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**SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTIONS**

<b>Questions from Ms Cate Faehrmann MLC</b>
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**Illawarra Coal Mining**

- (1) The recent Journal of Hydrology report “Mining impacts peatland hydrology reducing discharge and water storage volume” published in August 2024, reported irreversible damage to swamps as a result of longwall mining in the Greater Sydney water catchment. The sort of damage described in the Journal is permanent irreversible damage to a natural filtration ecosystem, a critically important public asset. What monitoring and oversight is the Department applying to address this issue with mining in the Illawarra Special Area water catchments?

**Answer**

The monitoring and management requirements for mining projects in the Metropolitan Special Area are established by the conditions of development consents. These conditions require a subsidence management plan or extraction plan to be submitted and approved prior to mining occurring. These plans set out the monitoring, management and mitigation measures for specific longwall panels, including details of proposed swamp monitoring.

The Department frequently seeks advice from the Independent Expert Advisory Panel for Mining when reviewing these plans, including in relation to the adequacy of proposed monitoring. The Panel includes experts in swamp ecology and hydrology.

Monitoring results must be reported in End of Panel Reports and Annual Reviews, which are then carefully reviewed and assessed by the Department.

- (2) What is required for Trigger Action Response Plans halting the mining to kick in?

**Answer**

Trigger action response plans (TARPs) are an adaptive management tool designed to ensure compliance with performance measures or development consent conditions. The trigger levels and adaptive management actions proposed under

**TARPs are site specific and based on a range of factors including the relevant performance measures, consent conditions, mine design, monitoring network and receiving environment. A TARP may include a requirement to temporarily or permanently halt mining where monitoring indicates there is a risk of exceeding a performance measure or consent condition.**

- (3) What rationale made it possible for the Department to decide that this irreversible damage to swamps in the protected water catchment special area could be 'made good' by purchasing offset land at Madden Plains?
- (a) Do the Madden Plains "offsets" contribute anything to the Greater Sydney water catchment?

**Answer**

**Schedule 2 Condition 15 of the Dendrobium Mine development consent (DA60-03-2001) establishes the framework for offsetting the mine's impacts on upland swamps.**

- (a) **In 2016, a proposal to secure the Maddens Plains offset site in perpetuity by transferring the land to the National Park estate was approved by the Planning Secretary with the support of the then Office of Environment and Heritage. The offset site includes 598 hectares of land containing 140 hectares of coastal upland swamps equivalent to those being impacted. The site was also considered to provide additional offsetting values as it secured land with significant ecological value in perpetuity within the National Park estate and improved habitat corridors between the Illawarra Escarpment State Conservation Area, the Dharawal Nature Reserve and the WaterNSW Special Area.**
- (4) A report by Peter Dupen, "Metropolitan Coal Mine - independent review of environmental performance to 2022", was submitted by the Nature Conservation Council to the Department of Planning in March 2023. The report detailed further damage in the Woronora Reservoir catchment as a result of the Peabody longwall mining operation directly underneath the Reservoir. This report was written by former WaterNSW Mining Manager and hydrologist Peter Dupen.

The report describes a new type of irreversible fracturing in the Hawkesbury Sandstone aquifer leading to desaturation of the ridges around the reservoir, and what may be the permanent loss of ecologically important surface flows. The report states that the sub-vertical fractures and sub-horizontal shear planes induced by the Metropolitan Mine

longwalls, and their implications for water quality and catchment health, are much more extensive than was envisaged by the 2009 planning application. The report describes horizontal fracturing in some places up to 500m long.

Has the Department and / or members of the Independent Expert Advisory Panel for Mining reviewed this report?

- (a) Has a formal response to that report been prepared?
- (b) If not, why not?

**Answer**

**Yes.**

(a) The Department has reviewed the report prepared by Peter Dupen. In April 2023, the Department requested that the Independent Advisory Panel for Underground Mining (the Panel) review the report and provide advice on further investigations required to test or confirm Mr Dupen's hypothesis. The Panel provided its findings to the Department in September 2023. In October 2023, the Department requested that Metropolitan Coal implement the Panel's recommendations for data collection, modelling and analysis, revisions to performance indicators and triggers, and reporting of information. Metropolitan Coal has committed to implementing the recommendations and has provided the Department with an implementation schedule.

(b) See (4)(a)

- (5) What is required for Trigger Action Response Plans halting the mining to kick in?

**Answer**

Trigger action response plans (TARPs) are an adaptive management tool designed to ensure compliance with performance measures or development consent conditions. The trigger levels and adaptive management actions proposed under TARPs are site specific and based on a range of factors including the relevant performance measures, consent conditions, mine design, monitoring network and receiving environment. A TARP may include a requirement to temporarily or permanently halt mining where monitoring indicates there is a risk of exceeding a performance measure or consent condition.

- (6) Is the Woronora Reservoir Impact Strategy Panel independent?
- (a) Does it receive funding from Peabody?
  - (b) If yes, what proportion of its funding comes from Peabody or other mining interests?
  - (c) Was their report, “Woronora Reservoir Impact Strategy - Stage 2 report” commissioned and paid for by Peabody?

**Answer**

The Woronora Reservoir Impact Strategy Panel (the Panel) was an independent expert panel tasked with providing advice to the Department given the highly sensitive nature of the drinking water catchment and the proposed mining directly under the Woronora Reservoir. The Panel provided its last advice to the Department in 2022.

- (a) Yes.

While the costs of the Panel were covered by the Applicant, the Department considers that a proper selection process to appoint members to the Panel ensured independence. The Planning Secretary or a nominee, as required by the Conditions of Approval for the Extraction Plan for longwalls 301 and 302, must approve the selection of independent experts. A nominee of the Planning Secretary approved the nominated experts on 24 May 2017, noting that they were suitably experienced and qualified. The selection process included a requirement for each member to disclose any potential conflicts of interest.

Where the Department requires a proponent to engage an independent expert, provisions for the proponent to pay reasonable costs for these experts are generally included in the conditions of consent. This is a cost-recovery activity that in no way influences or impacts the advice provided.

- (b) The Applicant covered the cost of the Panel.
- (c) The Department required the Panel to provide independent advice as a condition of approval of the Extraction Plan for Longwalls 301 and 302. This includes the “Woronora Reservoir Impact Strategy - Stage 2 report”.

The Panel’s advice made up one part of the review of the submitted Extraction Plans, as the Department also seeks specialist advice from relevant government agencies. The Panel has completed the investigations that were required by the Department.

- (7) How can a new mining application be considered a “modification” when it extends outside

the mining lease boundary?

**Answer**

**The Department relies on substantially the same development test as required for 4.55(1A) and 4.55(2) developments.**

**The Department also considers the principles, established by case law, including whether the modified development is materially the same as the originally approved project (or as last modified under the now repealed s75W of the EP&A Act).**

- (8) In June the Sutherland Shire Environment Centre wrote to the Department raising issues regarding the surface operations of Peabody's Metropolitan Colliery and the potential threat represented by a 624m long train tunnel, which backs onto the mine site on a steep gradient, and was full of water earlier this year. Although the tunnel is not used for storage, it is often flooded.
- (a) what volume of water does the tunnel hold when it is flooded to the Helensburgh entrance?
  - (b) how is this volume of water in the tunnel measured?
  - (c) has any modelling been done to account for the possibility of water from the tunnel evacuating through the mine surface facilities, coal stockpile and sediment ponds in the event of a landslide?
  - (d) will any modelling and risk management plans be drawn up to account for the threat this tunnel represents to the ecological integrity of the Royal National Park?
  - (e) Peabody is overdue submitting their Water Surface Facilities Management Plan which was due on 30 September, 2023. Will the tunnel be shown in that Plan when it finally comes out?

**Answer**

**The rail tunnel collects stormwater runoff from Helensburgh, which drains to Camp Creek Gully. The Department understands that the Metropolitan Coal's end of the tunnel is sealed. The tunnel is jointly owned by Metropolitan Coal and Crown Lands.**

- (a) The Department does not hold this information.
- (b) Refer to (8)(a).
- (c) The Department been advised by the proponent that the rail tunnel is not used by Metropolitan Coal as part of its water management system, however the tunnel was included in the original project application.
- (d) Refer to (8)(e).

(e) **Metropolitan Coal has submitted an updated Water Surface Facilities Management Plan which is currently with EPA for review.**

(f) Peabody has had a number of well documented compliance issues. What breaches need to occur for a company to no longer be considered a fit and proper person to hold a mining licence?

**Answer**

**This question should be directed to the NSW Resources Regulator.**

<b>Questions from Hon Scott Farlow MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)</b>
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## **PLANNING & PUBLIC SPACES**

### **TOD Accelerated Precincts – General Questions**

(10) What is the anticipated number of additional homes in each of the following during the Accord Period in each precinct?

- a. Bankstown
- b. Bays West
- c. Kellyville/Bella Vista
- d. Crows Nest
- e. Homebush
- f. Hornsby
- g. Macquarie Park

**Answer**

**Rezoning proposals for seven of the TOD Accelerated Precincts have been exhibited and the total additional dwelling capacity will be finalised through the final rezoning in late 2024. Bays West is on a different timeline with master planning for a rezoning proposal anticipated in 2025.**

(11) At each of the TOD Accelerated Precinct sites: Bankstown, Bays West, Kellyville/Bella Vista, Crows Nest, Homebush, Hornsby and Macquarie Park; please answer the following:

- (a) If fully developed, what is the dwelling capacity using existing planning controls?
- (b) What will the potential dwelling capacity be after the rezoning?

- i. How many of these homes are anticipated to be delivered by 2041?
- (c) If any of the above questions cannot be answered:
  - ii. Why?
  - iii. When will answers be ready to be provided?

**Answer**

- a. **This information is not available**
- b. **As the precinct controls are still being developed, the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure does not yet have this information.**
  - i. **The Department has not done modelling on homes delivered to 2041.**
- c. **Dwelling capacity will be released once the rezonings are finalised in late 2024.**

(12) The Government states there is \$520 million of funding to provide community infrastructure in these precincts:

- a. Will the money be shared equally between the seven accelerated precincts?
  - i. If not, how will it be distributed?
- b. Will any additional levy, apart from the Housing and Productivity Contribution, be applied to these seven accelerated precincts?
- c. What is the process for nominating projects and the associated eligibility criteria?
  - i. When will we know what projects are being funded?
  - ii. When will the list of projects be outlined?
- d. Councils' ability to collect contributions is critical to fund local infrastructure to support population growth. How does the Government propose to sequence the outcome of the Accelerated TODs to enable affected councils to update their local contributions plans, so that the opportunity to collect contributions is not missed?

**Answer**

- i. **The Department is developing program guidelines for the TOD Community Infrastructure Program. Program eligibility will be limited to councils within the seven accelerated precincts. The program guidelines will outline the methodology used to distribute funding across the seven precincts and**



describe the types of infrastructure projects eligible to nominate for funding within the precincts funding envelope.

- b. There are no additional State levies under the planning system proposed in the TOD precincts.
- c. The program will be rolled out as an infrastructure grant program where eligible councils will be able to nominate projects within a nomination period. The program guidelines will include an indicative end to end timeline, from project nomination to announcement of successful projects by the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces.
  - i. This will form part of the program guidelines currently being developed by the Department.
  - ii. This will form part of the program guidelines currently being developed by the Department
- d. The TOD Accelerated Precincts are currently subject to contributions plans that collect contributions from growth. This will not change and will allow for contributions to be collected from day one. Councils wishing to amend their existing contributions plans to collect for different infrastructure or collect in different ways, have time to make these changes as growth progresses.

(13) What has been the progress of working groups that were formed for each of the TOD stations?

- a. What outcomes have these working groups reached?
- b. How many meetings has there been for each working group?

**Answer**

- a. Project Working Groups (PWG) provided input into the draft rezoning of each TOD precinct, including providing feedback on urban design, infrastructure, open space and other key elements of each accelerated precinct. Post exhibition, PWGs have been provided information on feedback received and how this feedback may be addressed.

- b. As of 12 September 2024: Bankstown – 10 meetings, Kellyville and Bella Vista – 4 meetings, Crows Nest – 12 meetings, Homebush – 10 meetings, Hornsby – 12 meetings, Macquarie Park – 6 meetings.

(14) You have indicated that councils will be encouraged to invest local contributions within the TOD, will you be making any changes to tie levies raised in the TOD precinct to be spent within the precinct?

**Answer**

**The *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* requires that all contributions must be held for the purpose for which they were paid and must be applied towards that purpose within a reasonable time. The Department has worked with councils in TOD Accelerated Precincts to make sure their local infrastructure contributions plans are fit for purpose. Development in TOD Accelerated Precincts is likely to generate demand for infrastructure outside the precinct boundaries.**

(15) Is the Government committed to ensuring future development in the Accelerated TODs achieves the Government's tree canopy target of 40 percent - a target which can only be achieved through a combination of private and public land?

**Answer**

**The 40 percent tree canopy target is for the whole of Greater Sydney, with each Local Government Area (LGA) making context-specific contributions to increase tree canopy on public and private land. Each TOD precinct will include tree canopy targets aiming to increase tree canopy to contribute to the 40 percent tree canopy target across Greater Sydney.**

(16) How many staff will be assigned to the dedicated SSD assessment team within the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure to deal with applications for projects over \$60m CIV in the seven TOD Accelerated locations?

**Answer**

**The Department will assign staff dependent on the volume of work, to ensure assessment timeframes are met, and ensure the effective and timely delivery of housing approvals.**

**Kellyville/Bella Vista TOD**

- (17) Considering Glenwood under this rezoning will have a planned capacity almost 673 percent of the previous capacity, outline the funding currently available to improve local roads specifically in the Glenwood community?

**Answer**

**Local infrastructure required to support growth relating to the rezoning proposal will be funded by a Local Infrastructure Contributions Plan.**

- (18) Considering Stanhope Gardens under this rezoning will have a planned capacity almost 463 percent of the previous capacity, outline the funding currently available to improve local roads specifically in the Stanhope Gardens community?

**Answer**

**Local infrastructure required to support growth relating to the rezoning proposal will be funded by a Local Infrastructure Contributions Plan.**

- (19) Have you met with the Federal Member for Greenway, Michelle Rowland about the Kellyville/Bella Vista TOD? Remember your diary disclosures are only public until 30 June.

**Answer**

**Members of Parliament make representations to me as the Minister on local issues regarding their electorates across all the portfolios under my remit, including planning reforms. Any matters raised, whether in writing or verbally are addressed appropriately.**

(20) When was the last time you spoke to the Federal Member for Greenway?

