

No	Member	Question	Answer
1	Ms Cate Faehrmann MLC	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?	I am advised: This is a matter for the Minister for Health.
2	Ms Cate Faehrmann MLC	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?	I am advised: It is a decision of council where their water is sourced from. It is understood that for the majority of time since 2015-16 that the water sourced by Council has been bore water and it is only on very short and infrequent occasions that water has been sourced from the Namoi River.
3	Ms Cate Faehrmann MLC	How much funding has the Government contributed to the reverse osmosis facility at Walgett? (a) What other resources has the government committed?	I am advised: The Safe and Secure Water Program has funded the Reverse Osmosis plant at Walgett to the value of \$1,481,218, as well as \$744,012 towards the construction of a new bore. (a) DCCEEW Water has been providing ongoing technical assistance to Walgett Shire Council with an intensive focus since incidents in April 2023. This intensive focus includes; o On site technical assistance to optimise the water treatment so that Walgett shire Council are able to source their drinking water from the Namoi River. o Water distribution network optimisation o Installation of a hydrocyclone to mitigate sand ingress into the reverse osmosis plant o Repairs and maintenance on the reverse osmosis plant so that it can be used to remove sodium when sourcing water from the bore.
4	Ms Cate Faehrmann MLC	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?	I am advised: Mines and other major developments are required to assess in their Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) the water they will take over the life of a project, whether pumped from a water source, groundwater intercepted as inflows, or runoff captured in mine workings.  A consolidated report is not available as water licences and exemptions are not distinguished by type of water user, however the volumes of water on a water source scale are generally quite small, although often locally significant and assessed through the EIS process.  An exception to this is in the Hunter Valley where the volume of water taken by mining is significant on a valley scale.  Use of water by different industries is considered through the NSW Government's strategic planning framework, and Regional Water Strategies contain further information.
5	Ms Cate Faehrmann MLC	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?	I am advised: a) The volumes of water deemed to be taken under interception activities were determined by the MDBA in the development of the Basin Plan. The estimates/calculations were based on a number of different sources: • Murray Darling Basin Commission (Risk to the Shared Resource program) • National Water Commission (Farm dam interception) • The Sustainable Yields Project  b) With the exception of floodplain harvesting interception, the most recent estimations of interception by farm dams (basic rights and harvestable rights), plantation forestry and Mining/coal seam gas were completed for the Basin Plan in 2012.  The Floodplain harvesting interception volumes have been updated as part of the NSW Healthy Floodplains program. The revised volumes have been included in the Border Rivers, Macquarie and Barwon Darling Water Resource Plans, which were accredited in 2023/24. The Namoi and Gwydir Water Resource Plans are planned to be accredited within the year and will include a revised estimation of floodplain harvesting.
6	Ms Cate Faehrmann MLC	Can water be extracted from a river during an uncontrolled event under a regulated floodplain harvesting water access licence?	I am advised: No. Take of water from within a river is not authorised by a floodplain harvesting access licence.  Floodplain harvesting access licences only authorise the take of water that meets the definition of floodplain harvesting in the NSW Floodplain Harvesting Policy and must only be taken by eligible works authorised by a floodplain harvesting water supply work approval.

7	Ms Cate Faehrmann MLC	Are extractions from the river during an uncontrolled event debited against water access licence accounts?	I am advised: The way in which extractions from the river during an uncontrolled event are recorded (including debiting against water access licence accounts) depends on the nature of the uncontrolled flow, and the Water Sharing Plan that applies to the system. WaterNSW can provide further detail in response to queries about specific individual systems or circumstances.
8	Ms Cate Faehrmann MLC	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	I am advised: This is a matter for the Minister for Health.
9	Ms Cate Faehrmann MLC	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?	I am advised: This is a matter for the Minister for Health.
10	Ms Cate Faehrmann MLC	Is the public reporting of drinking water quality monitoring against specific parameters a regulatory requirement in NSW?	I am advised: This is a matter for the Minister for Health.
11	Ms Cate Faehrmann MLC	Is the NSW Drinking Water Database publicly accessible?	I am advised: This is a matter for the Minister for Health.
12	Ms Cate Faehrmann MLC	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?	I am advised: This is a matter for the Minister for Health.
13	Ms Cate Faehrmann MLC	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?	I am advised: (a) The Water Group within the NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water continues to work in close partnership with Aboriginal communities across New South Wales. Together with Aboriginal people, the Water Group is co-designing a state-wide Aboriginal Water Strategy. The strategy will identify a program of measures to increase Aboriginal people's rights and access to water for cultural and economic purposes.  The strategy is part of the wider commitment of the NSW Water Strategy to ensure improved access to water for Aboriginal communities for food, kinship, connection, recreation, stories, song lines and healing. The development of the Aboriginal Water Strategy is being led by the Aboriginal Water Program, Water Group.  Through partnership and shared decision making with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples, jurisdictional governments undertake a range of activities in support of the Closing the Gap Inland Waters Target. In partnership with the Water Group, the New South Wales Aboriginal Land Council (NSWALC) on behalf of NSW Coalition of Aboriginal Peak Organisations (CAPO) and NTSCORP have developed the Delivery Plan 'Reimagined Models of Water Management' under outcome 15C of the NSW Closing the Gap Implementation Plan 2022-24.  b) Native Title holders have a right to access water for cultural and domestic purposes. The state's water sharing plans recognise this right and cannot and do not interfere with the rights included in Native Title determinations. To date, Native Title determinations have not given Aboriginal people the right to control the use and flow of water. When the Aboriginal Water Strategy is finalised and Cultural Watering Plans are developed and implemented, water sharing plans and where required other instruments will be reviewed and if required modified, to enable Aboriginal management of water used for Aboriginal cultural or economic purposes.
14	Ms Cate Faehrmann MLC	Does the Minister acknowledge that European weirs are not part of Aboriginal culture or water management?	I am advised: Weirs along the Barwon-Darling-Baaka system were constructed post European settlement. These weirs have been in place for many, many years, so it is difficult to comment on the extent of consideration that was given to Aboriginal cultural and water management practices at the time of their construction.

15	Ms Cate Faehrmann MLC	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?	I am advised: There was no written or recorded consent to the proposed fish passage that I am aware of. However, Local First Nations leaders and their communities were invited to participate in the consultation and provide their insights to inform the project's development and delivery. A dedicated First Nations engagement team completed On Country engagement and captured conversations with Aboriginal people in the relevant geographic areas. In-person meetings were held with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Collarenebri Local Aboriginal Land Council</li><li>• Gomeroi Native Title</li><li>• Dharriwaa Elders</li><li>• Local Aboriginal Elders.</li></ul> The NSW Weirs Policy developed in the 1990s sets out goals and principles that the NSW Government (in practice, DCCEEW and the Department of Primary Industries (DPI)), consider in respect to the current and future decision making on weirs. These principles include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The construction of new weirs, or enlargement of existing weirs, shall be discouraged.</li><li>• Weirs that are no longer providing significant benefits to the owner or user shall be removed, taking into consideration the environmental impact of removal.</li><li>• Where retained, owners shall be encouraged to undertake structural changes to weirs to reduce their environmental impact on the environment.</li></ul> The NSW Fish Passage Strategy, published by DPI's Fisheries division in 2019, established priority sites that are barriers to fish passage, and without specific, targeted intervention to remediate fish passage, native fish populations will continue to decline. The principles described above were considered in the prioritisation of sites, including the removal of weirs where there were no impacts to water security. Calmundi Weir among others, due to the importance to provide water access for stock and domestic use particularly in drought, was established as a high priority for the construction of a fishway.
16	Ms Cate Faehrmann MLC	Will Held Environmental Water avoid being captured in weirpools and used for town water supplies?	I am advised: Held environmental water is a licensed entitlement and receives allocations the same as other water access licence holders in the same licence category.  If held environmental water is ordered by environmental water holders for environmental purposes downstream of a weir pool then no volume should be captured in the weir pool if it can be transmitted downstream. If held environmental water is ordered to the weir pool or is unintentionally captured in the weir pool, then it remains held environmental water owned by the licence holder and would not be used for town water supplies unless in extreme drought.
17	Ms Cate Faehrmann MLC	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?	I am advised: An options assessment was completed by the NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water which considered costs of each option, the impacts on all local communities and stakeholders, and long term management.  (a) No (b) A summary will be made publicly available.
18	Ms Cate Faehrmann MLC	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?	I am advised: An options assessment was completed by the NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water which considered costs of each option, the impacts on all local communities and stakeholders, and long term management.  (a) The assessment considers the option to remove the weir, however this option was discounted as the Calmundi Weir remains functional. The option to remove the weir was not fully costed for these reasons. (b) Aboriginal and spiritual values are considered in options. (c) Impacts on the Darling-Baaka River are considered in options. (d) A summary will be made publicly available.
19	Ms Cate Faehrmann MLC	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?	I am advised: Mines are usually assessed as State Significant Development (SSD) in accordance with the Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979, administered by the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces. The objects of the Water Management Act 2000 do not apply for the assessment of the impact of SSD. Any assessment, if it were undertaken, would need specific details of the proposal.  DCCEEW Water does however review and assess the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) of SSD projects and provides advice to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure to support its assessment of the impacts of proposed developments. DCCEEW Water's advice on SSD projects is available online on the Major Projects website.

20	Ms Cate Faehrmann MLC	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?	<p>I am advised: Hunter Water has an extensive water quality monitoring program that includes analysis for PFAS.</p> <p>Hunter Water routinely tests for PFAS at each of its water treatment plants and at approximately 70 locations throughout the drinking water distribution system. It also tests for PFAS at locations in the drinking water catchments including in the Tomago Sandbeds groundwater source. As such, Hunter Water's PFAS monitoring program is among the most comprehensive of its type nationally. PFAS monitoring results are reported in Monthly Water Quality Summaries, which are published on the Hunter Water website at: <a href="http://www.hunterwater.com.au/about-us/publications/regulatory-reports">www.hunterwater.com.au/about-us/publications/regulatory-reports</a>.</p> <p>The Monthly Water Quality Summaries report on the quality of drinking water being supplied to customers. The aim of the summaries is to provide confidence to the community regarding the quality of water supplied. For this reason, the summaries primarily present aggregated results for a number of water quality parameters at a selection of sampling locations across the drinking water distribution systems, as this data is representative of treated water supplied to the community. For transparency, Hunter Water also includes raw water and treated water PFAS data in the monthly summaries.</p> <p>Samples from individual points within the drinking water catchments are used to inform Hunter Water's operation of the Tomago Sandbeds and water treatment plants but are not representative of treated drinking water supplied to customers, and are therefore not included in the monthly summaries published on the website.</p>
21	Ms Cate Faehrmann MLC	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?	<p>I am advised: Hunter Water operates the Tomago Sandbeds in accordance with a comprehensive plan developed in collaboration with the NSW PFAS Expert Panel and approved by the NSW Chief Scientist, to safeguard the community's water supply. This plan includes a detailed monitoring and quality assurance testing program.</p> <p>A portion of the Tomago Sandbeds sits inside the Williamstown Management Area for PFAS contamination. As such, two Bore Stations within this area have been embargoed by Hunter Water and are not used for drinking water. The remainder of the Tomago Sandbeds bores may be used as a drinking water source for the Lower Hunter community as needed, and are routinely tested for PFAS.</p> <p>Lemon Tree Passage Water Treatment Plant receives water from a dedicated boreline located at the eastern end of the Tomago Sandbeds and supplies water to around 8,500 residents of the Tilligerry Peninsula.</p> <p>The maximum PFAS result recorded in the Lemon Tree Passage zone (since late 2016 when routine monitoring commenced in the distribution system) is 0.006 ug/L (6 parts per trillion) for PFOS+PFHxS. This result was recorded in a sample collected in February 2019, and is an order of magnitude below the Australian Drinking Water Guideline value of 0.07 ug/L (70 parts per trillion). The most recent PFAS detection in the Lemon Tree Passage zone of the distribution system (a result of 0.002 ug/L for PFOS, 2 parts per trillion) was in June 2020. This result was just above the laboratory's limit of reporting and is an order of magnitude below the Australian Drinking Water Guideline value. All samples collected since this date have been below the limit of reporting for PFAS.</p> <p>A summary of results for the Lemon Tree Passage zone is published in the Monthly Water Quality Summaries on Hunter water's website: <a href="http://www.hunterwater.com.au/about-us/publications/regulatory-reports">www.hunterwater.com.au/about-us/publications/regulatory-reports</a></p>
22	Ms Cate Faehrmann MLC	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?	<p>I am advised: Water quality samples from within the Lemon Tree Passage water supply zone of the distribution system have remained below the Australian Drinking Water Guidelines since routine testing commenced in 2016. The most recent low level PFAS detection in the Lemon Tree Passage zone of the distribution system (a result of 0.002 ug/L for PFOS, 2 parts per trillion) was in June 2020. All samples collected since this date have been below the laboratory's limit of reporting for PFAS. The maximum PFAS result recorded in the Lemon Tree Passage zone (since late 2016 when routine monitoring commenced in the distribution system) is 0.006 ug/L (6 parts per trillion) for PFOS+PFHxS, an order of magnitude below the Australian Drinking Water Guideline value of 0.07 ug/L (70 parts per trillion).</p> <p>Results are summarised in the Monthly Water Quality Summaries on Hunter water's website: <a href="http://www.hunterwater.com.au/about-us/publications/regulatory-reports">www.hunterwater.com.au/about-us/publications/regulatory-reports</a></p>

23	Ms Cate Faehrmann MLC	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?	I am advised: Hunter Water operates the Tomago Sandbeds in accordance with a comprehensive plan developed in collaboration with the NSW PFAS Expert Panel and approved by the NSW Chief Scientist, to safeguard the community's water supply during the operation of the Tomago Sandbeds. This plan contains a detailed monitoring and quality assurance testing program which includes the boreline (known as 'Bore Station 14') closest to the Salt Ash Weapons Range site. Samples are collected for testing prior to and during operation of the Tomago Sandbeds. All samples collected to date from Pump Station 14 have been below the Australian Drinking Water Guideline values for PFAS.  (a) I am advised that Hunter Water's Monthly Water Quality Summaries, which are published on its website, report on the quality of drinking water being supplied to customers across the Lower Hunter. The aim of the summaries is to provide confidence to the community regarding the quality of water supplied. For this reason, the summaries primarily present aggregated results from a selection of sampling locations across the drinking water distribution system, as this data is representative of treated water supplied to the community. For transparency, raw water and treated water PFAS data are also included in the monthly summaries.  Samples from individual points within the drinking water catchments are used to inform operation of the Tomago Sandbeds and Water Treatment Plants but are not representative of treated drinking water supplied to customers, and are therefore not included in the monthly summaries on the website.
24	Ms Cate Faehrmann MLC	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?	I am advised: Information on timelines is provided in Hunter Water's evidence to the Commonwealth's Senate Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade's 'Inquiry into the contamination caused by firefighting foams at RAAF Base Williamtown and other sites', available online at: <a href="http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate/Foreign_Affairs_Defence_and_Trade/ADF_facilities/Additional_Documents">www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate/Foreign_Affairs_Defence_and_Trade/ADF_facilities/Additional_Documents</a>
25	Ms Cate Faehrmann MLC	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?	I am advised: This question is a matter for the Commonwealth Government.  Information on the NSW Government's response is available on the NSW EPA website at: <a href="https://www.epa.nsw.gov.au/your-environment/contaminated-land/pfas-investigation-program">https://www.epa.nsw.gov.au/your-environment/contaminated-land/pfas-investigation-program</a>
26	Ms Cate Faehrmann MLC	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?	I am advised: The department is working on the hydrologic modelling and economic analyses that will occur after the hydrologic modelling is completed. As this point in time, the department is on track for delivery of this work by the end of 2024.
27	Ms Cate Faehrmann MLC	What progress has been made in the NRAR process to assess and remove illegal structures from the floodplains of the NSW Northern Basin rivers?	I am advised: NRAR is a partner in the Improving Floodplains Connections (IFC) project, which aims to resolve the legality of unapproved flood works across more than 100 priority areas in the Northern Basin.  To date, NRAR staff have completed 211 site inspections to confirm the existence or otherwise of allegedly unlawful flood works.  Staff considered 42 flood works may require removal. Of these, 3 flood works have been removed, 2 are subject to directions requiring removal and the remainder are subject to further evaluation.
28	Ms Cate Faehrmann MLC	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?	I am advised: WaterNSW does not provide retrospective approvals for these structures. Approval is valid only from the date of its issue. Non-compliance is a matter for the Natural Resources Access Regulator (NRAR).
29	Ms Cate Faehrmann MLC	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?	I am advised: WaterNSW will continue to work closely with relevant government departments and agencies to protect Sydney's drinking water catchment. WaterNSW's role in this process is to provide advice regarding water quality impacts of the proposal to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI), to aid in their assessment of Neutral or Beneficial Effect (NorBE) under Section 6.61(1) and 6.63 of SEPP Biodiversity and Conservation (2021). WaterNSW is working closely with, and providing advice to, the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) to ensure the environment and Sydney's drinking water supply is protected. WaterNSW and relevant government departments such as DPHI and the EPA are working with Centennial Coal to ensure a short and long-term water management plan is developed to better manage mine water and remove the need to make emergency discharges of untreated water to the declared catchment. A long-term strategy for regional water management, including mine water, will be considered as part of the Fish River-Wywendy Regional Water Strategy, being developed by the NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW).

