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SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTIONS

Questions from Ms Cate Faehrmann MLC

WATER

Walgett Town Water

(1) The Australian Drinking Water Guidelines state:

Based on aesthetic considerations (taste), the concentration of sodium in drinking water should not exceed 180 mg/L.

No health-based guideline value is proposed for sodium. Medical practitioners treating people with severe hypertension or congestive heart failure should be aware if the sodium concentration in the patient's drinking water exceeds 20 mg/L.

- (a) How can the Minister provide assurance that Walgett's town water supply is safe to drink based on Australian Drinking Water Guidelines, when the Australian Drinking Water Guidelines do not include a health-based guideline for sodium?
- (2) For each water year since 2015-16, how many days has the Walgett town water supply been supplied from:
- (a) the Namoi river
 - (b) bore water?
- (3) How much funding has the Government contributed to the reverse osmosis facility at Walgett?
- (a) What other resources has the government committed?

Water take

- (4) What is the estimate of annual average water take by mining for each water source by:
- (a) extraction from a waterway
 - (b) extraction from groundwater
 - (c) interceptions?
- (5) With respect to water take by interception in the Murray-Darling Basin:

- (a) How are they estimated or calculated for each valley?
 - (b) When were the most recent estimations or calculations made for each valley?
- (6) Can water be extracted from a river during an uncontrolled event under a regulated floodplain harvesting water access licence?
- (7) Are extractions from the river during an uncontrolled event debited against water access licence accounts?

Drinking Water Guidelines

- (8) How many local water utilities in New South Wales publicly report drinking water quality monitoring data against individual parameters of the Australian Drinking Water Guidelines?
- (a) Please provide a list of those that do and those that don't
- (9) In which NSW towns and communities have water services not met the definition of “good water quality” as defined under the Australian Drinking Water Guidelines over the last 10 years?
- (10) Is the public reporting of drinking water quality monitoring against specific parameters a regulatory requirement in NSW?
- (11) Is the NSW Drinking Water Database publicly accessible?
- (12) State-owned water corporations in Victoria, South Australia, Northern Territory, Western Australia and Tasmania provide annual water quality reports including summary statistics by Australian Drinking Water Guidelines water quality parameter, including maximum, minimum, 95th percentile, average, number of samples, and number of exceedances. What are the equivalent results for towns and communities served by local water utilities in NSW over the last 10 years?

Aboriginal Consultation

- (13) What is the Government's position in relation to:
- (a) engaging with Aboriginal people in relation to water?
 - (b) giving effect to ensuring that water is managed in a way that includes the rights and interests of Aboriginal people, including their: cultural and spiritual connections, social structures, economic interests and environmental protections?

- (14) Does the Minister acknowledge that European weirs are not part of Aboriginal culture or water management?
- (15) Under the UN Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous People, the New South Wales Government required “free, prior and informed consent”. Considering this,
 - (a) Has the Water Minister received written or oral (recorded) consent from Aboriginal people regarding the proposed fish passage at Calmundi Weir?
 - (b) Were Aboriginal people informed of all the options including removal of the weir, combined with more secure, higher quality, on-farm storage of water for stock and domestic water users?

Weirs

- (16) Will Held Environmental Water avoid being captured in weirpools and used for town water supplies?
- (17) Has there been an assessment of options in relation to Calmundi Weir?
 - (a) If so, has that assessment of options been made public?
 - (b) If not, could that assessment of options be made public?
- (18) Has there been a Cost-Benefit Analysis completed in relation to Calmundi Weir?
 - (a) If so, does it include a fully costed option of weir removal and alternative supplies for stock and domestic?
 - (b) were Aboriginal cultural and spiritual values included?
 - (c) were the impacts on downstream users included?
 - (d) will it be made public?

Mining

- (19) Is putting a tailings dam for a gold mine on the headwaters of a river consistent with the objectives in the New South Wales Water Management Act?

Hunter Water

- (20) Why does Hunter Water only report levels of PFAS and PFOA levels as an aggregate across the whole of its water storages, rather than publishing levels across each specific site/bore/pumping station?

- (21) Hunter Water have turned off several pumps that draw water from the Tilligerry Sand Beds, to supply drinking water to thousands of Australians living on the Tilligerry Peninsula. Given the sand beds supply Tilligerry Peninsula its drinking water, what are the PFAS and PFOA levels in residents' drinking water past and present?
- (22) To what extent has the Australian Defence Department's long term use of the Australian Defence Salt Ash Air Weapons/Bombing range near to the Tilligerry Sand Beds contributed to the PFAS and PFOA contamination of the Tilligerry Peninsula and sand beds that supplies Tilligerry residents its drinking water?
- (23) Have PFAS and PFOA levels been tested and monitored in and around the Australia Defence Salt Ash Air Weapons/Bombing Range?
 - (a) If so, are the results publicly available?
- (24) When did authorities first become aware the Australian Defence Salt Ash Air Weapons/Bombing Range/Fire Fighting sites were a source of contamination and potentially affected the Tilligerry Sand Beds and residents' drinking water?
- (25) What is the full extent of the spread of PFAS and PFOA inside and outside the Williamtown red zone, both above and below ground since contamination first became known to authorities?

Connectivity Expert Panel Final Report

- (26) What progress has been made on the hydrologic and economic analyses of the panel's recommendations? Is it still on track to be finalised in December 2024, as stated on the Department website?

Removal of illegal structures from floodplains

- (27) What progress has been made in the NRAR process to assess and remove illegal structures from the floodplains of the NSW Northern Basin rivers?
- (28) How many unapproved structures on the floodplains of the Border Rivers, Gwydir, Namoi, Macquarie and Darling rivers have received retrospective approval through WaterNSW since 2020?

Angus Place Coal Mine

- (29) WaterNSW has expressed serious concerns about the proposal currently being considered by DPHIE for Centennial Coal's Angus Place coal mine to dump 10ML/day of untreated

mine water into the Wangcol creek in the Greater Blue Mountains, ending up in Sydney's drinking water catchment?

- (a) What arrangements are in place between WaterNSW, DPHIE and Planning to ensure that the environment and Sydney's drinking water is protected from toxic pollutants?

HOUSING

Public and Community Housing

- (30) The 2024-25 NSW Budget allocates \$6.6 billion for social housing, yet there's no specific mention of public housing.
 - (a) Provide a detailed breakdown of how much of this funding will go directly to public housing versus community housing providers?
 - (b) How does this allocation align with addressing the housing crisis effectively?
- (31) The growth of community housing has been almost entirely at the expense of public housing, rather than increasing overall social housing stock.
 - (a) Why hasn't the promised increase in supply materialised?
- (32) In light of Northern Rivers Housing's reported \$6.1 million surplus in 2023 while tenants were charged for maintenance, why are you continuing to outsource housing to CHPs rather than reinvesting in public housing?
- (33) Public housing stock in NSW has decreased from 18% in the 1980s to less than 5% now, with some areas like Byron Shire having no public housing at all.
 - (a) How does your government plan to reverse this trend and ensure equitable access to public housing across all regions of NSW?
- (34) Community housing providers often offer shorter leases compared to public housing, leading to housing insecurity. What measures are in place to ensure long-term housing stability for tenants?
- (35) Your government has committed to building homes for women and children fleeing domestic violence.
 - (a) Will these be public housing with secure, long-term leases, or will they be managed by community housing providers?
 - (b) How will you ensure these vulnerable tenants have the stability and support they need?

(36) Given the lack of a centralised ombudsman for community housing complaints, how does your government ensure that tenants in community housing have the same rights and protections as those in public housing?

(a) Are there plans to establish an independent oversight body?

(37) The privatisation of public housing was supposed to increase housing stock and improve efficiency. Yet, we now have longer waitlists and numerous reports of poor maintenance.

What specific metrics does your government use to measure the success or failure of the community housing model?

Maintenance

(38) In relation to the two Homes NSW engagement teams (Housing Services and Housing Portfolio):

(a) What is their specific remit;

(b) How many regional sub-teams sit within each; and

(c) How are these regions geographically delineated?