**Answer**

**Members of Parliament make representations to me as the Minister on local issues regarding their electorates across all the portfolios under my remit, including planning reforms. Any matters raised, whether in writing or verbally are addressed appropriately.**

(21) When did you inform the Member for Riverstone, Warren Kirby as to the impact of the Kellyville/Bella Vista TOD on his electorate?

- a. Has the Member for Riverstone been briefed by the Department on the Kellyville/Bella Vista TOD?
  - i. If so, on which date?
- b. Did you receive any written correspondence from Warren Kirby MP from 7 December 2023 to 9 July 2024 concerning the Kellyville/Bella Vista TOD?
  - i. If so, on which date?

**Answer**

**Members of Parliament make representations to me as the Minister on local issues regarding their electorates across all the portfolios under my remit, including planning reforms. Any matters raised, whether in writing or verbally are addressed appropriately.**

(22) Why was the initial consultation period for the Kellyville/Bella Vista TOD only until August 9?

- a. Who made the decision on the timeframe of the consultation period?
  - i. If the Department, who in the Department?
- b. Why was Stanhope Gardens offered an additional community consultation session on August 5, but Glenwood residents were not initially offered the same?

- c. Was every resident on proposed rezoned lots in Kellyville, Bella Vista, Glenwood and Stanhope Gardens sent a letter by the Department notifying them of the rezoning?
  - i. If so, on which date?
- d. Has every resident who lives in a property impacted by all seven Tier 1 TOD rezonings been notified by the Department of the rezoning?

#### Answer

All TOD Accelerated Precincts were exhibited for an initial period of 28 days in line with the *Environmental Planning & Assessment Act* (EP&A Act).

- a. The Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, in line with the EP&A Act.
- b. Residents in Stanhope Gardens were offered an additional session due to the complexity of community title schemes that exist in Stanhope Gardens. The session was an opportunity for the Department to answer questions and hear residents' feedback. Residents of Glenwood also attended this session, as well as seven other sessions across two other days.
- c. Yes
  - i. Letters were sent immediately following exhibition commencing on 9 July 2024.
- d. Yes.

#### Homebush TOD

- (23) One of the sites you have identified for open space is Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Primary School in North Strathfield, a 422-student school, what is your plan for that school and for its pupils?

#### Answer

The Homebush TOD rezoning proposal, as exhibited, identifies uplift and open space on this site as part of an amalgamated key site, should the school choose to re-locate. The potential amalgamation of sites remains a decision for individual landowners. If amalgamation is not achieved, the existing planning controls for the site are proposed to continue to apply, meaning landowners can continue to use their site in the same way they do now.

- (24) With 16,100 new apartments to be constructed in the area, what are your plans for additional

schooling in the Homebush TOD precinct?

**Answer**

**The Department is working with the Department of Education and School Infrastructure NSW to determine the school infrastructure required to service the community and will provide further details on this in the finalisation package.**

(25) You have proposed new open space within the precinct as part of key site amalgamation, is that correct, is it your intention that developers who buy these sites will provide the open space, or will the Government compulsorily acquire open space corridors?

**Answer**

**Yes, as exhibited, the additional open space is proposed to be delivered as part of an incentive floor space and building height mechanism which is subject to amalgamation requirements. The Department has not proposed any compulsory acquisition as part of the exhibition package.**

(26) What infrastructure improvements do the Minns Labor Government have funding committed for, to deliver improved infrastructure to the people who live in the rezoned areas around Homebush Station and for those who need to travel through this area?

**Answer**

**The Government has committed to the delivery of Sydney Metro West with a station at North Strathfield, which will add to the several existing rail stations servicing the precinct. Targeted for opening in 2032, the new Metro line will directly serve additional new residents as well as provide relief to existing train stations, such as Homebush Station, to accommodate increase demand from residents.**

**The Australian and NSW Governments are also investing \$100 million to upgrade the intersection of Homebush Bay Drive, Australia Avenue and Underwood Road to ease congestion, increase safety and improve travel times and connectivity to Homebush and Sydney Olympic Park for all road users.**

See: [Sydney Metro West](#)

See: [Homebush Bay Drive and Australia Avenue](#)

- (27) What infrastructure upgrades are planned around Homebush, North Strathfield and Strathfield Stations to accommodate the increased housing density and expected rise in commuter traffic?
- a. When will the Government outline any such plans?

**Answer**

The rezoning proposal has identified a suite of additional localised transport initiatives to make it easier to walk, cycle and catch public transport to reduce the impact of traffic congestion for residents, workers and visitors. These include improved pedestrian crossings, improved and new cycleways and targeted upgrades on the local road network.

The Australian and NSW Governments are also investing \$100 million to upgrade the intersection of Homebush Bay Drive, Australia Avenue and Underwood Road to ease congestion, increase safety and improve travel times and connectivity to Homebush and Sydney Olympic Park for all road users.

See: [Homebush TOD Rezoning – Precinct Transport Statement](#)

See: [Homebush Bay Drive and Australia Avenue](#)

- (28) What specific improvements are planned for key roads such as Parramatta Road, Homebush Bay Drive, and Underwood Road to handle the anticipated increase in traffic from housing developments in the Homebush TOD?

**Answer**

Transport for NSW (TfNSW) is currently investigating options for improved public transport along Parramatta Road.

In addition, the Australian and NSW Governments are also investing \$100 million to upgrade the intersection of Homebush Bay Drive, Australia Avenue and Underwood Road to ease congestion, increase safety and improve travel times and connectivity to Homebush and Sydney Olympic Park for all road users.

See: [Homebush Bay Drive and Australia Avenue](#)

(29) How does the NSW Government plan to address potential congestion at major intersections, due to increased residential density as a result of the Homebush TOD?

**Answer**

The rezoning proposal has identified a suite of localised transport initiatives to make it easier to walk, cycle and catch public transport to reduce the impact of traffic congestion for residents, workers and visitors. These include improved pedestrian crossings, improved and new cycleways, and targeted upgrades on the local road network. Improvements are recommended at the following intersections:

- Upgrade George Street/Pomeroy Street intersection
- Changes to signal phasing of Underwood Road/Pomeroy Street
- Parramatta Road/Bridge Road operational improvements
- Parramatta Road/Knight Street operational improvements
- Realign Cooper Street to Leicester Avenue with a new signalised intersection

The Australian and NSW Governments are also investing \$100 million to upgrade the intersection of Homebush Bay Drive, Australia Avenue and Underwood Road. Subject to project approval construction is expected to commence in 2025 and take about 18 months to complete.

See: [Homebush TOD Rezoning – Precinct Transport Statement](#)

See: [Homebush Bay Drive and Australia Avenue](#)

(30) What enhancements to bus services and other public transport links in the Homebush TOD are planned to support the increased housing density and promote accessibility?

**Answer**



The rezoning proposal recommends improved local bus services to be planned by TfNSW as growth occurs within the precinct. In addition, TfNSW is currently investigating options for improved public transport along Parramatta Road.

- (31) Are there any initiatives to improve pedestrian and cycling infrastructure in the Homebush TOD, particularly along major routes like Parramatta Road and around local parks and commercial areas?

**Answer**

The rezoning proposal has identified a suite of transport initiatives to make it easier to walk, cycle and catch public transport to reduce the impact of traffic congestion for residents, workers and visitors, including improved pedestrian crossings and improved and new cycleways.

- (32) What water infrastructure upgrades have Sydney Water advised are required to support both the accelerated precinct and Tier 2 North Strathfield TOD?

**Answer**

Sydney Water has advised it will have services available to enable housing within the Accord period. The current trunk drinking water network can service growth within the Accord period. No trunk water upgrades are planned for the Homebush precinct. The existing trunk wastewater network and planned trunk wastewater upgrades in the Homebush precinct (anticipated to be delivered by FY2029) will enable the servicing of growth within the Accord period. In relation to servicing post Accord period, Sydney Water has advised augmentations to water and wastewater systems will likely be required to service the Homebush TOD beyond the Housing Accord period. Once final TOD growth numbers are confirmed, Sydney Water will implement a growth assessment review and detail potential augmentations for growth beyond 2029. It is anticipated that Sydney Water planning studies will be carried out by 2026.

## Hornsby TOD

(33) What infrastructure improvements do the Minns Labor Government have funding committed for, to deliver improved infrastructure to the people of Hornsby?

### Answer

The NSW Government has committed \$520 million from Housing and Productivity Contribution directed to funding infrastructure in the TOD Accelerated Precincts. This funding will be dedicated to building well connected communities, funding community infrastructure such as improved walking, cycling and public transport infrastructure and quality public open spaces to make sure homes are built close to jobs and in places that people want to live.

The work on identifying the infrastructure that will be funded by this \$520 million is ongoing and is anticipated to be confirmed prior to the finalisation of each of the rezonings.

(34) What specific infrastructure upgrades are planned around Hornsby Station under the TOD Accelerated Precincts Program to accommodate the increased housing density?

- a. If it is too soon to answer, when will the Government outline these plans for upgrades at Hornsby from anticipated, yet not enough, funding from the \$520 million promised for all TOD Accelerated Precincts?

### Answer

A series of improvements on the local road network, including:

- intersection upgrades on Peats Ferry Road, George Street, Burdett Street, Linda Street and Edgeworth David Avenue
- a split bus interchange, facilitating improved access time to the station for residents, bus passengers and improved bus access to the Westfield centre
- road widenings on Bridge Road and George Street
- other road and traffic upgrades aimed at easing congestion within the town centre.

New and upgraded parks, a network of green links and pedestrian/cycle linkages and a new community facility and library:

See: [Hornsby Infrastructure Delivery Plan](#)

(35) How will the NSW Government ensure that Hornsby Station and the surrounding transport hubs can handle the expected rise in commuter traffic?

**Answer**

The Hornsby Town Centre Review Transport Plan identified a suite of transport initiatives to make it easier to walk, cycle and catch public transport to reduce the impact of traffic congestion for residents, workers and visitors. These include improved pedestrian links, new cycling facilities, and targeted traffic improvements, such as intersection upgrades. The plan also identified options for a new northern rail concourse and potential relocation of the bus interchange for further consideration by TfNSW.

See: [Hornsby Infrastructure Delivery Plan](#)

(36) What measures are being taken to upgrade the Pacific Highway and Peats Ferry Road, given the expected increase in traffic from new housing developments around Hornsby?

**Answer**

The following traffic upgrades are proposed to the Pacific Highway and Peats Ferry Road:

- Pacific Hwy (Retail Core Precinct) streetscape works
- Widen over-rail bridge by one lane George Street/Peats Ferry Road/Westfield Access and Pacific Highway/Edgeworth David Avenue intersection upgrade
- Peats Ferry Road and Bridge Road intersection upgrade
- Upgrade Jersey Lane - New Laneway Peats Ferry Road to Jersey Street South
- Intersection upgrade/widening Bridge Road and Peats Ferry Road
- Peats Ferry Road and Station Street pedestrian signal upgrade
- Peats Ferry Road and TAFE car park exit – Keep Clear
- Peats Ferry Road lane guidance
- Streetscape: Peats Ferry Road (Northern Employment Precinct)
- Peats Ferry Road streetscape works (Western Heritage Precinct)

See: [Hornsby Infrastructure Delivery Plan](#)

- (37) How will the intersections at Edgeworth David Avenue and George Street be improved to manage the higher traffic volumes associated with increased housing in the Hornsby area?

**Answer**

**The upgrade identified for the George Street and Edgeworth David Avenue intersections recommends widening to create three through lanes in each direction, reconfigured entry to Peats Ferry Road, and traffic signal improvements. This will increase traffic capacity at this location.**

- (38) How will bus services and other public transport links in Hornsby be expanded to support the TOD Accelerated Precincts Program and the anticipated population growth?

**Answer**

**The Hornsby Town Centre was selected as eligible for an accelerated rezoning due to identified existing capacity within the public transport network, in addition to several years of master planning by Council. TfNSW has been engaged from the outset of the rezoning process, ensuring sufficient capacity on the transport network will be retained.**

**The Hornsby Town Centre Review Transport Plan also identified options for a new northern rail concourse to improve access to the train station and potential relocation of the bus interchange for further consideration by TfNSW. A new bus interchange/terminus would support consideration of an increase in bus services in the future.**

- (39) Are there any plans to improve pedestrian and cycling infrastructure in Hornsby, particularly around key areas like Hornsby Westfield and Hornsby Park, to promote sustainable modes of transport?

**Answer**

**Yes - there are several streetscape and active transport upgrades proposed.**

**Crow's Nest TOD**

- (40) What infrastructure improvements do the Minns Labor Government have funding committed for, to deliver improved infrastructure to the people who live in the 1.2 km radius around Crows Nest Metro Station?

**Answer**

**The NSW Government has committed \$520 million from the Housing and Productivity Contribution directed to funding infrastructure in the TOD Accelerated Precincts. This funding will be dedicated to building well connected communities, funding community infrastructure such as improved walking, cycling and public transport infrastructure and quality public open spaces to make sure homes are built close to jobs and in places that people want to live.**

**The work on identifying the infrastructure that will be funded by this \$520 million is ongoing and is anticipated to be confirmed prior to the finalisation of each of the rezonings.**

- (41) What specific infrastructure upgrades are planned around the new Crows Nest Metro Station to accommodate the increased housing density anticipated under the TOD Accelerated Precincts Program?
- a. If it is too soon to answer, when will the Government outline these plans for upgrades in the Crows Nest TOD area from anticipated funding from the \$520 million promised for all TOD Accelerated Precincts?

**Answer**

**The rezonings are all within walking distance of the station. Active transport upgrades are also proposed. The rezoning proposal is supported by a transport study that confirms there is capacity in the road network to accommodate the new homes and jobs.**

- (42) How will the NSW Government ensure that Crows Nest Metro Station and surrounding transport networks can handle the expected rise in commuter traffic?

**Answer**

**A range of transport infrastructure improvements have been identified to support better access for people walking and riding to public transport and local destinations, as well as tactical improvements to better manage traffic flow at key intersections. Further planning and delivery of improvements will be managed by TfNSW and councils.**

- (43) What measures are being taken to upgrade key roads such as Pacific Highway, Falcon Street, and Willoughby Road to manage the increased traffic volumes resulting from new housing developments in Crows Nest?

**Answer**

**Measures identified to manage traffic on State Roads include signal timing optimisation and introducing clearways on parts of the Pacific Highway, and to investigate a new right turn from the Pacific Highway heading south into Oxley Street.**

- (44) How does the NSW Government plan to mitigate potential traffic congestion at critical intersections like the junction of Pacific Highway and Falcon Street due to the TOD program?

**Answer**

**Measures identified to manage traffic on State Roads include signal timing optimisation and introducing clearways on parts of the Pacific Highway, and to investigate a new right turn from the Pacific Highway heading south into Oxley Street.**

- (45) What enhancements to bus services and other public transport options are being considered to support the increased population in Crows Nest, ensuring seamless connectivity with the wider Sydney area?

