advised:

- (1) The impact of the flow easement will be considered on an individual basis. Compensation for flow easements in gross and financial assistance for independent land valuation and legal advice will be provided to affected landholders in accordance with the Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991.
- (2) The estimated cost of acquiring flow easements for properties in the Murrumbidgee project area is currently being developed as part of the Murrumbidgee Final Business Case. This business case is due for completion early 2025.

- \* 3905 ENVIRONMENTAL FLOW INSURANCE—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast—
  - (1) Does the Government have plans to implement environmental insurance or a perpetual fund that can be drawn on when managed flows create impacts outside agreed magnitudes under constraints projects?

Answer-

I am advised:

The Reconnecting River Country Program is fully funded by the Australian Government. The Australian Government's funding requirements only permit one-off payments.

The NSW Government has received similar feedback from stakeholders and is discussing this feedback with the Australian Government to seek alternative funding arrangements. This feedback will also be reflected in the Murrumbidgee Final Business Case that will be submitted to the Australian Government for consideration in early 2025.

The Program is developing a range of strategies to mitigate impacts associated with delivering future environmental flow releases. Examples of these strategies include flow buffers, updating river operator flow notification and operating procedures. These strategies will be developed under the program's current funding arrangement and will be in place by December 2026 ahead of program flows, if the program proceeds to delivery.

\* 3906 FLOWS UNDER CONSTRAINTS PROJECTS—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast—

Given that the Murray Darling Basin Authority stated in the Murrumbidgee reach report, Constraints Management Strategy, that flows higher than minor flood level should not be considered because they are damaging and disruptive and outside the bounds of active river management:

(1) Will the Minister keep flows under minor flood levels for Constraints Programs?

Answer-

I am advised:

The Reconnecting River Country Program is still in development. No decisions have been made to select a flow option. A flow option will be recommended in the Murrumbidgee Final Business Case that is currently being developed. This business case is due for completion in early 2025.

In the Murrumbidgee, the flow options being considered are below the minor flood level in most areas along the river system. Flow extent mapping for the three flow limits under consideration can be viewed on the Reconnecting River Country website at: <a href="mailto:Inundation mapping I NSW Government Water.">Inundation mapping I NSW Government Water.</a>

- \* 3907 LANDHOLDER NEGOTIATION SCHEME—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast—
  - (1) Will land identified for Environmental Flow Easements under the Landholder Negotiation Scheme be rezoned with an overlay as flood prone land?
    - (a) If not, why?
  - (2) Will the Scheme consider this is in the compensation amount?

#### Answer-

#### I am advised:

- (1) The proposed flow options being considered under the Reconnecting River Country Program are below minor flood level in most areas of the Murrumbidgee river system and align with existing natural flow paths. No changes to zoning is required.
  - (a) No changes are required as the Flood Prone Land Policy relates to the management of flood risk for major floods. All proposed flow options considered by the program are below the thresholds considered by this policy.
- (2) If the Murrumbidgee component of the program proceeds to delivery, agreements and flow easement compensation will be assessed by qualified property valuers based on the characteristics of individual properties and in accordance with the Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991.
- \* 3908 DRAFT NATIONAL WATER AGREEMENT—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast—
  - (1) Will the Government require the Commonwealth Government to publicly release the full National Water Agreement including objectives, outcomes, principles, schedules, and funding arrangements before committing to sign the agreement?

#### Answer-

## I am advised:

The NSW Government has requested that the Australian Government publicly release the proposed final National Water Agreement.

NSW will need to review the full draft agreement before making a decision to sign up to the new Agreement.

No funding arrangements have been proposed by the Australian Government, however, I welcome opportunities to work together with the Australian Government on our shared priorities.

- \* 3909 DISTANCE EDUCATION—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
  - (1) What policies are in place to support students who are learning remotely through distance education to return to school?
  - (2) What is procedure is available for parents wanting to discuss their child's learning with the Department of Education, if they have exhausted all other avenues including speaking directly to the School Principal?

#### Answer-

Under the NSW Distance Education Enrolment Procedures, principals of distance education schools are required to regularly review enrolments to ensure the ongoing suitability of remote learning through distance education.

The Principal of a distance education school may recommend that a student return to a local school if they are no longer eligible for distance education based on the provisions of the Distance Education Enrolment Procedures.

If parents have exhausted all other avenues at the school, including speaking directly to the school principal, parents wanting to further discuss their child's learning, can contact the Director, Educational Leadership, with responsibility for the school at the local education office.

- \* 3910 BAYVIEW PARK FERRY SERVICE—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Transport—
  - (1) For the benefit of constituents of the Drummoyne electorate, what were the historical reasons for closing the Bayview Park ferry service?

Answer—

I am advised

In October 2013, Bayview Park Wharf ferry services ceased due to poor patronage. Regular bus services were timetabled to provide a public transport alternative. The change was made to free up vessels to serve peak demands to accommodate higher patronised wharves along the Parramatta River.

- \* 3911 FERRAGOSTO 2025—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—
  - (1) Will the Government be providing funding to the City of Canada Bay Council for the 2025 Ferragosto Italian Street Fair to be held in August 2024?

Answer—

I am advised that Multicultural NSW:

- Encouraged Canada Bay Council to apply for funding for this year's Ferragosto event.
- Will not consider retrospective funding for an event held in August 2024.
- Will provide grant funding through an open competitive tender process for major council festivals taking place from 1 February 2025 28 February 2026. The grant process will open shortly. Councils should visit Multicultural NSW's website for more information and to apply.
- \* 3912 FISHING MUSEUM AGRICULTURE—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—
  - (1) Has the Minister receiving correspondence from fishing associations regarding the development of a museum for recreational fishing in New South Wales?
  - (2) Is the Government considering this request?
  - (3) If so, what funding is available?

#### Answer-

- (1) I am advised that the Underwater Skindivers Fisherman Association (USFA) has raised the need for a fishing museum hall of fame.
- (2) I am advised the Department previously contacted all the Marine Discovery Centres in NSW on the representative's behalf to seek their interest in housing various historical diving and fishing pieces. The National Marine Science Centre in Coffs Harbour indicated some level of interest, and this advice was provided to the USFA.
- (3) Funding grants are available from the Recreational Fishing Trusts for projects than benefit recreational fishing.

- \* 3913 FISHING MUSEUM ARTS—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—
  - (1) Has the Minister receiving correspondence from fishing associations regarding the development of a museum for recreational fishing in New South Wales?
  - (2) Is the Government considering this request?
  - (3) If so, what funding is available?

#### Answer—

- (1) The Minister for the Arts received correspondence dated 14 March 2024 from the Hon. Tara Moriarty, MLC regarding a proposal from the Underwater Skindiving and Fisherman's Association to establish a Spearfishing Centre of Excellence. On 3 June 2024, the Minister replied to Ms Moriarty, acknowledging this request and advising there were no Create Infrastructure grants available to support this proposal.
- (2) The Government has noted the request.
- (3) There are no Create Infrastructure grant rounds currently open. However, the group is encouraged to visit the NSW Government Grants Finder at <a href="https://www.nsw.gov.au/grants-and-funding">https://www.nsw.gov.au/grants-and-funding</a> to explore available funding options.
- \* 3914 OPAL CARD DATA—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Transport—
  - (1) According to Opal Card data, how many passengers travel from Granville station during the morning peak in 2024 compared to 2014?
  - (2) According to Opal card data, how many passengers travel from Parramatta station in the morning peak using Opal cards registered to a 2142 postcode address?

#### Answer-

- (1) 281,291 trips were made from Granville Station using Opal cards during the weekday morning peak between 6am to 10am from January 2024 to September 2024, excluding public holidays and weekends. A 2019 comparison is supplied due to Opal not being rolled out widely for the requested comparison year of 2014.
- (2) 24,070 trips were made from Parramatta Station using Opal cards registered to a 2142 postcode address during the weekday morning peak, between 6am to 10am, from January 2024 to September 2024, excluding public holidays and weekends.
- \* 3915 NATIVE VEGETATION CLEARANCE—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—
  - (1) How many hectares of native vegetation were cleared in New South Wales in the 2023/24 financial year?

## Answer—

(1) Native vegetation clearing data for the 2023/24 financial year is not yet available. Clearing is monitored using the Statewide Land and Trees Study reports on vegetation clearing by calendar year. Remote sensed data undergoes rigorous, expert validation prior to release. The 2023 calendar year analysis will be completed for release in June 2025.

- \* 3916 RESIDENTIAL TENANCY CONDITIONS—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Better Regulation and Fair Trading, Minister for Industry and Trade, Minister for Innovation, Science and Technology, Minister for Building, and Minister for Corrections—
  - (1) How many tenants were evicted without being provided a reason by their landlord in 2024/24?
  - (2) How many rental applications were approved in 2023/24 that were conditional on declining the prospective tenant's request to keep a pet?

#### Answer-

I am pleased to advise that the NSW Government passed the Residential Tenancies Amendment Bill 2024 on 24 October 2024 which has placed a ban on no grounds evictions in NSW.

These landmark reforms will ensure housing security for renters, allowing them to make a house a home. The reforms will also give landlords more clarity on when they can end a fixed term or periodic lease based on clear, straightforward reasons.

The Bill also made it easier to have pets in rentals so a tenant can apply to keep a pet, with landlords only able to decline on certain grounds.

The passing of these laws follows extensive and detailed discussions with renter advocates, industry stakeholders and tenancy experts, as well as a 'Have Your Say' public consultation process which received more than 16,000 submissions and survey responses.

The Residential Tenancies Amendment Bill 2024 also complements key initiatives already announced to rebalance the rental marketplace:

- Portable bond scheme Investing \$6.6 million to develop and deliver the nation's first Portable Rental Bonds Scheme. This means eligible renters can move homes and digitally transfer their existing bond with them.
- Establishing Rent Check A new, free tool renters can use to help check whether the rent they're being asked to pay is fair.
- Rental Taskforce within NSW Fair Trading The Government will invest \$8.4 million for a taskforce with investigators, inspectors and support teams to help renters and act on serious breaches of rental laws.
- \* 3917 LOCAL SPORT DEFIBRILLATOR GRANT PROGRAM—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport representing the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—

In relation to the Local Sport Defibrillator Grant Program:

- (1) Can the Minister confirm if postcodes within the Willoughby electorate will not receive funding as part of the Local Sport Defibrillator Grant Program in any future rounds of this program?
  - (a) If so, what can the Willoughby community expect from this Government to ensure they have access to life-saving defibrillators for local sports clubs and facilities?

#### Answer—

- (1) No decision has been made regarding the future funding model for the Local Sport Defibrillator Grant Program.
  - (a) N/A

\* 3918 SERVICE DELIVERY BY GOVERNMENT AGENCIES—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

In relation to service delivery by government agencies:

- (1) How many customer complaints were received by Service NSW over the last 2 years?
  - (a) What percentage of these complaints were resolved within the required service standards?
- (2) How many inquiries regarding small business services were lodged with Service NSW over the same period?

#### Answer—

I am advised that between 1 October 2022 and 31 September 2024:

- (1) Service NSW received 28,576 written complaints, representing under 0.01% of customer transactions, phone calls, website visits and grant applications.
  - (a) 86% were resolved within required service level agreement timeframes.
- (2) Service NSW received 178,680 phone inquiries and 7,934 live chat inquiries about small business services.
- \* 3919 STUDENT WELFARE AND SUPPORT SERVICES—Mr Tim James to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

In relation to student welfare and support services:

- (1) How many students across New South Wales accessed mental health services within their schools in the last 2 years?
  - (a) How many schools currently have dedicated mental health professionals on-site?
- (2) What is the total number of reported incidents of bullying in New South Wales schools over the last 2 years?

#### Answer—

All NSW public schools receive an allocation of school counselling services. The Minns Government has committed to growing the Department of Education's school counselling service by an additional 250 positions, to bring the school counselling service to over 1,500 positions across the state.

NSW public schools have zero tolerance for bullying. All schools have a responsibility to take action to help prevent any kind of bullying and to respond appropriately when it does occur.

Concerns about student bullying at school are generally managed at the local school level as schools are best placed to respond to the needs of their students, in line with the Student Behaviour Policy. Appropriate levels of escalation are managed through the local Director, Educational Leadership. Further information is available here: <a href="https://education.nsw.gov.au/schooling/schooling-initiatives/anti-bullying">https://education.nsw.gov.au/schooling/schooling-initiatives/anti-bullying</a>.

\* 3920 TENANT PROTECTIONS AND RENTAL REGULATIONS—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Better Regulation and Fair Trading, Minister for Industry and Trade, Minister for Innovation, Science and Technology, Minister for Building, and Minister for Corrections—

In relation to tenant protections and rental regulations:

- (1) How many complaints have been lodged by tenants regarding breaches of rental agreements over the past 2 years?
  - (a) Of those complaints, how many have resulted in formal action or penalties against landlords or property managers?

#### Answer-

I am advised information regarding complaints to NSW Fair Trading is contained in the Department of Customer Service annual report.

