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(Catley)

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Questions from Hon Rod Roberts MLC

Commissioner of Police

- (1) Regarding the alteration to the initial NSW Police media release of the Claire Nowland taser incident (pg. 68 of the transcript), who removed the word “taser”?
 - (a) And who authorised its removal?
- (2) Regarding the briefings given to the Premier and the Minister on the unfolding investigation into the caravan containing explosives (pg. 7 of the transcript), who conducted the briefings?
 - (a) Can you please list the date and time of each briefing?
 - (b) How was each briefing conducted (ie face-to-face, email, etc.)?

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

General Police questions

- (3) Minister, during the March 2025 budget estimates hearing you indicated that “there have been more than 700 antisemitic events and incidents and arrests in this city” (p6 transcript). Please provide the list of those 700 antisemitic events.
- (4) Excluding those on sick leave, mental health leave, injury leave, maternity/paternity leave, long service leave, what is the current operation strength of the NSW Police Force?
- (5) What police stations will be upgraded this year?
- (6) What is the authorised full strength of the Highway Command in NSW?
 - (a) What is the current operational strength of the Highway Command in NSW?
- (7) How many random breath tests were conducted in 2024?
 - (a) How many roadside drug tests were conducted in 2024?
 - (b) Why has the Minister not directed police to conduct more random breath tests given we have witnessed some of the deadliest years on record for NSW road fatalities in recent times?

- (c) Is the decline in random breath tests due to police shortages?
- (8) Is the Minister aware that students are having to sleep in their cars or rent motel rooms in Goulburn just to vacate the academy every few weekends as returning back home to their country town is too far.
 - (a) Can you confirm why country students who have been recruited from the ‘be a cop in your home town’ campaign are being forced home every few weeks whilst at the NSW Police Academy?

Knife Crime Laws

- (9) Does the Minister disagree with the Premier’s statement that new knife wandng powers are “inconvenient” to the general public who may now stopped and wanded?
- (10) The latest BOCSAR figures from the last year reveal knife related robbery and assault remain static. Does the Minister agree that this demonstrates new knife crime laws are ineffective?

Domestic violence

- (11) Minister, in 2024 how many NSW Police Force officers were charged with domestic violence offences?
 - (a) How many more officers were arrested in 2024 and their matters are still before the courts?
 - (b) Many people in regional communities have expressed concerns about reporting domestic violence if the perpetrator has a close relationship with the police to whom the violence needs to be reported. What work has the Minister done to develop alternative reporting pathways?
- (12) Are there cases of police investigating their fellow colleagues with allegations of domestic violence?
- (13) Does the Minister believe a colleague investigating a colleague would result in an impartial outcome?
- (14) Why did the NSW Police reject LECC’s recommendation for police to not investigate potential offenders inside their own command when domestic violence allegations are made?
- (15) does the NSW Police Force engage in the Right To Know scheme or similar schemes here in this state.
 - (a) If not why?

- (16) How many incidents of domestic violence were recorded in 2024 in NSW?
- (17) Why has the number of compliance checks on domestic violence offenders declined by 15,000?
- (18) What training is in place for NSW Police to assist in correctly identifying the primary aggressor and the primary victim of domestic and family violence incidents?
 - (a) What measures, if any, is NSW Police taking to measure the effectiveness of the training module used for this purpose?

Pill Testing

- (19) How many people died from drug use in 2024?
- (20) How many crimes were committed by people under the influence of drugs in 2024?
- (21) When did initial discussions for the pill testing trial begin?
- (22) When did planning begin for the implementation of the trial?
- (23) What events will be part of the pill testing trial?
- (24) What report or investigation will be conducted at the end of this trial?
- (25) When will this document be made public?

Regional and Rural Crime Inquiry

- (26) Police Association NSW President, Mr Kevin Morton, has called for a joint session of parliament to address what he perceives as the “growing activism of judicial officers” who have been criticising your bail laws. Does the Minister agree with Mr Morton and the Police Association?

Moree Response

- (27) Are you concerned that there are still no concrete details of the bail accommodation in Moree for young offenders?
- (28) Does this make it harder for young repeat offenders to be safely detained, and the community protected?
- (29) What evaluation has occurred of the diversion and other programs operating in Moree as part of the Moree response?
 - (a) For how long has each program been operating?
 - (b) How many people does each program serve?