(39) In relation to the new contracts that commenced on 1 July 2024 to deliver maintenance works for Homes NSW properties:

(a) Which contractors have been engaged and for how long;

(b) Which, if any, of these contractors were previously engaged by Homes NSW and its antecedents to provide these services;

(c) Does anything in these contracts prevent contractors from engaging subcontractors who are the subject of complaints from tenants for unsatisfactory performance or conduct;

(d) For work orders that were raised but not completed prior to the new contracts entering into force:

i. How many work orders fall into this category;

ii. Does Homes NSW have access to the relevant case files;

iii. Do tenants need to re-report these cases to the Maintenance Line and, if so, will they be informed of this requirement; and

- iv. In cases where the relevant contractor has changed, does the new contractor have access to the relevant files and information to enable completion of these open work orders?
- (40) How much money was spent on public housing maintenance for the 2023/24 financial year?
- (a) How does this compare with expenditure on the same for the previous 3 financial years?
- (41) How many maintenance requests are currently unresolved:
- (a) Across NSW;
 - (b) In the Inner West; and
 - (c) In Inner Sydney?
- (42) What is the average time taken for:
- (a) An operator to answer a call from tenants who call the Maintenance Line;
 - (b) A contractor to attend and inspect a property after a work order has been raised;
 - (c) Substantial works to be completed after an inspection is conducted; and
 - (d) Works to be completed and closed after all the above steps have been completed?

Vacancies

- (43) How many public homes are currently empty in NSW due to being untenanted?
- (a) Of these, how many are:
 - i. In the Inner West; or
 - ii. In Inner Sydney?
 - iii. Empty because:
 - (1) They are currently uninhabitable;
 - (2) A new tenancy has been offered or is underway, but the new tenant has not yet moved in;
 - (3) Maintenance or upgrade works are currently underway;
 - (4) Maintenance or upgrade works are required but not yet scheduled;
 - (5) Redevelopment of the home is approved but not yet underway; or

(6) another reason (please specify).

(44) In FY 2023-24, how many applications for social housing were rejected under the Inner-City Local Allocation Strategy?

Transfers

(45) As of 1 September 2024, how many approved applications are currently on the Homes NSW:

- (a) General transfer waiting list;
- (b) Priority transfer waiting list; or
- (c) At-risk transfer waiting list?

(46) In FY 2023-24, what was the average time people spent on each of these waiting lists before being offered a social housing property?

- (a) How does this wait time compare with the previous three years?

(47) Of people who were offered a transfer in FYI 2023-24, what was the longest time someone spent on the waiting list?

Costs

(48) In FY 2023-24, what was the average capital cost for building a:

- (a) One-bedroom social housing property;
- (b) A two-bedroom social housing property; and
- (c) A three-bedroom social housing property?

(49) How did these compare with costs for the same in each of the three preceding financial years?

Aboriginal Housing Broken Hill

(50) \$200 million was recently committed by the State Government towards a critical maintenance program for existing Aboriginal housing in NSW.

- (a) What proportion of this budget has been allocated to housing in Broken Hill?
- (b) What are the priority actions under this commitment?

- (51) How many new homes have been and are being built by the Aboriginal Housing Office in Broken Hill in 2024?

Gas Appliances

- (52) How many dwellings administered by Homes NSW are connected to gas appliances for:
- (a) heating;
 - (b) hot water;
 - (c) cooking;
- (53) How many Homes NSW dwellings were upgraded from gas to electric appliances in the year to 30 June 2024?
- (54) How many Homes NSW dwellings had a gas appliance installed in the year to 30 June 2024?
- (55) When heating, hot water and cooking appliances in Homes NSW dwellings reach their end of life, is there a policy in place for them to be replaced with efficient electric appliances, or are they replaced with like-for-like appliances?
- (56) Does Homes NSW have any targets for the upgrade of dwellings to efficient electric appliances?

Questions from Ms Abigail Boyd MLC

Disability Royal Commission recommendations

- (57) Which recommendations does the Minister have partial or full responsibility for, in relation to each of the Minister's portfolios including housing, homelessness, mental health and youth?

Domestic and family violence

- (58) People with Disability Australia (PWDA) requested an investment of \$1,802,817 over five years to continue delivery of the PWDA Building Access Project to all NSW domestic and family violence (DFV) services. Did you advocate to the Treasurer ahead of the 2024-25 Budget on behalf of PWDA to fund the Building Access project?
- (59) In relation to the NSW Government's announced investment of \$5.1 billion in social housing, with priority homes for victim-survivors of DFV, and \$527.6 million for emergency housing and homelessness support services. Will all or some of the priority social housing accommodate victim-survivors with companion animals?

- (a) Will all or some of the emergency housing accommodate victim-survivors with companion animals?
 - (b) Will all or some of the homelessness support services accommodate victim-survivors with companion animals?
- (60) How will the Homes NSW and the Department of Communities and Justice implement the domestic and family violence Common Risk Assessment and Management Framework (CRAMF) into housing and homelessness services – both government and non-government - to ensure staff have the capability to identify domestic and family violence and assess or manage risk, and align existing processes with the CRAMF?
- (61) What will the NSW Government do to ensure pathways to safe housing for women and children on temporary visas?
- (62) The NSW Government remains one of only two states that has refused to sign up the Silver Liveable Housing Design Standards in the National Construction Code. These standards ensure developers include basic accessibility such as a step free shower and level entry to a home. Will the NSW Government sign up to this standard to create inclusive housing for people with disability and older people?
- (a) If not, why not?
- (63) Will the NSW Government lower the priority age for social housing eligibility from 80 to 55 years as a matter of urgency?
- (a) If not, why not?
- (64) Will the NSW Government provide specific allocation of social housing for older people aged 55 years and over?
- (a) If not, why not?
- (65) Will the NSW Government fund a specialist older person's housing information and support service that comprises both an early intervention and crisis response?
- (a) If not, why not?
- (66) How will the NSW Government ensure suitability of crisis, transitional, and long-term housing built for older women, including trauma informed design, appropriate safety and privacy measures, noise control, proximity to public transport and health services, access to outdoor green areas, and additional space for exercise, work, study, and hobbies?

Minister for the North Coast

- (67) Following the floods in Northern NSW, will the NSW Government work with Gender and Disaster Australia to incorporate the National Gender and Emergency Management Guidelines into NSW disaster planning, and ensure improved planning, response and recovery for both men and women?
- (a) If not, why not?

Questions from Hon Tania Mihailuk MLC
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MENTAL HEALTH

Questions to be directed to the Hon. Rose Jackson MLC, Minister for Mental Health and Youth.

Sax Institute Evidence Check: Evidence for effective interventions for children and young people with gender dysphoria-update dated February 2024

- (68) Regarding the report prepared by Bragge P, Ngo C, Delafosse V, Goldberg E, Temple-Smith M, and Sancı L, as an Evidence Check brokered by the Sax Institute for the NSW Ministry of Health titled *Evidence Check: Evidence for effective interventions for children and young people with gender dysphoria-update* dated February 2024 that was released on Friday, 6th September 2024, did the Minister or any of her staff receive a detailed briefing about it by the NSW Ministry of Health, the Sax Institute or the co-authors, before it was made available to the public?
- (a) If so, when was the detailed briefing provided?
- (b) If so, who provided the detailed briefing?
- (c) If so, who attended the detailed briefing?
- (69) Regarding the report prepared by Bragge P, Ngo C, Delafosse V, Goldberg E, Temple-Smith M, and Sancı L, as an Evidence Check brokered by the Sax Institute for the NSW Ministry of Health titled *Evidence Check: Evidence for effective interventions for children and young people with gender dysphoria-update* dated February 2024, did the Minister or anyone employed or engaged by her on any basis, have any role to play including research, reference checks, typing/word processing, proof reading, formatting or printing of it?
- (a) If so, detail who that person(s) was and what was the role(s)?

- (70) Regarding the report prepared by Bragge P, Ngo C, Delafosse V, Goldberg E, Temple-Smith M, and Sancu L, as an Evidence Check brokered by the Sax Institute for the NSW Ministry of Health titled *Evidence Check: Evidence for effective interventions for children and young people with gender dysphoria-update* dated February 2024, did the Minister or anyone employed or engaged by her on any basis, provide any comments, feedback, critique or proposal(s) for amendments to any draft of it or part thereof?
- (a) If so, detail who that person(s) was and what did they do with respect to any draft or part thereof?
 - (b) If so, what did the Sax Institute and/or the co-authors do with the comments, feedback, critiques or proposal(s) for amendments to any draft of it or part thereof?

YOUTH

Questions to be directed to Ms Zoe Robinson, Advocate for Children and Young People, Office of the Advocate for Children and Young People.