30	Ms Cate Faehrmann MLC	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?	I am advised: Please see my various social media and media statements which clearly outline building public homes.  The new homes will include a mix of public housing delivered by Homes NSW, Aboriginal housing.  This means there is not a breakdown of how much funding will go to each sector at this time.  The 2024/25 Budget commits to generating 8,400 new public homes, upgrading and maintaining 33,500 public and Aboriginal social homes, and supporting more frontline homelessness services. This means more homes are available and in use for longer, and more people who need help with housing are supported, in response to the housing crisis.
31	Ms Cate Faehrmann MLC	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?	I am advised: The NSW Government has taken a historic step on a path to end homelessness, investing in new public homes and increased support for people in crisis. As a part of the Building Homes for NSW Program, the NSW Government is investing \$6.6 Billion in Social Housing and Homelessness. The former Government sold over \$3.6 billion worth of public homes and ended up delivering less stock. We have ended this disastrous model and for the first time in a long time investing directly into building and maintaining public homes.
32	Ms Cate Faehrmann MLC	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?	I am advised: CHPs charge rents based on the NSW Government's community housing rent policy and carry out maintenance work according to the NSW Government's Asset Management Framework. Under the National Regulatory System for Community Housing, CHPs are required to be a financially sound organisation and generate a surplus to re-invest into services and new or upgraded homes.  Homes NSW has been allocated \$150 million to deliver around 240 new and replacement social homes in flood affected local government areas (LGAs). The first of these homes will be delivered in the Ballina, Lismore, Richmond Valley and Tweed LGAs, with homes scheduled for completion in 2024, 2025 and 2026.
33	Ms Cate Faehrmann MLC	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?	I am advised: The \$6.6 billion Building Homes for NSW program, announced as part of the 2024/25 NSW Budget, is the largest ever NSW Government investment in public housing in the state's history. This once in a generation program will directly build thousands of good quality homes across our state, including in regional NSW, to confront the housing crisis and strengthen our social housing system.
34	Ms Cate Faehrmann MLC	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?	I am advised: Homes NSW offers two, five and ten year 'fixed term' leases for public housing tenants and there are some 'continuous' leases in use for tenancies established pre-2005. The community housing sector typically offers 'continuous' or ongoing leases for social housing. CHPs also manage crisis and transitional housing, which is shorter term housing for people leaving homelessness. These leases range from 3 - 18 months depending on the program funding.
35	Ms Cate Faehrmann MLC	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?	I am advised: The new homes will be delivered by Homes NSW and the Aboriginal Housing Office.
36	Ms Cate Faehrmann MLC	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?	I am advised: Homes NSW as the contract manager for community housing receives and addresses complaints about CHP performance. The Registrar of Community Housing is responsible for the registration and regulation of NSW community housing providers and may receive and investigate complaints. The Housing Appeals Committee oversees CHP compliance with policy and NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal considers breaches of the Residential Tenancies Act. (a) There are no plans to establish an additional independent oversight body.
37	Ms Cate Faehrmann MLC	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?	I am advised: We have been clear, the former Government's plan of privatisation and under-investment in public housing was wrong and has led to worse outcomes for tenants and the community. This has led to longer wait times and stock that has been left crumbling and vacant. We are turning this around by delivering a record \$6.6 billion to rebuild our public housing system and repair and restore public homes. In terms of specific metrics to monitor community housing performance I am advised: Every year, Community Housing tenants in NSW participate in a tenant satisfaction survey. The survey includes questions on tenants' satisfaction with overall services, their satisfaction with their neighbourhood, whether they are getting value for money. An evaluation of the Social Housing Management Transfer program is also to be released this year. This evaluation includes measurements of outcomes on Community Housing tenants, such as if the SHMT lead to tenant satisfaction, and if the SHMT increased exits from social housing.

38	Ms Cate Faehrmann MLC	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?	I am advised: (a) The Housing Portfolio maintenance engagement teams build, maintain and manage relationships with key stakeholders. The engagement teams plan and engage with internal and external community stakeholders, asset performance officers and perform natural disaster and emergency response engagements with the community.  (b) 3.  (c) The Northern Region covers the greater area of the Sydney northern and western suburbs, Greater Western Sydney, Newcastle, Northern NSW, and Central NSW Coast. The Southern Region covers the greater area of regional/remote Northwestern NSW, regional/remote Southwestern NSW, Sydney eastern and southern suburbs, Southern NSW and Illawarra region. The Central Region covers the greater area of Bankstown, Fairfield East, Granville, Villawood, Yagoona, Bonnyrigg, Cabramatta, Canley Vale, Wetherill Park, Liverpool, Alexandria, Barangaroo, Beaconsfield, Chippendale, Darlinghurst, Darlington, Erskineville, Eveleigh, Forest Lodge, Glebe, Kings Cross, Millers Point, Potts Point, Pyrmont, Redfern, The Rocks, Ultimo, Waterloo, Woolloomooloo and the Inner West.  Housing Services a-c) Housing Services does not have a designated 'engagement team'. Housing Service provides application and tenancy management services to residents across the state based from regional offices.
39	Ms Cate Faehrmann MLC	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?	I am advised: (a) The following contractors have been engaged for 5 years with options to extend: - SR Construction - BGIS - Ventia - Spotless/Downer - Assett Group - Programmed (b) Ventia and Spotless/Downer. (c) Homes NSW, acting reasonably, may direct a maintenance contractor to terminate a subcontractor arrangement where the work is not up to standard. (d) i. As at 1 July 2024, there were 11,957 work orders in progress. ii. Yes. iii. No. iv. Yes
40	Ms Cate Faehrmann MLC	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?	I am advised: \$548 million. (a) The following shows the expenditure for the previous 3 financial years: * 2022/23: \$635 million * 2022/21 : \$499 million * 2021/20: \$517 million
41	Ms Cate Faehrmann MLC	How many maintenance requests are currently unresolved: (a) Across NSW; (b) In the Inner West; and (c) In Inner Sydney?	I am advised: As at 23 September 2024: a) 123,446 b) 11,109 c) 10,713
42	Ms Cate Faehrmann MLC	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?	I am advised: (a) The average time is 9 minutes and 45 seconds during peak days Monday-Friday. (b) See answer to question 125. A timeframe for completion of works is assigned when the matter is reported to the maintenance call centre. (c) As above. Additionally, Homes NSW may determine that capital upgrade works are required, for example full internal or external painting; kitchen or bathroom upgrades; and fence replacements. These works are scheduled on a programmed basis typically 6 to 12 months in advance. (d) See answer to question 125. Works are closed once contractors demonstrate their site completion and submit evidence of the completed works.

43	Ms Cate Faehrmann MLC	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).	I am advised: (a) (i) 47 (ii) 192 (iii) (1) 8 (2) We do not collect this data separately as it is incorporated in vacant data. (3) 228 (4) Nil (5) 2 (6) 1 held for possible sale. HomesNSW have developed a policy of 'meanwhile use' of properties earmarked for redevelopment and for transitional accommodation. This policy ensures existing homes are used to their full capacity. We have also brought over 300 homes back into use through the Social Housing Accelerator Fund as well as fixing and upgrading homes through our historic maintenance blitz.
44	Ms Cate Faehrmann MLC	In FY 2023-24, how many applications for social housing were rejected under the Inner-City Local Allocation Strategy?	I am advised: No Housing applications were rejected/declined under the Inner City Local Allocation Strategy (LAS). Of the 1,583 Inner City LAS checks completed by the Sydney Housing District, 38 clients produced a positive result from the Inner-City LAS Police check. This meant these clients were approved for the NSW Housing Register, but were excluded from the suburbs of Waterloo, Redfern, Surry Hills, and Glebe.
45	Ms Cate Faehrmann MLC	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?	I am advised: As at 31 August 2024, the number of approved transfer applications currently on the Homes NSW are as follows: (a) General transfer waiting list: 8,806 (b) Priority transfer waiting list of 4,030 (c) At-risk transfer waiting list of 1,124
46	Ms Cate Faehrmann MLC	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?	I am advised: In 2023/24, the median wait times (months) people spend on each of these transfer waitlist before being offered a social housing property is as follows:  General transfer : 10.4 months Priority transfers : 6.0 months The median wait times for transfer applicants in the previous three years is as follows: 2020/21 : General transfer : 6.3 months ; Priority transfer : 3.9 months 2021/22 : General transfer : 6.6 months ; Priority transfer : 5.9 months 2022/23 : General transfer : 8.4 months ; Priority transfer : 4.9 months
47	Ms Cate Faehrmann MLC	Of people who were offered a transfer in FYI 2023-24, what was the longest time someone spent on the waiting list?	I am advised: Of the people who were offered a transfer in 2023/24, the longest time the applicant had spent on the waiting list was 15.6 years
48	Ms Cate Faehrmann MLC	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?	I am advised: a) \$487,600 b) \$498,480 c) \$442,280
49	Ms Cate Faehrmann MLC	How did these compare with costs for the same in each of the three preceding financial years?	I am advised:  Bed 1 Bed 2 Bed 3  2021: \$366.75K \$365.24K \$355.05K  2022: \$406.20K \$397.86K \$358.77K  2023: \$401.13K \$408.86K \$441.06K
50	Ms Cate Faehrmann MLC	\$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?	I am advised: a) An estimated amount of \$4 million will be spent across both AHO and ACHP owned dwellings in Broken Hill, NSW.  b) The priority actions under this commitment are: * Deliver urgent backlog maintenance and repairs for (74 properties in the Broken Hill Region). * Deliver Aboriginal training and employment opportunities for up to 100 Aboriginal people in building and construction trades. * Develop and deliver a Remote Housing Strategy to meet the unique needs of First Nations people living in remote communities.
51	Ms Cate Faehrmann MLC	How many new homes have been and are being built by the Aboriginal Housing Office in Broken Hill in 2024?	I am advised: In 2023/24, AHO delivered 11 new homes across Broken Hill. A further three homes are currently awaiting occupancy certificates, due to be received in late 2024.
52	Ms Cate Faehrmann MLC	How many dwellings administered by Homes NSW are connected to gas appliances for: (a) heating; (b) hot water; (c) cooking;	I am advised: a) 4,741 b) 31,901 c) 27,807



53	Ms Cate Faehrmann MLC	How many Homes NSW dwellings were upgraded from gas to electric appliances in the year to 30 June 2024?	I am advised: Under the Social Housing Energy Performance Initiative, Homes NSW upgraded 26 gas hot water systems to electric heat pumps and 14 gas stoves to electric stoves as pilot projects.
54	Ms Cate Faehrmann MLC	How many Homes NSW dwellings had a gas appliance installed in the year to 30 June 2024?	I am advised: 742 dwellings including heating, hot water and cooking appliances.
55	Ms Cate Faehrmann MLC	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?	I am advised: Yes, under the Homes NSW Environmental Sustainability Strategy 2024-2026 and Homes NSW Heating and Cooling Policy. Further details are available at: <a href="https://www.dpie.nsw.gov.au/land-and-housing-corporation/plans-and-policies/lahc-environmental-sustainability-strategy-2024-2026">https://www.dpie.nsw.gov.au/land-and-housing-corporation/plans-and-policies/lahc-environmental-sustainability-strategy-2024-2026</a> and <a href="https://www.facs.nsw.gov.au/housing/policies/heating-and-cooling-policy#:~:text=The%20Homes%20NSW%20Heating%20and, and%20heating%20and%20cooling%20devices">https://www.facs.nsw.gov.au/housing/policies/heating-and-cooling-policy#:~:text=The%20Homes%20NSW%20Heating%20and, and%20heating%20and%20cooling%20devices</a> .
56	Ms Cate Faehrmann MLC	Does Homes NSW have any targets for the upgrade of dwellings to efficient electric appliances?	I am advised: Homes NSW does not have targets for the upgrade of dwellings to efficient electric appliances. We replace these items with more efficient products at the end of their life. Based on property scoping, approximately 24,000 social housing homes will be upgraded by June 2027 as part of the Social Housing Energy Performance Initiative. Energy efficiency upgrades to Homes NSW properties will include solar systems, reverse-cycle air conditioners, heat pump hot water systems, electric stoves, ceiling insulation and draught proofing.
57	Ms Abigail Boyd MLC	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?	I am advised: Allocations of Ministerial responsibility for particular recommendations from the Disability Royal Commission are a decision of Cabinet. Per the publicly available NSW Government 2024/25 Implementation Plan includes our commitments and actions over the first 12 months of activity and includes the NSW Government agency with lead responsibility for actions.
58	Ms Abigail Boyd MLC	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?	I am advised: This is not a question the department can respond to.
59	Ms Abigail Boyd MLC	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?	I am advised: (a) New homes generated by the budget investment will allow companion animals.  NSW Government-contracted women's refuges are required to deliver services aligned with their contract, which may include working with families and their animals, or using brokerage to support the safety and care of animals.  The new Core and Cluster refuges designed to provide women and children experiencing DFV with self-contained crisis accommodation (cluster), and access to onsite services and supports (core), are required to be accessible for pets and companion animals.  (b) Existing women's refuges are required to deliver services aligned with their contract, which may include working with families and their animals, or using brokerage to support the safety and care of animals.  The new Core and Cluster refuges designed to provide women and children experiencing DFV with self-contained crisis accommodation (cluster), and access to onsite services and supports (core), are required to be accessible for pets and companion animals.
60	Ms Abigail Boyd MLC	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?	I am advised: This question is for the Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault.
61	Ms Abigail Boyd MLC	What will the NSW Government do to ensure pathways to safe housing for women and children on temporary visas?	I am advised: Specialist Homelessness Services (SHS) supports people in NSW who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness. There are no restrictions on residency status for clients seeking support from the SHS program. In some delivery models, it may be appropriate for service providers to have a specialisation. This may include services for people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds.  All SHS service providers operate using a No Wrong Door approach to people who are experiencing homelessness or who are at risk of homelessness. The No Wrong Door approach refers to the principle that a person will receive some support, or will be assisted to find support, whenever they access a service provider.

62	Ms Abigail Boyd MLC	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?	I am advised:  Homes NSW delivers all new housing in accordance with universal design principles and a commitment to Silver Level Liveable Housing Design Guidelines in all ground floor or lift-serviced dwellings with level access.
63	Ms Abigail Boyd MLC	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?	I am advised: Homes NSW is undertaking a review of access to social housing and age will be considered in this context. Over a third of priority applicant households already include people aged 55 or over, or 45 and over if Aboriginal. This signals older people who are vulnerable and at-risk who urgently need housing assistance are being prioritised.
64	Ms Abigail Boyd MLC	Will the NSW Government provide specific allocation of social housing for older people aged 55 years and over? (a) If not, why not?	I am advised: While many Homes NSW properties are built under the State Environmental Planning Policies (SEPP) guidelines for older people or people with a disability, and Homes NSW already houses many households 55 or older, specific age-based housing targets are not proposed. Homes NSW and its housing partners need maximum flexibility to match people and families to available homes.
65	Ms Abigail Boyd MLC	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?	I am advised: Homes NSW is actively considering how to improve the experience and support for older people experiencing or at risk of homelessness.
66	Ms Abigail Boyd MLC	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?	I am advised:  The goals and principles in the Domestic Violence Crisis Accommodation Functional Design Brief for the Core and Cluster Program are to help ensure women of all ages and children escaping domestic and family violence are well supported and have the privacy, safety and independence they need for healing, wellbeing and belonging.  The Functional Design Brief, used to inform Core and Cluster projects for crisis accommodation gives women and children the ability to develop a routine in their own space, both physically and mentally, with limited disruptions to school and work.  In following the Design Brief, site selection is an important aspect of the Core and Cluster program. When choosing a site, the organisations leading each individual project consider elements such as location (urban/regional/rural), zoning, and proximity to public transport, local amenities and mainstream and Aboriginal support services. Suitability of such elements is ensured through the open and market led procurement process where awarded projects meet such elements as possible in the urban, regional or rural market and availability of local services and amenities.
67	Ms Abigail Boyd MLC	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?	I am advised: The National Gender and Emergency Management Guidelines were developed in 2016 by Gender and Disaster Australia (GADAus), supported by the Commonwealth Government's National Emergency Management Projects (NEMP) program. Currently supported by the Commonwealth Government's National Plan to End Violence Against Women and Children 2022-2032, GADAus has advised that it has trained over 1000 participants from the emergency services sector, local government, women's health, and disaster-affected communities across the country, including Lismore and Northern NSW, to inform more inclusive disaster risk reduction, resilience, and responses. The NSW Government is committed to working with individuals and groups, as well as the services that support and advocate for them, to identify action-oriented strategies to increase access, inclusion, and support when planning for and coordinating disaster recovery. On 28 August 2024, the NSW and Commonwealth Governments announced that GADAus has been successful in securing funding under the latest round of the jointly funded Disaster Ready Fund. The project 'Creating Safe Shelter Spaces - Holding a Gendered Lens on Emergency Management Simulations' aims to assess the safety of emergency shelters through a gendered lens, to help ensure the safety of women, children, and LGBTQIA+ people during disasters.

68	Hon Tania Mihailuk MLC	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 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 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?	I am advised: On 29 August 2024, representatives of the Ministry of Health and the Sax Institute briefed staff from the Office of the Minister for Mental Health on the Sax Institute's Evidence Check Update.
69	Hon Tania Mihailuk MLC	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, 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)?	I am advised: NSW Health engaged the Sax Institute to deliver the Evidence Check Update. Sax Institute brokered the research, reference checks, typing/word process, proof reading and formatting of the Evidence Check Update. The report has not been printed.
70	Hon Tania Mihailuk MLC	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?	I am advised: The Ministry of Health provided feedback to ensure the report met the scope requirements and clearly represented the findings. Sax Institute considered the feedback and incorporated as appropriate.