\* 3921 WORKERS COMPENSATION CLAIMS—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Industrial Relations, and Minister for Work Health and Safety—

In relation to healthcare outcomes for workers' compensation claims:

- (1) How many workers' compensation claims in New South Wales were related to psychological injuries over the past 2 years?
  - (a) What percentage of these claimants successfully returned to work within 6 months?
- (2) How many healthcare providers in New South Wales are currently certified to treat psychological injuries under the workers' compensation system?

#### Answer-

I am advised that the information on rates of injuries and workers compensation are available on SIRA's website at <a href="https://www.sira.nsw.gov.au/open-data/system-overview">https://www.sira.nsw.gov.au/open-data/system-overview</a>.

The healthcare providers who treat people with psychological injuries under the New South Wales workers compensation system are psychiatrists, psychologists, counsellors, and social workers with mental health accreditation.

\* 3922 URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND PUBLIC SPACES—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

In relation to balancing urban development and public spaces:

- (1) What specific measures are being implemented to ensure new developments include adequate public green spaces?
  - (a) How does the Government plan to protect these spaces from future commercial development?
- (2) How is the Government ensuring that public spaces in high-density areas are maintained to meet community needs?

#### Answer-

#### I am advised:

- (1) Public open space is largely delivered by local councils, who fund these projects from a range of sources including developer contributions.
  - \$520 million has been committed from the Housing and Productivity Fund to invest in community infrastructure in the Transport Oriented Development (TOD) Accelerated Precincts. This includes new and improved open spaces.
  - (a) Public open space is land that is reserved for public purposes and cannot easily be sold or converted to commercial use. Most open spaces are classified as community land under local government legislation, and many are designated for this use under Crown land legislation.
- (2) The NSW Government is committed to supporting the provision of quality public open space for the whole community.
  - The NSW Government directly delivers and maintains high quality parks, foreshores, sports grounds, play spaces and other iconic and beautiful open spaces.

Agencies such as Placemaking NSW, Greater Sydney Parklands and Botanic Gardens of Sydney continually upgrade and activate these sites to create vibrant and dynamic spaces, host a wide range of sporting activities, live entertainment, sport and other social and cultural events that meet the needs of the whole community.

Communities are invited to provide feedback through public consultation processes when projects, strategies and policies shaping the future of public spaces are being prepared, so that their perspective and needs are reflected.

\* 3923 TECHNOLOGICAL INNOVATION—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Better Regulation and Fair Trading, Minister for Industry and Trade, Minister for Innovation, Science and Technology, Minister for Building, and Minister for Corrections—

In relation to fostering technological innovation in New South Wales:

- (1) What initiatives are in place to attract technology startups to establish their businesses in New South Wales?
  - (a) Are there any specific grants or incentives for small tech businesses?
- (2) How is the government ensuring that regional areas benefit from the growth in the sector?

Answer-

Please refer to the NSW Government website for information on support for startups.

\* 3924 SUPPORTING MULTICULTURAL COMMUNITIES—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—

In relation to supporting multicultural communities:

- (1) What programs are in place to help newly arrived migrants integrate into New South Wales society?
  - (a) How is the government ensuring that English language learning resources are accessible to migrants across New South Wales?
- (2) What steps are being taken to address challenges faced by multicultural communities in accessing Government services?

Answer—

I am advised:

- Multicultural NSW:
  - Delivers and funds a range of programs to help newly arrived migrants to prosper wherever they choose to live in NSW;
  - Provides interpreting and translating services to the NSW Government, non-government agencies and the broader community;
  - Works closely with colleagues across the NSW Government to ensure policy development and program design meet the needs of multicultural communities across NSW;
  - Supports new arrivals from refugee and refugee-like backgrounds through the NEW Settlement Strategy.
- Further information about the work of Multicultural NSW is available online via the Annual Reports <a href="https://multicultural.nsw.gov.au/resources/annual-reports/">https://multicultural.nsw.gov.au/resources/annual-reports/</a>

\* 3925 REGIONAL SMALL BUSINESSES—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—

In relation to regional small businesses:

- (1) What specific initiatives are in place to support the growth and sustainability of small businesses in regional New South Wales?
  - (a) Are there any plans to expand access to financial support or training programs for regional entrepreneurs?

#### Answer-

I am advised the Service NSW Business Bureau provides one front door access to government information, services and support to NSW businesses in metro and regional NSW through the following services:

- Frontline support through Business Concierges and independent business advisors.
- Digital self-service including a Business Profile and Business Bureau Mobile App.
- Targeted communications including eDMs, social media, promotion campaigns.
- Stakeholder engagement including local councils and business associations.

Business Concierges provide tailored case management support to their local business communities which includes working with small businesses, local councils and business chambers to ensure locally relevant support. Business Concierges assist small businesses over the phone or in person to connect with relevant Government services and support and help them navigate and understand regulatory requirements. Business Concierges in regional areas can conduct mobile outreach to assist businesses who are time-poor by coming to them and can also be available at the local service centre by appointment.

The Service NSW Business Bureau includes a rural business relationship specialist who is a subject matter expert and engages across all of NSW to help specific sectors and provide relevant rapid response support alongside Bureau frontline staff, including:

- Working with Council to support beekeepers during the Varroa Mite outbreak in Kempsey.
- Supporting businesses to understand and comply with Department of Primary Industries Fire Ant Emergency Orders in Murwillumbah.
- Supporting the Tea Tree Oil Industry to prepare for a forecasted EU Tea Tree oil ban affecting the northern rivers area of NSW.
- Supporting forestry-related businesses with information on a 'cease to work order' following the discovery of Greater Gliders in the south coast of NSW.
- Supporting Tweed, Lismore & Richmond Valley Councils to engage with small businesses to promote their business along the Northern Rivers Rail Trail.

The Bureau's team is ready to pivot to provide support to larger scale unplanned events, such as currently in the Far West region. The Bureau has frontline Business Concierges supporting customers in the Recovery Assistance Point in Broken Hill as well as conducting mobile outreach to small businesses including cafes, restaurants, hairdressers, retail and coal mining suppliers. A mobile bus which travels into more remote impacted areas also includes a Business Concierge. The Bureau's digital team built the business grant in just 8 days and Business Concierges have been busy supporting businesses in person to apply for the \$400 grant.

The Bureau also includes an Aboriginal Business Relationship Specialist who is dedicated to working with Aboriginal businesses, building trust and connecting them with relevant services and support. Examples of support has included:

- Participation on the Kangaroo Bus to reach remote regional communities, with a focus on Indigenous communities.
- Building trust and awareness through Elders, Community members and events such as NAIDOC,
   Elders morning teas, Aboriginal Lands Council board, members meetings and Community days.
- Supporting an Indigenous-owned small cookie business to win grants, and contracts with a major airline, refined their target market, branding, and more. As a result, the owner was nominated for a NSW Indigenous Chamber of Commerce Business Award.

In addition to guidance and information, Business Concierges can liaise with councils on behalf of the business and assist businesses with any applications for either regulatory requirements or financial support.

The Service NSW Business Bureau also provides free independent advice through its Business Connect program and advisors are also located across regional NSW. Business advisors are able to run a business health check and provide advice on a wide range of operational matters including business planning, financial planning, marketing/promotion, how to secure procurement and growing business capability on tendering. The Business Connect program includes in person and online events and webinars on topics of interest including those tailored for start-ups. Since 1 October 2023, just over 50% of all Business Connect customers are regional based customers.

Since 1 October 2023, the Business Bureau has supported close to 12,000 business customers in regional NSW. Examples of Bureau frontline support have included:

- A roller-skating business in the regional NSW town of Narrandera was supported by a Business Connect advisor with advice and insights on value proposition, customer segments and targets. The owner gained confidence to expand her idea with budgeting, bookkeeping and record management skills. As a result, the owners income increased by 50%, their regional audience reach broadened, and they were recognised with a Narrandera Rotary Small Business Award.
- A motel in Gilgandra was supported by a Business Concierge with information on the SafeWork rebate, registering for a NSW Seniors Card Program and liaison with the Gilgandra Shire Council to promote her motel. The owner was also supported by a Business Connect advisor and as a result the online presence of their motel and events increased.

As the one front door for NSW Government, the Bureau can link business customers with financial support once it becomes available, from both local and NSW Government sources.

- \* 3926 ACTIVE KID VOUCHERS REDEEMED—Mr Dugald Saunders to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—
  - (1) Can the Minister advise for each regional electorate in New South Wales the number of Active Kids Vouchers redeemed:
    - (a) So far in 2024?
    - (b) In 2023?
    - (c) In 2022?

#### Answer-

Questions about the Active Kids voucher program, which was replaced by the Active and Creative Kids voucher program from 1 February 2024, should be directed to the Minister for Sport.

- \* 3927 PALLIATIVE CARE NURSES—Mr Dugald Saunders to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
  - (1) Can the Minister advise for each Local Health District in New South Wales the total number of palliative care nurses:

- (a) Currently in 2024?
- (b) As at 30 June 2023?

Answer-

I'm advised:

NSW Health does not centrally collate the number of palliative care nurses across local health districts.

To gather and report this data for the purposes of answering this question would be an inappropriate diversion of resources from core health services.

- \* 3928 POLICE AREA COMMAND STAFFINGS—Mr Dugald Saunders to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—
  - (1) Can the Minister advise for each Police District (PD) and Police Area Command (PAC) in New South Wales as at 1 October 2024 the total police stations:
    - (a) Staffed for 24 hours?
    - (b) Unmanned after hours?
    - (c) Previously staffed for 24 hours and now unmanned after hours?
    - (d) Now completely unmanned?

Answer-

I am advised:

Staffing at any particular police station can fluctuate daily in response to crime trends and other intelligence-led operational requirements. All local resources are supplemented by specialist police such as highway patrol, major crime squads and covert resources, which are managed centrally but can be deployed across boundaries to meet changing community needs and respond to crime patterns and emerging issues.

- \* 3929 VACANT AUTHORISED POLICE POSITIONS—Mr Dugald Saunders to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—
  - (1) Can the Minister advise for each Police District (PD) and Police Area Command (PAC) in New South Wales the total Vacant Authorised Police Positions:
    - (a) At 1 October 2024?
    - (b) At 31 December 2023?
    - (c) At 30 June 2023?

Answer-

I am advised:

The NSW Police Force publishes information regarding police officer numbers in each PAC and PD in its annual report.

- \* 3930 FUNDING FOR AGING AND DISABILITY COMMISSION—Mr Dugald Saunders to ask the Minister for Women, Minister for Seniors, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—
  - (1) Can the Minister advise the funding provided to the Aging and Disability Commission:
    - (a) FY 2023-24?

(b) FY 2024-25?

Answer-

I am advised:

- (1) (a) In addition to the base funding in financial year 2023/24 of \$4.8 million, the Ageing and Disability Commissioner (ADC) received a one-off grant from the Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) of \$2.5 million.
  - (b) The ADC has a baseline budget of \$5.03 million in financial year 2024/25. DCJ has reprioritised additional funding, bringing their total available funding to \$7.03 million in financial year 2024/25, excluding the carry forward funding available to the Commission.
- \* 3931 AUSTRALIAN PESTICIDE AND VETERINARY MEDICINES AUTHORITY—Mr Dugald Saunders to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—
  - (1) Can the Minister confirm whether the NSW Police Force received any allegations of illegal behaviour by officers of the Australian Pesticide and Veterinary Medicines Authority?
    - (a) If yes, can the Minister confirm whether any investigation was undertaken in response to the allegations?
    - (b) If there were investigations undertaken what is their status, including whether any findings have been made with respect to alleged breaches of New South Wales law and whether the NSW Police Force found it necessary to take further action in response to any of the allegations, including referral to the Department of Public Prosecutions?

Answer-

I am advised:

Any offence committed would be recorded under the officer's name, not the organisation. The NSWPF is unable to provide the information requested by the Member without further details being provided.

- \* 3932 CREATIVE KID VOUCHERS REDEEMED—Mr Dugald Saunders to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—
  - (1) Can the Minister advise for each regional electorate in New South Wales the number of Creative Kids Vouchers redeemed:
    - (a) So far in 2024?
    - (b) In 2023?
    - (c) In 2022?

Answer—

I am advised that this data is not captured according to electoral boundaries.

\* 3933 PRINT MEDIA SPEND—Mr Dugald Saunders to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Minister for Finance, Minister for Domestic Manufacturing and Government Procurement, and Minister for Natural Resources—

With respect to the \$3 million election commitment to Government advertising spend in regional print media:

- (1) Currently, how much of that initial commitment has been spent?
- (2) Will the 2nd commitment of \$3 million announced on 17 October 2024 be in addition to this commitment?

- (3) Can the Minister advise in what electorates has this advertising been booked?
- (4) What is the total print media advertising spend in these electorates?

#### Answer—

This question should be directed to the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales.

- \* 3934 FIRST LAP VOUCHERS REDEEMED—Mr Dugald Saunders to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—
  - (1) Can the Minister advise for each regional electorate in New South Wales the number of First Lap vouchers redeemed:
    - (a) So far in 2024?
    - (b) In 2023?
    - (c) In 2022?