**Answer**

**TfNSW monitors and reviews the demand for bus services and makes network, route and service changes to better meet customer needs.**

- (46) Are there plans to improve pedestrian and cycling infrastructure in Crows Nest, particularly around the new Metro station and key commercial areas, to encourage sustainable modes of transport?

**Answer**

**Yes, a range of transport initiatives are proposed, with upgrades to footpaths and expansion of the local bicycle network to encourage more people to walk and ride bicycles for shorter journeys and to access the new Metro station.**

See: [Crows Nest Supplementary Transport Technical Note](#)

**Macquarie Park TOD**

- (47) What infrastructure improvements do the Minns Labor Government have funding committed for, to deliver improved infrastructure to the people of Macquarie Park?

**Answer**

**NSW Government funding is committed to deliver the following improved infrastructure:**

- **Macquarie University Bus Interchange**
- **Upgrades to Herring Road and the intersections with Waterloo Road, Epping Road and Ivanhoe Place**
- **Northern bus layover**
- **New North Ryde Fire Station.**

**The Department of Education has secured sites for the delivery of the new primary school within the Midtown development area and for a new primary school and high school in the Lachlan's Line development area. The final business case for these schools has been approved. The Macquarie Park Education Campus around**

Lachlan's Line will provide a new 1,000 student primary school and 2,000 student high school to be completed during 2028. A project is underway for a new primary school in Midtown Macquarie Park to meet anticipated enrolment growth in the area. The school will accommodate 750 students from Kindergarten to Year 6 and is anticipated to be completed during 2026.

See: [Midtown Macquarie Park new primary school](#)

See: [Macquarie Park Education Campus](#)

(48) What specific infrastructure upgrades are planned around Macquarie Park Metro Station under the TOD Accelerated Precincts Program to accommodate the increased housing density?

- a. If it is too soon to answer, when will the Government outline these plans for upgrades at Macquarie Park from anticipated, yet not enough, funding from the \$520 million promised for all TOD Accelerated Precincts?

**Answer**

A full infrastructure list is available in the exhibited Infrastructure Delivery Plan which details upgrades to public transport, roads and active transport, sports and recreation, opportunities for cultural and community infrastructure, green and blue infrastructure and opportunities for water recycling facilities.

See: [Macquarie Park Corridor Infrastructure Delivery Plan](#)

(49) What specific road upgrades are planned in Macquarie Park to manage the increased traffic expected from higher housing density, particularly on Epping Road, Lane Cove Road, and Waterloo Road?

- a. How will any upgrades be funded?

**Answer**

Road upgrades include:

- signalising key intersections along Talavera Road and Waterloo Road
- at grade intersection improvements at Lane Cove Road and Talavera Road, Epping Road and Pittwater Road.



Upgrades would be funded by State and local contributions, including dedication with incentive planning controls.

(50) What improvements to public transport services are being considered for Macquarie Park, particularly in terms of expanding bus routes, frequency, and connections to the Macquarie Park Metro Station?

**Answer**

The Detailed Precinct Transport Study identified several initiatives to improve bus servicing in Macquarie Park. These include:

- investigating bus priority on Lane Cove Road and Waterloo Road to support rapid services to Macquarie Park
- increasing bus frequencies to better enable 30-minute public transport access
- reviewing bus network coverage to increase 30-minute public transport catchment.

Additionally, improvements to public transport infrastructure in Macquarie Park to improve the reliability and efficiency of services, as detailed in the exhibited Infrastructure Delivery Plan.

See: [Macquarie Park Detailed Precinct Transport Study](#)

See: [Macquarie Park Corridor Infrastructure Delivery Plan](#)

**Bankstown TOD**

(51) What infrastructure improvements do the Minns Labor Government have funding committed for, to deliver improved infrastructure to the people of Bankstown?

**Answer**

The NSW Government has committed \$520 million from Housing and Productivity Contribution directed to funding infrastructure in the TOD Accelerated Precincts. This funding will be dedicated to building well connected communities, funding community infrastructure such as improved walking, cycling and public transport

infrastructure and quality public open spaces to ensure homes are built close to jobs and in places that people want to live.

The work on identifying the infrastructure that will be funded by this \$520 million is ongoing and is anticipated to be confirmed prior to the finalisation of each of the rezonings.

- (52) What specific infrastructure upgrades are planned around Bankstown Station under the TOD Accelerated Precincts Program to accommodate the increased housing density?

**Answer**

An Infrastructure Implementation and Delivery Plan and a Social Infrastructure, Public Domain and Open Space Assessment have been prepared to support the Rezoning Proposal.

Council adopted a new LGA-wide local infrastructure contribution plan, Canterbury-Bankstown Local Infrastructure Contributions Plan 2022 (the Plan) in June 2022. The Plan was prepared in conjunction with Council's 2021 Master Plan for Bankstown City Centre.

The Plan contains 21 work items within the Bankstown City Centre. The total estimated cost of the works is approximately \$114 million, comprising approximately \$0.2 million in land acquisition costs and \$113.8 million in capital costs (these items are detailed in the Plan, linked in the adjacent column).

The exhibited Rezoning Proposal has worked with the same capacity assumptions as Council's Contributions Plan for Bankstown City Centre. The exhibited Rezoning Proposal does not alter the infrastructure requirements outlined in Council's Contributions Plan. The Department is also exploring provisions to facilitate community facilities of certain sites across Bankstown.

See: [Infrastructure Implementation and Delivery Plan](#)

See: [Social Infrastructure, Public Domain and Open Space Assessment](#)

- (53) If it is too soon to answer, when will the Government outline these plans for upgrades at Bankstown from anticipated funding from the \$520 million promised for all TOD Accelerated Precincts?

**Answer**

The Department is developing program guidelines for the TOD Community Infrastructure Program. Program eligibility will be limited to councils within the seven accelerated precincts. The program guidelines will outline the methodology used to distribute funding across the seven precincts and describe the types of infrastructure projects eligible to nominate for funding within the precincts funding envelope.

- (54) What specific road upgrades are planned in Bankstown to accommodate the increased traffic from higher housing density, particularly on major roads like Canterbury Road, Chapel Road, and Stacey Street?

**Answer**

Road improvements, include establishing a ring road around Bankstown's CBD, to improve regional traffic flow, while reducing traffic in the city centre and local street and intersection reconfiguration, to improve safety and enhance the public domain. TfNSW is continuing to plan for the potential upgrade of Stacey Street, with widening to six lanes.

See: [Precinct Transport Statement](#)

- (55) What improvements to public transport services are being considered for Bankstown, including enhancements to bus services and connections to the Bankstown Station?

**Answer**

The Bankstown rail line is being converted to the Southwest Metro, with a targeted opening in 2025.

Improvements identified in the Precinct Transport Statement include:

- bus priority infrastructure north-south on Chapel Road and Restwell Street to support proposed 'frequent' and 'rapid' bus routes
- potential rearrangement of bus layover and turnaround in Bankstown CBD
- opportunity for a new bus interchange.

See: [Precinct Transport Statement](#)

**TOD SEPP – General**

(56) Whilst a 15-year breakdown is appreciated, it has been stated at the TOD Inquiry that 16,000 homes will be delivered as a result of the TOD SEPP in the housing accord period. Outline a breakdown of how the Department has arrived at that 16,000 number, per TOD precinct, either in operation or proposed, for the housing accord period?

**Answer**

**The number of dwellings that will be delivered as a result of the TOD State Environmental Planning Policy (SEPP) is calculated through the Department's Dwelling Capacity Model (DCM) for Greater Sydney and by the Centre for International Economics (CIE) outside greater Sydney.**

**These projections were measured by modelling –**

- **Total dwelling capacity – the number of additional dwellings that could be built under proposed planning controls and zoning**
- **Total expected dwellings per year – the number of homes expected per year, based on the program scope, design, timing, dwelling type and development approval and construction timeframes.**

**The analysis includes market-sensitive assumptions at a point in time. However, feasibility of housing delivery is expected to change over time, dependant on market, local and site-specific factors.**

(57) How many additional homes does the Department expect to be built at Teralba during the accord period?

**Answer**

**The total potential dwelling uplift over 15 years in Teralba is 6,697 new homes. The number of homes expected to be delivered in the precinct will depend on several market, local and site-specific factors which can change over time.**

(58) What number of additional dwellings did the Department provide to Hunter Water to underpin their assessment of water needs for your re-zoning of Teralba?

**Answer**

**The Department shared indicative dwelling yields to water authorities to inform their assessment to inform TOD precinct locations and intended capacities.**

- (59) Will the NSW Government commit to linked funding programs to provide new and upgraded infrastructure in areas that will experience increased housing and population density as a result of the TOD SEPP?

**Answer**

**Local infrastructure will continue to be funded by local infrastructure contributions collected by councils.**

**The Department will continue to work with councils, state agencies, and industry to make sure new and improved infrastructure is delivered to meet current and future community needs as new development is delivered.**

**Development Applications in TOD SEPP sites**

- (60) The Minister indicated during his questioning that more than a dozen DAs had been submitted in TOD SEPP sites – so how many DAs have been submitted in total in TOD SEPP sites and in what sites have they been submitted?

**Answer**

**The lodgement of development applications is a matter for Council, as all Councils with TOD SEPP locations in their LGAs remain the consent authority for these developments.**

**The Department has been made aware from local councils that a number of DAs have been received across TOD SEPP locations where the new planning controls are in effect.**

- (61) How many development applications have been submitted by site, for each of the 37 Transport Oriented Development State Environmental Planning Policy sites in the following months:

- a. May 2024

- b. June 2024
- c. July 2024
- d. August 2024 (to date)

**Answer**

- a. Four applications in Killara, Lindfield and Wyong**
- b. Two applications for Wyong and Kotara precincts**
- c. Five applications for Kotara, Teralba, Lidcombe, Gordon and Roseville precincts**
- d. Three applications for Terlabia and Adamstown precincts.**

(62) How many total dwellings have been proposed as part of development applications submitted for each of the 37 Transport Oriented Development State Environmental Planning Policy sites in the following months:

- a. May 2024
- b. June 2024
- c. July 2024
- d. August 2024 (to date)

**Answer**

**The lodgement of development applications is a matter for Council, as all Councils with TOD SEPP locations in their LGAs remain the consent authority for these developments.**

**The Department has been made aware from local councils that a number of DAs have been received across TOD SEPP locations where the new planning controls are in effect.**

(63) How many affordable housing dwellings have been proposed as part of development applications submitted for each of the Transport Oriented Development State Environmental Planning Policy sites in the following months:

- a. May 2024
- b. June 2024
- c. July 2024

- d. August 2024 (to date)

**Answer**

**This information is not yet publicly available.**

**Planned Capacity at TOD SEPP sites**

(64) What was the planned capacity for each of the following TOD SEPP sites under their zoning prior to the announcement of the TOD program in November 2023?

- a. Adamstown
- b. Ashfield
- c. Banksia
- d. Belmore
- e. Booragul
- f. Canterbury
- g. Cardiff
- h. Cockle Creek
- i. Corrimall
- j. Croydon
- k. Dapto
- l. Dulwich Hill
- m. Gordon
- n. Gosford
- o. Hamilton
- p. Killar
- q. Kogarah
- r. Kotar
- s. Lakemb
- t. Lidcombe
- u. Lindfield

- v. Marrickville
- w. Morisset
- x. Newcastle
- y. North Strathfield
- z. North Wollongong
- (aa) Punchbowl
- (bb) Rockdale
- (cc) Roseville
- (dd) St Marys
- (ee) Teralb
- (ff) Tuggerah
- (gg) Turella
- (hh) Wiley Park
- (ii) Woy Woy
- (jj) Wyong

### Answer

The maximum dwelling capacity under existing planning controls, as of November 2023, prior to the TOD program, was estimated using the Department's Development Capacity Model. It is not available for regional stations.

(a)	Adamstown	n/a
(b)	Ashfield	130
(c)	Banksia	380
(d)	Belmore	1,170
(e)	Booragul	n/a
(f)	Canterbury	210
(g)	Cardiff	n/a
(h)	Cockle Creek	n/a
(i)	Corrimal	n/a
(j)	Croydon	40



(k)	Dapto	n/a
(l)	Dulwich Hill	80
(m)	Gordon	300
(n)	Gosford	n/a
(o)	Hamilton	n/a
(p)	Killara	250
(q)	Kogarah	90
(r)	Kotara	n/a
(s)	Lakemba	2,250
(t)	Lidcombe	440
(u)	Lindfield	800
(v)	Marrickville	110
(w)	Morisset	n/a
(x)	Newcastle	n/a
(y)	North Strathfield	150
(z)	North Wollongong	n/a
(aa)	Punchbowl	1,020
(bb)	Rockdale	100
(cc)	Roseville	300
(dd)	St Marys	270
(ee)	Teralba	n/a
(ff)	Tuggerah	n/a
(gg)	Turella	100
(hh)	Wiley Park	620
(ii)	Woy Woy	n/a
(jj)	Wyong	n/a

(65) What is the planned capacity of each of the following TOD SEPP sites today as a result of the TOD program?

- a. Adamstown
- b. Ashfield
- c. Banksi
- d. Belmore
- e. Booragul
- f. Canterbury
- g. Cardiff

- h. Cockle Creek
- i. Corrimal
- j. Croydon
- k. Dapto
- l. Dulwich Hill
- m. Gordon
- n. Gosford
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- v. Marrickville
- w. Morisset
- x. Newcastle
- y. North Strathfield
- z. North Wollongong
- (aa) Punchbowl
- (bb) Rockdale
- (cc) Roseville
- (dd) St Marys
- (ee) Teralb
- (ff) Tuggerah
- (gg) Turella
- (hh) Wiley Park
- (ii) Woy Woy

(jj) Wyong

**Answer**

For the stations where the TOD planning controls have commenced, the planned capacity is as follows:

(a)	Adamstown	5,153
(b)	Ashfield	n/a
(c)	Banksia	11,300* joint with Rockdale
(d)	Belmore	n/a
(e)	Booragul	7,063
(f)	Canterbury	n/a
(g)	Cardiff	6,139
(h)	Cockle Creek	n/a
(i)	Corrimal	5,932
(j)	Croydon	n/a
(k)	Dapto	3,450
(l)	Dulwich Hill	n/a
(m)	Gordon	5,850
(n)	Gosford	n/a
(o)	Hamilton	4,822
(p)	Killara	5,272
(q)	Kogarah	1,909
(r)	Kotara	5,364
(s)	Lakemba	n/a
(t)	Lidcombe	1,892
(u)	Lindfield	5,935
(v)	Marrickville	N/A

(w)	Morisset	3,539
(x)	Newcastle	2,808
(y)	North Strathfield	n/a
(z)	North Wollongong	n/a
(aa)	Punchbowl	n/a
(bb)	Rockdale	11,300* joint with Bankisa
(cc)	Roseville	6,101
(dd)	St Marys	1,280
(ee)	Teralba	6,697
(ff)	Tuggerah	1,600
(gg)	Turella	3,661
(hh)	Wiley Park	n/a
(ii)	Woy Woy	1,787
(jj)	Wyang	2,886

### **Affordable Housing from the TOD Program**

(66) In the accelerated precinct you were previously outlining that affordable housing held in “perpetuity” will make “up to 15 percent” of homes in the seven precincts.