- (71) Regarding the report titled *The Voices of LGBTQIA+ Young People in NSW 2022* released on 6th December 2022. As the Advocate for Children and Young People it was established:
- In two focus groups, a few young people raised the practice of ordering hormone medications online, as their parents or GP had not consented to prescribe them hormone replacement therapy (HRT).
- (a) One young person noted they were able to leverage this approach to convince their GP to prescribe HRT, as this would involve less risk than ordering medication online.
 - (b) One young person recommended reform to enable them to order their own blood-tests, as they had researched how to manage the impacts and side effects of HRT online and wanted to continue to manage this safely without the intervention of a doctor.
 - (c) ACYP is unable to comment on the prevalence of this practice.

In several focus groups, young people spoke about binding practices they were aware were unsafe, but that were widely discussed on online platforms. These included binding using electrical tape, duct tape or similar materials, wearing binders that were too small or wearing constricting clothing.

- (a) While young people in the consultations claimed they were aware of the risks associated with those behaviours, ACYP has exercised caution in not including these details in the report.
- (b) One young person described a health condition they had developed associated with binding, but had not sought help due to the stigma they felt was associated with being transgender – this anecdote has been included in the report. It points to the likelihood that young people may underestimate the risks associated with these practices.
- i. Having established the matters detailed above, did the Advocate for Children and Young People arrange a meeting(s) with the then Minister for Youth to discuss them?
 - (1) If not, why not?
 - (2) If so, what was discussed at the meeting(s) and what action, if any, was determined regarding the following-up of the matters?
 - ii. Having established the matters detailed above, did the Advocate for Children and Young People arrange a meeting(s) with the then Minister for Health to discuss them?
 - (1) If not, why not?
 - (2) If so, what was discussed at the meeting(s) and what action, if any, was determined regarding the following-up of the matters?
 - iii. Having established the matters detailed above, did the Advocate for Children and Young People arrange a meeting(s) with the then Minister for Mental Health to discuss them?
 - (1) If not, why not?
 - (2) If so, what was discussed at the meeting(s) and what action, if any, was determined regarding the following-up of the matters?
 - iv. Having established the matters detailed above, did the Advocate for Children and Young People arrange a meeting(s) with the NSW Ministry of Health to discuss them?
 - (1) If not, why not?

- (2) If so, what was discussed at the meeting(s) and what action, if any, was determined regarding the following-up of the matters?
- v. Having established the matters detailed above, has the Advocate for Children and Young People had further engagement with the current Minister for Youth to discuss them?
- (1) If not, why not?
- (2) If so, what was discussed at the meeting(s) and what action, if any, was determined regarding the following-up of the matters?
- vi. Having established the matters detailed above, has the Advocate for Children and Young People had further engagement with the current Minister for Health to discuss them?
- (1) If not, why not?
- (2) If so, what was discussed at the meeting(s) and what action, if any, was determined regarding the following-up of the matters?
- vii. Having established the matters detailed above, has the Advocate for Children and Young People had further engagement with the current Minister for Mental Health to discuss them?
- (1) If not, why not?
- (2) If so, what was discussed at the meeting(s) and what action, if any, was determined regarding the following-up of the matters?
- viii. Having established the matters detailed above, has the Advocate for Children and Young People had further engagement with the NSW Ministry of Health to discuss them?
- (1) If not, why not?
- (2) If so, what was discussed at the meeting(s) and what action, if any, was determined regarding the following-up of the matters?

Questions from Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)
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WATER

Connectivity Expert Panel Report and Rules changes

- (72) Apart from formalising rules changes on the shepherding of water through Menindee Lakes based on trials with the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder, is the Government having discussions with the Commonwealth about delivering additional environmental water through rules changes in the Northern Basin?
- (73) Apart from rules changes, what other measures is the Government working on in the Northern Basin to contribute to either the remainder of the 605 GL target or the 450 GL of additional environmental water?
- (74) The Government's Alternatives to Buybacks Plan includes an action 2.2 "Working with stakeholders to identify new projects". Apart from the Murrumbidgee Optimisation project, what explicit action is the Government taking to engage stakeholders to identify new projects, and have any other projects been identified?

PFAS and the Australian Drinking Water Guidelines

- (75) The National Health and Medical Research Council is currently conducting an independent review of the Australian Drinking Water Guidelines with respect to PFAS. There's a reasonable chance PFAS thresholds will be adjusted in line with other jurisdictions internationally. Does the Government anticipate water utilities in New South Wales will require additional investment in plant?
- (a) Is the government doing any preliminary analysis to scope the work that might be required across the state by water utilities?
- (b) How are the potential implications of the PFAS issue being addressed in the Government's response to the Productivity Commission review of funding models for local water utilities?
- (76) The World Health Organization has stated that the development of guidelines on PFAS in drinking- water is ongoing but has advised several key principles in the meantime. Is the Government aware of these current recommendations?
- (77) Has the Government been actively trying to implement all these recommendations for NSW?
- (78) Is the government actively trying to minimise further contamination to new and existing water sources from being contaminated?
- (79) In the previous term in Opposition, the now Labor Government emphasized that PFAS products should be banned. Is that still your position?

- (80) What steps is the Government taking to support communities that have detected PFAS in water supplies that were previously void of this contaminant?

Safe and Secure Water Program

- (81) In Budget Estimates on 9 September, Minister Jackson stated that funds have been reallocated within the Safe and Secure Water Program. Noting that the program is fully allocated but not exhausted, what projects has the Government reallocated funds away from, and are there any other projects the Government sees funds could be reallocated away from?
- (82) Growth and ageing infrastructure mean new imperatives for renewal and upgrade arise, and supply chain costs are moving the goalposts. What options do Local Water Utilities presently have for capital expenditure funding as new needs arise?

Wilcannia Weir Replacement Project

- (83) At the time the original design for the Wilcannia Weir Replacement was dropped for a smaller fixed-crest weir, there was no mention of safety concerns around the original weir or fishway design, and indeed safety concerns were not mentioned by Amanda Jones in budget estimates in February when providing reasons for the change in design. Can you please outline these safety concerns and advise when they became apparent, and where is this documented?
- (84) At the time the original design was dropped, the Department said among the reasons were cultural impacts for the local indigenous people, and Amanda Jones referred to this in budget estimates in February. Reference to the cultural impacts for the indigenous community has now disappeared from the Department's web site. Can you provide further details about these indigenous cultural concerns and where this was documented?

SDLAMs

- (85) The SDLAM projects are expected to contribute up to 45 Gigalitres per year to the remainder of the 605GL Bridging the Gap target. What happens if we fail to deliver these projects by the 31 December 2026 deadline?
- (a) Would the Government need to renegotiate existing funding agreements with the Commonwealth?
- (b) And renegotiate the agreement with the managing contractor, or go to tender again?

- (c) Is the Commonwealth empowered to seek to recover the remainder through further buybacks?
- (d) Will the Government rule out damaging rules changes in the Southern Basin to meet this target?

450 Gigalitres per year of additional environmental water and constraints easing projects

- (86) In Policy Committee 2 hearing on 9 September, Amanda Jones highlighted that the Reconnecting River Country constraints easing projects support the delivery of environmental water, and also that a lot of water has been bought back or is held under license by the Commonwealth already. What happens if we fail to deliver those projects with a 31 December 2026 deadline?
- (87) The Commonwealth's cumulative target in 2024-2025 is to recover 100 GL toward the 450 GL per year of additional environmental water, of which 27.6% was recovered in the Southern Basin prior to 30 June 2024 and 70 GL is sought to be recovered in the Southern Basin through a voluntary buyback tender that closed on 11 September. Are works on SDLAMs begin in March 2025, is there a risk that the Commonwealth's existing held and newly acquired additional environmental water as at 30 June 2025 will not be able to be delivered into the system due to constraints?
 - (a) If Commonwealth held environmental water is unable to be delivered into the system due to constraints, is it held in dam storage?
 - (b) If Commonwealth held environmental water is held in New South Wales dam storage, how does this effect the storage capacity available for water for consumptive purposes?
- (88) Noting that the Commonwealth's cumulative target is to recover 200 GL per year of additional environmental water in 2025-2026, and 300 GL per year in 2026-2027, and 450 GL in 2027-2028, what would be the implications if physical constraints in the Southern Basin continued to limit the capacity to recover this additional environmental water held by the Commonwealth?

Sydney Water Service Capacity issues

- (89) After committing to the upgrade of Appin Road and a koala corridor, and obtaining approvals from the Department of Transport, Lend Lease eventually sold off their Gilead

development in the Campbelltown LGA. At what stage did Sydney Water advise Lend Lease they did not have service capacity for the Gilead development?