#### Answer-

This question should be directed to the Minister for Sport.

\* 3935 ABERCROMBIE CAVES—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

In relation to Abercrombie Caves,

- (1) As of October 2024, how long have Abercrombie Caves been closed to the public?
- (2) Have works begun to restore the caves?
- (3) What works are currently underway to reopen the caves to the public?
- (4) What works have been completed?
- (5) Please outline the scope of works and timeline for completion.
- (6) When are the caves predicted to be reopened to the public?
- (7) What is the budget or anticipated cost to reopen the caves?

#### Answer-

- (1) Abercrombie Caves has been closed since 29 January 2022 due to flood damage. A second major flood event on 3 November 2022 caused further significant damage to infrastructure and recently completed repair works.
- (2) Yes.
- (3) Work has commenced to repair pathways, pedestrian access and power supply to the caves. Detailed planning and design for the other repairs and upgrades are well underway with tenders expected to be advertised before Christmas 2024.
- (4) Parts of the pedestrian pathway accessing the caves have been replaced. Safety barriers in the caves and bridges accessing the caves have been replaced.
- (5) Scope of works and completion times as follows:

Insurance works:

• Swing bridge demolition - completion target: Q2 2025

- Swing bridge replacement (Cathedral Cave) completion target: Q2 2025
- Causeway replacement completion target: Q3 2025
- Caves pathway replacement completion target: Q3 2025
- Restore power to caves completion target: Q3 2025

Other planned works:

- Campground upgrade completion target: Q3 2025
- National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) Office/Visitor Centre relocation completion target: Q3 2025
- Cave Walking Track (north) completion target: Q3 2025

Other future works:

- Betterment Project (Regional NSW grant) completion target: Q2 2026
- (6) The caves are predicted to re-open in Q3 2025.
- (7) It is estimated it will cost \$2.1 million to undertake the works to reopen the site.
- \* 3936 BATHURST HOSPITAL REDEVELOPMENT—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

In relation to the Bathurst Hospital Redevelopment,

- (1) Has the tender for the Bathurst Hospital redevelopment been opened?
- (2) If not, when will the tender be released?
- (3) Can you please outline the timeline and process once tenders are closed?
- (4) When can the community expect a final design of the redevelopment?

Answer—

I'm advised:

The tender for the Bathurst Hospital redevelopment was released in October 2024. Construction timing will be confirmed following the appointment of a contractor in early 2025 and finalisation of the design phase.

The statutory planning application for the Bathurst Hospital redevelopment is expected to be lodged later this year and will feature the plans for the redevelopment.

\* 3937 REGIONAL MEDIA FUND—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

In relation the \$3 million Regional Media Fund:

- (1) How will this funding be delivered to regional communities?
- (2) Will certain locations be prioritised?
- (3) Will this funding assist in restoring newspapers to communities who no longer have a paper?
- (4) What can this funding be used for and can you please specify examples?

#### Answer-

- (1) The funding will be available to help support media organisations to meet production and operational and content gathering costs associated with running a regional or rural media outlet.
- (2) All regional Local Government Areas will be eligible.
- (3) The funding will support existing Regional Newspapers to innovate in how and where they deliver regional news and current affairs.
- (4) Details about the design of the program will be released when the program opens at the end of the year.
- \* 3938 REGIONAL 500 PARAMEDIC ROLL OUT—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

In relation to the Regional 500 Paramedic roll-out:

- (1) How will the Government's announcement of the 500 additional paramedics in regional NSW affect the rostering of paramedics in the Goulburn electorate?
- (2) Are the additional paramedics being utilised to remove on call-duties or enhance the current response capability?
- (3) What metrics, tools or data were utilised to decide on which ambulance stations in the Southern NSW Zone result in the new rostering system?
- (4) Has consideration been given to utilising the additional paramedics effectively through rostering to enhance service coverage rather than replacing the on-call component?
- (5) Will current Bureau of Health Information KPIs be monitored in relation to the proposed NSW Ambulance roster changes?
  - (a) If not, how will the government monitor or address any reduced KPI performance resulting from these NSW Ambulance roster changes?
- (6) Is the Government focusing on converting 24 hour with on-call stations to full 24 hour stations when there are many dayshift only stations that are without a night shift?
  - (a) If so, why?
- (7) What impact will the proposed (day-day-night-night) DDNN roster have on patient care and health outcomes in the SA3 Goulburn area?
  - (a) Has this been compared to a (day-day-afternoon-night) DDAN roster?
  - (b) If yes, what advantages and disadvantages are there for each option?

#### Answer-

#### I'm advised:

Health services are not deployed on an electorate basis.

NSW Ambulance conducts regular analysis of all locations within NSW to identify areas of growing demand for the prioritisation of resources. This includes using best practice modelling software that maps Triple Zero (000) calls to determine the most suitable location for emergency care, including examining current response areas and modelling potential station locations to meet community needs.

NSW Ambulance has received funding for up to 2,500 staff and 30 new ambulance stations in an investment to frontline emergency care over the coming years through the Statewide Infrastructure Team (SWIFT) program. This includes the announcement that regional NSW will receive an additional 500 paramedics.

Through this process, several ambulance stations, including Goulburn Ambulance Station, have been identified as locations which would benefit from the enhancement of paramedics. This targeted enhancement will allow for the removal of the on-call component and allows NSW Ambulance to continue working towards a safer workplace, while optimising response times and meeting the needs of patients and the community.

The prioritisation of Ambulance stations for removing on-call rostering is determined according to on-call levels and exposure rather than an ambulance stations overnight on-duty deployments.

NSW Ambulance continues to consult with staff and unions about enhancements as part of SWIFT. This includes consultation with local paramedics and management.

\* 3939 BARTON HIGHWAY—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

In relation to the 2024/2025 State Budget's line item of \$138.7 million to continue improvements on the Barton Highway:

- (1) What is the scope of work for this line item for 2024/25?
- (2) Can you provide a breakdown of the funding, and milestones, in relation to the total project cost for 2024/25?
- (3) What is the expected start and completion date of the funded works for 2024/25?

Answer-

I'm advised:

These questions are a matter for the Hon Jenny Aitchison MP, Minister for Regional Transport and Roads.

\* 3940 GOULBURN HOSPITAL REDEVELOPMENT—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

In relation to the 2024/2025 State Budget's line item of \$165.0 million Goulburn Hospital Redevelopment:

- (1) What is the scope of work for this line item for 2024/25?
- (2) Can you provide a breakdown of the funding, and milestones, in relation to the total project cost for 2024/25?
- (3) What is the expected start and completion date of the funded works for 2024/25?

Answer-

I'm advised:

I refer the Member to the response to LA 3741.

\* 3941 BUDGET LINE ITEMS - FACILITY UPGRADES—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

In relation to the 2024/2025 State Budget's line items of: \$5.5 million for the Goulburn Academy Gym and Recreation Centre; \$4.0 million for the Police Driver Training Upgrade; and \$3.0 million project for Goulburn Academy Critical Incident Response Training Upgrade:

- (1) What is the scope of work for these line items for 2024/25?
- (2) Can you provide a breakdown of the funding, and milestones, in relation to each of the total project costs for 2024/25?
- (3) What is the expected start and completion date of each of the funded works for 2024/25?

Answer-

I'm advised:

These questions are a matter for the Minister for Police and Counter Terrorism and Minister for the Hunter.

\* 3942 HUME POLICE DISTRICT CRIME—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Police and Counterterrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

With respect to increasing violence and crime in the Hume Police District (PD):

- (1) How many crimes or incidents have been reported in the Hume PD related to robberies each year for the last five years?
- (2) How many crimes or incidents have been reported in the Hume PD related to assault each year for the last five years?
- (3) Can you provide any insights and a breakdown of this data?
- (4) How is the Government dealing with the prevalence of robberies and assault?
- (5) How many police positions are allocated per day across the Hume PD?
- (6) How many positions are currently vacant?

Answer-

I am advised:

(1) The table below shows the number of robbery incidents reported in The Hume PD for the last five financial years:

| Event Reported Financial Year | Number of Robbery Incidents Reported |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 2019-20                       | 14                                   |
| 2020-21                       | 12                                   |
| 2021-22                       | 16                                   |
| 2022-23                       | 26                                   |
| 2023-24                       | 18                                   |

Note: Data extracted: 06/11/2024

(2) The table below shows the number of crimes or incidents reported in The Hume PD related to assault for the last five financial years:

| Event Reported Financial Year | Number of Assault Incidents Reported |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 2019-20                       | 856                                  |
| 2020-21                       | 977                                  |
| 2021-22                       | 975                                  |
| 2022-23                       | 1,093                                |
| 2023-24                       | 1,080                                |

Note: Data extracted: 06/11/2024

(3) Further information describing the nature of insights or breakdown requested is required to answer this question.

- (4) The NSW Police Force employs a range of prevention, disruption and response strategies to combat robbery and assault offences, including:
- ongoing proactive police operations across NSW to target assault (domestic violence and nondomestic violence), including Operation Amarok, Operation Foil, Operation Arc and Operation Mongoose.
- analysis of intelligence to identify trends, including cross-border offending.
- engaging with stakeholders and promotion of target hardening opportunities.
- engaging PCYC diversion strategies for at-risk youth.
- (5) Staffing at any particular police station can fluctuate daily in response to crime trends and other intelligence-led operational requirements. All local resources are supplemented by specialist police such as highway patrol, major crime squads and covert resources, which are managed centrally but can be deployed across boundaries to meet changing community needs and respond to crime patterns and emerging issues.
- (6) The NSWPF publishes information regarding police officer numbers in each Police Area Command and Police District in its annual report.
- \* 3943 VIOLENCE AND CRIME RELATED TO ILLEGAL TOBACCO—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

With respect to increasing violence and crime related to illegal tobacco:

- (1) How many people have been charged with offences relating to illegal tobacco each year for the last five years?
- (2) Can you provide any insights and a breakdown of this data?
- (3) How is the Government dealing with the increase in prevalence of illegal tobacco and cigarettes?
- (4) How many illegal cigarettes have been seized in the Hume PD each year for the last five years?
- (5) How many tobacconists or other businesses have been investigated each year for the last five years?
- (6) How many inspectors are there in the Goulburn Electorate enforcing the law concerning illegal tobacco?
- (7) Do you have any plans to increase the inspectors in light of the significant increase in illegal tobacco being sold in my electorate?
- (8) Does the Government plan to remove the responsibility from this matter to Law enforcement because of the growing issue of illegal tobacco and organised crime?

#### Answer-

#### I am advised:

(1) The table below shows the number of people charged with offences relating to illegal tobacco each year for the last five years:

|                        | Year |      |      |      |                |
|------------------------|------|------|------|------|----------------|
|                        | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 (to 7/11) |
| Individuals<br>Charged | 18   | 43   | 27   | 76   | 51             |

Note:

- Data current to: 07/11/2024
- (2) Further information describing the nature of insights or breakdown requested is required to answer this question.
- (3) The management and investigation of illicit tobacco remains the function of the Federal Government and NSW Health. The NSW Police Force continues to closely monitor illegal tobacco and is involved in a support role, assisting with the development of strategies for all areas of law enforcement, including data and information exchange from other agencies and police forces.
- (4) The table below shows the number of incidents where illegal cigarettes have been seized in The Hume PD each year for the last five years:

| Event Reported Year   | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 (to 7/11/24) |
|---|------|------|------|------|-------------------|
| Incidents where tobacco was taken into police oossession.   | 0    | 1    | 2    | 5    | 5                 |
| Unique 'Cigarette' or 'Rolled Tobacco' Objects recorded for incidents where tobacco was taken into police possession. | 0    | 1    | 2    | 6    | 5                 |

#### Note:

- Data current to: 07/11/2024
- (5) The table below shows the number of tobacconists or other business investigated in The Hume PD each year for the last five years:

|                          | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 (to 11/11) |
|--------------------------|------|------|------|------|-----------------|
| Number of investigations | 0    | 0    | 0    | 1    | 15              |

#### Note:

- Data current to: 11/11/2024
- (6 8) These questions should be directed to the Minister for Health.
- \* 3944 YASS HOSPITAL MATERNITY—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

In relation to the Federal Government's funding, administered by NSW Health, Yass Hospital Maternity:

- (1) What is the scope of work for this line item?
- (2) Can you provide a breakdown of the funding, and milestones, in relation to the total project cost?
- (3) What is the expected start and completion date?

Answer-

I'm advised:

The NSW Government is committed to ensuring a safe, evidence-based approach to maternity care for local women in the Yass Valley area.

NSW Health welcomes the Australian Government's investment in regional, rural and remote health, including \$4.7 million to enhance maternity services for women in Yass. The funds will establish a Women's and Family Maternity Care Centre in Yass and implement a midwifery continuity of care model at Goulburn and Queanbeyan hospitals that is accessible to Yass women.