- a. Can the Government explain the methodology behind reaching the bounds of targets of affordable housing at each Tier 1 TOD site?
  - i. How was each target reached?
  - ii. What was the process?
  - iii. What consultation has occurred with CHP’s?

### **Answer**

- i. The Department has exhibited affordable housing rates that differ across the

precincts to respond to local development typologies and market conditions to deliver affordable housing. The affordable housing is intended to be provided in perpetuity.

- ii. The Department is seeking feedback on the rates exhibited and will consider this feedback and undertake further feasibility analysis in determining final rates for the precincts.
- iii. The Department regularly consults with key stakeholders including CHPs as part of its policy decisions

(67) Why has the percentage of affordable housing in tier 1 precincts dropped to as low as 3 percent in some areas?

**Answer**

The Department is still considering feedback from the TOD exhibition. A final decision of affordable housing rates has not yet been determined.

(68) Can the Government explain the reasoning behind the variation in affordable housing percentages across different TOD sites?

**Answer**

Each precinct has unique development opportunities that affect the level of affordable housing that can be delivered.

(69) Why does the infill affordable housing SEPP not apply in these precincts?

**Answer**

The bonus has been proposed to be removed as development potential in the TOD locations has been maximized. This will provide landowners surety when submitting development applications for assessment that the full development potential of the site can be delivered.

(70) Who or what entity will be managing these affordable homes in perpetuity, will they be gifted

to a CHP or administered by Homes NSW/Landcom?

- a. What will be the tender process to select a CHP?
- b. When will this process start?
- c. What will be the selection criteria?

**Answer**

- a. **Councils will adopt an affordable housing contribution scheme or policy which will outline arrangements for transferring ownership of the affordable homes to a registered CHP, or monetary contributions transferred directly to the CHP to build or purchase affordable housing.**
- b. **A CHP will be selected in accordance with the scheme, once the schemes are adopted for the TOD precincts.**
- c. **Councils will invite registered CHPs that operate in the LGA via an Expression of Interest process, to apply to be identified as the CHP for the LGA.**

(71) In the 37 TOD SEPP locations the Government has outlined that you will institute a mandatory minimum 2 percent affordable housing contribution.

- a. Who will this be paid to?
- b. Will this money be tied to the delivery of affordable housing in the TOD precinct?
- c. If a developer uses the in-fill affordable housing provision and delivers between 10-15 percent affordable housing, will this satisfy the 2 percent contribution?
- d. The Department indicates that the amount of affordable housing by percentage will increase over time – when will these increases occur?

**Answer**

- a. **The Housing SEPP provisions do not enable a monetary contribution towards affordable housing but require that affordable dwellings are delivered and used as part of the development. The planning provisions require that 2% of gross floor area is used as affordable housing where the proposed building has a gross floor area of 2,000 square metres.**
- b. **Not applicable – see response to ‘a’**

- c. A developer seeking to also utilise the in-fill affordable housing provisions cannot count one requirement towards the other. Both affordable housing requirements must be met.
- d. The 2% affordable housing requirement will be increased over time via a published schedule. These increases will occur with consideration given to prevailing market conditions.

## **TOD – Education**

(72) What outcomes has the Department reached with the Department of Education in the provision of increased resources of the 7 accelerated TOD precincts and 37 precincts that are governed by the TOD SEPP?

### **Answer**

**Questions on resourcing of schools is a matter for the Minister for Education. The Department will continue to work with councils, state agencies, and industry to make sure new and improved infrastructure is delivered to meet current and future community needs.**

(73) Has the Department provided the Department of Education with any projections on future population patterns as a result of changes they are making to low and mid-rise housing?

- a. Please provide these projections to the committee.
- b. When were these projections provided to the Department of Education.

### **Answer**

**The Department and the Department of Education regularly share information about future population patterns and school enrolment projections.**

- (a) **The 2024 NSW Population Projections will be considered by the Government this year.**
- (b) **The projections were provided to the Common Planning Assumptions Group (CPAG) in early 2024 for endorsement. The Department of Education is a member of CPAG.**

## **Low and Mid-Rise Housing (LMR) Policy**

(74) At our last budget estimates the Minister indicated that the Low and Mid-Rise SEPP would be in effect “for the start of the housing accord”, so why was it not brought in before July 1?

- a. What was the reason(/s) for the delay?
- b. When will the delay be resolved?

**Answer**

**Stage 1 of the Low and Mid-Rise housing policy commenced on 1 July 2024 in line with the beginning of the National Housing Accord period. The Department has undertaken extensive public consultation, and a council engagement program including one-on-one workshops with all affected councils. The Department is considering this feedback and information and Stage 2 of the reforms is being finalized.**

(75) You have excluded the local government areas of Blue Mountains, Hawkesbury and Wollondilly from the first stage of the low and mid rise reforms, will they also be excluded from the rest of the low and mid-rise reforms?

**Answer**

**Further announcements on Stage 2 of the reforms will be made in due course.**

### **Low and Mid-Rise Housing (LMR) Policy – Cherrybrook Impacts**

(76) What infrastructure improvements do the Minns Labor Government have funding committed for, to deliver improved infrastructure to the people of Cherrybrook?

**Answer**

**The Department will continue to work with councils, state agencies, and industry to make sure new and improved infrastructure is delivered to meet current and future community needs.**

**The core objective of the policy is about making sure new housing is focused in well-located areas. The policy will only apply in areas that have walkable access to a wide range of everyday goods, services, and frequent and convenient public**



**transport options. This infill approach will reduce the costs associated with new and improved infrastructure.**

(77) What funding commitments are in place to ensure infrastructure provision in place to support the people of Cherrybrook to ensure the area can handle the anticipated population growth?

**Answer**

**The existing infrastructure funding system will support new and improved infrastructure to support new housing delivered under the policy. The Department will continue to work with councils to make sure their development contributions plans are fit-for-purpose to ensure adequate funds are captured as part of new residential development.**

**The core objective of the Low and Mid-Rise housing policy is about making sure new housing is focused in well-located areas. The policy will only apply in areas that have walkable access to a wide range of everyday goods, services, and frequent and convenient public transports options. This infill approach will reduce the costs associated with new and improved infrastructure.**

(78) What measures are being considered to improve the capacity of Pennant Hills Road and New Line Road to handle the increased traffic expected from higher housing density in Cherrybrook?

**Answer**

**The Department will continue to work with councils, state agencies, and industry to make sure new and improved infrastructure is delivered to meet current and future community needs.**

**The core objective of the policy is about making sure new housing is focused in well-located areas. Focusing the policy on areas with walkable access to daily needs, services and frequent and convenient public transport will alleviate the road congestion issues that can arise with increased density.**

(79) How will the local road network, including Castle Hill Road and Shepherds Drive, be

upgraded to prevent congestion and maintain safety standards with the expected increase in traffic?

**Answer**

**The Department will continue to work with councils, state agencies, and industry to make sure new and improved infrastructure is delivered to meet current and future community needs.**

**The core objective of the policy is about making sure new housing is focused in well-located areas. Focusing the policy on areas with walkable access to daily needs, services and frequent and convenient public transport will alleviate the road congestion issues that can arise with increased density.**

(80) Are there any initiatives to improve pedestrian and cycling infrastructure in Cherrybrook to support more sustainable modes of transport amid the proposed density uplift?

**Answer**

**The Department will continue to work with councils to make sure their development contributions plans are fit-for-purpose to ensure adequate funds are captured as part of new residential development. These funds will be used to deliver new and upgraded infrastructure, including improvements to active transport infrastructure.**

**The core objective of the policy is about making sure new housing is focused in well-located areas. Focusing the policy on areas with walkable access to daily needs, services and frequent and convenient public transport will alleviate the road congestion issues that can arise with increased density.**

(81) What funding is in place to ensure upgrades can be funded?

**Answer**

**The Department will continue to work with Councils to make sure their development contributions plans are fit-for-purpose to ensure adequate funds are captured as part of new residential development. These funds will be used to deliver new and upgraded infrastructure.**

- (82) What plans are there to expand or improve local educational facilities, such as Cherrybrook Technology High School, to accommodate the growing number of students from new housing developments?

**Answer**

**The Department will continue to work with councils, state agencies, and industry to make sure new and improved infrastructure is delivered to meet current and future community needs.**

- (83) What funding is in place to improve these schools?

**Answer**

**The Department will continue to work with councils, state agencies, and industry to make sure new and improved infrastructure is delivered to meet current and future community needs.**

- (84) What strategies are being implemented to ensure that green spaces, like the Cumberland State Forest and local parks, are preserved or enhanced as density increases?

**Answer**

**The Department will continue to work with councils, state agencies, and industry to ensure new and improved infrastructure is delivered to meet current and future community needs.**

### **Low and Mid-Rise Housing Policy – Beecroft Impacts**

- (85) What infrastructure improvements do the Minns Labor Government have funding committed for, to deliver improved infrastructure to the people of Beecroft?

**Answer**

**The Department will continue to work with councils, state agencies, and industry to make sure new and improved infrastructure is delivered to meet current and future community needs.**

The core objective of the Low and Mid-Rise housing policy is about making sure new housing is focused in well-located areas. The policy will only apply in areas that have walkable access to a wide range of everyday goods, services, and frequent and convenient public transport options. This infill approach will reduce the costs associated with new and improved infrastructure.

- (86) What plans are in place to upgrade Beecroft Road and Pennant Hills Road to manage the expected increase in traffic resulting from higher housing density in Beecroft?

**Answer**

The Department will continue to work with councils, state agencies, and industry to make sure new and improved infrastructure is delivered to meet current and future community needs.

The core objective of the Low and Mid-Rise housing policy is about making sure new housing is focused in well-located areas. Focusing the policy on areas with walkable access to daily needs, services and frequent and convenient public transport will alleviate the road congestion issues that can arise with increased density.

- (87) What funding has been allocated to support infrastructure improvements in Beecroft, ensuring that they are in place before or alongside new housing developments expected from increases in density?

**Answer**

The existing infrastructure funding system will support new and improved infrastructure to support new housing delivered under the Low and Mid-Rise housing policy. The Department will continue to work with councils to make sure their development contributions plans are fit-for-purpose to ensure adequate funds are captured as part of new residential development.

The core objective of the policy is about making sure new housing is focused in well-located areas. The policy will only apply in areas that have walkable access to a wide range of everyday goods, services, and frequent and convenient public transport options. This infill approach will reduce the costs associated with new and improved infrastructure.

(88) With the anticipated increase in housing density, how will parking be managed in Beecroft's town centre and around key transport hubs to avoid congestion?

**Answer**

The core objective of the Low and Mid-Rise housing policy is about making new housing is focused in well-located areas. Focusing the policy on areas with walkable access to daily needs, services and frequent and convenient public transport will alleviate the road congestion and parking issues that can arise with increased density.

**Low and Mid-Rise Housing Policy – Cheltenham Impacts**

(89) What infrastructure improvements do the Minns Labor Government have funding committed for, to deliver improved infrastructure to the people of Cheltenham?

**Answer**

The Department will continue to work with councils, state agencies, and industry to make sure new and improved infrastructure is delivered to meet current and future community needs.

The core objective of the Low and Mid-Rise housing policy is about making sure new housing is focused in well-located areas. The policy will only apply in areas that have walkable access to a wide range of everyday goods, services, and frequent and convenient public transport options. This infill approach will reduce the costs associated with new and improved infrastructure.

(90) What funding have been allocated to ensure that infrastructure improvements in Cheltenham keep pace with any uplift in housing density?

**Answer**

The existing infrastructure funding system will support new and improved infrastructure to support new housing delivered under the Low and Mid-Rise housing policy. The Department will continue to work with councils to make sure their development contributions plans are fit-for-purpose to ensure adequate funds are captured as part of new residential development.

The core objective of the policy is about making sure new housing is focused in well-located areas. The policy will only apply in areas that have walkable access to a wide range of everyday goods, services, and frequent and convenient public transport options. This infill approach will reduce the costs associated with new and improved infrastructure.

(91) Does the Government have any funding commitment for improvements to Beecroft Road and Castle Howard Road?

**Answer**

The existing infrastructure funding system will support new and improved infrastructure to support new housing delivered under the Low and Mid-Rise housing policy. The Department will continue to work with councils to make sure their development contributions plans are fit-for-purpose to ensure adequate funds are captured as part of new residential development.

The core objective of the policy is about making sure new housing is focused in well-located areas. The policy will only apply in areas that have walkable access to a wide range of everyday goods, services, and frequent and convenient public transport options. This infill approach will reduce the costs associated with new and improved infrastructure.

(92) How will Cheltenham Station and surrounding public transport links be upgraded to accommodate a larger population, ensuring efficient connectivity across Sydney?

**Answer**

The Department will continue to work with councils, state agencies, and industry to make sure new and improved infrastructure is delivered to meet current and future community needs.

(93) With the potential increase in housing density, how will parking issues be managed in and around Cheltenham Station, as well as in residential streets?

**Answer**

The core objective of the Low and Mid-Rise housing policy is about making sure new housing is focused in well-located areas. Focusing the policy on areas with walkable access to daily needs, services and frequent and convenient public transport will alleviate the road congestion and parking issues that can arise with increased density.

#### **Low and Mid-Rise Housing Policy – Epping Impacts**

(94) What infrastructure improvements do the Minns Labor Government have funding committed for, to deliver improved infrastructure to the people of Epping?

##### **Answer**

The Department will continue to work with councils, state agencies, and industry to make sure new and improved infrastructure is delivered to meet current and future community needs.

The core objective of the Low and Mid-Rise housing policy is about making sure new housing is focused in well-located areas. The policy will only apply in areas that have walkable access to a wide range of everyday goods, services, and frequent and convenient public transport options. This infill approach will reduce the costs associated with new and improved infrastructure.

(95) What infrastructure improvements in Epping are planned to support the increased housing density, particularly under the Low and Mid-Rise Changes?