- (90) Development in the Macarthur Region has been a bipartisan priority for decades, with the Carr Government's 2005 Metropolitan Strategy setting a housing target of 100,000, and the Iemma Government upping that to 165,000 in 2006. The Coalition Government formalised this in the following decade through the Wilton, Greater Macarthur and South West Growth areas. Yet, in the Macarthur region now, young families are going to the wall, having bought their plot, then waiting years not knowing when they can build their home because there is no sewerage. What has led to Sydney Water service capacity falling well short of demand in the Macarthur region?
- (a) In Budget Estimates on 9 September, Minister Jackson said this planning failure had been allowed to happen because Sydney Water were not brought in early on decisions around planning and rezoning. Can you please explain the role of common planning assumptions in Sydney Water's service capacity planning?
 - (b) What role does IPART play in relation to Sydney Water's infrastructure investment and what effect does this have on service capacity planning?
 - (c) Is Sydney Water's service capacity within the Campbelltown, Wollondilly, and Camden LGAs in line with common planning assumptions or 5-year housing completion and employment targets for each of the next five years?
 - (d) What is the Government explicitly doing in order to ensure:
 - i. Sydney Water's service capacity planning is line with common planning assumptions?
 - ii. service capacity is in place to meet the Government's housing completion and employment projections in the Macarthur Region?

Water NSW and Hunter Valley Hydro

- (91) Regarding exclusivity within Upper Hunter Hydro's agreement with the Government:
- (a) What is the period of exclusivity for Upper Hunter Hydro within the terms of the agreement?
 - (b) Andrew George has confirmed the agreement relates only to access to Glenbawn and Glennies Creek Dams. Is there exclusivity within that agreement that would prevent another potential operator from exploring other pumped hydro projects in the Upper

Hunter region, or does Upper Hunter Hydro have exclusivity over potential projects in addition to Glenbawn and Glennies Creek Dams?

Scotts Creek Willoughby

- (92) Given the ongoing challenges faced by the existing old infrastructure in handling stormwater and sewage overflow at Scotts Creek - particularly during extreme weather events - can you outline what specific investments or upgrades will be made to strengthen this infrastructure and improve its capacity?
- (93) Further, how will these investments ensure that Scotts Creek is better protected against flooding and environmental hazards in the future?

HOUSING

Delivery projections from the Building Homes for New South Wales program

- (94) From the Building Homes for New South Wales program, how many new homes will the DCJ new supply funding build?
- (a) What timelines are in place for the delivery of these DCJ funded social homes?
 - (b) The DCJ funding lasts 4 years for new supply – so can we expect construction to begin for all of these homes by EOFY 2028?
 - (c) How many new homes will commence construction from DCJ funding for every FY over the forward estimates?
 - (d) How many replacement homes will commence construction from DCJ funding for every FY over the forward estimates?
- (95) From the Building Homes for New South Wales program, how many new homes will the LAHC new supply funding build?
- (a) What timelines are in place for the delivery of these LAHC funded social homes?
 - (b) How many new homes will commence construction from LAHC funding for every FY over:
 - i. the forward estimates?
 - ii. to 2034?
 - (c) How many replacement homes will commence construction from LAHC funding for every FY over:

- i. the forward estimates?
 - ii. to 2034?
- (96) How many new homes will the AHO new supply funding build?
 - (a) What timelines are in place for the delivery of these AHO funded social homes?
 - (b) How many new homes will be built from AHO funding for every FY over:
 - i. the forward estimates?
 - ii. to 2033?
 - (c) How many replacement homes will be built from AHO funding for every FY over:
 - i. the forward estimates?
 - ii. to 2033?

Replacement Homes in the Building Homes for New South Wales program

- (97) When will sites for these replacement homes be identified, as promised in the Building Homes for NSW program?
 - (a) How many have already been identified?
 - (b) Will they be identified in tranches?
- (98) What is the criteria for identifying homes to be replaced?
 - (a) For homes that have been identified to be replaced, how many are currently occupied – as a percentage and a raw number, please?
 - (b) Will residents who currently occupy the home be offered the ability to return when the replacement is finished?

Building and tendering for new social housing

- (99) When can we expect the first tender to build social housing at the newly found sites to go out?
 - (a) How long will the tender process take?
 - (b) When can we expect the first social home from the new funding can start construction?

Finding Land for new social housing construction

- (100) Where will we find the land to build new social housing?
- (101) How many parcels of land does Homes NSW and DCJ currently hold that can be used for new housing?
- (a) Is there a list that can be provided to the committee?
- (102) How many sites for new housing supply have been identified by Homes NSW and DCJ?
- (103) Is finding new land for social housing new supply wholly reliant on the land audit?

Short Term Rental Accommodation – Caps in Byron Shire

- (104) What is the progress on the 60-day rental cap in the Byron Shire?
- (105) Is it correct the cap started this month?
- (106) How many Short Term Rentals were there in Byron Shire on 31 August 2024 (or most recent date to that available?)
- (107) What is the rental vacancy rate in Byron Shire, per the most recent data?
- (108) What was the rental vacancy rate in Byron Shire in February 2024?
- (109) What percentage of rentals is it estimated will return to the long term rental market in the Byron Shire from previously being short term rentals?
- (110) Will the Government wait for the results from the Byron Shire STRA caps before implementing further caps elsewhere?
- (a) How long will Government deem it appropriate to wait?

STRA Stats

- (111) Can you please provide a list of STRA registrations in NSW broken down by postcode and LGA?
- (112) How many people stayed in STRA accommodation in NSW in FY 2023-24?
- (a) Are these figures available by LGA?
- (b) Is it known how many of these people were visiting NSW from interstate and overseas?
- (113) How many people stayed in hotels in the Sydney Metro Area in FY 2023-24?
- (114) How many people stayed in hotels in NSW in FY 2023-24?

(115) What was the economic benefit of STRA accommodation on the NSW economy in FY 2023-24?

(116) How much would caps on STRA accommodation cost the NSW economy every year? Has this modelling been conducted?

Self-Assessments by LAHC, AHO and Landcom

(117) Given that LAHC, AHO and Landcom are able to self-assess social and affordable developments of up to 75 dwellings, including residential flat buildings over three storeys where these are permissible:

(a) How many self-assessments has LAHC made so far?

i. How many proposals were approved?

ii. How many are pending?

iii. How many were rejected?

iv. Can a list of all of these self-assessments by LAHC be provided?

(b) How many self-assessments have the AHO made so far?

i. How many proposals were approved?

ii. How many are pending?

iii. How many were rejected?

iv. Can a list of all of these self-assessments by AHO be provided?

(c) How many self-assessments has Landcom made so far?

i. How many proposals were approved?

ii. How many are pending?

iii. How many were rejected?

iv. Can a list of all of these self-assessments by Landcom be provided?

(118) With the policy that Landcom has access to State Significant Development (SSD) pathways for developments over \$30 million where there is at least 50% affordable housing:

(a) How many times has Landcom sought the SSD pathway using this policy?

i. How many have been approved?

- ii. How many are pending?
 - iii. How many were rejected?
- (b) How many dwellings have Landcom sought to create using this policy?
 - (c) Can a list of all of these applications for SSD approval be provided?
- (119) How many DA's have been submitted to date from the reform to "reduce the minimum lot size for dual occupancies being delivered as a complying development by LAHC, AHO, Community Housing Providers and Aboriginal Housing Providers"?
- (120) How many DA's have LAHC, AHO, Community Housing Providers and Aboriginal Housing Providers submitted for dual occupancies to date?

Maintenance of Social Housing

- (121) The Budget announced \$810 million in repair and maintenance investment:
- (a) How much of this new \$810 million is allocated in the 2024-25 financial year? (\$322 mil is allocated to LAHC in 2024-25, but the total funding is \$1.2 bil)
 - (b) How much of this new \$810 million is allocated to each Department under the Minister's purview?
 - (c) The Budget funding for "asset improvement" is until 2028 for LAHC – is that the life of the \$810 million investment?
 - (d) How many social homes, of the over 33,500 noted in the Budget media release to be restored and fixed, will be fixed in the following financial years?
 - i. FY 2024/25
 - ii. FY 2025/26
 - iii. FY 2026/27
 - iv. FY 2027/28
 - v. any years beyond
- (122) With there being a shortage in builders and tradespeople in the system – how confident is the Government that there will be enough labour to be able to conduct this maintenance on time and on budget?
- (123) How has the Government factored in the increasing cost of building materials into the funding allocation?