Initial planning and design work has started. The upgrade of the clinical space is anticipated to take 12-15 months noting that some maternity services may start earlier from alternative temporary areas.

- \* 3945 SA3 GOULBURN—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
  - (1) What steps has the Government taken to ensure adequate consultation and negotiation regarding the proposed roster that will accompany the roll-out of 500 regional paramedics?
    - (a) How many consultations and/or negotiation meetings have been held in Statistical Area Level 3 (SA3) Goulburn?
  - (2) What were the deciding factors that led to the government to propose a day-day-night-night roster at Goulburn?
  - (3) What are the cost benefits to day-day-night-night (DDNN) vs day-day-afternoon-night (DDAN) roster?
  - (4) Specifically to Goulburn SA3, does Goulburn ambulance stations 1900-0700 (night shift) workload justify another night shift crew, or would the extra crew be better utilised between 1200-0000 (afternoon shift)?
  - (5) How does NSW Ambulance plan to address the growing demand and increasing elderly demographic in regional areas like Goulburn?

Answer-

I'm advised:

I refer the Member to the response to LA 3938.

\* 3946 DISABILITY DISCRIMINATION—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Premier—

With respect to people with disabilities

- (1) What are the Government's current policies on disability discrimination, including ablest language used to denigrate, bully or humiliate people with disabilities?
- (2) What action is the Government taking to reduce the prevalence of disability discrimination including bullying, harassment, and vilification of people with disabilities?
- (3) What initiatives are being undertaken by your Government throughout the public service to promote disability inclusion and educate people to not engage in disability discrimination?
- (4) Have you had any conversations with the Prime Minister about disability discrimination?
- (5) Have you had any discussions with the Speaker about disability discrimination and promoting a more inclusive parliament for people with disabilities?
- (6) What initiatives regarding the prevalence of domestic and family violence victims who also have disabilities?

(7) With respect to (6), what additional supports is your Government providing to support and address the additional vulnerabilities of people with disabilities who are also victims of domestic and family violence?

Answer-

I am advised:

This question should be directed to the Minister for Disability Inclusion and the Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault.

- \* 3947 FIREARM LICENCES—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—
  - (1) How many staff comprise the Firearms Registry Department?
  - (2) Can you estimate the costs associated with NSW Police in managing and auditing firearm licenses?
  - (3) Are NSW Police best positioned and resourced to manage these registers and is the Government open to alternatives models or an independent regulatory body?
  - (4) Would the separation of managing the above from routine police duties provide an increase in police numbers, law enforcement and public safety?
  - (5) Is the Government considering including non-police agencies in the firearm registration system?
    - (a) Would this provide more streamlined administrative processes, potentially leading to faster and more consistent decision-making?
  - (6) How does the Government justify the costs associated with obtaining and renewing a gun license, including mandatory training and compliance measures?
  - (7) Are there any plans to review and potentially reduce these costs to make the process more affordable for individuals?
  - (8) What specific provisions or supports are in place for rural license holders who rely on firearms for pest control and livestock protection?
  - (9) How many license holders are there currently for the listed categories: Category A, B, C, D, H, Firearms Collector and Firearms Dealer?
  - (10) How many suspensions, refusals, revocations, and rights of reviews have occurred each year for the last five years by each category or otherwise?

Answer-

I am advised:

- (1) 94 staff (as at 27 October 2024).
- (2) An accurate total cost is not available.
- (3) The Firearms Registry currently provides all licensing and registration services to over 250,000 licensed firearms owners and over 1 million registered firearms, monitors regulatory compliance, and provides information and intelligence to the NSW Police Force and other law enforcement partners to conduct compliance, investigation and enforcement activities. The Firearms Registry also provides timely intelligence sharing and operates across established networks with national security agencies, and is best positioned and resourced to continue to administer the Firearms Act 1996 and its associated regulation from within the NSW Police Force.
- (4) No.
- (5) No.

- (a) No.
- (6) There have been technological advancements to the application process for firearms licences, permits to acquire, and other firearms transactions. Further, legislative and regulatory amendments have increased the administration of restrictions on issuing a licence or permit.
- (7) No.
- (8) Fees and fee exemptions are prescribed by the Firearms Act 1996 and Firearms Regulation 2017. A person whose occupation is the business of a primary producer, and who is the owner, lessee or manager of land used for primary production, is exempt from the requirement to pay any fee in respect of a licence, for a permit to acquire a firearm that is to be registered in the person's name, and any fee for the registration of a firearm in the person's name.
- (9) The table below shows the number of licences for each category as at 6 October 2024:

| Category              | Total Issued |
|-----------------------|--------------|
| A                     | 247,029      |
| В                     | 235,392      |
| С                     | 15,802       |
| D                     | 553          |
| Н                     | 18,261       |
| F (Dealer)            | 595          |
| Theatrical (Armourer) | 20           |
| G (Collector)         | 2,688        |
| TOTAL                 | 520,340      |

Note: Figures are not representative of individual licence holders. Some individuals may hold multiple licence categories.

(10) The table below shows the number of refusals, revocations and reviews in the last five years (as at 6 October 2024):

|                     | Total Number of Licences only       |       |       |       |       |  |  |
|---------------------|-------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--|--|
|                     | 2020 2021 2022 2023 2024 (to 6 Oct) |       |       |       |       |  |  |
| Refusals            | 1,046                               | 2,566 | 2,136 | 1,759 | 1,189 |  |  |
| Revocations         | 1,507                               | 1,281 | 1,132 | 2,021 | 944   |  |  |
| Internal<br>Reviews | 640                                 | 1,115 | 849   | 821   | 483   |  |  |

\* 3948 JAMBEROO AND MINNAMURRA SPEED LIMIT REDUCTIONS—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

Following the reduction in speed limits on Jamberoo Mountain Road and Minnamurra Road:

- (1) How many requests from local residents did you receive prior to the review in consultation with NSW Police and local council?
- (2) Was an option to reduce the speed limit on weekends or other times considered in the review?
- (3) In relation to Jamberoo Road and the 23 crashes within this length of road over the last five years (Transport for NSW (TfNSW) media release 23 September 2024), can you provide additional details / attributions not readily available on the TfNSW Centre for Road Safety Dashboard for each accident?
  - (a) Speed?
  - (b) Type?
  - (c) Behaviour?
  - (d) People?
- (4) In relation to (3), can you provide the same details for Minnamurra Road?
- (5) Noting the recent fatality of a motorcyclist on Jamberoo Mountain Road what other support can the Government provide to improve this road?
- (6) Will you reclassify Jamberoo Mountain Road from regional to state?

Answer-

I am advised

When a member of the public requests a speed zone review, Transport for NSW does not require the person to enter their postcode or address.

Transport for NSW did not consider a variable speed zone was appropriate at this location. The speed zone was assessed against the NSW Speed Zoning Standard. As per the Standard considering variable speed zones, variable speed zones for a time of day or week can be applied in urban environments where the designed speed limit can be changed based on congestion, movement and place function, reduced visibility weather conditions or seasonal conditions. The decision to reduce this speed limit was based on a high crash risk and road geometry.

Between 2019 and 2023, on Jamberoo Road, between the intersection of Jamberoo Mountain Road and Jamberoo Road, Jamberoo and Terry Street, Albion Park, there were a total of 23 crashes reported (one fatal, 13 serious injury crashes, four moderate injury crashes, one minor/other injury crash and four non casualty towaway crashes) resulting in 24 casualties (one fatality, 13 serious injuries, seven moderate injuries and three minor/other injuries).

Jamberoo Mountain Road is a regional road managed by Kiama Municipal Council. Transport provides assistance to councils for the management and maintenance of regional roads via programs such as the Towards Zero Safer Roads Program, Regional Roads Block Grant and Regional Roads REPAIR programs. Councils that receive grants from Transport under these programs can spend contributions in line with their Local and Regional Road asset management plans and priorities.

Transport for NSW is currently identifying options to manage road reclassification as a business-as-usual process and will consult with local government on an approach before proceeding with future reviews.

\* 3950 NEW AVIATION COURSES AND FUTURE AIRCRAFT MECHANICS—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education—

With reference to recent announcements by the Government to meet the skills gap in aircraft mechanics:

- (1) How many students enrolled in the Nowra Certificate II in Aeroskills 24NWR-005 that commenced 20 August 2024?
- (2) How many students enrolled in the Tamworth Certificate II in Aeroskills 24TAM-027 that commenced 22 July 2024?

#### Answer-

I am advised TAFE NSW operates in a competitive environment. Data is not provided by in-year enrolment numbers or location. TAFE NSW provides enrolment data as part of its annual reporting, which can be found at: <a href="https://www.tafensw.edu.au/corporate/annual-report">https://www.tafensw.edu.au/corporate/annual-report</a>.

- \* 3951 RESPONDING TO EMERGENCIES—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—
  - (1) How are response times by emergency services to emergency incidents recorded?
  - (2) Regarding NSW Fire Services, is response data for each station recorded by their relevant zone, following 2022 NSW Auditor General observations that performance metrics and response times are not measured or reported?
  - (3) Where is the data published?
  - (4) What are the Fire and Rescue/Rural Fire Service zones within the Kiama Electorate?
  - (5) Does the Government have a policy on Mutual Aid Agreements between Fire and Rescue and the RFS, and specifically, when they are required?
  - (6) Has the Minister been briefed on the Bega Valley Fires Keelty Review and concerns about response times following the Tathra Fire related 100 incidents across NSW?
  - (7) In relation to (6), what are the reasons for delays in implementing recommendations that the fastest resource should respond, effective immediately (Finding 5) and when will the Government implement this?
  - (8) In relation to Recommendation 2 of the Keetly Review to take immediate steps to eliminate fire boundaries coupled with AVL (GPS) capability for the RFS, what are the reasons for delays in implementing this and when will the Government do so?
  - (9) Has the Minister been briefed on the Reedy Swamp Coronial Inquiry findings and recommendations?
  - (10) In relation to (9), what are the reasons for delays in implementing Findings 488, 489 and 490, and 497, and when will these be implemented?
  - (11) Can the Minister respond to frontline firefighter concerns Kiama and the Illawarra that approximately 400 and 900 emergency incidents have experienced delays (up to 20 minutes) and that no Mutual Aid Agreement is in place?
  - (12) How will the Government better respond to and implement these findings and recommendations?

#### Answer-

#### I am advised:

- (1 3) Response times and data for emergency services are recorded centrally using computer-aided dispatch (CAD) systems. Consolidated response time data is reported in the Productivity Commission's Report on Government Services.
- (4) Within the Kiama Electorate, Fire and Rescue NSW (FRNSW) operates in the Metropolitan South 1 Illawarra Zone covering urban areas in Albion Park (Shellharbour LGA) and Kiama (Kiama LGA). The NSW Rural Fire Service (RFS) covers the Illawarra/Sutherland District and Shoalhaven District.

- (5) Yes.
- (6-8) Both FRNSW and the RFS continue to consider opportunities for enhanced integration and response including as recommended by the Keelty Review. Both agencies operate on the principle that the fastest and most appropriate resource should be dispatched. Both agencies continue to work on CAD integration to increase interoperability between fire services and raiseawareness of available and most suitable resources.
- (9 10) The Coroner made six recommendations to the fire services, all of which have been implemented.
- (11 12) A Mutual Aid Agreement is in place for Kiama and the Illawarra.
- \* 3952 TOURISM BOOST AND STRATEGY—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—

With respect to the Government's target to increase visitor expenditure across the State to \$91 billion per year by 2035:

- (1) Can you expand on how the Government will partner with airports as part of its transition phase?
- (2) Is Shellharbour Airport a key asset as part of the aviation capacity boost?
- (3) Is the South Coast rail line a key asset as part of the investment in future-ready visitor economy infrastructure?
- (4) What support is available for Councils such as Shoalhaven City Council who have demonstrated a down trend in local and visitor spend?
- (5) Is reinstating cooperative marketing funding for councils part of the new strategy?
- (6) Can you expand on the strategy plan for a robust, industry-wide cooperative marketing program?
- (7) What are the priority regional areas in relation to the strategy?
- (8) How will you meet the key challenges as outlined in your recent announcement:
  - (a) 40,000 extra hotel rooms?
  - (b) Significant worker and skills shortages?
  - (c) Increased business event facilities?
- (9) Can you list the full recommendations that have been provided to the Government?

#### Answer—

- (1) The new Visitor Economy Strategy will be delivered in the coming months and will identify opportunities that could be implemented to support and deliver future visitor economy growth.
- (2) The new Visitor Economy Strategy will be delivered in the coming months and will identify opportunities that could be implemented to support and deliver future visitor economy growth. Boosting regional aviation capacity is crucial to NSW meeting its \$91 billion stretch goal.
- (3) The new Visitor Economy Strategy will be delivered in the coming months and will identify opportunities that could be implemented to support and deliver future visitor economy growth.
- (4) Shoalhaven City Council is supported by Destination Sydney Surrounds South, one of the seven Destination Networks which are the shop front for Destination NSW in regional NSW. Destination Networks collaborate closely with local government and a diverse network of visitor economy stakeholders.
- (5) The new Visitor Economy Strategy will be delivered in the coming months and will identify opportunities that could be implemented to support and deliver future visitor economy growth.