71	Hon Tania Mihailuk MLC	<p>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:</p> <p>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).</p> <p>(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.</p> <p>(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.</p> <p>(c) ACYP is unable to comment on the prevalence of this practice.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>(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.</p> <p>(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.</p> <p>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?</p> <p>(1) If not, why not?</p> <p>(2) If so, what was discussed at the meeting(s) and what action, if any, was determined regarding the following-up of the matters?</p> <p>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?</p> <p>(1) If not, why not?</p> <p>(2) If so, what was discussed at the meeting(s) and what action, if any, was determined regarding the following-up of the matters?</p> <p>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?</p> <p>(1) If not, why not?</p> <p>(2) If so, what was discussed at the meeting(s) and what action, if any, was</p>	<p>I am advised:</p> <p>In response to question 71i. – vii.:</p> <p>The Advocate provided a brief to the following in relation to the sensitive issues raised during consultations with young people who identify as LGBTQIA+.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Hon. Natasha Maclaren-Jones, then Minister for Families and Communities</li> <li>• The Hon. Ben Franklin, then Minister for Regional Youth</li> <li>• The Hon. Brad Hazzard, then Minister for Health</li> <li>• The Hon. Bronwyn Taylor, then Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Regional Health</li> <li>• The NSW Ministry of Health</li> </ul> <p>The Advocate notes the excerpt provided by the Hon. Tania Mihailuk is not drawn from The Voices of LGBTQIA+ Young People in NSW 2022 itself, rather, from a sensitive briefing note provided to the relevant Ministers and Departments listed above ahead of the report's release related to those consultations. As noted in the original document, this content was not included in the report due to concerns that publication may lead to the unintended promotion of unsafe behaviours and to protect the best interests of young people.</p> <p>Following the launch of the report, the Advocate and the Office continue to work across Government to highlight the importance of increasing access to health and mental health services and information for all young people in NSW, noting the particular needs of young people who identify as LGBTQIA+.</p> <p>In terms of the young people who raised these topics during consultations, participants were pointed to health and LGBTQIA+ support services at the close of the discussion.</p>
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72	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	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?	I am advised: No decisions have been made as to whether the NSW Government will deliver additional environmental water through any potential rule changes associated with the recommendations from the Independent Connectivity Expert Panel report. The department must complete the hydrologic and economic modelling first to understand impacts before any advice about rule changes can be given.
73	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	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?	I am advised: The NSW Government has published its Alternatives to Buyback Plan which outlines the measures we are taking to contribute to water recovery targets without buybacks. The 605 GL target reduction by the Sustainable Diversion Limit Adjustment Mechanism (SDLAM) is subject to the implementation of supply and constraints projects in the Southern connected Basin across NSW, Victoria and South Australia. It does not apply in the Northern Basin. With regard to the 450 GL of additional environmental water and measures in the Northern Basin, the Trangie Nevertire Co-op Ltd- TARC Syphon Modernisation Feasibility Project (funded through the former Off-farm Efficiency Project) was completed in March 2024. A full project application from Trangie Nevertire Co-op Ltd is currently in the early stages of development. Of the estimated savings attributable to the project, approximately 400 ML will be returned to the Commonwealth for use for the environment.
74	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	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?	I am advised: The NSW Government has been working with proponents to bring forward applications under the Australian Government's Resilient Rivers Water Infrastructure Program (RRWIP) to contribute to the 450 GL of additional environmental water.  Applications for two full projects and three feasibility projects from NSW are currently under consideration by the Australian Government. A further two full projects are currently in application development with the support of NSW. Engagement with stakeholders is occurring continuously to identify new RRWIP projects to progress applications.  The NSW Government has also been working with stakeholders that submitted proposals for potential new supply measure projects to the Australian Government's call for ideas to finish the Basin Plan in mid-2023. We are progressing projects in the Murrumbidgee and Murray with Irrigation Infrastructure Operators (IIOs) and are continuing to explore their delivery feasibility by 31 December 2026, potential contribution to the 605 GL offset, and building the evidence base to seek Basin Government support to include these as new SDLAM projects.
75	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	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?	I am advised: The NSW Government will consider implications for the delivery of water supply and sewerage services, including their funding, once more detail becomes available on potential changes to the PFAS thresholds in the Australian Drinking Water Guidelines
76	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	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?	I am advised: This is a matter for the Minister for Health.
77	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	Has the Government been actively trying to implement all these recommendations for NSW?	I am advised: This is a matter for the Minister for Health.
78	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	Is the government actively trying to minimise further contamination to new and existing water sources from being contaminated?	I am advised: The Environment Protection Authority (EPA) is leading an investigation program on behalf of the NSW Government to assess the legacy of PFAS use across NSW. Within the Water portfolio, WaterNSW frequently monitors many water quality parameters over a very large area across the Greater Sydney catchment and dams. This includes extensive water testing and real time monitoring 24/7. Each month thousands of data points are collected and evaluated continually for the management of source water quality. With regards to testing for PFAS, WaterNSW takes a targeted, risk-based approach consistent with the regulatory frameworks, informed by expert advice from NSW Health and other authorities such as the EPA.

79	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	In the previous term in Opposition, the now Labor Government emphasized that PFAS products should be banned. Is that still your position?	I am advised: The potential for banning of PFAS products on environmental grounds would be a matter for the Minister for the Environment. The potential for banning PFAS products on health grounds would be a matter for the Minister for Health. There is currently a National Review into PFAS and a NSW Parliamentary Inquiry - we looks forward to those recommendations.
80	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	What steps is the Government taking to support communities that have detected PFAS in water supplies that were previously void of this contaminant?	I am advised: Currently, based on testing to undertaken to date, there are no communities in NSW with PFAS in drinking water supplies above the drinking water standards.  The NSW Government's PFAS Investigation Program, led by the Environment Protection Authority (EPA), has identified sites where large quantities of PFAS containing products have been used. NSW Health is working with the EPA, the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW), and water utilities to better understand the current risk of PFAS. The NSW Government PFAS Investigation Program  Water utilities are responsible for assessing the risk in drinking water they supply and, if a risk is identified, monitoring for chemical contaminants such as PFAS. Water utilities are responsible for the quality of drinking water they provide, and responsible for communicating drinking water quality information to their consumers. NSW Health and DCCEEW are working with water utilities to ensure they have assessed risks and have undertaken monitoring for PFAS where it is needed. NSW Health and DCCEEW support water utilities in how they communicate instances of PFAS to their communities.  DCCEEW also support Local Water Utilities in their Strategic Planning through the Regulatory and Assurance Framework. This Framework is designed to make sure that local water utilities can manage risks and service needs effectively and strategically, now and into the future, and in the event of significant shocks.  For Greater Sydney, WaterNSW will keep the community informed as the investigation into PFAS in the drinking water catchment progresses and continue to work closely with NSW Health and Sydney Water to ensure drinking water remains safe. Three drop-in sessions for Blue Mountains' residents were held in late September and early October.
81	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	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?	I am advised: The Safe and Secure Water Program has not reallocated funds from any existing contracted project. Funds may become available if, for example, a grantee declines a funding offer or has an offer withdrawn. In these circumstances funding can be made available for new projects.
82	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	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?	I am advised: Local water utilities should primarily recover all their efficient costs (i.e. efficient operating and maintenance costs as well as efficient capital-related costs for renewals and upgrades) of providing water supply and sewerage services to customers through prices on customers and, for the cost of servicing growth, from developer charges.  Local water utilities could potentially access a range of other different funding sources to recover the costs of delivering town water and sewerage services, subject to eligibility requirements. These can include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• funding streams from the NSW Government, such as grants (e.g. Safe and Secure Water Program)</li> <li>• funding streams from the Australian Government, such as infrastructure-related funding (e.g. National Water Grid)</li> <li>• funding from the council (council's general-purpose fund) in the form of a community service obligation.</li> <li>• Lending from NSW TCorp loan facility</li> </ul>

83	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	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?	I am advised: Safety concerns on new weirs are a consistent issue for designers that are required to meet design requirements, Australian standards and mitigate risks to public safety. The safety risks for the new weir raised by WaterNSW during a Safety in Design and Hazard Identification review workshop in February 2023 are documented in a register with a corresponding risk assessment. The safety risks are: 1. Roads – risks to site access in flood conditions, resulting in need to increase height of Union Bend Road to provide all weather access under flood conditions. 2. Operation – risks to access the control hut to operate gates in flood conditions, resulting in loss of access to controls for weir and putting structure at risk of major damage and/or failure. 3. Operation – hydraulic and electrical systems constructed to submersible standards and protected from flood debris (logs, etc). 4. Fishway – sharp edges on fishway baffles and hazardous hydraulic conditions under normal to high flows resulting in cuts, abrasions, major injury or fatality, resulting in need to design baffles, cover fishway completely and/or provide egress points allowing trapped persons to exit fishway 5. General – working over water and possible falls resulting in injury or death, resulting in need to construct handrails, crane reaches and manual lifting structures within operational zone of structure 6. Public access – interference from public on automated/controlled structure and possible fall from height leading to injury or fatality, resulting in full exclusion of public access from North bank of weir (nominal exclusion zone 100m upstream and 100m downstream of weir).
84	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	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?	I am advised: Aboriginal heritage impacts were considered as part of the Environmental Impact Statement, and in particular the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment Report which can be found on the NSW Planning Portal.  Specific impacts to Aboriginal cultural heritage that could be impacted by the larger weir at the proposed new location include scar trees, fish traps and gathering places, details of which can be found in the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment Report.
85	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	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?	I am advised: The Basin Plan (7.12) requires that SDLAM projects that cannot be delivered by 31 December 2026 be amended to reflect a reduced scope or withdrawn by 30 June 2026. The MDBA will conduct a reconciliation of SDLAM supply and efficiency measures by 31 December 2026 and if the water recovery targets are not met, will propose adjustments to SDLs for each affected resource unit.  (a) Current funding expires on 31 December 2026. Should any projects not be delivered by then, any further extension of time would need to be agreed by governments, along with funding arrangements. (b) Noting that the Managing Contractor Contract for the accelerated SDLAM program is yet to be awarded, as per the Draft Contract, there is no need to re-tender. (c) Bridging the Gap, including for any shortfall in SDLAM, remains an Australian Government responsibility. The Australian Government has not published a strategy indicating how it plans to manage such a shortfall. (d) The NSW Government is focused on delivering existing projects and putting forward new proposals that are supported by communities and will contribute to the water recovery targets in the Basin Plan.
86	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	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?	I am advised: As part of the Agreement by Murray-Darling Basin Ministers to deliver the Basin Plan in full in August 2023, Basin governments noted that not all constraints relaxation projects will be complete by 2026, but nevertheless support for those projects should continue.  Progress with delivery of constraints projects will be assessed during the Murray-Darling Basin Authority's Basin Plan Review in 2026. Through this review process, options to continue constraints projects beyond December 2026 along with their ability to contribute to water recovery targets will be considered, as agreed by Basin Ministers in August 2023.  The Water Amendment (Restoring Our Rivers) Act 2023 (C'ith) requires that the Murray-Darling Basin Authority prepare a Constraints Relaxation Implementation Roadmap (Roadmap) by the end of 2024. The Roadmap will support Basin states to maximise the benefits of their constraints projects to deliver environmental outcomes, in a consistent and prioritised way. It will identify issues and actions needed to be agreed jointly by Basin states within a realistic timeframe.

87	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	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?	I am advised: How the Commonwealth recover and manage their environmental water holdings are questions for the Commonwealth, however their Restoring Our Rivers: Framework for delivery the 450 GL of additional environmental water outlines examples of how environmental outcomes can be enhanced by water recovery. Early works for projects to address physical and operational constraints to environmental water delivery are being progressed by NSW under the Reconnecting River Country Program noting agreement on an ongoing delivery pathway is required for full project implementation. (a) Yes, allocated water is held behind the dam until delivered (from the dam or from downstream sources). (b) Within the southern connected Basin NSW owns 50% of storage space in the Murray storages and 100% in the Murrumbidgee storages. The more water reserved for non-consumptive use means there is less space left for storing consumptive allocations. Until the environmental water holder uses its water and frees up storage space, this will limit allocation increment in wet years when the NSW component may become full.
88	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	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?	I am advised: How the Commonwealth recover and manage their environmental water holdings are questions for the Commonwealth, however their Restoring Our Rivers: Framework for delivering the 450 GL of additional environmental water outlines examples of how environmental outcomes can be enhanced by water recovery. Physical constraints are unlikely to limit capacity to recover water, however they may limit capacity to deliver or use the water.
89	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	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?	I am advised: Figtree Hill was a designated accelerated development under a previous Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure priority acceleration precinct designation.  For stage 1 (1,700 lots), Lendlease carried out options planning for the development and is currently delivering initial water and wastewater infrastructure. Wastewater for stage 1 lots will initially go to the Glenfield wastewater system.  For stage 2, an official notice was provided by Sydney Water to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure and Council on 15 and 17 March 2024 respectively, through the statutory referral process regarding wastewater capacity issues at Glenfield Wastewater Resource Recovery Facility. Further advice was provided on 22 April 2024 advising that Sydney Water could service up to 600 lots of the Stage 2 development. Sydney Water will continue to support a staged approach for servicing this development.



90	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	<p>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 lemma 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?</p> <p>(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?</p> <p>(b) What role does IPART play in relation to Sydney Water's infrastructure investment and what effect does this have on service capacity planning?</p> <p>(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?</p> <p>(d) What is the Government explicitly doing in order to ensure:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Sydney Water's service capacity planning is line with common planning assumptions?</li> <li>ii. service capacity is in place to meet the Government's housing completion and employment projections in the Macarthur Region?</li> </ol>	<p>I am advised:</p> <p>Key projects to address servicing issues in the Greater Macarthur region are now being assessed with a view of providing critical infrastructure to existing homes and to meet expected growth in the short-term.</p> <p>a) Sydney Water's understanding of growth and associated servicing needs is informed by Common Planning Assumptions and planning figures received from the Department of Planning, Housing, and Infrastructure (DPHI) based on their Sydney Housing Supply Forecast. DPHI also produce greenfield dashboards indicating where and when growth would occur. The planning figures are updated based on Government strategies, including acceleration of growth through Transport Oriented Development (TODs) and achieving the Housing Accord as well as developer intelligence and data from Councils on growth and development applications. Sydney Water utilises this data, along with system capacity data, to ascertain service requirements and anticipated timescales. Sydney Water advises DPHI of anticipated planning and servicing timeframes via the Growth Servicing Plan and via statutory referral responses.</p> <p>The Government is undertaking a program of work to improve the alignment of land use planning with drinking water and wastewater service planning. This work will inform potential changes to planning instruments and development processes so that utilities are involved earlier in the planning process and to ensure that they are using the best information available to plan and sequence their infrastructure investments.</p> <p>b) It is the role of IPART to review Sydney Water's forward program of investment in water and wastewater servicing to ensure that services are being delivered in line with customer expectations, in accordance with the requirements of Sydney Water's Operating Licence and provided at an acceptable cost to customers. Prices for Sydney Water are reviewed by IPART on a five-year cycle, with Sydney Water responsible for responding to changing drivers and demands within the five year period as needed. IPART's next pricing determination will be for the period FY2026 to FY 2030.</p> <p>IPART's determination allows Sydney Water to recoup costs of the infrastructure investment via developer contributions and/or customer bills. IPART, through its independent auditors, review Sydney Water's proposed investment program to ensure it is prudent and efficient and backed by evidence, including demonstrated growth demand. If parts of the program are not supported by IPART, then Sydney Water cannot recoup revenue to cover the cost for those projects</p> <p>c) Sydney Water's service capacity within the Campbelltown, Wollondilly, and Camden LGAs is in line with common planning assumptions or five-year housing completion and employment targets for each of the next five years. In addition, Sydney Water is continually working with developers, councils and DPHI to ensure that infrastructure is delivered in alignment with the need to comply with IPART's regulatory obligations, while also exploring opportunities for accelerated development and servicing.</p> <p>d) Infrastructure NSW provided a review of Essential Infrastructure for Housing in 2024 which assessed the capacity of Sydney Water's forward program of water and sewer infrastructure investment to support housing growth aligned with the proposed Housing Accord and Transport Oriented Development. INSW is now leading a second review with a specific focus on the Greater Macarthur. These reviews are providing confidence in Sydney Water's forward program by identifying where there is additional capacity in the system, where augmentations are needed, where there is a need to rebalance investments, and where investments can be deferred to reduce costs to customers without impacting service delivery. Critical and priority projects for growth and asset renewal will continue to be supported by Government and progressed by Sydney Water.</p>
91	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	<p>Regarding exclusivity within Upper Hunter Hydro's agreement with the Government:</p> <p>(a) What is the period of exclusivity for Upper Hunter Hydro within the terms of the agreement?</p> <p>(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?</p>	<p>I am advised:</p> <p>(a) 64 months from the signing of the Development Agreement (which may be extended if the development is successful).</p> <p>(b) After a competitive procurement process, WaterNSW signed two Development Agreements with Upper Hunter Hydro (UHH) in January 2024 for proposed renewable energy and storage projects at Glenbawn and Glennies Dam reservoirs. The agreements provide UHH with access to agreed property owned by WaterNSW to further investigate and develop the proposed pumped hydro energy schemes (PHES). The agreements provide UHH exclusive rights for the agreed WaterNSW land with regard to renewable energy projects. The agreements do not preclude WaterNSW considering further renewable energy projects on WaterNSW owned land adjacent to Glenbawn and Glennies Dam reservoirs.</p>