- (c) What evaluation has been conducted /will be conducted?
- (30) What discussions has the Minister had with police about these programs?
 - (a) What feedback has the Minister received?
 - (b) What feedback has the Minister sought?
- (31) When will a decision be made to roll out the Moree response to other areas in NSW?
- (32) If these programs are not working what other planning is occurring to keep NSW safe?

Caravan Terror Plot

- (33) What was the exact date and time when the Minister was first informed about the so-called Sydney "terror plot,"?
 - (a) Who informed the Minister?
 - (b) Why wasn't the public immediately warned?
 - (c) Did Multicultural NSW brief Minister Catley at any stage regarding the caravan incident, and if so, did those briefings contribute to her decision to support the hate speech laws?
 - (d) Did Multicultural NSW express any concerns to Minister Catley or NSW Police that the caravan incident was being misrepresented in public discussions about hate crime legislation?

Counter-Terrorism

- (34) How would you describe the risk of terror attacks in NSW today?
- (35) For the following years, how many perceived threats have been registered by NSW Police surveillance:
 - (a) 2023
 - (b) 2024
 - (c) So far this year (2025)
- (36) For the following years, how many potential attacks have been prevented by NSW Police surveillance:
 - (a) 2023
 - (b) 2024

- (c) So far this year (2025)
- (37) For the following years, how many individuals have been arrested in relation to terror offences:
- (a) 2023
 - (b) 2024
 - (c) So far this year (2025)
- (38) Is the Minister concerned about rising threats of terror attacks in NSW?
- (39) What have you implemented so far as Minister in charge to reduce the risk of terror attacks in this state?
- (40) What government agencies and industry experts have you discussed these potential threats with?
- (a) Can you share their concerns and advice with the hearing?
 - (b) What do you as Minister in charge plan to implement to reduce the risk of terror attacks in this state?

Prisoner Transfers

- (41) Have police response times been adversely impacted by prisoner transfers?
- (42) Does the Minister believe inefficiencies caused by police involvement in prisoner transfers affected overall public trust in the law enforcement system?
- (43) Does the Minister hold concerns for police officers when performing prisoner transports?
- (a) Will the Minister consider removing these dangers by assigning the task to personnel specifically trained for transferring prisoners?

Cell ramping

- (44) What additional resourcing has been provided to Bail Courts to assist with the increased police workload associated with higher rates of people on remand?
- (45) What action is the Minister taking to address the issue caused by apparent blockages in the bail court system?
- (46) When will the MRRC be at full strength?

Protests

- (47) How much have NSW Police spent on protests in the last 12 months?
- (48) Can you provide a list of the protests and costs associated with each one of the protests over the past 12 months?
- (49) How many officers have been involved in the Palestine protests since October 7, 2023?
 - (a) What is the cost of this involvement?
 - (b) Where is the Premier's review of the protests up to?
 - (c) Has NSW Police Force been involved in the review?
 - (d) Has the NSW Police Association been involved in the review?
 - (e) When will the review be completed and made publicly available?

NSW Police Culture

- (50) Is there a culture of sexism within the NSW Police Force?
- (51) It has been reported that females have been harassed on the job by their male colleagues. Can the Minister confirm or deny these allegations?
- (52) If any staff of the NSW Police Force claim harassment or bullying of any form by another staff member, what is the process of investigating the complaint?
 - (a) Who conducts the investigation?
 - i. Is it independent?
 - (b) Who is it reported to?
- (53) How many police officers were on leave due to mental health reasons as of January 2025

Law Enforcement Complain Commission

- (54) How many complaints are received each year to the Law Enforcement Complaints Commission?
 - (a) Could you clarify the number for the following years?
 - i. 2021
 - ii. 2022
 - iii. 2023

- (55) Who is investigating complaints at the Law Enforcement Commission??
- (56) How many of the LECC complaints are fully investigated?
- (57) How many of the LECC complaints are independently investigated?
- (58) What number and percentage of complaints to the LECC are referred back to the Police Force for internal investigation?
 - (a) For complaints referred back to the NSW Police Force, what processes are in place to ensure these complaints are investigated independently?
- (59) Are there any plans to increase funding for the LECC?