- (a) What numerical factor has been considered for the increase in building material costs over the next four years, by year?
- (124) There was a lot of attention provided to the maintenance system in November last year. I thank you for the briefing provided to MPs and staff on the issue.
- (a) How much did the Maintenance Hub cost to launch?
 - (b) When will we get the promised app?
 - i. What stage is the app in development?
- (125) It has been outlined that a list of expected timeframes for each type of repair has been set – can you please provide the full list of timeframes for each issue?
- (a) What will happen if these time frames are not met?
 - (b) Will Homes NSW report publicly on the progress towards meeting these timeframes?
- (126) How much has been spent on social housing maintenance in FY 2023/24 to date?
- (127) How many urgent requests for maintenance to social housing properties have been made in FY 2023/24 to date?
- (128) How many requests for maintenance to social housing properties have been made in FY 2023/24 to date?
- (129) What is the average wait time for fulfilment of social housing maintenance, on this date?
- (130) How many maintenance requests remain unfulfilled, to date?

Construction of Social Housing Dwellings 2023/24

- (131) What is the number of new social housing dwellings constructed in FY 2023/24
- (132) Can you please provide the number of social housing dwellings constructed in FY 2023/24 per LGA?
- (133) Can you please provide the number of social housing dwellings constructed in FY 2023/24 with:
- (a) 1 bedroom
 - (b) 2 bedrooms
 - (c) 3 bedrooms
 - (d) 4 or more bedrooms

(134) What percentage does social housing make-up of the total housing stock in NSW at the end of FY 2023/24

Projected construction of Social Housing Dwellings

(135) Can you please provide the projected number of social housing dwellings to be constructed in FY 2024/25?

(136) Can you please provide the projected number of social housing dwellings to be constructed in each year over the forward estimates?

Unoccupied LAHC properties

(137) Currently, how many unoccupied LAHC properties are in NSW?

- (a) Could a number please be provided per LGA (to date)?
- (b) What was the average time these properties remain unoccupied in?
 - i. February 2024
 - ii. March 2024
 - iii. April 2024
 - iv. May 2024
 - v. June 2024
 - vi. July 2024
 - vii. August 2024

Social Housing Statistics

(138) How many vacant social housing homes are there today?

(139) At most recent reporting of data, how many social housing tenants were there in NSW?

(140) How many social housing tenants have, in the months of February 2024, March 2024, April 2024, May 2024, June 2024, July 2024, August 2024

- (a) Requested transfers?
- (b) Left social housing to private tenancy?
- (c) Left social housing to homelessness or unknown tenancy/location?
- (d) Been evicted from social housing?

Social Housing Evictions

(141) How many tenants have Homes NSW (and its predecessors) taken to NCAT during FY 2023/24?

Social Housing Waiting List

(142) What is the median wait time for people to access social housing for those on the priority social housing waiting list in FY 2023/24

(143) What is the median wait time for people to access social housing for those on the social housing waiting list in FY 2023/24

(144) How many applications on the waiting list (general) were fulfilled during FY 2023/24?

(145) How many applications on the waiting list (priority) were fulfilled during FY 2023/24?

(146) How many applications on the waiting list (general) have been fulfilled during 2024 (to date)?

(147) How many applications on the waiting list (priority) have been fulfilled during 2024 (to date)?

(148) How many children were on the social housing waitlist on 30 June 2024?

(149) How many males aged 60 and over were on the social housing waitlist on 30 June 2024?

(150) How many females aged 60 and over were on the social housing waitlist on 30 June 2024?

Complaints to Homes NSW

(151) How many complaints has LAHC received from tenants in social housing during the following months:

(a) February 2024

(b) March 2024

(c) April 2024

(d) May 2024

(e) June 2024

(f) July 2024

(g) August 2024

(152) How many complaints remain unresolved to LAHC, categorised by the month the complaint was lodged?

- (a) February 2024
- (b) March 2024
- (c) April 2024
- (d) May 2024
- (e) June 2024
- (f) July 2024
- (g) August 2024

(153) How many complaints have AHO received from tenants in social housing during the following months:

- (a) February 2024
- (b) March 2024
- (c) April 2024
- (d) May 2024
- (e) June 2024
- (f) July 2024
- (g) August 2024

(154) How many complaints remain unresolved to AHO, categorised by the month the complaint was lodged?

- (a) February 2024
- (b) March 2024
- (c) April 2024
- (d) May 2024
- (e) June 2024
- (f) July 2024
- (g) August 2024

(155) How many complaints have Homes NSW received from tenants in social housing in the following months, broken down by agency?

- (a) February 2024
- (b) March 2024
- (c) April 2024
- (d) May 2024
- (e) June 2024
- (f) July 2024
- (g) August 2024

(156) How many complaints remain unresolved to Homes NSW, from tenants in social housing in the following months, broken down by agency?

- (a) February 2024
- (b) March 2024
- (c) April 2024
- (d) May 2024
- (e) June 2024
- (f) July 2024
- (g) August 2024

Housing with Mental Health Support

(157) Can you update us on the progress of establishment of three sites for housing with mental health support via the Haven Foundation?

(158) How many new social houses are currently in the planning stage in the following electorates?

- (a) Upper Hunter
- (b) Port Stephens
- (c) Myall Lakes
- (d) Port Macquarie
- (e) Oxley
- (f) Coffs Harbour
- (g) Clarence

(h) Lismore

(i) Ballina

(j) Tweed

(159) How many social houses are currently in the planning stage for upgrades in the following electorates?

(a) Upper Hunter

(b) Port Stephens

(c) Myall Lakes

(d) Port Macquarie

(e) Oxley

(f) Coffs Harbour

(g) Clarence

(h) Lismore

(i) Ballina

(j) Tweed

(160) How many social houses are currently under construction in the following electorates?

(a) Upper Hunter

(b) Port Stephens

(c) Myall Lakes

(d) Port Macquarie

(e) Oxley

(f) Coffs Harbour

(g) Clarence

(h) Lismore

(i) Ballina

(j) Tweed

(161) How many sites have been identified for green-field development for social housing in the following electorates, and where are they?

- (a) Upper Hunter
- (b) Port Stephens
- (c) Myall Lakes
- (d) Port Macquarie
- (e) Oxley
- (f) Coffs Harbour
- (g) Clarence
- (h) Lismore
- (i) Ballina
- (j) Tweed

(162) How many sites have been identified for urban-infill development for social housing in the following electorates, and where are they?

- (a) Upper Hunter
- (b) Port Stephens
- (c) Myall Lakes
- (d) Port Macquarie
- (e) Oxley
- (f) Coffs Harbour
- (g) Clarence
- (h) Lismore
- (i) Ballina
- (j) Tweed

(163) Either directly, or through its various agencies or State Owned Corporations, how many social houses are there in each of the following electorates?

- (a) Upper Hunter

- (b) Port Stephens
- (c) Myall Lakes
- (d) Port Macquarie
- (e) Oxley
- (f) Coffs Harbour
- (g) Clarence
- (h) Lismore
- (i) Ballina
- (j) Tweed

(164) How many homes have been renovated in the Argyll Estate since March 2023?

(165) For each renovated property, how much money was spent?

(166) When will the NSW Government replace aging homes in the Argyll Estate?

MENTAL HEALTH

Election Promise- specialised housing for people with mental illness

(167) Is the \$20 million allocation expected to cover these projects? If not, where is this funding likely to come from?

(168) Is there likely to be reform into the application process and allocation of vacant facilities for those requiring these services?

(169) In a previous response you stated that the government is hopeful to have the remaining two sites identified by the end of the year. Can you provide a tentative timeframe on when construction is likely to be completed following the site allocation?

Mental Health Single Front Door Program

The Single Front Door Program announced an expansion into this program's services in June 2024 to include a mental health focus.

(170) In its recent Budget, Labor has stated that "the Mental Health Single Front Door \$39 million is part of both the Emergency Department and Mental Health total". This funding is over four years. How much of that \$39 million is actually coming from the \$111.8 million funding allocated towards Mental Health in Labor's Budget?