92	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	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?	<p>I am advised: Sydney Water's North Suburbs Ocean Outfall Sewer (NSOOS) captures wastewater from customers on the North Shore and transfers it to Sydney Water's facility at North Head for treatment. The Northside Storage Tunnel (NST) was constructed to store wastewater during high rainfall events until the wet weather subsides and wastewater can be safely transferred to North Head for treatment. The NST has reduced discharges from the NSOOS to the Harbour by up to 90%, leading to benefits to the environment including greatly improved water quality in Sydney Harbour.</p> <p>During significant wet weather events, discharges will occur when the wastewater network and the NST reach capacity. This is to stop the wastewater from backing up and flooding into homes and populated urban areas. There are four discharge points on the NSOOS when the NST becomes full, one being at Scotts Creek, which is the last one to overflow.</p> <p>Considering the significant wet weather between April and June 2024, Sydney Water has been able to minimise the overflows at Scotts Creek to three occasions on 5 April, and 2 and 7 June. Following any such event, Sydney Water attends site and undertakes any necessary clean-up actions.</p> <p>Sydney Water is not intending to make any specific investment or upgrades at Scotts Creek itself. However, extensive work is being planned which will reduce the overflow occurrences at Scotts Creek. On the lower NSOOS system between Clontarf and North Head, major work is planned to restore capacity following silt build up and tunnel degradation over many years. This work is due to commence in early 2026 and will continue until circa 2030. In conjunction with this work, the NST and pumps are being refurbished at North Head. To reduce the increased flows into the sewers during wet weather, Sydney Water has an ongoing Wet Weather Overflow Abatement Program. Source control work will be completed in the Willoughby vicinity and other parts of the catchment. The Camellia Wastewater Treatment facility will also be introduced to service the future development at Rosehill and some existing areas which currently flow into the NSOOS. This will result in a net reduction in flows into the NSOOS for both dry weather and during wet weather conditions.</p>
93	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	Further, how will these investments ensure that Scotts Creek is better protected against flooding and environmental hazards in the future?	<p>I am advised: The works listed in the answer to question 50 above will reduce overflows at Scotts Creek, by restoring capacity in the NSOOS and reducing the flows into the NSOOS.</p>
94	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	<p>From the Building Homes for New South Wales program, how many new homes will the DCJ new supply funding build?</p> <p>(a) What timelines are in place for the delivery of these DCJ funded social homes?</p> <p>(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?</p> <p>(c) How many new homes will commence construction from DCJ funding for every FY over the forward estimates?</p> <p>(d) How many replacement homes will commence construction from DCJ funding for every FY over the forward estimates?</p>	<p>I am advised: The Homes NSW new supply funding will deliver 8,400 homes by 2031. Final new supply figures are being developed for the final Business Case to be submitted to Infrastructure NSW for approval. Based on current modelling, most homes are expected to be delivered, in construction, or procured within 4 years.</p>
95	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	<p>From the Building Homes for New South Wales program, how many new homes will the LAHC new supply funding build?</p> <p>(a) What timelines are in place for the delivery of these LAHC funded social homes?</p> <p>(b) How many new homes will commence construction from LAHC funding for every FY over:</p> <p>i. the forward estimates?</p> <p>ii. to 2034?</p> <p>(c) How many replacement homes will commence construction from LAHC funding for every FY over:</p> <p>i. the forward estimates?</p> <p>ii. to 2034?</p>	<p>I am advised: Homes NSW will deliver these homes.</p> <p>(a) See answer to Q94.</p> <p>(b) and (c) New and replacement homes cannot be separated for example new replacement homes may be constructed on sites where older homes that are no longer fit for purpose and have been demolished.</p>

96	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	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?	I am advised: (a) See answer to Q94.  (b) and (c) New and replacement homes cannot be separated for example new replacement homes may be constructed on sites where older homes that are no longer fit for purpose and have been demolished.
97	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	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?	I am advised: Homes NSW is currently preparing the final business case in line with Infrastructure NSW assurance process. This will provide a road map for the delivery of 8,400 new social homes.
98	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	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?	I am advised: Homes NSW continues to review its portfolio to address the needs of its tenants. This review considers high housing demand, growth opportunities, areas of low environmental risk and good access to services.  (a) See answer to question 97.  (b) Tenants' right of return will depend on the project and will be assessed on a case by case basis.
99	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	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?	I am advised: See answer to question 97.
100	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	Where will we find the land to build new social housing?	I am advised: Homes NSW has large land holdings and continuously reviews its portfolio to address the needs of tenants. This is achieved by developing and acquiring new properties and redeveloping existing properties. This review considers high housing demand, growth opportunities, areas of low environmental risk, and good access to transport and services. Additionally, Property and Development NSW (PDNSW) has also been leading the NSW Government's Land Audit to identify any government land that is surplus or underutilised which could be used to increase housing supply. Homes NSW is participating in this work and is committed to delivering social and affordable housing for all new homes on public land - we have already announced a number of sites.
101	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	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?	I am advised: See answer to question 100.  AHO - 94 vacant sites that are not currently programmed by AHO and available for Social Housing delivery a) Yes - please see attachment
102	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	How many sites for new housing supply have been identified by Homes NSW and DCJ?	I am advised: See answer to question 97.
103	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	Is finding new land for social housing new supply wholly reliant on the land audit?	I am advised: No. Homes NSW continuously reviews its portfolio to address the needs of tenants. This is achieved by developing and acquiring new properties and redeveloping existing properties.
104	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	What is the progress on the 60-day rental cap in the Byron Shire?	I am advised: This is a question for the Minister for Planning
105	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	Is it correct the cap started this month?	I am advised: This is a question for the Minister for Planning
106	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	How many Short Term Rentals were there in Byron Shire on 31 August 2024 (or most recent date to that available?)	I am advised: This is a question for the Minister for Planning
107	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	What is the rental vacancy rate in Byron Shire, per the most recent data?	I am advised: This is a question for the Minister for Planning
108	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	What was the rental vacancy rate in Byron Shire in February 2024?	I am advised: This is a question for the Minister for Planning
109	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	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?	I am advised: This is a question for the Minister for Planning

110	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	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?	I am advised: This is a question for the Minister for Planning
111	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	Can you please provide a list of STRA registrations in NSW broken down by postcode and LGA?	I am advised: This is a question for the Minister for Planning
112	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	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?	I am advised: This is a question for the Minister for Planning
113	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	How many people stayed in hotels in the Sydney Metro Area in FY 2023-24?	I am advised: The NSW Government does not hold this data
114	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	How many people stayed in hotels in NSW in FY 2023-24?	I am advised: The NSW Government does not hold this data
115	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	What was the economic benefit of STRA accommodation on the NSW economy in FY 2023-24?	I am advised: The Government is currently reviewing the planning and regulatory framework for short-term rental accommodation. Advice produced by Treasury to inform Government decision-making is Cabinet in Confidence.
116	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	How much would caps on STRA accommodation cost the NSW economy every year? Has this modelling been conducted?	I am advised: This is a question for the Treasurer
117	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	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?	I am advised: Homes NSW: From December 2023 to 27 September 2024: (a) 40 projects delivering 485 dwellings. (i) 32 projects delivering 405 dwellings. (ii) 8 projects delivering 80 dwellings. (iii) Nil. (iv) Part 5 activity determinations are available on the NSW Planning Portal.  AHO - AHO Data (see attachment) (b) 12 projects delivering 50 new homes. (i) 9 projects delivering 34 new homes. (ii) 3 projects delivering 16 new homes. (iii) Nil. (iv) Yes.  (c)(i)-(iv) These questions for the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces.
118	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	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?	I am advised: This is a question for the Minister for Planning.

119	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	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"?	I am advised: Nil DAs have been submitted to date by Homes NSW and the AHO to 'reduce the minimum lot size for dual occupancies being delivered as a complying development'.
120	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	How many DA's have LAHC, AHO, Community Housing Providers and Aboriginal Housing Providers submitted for dual occupancies to date?	I am advised: Homes NSW has not sought approvals through self-assessment for dual occupancies. LAHC has submitted 21 DAs, AHO has submitted 45 DAs and ACHPs have submitted 16 DAs for dual occupancies through complying development. Homes NSW does not hold data on the number of DAs approved to build on land owned by CHPs.
121	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	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	I am advised: Maintenance under the former government was underfunded and privatised - which led to poor outcomes for tenants and assets. We are working hard to undo this by directly funding maintenance for the first time in a long time and bringing the call centre back in-house. (a) \$208.4 million (b) All of the \$810 million is allocated to LAHC (c) Yes (d) An average of 8,375 homes per year from 2024/25 to 2027/28.
122	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	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?	I am advised: The procurement of the new maintenance contract was comprehensive and thorough with proponents being requested to address their capacity and trade base as part of their tender. The ability to scale up and down the workload based on a wide range of factors was a requirement in evaluating submissions.
123	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	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?	I am advised: Homes NSW has used the Reserve Bank of Australia's annual inflation forecast to factor in rising construction costs up to 2025/26. From 2026/27 and onwards, a rate of 2.5% per annum was applied.  (a) Below outlines the year on year escalation rates over the next four years:  2025/26 - 3%  2026/27 - 2.5%  2027/28 - 2.5%  2028/29 - 2.5%
124	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	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?	I am advised: (a) \$8.6 million in transition costs associated for the set up of the Maintenance Hub. (b) By late 2024. (i) Feedback received through tenant consultation is currently being used to inform the types of features that the app will offer to make it easy to use.
125	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	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?	I am advised: All maintenance work is delivered within the established timeframes. There are multiple response timeframes that vary between 2 hours and 20 days. For example, a reported faulty smoke detector within a building is required to be repaired within 2 hours, while a clothesline is required to be repaired within 20 days. (a) Key milestones are tracked for each work order, such as appointments being made by the contractors, site access, commencement of works and completion of works. If there are any impacts to the agreed timeframes, the tenants are kept informed. (b) The arrangements and performance of contractors remain commercial in confidence. Any non-compliances may lead to a reduction or loss of opportunities to be assigned future work orders.
126	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	How much has been spent on social housing maintenance in FY 2023/24 to date?	I am advised: \$612.7 million was spent in 2023/24.

127	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	How many urgent requests for maintenance to social housing properties have been made in FY 2023/24 to date?	I am advised: Under the previous maintenance contract, 34,226 urgent work orders were issued in 2023/24. Homes NSW does not hold records about the total number of requests received during this period.
128	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	How many requests for maintenance to social housing properties have been made in FY 2023/24 to date?	I am advised: Under the previous maintenance contract, 694,555 work orders were issued in 2023/24. Homes NSW does not hold records about the total number of requests received during this period.
129	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	What is the average wait time for fulfilment of social housing maintenance, on this date?	I am advised: Maintenance response timeframes and work priorities vary between 2 hours through to 90 days across responsive and programmed works. Critical timeframes assigned are required to be met by contractors unless there is a justification to adjust the target timeframes such as access issues, weather or unforeseen issues like the presence of asbestos.
130	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	How many maintenance requests remain unfulfilled, to date?	I am advised: As at 20 September 2024, there are 714 unfulfilled maintenance requests. This includes works that are currently within timeframe for delivery.
131	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	What is the number of new social housing dwellings constructed in FY 2023/24	I am advised: 830 social homes built in 2023/24, including 115 new AHO homes. Another 15 were built by ACHP
132	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	Can you please provide the number of social housing dwellings constructed in FY 2023/24 per LGA?	I am advised: Total 130 dwellings - See attachment.
133	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	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	I am advised: Homes NSW (a) 339, including studios. (b) 320. (c) 43. (d) 13.  AHO (a) Nil. (b) 63. (c) 19. (d) 48.
134	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	What percentage does social housing make-up of the total housing stock in NSW at the end of FY 2023/24	I am advised: Data for 2023/24 is not available.  At Census 2021, 4.8% of all dwellings in NSW were social housing stock.  These include both occupied and vacant stocks.
135	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	Can you please provide the projected number of social housing dwellings to be constructed in FY 2024/25?	I am advised: Homes NSW will construct 888 social homes, including 708 DCJ/LAHC homes, 165 AHO homes & 15 built by ACHP.
136	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	Can you please provide the projected number of social housing dwellings to be constructed in each year over the forward estimates?	I am advised: For 2024/25 see answer to question 135.  The combined Homes NSW new supply funding will deliver 8,400 homes by 2031. This includes 5,400 by DCJ, 2,700 by LAHC and 300 by AHO. These projections are based on the Strategic Business Case, and will be confirmed when the Final Business Case is completed. Most homes are expected to be delivered, in construction, or procured within four years. Specific procurement and delivery timelines are still being developed. Projections are based on the Strategic Business Case, and will be confirmed when the Final Business Case is completed.
137	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	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	I am advised: Please refer to answer 43
138	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	How many vacant social housing homes are there today?	I am advised: As of 31 August 2024, there were 2,468 untenanted properties in NSW, managed by Homes NSW. This includes properties undergoing major refurbishment works and those being held for redevelopment.
139	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	At most recent reporting of data, how many social housing tenants were there in NSW?	I am advised: At 30 June 2024, there were 139,868 social housing tenancies in NSW

140	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	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?	I am advised: (a) February 2024: 118 March 2024: 140 April 2024: 139 May 2024: 265 June 2024: 178 July 2024: 175 August 2024: 163  (b) February 2024: 33 March 2024: 28 April 2024: 28 May 2024: 36 June 2024: 25 July 2024: 24 August 2024: 37  (c) This data is not available  (d) February 2024: 13 March 2024: 13 April 2024: 14 May 2024: 10 June 2024: 10 July 2024: 9 August 2024: 10
141	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	How many tenants have Homes NSW (and its predecessors) taken to NCAT during FY 2023/24?	I am advised: During 2023/24, Homes NSW have taken 831 tenants to NCAT.
142	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	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?	I am advised: The median wait time for people to access social housing for those on the priority social housing waiting list in 2023/24 was 3.5 months.
143	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	What is the median wait time for people to access social housing for those on the social housing waiting list in FY 2023/24?	I am advised: The median wait time for people to access social housing for those on the social housing waiting list in 2023/24 was 4.6 months.
144	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	How many applications on the waiting list (general) were fulfilled during FY 2023/24?	I am advised: 1,979 applications on the waiting list (general) were fulfilled during 2023/24.
145	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	How many applications on the waiting list (priority) were fulfilled during FY 2023/24?	I am advised: 6,278 applications on the waiting list (priority) were fulfilled during 2023/24.
146	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	How many applications on the waiting list (general) have been fulfilled during 2024 (to date)?	I am advised: Please see data published below:  <a href="https://dcj.nsw.gov.au/about-us/families-and-communities-statistics/social-housing-waiting-list-data.html">https://dcj.nsw.gov.au/about-us/families-and-communities-statistics/social-housing-waiting-list-data.html</a>
147	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	How many applications on the waiting list (priority) have been fulfilled during 2024 (to date)?	I am advised: 4,327 applications on the waiting list (priority) have been fulfilled during January 2024 to August 2024.  <a href="https://dcj.nsw.gov.au/about-us/families-and-communities-statistics/social-housing-waiting-list-data.html">https://dcj.nsw.gov.au/about-us/families-and-communities-statistics/social-housing-waiting-list-data.html</a>
148	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	How many children were on the social housing waitlist on 30 June 2024?	I am advised: There were 162 children under 18 as main applicants on the social housing waitlist on 30 June 2024.
149	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	How many males aged 60 and over were on the social housing waitlist on 30 June 2024?	I am advised: There were 6,590 main applicants who were male aged 60 and over on the social housing waitlist on 30 June 2024.
150	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	How many females aged 60 and over were on the social housing waitlist on 30 June 2024?	I am advised: There were 6,650 main applicants who were female aged 60 and over on the social housing waitlist on 30 June 2024.
151	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	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	I am advised: (a) February 2024: 422 (b) March 2024: 352 (c) April 2024: 372 (d) May 2024: 431 (e) June 2024: 410 (f) July 2024: 360 (g) August 2024: 401

152	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	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	I am advised: (a) February 2024: 12 (b) March 2024: 16 (c) April 2024: 17 (d) May 2024: 35 (e) June 2024: 81 (f) July 2024: 155 (g) August 2024: 262
153	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	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	I am advised: (a) February 2024: 26 (b) March 2024: 29 (c) April 2024: 32 (d) May 2024: 28 (e) June 2024: 38 (f) July 2024: 24 (g) August 2024: 35
154	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	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	I am advised: (a) February 2024: 0 (b) March 2024: 3 (c) April 2024: 3 (d) May 2024: 4 (e) June 2024: 5 (f) July 2024: 11 (g) August 2024: 17
155	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	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	I am advised: Housing Services (a) February 2024: 87 (b) March 2024: 81 (c) April 2024: 66 (d) May 2024: 133 (e) June 2024: 155 (f) July 2024: 70 (g) August 2024: 80  Refer to answer 151 & 153 for data in relation to LAHC(HP) & AHO
156	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	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	I am advised: Housing Services (a) February 2024: 3 (b) March 2024: 13 (c) April 2024: 7 (d) May 2024: 17 (e) June 2024: 27 (f) July 2024: 10 (g) August 2024: 34  Refer to answer 152 & 154 for data in relation to LAHC(HP) & AHO
157	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	Can you update us on the progress of establishment of three sites for housing with mental health support via the Haven Foundation?	I am advised: A contract has now been signed with the Haven Foundation. The next step is for Infrastructure NSW to approve the business case and recommend release of the funds for the project.
158	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	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	I am advised: Each property undergoes a thorough assessment and scoping process to evaluate its condition and schedule maintenance and upgrades. Data is not held on the number of planned upgrades.
159	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	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	I am advised: Each property undergoes a thorough assessment and scoping process to evaluate its condition and schedule maintenance and upgrades. Data is not held on the number of planned upgrades.



160	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	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	I am advised: (a) 0 (b) 0 (c) 0 (d) 0 (e) 0 (f) 0 (g) 12 (h) 16 (i) 16 (j) 0
161	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	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	I am advised: No green-field sites have been identified for development of social housing by Homes NSW in these electorates. However, the NSW Government is working collaboratively with local government councils and other key stakeholders to unlock vacant and surplus government owned land to repurpose into much needed diverse housing supply, including in regional NSW. As part of this, Homes NSW is considering opportunities to deliver more social housing across the state.
162	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	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	I am advised: No urban infill sites have been identified for development of social housing by Homes NSW in these electorates. The NSW Government is working collaboratively with local government councils and other key stakeholders to unlock vacant and surplus government owned land to repurpose into much needed diverse housing supply, including in regional NSW. As part of this, Homes NSW is considering opportunities to deliver more social housing across the state.
163	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	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	I am advised: (a) 1,219 (b) 1,011 (c) 1,313 (d) 1,126 (e) 1,444 (f) 1,599 (g) 1,125 (h) 1,250 (i) 1,118 (j) 1,145
164	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	How many homes have been renovated in the Argyll Estate since March 2023?	I am advised: The Argyll Estate is under community housing provider (CHP) management. Homes NSW does not hold data on the number of CHPs properties upgraded or money spent.
165	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	For each renovated property, how much money was spent?	I am advised: See answer to question 164.
166	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	When will the NSW Government replace aging homes in the Argyll Estate?	I am advised: The former government's plan for the Argyll estate were a dud deal and would have resulted in less social homes being built. We are moving ahead and working closely with the community to deliver more and better public homes for people who need them most. The NSW government is conducting community consultation to create a collective social and affordable housing plan and strategy to explore long-term opportunities to deliver more and better social homes in the wider Coffs Harbour local government area. The NSW Government has also made a commitment to identify and unlock any surplus government owned land that can be repurposed to create more housing supply across Coffs Harbour. In 2023/24, DCJ invested \$11.6 million in homelessness services within the Northern NSW district.
167	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	Is the \$20 million allocation expected to cover these projects? If not, where is this funding likely to come from?	I am advised: The project will be delivered within the \$20 million funding envelope.
168	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	Is there likely to be reform into the application process and allocation of vacant facilities for those requiring these services?	I am advised: The Haven Residences will be social homes for people eligible for social housing who also have a psychosocial disability and/or National Disability Insurance Scheme package. The Haven Foundation will use the Housing Register to identify residents based on priority.