NSW Police – Caravan Incident

- (60) Why did NSW Police continue to allow the government to publicly treat the caravan incident as terrorism when it was ruled out internally on 21 February?
- (61) Did the NSW Police Commissioner or any senior police officers express concerns about the government's public narrative on the caravan incident?
- (62) On what date did NSW Police first suspect the caravan incident was a 'set-up' and why wasn't that immediately disclosed?
- (63) Did police advise the government at any point that their narrative on the caravan plot was misleading?
- (64) Why did police not publicly clarify that this was a criminal hoax rather than a terrorist incident until after controversial hate speech laws were passed?
- (65) Did NSW Police inform the Premier and the Police Minister that they were allowing misleading information about the caravan incident to remain in the public domain?
- (66) What discussions, if any, took place between senior police and the government before publicly announcing that the caravan was not ideologically motivated?
- (67) Why did police fail to immediately correct the record once it was determined that the caravan was a con job?
- (68) Did any senior police officers object to the timing of the government's hate speech legislation given the new information about the caravan plot?

- (69) Did police officials brief the media under embargo before the public announcement about the caravan incident being a criminal ruse, and if so, when?
- (70) Why did police continue to investigate the incident as a potential terrorist plot despite internal doubts being raised "very early" in the investigation?
- (71) Why did it take until 21 February to rule out terrorism when officers had suspicions from the early stages?
- (72) Were any operational resources diverted from other investigations due to the misclassification of the caravan incident?
- (73) How much police overtime was spent investigating this as a terrorism incident instead of a criminal hoax?
- (74) Did police assess whether organised crime figures deliberately manipulated law enforcement to advance their own objectives?
- (75) What protocols exist within NSW Police to prevent premature and misleading public statements in politically sensitive investigations?
- (76) Did NSW Police ever formally advise the government that treating the caravan incident as a terrorist plot was premature?
- (77) Were there concerns among officers that police resources were being misdirected based on a false assumption of terrorism?
- (78) Did police intelligence failures contribute to a delay in identifying the caravan incident as a criminal ruse?
- (79) What specific evidence led police to initially consider the caravan plot as a terrorist threat, and why did it take weeks to rule that out?
- (80) Did any NSW government officials pressure police to maintain the terrorism narrative until after the hate speech legislation was passed?
- (81) Did police inform the government before the public that the caravan was a criminal plot and not a terrorist event?
- (82) Was the Police Minister aware that the caravan plot was not ideologically motivated before she publicly called it a terrorist attack?
- (83) Did NSW Police coordinate with the government on the timing of public disclosures about the caravan incident?

- (84) Were police involved in discussions regarding the government's decision to rush through the hate speech laws?
- (85) Did any police briefings to government officials suggest that hate speech laws were needed as a direct response to the caravan incident?
- (86) Was there ever an explicit or implicit understanding between police and the government about delaying public disclosure of the truth?
- (87) Why did police allow the government to legislate based on an incident that was not what it seemed?
- (88) Did any police officers warn the government that they were making policy decisions based on incomplete or incorrect information?
- (89) Has NSW Police reviewed its internal processes to prevent a similar situation where a government uses an incomplete police investigation to justify controversial legislation?
- (90) Why did police not immediately disclose that the caravan plot was not linked to antisemitism despite knowing this well in advance?
- (91) How does NSW Police justify the public being left misinformed for weeks about the nature of the caravan plot?
- (92) Did police deliberately withhold key information to avoid political embarrassment?
- (93) Why did police not refute the Premier and Police Minister's public statements linking the caravan plot to terrorism?
- (94) Has the NSW Police Service conducted an internal review into whether officers or officials misled the public about the caravan incident?
- (95) Will NSW Police commit to publicly releasing a full timeline of all internal decisions related to the caravan investigation?
- (96) 94) What measures are being put in place to prevent another instance where an unverified police investigation is used to justify rushed government legislation?
- (97) Did Multicultural NSW provide any briefings to NSW Police or the government that influenced the decision to classify the caravan incident as a terrorist threat, despite police doubts early in the investigation?

- (98) Was Multicultural NSW CEO Joseph La Posta involved in any discussions with NSW Police regarding the caravan plot before or after the government introduced the hate speech legislation?
- (99) Did Multicultural NSW advise the government or police that the caravan incident justified fast-tracking the hate speech laws, despite later evidence showing it was a criminal hoax?
- (100) Was Multicultural NSW aware that police had doubts about the ideological motivations behind the caravan plot before the hate speech laws were rushed through Parliament?
- (101) Did Multicultural NSW provide any advice, reports, or recommendations to NSW Police or the government that directly linked the caravan incident to the necessity of passing the hate speech laws?