- (6) See above
- (7) See above
- (8) The Visitor Economy Strategy 2030 Review Report summary outlines areas the NSW Government should explore to address key challenges. The Visitor Economy Strategy 2030 Review Report summary is publicly available.
- (9) The Visitor Economy Strategy 2030 Review Report summary is publicly available.

#### \* 3953 THERAPEUTIC JURISPRUDENCE—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Attorney General—

With respect to the recent guide published by the Judicial Commission of New South Wales - Therapeutic jurisprudence: a practical guide to developing therapeutic intervention skills for judicial officers in specialist courts:

- (1) Does current Government policy align with the practical guide?
- (2) How is the Government dealing with a distrust of police, family and community services, health services and other non-Aboriginal run services due to past and present policies that have caused significant trauma?
- (3) What is the Government's position on First Nation peoples significantly under-represented on juries in criminal trials?
- (4) In relation to the guide, can you outline any needs to change how Government services operate, different policing initiatives, or changes to local services, which might disrupt offending from occurring?

#### Answer—

#### I am advised:

- (1) The Judicial Commission of NSW published 'Therapeutic jurisprudence: a practical guide to developing therapeutic intervention skills for judicial officers in specialist courts' on 24 September 2024.
  - The Judicial Commission of NSW is an independent statutory corporation established by the Judicial Officers Act 1986. The work of the Judicial Commission is designed to ensure public confidence in the judiciary is maintained by promoting the highest standards of judicial behaviour and decision-making.
- (2) The NSW Government is a party to the National Agreement on Closing the Gap. The purpose of the National Agreement is to improve life outcomes for all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.
  - In NSW, the partners to the National Agreement are the NSW Government, the Coalition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peak Organisations and Local Government NSW. The National Agreement commits parties to bring about meaningful and positive changes in Aboriginal communities across a range of outcome areas. These include education, employment, health and wellbeing, justice, safety, housing, land, and waters, languages, and digital inclusion.
- (3) Representative juries are a critical part of the justice system and the NSW Government recognises the importance of ongoing work to reduce barriers to participation, particularly by First Nations people.
- (4) This question relates to a range of ministerial portfolios across the NSW Government.
  - In relation to the Attorney General portfolio, the Department of Communities and Justice provides a range of programs and services to prevent crime and reduce re-offending in NSW. This includes court-based programs that provide people with access to rehabilitation, treatment, community-based supports, and education.

\* 3954 WATER RESILIENT ILLAWARRA—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast—

With respect to the transitioning to Water Resilient Illawarra Regional Masterplan:

- (1) How have are you implementing the plan?
- (2) What investments have you undertaken in the region since the report?
- (3) Will you prioritise upgrading the Bombo Wastewater Treatment Plant as part of the plan for the region?
- (4) Do you plan to implement the recommended servicing directions in the report?
- (5) Has your department formally responded to the report?
- (6) Does the report need revision to align with the Government's housing targets?

#### Answer—

#### I am advised:

- (1) Sydney Water's adaptive plan and proposed investigations are described in the Illawarra Regional Master Plan, released in May 2024. Sydney Water is progressively initiating investigations, progressing planning and delivery infrastructure according to the plan, with immediate focus on growth servicing.
- (2) Sydney Water is progressing with investment needed to support near-term growth. This includes staged delivery of drinking water and wastewater infrastructure to service growth in the West Dapto, Yallah Marshall Mount and Calderwood development areas and upgrade of our water resource recovery facilities. Sydney Water is also undertaking planning investigations for the next stage of infrastructure that will support medium to long-term growth.
- (3) Sydney Water is committed to address odour issues at Bomba Water Resource Recovery Facility, with funding allocated in the recent IPART submission. Construction has commenced on a new chemical dosing unit and carbon filter, estimated to be completed by the end of 2024. Once constructed, Sydney Water will monitor and review the performance of these units and assess if further enhancements are required. Bomba Water Resource Recovery Facility has sufficient hydraulic capacity to support near-term growth, and Sydney Water will be planning for the next stage of infrastructure that will support medium to long-term growth.
- (4) Yes, pending further investigations and relevant approvals for the recommended servicing direction. In the meantime, Sydney Water will continue to service growth as required.
- (5) Sydney Water developed and supports the plan but is a state owned corporation and is not considered a 'department' of Government.
- (6) Sydney Water plans adaptively and considers a range of future growth scenarios. This means that the plan is flexible to changes to the Government's housing targets, by accelerating or deferring infrastructure delivery timeframe to suit. Sydney Water reviews growth projection on a quarterly basis to inform the capital delivery timeframe.

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(Paper No. 81)

3955 JOB ADVERTISEMENTS IN RURAL AND REGIONAL COMMUNITIES—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—

- 3956 ASSISTANCE FOR RECRUITMENT FOR SMALL BUSINESS IN RURAL AND REMOTE AREAS— Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—
- \* 3957 GROWING THE VISITOR ECONOMY—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—

With respect to the plan to grow the visitor economy to \$91 Billion:

- (1) Will the Minister please advise how is the \$44 billion, expected to be spent in regional New South Wales, will be allocated?
- (2) Will the Minister please advise which regional areas are priorities for increased business event facilities?
- (3) Will the Minister please advise what action is the Government taking to support tourism in regional New South Wales?

#### Answer—

- (1) The NSW Government has adopted a goal of \$91 billion in annual visitor economy expenditure by 2035. Of that, the review has advised that \$44 billion is expected to be spent by visitors in regional NSW. This expenditure will directly benefit regional economies through visitors spending on accommodation, experiences like food and wine tourism, nature-based tourism and agritourism during their visits to regional NSW.
- (2) The new Visitor Economy Strategy will be delivered subsequently and will identify opportunities that could be implemented to support and deliver future visitor economy growth.
- (3) The NSW Government supports regional tourism through Destination NSW, the state's tourism and major events agency. This support is generated through promoting experiences, driving visitation through event investment, product development like the NSW First Program, consumer marketing Regional Marketing Strategy Workshops, business event acquisition and a dedicated regional team.
  - Support is also provided through the Destination Networks which are the 'shopfront' for Destination NSW in regional NSW and work closely with local government and a diverse network of visitor economy stakeholders. Destination Networks also work with Destination NSW to develop and deliver regional funding programs and promotional activities e.g. Regional Event Fund; product development including Aboriginal tourism; culinary tourism and regional conferencing, supporting the development of visitor experiences, products and building industry capacity and local skills.
- 3958 PALLIATIVE CARE UNITS IN REGIONAL NSW—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 3959 RENTAL PROPERTY CRISIS—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast—
- 3960 SMALL BUSINESSES RENTING A PREMISES—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—
- 3961 LACK OF TRADES PEOPLE IN REGIONAL NSW—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—

- 3962 LOCAL YOUTH ARTS ORGANISATIONS—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—
- 3963 INTERSECTION OF PACIFIC HIGHWAY, SHIRLEY, AND CLANVILLE ROADS IN ROSEVILLE— Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—
- 3964 INQUEST INTO THE DEATH OF BRIDGETTE 'BIDDY' PORTER—Mr Philip Donato to ask the Attorney General—
- 3965 STATISTICS ON MENTAL HEALTH PATIENTS ABSCONDING—Mr Philip Donato to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast—
- 3966 WHEALY REVIEW RECOMMENDATIONS—Mr Philip Donato to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast—
- 3967 WENTWORTH POINT CONTAMINANTS—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—
- 3968 ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION AUTHORITY MELROSE PARK—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—
- 3969 PRIVATE FEE ON THE AIRPORT LINE—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 3970 LOCAL GOVERNMENT HOUSING TARGETS—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—
- 3971 AIR CONDITIONING IN NSW HEALTH FACILITIES—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 3972 TAFE FACILITIES WITH AIR CONDITIONING—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education—
- 3973 AIR CONDITIONING IN DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND SCHOOLS INFRASTRUCTURE— Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 3975 COMPUTERISED OPERATIONAL POLICING SYSTEM—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 3976 AT-PROPERTY NOISE MITIGATION—Ms Kobi Shetty to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—

- 3977 ROZELLE INTERCHANGE INVESTIGATIONS—Ms Kobi Shetty to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—
- 3978 WESTCONNEX TRAFFIC MODELLING AND IMPACTS—Ms Kobi Shetty to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—

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(Paper No. 82)

- 3979 ACCESS TO EMERGENCY ACCOMMODATION—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast—
- 3981 ACCESSING MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast—
- 3982 GOVERNMENT GRANT FUNDING—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Premier—
- 3983 NATIONAL WATER GRID FUNDING—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast—
- 3984 SUPPORT CLASSES—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 3985 COMMUNITY BUILDING PARTNERSHIP—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Premier—
- 3986 SEPP DEVELOPMENT CAPACITY—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—
- 3987 SEAT BELT DETECTION CAMERAS—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- 3988 MOBILITY PARKING SCHEME—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- 3989 LITTERING FROM A VEHICLE—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—
- 3990 50 PER CENT DISCOUNT ON LICENCE RENEWAL—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- 3991 COASTAL DREDGING STRATEGY—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- 3992 SELF FUNDED RETIREES—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- 3993 SCHOOL ADMIN REDUCTION PROGRAM—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 3994 ACTIVE ADULTS CAMPAIGN—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport representing the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—
- 3995 FLOOD AFFECTED PROPERTIES—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—
- 3996 INFORMAL VOTES IN THE 2024 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS—Ms Kobi Shetty to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—
- 3997 POWER UP FESTIVAL AT WHITE BAY POWER STATION—Ms Kobi Shetty to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—
- 3998 CARRIAGEWAY KILOMETRES OF STATE ROADS—Mrs Tanya Thompson to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- 3999 MENTAL HEALTH SECTOR IN MYALL LAKES ELECTORATE—Mrs Tanya Thompson to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast—
- 4000 CROWN LANDS AND GOVERNMENT OWNED PROPERTY IN MYALL LAKES—Mrs Tanya Thompson to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—

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(Paper No. 83)

- 3980 SHEPI HOMES—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—
- 4001 MONA VALE ROAD ACCIDENTS MONA VALE AND BELROSE—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—
- 4002 MONA VALE ROAD ACCIDENTS PYMBLE AND BELROSE—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—
- 4003 MONA VALE ROAD WEST UPGRADE—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—
- 4004 DAVIDSON HIGH SCHOOL UPGRADES—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 4005 FLOOD PLAIN MANAGEMENT PLANS—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing

- the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—
- 4006 IMPACT OF DRAFT NATIONAL WATER AGREEMENT—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast—
- 4007 NSW FLOOD PRONE LAND POLICY—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast—
- 4008 COMMUNITY CONSULTATION—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast—
- 4009 CONSTRAINTS TERMS—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast—
- 4010 WATER AND AGRICULTURE COMMISSIONER—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast—
- 4011 WATER QUALITY—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast—
- 4012 CONCORD HOSPITAL WAIT TIMES—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 4013 RHODES PRIMARY SCHOOL—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 4014 FRAUDS AND SCAMS—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 4015 NO LEFT TURN AT VICTORIA AND LYONS ROADS, DRUMMOYNE—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—
- 4016 GAP FILLERS AT TRAIN STATIONS IN THE DRUMMOYNE ELECTORATE—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 4017 PARRAMATTA RIVER FERRY SERVICE—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 4018 FERRY SERVICE REVIEW—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Transport—