169	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	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?	I am advised: A timeframe cannot be determined at this stage as it will be dependent on various factors including Haven Foundation acquiring the sites, the nature of the sites, the existence of any existing development applications, and procurement of development, building and construction services.
170	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	<p>The Single Front Door Program announced an expansion into this program's services in June 2024 to include a mental health focus.</p> <p>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?</p> <p>(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?</p> <p>(b) What follow up is in place for those who have not made the wait time to triage?</p> <p>(c) Are you aware of the current wait time for emergency departments?</p> <p>(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?</p> <p>(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?</p> <p>(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?</p> <p>(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?</p> <p>(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?</p> <p>(i) As one Member of Parliament who contributed to this media release, who was deemed as someone who "may use the service"?</p> <p>(j) Why were they chosen as part of this consultation process?</p> <p>(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</p>	<p>I am advised:</p> <p>(a) Regarding the Healthdirect helpline the difference between the number of calls handled and calls triaged consists of other call categories that did not require assessment and triage, including callers requesting general nursing advice, health information or service information only (no triage required), emergency calls including warm transfers to Triple Zero, abandoned calls, and wrong numbers.</p> <p>(b) Any caller that contacts Healthdirect via the helpline and loses connection or chooses to end the call before the call is picked up by the service is not usually followed up. In the event that a caller has been connected to the service, engaged with the nurse and then loses the connection or ends the call in distress, Healthdirect has a process in place for calling the person back where it is appropriate.</p> <p>When a caller has connected to Healthdirect's nurse helpline and is disconnected due to technical outages, a Healthdirect nurse calls the person back on the number they used to phone Healthdirect. Once re-connected, the nurse explains the reason for the call back and continues with the triage process and directs the person to the most appropriate care pathway. Healthdirect documents this interaction, and a secure SMS is sent to the person confirming the encounter, recommendations and other relevant information as appropriate.</p> <p>Should there be safety concerns, and the person is not contactable, there is an escalation process in place that alerts the police.</p> <p>If there was to be a complete technical outage (such as the Telstra communication network being unavailable), Healthdirect places a recorded message on the line so callers are aware of a delay in accessing the service and to call 000 for emergencies.</p> <p>(c) For mental health or self-harm presentations to NSW emergency departments in the most recent full month (August 2024), 47% of non-admitted presentations were completed within 4 hours, and 36% of presentations requiring admission or transfer were completed within 6 hours.</p> <p>(d) Regarding the Healthdirect helpline, I'm advised the average speed to answer in NSW in FY2024-25 to date is 30 seconds. The average speed to answer in FY 2023-24 in NSW was 53 seconds.</p> <p>(e) The Mental Health Single Front Door is not operational.</p> <p>(f) Yes.</p> <p>(g) The NSW Government announced additional investment of \$111.8 million for a range of initiatives in mental health care.</p> <p>(h) Psychiatrists, psychiatry registrars, GPs, psychologists, nurses, counsellors, school counsellors, social workers and mental health peer workers.</p> <p>(i) Consultation was conducted via the NSW Government's Have Your Say</p> <p>(j) Consultation was conducted via the NSW Government's Have Your Say.</p> <p>(k) No.</p> <p>(l) No.</p> <p>(m) July 2025.</p>

171	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	In 2023-24 how many young people transitioned from and SHS into stable accommodation?	I am advised: Specialist homelessness services (SHS) data for 2023/24 is not available yet. In 2022/23, 12,994 young people aged 15 to 24 years presented alone to SHS. Of these, 4,012 young people began support while being homeless (rather than at risk of homelessness) and 1,337 (33%) were assisted into housing at the end of their support. Source: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) Confidentialised Unit Record File 2022/23, with DCJ analysis. NOTE: Housing outcomes are described only for clients whose support ended in the financial year and they had a known housing situation at the start and end of support.
172	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	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	I am advised: Homes NSW does not have this data available at the suburb level.
173	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	What is the number and percentage of temporary accommodation currently accessible for people with disability?	I am advised: As at 18 September 2024, there were 383 temporary accommodation providers of which 132 (34%) indicate they are wheelchair accessible.
174	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	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?	I am advised: As at 18 September 2024, of the 383 temporary accommodation providers, 344 (90%) indicate they provide services to couples and/or families. Regional breakdown is provided in the attachment.
175	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	What data collection does FACSIAR provide on a quarterly basis to the Minister?	I am advised: FACSIAR provides a range of reports to the Minister including: 1. Monthly Social Housing Waiting List Data <a href="https://dcj.nsw.gov.au/about-us/families-and-communities-statistics/social-housing-waiting-list-data.html">https://dcj.nsw.gov.au/about-us/families-and-communities-statistics/social-housing-waiting-list-data.html</a> 2. Quarterly Social housing delivery dashboard <a href="https://public.tableau.com/app/profile/dcj.statistics/viz/DCJquarterlystatisticalreportonhousingdelivery_16853262027950/Socialhousingdeliveryreport?publish=yes">https://public.tableau.com/app/profile/dcj.statistics/viz/DCJquarterlystatisticalreportonhousingdelivery_16853262027950/Socialhousingdeliveryreport?publish=yes</a> 3. Location specific data on social housing register by demographics. 4. Location specific data on social housing dwellings. 5. Location specific data on Temporary accommodation assistances.  (1 & 2 are publicly available)
176	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	Using the information provided to the Department through CIMS. 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?	I am advised: Specialist homelessness services (SHS) data for 2023-24 is not available yet. In 2022/23, SHS in NSW assisted 2,489 children aged 12-15 years who are identified as presenting alone. Source: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) Confidentialised Unit Record File 2022-23, with DCJ analysis. (a) Data is for the period 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023.
177	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	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?	I am advised: Specialist Homelessness Services (SHS) in New South Wales are not contracted to support children under the age of 12 who are unaccompanied. However, in July 2024, the Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) carefully reviewed data showing children under 12 who were recorded as presenting alone. Through collaboration with 12 service providers, it was confirmed that these children were accompanied by a parent or guardian, and the data had been entered in error. We remain committed to ensuring that the needs of vulnerable families are met with the utmost care and attention.
178	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	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?	I am advised: Specialist homelessness services (SHS) data for 2023/24 is not available yet. In 2022-23, SHS in NSW assisted 3,063 female clients aged 55 years and above, representing 51.5% of all older SHS clients and 4% of all SHS clients.  Source: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) SHS annual report 2022-23 data tables.  (a) Data is for the period 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023.
179	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	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?	I am advised: Specialist homelessness services (SHS) data for 2023/24 is not available yet. In 2022/23, there were 16,975 unassisted requests for assistance from SHS.  Source: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) SHS annual report 2022-23 data tables.  (a) Data is for the period 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023.
180	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	Since 1 July 2024, how many SHS have sought an increase in funding? (a) In which LGAs are the SHS based?	I am advised: Since 1 July Homes NSW has received one request for additional funding from a contracted SHS. (a) Inner West

181	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	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?	I am advised: As per requirements, 103 existing SHS/HYAP providers (representing 196 contracts) applied for accreditation. a) All 103 existing SHS/HYAP providers (representing 196 contracts) are now accredited. b) There are two newly funded programs that are still to be accredited, which are the Aboriginal Homelessness Sector Growth Program (6 organisations) and Core and Cluster Program (total organisations still subject to procurement) - these providers have until 30 June 2026 to achieve accreditation. c) The length of accreditation depends on which of the four approved standards the organisation has applied, but is a minimum of 3 years before an organisation must go through the re-accreditation process.
182	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	How much funding is allocated to Assertive Outreach in NSW?	I am advised: Approximately \$10.8 million is allocated for Assertive Outreach within the 2024/2025 financial year. (Note, this includes program delivery and funding for district, employee related expenses.
183	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	How many patrols were conducted between 2023-24? (a) Provide breakdown by region/district? (b) Provide monthly data	I am advised: Across the state, 2,950 Assertive Outreach patrols were conducted in 2023/2024. A breakdown of the patrols by district and month can be found in the attachment.
184	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	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?	I am advised: Assertive Outreach is a program delivered across NSW at funded and unfunded sites. There is currently no funding committed for an additional Assertive Outreach sites.
185	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	Where is the nearest emergency accommodation for women experiencing homelessness living in the Wingecarribee Local Government Area?	I am advised: There is one funded SHS providing crisis accommodation for women, servicing the Wingecarribee Local Government area (LGA). It is located in the Camden LGA.
186	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	Where is the nearest emergency accommodation for women experiencing homelessness living in the Wollondilly Local Government Area?	I am advised: There are three funded SHSs that provide crisis accommodation for women, servicing the Wollondilly Local Government area (LGA). They are located within the Camden and Campbelltown LGAs.
187	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	How much has been allocated in the Budget for the Together Home program?	I am advised: Under the 2024/25 NSW budget allocation, no new tranches of Together Home are planned. Existing clients in the program will continue to be supported as planned, under existing contracts.
188	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	How much in the budget has been allocated for End Street Sleeping Collaboration?	I am advised No funding has been allocated to the Collaboration.
189	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	How much has been allocated to the 'By name' project?	I am advised: This proposal under active consideration.
190	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	How many people on the social housing waiting list are currently experiencing homelessness?	I am advised: As of 31 August 2024, there are 10,072 applicants on the social housing waiting list are noted as currently experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness.
191	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	How much has been allocated in the 2024-25 Budget for the Together Home program?	I am advised: The Together Home program is a \$189 million investment by the NSW Government. Existing clients in this program will continue to be supported as planned, under existing contracts.
192	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	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?	I am advised: From July 2020 to end August 2024, 1,392 clients were linked to wraparound support, including 1,196 housed. 886 clients have exited. (a) Of the clients, who have exited, 427 are reported as having exited to long-term housing, however some clients who have disengaged from the program could have achieved positive housing outcomes through other means. (b) 86 clients between ages of 18 and 25. The Together Home program is not intended for clients under the age of 18. (c) Under the 2024/25 NSW budget allocation, no new tranches of Together Home are planned.
193	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	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?	I am advised: The final evaluation report is due in October 2024, which will include finalised data analysis.
194	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	Will you publicly release the evaluation? (a) If no, why the delay? (b) What date will the final evaluation be completed?	I am advised: The Together Home evaluation will be published following internal review and feedback.

195	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	What is the total amount of funding allocated in 2023-24 Budget for peak bodies? (a) List the peaks funded	I am advised: Approximately \$3.1 million was allocated to peak bodies in the 2023/24 Budget, including for Industry Partnership. The three peaks are Homelessness NSW, Yfoundations and DVNSW.
196	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	What is the total amount of funding allocated in 2024-25 Budget for peak bodies? (a) List the peaks funded	I am advised: In 2024/25 Budget, approximately \$3.5 million has been allocated to peak bodies including Industry Partnership. The three peaks funded are Homelessness NSW, Yfoundations and DVNSW. Note, this funding has been made available within the existing recurrent budget for homelessness programs.
197	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	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?	I am advised: The \$260 million in new funding announced with the 2024/25 State Budget will be allocated to Temporary Accommodation (TA) to provide short-term, emergency accommodation to vulnerable people in crisis. a) A minimum of \$131.5 million has been allocated in the first year 2024/25, \$70 million in 2025/26, \$30 million each in 2026/27 and 2027/28. b) Homes NSW, a division of the Department of Communities and Justice.
198	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	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?	I am advised: Funding in the 2024/25 State Budget will provide crisis accommodation and support to vulnerable people experiencing and at risk of homelessness across NSW, including those leaving correctional facilities and mental health services. A breakdown of funding allocation per initiative is yet to be determined for forward years.
199	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	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?	I am advised: Homes NSW allocates the funding and has committed up to \$46 million in targeted funding over four years to support Specialist Homelessness Services in addressing wage costs and other indexation gaps. \$5 million has been allocated and paid to services for 2024/25. At this time Homes NSW has not determined what the break up of the allocation will be in future years.
200	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	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?	I am advised: Approximately \$15 million will be allocated to Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations (ACCOs) under the 2024/25 State Budget. (a) Funding allocation per annum is yet to be decided. (b) Homes NSW will oversee the allocation of funding.
201	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	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?	I am advised: Funding in the 2024/25 State Budget will provide crisis accommodation and support to vulnerable people experiencing and at risk of homelessness across NSW, including young people. a) A breakdown of funding allocation for the youth cohort is not available at this stage. b) Homes NSW, a division of the Department of Communities and Justice.
202	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	In 2023-24 how many people have returned to homelessness from temporary accommodation?	I am advised: This data is not captured.  Most clients who are supported in temporary accommodation move on to more stable housing, and do not return to homelessness. Some temporary accommodation clients return to rough sleeping and re-enter temporary accommodation from time to time.
203	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	Has the Government undertaken an evaluation of the effectiveness and reach of the Link2Home program?	I am advised: In 2022, Ernst & Young were engaged to evaluate programs related to specialist homelessness services (SHS) and their referral pathways.  Currently, Homes NSW has enlisted Coxswain Alliance to assess the effectiveness of processes at the Housing Contact Centre, including those of Link2Home.
204	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	What are the age and gender profiles of people who interact with Link2Home?	I am advised: Link2Home is an information and referral service with no specific age criteria. This service assists a wide range of individuals and households, that include men, women, and children, ranging in age from young people to the elderly.
205	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	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?	The Homelessness Innovation Fund was announced on September 10th 2024.

206	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	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?	I am advised: Approximately \$30 million is provisionally allocated for the 2024/25 financial year. In line with the Grants Administration Guide, a robust assessment process will be undertaken to determine projects to be funded for the 2024/25 financial year. A number for funded projects will be available after the final comparative assessment has taken place in May 2025.
207	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	How were the Program Guidelines for the Homelessness Innovation Fund developed?	I am advised: On 10 July, Homes NSW and Homelessness Peak bodies participated in a workshop to design the Homelessness Innovation Fund. Draft guidelines were developed from that workshop and shared with the Homelessness Peaks for feedback in August 2024. The guidelines were then further refined by Homes NSW.
208	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	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?	I am advised: Homes NSW hosted a workshop on 10 July. It was attended by the following stakeholders: Homelessness NSW and YFoundations. DVNSW was invited but was an apology.
209	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	What involvement or input did you or your office have on the Program Guidelines?	I, as the Minister for Housing and Homelessness, approved the final grant program guidelines, in line with the NSW Grant Administration Guide sections 5 and 6.
210	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	Can you clarify the level of involvement or input that you or your office had in shaping or revising the final Program Guidelines?	I, as the Minister for Housing and Homelessness, approved the final grant program guidelines, in line with the NSW Grant Administration Guide sections 5 and 6. My office is kept informed about the development of the HIF but did not play a role in shaping or revising the guidelines.
211	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	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?	I am advised: a) For each of the two grant programs in the HIF, an independent panel will review all eligible assessed applications and make recommendations for funding to the decision maker as per Section 6.3.1 of the NSW Grants Administration Guide (GAG). b) It has been assigned as per section 6.1.6 of the GAG.
212	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	Which Department will manage the application and decision-making process?	I am advised: Homes NSW
213	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	Which Department will manage the Innovation Fund?	I am advised: Homes NSW
214	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	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?	I am advised: The Homelessness Innovation Fund will initially target reducing the current demand for and costs of Temporary Accommodation (TA), especially that which is delivered through motels, and proposals for service reform and innovation.  As demand and costs for TA are currently very high, Homes NSW is looking for proposals which could provide more or better services at an overall lower or equal cost.  For this reason, no cap has been set on grant values.  Proposals will be assessed holistically against all criteria in the program guidelines, including the timeframes for delivery (e.g. immediate or over multiple years) and with regard to the available budgets.
215	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	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?	I am advised: Homes NSW is responsible, as per section 6.1.3 of the NSW Grants Administration Guide which has a full reporting and acquittal process. These will be facilitated using One GMS and Smarty Grants Portal with assistance from DCJ Partnerships.
216	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	On what date were you first notified that the release of the new Homelessness Strategy would be delayed?	I am advised: Homelessness functions transferred from DCJ to Homes NSW on 24 May 2024. Around that time the focus shifted from finalising the Strategy to action planning while the Homes for NSW Plan was being developed. This has allowed time for coordination between housing and homelessness staff, understanding of the NSW Budget investment decisions, and planned coordination with stakeholders.