Questions to Commissioner Webb

Police shortages

- (102) What are the main factors contributing to the shortage of police officers in our state?
- (103) How does the shortage of police officers impact public safety and law enforcement operations in NSW communities?
- (104) Is the collaboration between NSW police and local councils, as well as community organisations, to address shortages?
- (105) How many NSW police officers are currently suspended from duty?
- (106) Is the safety and wellbeing of officers left on duty understaffed at risk?

Police Force Culture:

- (107) How would you describe the morale of police officers?
- (a) Does the NSW Police Force conduct a wellbeing analysis across the organisation to determine factors such as morale?
- (108) Is there a culture of racism within the NSW Police Force?
- (a) What does the Commissioner say to the claims of former police officers who have been forced out of the careers they love due to systematic racism from colleagues and bosses?
- (b) It has been reported that complaints of racism have been “swept under the rug”. Can you confirm or deny these allegations?

- (109) How is the NSW Police Force actually promoting mental health awareness among its officers?
- (110) What mental health support programs and resources are available to police officers within the force?
- (111) Are there mandatory mental health checks or assessments for officers and if so, how frequently do they occur?
- (112) How does the Police Force handle cases of post-traumatic stress disorder among its officers and what support is offered?
- (113) Are their strategies / initiatives to ensure that officers who retire or leave the force have access to mental health support?
- (114) Where is the independent review of the organisation's culture up to? You announced this review in November of 2024.
- (a) When will it be completed?
 - (b) Who is conducting the review?

General questions

CFMEU meetings

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

ETU meetings

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

Ministerial disclosures to The Cabinet Office

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

Department(s)/Agency(s) Employees

- (118) 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?

(c) On what page are redundancies published in the respective Department(s)/Agency(s) Annual Reports?

Department(s)/Agency(s) Annual Reports

(119) On what date were the annual report(s) from 2023-24 for each department / agency in your portfolio published?

(120) Were the annual report(s) from 2023-24 for each department / agency in your portfolio printed?

(a) If yes, what was the printing cost(s) for each department / agency?

(121) Did the annual report(s) from 2023-24 for each department / agency in your portfolio use in part or full an external production / body / consultant to draft?

(a) If yes, what was the cost(s) for each department / agency?

(122) In what month will the 2024-25 annual report(s) for each department / agency in your portfolio be published?

(123) Will the 2024-25 annual report(s) for the department / agency in your portfolio include a printed copy?

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

State Records Act

(124) 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?

Advertising

(125) On what page is advertising published in the respective Department(s)/Agency(s) annual report(s)?

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

(126) 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 website URL?

Ministerial staff disclosure of gifts and/or hospitality

(127) Does your ministerial office keep a register of gifts and/or hospitality for staff to make disclosures?

(a) If yes, what is the website URL?

(128) 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?

Ministerial Code of Conduct

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

(a) If yes, what was the breach?

Credit Cards

(130) 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?

(131) Do public servants in your portfolio department(s)/agency(s) been issued with department/agency credit cards?

(132) If yes, what is the website URL of the credit card policy?

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

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

Senior Executive Drivers

(134) As at 1 February 2025, how many senior executives in your portfolio department(s) / agency(s) have a driver?

GIPA Applications – Ministerial Office

(135) Has your Ministerial Office received a GIPA Application(s) since 28 March 2023?

(a) If yes, how many?

(b) If yes, what is the website URL of the disclosure log?

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

(136) 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)?

GIPA Act – Disclosure Log Website URL

(137) What is the website URL for the GIPA Act disclosure log each of your portfolio department(s) / agency(s)?

TikTok

(138) Are you on TikTok?

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

Signal

(139) Are you and/or your ministerial staff on Signal?

(a) If yes, do you and/or your ministerial staff access Signal from a NSW Government device?

(b) If yes, does Signal comply with the State Records Act?

Training

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

(a) If yes, what is the description of training?

(b) If yes, how much?

Cabinet documents

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

Parliamentary Secretary

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

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

(144) Has your Parliamentary Secretary ever used your Ministerial Vehicle?

Media releases and statements

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

(a) If no, why?

Overseas Travel

(146) As Minister, do you approve overseas travel for public servants from your portfolio department(s)/agency(s)?

Data Breaches

(147) Does your portfolio department(s)/agency(s) keep a register of data breaches in accordance with the Privacy and Personal Information Protection (PPIP) Act?

(148) If yes to 38, what is the website?