- 4019 FISHING ON WHARVES—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 4020 GYNAECOLOGY AT CONCORD HOSPITAL—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 4021 ABORIGINAL LAND CLAIMS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Treaty, Minister for Gaming and Racing, Minister for Veterans, Minister for Medical Research, and Minister for the Central Coast—
- 4022 ROADS ACT 1993 PART 9 DIVISION 7 REVIEW—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—
- 4023 NITROUS OXIDE—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 4024 STUDENT ATTENDANCE—Mr Tim James to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 4025 TREE VANDALISM—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—
- 4026 YOUTH CRIME RATES IN WILLOUGHBY—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Police and Counterterrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 4027 HOUSING APPROVALS IN WILLOUGHBY—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—
- 4028 PUBLIC TRANSPORT IN NORTHBRIDGE—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 4029 PARKING FACILITIES NEAR TRANSPORT HUBS—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 4030 ARTARMON STATION—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 4031 SERVICE NSW WAIT TIMES—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—
- 4032 CONSUMER PROTECTION IN WILLOUGHBY—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Better Regulation and Fair Trading, Minister for Industry and Trade, Minister for Innovation, Science and Technology, Minister for Building, and Minister for Corrections—
- 4033 MUSWELLBROOK SHIRE COUNCIL SUPPORT REGIONAL ROAD NETWORK—Mr Dave Layzell to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- 4034 TIMEFRAME FOR REPLACING DENMAN BRIDGE—Mr Dave Layzell to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- 4035 MACHINE LEARNING CAMERAS—Mr Dave Layzell to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- 4036 STATE ROAD MODIFICATIONS FOR OSOM COMPONENT TRANSPORT—Mr Dave Layzell to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- 4037 CORRIDOR DETERMINATION MUSWELLBROOK BYPASS COMPLETION—Mr Dave Layzell to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- 4038 OPERATIONAL STRATEGY FOR WINDFARM COMPONENTS—Mr Dave Layzell to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- 4039 PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE JUST TERMS ACT—Mr Dave Layzell to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—
- 4040 MUSWELLBROOK BYPASS—Mr Dave Layzell to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- 4041 COMMUNITY HOUSING IN NSW—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast—
- 4042 SOCIAL HOUSING BY NSW LGA—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast—
- 4043 FUNDING SOURCES FOR INCREASED SOCIAL HOUSING INVESTMENT—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast—
- 4044 PAEDIATRIC SERVICES IN THE NORTHERN TABLELANDS—Mr Brendan Moylan to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 4045 DETERIORATION OF ROADS—Mr Brendan Moylan to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- 4046 WAITING PERIODS FOR SOCIAL HOUSING—Mr Brendan Moylan to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast—
- 4047 NEW ENGLAND RENEWABLE ENERGY ZONE—Mr Brendan Moylan to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—
- 4048 GRAFFITI AT FOREST WAY AND WARRINGAH ROAD—Mr Michael Regan to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—
- 4049 SYDNEY ACADEMY OF SPORT AND RECREATION ATHLETICS TRACK—Mr Michael Regan to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport representing the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—
- 4050 ARTWORK ON WESTCONNEX EXHAUST STACKS—Ms Kobi Shetty to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—

- 4051 HOMELESSNESS—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast—
- 4052 ILLAWARRA AND SOUTH COAST PORTFOLIO SERVICE—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 4053 STAFFING THE ILLAWARRA SHOALHAVEN LOCAL HEALTH DISTRICT—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 4054 INTERCITY FLEET FOR SOUTH COAST—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 4055 ILLEGAL TOBACCO—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 4056 HAZARD REDUCTIONS (CONTINUED)—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—
- 4057 RESIDENTIAL CARAVAN PARKS—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Better Regulation and Fair Trading, Minister for Industry and Trade, Minister for Innovation, Science and Technology, Minister for Building, and Minister for Corrections—
- 4058 HELIPADS AND HOSPITALS—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 4059 CONSULTATION, IMPROVEMENTS AND EXPENDITURE—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 4060 CAMDEN HEAD PILOT STATION—The Hon. Leslie Williams to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—
- 4061 CAMDEN HAVEN BREAKWALL REPAIRS—The Hon. Leslie Williams to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 4062 MAMMOGRAM SERVICE ACCESSIBILITY—The Hon. Leslie Williams to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

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- 4063 DENGUE FEVER—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 4064 COONABARABRAN TEACHERS RENTAL SUBSIDIES—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 4065 ESSENTIAL ENERGY SCHEDULED MAINTENANCE—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

- 4066 MANDATORY STAMP DUTY PAYMENT GST—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Attorney General representing the Minister for Finance, Minister for Domestic Manufacturing and Government Procurement, and Minister for Natural Resources—
- 4067 REGIONAL JOB CREATION FUND—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—
- 4068 SOCIAL AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING REZONING PATHWAY—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—
- 4069 ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER HEALTH/MEDICAL SERVICES—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 4070 DRUG AND ALCOHOL TREATMENT CENTRES—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 4071 INFRASTRUCTURE ACROSS REGIONAL NSW—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—
- 4072 COUNCIL WASTE LEVIES—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—
- 4073 GRENFELL PRE-SCHOOL AND EARLY LEARNING CENTRE—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 4074 CASE MANAGEMENT FOR INMATES—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Better Regulation and Fair Trading, Minister for Industry and Trade, Minister for Innovation, Science and Technology, Minister for Building, and Minister for Corrections—
- 4075 AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH STATIONS—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—
- 4076 PUBLIC SCHOOL DEMOUNTABLES—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 4077 PAYROLL TAX RAISE TAX-FREE THRESHOLD—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—
- 4078 AGENCY HIRE RECRUITMENT CONTRACTORS—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—
- 4079 GENERAL GOVERNMENT SECTOR CONSULTANTS—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—
- 4080 SCHOOLING RESOURCE STANDARD FUNDING 2025—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 4081 COMMUNITY COMMITMENTS—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—

- 4082 COP29—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—
- 4083 SYDNEY METRO EXPENDITURE CAP—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—
- 4084 RECRUITMENT ORANGE HEALTH SERVICE—Mr Philip Donato to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 4085 SAFE STAFFING LEVELS ORANGE HEALTH SERVICE—Mr Philip Donato to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 4086 MOBILE PHONE BAN LEARNING HOURS—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 4087 RYDE HOSPITAL REDEVELOPMENT 2028 COMPLETION—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 4088 MACQUARIE PARK HIGH SCHOOL OPENING DATE—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 4089 OLD MEADOWBANK PUBLIC SCHOOL SITE—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 4090 WEST RYDE MULTISPORT FACILITY—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 4091 METROPOLITAN CARSHARE SPACES—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 4092 ORANGE HOSPITAL ISSUED DIRECTIVE—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 4093 TERMINATION OF PREGNANCY SERVICES RESTRICTED ACCESS—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 4094 TERMINATION OF PREGNANCY SERVICES CONSEQUENCES OF SERVICE REFUSAL—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 4095 PROTECTIONS FOR VETERINARIANS WHO ASSIST NSW POLICE—Ms Robyn Preston to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 4096 ADDITIONAL SUPPORT CLASSES—Ms Robyn Preston to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 4097 MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AT PROPOSED ROUSE HILL HOSPITAL—Ms Robyn Preston to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 4098 REVIEW OF DIVISION 7 OF THE ROADS ACT—Ms Kobi Shetty to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—
- 4099 REVIEW OF PART 4AF OF THE CRIMES ACT—Ms Kobi Shetty to ask the Attorney General—

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- 4101 NSW CIVIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL DECISIONS—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Attorney General—
- 4102 FATALITY STATISTICS IN BARWON—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- 4103 REQUESTS FOR PARTICIPATION IN AUTHORISED CAMPAIGNS—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—
- 4104 WEED ACTION PROGRAM—Mr Philip Donato to ask the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—
- 4105 TRANSPORT ASSET HOLDING ENTITY'S ASSETS IN WOOLLOOMOOLOO—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—
- 4106 WESTCONNEX ST PETERS INTERCHANGE CONTAMINATION CONSULTANTS—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 4107 WESTCONNEX ST PETERS INTERCHANGE CONTAMINATION CONTRACTORS—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 4108 WESTCONNEX ST PETERS INTERCHANGE CONTAMINATION ENVIRONMENT—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—
- 4109 HAWKESBURY HOSPITAL—Ms Robyn Preston to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 4110 ON-DEMAND BUSES BOX HILL AND TALLAWONG—Ms Robyn Preston to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 4111 NEW AMBULANCE STATION SOUTH WINDSOR—Ms Robyn Preston to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—
- 4112 FIRST LAP VOUCHERS—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport representing the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—
- 4113 PROTECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT OPERATIONS (NOISE CONTROL) REGULATION—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency

- Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—
- 4114 NSW BUSINESS BUREAU—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—
- 4115 RETAIL TOBACCO INSPECTIONS—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 4116 PLANNED HOME BIRTH RATES—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 4117 BABIES BORN SINCE OPENING OF TWEED VALLEY HOSPITAL—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 4118 PRIMARY SCHOOL MOBILE DENTAL PROGRAM—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 4119 FIRE ANT COMPLIANCE SITE INSPECTIONS—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—
- 4120 FIRE ANT TEAM ACCESS TO PROPERTIES—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—
- 4121 USE OF KIRKBRIDE—Ms Kobi Shetty to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

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- 4122 CAMBRIDGE AVENUE BRIDGE—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—
- 4123 LOCAL SPORT DEFIBRILATOR GRANT PROGRAM—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport representing the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—
- 4124 LOCAL SCHOOLS CONCORD HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER VACANCIES—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 4125 CONCORD HIGH SCHOOL PROJECT VALUE—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 4126 CONCORD HIGH SCHOOL SOD TURNING—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 4127 CONCORD HIGH SCHOOL SOD TURNING LOCAL MEMBERS OMISSION—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- 4128 CONCORD HIGH SCHOOL FEDERAL AND LOCAL COUNCIL FUNDS—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 4129 CONCORD HIGH SCHOOL SOD TURNING PROCESS FOR INVITING LOCAL MEMBERS—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 4130 KOKODA TRACK MEMORIAL WALKWAY—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Treaty, Minister for Gaming and Racing, Minister for Veterans, Minister for Medical Research, and Minister for the Central Coast—
- 4131 LOCAL SCHOOLS MERGED AND CANCELLED CLASSES—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 4132 LOCAL SCHOOLS PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHER VACANCIES—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 4133 MIDWIVES AND OBSTETRICIAN SHORTAGE—Mr Brendan Moylan to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 4134 LOCAL SPORTS DEFIBRILLATOR GRANT PROGRAM—Mr Brendan Moylan to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport representing the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—
- 4135 DOUGHT INFRASTRUCTURE FUND—Mr Brendan Moylan to ask the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—
- 4136 FORENSIC PATIENTS—Mr Brendan Moylan to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast—
- 4137 ENERGY ACCOUNT PAYMENT ASSISTANCE SCHEME—Mr Brendan Moylan to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—
- 4138 RURAL WATER PRICES FARMER SUPPORT—Mr Brendan Moylan to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast—
- 4139 HARRISIA CACTUS—Mr Brendan Moylan to ask the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—
- 4140 SCHEYVILLE NATIONAL PARK—Ms Robyn Preston to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

- 4141 ILLEGAL TOBACCO AND VAPING PRODUCTS—Ms Jacqui Scruby to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 4142 NARRABEEN SPORTS HIGH SCHOOL—Ms Jacqui Scruby to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 4143 TEACHER VACANCIES IN THE PITTWATER ELECTORATE—Ms Jacqui Scruby to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 4144 SOCIAL HOUSING PROPERTY VACANCIES—Ms Kobi Shetty to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast—
- 4145 MEDIUM TERM BUS PLAN—Ms Kobi Shetty to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 4146 PARENTS OF DEAF CHILDREN—Ms Kellie Sloane to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 4147 STATE ROADS MAINTENANCE BUDGET—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—
- 4148 QON 2465 UPDATE—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 4149 BURLEY GRIFFIN WAY—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 4150 GOULBURN PRIMARY SCHOOL—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 4151 COWPER STREET AND CLNTON STREET INTERSECTION—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- 4152 LOCAL SPORT DEFIBRILLATOR PROGRAM—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport representing the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—
- 4153 GOULBURN SCHOOLS ENROLMENT DATA—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 4154 SEATBELT AND MOBILE PHONES—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Attorney General representing the Minister for Finance, Minister for Domestic Manufacturing and Government Procurement, and Minister for Natural Resources—
- 4155 CROWN RESERVE IMPROVEMENT FUND—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—
- 4156 HOME SCHOOL STATISTICS—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 4157 YOUTH CRIME STATISTICS—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

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- 4158 ACCESS TO PET DESEXING IN RURAL AND REMOTE AREAS—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—
- 4159 RURAL AND REGIONAL GOVERNMENT GRANTS AND FUNDING TIMEFRAMES—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—
- 4160 PROVIDING TRAINING FOR REGISTERED NURSES TO PERFORMN BASIC SUTURING—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 4161 PATIENT RATIOS—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 4162 MENINDEE LAKES—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast—
- 4163 ILLEGAL TOBACCO—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 4164 SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION REDUCTION PROGRAM—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 4165 RURAL WATER PRICING SUPPORT FOR FARMERS—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast—
- 4166 SALT LOADS IN THE WATER TABLES—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast—
- 4167 ELECTRICAL TRADE UNION INDUSTRIAL ACTION—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Industrial Relations, and Minister for Work Health and Safety—
- 4168 HOUSING AND INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS AFFECTED BY INDUSTRIAL ACTION—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Industrial Relations, and Minister for Work Health and Safety—
- 4169 BUILDER CONDUCT AND CLIENT INTIMIDATION—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Better Regulation and Fair Trading, Minister for Industry and Trade, Minister for Innovation, Science and Technology, Minister for Building, and Minister for Corrections—
- 4170 INVESTIGATIONS INTO BREACHES OF THE HOME BUILDING ACT—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Better Regulation and Fair Trading, Minister for Industry and Trade, Minister for Innovation, Science and Technology, Minister for Building, and Minister for Corrections—