##### **Answer**

The existing infrastructure funding system will support new and improved infrastructure to support new housing delivered under the Low and Mid-Rise housing policy. The Department will continue to work with councils to make sure their development contributions plans are fit-for-purpose to ensure adequate funds are captured as part of new residential development.

The core objective of the policy is about making sure new housing is focused in well-located areas. The policy will only apply in areas that have walkable access to a wide range of everyday goods, services, and frequent and convenient public transport options. This infill approach will reduce the costs associated with new and

improved infrastructure.

- (96) What plans are being implemented to upgrade Epping road network, including key corridors like Carlingford Road and Beecroft Road, to handle the increased traffic volumes?

**Answer**

**The Department will continue to work with councils, state agencies, and industry to make sure new and improved infrastructure is delivered to meet current and future community needs.**

**The core objective of the policy is about making sure new housing is focused in well-located areas. Focusing the policy on areas with walkable access to daily needs, services and frequent and convenient public transport options will alleviate the road congestion and parking issues that can arise with increased density.**

- (97) What plans are in place to improve the capacity of key roads like Carlingford Road, Beecroft Road, Epping Road and North Rocks Road to handle increased traffic from potential housing density uplift in Epping?

**Answer**

**The Department will continue to work with councils, state agencies, and industry to make sure new and improved infrastructure is delivered to meet current and future community needs.**

**The core objective of the policy is about making sure new housing is focused in well-located areas. Focusing the policy on areas with walkable access to daily needs, services and frequent and convenient public transport options will alleviate the road congestion and parking issues that can arise with increased density.**

- (98) How will key intersections on North Rocks Road, such as those with Carlingford Road and Epping Road, be improved to handle the increased traffic efficiently?

**Answer**

**The Department will continue to work with councils, state agencies, and industry to make sure new and improved infrastructure is delivered to meet current and future**



community needs.

The core objective of the policy is about making sure new housing is focused in well-located areas. Focusing the policy on areas with walkable access to daily needs, services and frequent and convenient public transport options will alleviate the road congestion and parking issues that can arise with increased density.

- (99) With the anticipated increased density, how will parking be managed in Epping's town centre and residential areas, especially near Epping Station?

**Answer**

The Department will continue to work with councils, state agencies, and industry to make sure new and improved infrastructure is delivered to meet current and future community needs.

The core objective of the policy is about making sure new housing is focused in well-located areas. Focusing the policy on areas with walkable access to daily needs, services and frequent and convenient public transport options will alleviate the road congestion and parking issues that can arise with increased density.

- (100) How will bus routes be expanded or upgraded to accommodate the significant population growth anticipated in Epping due to increases in density?

**Answer**

The Department will continue to work with councils, state agencies, and industry to make sure new and improved infrastructure is delivered to meet current and future community needs.

The core objective of the policy is about making sure new housing is focused in well-located areas. Focusing the policy on areas with walkable access to daily needs, services and frequent and convenient public transport options will alleviate issues that can arise with increased density.

- (101) Are there specific initiatives to maintain or enhance Epping's public spaces, such as Boronia Park and West Epping Park, as the area undergoes significant densification?

- a. What funding will be available to both City of Parramatta and Hornsby Shire Council to this end?

**Answer**

**The Department will continue to work with councils, state agencies, and industry to make sure new and improved infrastructure is delivered to meet current and future community needs.**

**The core objective of the policy is about making sure new housing is focused in well-located areas. The policy will only apply in areas that have walkable access to a wide range of everyday goods, services, and frequent and convenient public transport options. This infill approach will reduce the costs associated with new and improved infrastructure.**

**Low and Mid-Rise Housing Policy – Oatlands and Telopea Impacts**

- (102) What infrastructure improvements do the Minns Labor Government have funding committed for, to deliver improved infrastructure to the people of Oatlands and Telopea?

**Answer**

**The Department will continue to work with councils, state agencies, and industry to make sure new and improved infrastructure is delivered to meet current and future community needs.**

**The core objective of the policy is about making sure new housing is focused in well-located areas. The policy will only apply in areas that have walkable access to a wide range of everyday goods, services, and frequent and convenient public transport options. This infill approach will reduce the costs associated with new and improved infrastructure.**

- (103) What infrastructure improvements in Oatlands are planned to support the increased housing density, particularly under the Low and Mid-Rise Changes?

**Answer**

**The Department will continue to work with councils, state agencies and industry to**

make sure new and improved infrastructure is delivered to meet current and future community needs.

The core objective of the policy is about making sure new housing is focused in well-located areas. The policy will only apply in areas that have walkable access to a wide range of everyday goods, services, and frequent and convenient public transport options.

- (104) What infrastructure improvements in Telopea are planned to support the increased housing density, particularly under the Low and Mid-Rise Changes?

**Answer**

The Department will continue to work with councils, state agencies and industry to make sure new and improved infrastructure is delivered to meet current and future community needs.

The core objective of the policy is about making sure new housing is focused in well-located areas. The policy will only apply in areas that have walkable access to a wide range of everyday goods, services and frequent and convenient public transport options.

- (105) How will the NSW Government address potential traffic congestion on major roads such as Kissing Point Road and Pennant Hills Road and at key intersections in Oatlands and Telopea, such as the junctions with Adderton Road, Bettington Road and Stewart Street, as residential density increases?

**Answer**

The Department will continue to work with councils, state agencies and industry to make sure new and improved infrastructure is delivered to meet current and future community needs.

The core objective of the policy is about making sure new housing is focused in well-located areas. Focusing the policy on areas with walkable access to daily needs, services and frequent and convenient public transport options will alleviate the road congestion and parking issues that can arise with increased density.

- (106) Have any traffic studies been completed and shared with the Department to inform

policy development?

**Answer**

Technical traffic studies have not been completed as part of the Low and Mid-Rise housing policy. The Department has undertaken extensive public consultation, including exhibiting an Explanation of Intended Effects in early 2024, and a subsequent council engagement program including one-on-one workshops with all affected councils from April to June. There has been extensive feedback and information received in relation to traffic that is being considered in finalising stage 2 of the policy.

The core objective of the policy is about making sure new housing is focused in well-located areas. Focusing the policy on areas with walkable access to daily needs, services and frequent and convenient public transport will alleviate the road congestion and parking issues that can arise with increased density.

- (107) Has the Department sought feedback from City of Parramatta Council on road capacity in the last 12 months to cater for density increases?

**Answer**

The Department has undertaken extensive public consultation for the Low and Mid-Rise housing policy, including exhibiting an Explanation of Intended Effects in early 2024, and a subsequent council engagement program including one-on-one workshops with all affected councils from April to June, including with Parramatta Council. There has been extensive feedback and information received in relation to road capacity that is being considered in finalising stage 2 of the policy.

The core objective of the policy is about making sure new housing is focused in well-located areas. Focusing the policy on areas with walkable access to daily needs, services and frequent and convenient public transport will alleviate the road congestion and parking issues that can arise with increased density.

## Low and Mid Rise Housing Policy – Carlingford, North Rocks, Dundas Valley Impacts

- (108) What infrastructure improvements do the Minns Labor Government have funding committed for, to deliver improved infrastructure to the people of Carlingford, North Rocks and Dundas Valley?

### Answer

The existing infrastructure funding system will support new and improved infrastructure to support new housing delivered under the Low and Mid-Rise housing policy. The Department will continue to work with councils to make sure their development contributions plans are fit-for-purpose to ensure adequate funds are captured as part of new residential development.

The core objective of the policy is about making sure new housing is focused in well-located areas. The policy will only apply in areas that have walkable access to a wide range of everyday goods, services, and frequent and convenient public transport options. This infill approach will reduce the costs associated with new and improved infrastructure.

- (109) What infrastructure improvements in Carlingford, North Rocks and Dundas Valley are planned to support the increased housing density, particularly under the Low and Mid Rise Changes?

### Answer

The Department will continue to work with councils, state agencies and industry to make sure new and improved infrastructure is delivered to meet current and future community needs.

- (110) What specific road upgrades are planned to accommodate the increased traffic from higher housing density in:
- Carlingford, on Pennant Hills Road, Carlingford Road, and Marsden Road?
  - North Rocks, on North Rocks Road and Pennant Hills Road?
  - Dundas Valley, on Kissing Point Road and Yates Avenue?

**Answer**

**The Department will continue to work with councils, state agencies and industry to make sure new and improved infrastructure is delivered to meet current and future community needs.**

- (111) How will the NSW Government ensure that electricity and telecommunications infrastructure in Carlingford, North Rocks and Dundas Valley can support the higher population density?

**Answer**

**The Department will continue to work with councils, state agencies and industry to make sure new and improved infrastructure is delivered to meet current and future community needs, including in relation to electricity and telecommunications infrastructure.**

**Financial Incentives for Councils - \$200 million fund**

- (112) What metrics will determine which councils meet the criteria to receive funding?

**Answer**

**The Department is currently designing the Faster Assessments Council Incentives Grant Program. Councils will be required to meet the minimum performance levels outlined in the Ministerial Statement of Expectations Order 2024 to be eligible to receive grant funding. Additional criteria will be determined through program design, which is expected to be completed by late 2024.**

- (113) How will the allocation of funding be determined?

- a. When will funding be allocated to councils?

**Answer**

**Allocation of funding will be determined based on councils' performance against the Statement of Expectations and achievement of Housing Targets. Funding will be**

allocated to councils over the course of three financial years: FY25/26, FY26/27, and FY27/28.

(114) How will Councils apply for funding?

a. Will Councils submit specific projects for approval?

**Answer**

The application process for the Faster Assessments Council Incentives Grant Program is currently being designed and is expected to be announced to councils in late 2024.

(115) What is the list of infrastructure that councils can seek funding for?

**Answer**

The list of infrastructure that councils can seek funding for is currently being determined through the design of the Faster Assessments Council Incentives Grant Program.

(116) When will the incentives criteria be released?

**Answer**

The criteria for the Faster Assessments Council Incentives Grant Program is expected to be released in late 2024.

**State-Assessed Planning Proposal Pathway (SAPP)**

(117) How many projects have been brought forward using the “state-assessed planning proposal pathway”?

**Answer**

11.

(118) How many applications have there been to use the “state-assessed planning proposal pathway”?

**Answer**

**14.**

(119) What are the requirements to access the “state-assessed planning proposal pathway”?

**Answer**

The planning proposal must not be ‘in the planning system’ (i.e. only new planning proposals can be considered). The proposal must demonstrate public benefits, such as housing supply and alignment with state policies and land-use strategies, whether impediments to delivery are understood and whether there is a pathway to resolution (e.g. objections from State agencies) and whether infrastructure is available or funding is committed for critical infrastructure.

In May 2024, a faster rezoning process was introduced for the State’s housing agencies (Homes NSW, Aboriginal Housing Office and Landcom) to speed up delivery of social and affordable housing.

The guidelines set out the Eligibility criteria are available on the [Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure’s website](#).

(120) What are the outcomes of the pilot program of 5 rezoning projects from the “State-assessed planning proposal pilot”?

**Answer**

Four projects will be made in coming months, and one project was discontinued as the applicant was unable to meet the accelerated assessment timeframe.

- Tolland Estate, Wagga Wagga (approx. 500 homes) - finalisation phase by the end of the year
- Railway Terrace, Schofields (approx. 1,700 homes) - finalisation phase by the end of the year
- Wallarah Road and Pacific Highway, Kanwal (Approx. 675 homes) - finalisation phase by the end of the year
- Cowper Street, Warrawong (approx. 1,300 homes) - finalisation phase by the end of the year.



(121) The Department is conducting a review of the pilot process:

- a. What are the terms of this review?
- b. When will the review be completed?

**Answer**

- a. **The review of the pilot process was informed by formal feedback sought from applicants, peak bodies, Government agencies and councils. The review will help determine whether future rounds of this process will occur.**
- b. **The review is completed.**

(122) Will the Government consider the further extension of the “state-assessed planning proposal pathway”?

**Answer**

**The Department is continuing to look at pathways to expedite rezonings.**

(123) What is the status of the following rezonings announced in late 2022 as part of the “Rezoning Pathways Program”:

- a. Broadmeadow, Newcastle
- b. Camellia-Rosehill
- c. Explorer Street, Eveleigh
- d. Macquarie Park Stage 1
- e. Orchard Hills
- f. Parramatta North’s University and Northern sites
- g. Riverstone East Stage 3

**Answer**

- a. **Broadmeadow, Newcastle – post-exhibition, review and analysis of submissions.**
- b. **Camellia-Rosehill – State-led rezoning proposed to go on hold until the outcomes of the Unsolicited Proposal at Rosehill Racecourse and Sydney Metro investigations are known.**

- c. Explorer Street, Eveleigh – finalisation phase
- d. Macquarie Park Stage 1 – finalisation phase
- e. Orchard Hills – draft framework, public exhibition by the end of September.
- f. Parramatta North’s University and Northern sites – Property Development NSW is currently updating proposal for exhibition.
- g. Riverstone East Stage 3 - post-exhibition, review and analysis of submissions.

### **Migration**

(124) The Property Council has called on the Commonwealth to make changes to the migration intake by increasing the number of construction workers brought into the country to help build the promised extra homes. Has the NSW Government made any such request to the Commonwealth?

#### **Answer**

**This is a matter for The Cabinet Office as chair of the NSW Migration Steering Committee.**

### **Infill Affordable Housing SEPP**

(125) Will projects on land from the land audit be able to take advantage of the Infill Affordable Housing SEPP conditions?

#### **Answer**

**The in-fill affordable housing provisions apply to land that meets the accessibility requirements specified in the Housing State Environmental Planning Policy (SEPP). Where a land audit site meets the accessibility provisions of the Housing SEPP, it may be eligible to utilise the provisions. For Local Government Areas (LGAs) in the Six Cities (with the exception of Shoalhaven and Port Stephens LGAs), this is land is to be within a nominated walking distance to various modes of public transport. For land elsewhere in the state, land is to be within 800 metres walking distance to a nominated business zone.**

### **Housing and Productivity Contribution**

(126) Page 4-16 of BP1 stated that there was “lower forecast revenue from the Housing and

Productivity Contribution” – why was this the case?

**Answer**

**NSW Treasury is responsible for housing and productivity contribution revenue forecast as part of the NSW Budget.**

(127) What was the projection originally by Treasury for receipts from the HPC in the 2023-24 Financial Year?

**Answer**

**This question should be directed to the NSW Treasurer.**

(128) The HPC is intended to fund critical infrastructure to support housing – are any infrastructure projects being cut because of this lower forecast?

a. If so, which infrastructure projects?

**Answer**

**The HPC will help fund infrastructure that supports new homes and jobs. As a contribution, it will not fully fund or fully cost recover infrastructure and is one of many funding sources. No investment decisions have been made as the Housing and Productivity Fund is still in the establishment phase, applying only to new development applications from 1 October 2023.**

**The allocation of HPC funding will be based on Infrastructure Opportunities Plans which are currently being finalised. Funding requests will be considered annually.**

(129) What is the projection of revenue from the HPC in the 2024-25 financial year?