Discretionary Fund

(149) As Minister, do you have a discretionary fund?

(a) If yes, what department(s) / agency(s) administer it?

(b) If yes, what is the website URL detailing expenditure?

Qantas Chairman's Lounge

(150) Are you a member of the Qantas Chairmans Lounge?

Local Government Councillors

(151) How many of your Ministerial staff is a local government councillor(s)?

Questions from Ms Abigail Boyd MLC

Women's Domestic Violence Court Advocacy Scheme Hearing Support Pilot

(152) Will the NSW Government provide recurrent funding for the Women's Domestic Violence Court Advocacy Scheme Hearing Support Pilot (\$6.55 million)? If not, why not?

(a) Will the NSW Government provide recurrent funding for the Women's Domestic Violence Court Advocacy Scheme and NSW Police Force Co-location Pilot, and expansion beyond the 10 pilot sites (\$31 million)? If not, why not?

Ageing and Disability Reference Group

(153) Has the NSW Police Force's Ageing and Disability Reference Group been established yet?

(154) Who is part of the group, and what are their roles?

(155) Do members receive remuneration for their participation?

(156) How was membership of the reference group determined?

Police interaction with DFV refuges

(157) In relation to QON 3311 regarding NSW Police Force's protocol for police interacting with frontline DFV services, the answer provided was that "police will respond to all DFV incidents in a trauma-informed manner, including interacting with victims at women's refuges and other frontline services that may house or provide support to victims on their premises. Police are mindful of the impact their presence may have on the victim and other victims at the location." How do you ensure that officers are in fact responding in a trauma-informed manner when attending these services, if they are not actually given any direction on how to do so?

(a) The question asked was "has the NSW Police Force developed specific protocols or guidelines for officers attending frontline services such as women's refuges, for example, time taken to respond to requests for police assistance at the refuge, amount of notice to be given before unrequested visits, etc.?" Noting that the answer provided was unclear, can you please confirm whether or not there are any specific protocols or guidelines for officers attending these services?

Recommendations by the Australian Law Reform Commission on reforming justice responses to sexual violence

(158) The Australian Law Reform Commission made several recommendations directed toward state and territory governments in its recently published report "Safe, informed, supported: Reforming justice responses to sexual violence". Has the Minister read this report?

(a) Will you commit to act on any of the recommendations directed toward state and territory governments?

Specialist Victims Liaison Officers (SVLOs)

(159) In relation to the trialling of delivery of SVLOs, according to answers to QON 3313 there are currently four employed across St George PAC, Blacktown PAC, Tuggerah Lakes PD

and Campbelltown PAC. How many further positions for SVLOs are yet to be filled, and by what date will they be filled?

(160) Can you explain the roles and responsibilities of SVLOs, including which vulnerable cohorts they specifically assist and for what purpose?

(161) What are the qualifications, experience and training requirements for these positions?

(162) In response to my supplementary questions in August 2024 Budget Estimates in relation to the Disability Royal Commission's recommendation to introduce adequate numbers of dedicated disability liaison officers, you advised that "it is unlikely that this process will result in introducing dedicated "Disability Liaison Officers" of the type called for in the recommendation. Instead, the NSW Police Force is in the process of developing knowledge and skills of all staff within its Crime Prevention Units to lead crime prevention activity locally, as well as trialling the delivery of "Specialist Victims Liaison Officers" to assist in responding to needs relating to people with a disability and other vulnerable cohorts." Given the importance of improving police responses to people with disability, can you confirm whether there is currently any intention to introduce dedicated disability liaison officers in addition to SVLOs?

(a) If not, can you please explain why?

Facial recognition

(163) How many times has facial recognition technology been used to generate leads to assist investigations, in:

(a) FY23/24

(b) FY24 to date

(164) When was the NSW Police Force Emerging Biometric and AI Ethics Board formed?

(a) Who is on the board?

(b) How often does it meet?

(c) What are its terms of reference?

(165) When was the NSW Police Force Emerging Biometric and Artificial Intelligence Ethics Framework written?

(a) is the policy binding?

(b) what are the enforcement methods for ensuring compliance with the framework?