- (a) As at 22 May 2024, the NSW Health website made note of the impact that the NSW Single Front Door Program is having. It stated that “in 2023, over 400,000 calls were taken through the Single Front Door/healthdirect and over 315,000 people were assessed and triaged”. What about the remaining 85,000 people who phoned?
- (b) What follow up is in place for those who have not made the wait time to triage?
- (c) Are you aware of the current wait time for emergency departments?
- (d) Access to ‘Single Front Door’ for the people of NSW will be through healthdirect. Are you aware of the current wait times of healthdirect services?
- (e) What about the expected wait times for those who are experiencing mental health episodes and may not be thinking clearly enough to self-triage?
- (f) While claiming to “safely divert avoidable emergency department demand” and “increase equity of access and reduce inconvenience”, statements which are quite inconsiderate to those seeking mental health support, does NSW Health truly believe that \$39 million, over four years, towards the Single Front Door program is sufficient across NSW given that immediate access to care is still not available?
- (g) What is the Labor Government’s vision for emergency mental health care services, considering its Budget allocates \$57.6 million less mental health funding than the previous Liberal/National Government?
- (h) In a joint media release from Chris Minns, Daniel Mookhey, Ryan Park and yourself (Rose Jackson) on Tuesday 4 June 2024, it was stated that the Mental Health Single Front Door initiative was “developed in consultation with carers, mental health professionals, a range of service providers and those who may use the service”. Which mental health professionals were consulted?
- (i) As one Member of Parliament who contributed to this media release, who was deemed as someone who “may use the service”?
- (j) Why were they chosen as part of this consultation process?
- (k) I note the 2015 NSW Health’s ‘Mental Health for Emergency Departments a Reference Guide’, where it states “the essential processes of assessment and management in the ED are covered by SACCIT”. Are you familiar with the SACCIT process?

- (l) A few words listed as part of this essential process include ‘for the duration of their ED admission’, ‘vital signs’ and ‘physical examination’. Was this document and its SACCIT process considered before allocating State Government funding to the Mental Health Single Front Door initiative, and if so, how?
- (m) Lastly, when will the program be made available to the people of NSW?

Homelessness

- (171) In 2023-24 how many young people transitioned from and SHS into stable accommodation?
- (172) In 2023-24 how many people were relocated to a suburb other than their own due to lack of emergency accommodation?
 - (a) List by district
- (173) What is the number and percentage of temporary accommodation currently accessible for people with disability?
- (174) What is the number and percentage of temporary accommodation currently accessible to families?
 - (a) What date is this figure based on?
 - (b) Provide breakdown by region?
- (175) What data collection does FACSIAR provide on a quarterly basis to the Minister?
- (176) Using the information provided to the Department through CMIS. What is the most recent figure of children aged 12 to 15 who have sought services without a parent or guardian from Specialist Homelessness Services (SHS)?
 - (a) What date is this figure based on?
- (177) Using the information provided to the Department through the Client Information Management System (CIMS). What is the most recent figure of children under 12 who have sought services without a parent or guardian from Specialist Homelessness Services (SHS)?
 - (a) What date is this figure based on?
- (178) Using the information provided to the Department through the Client Information Management System (CIMS). What is the most recent figure of the number of women over 55s were assisted by an SHS?
 - (a) What date is this figure based on?

- (179) Using the information provided to the Department through the Client Information Management System (CIMS). What is the most recent figure of the number of individuals turned away?
- (a) What date is this figure based on?
- (180) Since 1 July 2024, how many SHS have sought an increase in funding?
- (a) In which LGAs are the SHS based?
- (181) How many Specialist Homelessness Services (SHS) applied for accreditation?
- (a) How many have been accredited?
- (b) How many are still to be accredited?
- (c) How long have they been given accreditation for?
- (182) How much funding is allocated to Assertive Outreach in NSW?
- (183) How many patrols were conducted between 2023-24?
- (a) Provide breakdown by region/district?
- (b) Provide monthly data
- (184) For 2024-25 has the Government identified more Assertive Outreach programs?
- (a) If so, in which LGA's will more assertive outreach programs run?
- (b) When will they commence?
- (185) Where is the nearest emergency accommodation for women experiencing homelessness living in the Wingecarribee Local Government Area?
- (186) Where is the nearest emergency accommodation for women experiencing homelessness living in the Wollondilly Local Government Area?
- (187) How much has been allocated in the Budget for the Together Home program?
- (188) How much in the budget has been allocated for End Street Sleeping Collaboration?
- (189) How much has been allocated to the 'By name' project?
- (190) How many people on the social housing waiting list are currently experiencing homelessness?
- (191) How much has been allocated in the 2024-25 Budget for the Together Home program?

- (192) How many people impacted by homelessness have been assisted by the Together Home program to date?
- (a) How many people assisted by the initiative have transitioned into long-term accommodation?
 - (b) How many young people have been assisted by the initiative?
 - (c) How many people are funded to be assisted by the Together Home program in 2024-25?
- (193) In your last Supplementary Answers, you advised that the Together Home final evaluation will be due in mid-2024. Has the final evaluation been completed?
- (a) If yes, what date was the final evaluation completed?
 - (b) Have you received a copy of the evaluation?
 - (c) Have you read the evaluation?
- (194) Will you publicly release the evaluation?
- (a) If no, why the delay?
 - (b) What date will the final evaluation be completed?
- (195) What is the total amount of funding allocated in 2023-24 Budget for peak bodies?
- (a) List the peaks funded
- (196) What is the total amount of funding allocated in 2024-25 Budget for peak bodies?
- (a) List the peaks funded
- (197) How will the \$260 million in the 2024-25 NSW Budget allocated for crisis accommodation and support be allocated across different services and regions?
- (a) How much has been allocated each year for the next four years?
 - (b) Which Department is responsible for the allocation of the funding?
- (198) How will the \$250 million allocated to support individuals at risk of homelessness be distributed, including those leaving correctional centres and mental health services?
- (a) How much has been allocated each year for the next four years?
 - (b) Which Department is responsible for the allocation of the funding?

- (199) What portion of the \$527.6 million has been allocated specifically to Specialist Homelessness Services?
- (a) How will these funds be distributed over the four years?
 - (b) Which Department is responsible for the allocation of the funding?
- (200) What portion of the \$527.6 million has been allocated specifically to Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations?
- (a) How will these funds be distributed over the four years?
 - (b) Which Department is responsible for the allocation of the funding?
- (201) What portion of the \$527.6 million has been allocated specifically to support young people?
- (a) How will these funds be distributed over the four years?
 - (b) Which Department is responsible for the allocation of the funding?
- (202) In 2023-24 how many people have returned to homelessness from temporary accommodation?
- (203) Has the Government undertaken an evaluation of the effectiveness and reach of the Link2Home program?
- (204) What are the age and gender profiles of people who interact with Link2Home?
- (205) During your Budget Estimates session, you stated that the Homelessness Innovation Fund would be announced "within the next few weeks". However, the announcement was made the following day. Could you clarify the reasoning behind this sudden change in timing?
- (a) Were you already aware during your session that the announcement would be made the following day?
 - (b) If yes, why was this not disclosed at the time?
- (206) In your press release dated 10 September 2024, you advised the Homelessness Innovation Fund "will formally open mid-September and will remain open until at least June 2025". How much has been allocated in 2024-25 financial year for the Fund?
- (a) Will any projects be funded in 2024-25?
 - (b) If so, how many?
- (207) How were the Program Guidelines for the Homelessness Innovation Fund developed?
- (208) What consultation process was undertaken in the development of the Program Guideline?

- (a) Which stakeholders were involved in the consultation process?
 - (b) Where draft guidelines or a consultation paper produced and provided to stakeholders?
 - (c) If so, when?
- (209) What involvement or input did you or your office have on the Program Guidelines?
- (210) Can you clarify the level of involvement or input that you or your office had in shaping or revising the final Program Guidelines?
- (211) The Guidelines state that "The Minister or delegated Homes NSW or DCJ officer will be the decision-maker".
- (a) Who will make the decision on the programs to be funded?
 - (b) Why has the decision-making process not been assigned to an independent panel to ensure transparency and avoid any perception of political influence?
- (212) Which Department will manage the application and decision-making process?
- (213) Which Department will manage the Innovation Fund?
- (214) The Guidelines also state that "there is no specific limit on the value of the grant providers can apply for". Why has no cap been set on grant values?
- (215) How will the outcomes of the funded projects under the Homelessness Innovation Fund be monitored to ensure they are meeting the program's objectives?
- (a) Which department will be responsible?
- (216) On what date were you first notified that the release of the new Homelessness Strategy would be delayed?
- (217) How much money was spent on consultant fees to develop the new Homelessness Strategy?
- (218) What stakeholders were consulted on the development of the new Homelessness Strategy?
- (219) What was the consultation process?
- (220) Was a draft strategy or consultation paper produced?
- (a) If so, when was it provided to stakeholders?
- (221) During Budget Estimates, you cited the integration of homelessness services into Homes NSW from DCJ as a reason for the delay in releasing the new Homelessness Strategy. Could you clarify how many homelessness services have been transferred so far?