217	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	How much money was spent on consultant fees to develop the new Homelessness Strategy?	I am advised: ARTD was contracted at \$149,048.90 (incl GST) to design and undertake the consultation approach for the new Homelessness Strategy. Insight Partnership was contracted at \$30,765.00 (incl GST) to hold: - Targeted internal government workshops to develop the strategy. - Stakeholder roundtables which explored new approaches under the Strategy. This included local service planning approaches, and tailored responses for children and young people.  The Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute (AHURI) was contracted at \$64,470 incl. GST to develop an exploratory paper to support the design of a whole-of-sector Housing First approach for NSW.
218	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	What stakeholders were consulted on the development of the new Homelessness Strategy?	I am advised: Please refer to attachment.
219	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	What was the consultation process?	I am advised: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 13 December 2023 – online stakeholder Roundtable on Housing First approaches (by AHURI)</li> <li>• 14 December 2023 – in-person Roundtable with people with lived experience of homelessness on Housing First approaches (by AHURI)</li> <li>• 31 January 2024 – in person Roundtable on local service planning (by Insight Partnership)</li> <li>• 9 February 2024 – In-person Aboriginal specific roundtable (youth and local service planning) (by Insight Partnership)</li> </ul> The following consultations have been held to inform the development of a specific children and young people's action plan, that will sit under the new NSW Homelessness Strategy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8 December 2023 – in person roundtable</li> <li>• 13 December 2023 – online roundtable</li> <li>• 7-15 December 2023 – 1:1 interviews</li> <li>• 9 February 2024 – In-person Aboriginal specific roundtable (youth and local service planning).</li> </ul> Homes NSW has been meeting with relevant government agencies since December 2023 to develop the Strategy and identify cross-agency actions for the first Action Plan. Homes NSW has been regularly meeting with the homelessness peaks throughout this process.
220	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	Was a draft strategy or consultation paper produced? (a) If so, when was it provided to stakeholders?	I am advised: DCJ released the Towards Systems Change Update on a new homelessness approach in NSW paper to sector and agency stakeholders in February 2024.
221	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	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?	I am advised: Homelessness functions transferred from DCJ's Strategy, Policy and Commissioning division, to Homes NSW on 24 May 2024.
222	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	Have all homelessness services been successfully transferred? (a) If not, how many are still awaiting transfer?	I am advised: Homelessness functions transferred from DCJ's Strategy, Policy and Commissioning division, to Homes NSW on 24 May 2024.
223	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	What does the integration process entail?	I am advised: See responses to questions 221 and 222.
224	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	On what date did the integration process begin?	I am advised: See responses to questions 221 and 222.
225	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	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?	I am advised: Specific funding for the development of the Strategy has not been allocated in the budget. The 2024/25 budget allocated \$527.6 million additional investment over four years in the homelessness service system, which will be implemented in line with the strategy's vision to make homelessness rare, brief and not repeated.
226	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	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?	I am advised: Yes, the SHS budget for 2023/24 has been fully expended.
227	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	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?	I am advised: (a) Yes. (b) N/A

228	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	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?	I am advised: The State Budget 2023/24 allocated \$27.4 million for crisis accommodation as part of a broader effort to address housing and homelessness issues across the state. This funding included: *\$11m in urgent funding for Temporary Accommodation *\$10.5m for increased costs under the Community Housing Leasing Program (CHLP) *\$5.9m for Specialist Homelessness Services (SHS) to address increasing demand.  Funding has been expended by each program as intended.
229	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	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?	I am advised: DCJ's operational and corporate costs in the 2023/24 NSW Budget has been fully expended.
230	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	How much has been allocated in the 2023/24 Budget for the Youth portfolio? (a) What is the breakdown of the allocation?	I am advised: The Office for Regional Youth (within the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development) had a budget in 2023/24 of \$38.516 million.  In 2023/24, the budget allocation for the Youth Participation and Inclusion Budget within DCJ was \$4.6 million.
231	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	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	I am advised: In the Client Information Management System, the pop-up alert warns the user that the support period being created is for a child under 14 years on their own. This alert is not stored and therefore data is not captured.
232	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	What programs does the department fund to support and assist young people?	I am advised: In 2024/25, the DCJ Youth Participation and Inclusion programs include Youth Frontiers, Youth Opportunities, and Youth Week.
233	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	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?	I am advised: The current youth unemployment rate according to ABS data is 11.3% (12 month average to August 24)
234	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	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?	I am advised: SHS data for 2022/23 indicated that 12,994 young people aged 15-24 years presented alone to SHS. Of those, 620 or 4.8% identified they were sleeping rough at the time of seeking assistance.  Source: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare Client Confidentialised Unit Record File 2022/23, with DCJ analysis.
235	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	How will the Government record this information in the future?	I am advised: For people presenting to SHS, the information is already collected and processes will continue.
236	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	How much has been allocated to the Central Youth Agency in the 2024-25 Budget?	I am advised: Nil
237	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	How many staff have been allocated to the Central Youth Agency?	I am advised: Nil
238	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	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?	I am advised: Temporary accommodation is not the most suitable response for young people due to the lack of onsite support. It is used by exception where there is no other option. There were 21 (0.7%) unaccompanied young Households (ie. entire household is under 18) comprising 27 (0.6%) unaccompanied young people (under 18).  a) 17/9/24 b) Please see attachment.
239	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	Has there been a review of HYAP? (a) If so, when was the review undertaken? (b) When will it be released?	I am advised: HYAP was evaluated by The Centre for Evidence and Implementation between 2017 and 2020. The June 2020 report is published on the DCJ website <a href="https://dcj.nsw.gov.au/documents/about-us/facsiar/facsiar-publications-and-resources/Evaluation-of-Homeless-Youth-Assistance-Programs.pdf">https://dcj.nsw.gov.au/documents/about-us/facsiar/facsiar-publications-and-resources/Evaluation-of-Homeless-Youth-Assistance-Programs.pdf</a>
240	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	Is HYAP being redesigned? (a) If so, what are the changes?	I am advised: One recommendation in the 2020 evaluation was to redesign HYAP to better meet the needs of the target cohort. DCJ engaged a consultant to support the reconfiguration of HYAP. HYAP providers have worked with DCJ to implement the reconfigured model from 1 July 2024. Following reconfiguration, there are three core service components for the HYAP model: homelessness prevention, intensive child-focused family work via in home outreach and intensive child-focused family work, alongside respite accommodation.



241	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	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?	I am advised: There is one funded SHS providing youth crisis accommodation and one funded HYAP service in Campbelltown LGA. One funded SHS service providing youth crisis accommodation for ages 16-17 is in the Liverpool LGA.
242	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	Will the government commit to funding a youth refuge in Campbelltown? (a) If not, why not?	The request is currently being considered.
243	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	Where is the nearest emergency accommodation for young people experiencing homelessness living in the Wingecarribee Local Government Area?	I am advised: There is one funded SHS providing youth crisis accommodation located in Bowral LGA.
244	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	Where is the nearest emergency accommodation for young people experiencing homelessness living in the Wollondilly Local Government Area?	I am advised: There is one funded SHS providing youth crisis accommodation located in Bowral LGA.
245	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	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.	Consultancy expenditure, including details of consulting engagements over \$50,000, are included in the annual reports of agencies and departments in accordance with the NSW Treasury Policy and Guidelines TPG23-10 - Annual Reporting Requirements. Details for the period prior to 30 June 2023 form part of the Department of Premier and Cabinet Annual Report 2022-23. Details for the period 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024 will form part of the Department / Agency Annual Report 2023-24.
246	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	How much of the Minister's discretionary fund has been expended? (a) What have the funds been expended on?	I am advised: In the Mental Health Portfolio: For the 2023-24 financial year, \$400,000 was funded to the following organisations: Suicide Prevention Australia –\$15,000 to support bursaries for attending the Suicide Prevention Conference Byron Community Centre – \$250,000 to facilitate access to mental health care for homeless people The Haymarket Foundation - \$135,000 to expand capacity for delivering support to vulnerable community members facing homelessness and other forms of disadvantage. No funds have been expended in the current financial year.
247	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	Could the Minister please provide the most recent copy of the Executive Organisation Chart for DCJ?	I am advised: This is publicly available <a href="https://dcj.nsw.gov.au/documents/about-us/about-dcj/dcj-executive-structure.pdf">https://dcj.nsw.gov.au/documents/about-us/about-dcj/dcj-executive-structure.pdf</a> .
248	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	Could the Minister provide a list of Executive staff that she is directly responsible for?	I am advised: I am responsible for all executive staff in my relevant departments and portfolios.
249	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	How many staff have transferred from DCJ to Homes NSW?	I am advised: 3384 roles were transferred from DCJ to Homes NSW (Noting that this is roles, not people).
250	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	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?	I am advised: Redundancies are published in the respective Department(s)/Agency(s) Annual Reports under employee related expenses.
251	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	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?	I am advised: Redundancies are published in the respective Department(s)/Agency(s) Annual Reports under employee related expenses.
252	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	Are all the ministerial media releases and statements issued by you publicly available at <a href="https://www.nsw.gov.au/media-releases">https://www.nsw.gov.au/media-releases</a> ? (a) If no, why?	I am advised: The Department of Customer Service (DCS) is responsible for managing <a href="http://www.nsw.gov.au/media-releases">www.nsw.gov.au/media-releases</a> and the publication of media releases
253	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	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)?	I am advised: The Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 provides that agencies are not subject to the direction or control of any Minister in the exercise of the agency's functions in dealing with a particular access application under the Act (subsection 9(2)). The Act also contains offences prohibiting agency officers from acting unlawfully, and prohibiting persons from directing agencies to make an unlawful decision in relation to an access application (sections 116 and 117 of the Act). It is, however, generally appropriate for agencies to inform the responsible Minister where documents are to be released under the Act, for the Minister's information.

254	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	Are you on Signal? (a) If yes, do you access Signal from a NSW Government device?	I am advised: Like the former Coalition Government, a range of communications are used by the NSW Government. I comply with the State Records Act 1998 and I expect all staff members to comply with their obligations under the State Records Act 1998.
255	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	Have you ever been a member of the Construction, Forestry and Maritime Employees Union (CFMEU)? (a) If yes, when?	I am advised: The Constitution (Disclosures by Members) Regulation 1983 (the Regulation) sets out Members' obligations to disclose relevant pecuniary and other interests in periodic returns to Parliament. Clause 13 of the Regulation relevantly requires the disclosure of the name of each trade union and each professional or business association 'in which he or she held any position' as at specified dates. The Regulation does not require Members to disclose membership of a trade union. Membership of Unions can be disclosed on a discretionary basis. The Clerk of the Parliaments has confirmed that this view is consistent with guidance provided to Members.
256	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	In what month will the 2023-24 annual reports for each department / agency in your portfolio be published?	I am advised:  DCJ: The DCJ 2023/24 Annual Report will be published by 29 November 2024.  Mental Health: The NSW Health 2023-2024 Annual Report will be tabled in line with the NSW Treasury Annual Reporting Guidelines and is due by 31 October 2024. It will be published publicly on the NSW Health website in November 2024. NSW Health follows the NSW Treasury Annual Reporting Guidelines (TPG23-10) by preparing the annual report at the lowest possible cost. NSW Parliament's rules are followed when tabling the annual reporting information. This includes providing the responsible Minister with a physical printed copy of the annual report to table in each House of Parliament. Printed copies of the annual report are also provided to the portfolio Ministers, a small number of stakeholders and the NSW Health library. Due to the physical size of the printed annual report, it must be printed by a professional, external print company. There is a budget of \$1,500 for printing the NSW Health 2023-24 Annual Report.  Water: Publishing will occur after the annual reports have been tabled in both Houses of Parliament, in accordance with the timeframes and processes set down in the Government Sector Finance Act 2018 and supporting regulations, the Annual Reports (Departments) Act 1985, and NSW Treasury policy and Guideline 23-10.
257	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	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?	I am advised:  DCJ: The DCJ 2023/24 Annual Report will be digitally published. It is available at <a href="http://dcj.nsw.gov.au">dcj.nsw.gov.au</a>  Mental Health: The NSW Health 2023-2024 Annual Report will be tabled in line with the NSW Treasury Annual Reporting Guidelines and is due by 31 October 2024. It will be published publicly on the NSW Health website in November 2024. NSW Health follows the NSW Treasury Annual Reporting Guidelines (TPG23-10) by preparing the annual report at the lowest possible cost. NSW Parliament's rules are followed when tabling the annual reporting information. This includes providing the responsible Minister with a physical printed copy of the annual report to table in each House of Parliament. Printed copies of the annual report are also provided to the portfolio Ministers, a small number of stakeholders and the NSW Health library. Due to the physical size of the printed annual report, it must be printed by a professional, external print company. There is a budget of \$1,500 for printing the NSW Health 2023-24 Annual Report.  Water: (a) The budget for printing the Annual Report for tabling purposes is immaterial and covered within the department's general operating budget.
258	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	Have you ever been a member of the Electrical Trades Union (ETU)? (a) If yes, when?	I am advised: The Constitution (Disclosures by Members) Regulation 1983 (the Regulation) sets out Members' obligations to disclose relevant pecuniary and other interests in periodic returns to Parliament. Clause 13 of the Regulation relevantly requires the disclosure of the name of each trade union and each professional or business association 'in which he or she held any position' as at specified dates. The Regulation does not require Members to disclose membership of a trade union. Membership of Unions can be disclosed on a discretionary basis. The Clerk of the Parliaments has confirmed that this view is consistent with guidance provided to Members.
259	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	Does your ministerial office have a paper shredder?	I am advised; When the NSW Government was elected in 2023, shredders used by the former Liberal and National Government were left in Ministerial and Parliament offices. Office equipment is purchased in line with NSW Government procurement rules.

260	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	What department(s)/agency(s) are included in your portfolio?	I am advised: The Cabinet Office publishes a Governance Arrangements Chart containing information about Ministers, NSW Government agencies established under Schedule 1 to the Government Sector Employment Act 2013 and State owned corporations established under Schedule 5 to the State Owned Corporations Act 1989. The Governance Arrangements Chart outlines the agencies in the Premier and Cabinet portfolio. The Governance Arrangements Chart may be accessed via The Cabinet Office's website at <a href="#">governance-arrangements-chart-1-Oct-2024.pdf (nsw.gov.au)</a>  The Government Sector Employment Act 2013, and Administrative Arrangements Orders made under Part 7 of the Constitution Act 1902, are available on the NSW Legislation website ( <a href="#">www.legislation.nsw.gov.au</a> )
261	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	Are there any former employee from your ministerial office now employed by any department/agency within your portfolio responsibilities? (a) If yes, how many?	I am advised: A detailed breakdown of the Department of Communities and Justice Agency Portfolio is available at <a href="https://dcj.nsw.gov.au/documents/about-us/about-dcj/dcj-agency-portfolio.pdf">https://dcj.nsw.gov.au/documents/about-us/about-dcj/dcj-agency-portfolio.pdf</a>
262	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	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?	I am advised: The Constitution (Disclosures by Members) Regulation 1983 (Regulation) sets out Members' obligations to disclose relevant pecuniary and other interests in periodic returns to Parliament. The Legislative Assembly Standing Committee on Parliamentary Privilege and Ethics Report on Review of the Code of Conduct, Aspects of Disclosure of Interests, and Related Issues (December 2010) notes that: "Advice has been received from the Crown Solicitor that use of the Chairman's Lounge by invitation is not a "gift" for the purposes of clause 10 of the Regulation, as it does not involve disposition of property. However, when the membership leads to an upgrade valued at more than \$250, it becomes disclosable as a contribution to travel, and should be reported under clause 11 of the Regulation." Clause 16 of the Regulation allows a Member to, at their discretion, disclose any direct or indirect benefit, advantage or liability, whether pecuniary or not. Relevant disclosures have been made to the Cabinet Office and to the NSW Parliament.
263	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	As at 30 June 2024, how many of your ministerial staff were local government councillors?	I am advised: Ministerial staff are employed by Ministers, on behalf of the State, in their capacity as "political office holders" under Part 2 of the Members of Parliament Staff Act 2013 (Act). All Ministerial staff are required to comply with the NSW Office Holder's Staff Code of Conduct, including obligations to seek approval for secondary employment, and to take reasonable steps to avoid, and in all cases disclose, any actual or potential conflicts of interest (real or apparent).
264	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	What local government(s) did they serve?	I am advised: Ministerial staff are employed by Ministers, on behalf of the State, in their capacity as "political office holders" under Part 2 of the Members of Parliament Staff Act 2013 (Act). All Ministerial staff are required to comply with the NSW Office Holder's Staff Code of Conduct, including obligations to seek approval for secondary employment, and to take reasonable steps to avoid, and in all cases disclose, any actual or potential conflicts of interest (real or apparent).
265	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	What was the expenditure for you to join a union in: (a) 2022-23? (b) 2023-24? (c) 2024-25?	I am advised: The Constitution (Disclosures by Members) Regulation 1983 (the Regulation) sets out Members' obligations to disclose relevant pecuniary and other interests in periodic returns to Parliament. Clause 13 of the Regulation relevantly requires the disclosure of the name of each trade union and each professional or business association 'in which he or she held any position' as at specified dates. The Regulation does not require Members to disclose membership of a trade union. Membership of Unions can be disclosed on a discretionary basis. The Clerk of the Parliaments has confirmed that this view is consistent with guidance provided to Members.
266	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	Given ministerial diary disclosures do not include all meetings and provide exceptions to disclosures, since 28 March 2023, have you met with the ETU?	I am advised; In accordance with Premier's Memorandum M2015-05 Publication of Ministerial Diaries and Release of Overseas Travel Information, all Ministers publish extracts from their diaries summarising details of scheduled meetings held with stakeholders, external organisations, third-party lobbyists and individuals. Ministers are not required to disclose details of the following meetings: • meetings involving Ministers, ministerial staff, parliamentarians or government officials (whether from NSW or other jurisdictions) • meetings that are strictly personal, electorate or party political • social or public functions or events • meetings held overseas (which must be disclosed in accordance with regulation 6(1)(b) of the Government Information (Public Access) Regulation 2018 and Attachment B to the Memorandum), and • matters for which there is an overriding public interest against disclosure. Ministers' diary disclosures are published quarterly on The Cabinet Office's website ( <a href="https://www.nsw.gov.au/departments-and-agencies/the-cabinetoffice/access-to-information/ministers-diary-disclosures">https://www.nsw.gov.au/departments-and-agencies/the-cabinetoffice/access-to-information/ministers-diary-disclosures</a> ).