**Answer**

**This question should be directed to the NSW Treasurer.**

(130) How much has been collected by the HPC from the introduction on 1 October 2023 to 30 June 2024, in the following areas?:

- a. Greater Sydney, collected from the following land uses:
    - i. Houses
    - ii. “All other residential accommodation”
    - iii. Industrial
    - iv. Commercial
    - v. Retail
  - b. Illawarra, Shoalhaven, Central Coast and Lower Hunter, collected from the following land uses:
    - i. Houses
    - ii. “All other residential accommodation”
    - iii. Industrial
    - iv. Commercial
    - v. Retail
  - c. Has a proposed Infrastructure Opportunities Plan from the HPC been developed?
  - d. In what time frame do you intend on publicly announcing the Infrastructure Opportunities Plan?
  - e. Have you taken a proposed Infrastructure Opportunities Plan to Cabinet for approval?
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- a. **The Housing and Productivity Fund is administered by the Treasury Secretary (see section 3.1A of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*). This question should be directed to the NSW Treasurer.**
  - b. **The Housing and Productivity Fund is administered by the Treasury Secretary (see section 3.1A of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*). This question should be directed to the NSW Treasurer.**
  - c. **Infrastructure Opportunities plans are currently being developed**
  - d. **The Infrastructure Opportunities plans are on track to be finalised by the end of 2024.**
  - e. **The Infrastructure Opportunities plans are on track to be finalised by the end of 2024.**

**Labor MP advocacy to the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces**

(131) Has Jenny Aitchison MP written to you as Minister for Planning and Public Spaces as Minister for Planning and Public Spaces specifically concerning the Low and Mid-Rise changes, at any point between November 2023 to present?

- h. If so, how many times and on which date(/s)?
  - i. If so, did Jenny Aitchison MP raise any specific roads in the Maitland electorate that have congestion issues?
    - i. If so, which roads?
  - j. If so, did Jenny Aitchison MP raise any specific schools in the Maitland electorate they have capacity concerns with?
    - i. If so, which schools?
- k. How many times has Jenny Aitchison MP written to you since November 2023 about any topic, in their capacity as the Member for Maitland?
- l. Has Jenny Aitchison MP spoken verbally to you seeking changes to the Low and Mid-Rise reforms?

#### **Answer**

**Members of Parliament make representations to me as the Minister on local issues regarding their electorates across all the portfolios under my remit, including planning reforms. Any matters raised, whether in writing or verbally are addressed appropriately.**

(132) Has Edmond Atalla MP written to you as Minister for Planning and Public Spaces specifically concerning the Low and Mid-Rise changes, at any point between November 2023 to present?

- a. If so, how many times and on which date(/s)?
- b. If so, did Edmond Atalla MP raise any specific roads in the Mount Druitt electorate that have congestion issues?
  - i. If so, which roads?
- c. If so, did Edmond Atalla MP raise any specific schools in the Mount Druitt electorate they have capacity concerns with?
  - i. If so, which schools?
- d. How many times has Edmond Atalla MP written to you since November 2023 about

any topic, in their capacity as the Member for Mount Druitt?

- e. Has Edmond Atalla MP spoken verbally to you seeking changes to the Low and Mid-Rise Reforms?

**Answer**

**Members of Parliament make representations to me as the Minister on local issues regarding their electorates across all the portfolios under my remit, including planning reforms. Any matters raised, whether in writing or verbally are addressed appropriately.**

(133) Has Stephen Bali MP written to you as Minister for Planning and Public Spaces specifically concerning the Low and Mid-Rise Changes, at any point between November 2023 to present?

- a. If so, how many times and on which date(/s)?
- b. If so, did Stephen Bali MP raise any specific roads in the Blacktown electorate that have congestion issues?
  - i. If so, which roads?
- c. If so, did Stephen Bali MP raise any specific schools in the Blacktown electorate they have capacity concerns with?
  - i. If so, which schools?
- d. How many times has Stephen Bali MP written to you since November 2023 about any topic, in their capacity as the Member for Blacktown?
- e. Has Stephen Bali MP spoken verbally to you seeking changes to the Low and Mid-Rise reforms?

**Answer**

**Members of Parliament make representations to me as the Minister on local issues regarding their electorates across all the portfolios under my remit, including planning reforms. Any matters raised, whether in writing or verbally are addressed appropriately.**

(134) Has Clayton Barr MP written to you as Minister for Planning and Public Spaces specifically

concerning the Low and Mid-Rise Changes, at any point between November 2023 to present?

- a. If so, how many times and on which date(/s)?
- b. If so, did Clayton Barr MP raise any specific roads in the Cessnock electorate that have congestion issues?
  - i. If so, which roads?
  - ii. If so, did Clayton Barr MP raise any specific schools in the Cessnock electorate they have capacity concerns with?
- c. If so, which schools?
- d. How many times has Clayton Barr MP written to you since November 2023 about any topic, in their capacity as the Member for Cessnock?
- e. Has Clayton Barr MP spoken verbally to you seeking changes to the Low and Mid-Rise reforms?

#### **Answer**

**Members of Parliament make representations to me as the Minister on local issues regarding their electorates across all the portfolios under my remit, including planning reforms. Any matters raised, whether in writing or verbally are addressed appropriately.**

(135) Has Liza Butler MP written to you as Minister for Planning and Public Spaces specifically concerning the Low and Mid-Rise Changes, at any point between November 2023 to present?

- a. If so, how many times and on which date(/s)?
- b. If so, did Liza Butler MP raise any specific roads in the South Coast electorate that have congestion issues?
  - i. If so, which roads?
- c. If so, did Liza Butler MP raise any specific schools in the South Coast electorate they have capacity concerns with?
  - i. If so, which schools?
- d. How many times has Liza Butler MP written to you since November 2023 about any topic, in their capacity as the Member for South Coast?
- e. Has Liza Butler MP spoken verbally to you seeking changes to the Low and Mid-Rise

reforms?

**Answer**

**Members of Parliament make representations to me as the Minister on local issues regarding their electorates across all the portfolios under my remit, including planning reforms. Any matters raised, whether in writing or verbally are addressed appropriately.**

(136) Has the Deputy Premier, Prue Car MP written to you as Minister for Planning and Public Spaces specifically concerning the Low and Mid-Rise Changes, at any point between November 2023 to present?

- a. If so, how many times and on which date(/s)?
- b. If so, did the Deputy Premier raise any specific roads in the Londonderry electorate that have congestion issues?
  - i. If so, which roads?
- c. If so, did the Deputy Premier raise any specific schools in the Londonderry electorate they have capacity concerns with?
  - i. If so, which schools?
- d. How many times has the Deputy Premier written to you since November 2023 about any topic, in her capacity as the Member for Londonderry?
- e. Has the Deputy Premier spoken verbally to you seeking changes to the Low and Mid-Rise reforms?

**Answer**

**Members of Parliament make representations to me as the Minister on local issues regarding their electorates across all the portfolios under my remit, including planning reforms. Any matters raised, whether in writing or verbally are addressed appropriately.**

(137) Has Yasmin Catley MP written to you as Minister for Planning and Public Spaces specifically concerning the Low and Mid-Rise Changes, at any point between November 2023 to present?

- a. If so, how many times and on which date(/s)?



- b. If so, did Yasmin Catley MP raise any specific roads in the Swansea electorate that have congestion issues?
  - i. If so, which roads?
- c. If so, did Yasmin Catley MP raise any specific schools in the Swansea electorate they have capacity concerns with?
  - i. If so, which schools?
- d. How many times has Yasmin Catley MP written to you since November 2023 about any topic, in their capacity as the Member for Swansea?
- e. Has Yasmin Catley MP spoken verbally to you seeking changes to the Low and Mid-Rise reforms?

### Answer

**Members of Parliament make representations to me as the Minister on local issues regarding their electorates across all the portfolios under my remit, including planning reforms. Any matters raised, whether in writing or verbally are addressed appropriately.**

(138) Has Anoulack Chanthivong MP written to you as Minister for Planning and Public Spaces specifically concerning the Low and Mid-Rise Changes, at any point between November 2023 to present?

- a. If so, how many times and on which date(/s)?
- b. If so, did Anoulack Chanthivong MP raise any specific roads in the Macquarie Fields electorate that have congestion issues?
  - i. If so, which roads?
- c. If so, did Anoulack Chanthivong MP raise any specific schools in the Macquarie Fields electorate they have capacity concerns with?
  - i. If so, which schools?
- d. How many times has Anoulack Chanthivong MP written to you since November 2023 about any topic, in their capacity as the Member for Macquarie Fields?
- e. Has Anoulack Chanthivong MP spoken verbally to you seeking changes to the Low and Mid-Rise reforms?

**Answer**

**Members of Parliament make representations to me as the Minister on local issues regarding their electorates across all the portfolios under my remit, including planning reforms. Any matters raised, whether in writing or verbally are addressed appropriately.**

(139) Has Sophie Cotsis MP written to you as Minister for Planning and Public Spaces specifically concerning the Low and Mid-Rise Changes, at any point between November 2023 to present?

- a. If so, how many times and on which date(/s)?
- b. If so, did Sophie Cotsis MP raise any specific roads in the Canterbury electorate that have congestion issues?
  - i. If so, which roads?
- c. If so, did Sophie Cotsis MP raise any specific schools in the Canterbury electorate they have capacity concerns with?
  - i. If so, which schools?
- d. How many times has Sophie Cotsis MP written to you since November 2023 about any topic, in their capacity as the Member for Canterbury?
- e. Has Sophie Cotsis MP spoken verbally to you seeking changes to the Low and Mid-Rise reforms?

**Answer**

**Members of Parliament make representations to me as the Minister on local issues regarding their electorates across all the portfolios under my remit, including planning reforms. Any matters raised, whether in writing or verbally are addressed appropriately.**

(140) Has Tim Crakanthorp MP written to you as Minister for Planning and Public Spaces specifically concerning the Low and Mid-Rise Changes, at any point between November 2023 to present?

- a. If so, how many times and on which date(/s)?
- b. If so, did Tim Crakanthorp MP raise any specific roads in the Newcastle electorate that

have congestion issues?

- i. If so, which roads?
- c. If so, did Tim Crakanthorp MP raise any specific schools in the Newcastle electorate they have capacity concerns with?
  - i. If so, which schools?
- d. How many times has Tim Crakanthorp MP written to you since November 2023 about any topic, in their capacity as the Member for Newcastle?
- e. Has Tim Crakanthorp MP spoken verbally to you seeking changes to the Low and Mid-Rise reforms?

### **Answer**

**Members of Parliament make representations to me as the Minister on local issues regarding their electorates across all the portfolios under my remit, including planning reforms. Any matters raised, whether in writing or verbally are addressed appropriately.**

(141) Has Michael Daley MP written to you as Minister for Planning and Public Spaces specifically concerning the Low and Mid-Rise Changes, at any point between November 2023 to present?

- a. If so, how many times and on which date(/s)?
- b. If so, did Michael Daley MP raise any specific roads in the Maroubra electorate that have congestion issues?
  - i. If so, which roads?
- c. If so, did Michael Daley MP raise any specific schools in the Maroubra electorate they have capacity concerns with?
  - i. If so, which schools?
- d. How many times has Michael Daley MP written to you since November 2023 about any topic, in their capacity as the Member for Maroubra?
- e. Has Michael Daley MP spoken verbally to you seeking changes to the Low and Mid-Rise reforms?

**Answer**

**Members of Parliament make representations to me as the Minister on local issues regarding their electorates across all the portfolios under my remit, including planning reforms. Any matters raised, whether in writing or verbally are addressed appropriately.**

(142) Has Donna Davis MP written to you as Minister for Planning and Public Spaces specifically concerning the Low and Mid-Rise Changes, at any point between November 2023 to present?

- a. If so, how many times and on which date(/s)?
- b. If so, did Donna Davis MP raise any specific roads in the Parramatta electorate that have congestion issues?
  - i. If so, which roads?
- c. If so, did Donna Davis MP raise any specific schools in the Parramatta electorate they have capacity concerns with?
  - i. If so, which schools?
- d. How many times has Donna Davis MP written to you since November 2023 about any topic, in their capacity as the Member for Parramatta?
- e. Has Donna Davis MP spoken verbally to you seeking changes to the Low and Mid-Rise reforms?

**Answer**

**Members of Parliament make representations to me as the Minister on local issues regarding their electorates across all the portfolios under my remit, including planning reforms. Any matters raised, whether in writing or verbally are addressed appropriately.**

(143) Has Jihad Dib MP written to you as Minister for Planning and Public Spaces specifically concerning the Low and Mid-Rise Changes, at any point between November 2023 to present?

- a. If so, how many times and on which date(/s)?
- b. If so, did Jihad Dib MP raise any specific roads in the Bankstown electorate that have congestion issues?

- i. If so, which roads?
- c. If so, did Jihad Dib MP raise any specific schools in the Bankstown electorate they have capacity concerns with?
  - i. If so, which schools?
- d. How many times has Jihad Dib MP written to you since November 2023 about any topic, in their capacity as the Member for Bankstown?
- e. Has Jihad Dib MP spoken verbally to you seeking changes to the Low and Mid-Rise reforms?

**Answer**

**Members of Parliament make representations to me as the Minister on local issues regarding their electorates across all the portfolios under my remit, including planning reforms. Any matters raised, whether in writing or verbally are addressed appropriately.**

(144) Has Trish Doyle MP written to you as Minister for Planning and Public Spaces specifically concerning the Low and Mid-Rise Changes, at any point between November 2023 to present?

- a. If so, how many times and on which date(/s)?
- b. If so, did Trish Doyle MP raise any specific roads in the Blue Mountains electorate that have congestion issues?
  - i. If so, which roads?
- c. If so, did Trish Doyle MP raise any specific schools in the Blue Mountains electorate they have capacity concerns with?
  - i. If so, which schools?
- d. How many times has Trish Doyle MP written to you since November 2023 about any topic, in their capacity as the Member for Blue Mountains?
- e. Has Trish Doyle MP spoken verbally to you seeking changes to the Low and Mid-Rise reforms?