- (222) Have all homelessness services been successfully transferred?
- (a) If not, how many are still awaiting transfer?
- (223) What does the integration process entail?
- (224) On what date did the integration process begin?
- (225) How much funding has been specifically allocated in the 2024-25 Budget for the new Homelessness Strategy?
- (a) If no funding has been allocated, is it your intention to defer funding until the 2025-26 financial year?
- (226) Has the \$303.3 million for Specialist Homelessness Services in the 2023-24 NSW Budget been expended?
- (a) If not, why not?
- (b) Where has the funding been diverted to?
- (227) Has the \$25.6 million for Temporary Accommodation in the 2023-24 NSW Budget been expended?
- (a) If not, why not?
- (b) Where has the funding been diverted to?
- (228) Has the \$27.4 million for crisis accommodation in the 2023-24 NSW Budget been expended?
- (a) If not, why not?
- (b) Where has the funding been diverted to?
- (229) Has the \$13.9 million for DCJ operational and corporate costs in the 2023-24 NSW Budget been expended?
- (a) If not, why not?
- (b) Where has the funding been diverted to?

YOUTH

- (230) How much has been allocated in the 2023/24 Budget for the Youth portfolio?
- (a) What is the breakdown of the allocation?
- (231) How many alerts were generated during 2023-24 in the Client Information Management System (CIMS) for a child under 14 years presenting on their own to an SHS?

- (a) List by district
- (232) What programs does the department fund to support and assist young people?
- (233) What is the current youth unemployment rate in South-West Sydney?
- (a) What actions and programs are being taken by your department to close the gap between the youth unemployment rate in South-West Sydney and the NSW average?
- (234) In the estimates hearing you were unable to provide data on the number of young people sleeping rough. How is the Government going to address this gap in information?
- (235) How will the Government record this information in the future?
- (236) How much has been allocated to the Central Youth Agency in the 2024-25 Budget?
- (237) How many staff have been allocated to the Central Youth Agency?
- (238) What is the number and percentage of temporary accommodation currently accessible to unaccompanied young people?
- (a) What date is this figure based on?
- (b) Provide breakdown by region?
- (239) Has there been a review of HYAP?
- (a) If so, when was the review undertaken?
- (b) When will it be released?
- (240) Is HYAP being redesigned?
- (a) If so, what are the changes?
- (241) In estimates you acknowledged it was unacceptable that around 300 young people between the ages of 14 and 18 across in the Macarthur region were experiencing homelessness. There is no youth refuge in Campbelltown for young people aged 16 and 17. Where is the nearest emergency accommodation for young people experiencing homelessness living in Campbelltown?
- (242) Will the government commit to funding a youth refuge in Campbelltown?
- (a) If not, why not?
- (243) Where is the nearest emergency accommodation for young people experiencing homelessness living in the Wingecarribee Local Government Area?

(244) Where is the nearest emergency accommodation for young people experiencing homelessness living in the Wollondilly Local Government Area?

DCJ

(245) How much money has been spent on consultants during 2023-24 for the following portfolios?

(a) Water

(b) Housing

(c) Mental Health

(d) Homelessness

(e) Youth

i. What work have they undertaken.

(246) How much of the Minister's discretionary fund has been expended?

(a) What have the funds been expended on?

(247) Could the Minister please provide the most recent copy of the Executive Organisation Chart for DCJ?

(248) Could the Minister provide a list of Executive staff that she is directly responsible for?

(249) How many staff have transferred from DCJ to Homes NSW?

(250) How many forced redundancies of executive members occurred during the financial year 2023-24?

(a) Which executive members were made redundant?

(b) What was the total cost of these redundancies?

(251) How many voluntary redundancies of executive members occurred during the financial year 2023-24?

(a) Which executive members were made voluntarily redundant?

(b) What was the total cost of these voluntary redundancies?

GENERAL

Media releases and statements

(252) Are all the ministerial media releases and statements issued by you publicly available at <https://www.nsw.gov.au/media-releases?>

(a) If no, why?

GIPA Applications – Department(s)/Agency(s)

(253) Since 28 March 2023, have you and/or your ministerial office given instructions to your portfolio department(s)/agency(s) in relation to Government Information (Public Access) Act application(s)?

Signal

(254) Are you on Signal?

(a) If yes, do you access Signal from a NSW Government device?

CFMEU membership

(255) Have you ever been a member of the Construction, Forestry and Maritime Employees Union (CFMEU)?

(a) If yes, when?

Department(s)/Agency(s) Annual Reports

(256) In what month will the 2023-24 annual reports for each department / agency in your portfolio be published?

(257) Will the 2023-24 annual reports for the department / agency in your portfolio include a printed copy?

(a) If yes, how much is budgeted for printing in 2024-25?

ETU membership

(258) Have you ever been a member of the Electrical Trades Union (ETU)?

(a) If yes, when?

Paper shredder

(259) Does your ministerial office have a paper shredder?

Department(s)/Agency(s) in Portfolio

(260) What department(s)/agency(s) are included in your portfolio?

Former Ministerial Employees

(261) Are there any former employee from your ministerial office now employed by any department/agency within your portfolio responsibilities?

(a) If yes, how many?

Qantas Chairman's Club

(262) Are you a Member of the Qantas Chairman's Club?

(a) If no, have you ever previously been a member?

(b) If yes, when did you cease to be a member?

(c) If yes, when did you initially become a member?

(d) If yes, when did you make a declaration to The Cabinet Office?

(e) If yes, how many times since 28 March 2023 have you used the Qantas Chairman's Club?

Ministerial Staff – Local Government Councillors

(263) As at 30 June 2024, how many of your ministerial staff were local government councillors?

(264) What local government(s) did they serve?

Union membership fees

(265) What was the expenditure for you to join a union in:

(a) 2022-23?

(b) 2023-24?

(c) 2024-25?

ETU meetings

(266) Given ministerial diary disclosures do not include all meetings and provide exceptions to disclosures, since 28 March 2023, have you met with the ETU?

State Records Act

(267) Have you and your ministerial office had training and/or a briefing about the State Records Act from State Records NSW and/or The Cabinet Office and/or Premier's Department?

(a) If yes, when?

Legal Costs

(268) How much did the Department/agencies within your portfolio responsibilities spend in legal costs since 28 March 2023?

(a) For what specific purposes or matters was legal advice sought?

(269) Are you a member of a union?

(a) If yes, what union?

Advertising

(270) How much has each Department/agency within your portfolio responsibilities spent on advertising or sponsored posts since 28 March 2023 on the following social media platforms:

(a) Facebook

(b) Instagram

(c) LinkedIn

(d) TikTok

(e) YouTube

(f) X (formerly known as Twitter)

Catering

(271) How much of your ministerial budget was spent on catering in 2023-24?

(272) Was catering used for external stakeholders?

(a) If yes, who were these external stakeholders?

Parliamentary Secretary

(273) Does your Parliamentary Secretary have pass access to your ministerial office?

(274) Does your Parliamentary Secretary have a desk in your ministerial office?

(275) Did any catering costs in 2023-24 include expenditure on alcohol?

Senior Executive Drivers

(276) How many senior executives in your portfolio department(s) / agency(s) have a driver?

Speeches

(277) Does your portfolio department(s) / agency(s) draft and write speeches for you?

(278) How many public servants have undertaken writing speeches in your portfolio department(s) / agency(s)?

Hard hats and/or vests

(279) Do you have a hard hat and/or vest for visiting infrastructure sites?

(a) If yes, was it paid from your ministerial budget?

Gin

(280) Since 28 March 2023, have you or your ministerial office purchased 'gin' using your ministerial budget?

Ministerial Advisers

(281) How many staff members were employed in your ministerial office in 2023-24 FY?

(282) What is the average salary for staff members in your ministerial office in 2023-24 FY?

Ministerial disclosures to The Cabinet Office

(283) On what date did you last update/make a ministerial disclosure to The Cabinet Office?