267	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	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?	I am advised; The Ministers' Office Handbook provides guidance in relation to these obligations to assist each Minister's office. The Premier's Department and The Cabinet Office also provide guidance, advice, training and support on these obligations for all Ministers' offices. I expect all Ministers' offices to comply with their obligations under the State Records Act 1998.
268	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	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?	I am advised: Legal costs are included in the Other Operating Expenses of an agency's financial statement and further categorised in the note to Other Operating Expenses in accordance with the guidance in TPG24-05 Policy and Guidelines: Financial Reporting Code for NSW General Government Sector Agencies. The practice of the Premier's Department and The Cabinet Office is to include legal costs within the fees for services rendered category. Agencies will include legal costs as a separate line item if it is considered a material expense for the agency.  Details for the period prior to 30 June 2023 form part of the former Department of Premier and Cabinet/other agency Annual Report 2022-23.  Details for the period 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024 will form part of the department/agency Annual Report 2023-24.
269	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	Are you a member of a union? (a) If yes, what union?	I am advised: The Constitution (Disclosures by Members) Regulation 1983 (the Regulation) sets out Members' obligations to disclose relevant pecuniary and other interests in periodic returns to Parliament.  Clause 13 of the Regulation relevantly requires the disclosure of the name of each trade union and each professional or business association 'in which he or she held any position' as at specified dates. The Regulation does not require Members to disclose membership of a trade union.  Membership of Unions can be disclosed on a discretionary basis. The Clerk of the Parliaments has confirmed that this view is consistent with guidance provided to Members.
270	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	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)	I am advised: Department and agency expenditure is published in Annual Reports and on OpenGov NSW.
271	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	How much of your ministerial budget was spent on catering in 2023-24?	I am advised: Catering provided for official purposes may be funded from the Ministerial office budget. Catering costs for the period 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024 will form part of the Premier's Department Agency Annual Report 2023-24. As Members of Parliament, Ministers have credit facilities extended to them for dining and hospitality at Parliament House. The facilities may be used for business or private purposes.
272	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	Was catering used for external stakeholders? (a) If yes, who were these external stakeholders?	I am advised: Catering provided for official purposes may be funded from the Ministerial office budget. As Members of Parliament, Ministers have credit facilities extended to them for dining and hospitality at Parliament House. The facilities may be used for business or private purposes.
273	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	Does your Parliamentary Secretary have pass access to your ministerial office?	I don't have a Parliamentary Secretary.
274	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	Does your Parliamentary Secretary have a desk in your ministerial office?	I don't have a Parliamentary Secretary.
275	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	Did any catering costs in 2023-24 include expenditure on alcohol?	I am advised: The NSW Office Holder's Staff Code of Conduct, which is Attachment B to the Ministers' Office Handbook, provides that all office holder staff must use State resources for the effective conduct of public business in a proper manner. Office holder staff must be economical and efficient in the use and management of public resources. The Handbook can be found here:  <a href="https://www.nsw.gov.au/sites/default/files/noindex/2023-12/Ministers-OfficeHandbook.pdf">https://www.nsw.gov.au/sites/default/files/noindex/2023-12/Ministers-OfficeHandbook.pdf</a>
276	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	How many senior executives in your portfolio department(s) / agency(s) have a driver?	I am advised; No senior executive employed by the Premier's Department or The Cabinet Office have a driver.
277	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	Does your portfolio department(s) / agency(s) draft and write speeches for you?	I am advised: Department and agency staff may contribute to factual information for speaking notes as part of their duties in line with longstanding practices in place under successive governments.
278	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	How many public servants have undertaken writing speeches in your portfolio department(s) / agency(s)?	I am advised: Department and agency staff may contribute to factual information for speaking notes as part of their duties in line with longstanding practices in place under successive governments.

279	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	Do you have a hard hat and/or vest for visiting infrastructure sites? (a) If yes, was it paid from your ministerial budget?	I am advised: Ministers are to comply with the appropriate use of personal protective equipment as per Work Health and Safety Regulation 2017. The NSW Office Holder's Staff Code of Conduct, which is Attachment B to the Ministers' Office Handbook, provides that all office holder staff must use State resources for the effective conduct of public business in a proper manner. Office holder staff must be economical and efficient in the use and management of public resources. State resources are not to be subject to wasteful or extravagant use.
280	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	Since 28 March 2023, have you or your ministerial office purchased 'gin' using your ministerial budget?	I am advised: The NSW Office Holder's Staff Code of Conduct, which is Attachment B to the Ministers' Office Handbook, provides that all office holder staff must use State resources for the effective conduct of public business in a proper manner. Office holder staff must be economical and efficient in the use and management of public resources. The Handbook can be found here:  <a href="https://www.nsw.gov.au/sites/default/files/noindex/2023-12/Ministers-OfficeHandbook.pdf">https://www.nsw.gov.au/sites/default/files/noindex/2023-12/Ministers-OfficeHandbook.pdf</a>
281	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	How many staff members were employed in your ministerial office in 2023-24 FY?	I am advised: Ministerial Staffing numbers are proactively published on the NSW website -  <a href="https://www.nsw.gov.au/departments-and-agencies/premiersdepartment/access-to-information/premier-and-ministers-staff-numbers">https://www.nsw.gov.au/departments-and-agencies/premiersdepartment/access-to-information/premier-and-ministers-staff-numbers</a>
282	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	What is the average salary for staff members in your ministerial office in 2023-24 FY?	I am advised: Ministerial Staffing information is proactively published on the NSW website - <a href="https://www.nsw.gov.au/departments-and-agencies/premiersdepartment/access-to-information/premier-and-ministers-staff-numbers">https://www.nsw.gov.au/departments-and-agencies/premiersdepartment/access-to-information/premier-and-ministers-staff-numbers</a>
283	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	On what date did you last update/make a ministerial disclosure to The Cabinet Office?	I am advised: The Ministerial Code of Conduct (Ministerial Code) requires Ministers to make certain disclosures to the Premier and the Secretary of The Cabinet Office. I comply with my obligations under the Ministerial Code.
284	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	How much of your ministerial budget was spent on stationery in 2023-24?	I am advised: Spending on office stationery is in accordance with standard procurement arrangements. The costs of stationery are contained within the Premier's Department Annual Report.
285	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	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)?	I am advised: The Ministers' Office Handbook outlines that the decision to present a gift is at the discretion of the Minister, having regard to both appropriateness and economy. Gifts may be appropriate, for example, where given as a memento of an official visit or as a small token of appreciation. However, gifts should not be given with the purpose, or in circumstances where they could be perceived as having the purpose, of inducing favourable treatment. Gifts may be purchased as needed on an occasional basis or purchased and stored for future use. Gifts need to be purchased in accordance with NSW Government procurement policy.
286	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	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?	I am advised; The Cabinet Office provides training for Ministerial staff on their obligations under the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 (GIPA Act) and the requirements for responding to orders for papers under Standing Order 52 of the Legislative Council.
287	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	How many GIPA Applications have been received by your ministerial office since 28 March 2023?	I am advised: Information concerning the obligations of a Minister's office as an agency under the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 (the Act) is required to be submitted to the Attorney General in accordance with section 125(2) of the Act. The information is included in the annual report of the Department of Communities and Justice in accordance with sections 125(3) and (5) of the Act.
288	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	Have you received gin from the Police Commissioner?	I am advised: No
289	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	Does your ministerial vehicle have an E-Toll? (a) If yes, is expenditure paid by your by your ministerial budget?	I am advised: Ministers, the Leader of the Opposition, other nominated public office holders, and certain former office holders are provided with official cars and drivers. All costs associated with these vehicles need to be paid from the relevant approved budget. Costs for e-tolls form part of the Premier's Department Annual Report.
290	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	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?	I am advised that the Department of Communities and Justice maintains a gifts register for self-declarations made by an employee. The register is published on the DCJ website at <a href="https://dcj.nsw.gov.au/resources/policies/gifts-benefits-and-bequests.html">https://dcj.nsw.gov.au/resources/policies/gifts-benefits-and-bequests.html</a>
291	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	Have you been the subject of any workplace complaints, including bullying, harassment, and sexual harassment since 28 March 2023?	I am advised: Any complaint or disclosure made under the Respectful Workplace Policy is confidential. The Respectful Workplace Policy applies to all Ministerial Offices and staff. As noted in the Goward review, a key aspect of effective workplace complaint policies is confidentiality in the complaint and investigation process. Confidentiality ensures that staff feel safe about raising concerns and confident that action will be taken in response.
292	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	Has any member of your ministerial staff been the subject of any workplace complaints, including bullying, harassment, and sexual harassment since 28 March 2023?	I am advised: Any complaint or disclosure made under the Respectful Workplace Policy is confidential. The Respectful Workplace Policy applies to all Ministerial Offices and staff. As noted in the Goward review, a key aspect of effective workplace complaint policies is confidentiality in the complaint and investigation process. Confidentiality ensures that staff feel safe about raising concerns and confident that action will be taken in response.

293	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	Since 28 March 2023, have you breached the Ministerial Code of Conduct? (a) If yes, what was the breach?	I am advised: All Ministers are expected to comply with their obligations under the NSW Ministerial Code of Conduct (Ministerial Code) at all times. The Ministerial Code sets the ethical standards of behaviour required of Ministers and establishes practices and procedures to assist with compliance. Among other matters, the Ministerial Code requires Ministers to: • disclose their pecuniary interests and those of their immediate family members to the Premier • seek rulings from the Premier if they wish to hold shares, directorships, other business interests or engage in secondary employment (known as 'prohibited interests') • identify, avoid, disclose and manage conflicts of interest • disclose gifts and hospitality with a market value over \$500. A substantial breach of the Ministerial Code (including a knowing breach of any provision of the Schedule) may constitute corrupt conduct for the purposes of the Independent Commission Against Corruption Act 1988.
294	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	Are you on TikTok? (a) If yes, do you access TikTok from a NSW Government device?	I am advised: The Circular DCS-2023-01 Cyber Security NSW Directive - Protecting NSW Government information on government-issued devices sets out how NSW Government agencies are to manage the risk of using TikTok. More information is available at: <a href="https://www.nsw.gov.au/sites/default/files/public%3A//2023-05/TikTok%20Ban%20-%20Frequently%20Asked%20Questions%20%28%29.pdf">https://www.nsw.gov.au/sites/default/files/public%3A//2023-05/TikTok%20Ban%20-%20Frequently%20Asked%20Questions%20%28%29.pdf</a> <a href="https://www.nsw.gov.au/sites/default/files/public%3A//2023-05/TikTok%20Ban%20-%20Frequently%20Asked%20Questions%20%28%29.pdf">TikTok%20Ban%20-%20Frequently%20Asked%20Questions%20%28%29.pdf</a>
295	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	Given ministerial diary disclosures do not include all meetings and provide exceptions to disclosures, since 28 March 2023, have you met with the CFMEU?	I am advised; In accordance with the Premier's Memorandum 2015-05, all Ministers publish extracts from their diaries summarising details of scheduled meetings held with stakeholders, external organisations, third-party lobbyists and individuals. Ministers are not required to disclose details of the following meetings: • meetings involving Ministers, ministerial staff, parliamentarians or government officials (whether from NSW or other jurisdictions) • meetings that are strictly personal, electorate or party political • social or public functions or events • meetings held overseas (which must be disclosed in accordance with regulation 6(1)(b) of the Government Information (Public Access) Regulation 2018 and Attachment B to the Memorandum), and • matters for which there is an overriding public interest against disclosure. Ministers' diary disclosures are published quarterly on The Cabinet Office's website ( <a href="https://www.nsw.gov.au/departments-and-agencies/the-cabinetoffice/access-to-information/ministers-diary-disclosures">https://www.nsw.gov.au/departments-and-agencies/the-cabinetoffice/access-to-information/ministers-diary-disclosures</a> ).
296	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	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?	I am advised: Ministers and Ministerial Staff are not eligible to receive Departmental credit cards except in the case of overseas travel. In cases of overseas travel short-term cards will be issued and returned at the completion of official travel together with a travel diary for fringe benefit tax purposes. Where an NSW Government-issued credit card is provided the credit card must only be used for official overseas business trips and official business purposes, this includes for transport to/from the airport when departing/returning from the trip. NSW Government-issued credit cards for official business trips overseas will be held with government contract bankers and used within credit limits imposed. Credit cards are a useful means of expenditure control, but their use should never be for personal purposes. Costs associated with overseas travel are published on the NSW Government website in line with M2015-05.

297	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	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?	I am advised: Cards are issued to staff according to business need and are managed in accordance with Treasury Policy TPP 21-02 Use and Management of NSW Government Purchasing Cards. The policy is available at <a href="https://arp.nsw.gov.au/assets/ars/attachments/TPP21-02-Use-and-Management-of-NSW-Govt-Purchasing-Cards.pdf">https://arp.nsw.gov.au/assets/ars/attachments/TPP21-02-Use-and-Management-of-NSW-Govt-Purchasing-Cards.pdf</a>
298	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	Since 28 March 2023, have you personally driven your ministerial vehicle?	I am advised: Ministers, the Leader of the Opposition, other nominated public office holders, and certain former office holders are provided with official cars and drivers. Office holders may drive themselves whenever they choose. Cars should be driven only by the office holder, officially employed drivers, the office holder's spouse or approved relative and any other person authorised by the office holder in those circumstances considered to be appropriate.
299	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	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?	I am advised: Ministers, like all members of the community are subject to the laws of New South Wales, including Road Rules 2014. Where a fine is incurred, the payment of the fine is the responsibility of the driver of the vehicle.
300	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	Do you have a desk or office in your portfolio department(s)/agency(s) building(s)?	I am advised: I make use of an office in 52 Martin Place, NSW Parliament. When travelling, Ministers may make ad hoc arrangements to work for periods in Departmental offices.

301	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	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	I am advised: • The NSW Government has been conducting an audit of government land to identify surplus sites that are suitable for social, affordable or market housing.
302	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	How many mobile phones has your ministerial office been allocated as at 1 July 2024?	I am advised; Ministers' Staff Acceptable Use of Communication Devices Policy provides guidance on the use, loss, theft, and return of communication devices provided for business purposes. Minister's staff may use mobile telephones for business and (reasonable use) private purposes. Under the current mobile plans all local and Australia-wide calls to land lines/mobiles and texts are included in the plan. Premium service calls, international calls and global roaming services are outside of the plan and may be still chargeable based on the principles below. Ministers' staff mobile phone charges are paid from the Ministers' office budget except for the items listed below, which need to be paid as a private expense: • Personal international calls from within Australia • Personal travel related global roaming charges • Personal premium number service calls Any personal calls which are outside the plan need to be declared and paid for monthly. Declarations are not required otherwise. The purchasing of technology items is in accordance with standard procurement arrangements. The costs form part of the Premier's Department Annual report.
303	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	How many mobile phones in your ministerial office have been lost or stolen since 28 March 2023?	I am advised; Ministers' Staff Acceptable Use of Communication Devices Policy provides guidance on the use, loss, theft, and return of communication devices provided for business purposes. Minister's staff may use mobile telephones for business and (reasonable use) private purposes. Under the current mobile plans all local and Australia-wide calls to land lines/mobiles and texts are included in the plan. Premium service calls, international calls and global roaming services are outside of the plan and may be still chargeable based on the principles below. Ministers' staff mobile phone charges are paid from the Ministers' office budget except for the items listed below, which need to be paid as a private expense: • Personal international calls from within Australia • Personal travel related global roaming charges • Personal premium number service calls Any personal calls which are outside the plan need to be declared and paid for monthly. Declarations are not required otherwise. The purchasing of technology items is in accordance with standard procurement arrangements. The costs for form part of the Premier's Department Annual report.
304	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	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?	I am advised; The budget papers include detailed information on budgeted expenses, revenue and capital expenditure. This includes detailed financial statements for individual agencies as well as for government as a whole. The budget papers also outline the financial impact of measures in the budget on individual portfolios as well as for government as a whole.



305	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	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?	I am advised: Financial Statements, including legal, consulting and any other general costs from third party service providers, are available in agency annual reports.
306	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	Does your ministerial office keep a register of gifts and/or hospitality for staff to make disclosures?	I am advised: All Ministerial staff are required to comply with the Gifts, Hospitality and Benefits Policy for Office Holder Staff attached to the Ministers' Office Handbook and available on the NSW Government website.
307	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	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?	I am advised: All Ministerial staff are required to comply with their disclosure obligations under the Gifts, Hospitality and Benefits Policy for Office Holder Staff and I expect them to do so. A breach of the Policy may be a breach of the Office Holder's Staff Code of Conduct. The Policy includes disclosure obligations for Ministerial staff in respect of gifts, hospitality and benefits over \$150. If a Ministerial staff member is required by their role to accompany their Office Holder at an event that the Office Holder is attending as the State's representative, or where the Office Holder has asked the staff member to attend, then attendance at that event would not constitute a gift or benefit for the purposes of the Policy
308	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	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?	I am advised: The NSW Government Travel and Transport Policy provides a framework for NSW Government travelling employees and covers official air and land travel by public officials using public money. Section 2.1 of that Policy sets out approvals required in relation to overseas travel. Further information in relation to the Policy can be found here: <a href="https://www.info.buy.nsw.gov.au/policy-library/policies/travel-and-transport-policy">https://www.info.buy.nsw.gov.au/policy-library/policies/travel-and-transport-policy</a> NSW Treasury Policy and Guidelines – Annual Reporting Requirements (TPG-10) requires agencies to include information on overseas visits by officers and employees in agency annual reports. Information for the period prior to 30 June 2023 is available in agencies' 2022-23 annual reports. Information for the period between 1 July 2023 and 30 June 2024 will be available in agencies' 2023-24 annual reports.
309	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	Since 28 March 2023, how much has been spent on charter air flights by your portfolio agencies, broken down by agency?	I am advised: Department/agency(s) travel is conducted in accordance with relevant NSW Government policies and guidelines including Premier and Cabinet Circular C2023-02 and ATO determinations. Department/agency(s) total travel spent is outlined in the annual reports.
310	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	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?	I am advised: Department/agency(s) travel is conducted in accordance with relevant NSW Government policies and guidelines including Premier and Cabinet Circular C2023-02 and ATO determinations. Department/agency(s) total travel spent is outlined in the annual reports.
311	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	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?	I am advised: The number of international flights taken each financial year is reported via International Travel as detailed in agency annual reports.
312	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	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?	I am advised: Department/agency(s) travel is conducted in accordance with relevant NSW Government policies and guidelines including Premier and Cabinet Circular C2023-02 and ATO determinations. Department/agency(s) total travel spent is outlined in the annual reports.
313	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	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?	I am advised: Ministers have undertaken a program of Ministerial induction training. Ministers have undertaken Respectful Workplace Policy Training. Members of Parliament are provided with a Skills Development Allowance that may be used in a manner consistent with the Parliamentary Remuneration Tribunal Annual Determination.
314	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	Since 28 March 2023, have you shared Cabinet documents with your Parliamentary Secretary?	I am advised: The conventions and practice for access to Cabinet documents are outlined in Premier's Memorandum M2006-08 - Maintaining Confidentiality of Cabinet Documents and Other Cabinet Conventions (M2006-8). M2006-08 provides that the unauthorised and/or premature disclosure of Cabinet documents undermines collective ministerial responsibility and the convention of Cabinet confidentiality. It is essential that the confidentiality of Cabinet documents is maintained to enable full and frank discussions to be had prior to Cabinet making decisions.