- 4171 STRATA MANAGEMENT LICENCES—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Better Regulation and Fair Trading, Minister for Industry and Trade, Minister for Innovation, Science and Technology, Minister for Building, and Minister for Corrections—
- 4172 MISCONDUCT OF STRATA MANAGERS—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Better Regulation and Fair Trading, Minister for Industry and Trade, Minister for Innovation, Science and Technology, Minister for Building, and Minister for Corrections—
- 4173 TWO NEW SCHOOLS PLANNED FOR WILLOUGHBY—Mr Tim James to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 4174 FLEXIBILITY IN TRADING HOURS FOR SMALL BUSINESSES—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—
- 4175 NIGHTTIME PROFITABILITY—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—
- 4176 POWER OUTAGE SUPPORT PAYMENTS—Mr Dugald Saunders to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—
- 4177 LIVERPOOL RANGE WIND FARM—Mr Dugald Saunders to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—
- 4178 RANDOM BREATH TEST NUMBERS—Mr Dugald Saunders to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 4179 STORM AND POWER OUTAGES—Mr Dugald Saunders to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—
- 4180 TRANSGRID BREACH OF CONTRACT—Mr Dugald Saunders to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—
- 4181 FUNDING FOR ROAD PROJECTS—Mr Dugald Saunders to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- 4182 500 NEW JOBS FOR PARAMEDICS BUDGET COMMITMENT—Mr Dugald Saunders to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 4183 COMMUNITY BUILDING PARTNERSHIP GRANTS—Mr Dugald Saunders to ask the Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Inclusion—
- 4184 DRUG SUMMIT—Mr Dugald Saunders to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 4185 SEXTORTION CASES—Ms Jacqui Scruby to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 4186 MARINE LIFE ENTANGLED IN SHARK NETS—Ms Jacqui Scruby to ask the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

- 4187 NEW ZEALAND NURSES—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 4188 JENOLAN CAVES ROAD NETWORK REPAIR—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- 4189 NEW SOUTH WALES POLICE OFFICER NUMBERS—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 4190 ATTESTATION CLASSES—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 4191 NEW GRADUATE NURSES—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 4192 NURSES STAFFING LEVELS—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 4193 LOCAL SMALL COMMITMENTS ALLOCATION PREMIER—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Premier—
- 4194 LOCAL SMALL COMMITMENTS ALLOCATION LOCAL GOVERNMENT—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Minister for Local Government—
- 4195 NURSES PAY AWARD—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 4196 ILLAWARRA -SHOALHAVEN DENTAL VAN SERVICES—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 4197 SCHOOL FOOD PROGRAMS—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 4198 CAPACITY OF PRINCES HIGHWAY—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—
- 4199 VOLUNTEERING—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Women, Minister for Seniors, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—
- 4200 BREASTSCREEN NSW—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 4201 KIAMA TRANSPORT SUBSIDIES—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- 4202 DISABILITY INCLUSION OPPORTUNITIES—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Inclusion—
- 4203 TOOLIJOOA PASSING LOOP—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- 4204 RURAL ASSISTANCE AUTHORITY NATURAL DISASTER TRANSPORT SUBSIDY—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

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- 4253 NATIONAL RENTAL AFFORABILITY SCHEME TRANSITIONAL MODEL—The Hon. Leslie Williams to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast—
- 4254 16 REGIONAL CITIES BUS IMPROVEMENT SERVICE PROGRAM PORT MACQUARIE—The Hon. Leslie Williams to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
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- 4269 FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR PEOPLE DIAGNOSED WITH CANCER IN REGIONAL NEW SOUTH WALES—Mr Brendan Moylan to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
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- 4271 COMMUNITY BUILDING PARTNERSHIP GRANT PROGRAM—Mr Brendan Moylan to ask the Premier—
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- 4273 VAPE SEIZURE DATA TWEED—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 4274 SENIORS STORIES—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Women, Minister for Seniors, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—
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- 4279 CURRENT MINOR'S FIREARMS PERMITS TWEED—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—
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- 4281 APPOINTMENT OF HOLDING REDLICH—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Minister for Local Government—
  - (1) On what date was Holding Redlich appointed Solicitors Assisting the Public Inquiry into Liverpool City Council?
  - (2) Was there a competitive process to appoint Holding Redlich as Solicitors Assisting the Public Inquiry into Liverpool City Council?
    - (a) If not, why not?
  - (3) What is the value of the contract that has been awarded to Holding Redlich as the Solicitors Assisting the Public Inquiry into Liverpool City Council?
- 4282 AI IN HEALTH—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
  - (1) Is patient data being used to train AI systems within the New South Wales health system?
  - (2) What specific measures are in place to ensure that patients and healthcare providers give informed consent for their data to be used in this manner, particularly given that consent is standard practice in clinical trials?
  - (3) What steps is the New South Wales health system taking to address known biases in health data that disadvantage vulnerable populations?
  - (4) How is the impact of these biases on AI decision-making being monitored, particularly in areas such as cardiac health, where historical data already underrepresents outcomes for women?
  - (5) What safeguards exist to ensure that AI tools do not exacerbate inequities or diminish the role of nursing judgement and patient advocacy in clinical decision-making?
- 4283 AGED CARE AND REHABILITATION WARD IN GRIFFITH BASE HOSPITAL REDEVELOPMENT—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
  - (1) Is the Aged Care and Rehabilitation Ward in the redevelopment of Griffith Base Hospital going to open to patients on completion in 2025?
  - (2) Is there a later timeframe for the Ward to open?
  - (3) Will there be a geriatrician based at the hospital?
- 4284 COMMUNITY CONSULTATION—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast—
  - (1) How many people attended community consultation sessions in relation to:
    - (a) Reconnecting River Country Program?
    - (b) Billabong Creek Floodplain Management?
    - (c) Murrumbidgee Water Sharing Plan?
    - (d) Murrumbidgee Floodplain Management Plan?

- (2) Will the Minister change consultation sessions on Government programs to be outside of peak harvest times when farmers are unavailable?
- 4285 SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES PROGRAM—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—
  - (1) What proportion of the \$300 million announced in the Sustainable Communities program will be available for New South Wales?
  - (2) How much of the \$300 million will actually make it to the communities effected by water buybacks?
  - (3) Will you continue to monitor the social and economic impacts of water recovery and provide additional funding?
- 4286 FOSTER CARERS IN THE MURRAY ELECTORATE—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Inclusion—
  - (1) How many foster cares are there in the following Community Service Centre (CSC) areas Deniliquin, Griffith, Dareton and Leeton?
  - (2) How many children are in foster care in the aforementioned CSCs?
  - (3) Are there enough foster carers in the CSCs?
  - (4) What is the average length of stay?
  - (5) Where are children placed when there is no foster care available in the CSCs?
- 4287 NUMBER AND COST OF LOCUMS EMPLOYED AT GRIFFITH BASE HOSPITAL—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
  - (1) How many locums have been employed at Griffith Base Hospital in the time January 2020 November 2024
  - (2) What total cost?
  - (3) What was the cost of accommodating the locums during this time?
- 4288 INDUSTRIAL ACTIONS—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Industrial Relations, and Minister for Work Health and Safety—

In relation to industrial actions:

- (1) Could the Minister provide data on the number of industrial actions that have occurred under the current Government since it came into office?
- (2) How does this compare year-on-year to the number of industrial actions reported over the preceding five years?
- 4289 PROACTIVE INSPECTIONS OF CLASS 1 BUILDING SITES—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Better Regulation and Fair Trading, Minister for Industry and Trade, Minister for Innovation, Science and Technology, Minister for Building, and Minister for Corrections—
  - In relation to proactive inspections of Class 1 building sites by Fair Trading and/or the Building Commission:
  - (1) Could the Minister provide data on the number of proactive inspections conducted on Class 1 building sites since the Government took office?

- (2) What measures are being implemented to ensure these inspections address compliance and safety issues effectively during this term?
- 4290 SERVICE NSW OPERATIONS WILLOUGHBY—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

In relation to Service NSW operations in Willoughby:

- (1) Have there been staffing reductions at the Service NSW Chatswood Centre?
  - (a) If so, could you please provide details of how this has impacted service delivery?
  - (b) What measures are being implemented to ensure residents in Willoughby continue to receive timely and efficient service despite these reductions?
- 4291 PUBLIC AMENITIES IN WILLOUGHBY—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

In relation to public amenities in Willoughby:

- (1) Could the Minister provide an update on funding support for the long awaited building of the Gore Hill Indoor Sports facilities?
- (2) What steps are being taken to ensure these upgrades meet the needs of local sporting clubs and community groups?
- 4292 RESURFACING ROADS—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—

In relation to the resurfacing of Willoughby Road and Penshurst Street:

- (1) Could the Minister provide an update on the current status of the resurfacing projects for these roads, including any scheduled time lines for commencement and completion?
- (2) What is the total budget allocated for these resurfacing projects?
- 4293 SMALL BUSINESS CONFIDENCE—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—

In relation to small business confidence in New South Wales:

- (1) Could the Minister provide details on the steps being taken to address the confidence levels reported by the NSW Small Business Commission in October 2024?
- 4294 AVAILABILITY OF SKILLED LABOUR—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—

In relation to the availability of skilled labour for small businesses:

- (1) Could the Minister provide data on the percentage of small businesses reporting labour shortages in New South Wales over the past 2 years?
  - (a) What programs or incentives are in place to help small businesses attract and retain skilled workers?
- 4295 TRAINING AND UPSKILLING FOR SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—

In relation to training and upskilling for small business owners:

- (1) Could the Minister provide details on the programs available to small business owners to upskill in areas such as digital marketing, financial management and customer service?
  - (a) How many small businesses have participated in these programs over the past year?
- 4296 GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE FOR SMALL BUSINESSES—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—In relation to Government assistance for small businesses in the Willoughby electorate:
  - (1) Could the Minister provide details on the number of small businesses in Willoughby that have accessed Government grants or support programs in the past year?
- 4297 FUDING CUTS FOR RAIL TRAIL PROJECTS—Mr Brendan Moylan to ask the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

In relation to funding cuts for rail trail projects in both Armidale and Glen Innes:

- (1) Has funding for these projects been cut?
  - (a) If yes, why?
- (2) What will the money be used for instead?
- (3) Will this money remain within the Northern Tablelands?
- 4298 LANE COVE BUS SERVICES—The Hon. Anthony Roberts to ask the Minister for Transport—
  - (1) Minister, with respect to every bus route that operates within the Lane Cove Electorate, can you please provide how many times these services have been delay and/or cancelled since January of 2024?
- 4299 LANE COVE BUS SERVICE COMPLAINTS—The Hon. Anthony Roberts to ask the Minister for Transport—
  - (1) Minister, with respect to every bus route that operates within the Lane Cove Electorate, can you please provide how many complaints Transport for NSW has received with respect to these bus routes since January of this year?
- 4300 GREENWICH TO LANE COVE BUS—The Hon. Anthony Roberts to ask the Minister for Transport—
  - (1) Minister, with respect to the transport connectivity between the suburb of Greenwich and the Lane Cove Plaza, does Transport for NSW have any plans to provide a bus service from the Greenwich Peninsula to Lane Cove Plaza?
- 4301 LOCAL SPORT DEFIBRILATOR GRANT PROGRAM—Mr Dugald Saunders to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport representing the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—

With respect to the Local Sport Defibrillator Grant Program, can the Minister Advise:

- (1) What was the criteria for the eligible postcodes for the program?
- (2) Why were key postcodes with an aging population excluded?
- (3) Will these postcodes be considered for the 2025 round of grants?
- 4302 STORM AND POWER OUTAGES WALGETT AND CARINDA—Mr Dugald Saunders to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister

for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

With respect to the recovery from the storm and power outages in Walgett and Carinda, can the Minister advise:

- (1) What assistance is available for residents and businesses affected by the storm?
- (2) How many SES units were dispatched to Walgett and Carinda as at 19 November?
- (3) What was the total number of requests for assistance as at 19 November?
- 4303 CUTS TO NSW TRAINS TO FUND PAY INCREASES FOR TRAIN DRIVERS—Mr Dugald Saunders to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
  - Can the Minister advise, does the Government plan to make any cuts to NSW Trains to fund pay rises for train drivers?
- 4304 CUTS TO REGIONAL TRAIN SERVICES RBTU PAY DEALS—Mr Dugald Saunders to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
  - Can the Minister advise, will there be cuts to regional train services as a result of Rail, Tram & Bus Union (RTBU) pay deals?
- 4305 STAFF NUMBERS NSW TRAINS—Mr Dugald Saunders to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
  - Can the Minister advise, how many staff are employed by NSW Trains as at 22 November, 2024?
- 4306 ROUTES OVERSEEN BY NSW TRAINS—Mr Dugald Saunders to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
  - (1) Can the Minister advise, on average, how many regional routes did NSW trains oversee per week in:
    - A) 2022
    - B) 2023
    - C) Jan 1 November 17, 2024
- 4307 BATHURST SECONDARY SCHOOL COMMUNITY GROUP PROJECT—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

In relation to the Bathurst Secondary School Community Group project.