Stationery

(284) How much of your ministerial budget was spent on stationery in 2023-24?

(285) Did your stationery expenditure include gifts for external stakeholders?

(a) If yes, what was the gift(s)?

(b) If yes, who received the gift(s)?

GIPA Applications / Standing Order 52 – Ministerial Office

(286) Does your ministerial office have staff member(s) to undertake Government Information (Public Access) Act application(s) and/or Standing Order 52 requests?

- (a) If yes, has that ministerial staffer(s) received formal training about their legal obligations?

(287) How many GIPA Applications have been received by your ministerial office since 28 March 2023?

Police Commissioner Gin

(288) Have you received gin from the Police Commissioner?

E-Toll

(289) Does your ministerial vehicle have an E-Toll?

- (a) If yes, is expenditure paid by your by your ministerial budget?

Department(s)/Agency(s) Gifts and Hospitality Register

(290) Does your portfolio department(s)/agency(s) have a gifts and/or hospitality register?

- (a) If yes, is it available online?
 - i. If yes, what is the URL?

Workplace complaints

(291) Have you been the subject of any workplace complaints, including bullying, harassment, and sexual harassment since 28 March 2023?

(292) Has any member of your ministerial staff been the subject of any workplace complaints, including bullying, harassment, and sexual harassment since 28 March 2023?

Ministerial Code of Conduct

(293) Since 28 March 2023, have you breached the Ministerial Code of Conduct?

- (a) If yes, what was the breach?

TikTok

(294) Are you on TikTok?

- (a) If yes, do you access TikTok from a NSW Government device?

CFMEU meetings

(295) Given ministerial diary disclosures do not include all meetings and provide exceptions to disclosures, since 28 March 2023, have you met with the CFMEU?

Credit Cards

(296) Have you ever been issued with a credit card by a NSW Government department(s) and/or agency(s) since 28 March 2023?

- (a) If yes, under what circumstance?
- (b) If yes, what items and expenditure was undertaken?

(297) For each department, agency and/or other body in the Minister's portfolio please report:

- (a) How many credit cards are currently on issue for staff? (Please provide a break-down of this information by grade)
- (b) What was the value of the largest reported purchase on a credit card for the last year?
- (c) What was each largest reported purchase for?
- (d) What was the largest amount outstanding on a single card at the end of a payment period?
- (e) And what was the card holder's employment grade?
- (f) How many credit cards have been reported lost or stolen?
- (g) What was the cost to replace them?
- (h) How many credit card purchases were deemed to be illegitimate or contrary to agency policy?
 - i. How many purchases were asked to be repaid on the basis that they were illegitimate or contrary to agency policy and what was the total value thereof?
 - ii. Were all those amounts repaid?
- (i) Are any credit cards currently on issue connected to rewards schemes?
 - i. Do staff receive any personal benefit as a result of those reward schemes?
 - ii. Can a copy of the staff credit card policy please be provided?

Ministerial Vehicles and Driving Offences

(298) Since 28 March 2023, have you personally driven your ministerial vehicle?

(299) As a driver since 28 March 2023:

- (a) Have you been pulled over by the NSW Police Force?
- (b) Have you been fined for speeding?
- (c) Have you been fined for school zone related offence?
- (d) Have you been fined for red light related offence?
- (e) Have you been involved in an accident that included the NSW Police attending the scene?
 - i. If yes to a) to e), did this include whilst driving your ministerial vehicle?

Department(s)/agency(s) desk or office

(300) Do you have a desk or office in your portfolio department(s)/agency(s) building(s)?

Land audit – Department(s)/Agency(s)

(301) Has your portfolio department(s)/agency(s) undertaken a land audit of surplus government property in any of the following postcodes:

- (a) 2077?
- (b) 2079?
- (c) 2080?
- (d) 2081?
- (e) 2082?
- (f) 2083?
- (g) 2117?
- (h) 2118?
- (i) 2119?
- (j) 2120?
- (k) 2121?
- (l) 2125?
- (m) 2126?
- (n) 2151?

- (o) 2154?
- (p) 2156?
- (q) 2157?
- (r) 2158?
- (s) 2159?
- (t) 2756?
- (u) 2775?

i. If yes to a) to (u), how many properties have been identified

Mobile phones

(302) How many mobile phones has your ministerial office been allocated as at 1 July 2024?

(303) How many mobile phones in your ministerial office have been lost or stolen since 28 March 2023?

Efficiency dividends

(304) Was an efficiency dividend applied to your portfolio department(s) / agency(s) within your portfolio responsibilities in:

- (a) 2023-24?
- (b) 2024-25?

- i. If so, what was the efficiency dividend applied to each department/agency?
- ii. What measures are being considered to achieve this efficiency dividend?

Consultants

(305) Since 28 March 2023, how many consultancy contracts have been signed in your portfolio agencies, broken down by agency?

- (a) What was the individual amount of each contract?
- (b) What is the purpose of each contract?
- (c) Who was the contract with?
- (d) Did the contract go through a competitive tender?

Ministerial staff disclosure of gifts and/or hospitality

- (306) Does your ministerial office keep a register of gifts and/or hospitality for staff to make disclosures?
- (307) Have any staff members in your office been the recipient of any free hospitality?
- (a) What was the total value of the hospitality received?
 - (b) Are these gifts of hospitality declared?

Department(s)/Agency(s) Travel

- (308) As Minister, do you approve overseas travel for public servants in your portfolio department(s) / Agency(s)?
- (a) If yes, how many overseas trips have you approved since 28 March 2023?
- (309) Since 28 March 2023, how much has been spent on charter air flights by your portfolio agencies, broken down by agency?
- (310) Since 28 March 2023, how much has been spent on domestic flights by your portfolio agencies, broken down by agency?
- (a) Of these, how many flights were taken in business class?
- (311) Since 28 March 2023, how much has been spent on international flights by your portfolio agencies, broken down by agency?
- (a) Of these, how many flights were taken in business class?
 - (b) Of these, how many flights were taken in first class?
- (312) What was the total expenditure since 28 March 2023 by each Department/agency within your portfolio responsibilities on:
- (a) Taxi hire?
 - (b) Ridesharing services?
 - (c) Limousine/private car hire?
 - (d) Hire car rental?

Training

- (313) Since 28 March 2023, have you had training from an external stakeholder that included an invoice and payment paid for using your ministerial budget?

- (a) If yes, what is the description of training?
- (b) If yes, how much?

Cabinet documents

(314) Since 28 March 2023, have you shared Cabinet documents with your Parliamentary Secretary?

Website usage

- (315) What were the top 20 most utilised (by data sent and received) unique domain names accessed by your ministerial office since 28 March 2023?
- (316) What were the top 20 most accessed (by number of times accessed) unique domain names accessed by your ministerial office since 28 March 2023?

Department(s)/Agency(s) Employees

- (317) How many senior executive service employees were employed by each Department/agency within your portfolio responsibilities on:
- (a) 28 March 2023?
 - (b) 1 July 2023?
 - (c) 1 January 2024?
 - (d) 1 July 2024?
- (318) How many public servants within your portfolio department(s)/agency(s) were paid more than the Premier in 2023-24?
- (319) How many redundancies were processed by each Department(s)/agency(s) within your portfolio responsibilities since 28 March 2023?
- (a) Of these redundancies, how many were:
 - i. Voluntary?
 - ii. Forced?
 - (b) What was the total cost of all redundancies in each Department/agency within your portfolio responsibilities?

Ministerial visits

(320) Since 28 March 2023, have you visited any of these postcodes:

- (a) 2077?
- (b) 2079?
- (c) 2080?
- (d) 2081?
- (e) 2082?
- (f) 2083?
- (g) 2117?
- (h) 2118?
- (i) 2119?
- (j) 2120?
- (k) 2121?
- (l) 2125?
- (m) 2126?
- (n) 2151?
- (o) 2154?
- (p) 2156?
- (q) 2157?
- (r) 2158?
- (s) 2159?
- (t) 2756?
- (u) 2775?

i. If yes to a) to (u):

(321) What was the purpose of the visit(s)?

(322) Did you make a funding announcement(s)?

Camera, video recorder and microphones

(323) Does your ministerial office have the following paid by your ministerial budget:

(a) Handheld camera?

(b) Handheld video recorder?

(c) Microphone?

i. If yes to a) to c), how much is each worth when purchased?

Cabinet Sub Committees

(324) What cabinet sub committees are you a member of?