- (c) how many times has the framework been breached or not complied with?
- (166) When was the last time the NSW Police Facial Recognition Policy was updated?
- (167) When was the PhotoTrac suspect identification system, Training Guide for Facial Recognition, last updated?
- (168) How many standard operating procedures regarding facial recognition workflows exist within the Facial Recognition Unit?
- (a) What are they called?
 - (b) How is compliance enforced?
 - (c) How many breaches of the SOPs have been recorded?
- (169) How many standard operating procedures regarding facial recognition workflows exist within the Real Time Intelligence Unit?
- (a) What are they called?
 - (b) How is compliance enforced?
 - (c) How many breaches of the SOPs have been recorded?
- (170) When was the Facial Identification Scientific Working Group guidelines and standards - Facial Comparison Overview & Methodology Guideline v2.0 last updated?
- (171) When was the Facial Images Comparison Feature List for Morphological Analysis last updated?
- (172) Is there a principles, policy or guidance document used by NSW Police to guide the ethical use of facial recognition, biometric data, or other computer-mediated or assisted technology including but not limited to Artificial Intelligence for the use of police operations and investigations?
- (a) Please provide all relevant policies, guidances and frameworks
- (173) Does NSW Police have a framework for secondary use of Insights data (specifically for crime prevention activities)?
- (174) What facial recognition technology does NSW Police use?
- (175) What biometric data is used by NSW Police for the purposes of investigations?

- (176) How many times has artificial intelligence, machine learning or other Automated Decision Making software been used to predict the day, time, type and location of crimes in order to assist in resource allocation, in:
- (a) FY24 to date
 - (b) FY23/24
 - (c) FY22/23
 - (d) FY21/22
 - (e) FY20/21
- (177) What guidelines, rules or policies determine when AI, Machine Learning or other Automated Decision Making software are used to predict the day, time, type and location of crimes to assist in resource allocation?
- (178) After concerns were raised in November 2021 in a meeting with the NSWPF and the AI Review Committee, about the potential impact of the Insight platform on historically over-policed demographics, what actions were taken by NSW Police?

Questions from Ms Cate Faehrmann MLC

Early Drug Diversion Initiative

- (179) Data on training budget and numbers for the Early Drug Diversion Initiative (EDDI) is not publicly available.
- (a) How many NSW Police have completed training on the EDDI program?
 - (b) What are the numbers for each Local Area Command (LAC) in NSW?
 - (c) What is the budget for this training?
 - (d) Which NSW government department is responsible for this training budget (Department of Health or Police)?
 - (e) What is the training schedule for the next 12 months?
 - (f) How many Police will be trained?

Drug Dogs at Music Festivals

(180) In Budget Estimates on 27 February 2025, the Health Minister told me that any questions regarding police presence with drug dogs and strip searches at Yours and Owls festival which also had pill testing was “a problem for the commissioner and the police minister.” What measures were put in place at Yours and Owls to ensure people did not consume all their drugs at the sight of the dogs, and how will this be approached at future events that are conducting pill testing?

Tobacco and Alcohol Violence

(181) How many tobacconist shops were firebombed in NSW in 2024 due to rivalry by criminal gangs fighting for control of the cigarette, tobacco or vape black markets?

(182) How many people were shot and injured or killed in NSW in 2024 due to rivalry by criminal gangs fighting for control of the cigarette, tobacco or vape black markets?

(183) What proportion of the supply of cigarettes, tobacco and vapes in NSW in 2024 is estimated to be provided by the unregulated, untaxed and illegal black market?

(184) How many citizens in NSW in 2024 were charged with possession of illegal drugs?

(185) How many of these citizens were convicted?

(186) How many of these citizens were sentenced to terms of imprisonment?

(187) How many served a prison sentence?

(188) What was the quantity of illicit drugs seized in NSW in 2024 broken down by drug type?

(189) How available were illicit drugs in NSW in 2024 by drug type vis a vis: readily available/available/neither hard nor easy to get/scarce/very scarce

(190) What proportion of police work involves violence and alcohol?

Naloxone

(191) Are NSW Police able to access Naloxone for use while on duty?

(a) If so, how many are currently carrying it on duty?

(192) Are NSW Police officers currently able to administer naloxone to drug detection dogs, rather than humans?

(193) In the event a NSW Police Officer witnesses an overdose in a human in the community, what is the current policy on how they should respond?

(194) What are the proposed timings, budget and locations for education to increase knowledge of, and access to naloxone for serving NSW Police officers?

Strip Searches

(195) What was the total number of strip searches undertaken in:

- (a) 2014?
- (b) 2015?
- (c) 2016?
- (d) 2017?
- (e) 2018?
- (f) 2019?
- (g) 2020?
- (h) 2021?
- (i) 2022?
- (j) 2023?
- (k) 2024?