- (1) Can you please provide an update on this project?
- (2) What is the total budget for this project?
- (3) Can you please provide the scope of works and timeframe for works to be completed?
- (4) What works are currently underway or completed at Bathurst High Campus?
- (5) What works are underway or completed at Kelso High Campus?
- 4308 REDEVELOPMENT OF BATHURST SES—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

In relation to the redevelopment of Bathurst SES:

- (1) Can you please provide a progress update on the Bathurst SES upgrade?
- (2) Has land been acquired for this project?

- (3) When will construction start?
- (4) Has the tender process been completed?
  - (a) If not, when will tenders open?
- (5) What is the timeline for this project?
- 4309 NEW STATION FOR LITHGOW FIRE RESCUE—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

In relation to the new station for Lithgow Fire Rescue:

- (1) Can you please provide a progress update on the new station?
- (2) What is the budget allocation for this project?
- (3) What is the timeline for this project?
- (4) Can you please provide a timeframe for designs and plans to be confirmed, a tender process to take place and works to commence on site?
- (5) Where will the new facility be located?
  - (a) If a new location, has this land been secured?
- 4310 NSW RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECT APPLICATIONS AND RENEWABLE ENERGY ZONES—
  The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

In relation to renewable energy project applications in NSW and Renewable Energy Zones (REZ).

- (1) How many renewable projects have been approved in each of the REZ:
  - (a) Central-West Orana REZ?
  - (b) South-West REZ?
  - (c) New England REZ?
  - (d) Hunter-Central Coast REZ?
  - (e) Illawarra REZ?
  - (f) Total for NSW?
- (2) How many renewable projects have not been approved in each of the REZ:
  - (a) Central-West Orana REZ?
  - (b) South-West REZ?
  - (c) New England REZ?
  - (d) Hunter-Central Coast REZ?
  - (e) Illawarra REZ?
  - (f) Total for NSW?
- (3) How many renewable projects are currently proposed for each of the REZ:
  - (a) Central-West Orana REZ?
  - (b) South-West REZ?
  - (c) New England REZ?

- (d) Hunter-Central Coast REZ?
- (e) Illawarra REZ?
- (f) Total for NSW?
- (4) How many renewable projects are currently in the planning system for each of the REZ:
  - (a) Central-West Orana REZ?
  - (b) South-West REZ?
  - (c) New England REZ?
  - (d) Hunter-Central Coast REZ?
  - (e) Illawarra REZ?
  - (f) Total for NSW?
- 4311 CRIME LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (COERCIVE CONTROL) ACT 2022—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

Since the Crimes Legislation Amendment (Coercive Control) Act 2022 came into effect on 1 July 2024:

- (1) How many cases of coercive control offences have been reported to NSW Police?
- (2) How many cases of coercive control offences have been investigated by NSW Police?
- (3) How many charges have been laid for coercive control offences?
- (4) How many convictions have been made in relation to coercive control offences?
- (5) What support is provided to victims of coercive control throughout the reporting and legal process and afterwards?
- (6) What training or resources have been provided to NSW Police Officers to carry out investigations into coercive control offences?
- (7) What standard of evidence is required to prove a coercive control offence?
- (8) Can you provide an update from the Coercive Control Implementation and Evaluation Taskforce?
- 4312 MISSING NSW POLICE BALLISTIC VESTS—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

In relation to the missing NSW Police ballistic vests:

- (1) Of the 2,258 missing vests, how many have been accounted for or retrieved since notifying LECC?
- (2) Has this number increased since initial reports in February 2023?
- (3) What is being done to locate the missing vests?
- (4) Are any vests known to be in the public domain or held by civilians?
- (5) Can you rule out they are not in the public domain?
- (6) Is it illegal for a civilian to possess a vest of this kind?
- (7) What measures or processes have been implemented to prevent equipment from going 'missing' again?
- 4313 NSW STAFFING NUMBERS OF POLICE—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

In relation to the staffing numbers of police in NSW that are not included in the NSW Police Annual Report:

- (1) What was the actual strength of the NSW Police Force (meaning active sworn staff members working in the force, excluding any on all forms of leave) at the below time stamps:
  - (a) March 2021?
  - (b) March 2022?
  - (c) March 2023?
  - (d) March 2024?
  - (e) 30 November 2024?
- 4314 NSW POLICE STATIONS—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

In relation to the NSW Police Stations:

- (1) Please list what stations or buildings are earmarked for upgrades in 2025?
- (2) Please list new station builds planned for construction in 2025?
- (3) Please list any projects currently under construction that will be completed in 2025?
- 4315 O'CONNELL FOOTBRIDGE PROJECT—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

In relation to O'Connell Footbridge project:

- (1) Can you please provide an update of the progress of this project?
- (2) Is this project going ahead?
- (3) What is the budget for this project?
- (4) Will there be community consultation on designs?
- (5) What is the timeline of this project's construction?
- 4316 BUSINESS NSW CEO OF ICARE—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Industrial Relations, and Minister for Work Health and Safety—

What discussions, if any, has your Government had in relation to engaging Business NSW CEO Dan Hunter as the new CEO of iCare?

4317 BUSINESS NSW - SMALL BUSINESS PORTFOLIO—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—

With respect to your Small Business Portfolio:

- (1) What policy initiatives has Business NSW put to you since becoming Minister?
- (2) With request to (1), how many of these initiatives have been taken up?
- (3) Can the Minister list Government initiatives which have been supported by Business NSW?
- (4) How many meetings have you had with Business NSW and can you provide a list of these meetings?
- (5) What status does Business NSW have with the NSW Government?
- (6) What NSW Government boards or Government consultative bodies does Business NSW sit on or have ex officio representation?

- (7) Does Business NSW sit on any of your ministerial advisory bodies?
- (8) Can you list Government grants provided to Business NSW?
- (9) What involvement did Business NSW have in establishing your Small Business Charter?
- (10) Did Business NSW offer any support or suggestions when establishing the Small Business Bureau?
- 4318 CANCER SERVICES KIAMA—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

With respect to cancer services in the Illawarra-Shoalhaven Local Health District (LHD):

- (1) How many patients accessed cancer services each year for the last four years?
- (2) Is demand for cancer services growing in the LHD, and if so at what percentage rate each year for the last four years?
- (3) Is the Government considering expanding cancer care services at any existing cancer service center in the LHD?
- (4) Based on growth in demand for cancer services, when will the district need additional linear accelerators?
- (5) Where will additional linear accelerators be based?
- (6) How many patients were sent to other health districts, outside of the Illawarra-Shoalhaven LHD, in the last two years because of a lack of capacity to support patients residing in the LHD?
- (7) Have cancer service demographics changed over the last 10 years such as services provided based on age, gender or ethnicity?
  - (a) If yes, what detail and data can you provide about these trends?
- (8) What Local Government areas in the LHD have the highest numbers and percentages of cancer diagnoses?
- (9) What are the 5 top types of cancer diagnosis in the LHD each year over the last four years?
- (10) How many FTE medial staff work in providing cancer services in the LHD each year for the last four years?
- 4319 SOCIAL HOUSING KIAMA—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast—

With respect to social housing:

- (1) How many social housing properties are there in the Kiama electorate?
- (2) How many social housing properties in the Kiama electorate are currently vacant?
- (3) In relation to (2), how many are vacant due to maintenance issues?
- (4) How many social housing properties in the Kiama electorate are currently vacant because they have been declared uninhabitable or have been condemned?
- (5) What is the average length of time taken between a person leaving a tenancy and a new tenant entering a social housing property in the Kiama electorate?
- (6) How many social housing tenants in the Kiama electorate were evicted each year for the last four years?
- (7) Of those people evicted, how many:

- (a) Were aboriginal?
- (b) Had a disability?
- (c) Were NDIS recipients?
- (d) Had been supported by an SHS or through Link2Home?
- (8) How many social housing tenants in the Kiama electorate were evicted due to drug or alcohol related breaches or offences?
- (9) How many social housing tenants in the Kiama electorate were evicted for noise complaints?
- (10) How many social housing leases in the Kiama electorate were terminated because of convictions that resulted in a custodial sentence?
- (11) How many social housing tenants in the Kiama electorate sought to purchase their properties each year for the last four years?
- (12) How many social housing properties in the Kiama electorate have received notices from your department due to poor maintenance?
- (13) How many social housing properties in the Kiama electorate have received a notice, for any offence or request, from a local government authority?
- 4320 ROBBERY, THEFT KIAMA ELECTORATE—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

With reference to Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (BOSCAR) data, crime rates, and NSW Police in the Kiama electorate:

- (1) Can you explain the reasons for the increase in robbery, theft, malicious damage to property and drug offences in the Kiama electorate?
- (2) What are you doing to reverse these trends?
- (3) In relation to (1), can you provide incidence rates by town or suburb?
- (4) Is there capacity for increased patrols and police presence in villages in the Kiama electorate?
- (5) On average, what proportion of police resources are allocated to dealing with domestic violence in the Kiama electorate?
- (6) How many Officers have joined Local Area Commands that serve the Kiama electorate and how many have left LACs each year for the past five years?
- (7) What message do you have to residents of the Kiama electorate who are concerned about safety and increased rates of crime in their communities?
- FERAL DEER IN THE ILLAWARRA AND SHOALHAVEN—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

With reference to Question 3422 and the answer on 13 September 2024:

- (1) What steps and actions have you taken to reduce feral deer population in (1) the Illawarra and (2) the Shoalhaven?
- (2) When were you last briefed on the matter by Local Land Services?
- (3) What discussions have you had with the Minister for the Illawarra and South Coast about this issue?
- (4) Do current estimated numbers of feral deer in the Illawarra and South Coast continue to grow annually?

- (5) How are you measuring any reduction in populations?
- (6) What is your current estimate of feral deer in (1) the Shoalhaven and (2) the Illawarra?
- (7) When did Local Land Services last cull feral deer in (1) the Illawarra and (2) the South Coast?
- (8) What are the target locations in the Illawarra and South Coast for culling this year and next?
- (9) How many community members or groups are registered to remove deer in the region?
- (10) Regarding the Illawarra Deer Management Program, does the removal of on average 700 deer per year reduce the population?
- (11) What long-term plans and initiatives do you have to significantly reduce deer populations in the Illawarra and Shoalhaven?
- (12) How much has the Government invested each year for the last five years in deer management / control in the:
  - (a) Illawarra?
  - (b) South Coast?
- (13) How much of the \$13.1 million invested in the expanded Feral Pig and Pest Program 2024-25 is allocated to feral deer in the Illawarra and South Coast?
- (14) How many users are subscribed to the feral scan app?
- (15) How are you minimising the bushfire risks associated with feral dear, particularly in the escarpment of the Illawarra?
- (16) How many people have completed the LLS Deer in the Illawarra Survey and will these results be made public?
- (17) What are you plans for the South East Regional Strategic Pest Animal Plan and where can the plan be found?
- 4322 PUBLIC FERTILITY CARE SERVICES—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
  - (1) Can you list public fertility care services available in the Kiama electorate?
  - (2) What has the government done to improve public fertility care services since coming to power?
  - (3) Can you report on public fertility services and IVF wait times in the State?
  - (4) How many people each year for the last five years have accessed the NSW Government's fertility rebate scheme?
  - (5) Is the Government considering extending the scheme or introducing initiatives such as Victoria's Bulk-Billed IVF clinic?
  - (6) Is the Government considering a dedicated authority like the Victorian Assisted Reproductive Treatment Authority (VARTA)?
    - (a) If not, why not?
  - (7) Does the Government have plans for a public egg and sperm bank?
    - (a) If not, why not?
  - (8) How are you assisting access to public fertility care services for low-income earners, people living in rural and regional areas or people who need donor services or altruistic surrogacy support?
- 4323 SYDNEY WATER—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing,

Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast—

With respect to Sydney Water:

- (1) How many Sydney Water accredited Water Servicing Coordinators are there in New South Wales?
- (2) Where can the register of Water Serving Coordinators be found?
- (3) How can a business or qualified person apply to be an accredited Water Servicing Coordinator?
- (4) What are you doing to address dissatisfaction from the building and construction sector about the service levels, access and competition by the limited number of accredited Water Serving Coordinators?
- (5) Will you undertake a review of the timeliness and delivery of water and wastewater planning and connections that have been facilitated by the current offering of Water Servicing Coordinators?
- (6) How will you address market competition and innovation among Water Servicing Coordinators under current arrangements?
- (7) When was the last time Water Servicing Coordinators were contracted and accredited?
- (8) When was the last time contracts were extended for Water Servicing Coordinators?
- (9) Will you commission an independent audit of current arrangements?
- 4324 FERAL DEER PUTTING DRIVERS AT RISK—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

With reference to deer collisions as earlier reported by the Invasive Species Council:

- (1) Can you provide statistical information on the number of deer collisions for Wollongong, Lake Illawarra, the Illawarra, Shoalhaven and the South Coast respectively for the years 2017 through 2024:
  - (a) Major collision, death?
  - (b) Major collision, injury?
  - (c) Major collision, no injury?
  - (d) Minor collision?
- (2) How are you ensuring safety in relation to the above with the increasing deer populations in our region?
- (3) Have you met with the Minister for Agriculture or the Minister for the Illawarra and South Coast to discuss this issue?

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