315	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	What were the top 20 most utilised (by data sent and received) unique domain names accessed by your ministerial office since 28 March 2023?	I am advised: All acceptable use of IT services must be lawful, appropriate, and ethical. The Ministers' Staff Acceptable Use of Network Services Policy is available in the Ministers' Office Handbook.
316	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	What were the top 20 most accessed (by number of times accessed) unique domain names accessed by your ministerial office since 28 March 2023?	I am advised: All acceptable use of IT services must be lawful, appropriate, and ethical. The Ministers' Staff Acceptable Use of Network Services Policy is available in the Ministers' Office Handbook.
317	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	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?	I am advised: Information in relation to workforce profile data of the department/agency(s) is detailed in the annual reports
318	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	How many public servants within your portfolio department(s)/agency(s) were paid more than the Premier in 2023-24?	I am advised: Information in relation to the overall employee related expenses of the department/agency(s) is available in the annual reports.
319	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	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?	I am advised: Since 28 March 2023 to 6 September 2024, the Department of Communities and Justice has processed 14 redundancies. All redundancies are managed in accordance with M2011-11 Changes to the Management of Excess Employees. Redundancy information is included in the department/agency(s) annual reports
320	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	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):	I am advised: Ministers' diary disclosures are publicly available. Premier's and Ministers' domestic travel information is published on the Premier's Department's website at: <a href="https://www.nsw.gov.au/departments-andagencies/premiers-department/access-to-information/premier-and-ministersdomestic-travel">https://www.nsw.gov.au/departments-andagencies/premiers-department/access-to-information/premier-and-ministersdomestic-travel</a>
321	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	What was the purpose of the visit(s)?	I am advised: Ministers' diary disclosures are publicly available. Premier's and Ministers' domestic travel information is published on the Premier's Department's website at: <a href="https://www.nsw.gov.au/departments-andagencies/premiers-department/access-to-information/premier-and-ministersdomestic-travel">https://www.nsw.gov.au/departments-andagencies/premiers-department/access-to-information/premier-and-ministersdomestic-travel</a>
322	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	Did you make a funding announcement(s)?	I am advised: Ministers' diary disclosures are publicly available. Premier's and Ministers' domestic travel information is published on the Premier's Department's website at: <a href="https://www.nsw.gov.au/departments-andagencies/premiers-department/access-to-information/premier-and-ministersdomestic-travel">https://www.nsw.gov.au/departments-andagencies/premiers-department/access-to-information/premier-and-ministersdomestic-travel</a>
323	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	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?	I am advised: Ministers' Staff Acceptable Use of Communication Devices Policy provides guidance on the use, loss, theft, and return of communication devices provided for business purposes. The purchasing of technology items is in accordance with standard procurement arrangements. The costs form part of the Premier's Department Annual Report.

324	Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	What cabinet sub committees are you a member of?	I am advised: Details of individual Cabinet committee members and the work of Cabinet committees are not generally made public. This reflects the longstanding Cabinet conventions of confidentiality and collective Ministerial responsibility, which are central to the Westminster system of government. The NSW Cabinet Practice Manual is publicly available on the NSW Government website ( <a href="http://www.nsw.gov.au">www.nsw.gov.au</a> ) and provides information on operation of Cabinet and committees in NSW.
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# SQ 117

AHO Data			
LGA	Dwellings		REF Approval Date
Moree (Morton)	2x2Bed Houses	2	21-Apr-23
Moree (Anne)	2x2Bed Houses	2	12-May-23
Mount Druitt	6x2Bed Units (3 Accessible) (Seniors)	6	10-Jul-23
Gunnedah (Bloomfield)	5x2Bed Villas (3 Accessible)	5	8-Aug-23
Charlestown	4x3Bed (2 Accessible) + 4x2Bed Townhouses	8	17-Nov-23
Gunnedah (Osric)	3x2Bed Villas (1 Accessible)	3	21-Dec-23
Kingswood	3x2Bed Townhouses	3	20-Feb-24
Wellington	2x2Bed Houses	2	3-May-24
Alstonville	1x2Bed (Accessible) + 2x3Bed Houses	3	5-Jul-24
Orange	5x2Bed + 1x3Bed Villas (2 Accessible)	6	Under Review
Toormina	6x2Bed Units (3 Accessible) (Seniors)	6	Under Review
Fairy Meadow	4x2Bed Units (2 Accessible) (Seniors)	4	Under Review
<b>Total</b>		<b>50</b>	

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AHO			
LGA	AHO Units Delivered 23/24	ACHP Units Delivered 23/24	Total
Armidale	2	0	2
Balranald	1	0	1
Bega Valley	5	0	5
Blacktown	1	0	1
Bogan	3	0	3
Bourke	1	0	1
Brewarrina	1	0	1
Broken Hill	10	0	10
Central Coast	0	2	2
Central Darling	3	0	3
Cessnock	2	0	2
Cobar	6	0	6
Coonamble	1	0	1
Cowra	1	0	1
Dubbo	5	0	5
Edward River	3	0	3
Eurobodalla	1	8	9
Forbes	2	0	2
Gilgandra	3	0	3
Griffith	5	0	5
Kempsey	3	0	3
Lachlan	3	0	3
Leeton	1	0	1
Lismore	3	0	3

Housing Portfolio	
LGA	
Albury	2
Armidale Regional	8
Blacktown	32
Camden	14
Campbelltown (NSW)	29
Canterbury-Bankstown	75
Cowra	4
Cumberland	86
Eurobodalla	11
Fairfield	5
Georges River	57
Griffith	20
Hilltops	4
Maitland	4
Newcastle	10
Orange	6
Parkes	14
Parramatta	11
Randwick	10
Ryde	292
Wagga Wagga	7
Wollongong	14
<b>Total</b>	<b>715</b>

Mid-Coast	0	5	5
Narrabri	2	0	2
Narrandera	3	0	3
Narromine	3	0	3
Orange	1	0	1
Penrith	5	0	5
Port Macquarie	1	0	1
Richmond Valley	2	0	2
Snowy Valleys	4	0	4
Tamworth	3	0	3
Wagga Wagga	12	0	12
Walgett	1	0	1
Warren	3	0	3
Warrumbungle	3	0	3
Wentworth	3	0	3
Wollongong	3	0	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>130</b>

# SQ 137

Unoccupied LAHC properties in NSW (including properties being held for redevelopment, fire damaged and those awaiting to be relet)	Feb-24	Mar-24	Apr-24	May-24	Jun-24	Jul-24	Aug-24
ALBURY	19	20	21	24	13	19	22
ARMIDALE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
BALLINA	20	18	22	16	8	10	10
BATHURST	22	22	24	21	14	27	26
BAYSIDE	185	179	181	35	41	47	41
BEGA VALLEY	20	16	14	16	16	11	9
BLACKTOWN	144	143	151	132	71	147	190
BLAND	5	5	4	3	2	-	-
BLAYNEY	-	1	2	1	-	-	-
BLUE MOUNTAINS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
BOGAN	4	2	1	-	-	-	1
BOURKE	2	3	3	4	5	4	5
BREWARRINA	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
BURWOOD	5	5	3	4	2	3	1
BYRON	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CABONNE	4	4	4	4	4	1	2
CAMDEN	12	11	10	7	7	6	7
CAMPBELLTOWN	246	242	238	237	230	236	240
CANADA BAY	26	14	13	12	13	13	16
CANTERBURY-BANKSTOWN	222	215	192	180	104	139	154
CENTRAL COAST	43	42	46	50	28	47	45
CESSNOCK	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CLARENCE VALLEY	15	9	9	5	5	7	5
COBAR	7	9	10	9	12	8	7
COFFS HARBOUR	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
COOLAMON	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
COONAMBLE	2	3	3	2	2	1	1
COOTAMUNDRA-GUNDAGAI	-	-	-	-	1	2	3
COWRA	6	8	7	5	-	4	6
CUMBERLAND	71	68	69	61	40	65	71
DUBBO	-	-	-	-	17	33	36
EUROBODALLA	9	7	7	7	6	5	6
FAIRFIELD	92	84	85	74	51	59	63
FEDERATION	1	1	1	-	-	-	-
FORBES	5	6	6	6	2	5	7
GEORGES RIVER	28	33	35	29	32	32	29
GILGANDRA	2	2	2	5	3	5	6
GOULBURN MULWAREE	37	40	37	37	38	32	33
GREATER HUME	-	-	-	-	-	-	1

GRIFFITH	7	5	10	12	4	12	9
HAWKESBURY	5	6	5	6	5	7	7
HAY	3	3	1	1	-	1	2
HILLTOPS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
HORNSBY	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
INNER WEST	39	35	34	36	24	39	47
INVERELL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
JUNEE	4	4	2	2	2	1	1
KEMPSEY	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
KYOGLA	-	-	1	1	-	1	-
LACHLAN	5	3	4	3	1	4	3
LAKE MACQUARIE	59	56	64	52	33	57	63
LANE COVE	7	7	7	7	7	7	7
LEETON	8	6	7	6	1	4	4
LISMORE	21	20	18	12	10	11	8
LITHGOW	11	7	15	11	7	12	10
LIVERPOOL	142	121	123	112	65	79	92
LOCKHART	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MAITLAND	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MID-COAST	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MURRUMBIDGEE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MUSWELLBROOK	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
NAMBUCCA VALLEY	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
NARRANDERA	1	1	1	1	1	-	-
NARROMINE	4	6	7	5	5	4	4
NEWCASTLE	99	106	109	104	83	109	107
NORTHERN BEACHES	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
OBERON	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ORANGE	21	17	14	18	17	34	39
PARKES	3	7	9	7	5	9	13
PARRAMATTA	346	329	324	335	311	324	332
PENRITH	93	78	86	74	48	50	63
PORT MACQUARIE-HASTINGS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
PORT STEPHENS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
QUEANBEYAN-PALERANG	-	-	-	-	19	24	25
RANDWICK	67	68	67	59	61	61	57
RICHMOND VALLEY	14	12	13	11	12	14	15
RYDE	-	-	2	2	2	2	2
SHELLHARBOUR	12	8	8	11	6	19	25
SHOALHAVEN	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
SNOWY VALLEYS	6	4	4	6	5	6	7
STRATHFIELD	16	14	15	12	7	12	14
SUTHERLAND	45	47	45	46	34	29	32
SYDNEY	226	220	235	219	201	207	192



TAMWORTH	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TEMORA	3	2	2	2	1	1	1	
THE HILLS	2	1	1	1	2	3	3	
TWEED	17	13	11	10	5	13	9	
WAGGA WAGGA	77	78	76	81	68	76	85	
WALGETT	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
WARREN	2	2	2	1	1	-	1	
WARRUMBUNGLE	3	3	3	3	2	1	1	
WAVERLEY	6	4	6	4	5	7	7	
WEDDIN	1	2	2	1	2	2	2	
WILLOUGHBY	1	-	-	-	2	2	2	
WINGECARRIBEE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
WOLLONDILLY	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
WOLLONGONG	95	85	86	79	48	106	129	
WOOLLAHRA	2	1	-	1	1	4	4	
YASS VALLEY	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	

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<b>Client Information Management System - Vacancy Management System - Temporary Accommodation Providers for Couples and/or Families by DCJ District</b>	
Central Coast	16
Far West NSW	2
Hunter	24
Illawarra Shoalhaven	30
Mid North Coast	15
Murrumbidgee	37
Nepean Blue Mountains	5
New England	34
Northern NSW	28
Northern Sydney	4
South Eastern Sydney	18
South Western Sydney	39
Southern NSW	32
Sydney	8
Western NSW	36
Western Sydney	16
<b>Total</b>	<b>344</b>

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**Assertive  
Outreach  
Patrols  
conducted in  
2023/2024**

District	Jul-23	Aug-23	Sep-23	Oct-23	Nov-23	Dec-23	Jan-24	Feb-24	Mar-24	Apr-24	May-24	Jun-24	Total
HOST (Sydney, South Eastern Sydney) (funded)	45	48	47	51	47	40	51	52	44	44	58	40	567
Byron Shire AO Program (funded)* commenced March 2024	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	11	25
Tweed Heads (funded)	11	7	5	14	19	7	13	5	14	11	11	9	126
Newcastle (funded)	88	91	85	72	73	70	74	116	122	112	121	116	1140
Murrumbidgee, Far West & Western NSW	7	6	6	11	17	10	12	7	8	9	7	7	107
Hunter & Central Coast Districts	2	0	0	0	0	0	3	2	2	26	26	20	81
Mid North Coast, Northern NSW & New England Districts	17	23	26	31	37	18	19	32	21	31	29	27	311

Western Sydney & Nepean Blue Mountains Districts	23	26	24	22	14	19	21	24	15	12	20	24	244
Northern Sydney District	15	20	17	13	10	9	9	14	20	22	14	9	172
South Western Sydney District	8	12	8	5	5	8	4	1	1	3	0	4	59
Illawarra Shoalhaven & Southern NSW Districts	10	16	11	12	10	11	14	12	12	6	3	1	118
<b>Total</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>249</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>231</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>265</b>	<b>259</b>	<b>276</b>	<b>303</b>	<b>268</b>	<b>2,950</b>

## **PEAKS AND ADVOCATES**

Homelessness NSW  
YFoundations  
DVNSW  
NSW Carers Advisory Council  
Ageing and Disability Commissioner  
NSW Rental Commissioner  
Community Housing Industry Association  
Aboriginal Community Housing Industry Association  
Shelter NSW  
NSW Council of Social Service  
NSW Tenants Union  
Prisoners Aid NSW  
Women's Legal Service NSW

## **DISABILITY**

Arbias  
National Disability Insurance Agency  
Multicultural Disability Advocacy Association  
Disability Council  
Council for Intellectual Disability  
People With Disability  
Physical Disability Council of NSW  
Speak Out  
Synapse  
First Peoples Disability Network Australia

## **AGEING**

Ministerial Advisory Council on Ageing  
Ageing on the Edge  
Housing For The Aged Action Group  
Older Women's Network NSW

## **ABORIGINAL**

Aboriginal Tenants Advice and Advocacy Service  
Pius Aboriginal Corporation Aboriginal Medical Service  
Murra Mia Aboriginal Corporation  
Aboriginal Medical Service Co-operative  
Tamworth Aboriginal Medical Service  
Yerin  
Bungree Aboriginal Association Limited  
Katungul

Warlgangurra

NSWALC Ltd trading as Birribee Housing

Wirringabaiya

Aboriginal Community Housing providers

Stolen Generations organisations incl. LinkUp; Kinchela Boys Home; Coota Girls Aboriginal Corporation; Children of the Bomaderry Aboriginal Children's Home

Aboriginal Housing Office

Aboriginal Community Housing Industry Association

Aboriginal Affairs

AbSec

Aboriginal Legal Service (NSW/ACT)

Aboriginal Corporation for Homeless and Rehabilitation Community Services

Wominda

Gurehlgam Corporation

#### **LIVED EXPERIENCE**

StreetCare

CYP lived exp committees

#### **CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE**

Advocate for Children and Young People

Platform Youth

Youth Off The Streets

54 Reasons

Youth Action

Shine For Kids

#### **CALD**

Multicultural NSW

Refugee Council of NSW

Sydney South West Area Health Service

Immigration Advice & Rights Centre

#### **LGBTQI+**

ACON

BlaQ Aboriginal Corporation

The Gender Centre

Twenty10

#### **NON-GOVERNMENT**

End Street Sleeping Collaboration

Newtown Neighbourhood Centre

Community Housing providers eg Housing Plus; Link Wentworth; Homes North  
Community Restorative Centre  
Barnardos  
Linking Communities Network  
Mission Australia  
Neami National  
Nova Women  
Samaritans  
Social Futures  
Wesley Mission  
Salvation Army  
St Vincent de Paul  
Women's and Girls' Emergency Centre

#### **OTHER GOVERNMENT**

Department of Communities and Justice (incl. Youth Justice, Out of Home Care, Child Protection)

NSW Health (incl. local health districts, Alcohol and Other Drugs, Mental Health)

Corrective Services

Service NSW

Education

Women NSW

Legal Aid

NSW Police

Veterans

Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure

NSW Reconstruction Authority

NSW Treasury

The Cabinet Office

Regional NSW

Resilience NSW

Office of Local Government

Local Government - City of Sydney, Goulburn, Wagga Wagga, Albury, Wollongong

#### **ACADEMIC**

University of NSW

Monash University

Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute

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District	# Unaccompanied young Households (under 18) in TA 17/9/24	# Unaccompanied young People (under 18) in TA 17/9/24
Central Coast	1	1
Hunter New England	7	9
Mid North Coast	1	2
Murrumbidgee	1	2
Nepean Blue Mountains	1	1
Northern NSW	4	4
South Eastern Sydney	2	2
Southern NSW	1	1
Western NSW	1	1
Western Sydney	2	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>27</b>