**Answer**

**Members of Parliament make representations to me as the Minister on local issues regarding their electorates across all the portfolios under my remit, including**

**planning reforms. Any matters raised, whether in writing or verbally are addressed appropriately.**

- (145) Has Julia Finn MP written to you as Minister for Planning and Public Spaces specifically concerning the Low and Mid-Rise Changes, at any point between November 2023 to present?
- a. If so, how many times and on which date(/s)?
  - b. If so, did Julia Finn MP raise any specific roads in the Granville electorate that have congestion issues?
    - i. If so, which roads?
  - c. If so, did Julia Finn MP raise any specific schools in the Granville electorate they have capacity concerns with?
    - i. If so, which schools?
  - d. How many times has Julia Finn MP written to you since November 2023 about any topic, in their capacity as the Member for Granville?
  - e. Has Julia Finn MP spoken verbally to you seeking changes to the Low and Mid-Rise reforms?

#### **Answer**

**Members of Parliament make representations to me as the Minister on local issues regarding their electorates across all the portfolios under my remit, including planning reforms. Any matters raised, whether in writing or verbally are addressed appropriately.**

- (146) Has Nathan Hagarty MP written to you as Minister for Planning and Public Spaces specifically concerning the Low and Mid-Rise Changes, at any point between November 2023 to present?
- a. If so, how many times and on which date(/s)?
  - b. If so, did Nathan Hagarty MP raise any specific roads in the Leppington electorate that have congestion issues?
    - i. If so, which roads?
  - c. If so, did Nathan Hagarty MP raise any specific schools in the Leppington electorate

they have capacity concerns with?

- i. If so, which schools?
- d. How many times has Nathan Hagarty MP written to you since November 2023 about any topic, in their capacity as the Member for Leppington?
- e. Has Nathan Hagarty MP spoken verbally to you seeking changes to the Low and Mid-Rise reforms?

#### **Answer**

**Members of Parliament make representations to me as the Minister on local issues regarding their electorates across all the portfolios under my remit, including planning reforms. Any matters raised, whether in writing or verbally are addressed appropriately.**

(147) Has David Harris MP written to you as Minister for Planning and Public Spaces specifically concerning the Low and Mid-Rise Changes, at any point between November 2023 to present?

- a. If so, how many times and on which date(/s)?
- b. If so, did David Harris MP raise any specific roads in the Wyong electorate that have congestion issues?
  - i. If so, which roads?
- c. If so, did David Harris MP raise any specific schools in the Wyong electorate they have capacity concerns with?
  - i. If so, which schools?
- d. How many times has David Harris MP written to you since November 2023 about any topic, in their capacity as the Member for Wyong?
- e. Has David Harris MP spoken verbally to you seeking changes to the Low and Mid-Rise reforms?

#### **Answer**

**Members of Parliament make representations to me as the Minister on local issues regarding their electorates across all the portfolios under my remit, including planning reforms. Any matters raised, whether in writing or verbally are addressed appropriately.**

- (148) Has Jodie Harrison MP written to you as Minister for Planning and Public Spaces specifically concerning the Low and Mid-Rise Changes, at any point between November 2023 to present?
- a. If so, how many times and on which date(/s)?
  - b. If so, did Jodie Harrison MP raise any specific roads in the Charlestown electorate that have congestion issues?
    - i. If so, which roads?
  - c. If so, did Jodie Harrison MP raise any specific schools in the Charlestown electorate they have capacity concerns with?
    - i. If so, which schools?
  - d. How many times has Jodie Harrison MP written to you since November 2023 about any topic, in their capacity as the Member for Charlestown?
  - e. Has Jodie Harrison MP spoken verbally to you seeking changes to the Low and Mid-Rise reforms?

#### **Answer**

**Members of Parliament make representations to me as the Minister on local issues regarding their electorates across all the portfolios under my remit, including planning reforms. Any matters raised, whether in writing or verbally are addressed appropriately.**

- (149) Has Jo Haylen MP written to you as Minister for Planning and Public Spaces specifically concerning the Low and Mid-Rise Changes, at any point between November 2023 to present?
- a. If so, how many times and on which date(/s)?
  - b. If so, did Jo Haylen MP raise any specific roads in the Summer Hill electorate that have congestion issues?
    - i. If so, which roads?
  - c. If so, did Jo Haylen MP raise any specific schools in the Summer Hill electorate they have capacity concerns with?
    - i. If so, which schools?
  - d. How many times has Jo Haylen MP written to you since November 2023 about any



topic, in their capacity as the Member for Summer Hill?

- e. Has Jo Haylen MP spoken verbally to you seeking changes to the Low and Mid-Rise reforms?

**Answer**

**Members of Parliament make representations to me as the Minister on local issues regarding their electorates across all the portfolios under my remit, including planning reforms. Any matters raised, whether in writing or verbally are addressed appropriately.**

(150) Has Ron Hoenig MP written to you as Minister for Planning and Public Spaces specifically concerning the Low and Mid-Rise Changes, at any point between November 2023 to present?

- a. If so, how many times and on which date(/s)?
- b. If so, did Ron Hoenig MP raise any specific roads in the Heffron electorate that have congestion issues?
  - i. If so, which roads?
- c. If so, did Ron Hoenig MP raise any specific schools in the Heffron electorate they have capacity concerns with?
  - i. If so, which schools?
- d. How many times has Ron Hoenig MP written to you since November 2023 about any topic, in their capacity as the Member for Heffron?
- e. Has Ron Hoenig MP spoken verbally to you seeking changes to the Low and Mid-Rise reforms?

**Answer**

**Members of Parliament make representations to me as the Minister on local issues regarding their electorates across all the portfolios under my remit, including planning reforms. Any matters raised, whether in writing or verbally are addressed appropriately.**

(151) Has Michael Holland MP written to you as Minister for Planning and Public Spaces specifically concerning the Low and Mid-Rise Changes, at any point between November

2023 to present?

- a. If so, how many times and on which date(/s)?
- b. If so, did Michael Holland MP raise any specific roads in the Bega electorate that have congestion issues?
  - i. If so, which roads?
- c. If so, did Michael Holland MP raise any specific schools in the Bega electorate they have capacity concerns with?
  - i. If so, which schools?
- d. How many times has Michael Holland MP written to you since November 2023 about any topic, in their capacity as the Member for Bega?
- e. Has Michael Holland MP spoken verbally to you seeking changes to the Low and Mid-Rise reforms?

#### **Answer**

**Members of Parliament make representations to me as the Minister on local issues regarding their electorates across all the portfolios under my remit, including planning reforms. Any matters raised, whether in writing or verbally are addressed appropriately.**

(152) Has Sonia Hornery MP written to you as Minister for Planning and Public Spaces specifically concerning the Low and Mid-Rise Changes, at any point between November 2023 to present?

- a. If so, how many times and on which date(/s)?
- b. If so, did Sonia Hornery MP raise any specific roads in the Wallsend electorate that have congestion issues?
  - i. If so, which roads?
- c. If so, did Sonia Hornery MP raise any specific schools in the Wallsend electorate they have capacity concerns with?
  - i. If so, which schools?
- d. How many times has Sonia Hornery MP written to you since November 2023 about any topic, in their capacity as the Member for Wallsend?
- e. Has Sonia Hornery MP spoken verbally to you seeking changes to the Low and Mid-

Rise reforms?

**Answer**

**Members of Parliament make representations to me as the Minister on local issues regarding their electorates across all the portfolios under my remit, including planning reforms. Any matters raised, whether in writing or verbally are addressed appropriately.**

(153) Has Charishma Kaliyanda MP written to you as Minister for Planning and Public Spaces specifically concerning the Low and Mid-Rise Changes, at any point between November 2023 to present?

- a. If so, how many times and on which date(/s)?
- b. If so, did Charishma Kaliyanda MP raise any specific roads in the Liverpool electorate that have congestion issues?
  - i. If so, which roads?
- c. If so, did Charishma Kaliyanda MP raise any specific schools in the Liverpool electorate they have capacity concerns with?
  - i. If so, which schools?
- d. How many times has Charishma Kaliyanda MP written to you since November 2023 about any topic, in their capacity as the Member for Liverpool?
- e. Has Charishma Kaliyanda MP spoken verbally to you seeking changes to the Low and Mid-Rise reforms?

**Answer**

**Members of Parliament make representations to me as the Minister on local issues regarding their electorates across all the portfolios under my remit, including planning reforms. Any matters raised, whether in writing or verbally are addressed appropriately.**

(154) Has Steve Kamper MP written to you as Minister for Planning and Public Spaces specifically concerning the Low and Mid-Rise Changes, at any point between November 2023 to present?

- a. If so, how many times and on which date(/s)?

- b. If so, did Steve Kamper MP raise any specific roads in the Rockdale electorate that have congestion issues?
  - i. If so, which roads?
- c. If so, did Steve Kamper MP raise any specific schools in the Rockdale electorate they have capacity concerns with?
  - i. If so, which schools?
- d. How many times has Steve Kamper MP written to you since November 2023 about any topic, in their capacity as the Member for Rockdale?
- e. Has Steve Kamper MP spoken verbally to you seeking changes to the Low and Mid-Rise Reforms?

### Answer

**Members of Parliament make representations to me as the Minister on local issues regarding their electorates across all the portfolios under my remit, including planning reforms. Any matters raised, whether in writing or verbally are addressed appropriately.**

- (155) Has Warren Kirby MP written to you as Minister for Planning and Public Spaces specifically concerning the Low and Mid-Rise Changes, at any point between November 2023 to present?
- a. If so, how many times and on which date(/s)?
  - b. If so, did Warren Kirby MP raise any specific roads in the Riverstone electorate that have congestion issues?
    - i. If so, which roads?
  - c. If so, did Warren Kirby MP raise any specific schools in the Riverstone electorate they have capacity concerns with?
    - i. If so, which schools?
  - d. How many times has Warren Kirby MP written to you since November 2023 about any topic, in their capacity as the Member for Riverstone?
  - e. Has Warren Kirby MP spoken verbally to you seeking changes to the Low and Mid-Rise reforms?

**Answer**

**Members of Parliament make representations to me as the Minister on local issues regarding their electorates across all the portfolios under my remit, including planning reforms. Any matters raised, whether in writing or verbally are addressed appropriately.**

(156) Has Jason Li MP written to you as Minister for Planning and Public Spaces specifically concerning the Low and Mid-Rise Changes, at any point between November 2023 to present?

- a. If so, how many times and on which date(/s)?
- b. If so, did Jason Li MP raise any specific roads in the Strathfield electorate that have congestion issues?
  - i. If so, which roads?
- c. If so, did Jason Li MP raise any specific schools in the Strathfield electorate they have capacity concerns with?
  - i. If so, which schools?
- d. How many times has Jason Li MP written to you since November 2023 about any topic, in their capacity as the Member for Strathfield?
- e. Has Jason Li MP spoken verbally to you seeking changes to the Low and Mid-Rise reforms?

**Answer**

**Members of Parliament make representations to me as the Minister on local issues regarding their electorates across all the portfolios under my remit, including planning reforms. Any matters raised, whether in writing or verbally are addressed appropriately.**

(157) Has Hugh McDermott MP written to you as Minister for Planning and Public Spaces specifically concerning the Low and Mid-Rise Changes, at any point between November 2023 to present?

- a. If so, how many times and on which date(/s)?
- b. If so, did Hugh McDermott MP raise any specific roads in the Prospect electorate that

have congestion issues?

- i. If so, which roads?
- c. If so, did Hugh McDermott MP raise any specific schools in the Prospect electorate they have capacity concerns with?
  - i. If so, which schools?
- d. How many times has Hugh McDermott MP written to you since November 2023 about any topic, in their capacity as the Member for Prospect?
- e. Has Hugh McDermott MP spoken verbally to you seeking changes to the Low and Mid-Rise reforms?

### **Answer**

**Members of Parliament make representations to me as the Minister on local issues regarding their electorates across all the portfolios under my remit, including planning reforms. Any matters raised, whether in writing or verbally are addressed appropriately.**

(158) Has Karen McKeown OAM MP written to you as Minister for Planning and Public Spaces specifically concerning the Low and Mid-Rise Changes, at any point between November 2023 to present?

- a. If so, how many times and on which date(/s)?
- b. If so, did Karen McKeown OAM MP raise any specific roads in the Penrith electorate that have congestion issues?
  - i. If so, which roads?
- c. If so, did Karen McKeown OAM MP raise any specific schools in the Penrith electorate they have capacity concerns with?
  - i. If so, which schools?
- d. How many times has Karen McKeown OAM MP written to you since November 2023 about any topic, in their capacity as the Member for Penrith?
- e. Has Karen McKeown OAM MP spoken verbally to you seeking changes to the Low and Mid-Rise reforms?

**Answer**

**Members of Parliament make representations to me as the Minister on local issues regarding their electorates across all the portfolios under my remit, including planning reforms. Any matters raised, whether in writing or verbally are addressed appropriately.**

(159) Has David Mehan MP written to you as Minister for Planning and Public Spaces specifically concerning the Low and Mid-Rise Changes, at any point between November 2023 to present?

- a. If so, how many times and on which date(/s)?
- b. If so, did David Mehan MP raise any specific roads in the ‘The Entrance’ electorate that have congestion issues?
  - i. If so, which roads?
- c. If so, did David Mehan MP raise any specific schools in the ‘The Entrance’ electorate they have capacity concerns with?
  - i. If so, which schools?
- d. How many times has David Mehan MP written to you since November 2023 about any topic, in their capacity as the Member for The Entrance?
- e. Has David Mehan MP spoken verbally to you seeking changes to the Low and Mid-Rise reforms?

**Answer**

**Members of Parliament make representations to me as the Minister on local issues regarding their electorates across all the portfolios under my remit, including planning reforms. Any matters raised, whether in writing or verbally are addressed appropriately.**

(160) Has Marjorie O'Neill MP written to you as Minister for Planning and Public Spaces specifically concerning the Low and Mid-Rise Changes, at any point between November 2023 to present?

- a. If so, how many times and on which date(/s)?
- b. If so, did Marjorie O'Neill MP raise any specific roads in the Coogee electorate that

have congestion issues?

- i. If so, which roads?
- c. If so, did Marjorie O'Neill MP raise any specific schools in the Coogee electorate they have capacity concerns with?
  - i. If so, which schools?
- d. How many times has Marjorie O'Neill MP written to you since November 2023 about any topic, in their capacity as the Member for Coogee?
- e. Has Marjorie O'Neill MP spoken verbally to you seeking changes to the Low and Mid-Rise reforms?

### **Answer**

**Members of Parliament make representations to me as the Minister on local issues regarding their electorates across all the portfolios under my remit, including planning reforms. Any matters raised, whether in writing or verbally are addressed appropriately.**

(161) Has Ryan Park MP written to you as Minister for Planning and Public Spaces specifically concerning the Low and Mid-Rise Changes, at any point between November 2023 to present?