(196) What was the total number of strip searches where an illicit substance was found in:

- (a) 2014?
- (b) 2015?
- (c) 2016?
- (d) 2017?
- (e) 2018?
- (f) 2019?
- (g) 2020?
- (h) 2021?
- (i) 2022?
- (j) 2023?
- (k) 2024?

(197) Where an illicit substance was found as a result of a strip search, how many individuals were charged with possession of a prohibited drug under section 10(1) of the Drug Misuse and Trafficking Act 1985 in:

- (a) 2014?
- (b) 2015?
- (c) 2016?
- (d) 2017?
- (e) 2018?
- (f) 2019?
- (g) 2020?
- (h) 2021?
- (i) 2022?
- (j) 2023?
- (k) 2024?

(198) Of the individuals charged with possession of a prohibited drug under section 10(1) of the Drug Misuse and Trafficking Act 1985 as a result of a strip search, how many were convicted in:

- (a) 2014?
- (b) 2015?
- (c) 2016?
- (d) 2017?
- (e) 2018?
- (f) 2019?
- (g) 2020?
- (h) 2021?
- (i) 2022?
- (j) 2023?

(k) 2024?

(199) Where an illicit substance was found as a result of a strip search, how many individuals were charged with supply of a prohibited drug under section 25(1) of the Drug Misuse and Trafficking Act 1985 in:

(a) 2014?

(b) 2015?

(c) 2016?

(d) 2017?

(e) 2018?

(f) 2019?

(g) 2020?

(h) 2021?

(i) 2022?

(j) 2023?

(k) 2024?

(200) Of the individuals charged with supply of a prohibited drug under section 25(1) of the Drug Misuse and Trafficking Act 1985 as a result of a strip search, how many were convicted in:

(a) 2014?

(b) 2015?

(c) 2016?

(d) 2017?

(e) 2018?

(f) 2019?

(g) 2020?

(h) 2021?

(i) 2022?

(j) 2023?

(k) 2024?

(201) What was the total number of strip searches undertaken as a result of a drug dog indication in:

(a) 2014?

(b) 2015?

(c) 2016?

(d) 2017?

(e) 2018?

(f) 2019?

(g) 2020?

(h) 2021?

(i) 2022?

(j) 2023?

(k) 2024?

(202) What was the total number of strip searches as a result of a drug dog indication where an illicit substance was found in:

(a) 2014?

(b) 2015?

(c) 2016?

(d) 2017?

(e) 2018?

(f) 2019?

(g) 2020?

(h) 2021?

(i) 2022?

(j) 2023?

(k) 2024?

(203) Where an illicit substance was found as a result of a strip search from a drug dog indication, how many individuals were charged with possession of a prohibited drug under section 10(1) of the Drug Misuse and Trafficking Act 1985 in:

- (a) 2014?
- (b) 2015?
- (c) 2016?
- (d) 2017?
- (e) 2018?
- (f) 2019?
- (g) 2020?
- (h) 2021?
- (i) 2022?
- (j) 2023?
- (k) 2024?

(204) Of the individuals charged with possession of a prohibited drug under section 10(1) of the Drug Misuse and Trafficking Act 1985 as a result of a strip search from a drug dog indication, how many were convicted in:

- (a) 2014?
- (b) 2015?
- (c) 2016?
- (d) 2017?
- (e) 2018?
- (f) 2019?
- (g) 2020?
- (h) 2021?
- (i) 2022?
- (j) 2023?

(k) 2024?

(205) Where an illicit substance was found as a result of a strip search from a drug dog indication, how many individuals were charged with supply of a prohibited drug under section 25(1) of the Drug Misuse and Trafficking Act 1985 in:

(a) 2014?

(b) 2015?

(c) 2016?

(d) 2017?

(e) 2018?

(f) 2019?

(g) 2020?

(h) 2021?

(i) 2022?

(j) 2023?

(k) 2024?

(206) Of the individuals charged with supply of a prohibited drug under section 25(1) of the Drug Misuse and Trafficking Act 1985 as a result of a strip search from a drug dog indication, how many were convicted in:

(a) 2014?

(b) 2015?

(c) 2016?

(d) 2017?

(e) 2018?

(f) 2019?

(g) 2020?

(h) 2021?

(i) 2022?

(j) 2023?

(k) 2024?