- a. If so, how many times and on which date(/s)?
- b. If so, did Ryan Park MP raise any specific roads in the Keira electorate that have congestion issues?
  - i. If so, which roads?
- c. If so, did Ryan Park MP raise any specific schools in the Keira electorate they have capacity concerns with?
  - i. If so, which schools?
- d. How many times has Ryan Park MP written to you since November 2023 about any topic, in their capacity as the Member for Keira?
- e. Has Ryan Park MP spoken verbally to you seeking changes to the Low and Mid-Rise reforms?



**Answer**

**Members of Parliament make representations to me as the Minister on local issues regarding their electorates across all the portfolios under my remit, including planning reforms. Any matters raised, whether in writing or verbally are addressed appropriately.**

(162) Has Sally Quinnell MP written to you as Minister for Planning and Public Spaces specifically concerning the Low and Mid-Rise Changes, at any point between November 2023 to present?

- a. If so, how many times and on which date(/s)?
- b. If so, did Sally Quinnell MP raise any specific roads in the Camden electorate that have congestion issues?
  - i. If so, which roads?
- c. If so, did Sally Quinnell MP raise any specific schools in the Camden electorate they have capacity concerns with?
  - i. If so, which schools?
- d. How many times has Sally Quinnell MP written to you since November 2023 about any topic, in their capacity as the Member for Camden?
- e. Has Sally Quinnell MP spoken verbally to you seeking changes to the Low and Mid-Rise reforms?

**Answer**

**Members of Parliament make representations to me as the Minister on local issues regarding their electorates across all the portfolios under my remit, including planning reforms. Any matters raised, whether in writing or verbally are addressed appropriately.**

(163) Has Janelle Saffin MP written to you as Minister for Planning and Public Spaces specifically concerning the Low and Mid-Rise Changes, at any point between November 2023 to present?

- a. If so, how many times and on which date(/s)?
- b. If so, did Janelle Saffin MP raise any specific roads in the Lismore electorate that have congestion issues?

- i. If so, which roads?
- c. If so, did Janelle Saffin MP raise any specific schools in the Lismore electorate they have capacity concerns with?
  - i. If so, which schools?
- d. How many times has Janelle Saffin MP written to you since November 2023 about any topic, in their capacity as the Member for Lismore?
- e. Has Janelle Saffin MP spoken verbally to you seeking changes to the Low and Mid-Rise reforms?

**Answer**

**Members of Parliament make representations to me as the Minister on local issues regarding their electorates across all the portfolios under my remit, including planning reforms. Any matters raised, whether in writing or verbally are addressed appropriately.**

(164) Has David Saliba MP written to you as Minister for Planning and Public Spaces specifically concerning the Low and Mid-Rise Changes, at any point between November 2023 to present?

- a. If so, how many times and on which date(/s)?
- b. If so, did David Saliba MP raise any specific roads in the Fairfield electorate that have congestion issues?
  - i. If so, which roads?
- c. If so, did David Saliba MP raise any specific schools in the Fairfield electorate they have capacity concerns with?
  - i. If so, which schools?
- d. How many times has David Saliba MP written to you since November 2023 about any topic, in their capacity as the Member for Fairfield?
- e. Has David Saliba MP spoken verbally to you seeking changes to the Low and Mid-Rise reforms?

**Answer**

**Members of Parliament make representations to me as the Minister on local issues regarding their electorates across all the portfolios under my remit, including**

**planning reforms. Any matters raised, whether in writing or verbally are addressed appropriately.**

- (165) Has Maryanne Stuart MP written to you as Minister for Planning and Public Spaces specifically concerning the Low and Mid-Rise Changes, at any point between November 2023 to present?
- a. If so, how many times and on which date(/s)?
  - b. If so, did Maryanne Stuart MP raise any specific roads in the Heathcote electorate that have congestion issues?
    - i. If so, which roads?
  - c. If so, did Maryanne Stuart MP raise any specific schools in the Heathcote electorate they have capacity concerns with?
    - i. If so, which schools?
  - d. How many times has Maryanne Stuart MP written to you since November 2023 about any topic, in their capacity as the Member for Heathcote?
  - e. Has Maryanne Stuart MP spoken verbally to you seeking changes to the Low and Mid-Rise reforms?

#### **Answer**

**Members of Parliament make representations to me as the Minister on local issues regarding their electorates across all the portfolios under my remit, including planning reforms. Any matters raised, whether in writing or verbally are addressed appropriately.**

- (166) Has Liesl Tesch AM MP written to you as Minister for Planning and Public Spaces specifically concerning the Low and Mid-Rise Changes, at any point between November 2023 to present?
- a. If so, how many times and on which date(/s)?
  - b. If so, did Liesl Tesch AM MP raise any specific roads in the Gosford electorate that have congestion issues?
    - i. If so, which roads?

- c. If so, did Liesl Tesch AM MP raise any specific schools in the Gosford electorate they have capacity concerns with?
  - i. If so, which schools?
- d. How many times has Liesl Tesch AM MP written to you since November 2023 about any topic, in their capacity as the Member for Gosford?
- e. Has Liesl Tesch AM MP spoken verbally to you seeking changes to the Low and Mid-Rise reforms?

**Answer**

**Members of Parliament make representations to me as the Minister on local issues regarding their electorates across all the portfolios under my remit, including planning reforms. Any matters raised, whether in writing or verbally are addressed appropriately.**

(167) Has Tri Vo MP written to you as Minister for Planning and Public Spaces specifically concerning the Low and Mid-Rise Changes, at any point between November 2023 to present?

- a. If so, how many times and on which date(/s)?
- b. If so, did Tri Vo MP raise any specific roads in the Cabramatta electorate that have congestion issues?
  - i. If so, which roads?
- c. If so, did Tri Vo MP raise any specific schools in the Cabramatta electorate they have capacity concerns with?
  - i. If so, which schools?
- d. How many times has Tri Vo MP written to you since November 2023 about any topic, in their capacity as the Member for Cabramatta?
- e. Has Tri Vo MP spoken verbally to you seeking changes to the Low and Mid-Rise reforms?

**Answer**

**Members of Parliament make representations to me as the Minister on local issues regarding their electorates across all the portfolios under my remit, including planning reforms. Any matters raised, whether in writing or verbally are addressed appropriately.**

- (168) Has Lynda Voltz MP written to you as Minister for Planning and Public Spaces specifically concerning the Low and Mid-Rise Changes, at any point between November 2023 to present?
- a. If so, how many times and on which date(/s)?
  - b. If so, did Lynda Voltz MP raise any specific roads in the Auburn electorate that have congestion issues?
    - i. If so, which roads?
  - c. If so, did Lynda Voltz MP raise any specific schools in the Auburn electorate they have capacity concerns with?
    - i. If so, which schools?
  - d. How many times has Lynda Voltz MP written to you since November 2023 about any topic, in their capacity as the Member for Auburn?
  - e. Has Lynda Voltz MP spoken verbally to you seeking changes to the Low and Mid-Rise reforms?

#### **Answer**

**Members of Parliament make representations to me as the Minister on local issues regarding their electorates across all the portfolios under my remit, including planning reforms. Any matters raised, whether in writing or verbally are addressed appropriately.**

- (169) Has Greg Warren MP written to you as Minister for Planning and Public Spaces specifically concerning the Low and Mid-Rise Changes, at any point between November 2023 to present?
- a. If so, how many times and on which date(/s)?
  - b. If so, did Greg Warren MP raise any specific roads in the Campbelltown electorate that have congestion issues?
    - i. If so, which roads?
  - c. If so, did Greg Warren MP raise any specific schools in the Campbelltown electorate they have capacity concerns with?
    - i. If so, which schools?
  - d. How many times has Greg Warren MP written to you since November 2023 about any topic, in their capacity as the Member for Campbelltown?

- e. Has Greg Warren MP spoken verbally to you seeking changes to the Low and Mid-Rise reforms?

**Answer**

**Members of Parliament make representations to me as the Minister on local issues regarding their electorates across all the portfolios under my remit, including planning reforms. Any matters raised, whether in writing or verbally are addressed appropriately.**

(170) Has Kate Washington MP written to you as Minister for Planning and Public Spaces specifically concerning the Low and Mid-Rise Changes, at any point between November 2023 to present?

- a. If so, how many times and on which date(/s)?
- b. If so, did Kate Washington MP raise any specific roads in the Port Stephens electorate that have congestion issues?
  - i. If so, which roads?
- c. If so, did Kate Washington MP raise any specific schools in the Port Stephens electorate they have capacity concerns with?
  - i. If so, which schools?
- d. How many times has Kate Washington MP written to you since November 2023 about any topic, in their capacity as the Member for Port Stephens?
- e. Has Kate Washington MP spoken verbally to you seeking changes to the Low and Mid-Rise reforms?

**Answer**

**Members of Parliament make representations to me as the Minister on local issues regarding their electorates across all the portfolios under my remit, including planning reforms. Any matters raised, whether in writing or verbally are addressed appropriately.**

(171) Has Anna Watson MP written to you as Minister for Planning and Public Spaces specifically concerning the Low and Mid-Rise Changes, at any point between November 2023 to present?

- a. If so, how many times and on which date(/s)?

- b. If so, did Anna Watson MP raise any specific roads in the Shellharbour electorate that have congestion issues?
  - i. If so, which roads?
- c. If so, did Anna Watson MP raise any specific schools in the Shellharbour electorate they have capacity concerns with?
  - i. If so, which schools?
- d. How many times has Anna Watson MP written to you since November 2023 about any topic, in their capacity as the Member for Shellharbour?
- e. Has Anna Watson MP spoken verbally to you seeking changes to the Low and Mid-Rise reforms?

**Answer**

**Members of Parliament make representations to me as the Minister on local issues regarding their electorates across all the portfolios under my remit, including planning reforms. Any matters raised, whether in writing or verbally are addressed appropriately.**

(172) Has Steve Whan MP written to you as Minister for Planning and Public Spaces specifically concerning the Low and Mid-Rise Changes, at any point between November 2023 to present?

- a. If so, how many times and on which date(/s)?
- b. If so, did Steve Whan MP raise any specific roads in the Monaro electorate that have congestion issues?
  - i. If so, which roads?
- c. If so, did Steve Whan MP raise any specific schools in the Monaro electorate they have capacity concerns with?
  - i. If so, which schools?
- d. How many times has Steve Whan MP written to you since November 2023 about any topic, in their capacity as the Member for Monaro?
- e. Has Steve Whan MP spoken verbally to you seeking changes to the Low and Mid-Rise reforms?

**Answer**

**Members of Parliament make representations to me as the Minister on local issues regarding their electorates across all the portfolios under my remit, including planning reforms. Any matters raised, whether in writing or verbally are addressed appropriately.**

(173) Has Kylie Wilkinson MP written to you as Minister for Planning and Public Spaces specifically concerning the Low and Mid-Rise Changes, at any point between November 2023 to present?

- a. If so, how many times and on which date(/s)?
- b. If so, did Kylie Wilkinson MP raise any specific roads in the East Hills electorate that have congestion issues?
  - i. If so, which roads?
- c. If so, did Kylie Wilkinson MP raise any specific schools in the East Hills electorate they have capacity concerns with?
  - i. If so, which schools?
- d. How many times has Kylie Wilkinson MP written to you since November 2023 about any topic, in their capacity as the Member for East Hills?
- e. Has Kylie Wilkinson MP spoken verbally to you seeking changes to the Low and Mid-Rise reforms?

**Answer**

**Members of Parliament make representations to me as the Minister on local issues regarding their electorates across all the portfolios under my remit, including planning reforms. Any matters raised, whether in writing or verbally are addressed appropriately.**

**Aerotropolis**

(174) What action is the Government taking to ensure the necessary connector roads are constructed in a timely manner?



**Answer**

The Aerotropolis comprises a significant amount of zoned industrial land (estimated to be 30-40 years of industrial land supply), and investment in roads and infrastructure will be staged over the next few decades. In 2023, in response to rapid take up of land in Aerotropolis, the Department commenced a project with Transport for NSW (TfNSW) to prepare detailed staging plans for roads delivery in response development activity. Planned roads, like Mamre Road Stage 2, emerged as clear priorities.

This work informed this years' budget processes and, as part of the Government's commitment to Western Sydney and to making sure there is adequate supply of zoned and serviced industrial land, the NSW budget and Federal budget will jointly fund the construction of two critical road projects in the Aerotropolis:

- Mamre Road Stage 2
- Elizabeth Drive.

Infrastructure NSW and the new Coordinator General are working with the Department, and TfNSW, to prepare a Sector Plan for Aerotropolis, which will focus on how quickly NSW Government can build these committed roads and minimise impacts on development during construction.

The Sector Plan is also going to map out the next road projects required to unlock zoned land, such as the Eastern Ring Road, Badgerys Creek Road, and start work on these projects so these projects do not create barriers for investment in the future.

(175) When does the Government project these connector roads will be constructed?

**Answer**

This question should be directed to the Minister for Roads.

(176) What interim water, road, sewer, stormwater and public transport measures have been undertaken by the Government to date in the Aerotropolis?

**Answer**

Questions regarding interim road measures should be directed to the Minister for

**Roads.**

Questions regarding interim public transport measures should be directed to the Minister for Transport.

Questions regarding interim stormwater management should be directed to the Minister for Water.

Regarding local infrastructure, including local roads, open space and community facilities, both Penrith City Council and Liverpool City Council have finalised their local contributions plans for the Aerotropolis. This plan will allow for collection of developer contributions for infrastructure to be constructed by the councils over time.

### **Luddenham Rezoning**

(177) When will compulsory acquisition of land from landowners around the Western Sydney Airport be completed by?

**Answer**

The Australian Government Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development Communications and the Arts is currently seeking feedback on draft flight path proposals and a draft Noise Insulation and Property Acquisition Policy, which outlines what property would be acquired or ameliorated to support the function of the airport. Questions relating to acquisition of land by the Federal Government should be directed to the Hon Catherine King, Federal Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government.

(178) How will people facing compulsory acquisition be compensated, especially since many are still having to pay land taxes, at higher rates due to the development potential of their land?

**Answer**

Questions relating to acquisition of land by the Federal Government should be directed to the Hon Catherine King, Federal Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government.

The planning framework for the Western Sydney Aerotropolis also identifies land to be acquired by State agencies and councils for the purposes of state and local infrastructure on the Land Reservation Acquisition Map.

Questions relating to acquisition for the purpose of roads, transport and water infrastructure should be directed to the Ministers for Transport and Water, who can outline the specifics of their valuation processes.

Local councils, and the NSW Valuer General's office, have specific processes to mitigate land tax and rates impacts for small landowners in areas undergoing transition, such as the Western Sydney Aerotropolis, including opportunities to defer payments until land changes hands and the significant additional value is realised.

(179) What is stopping Government from acquiring the land faster, when we know the land will be acquired for the airport?

**Answer**

Questions relating to acquisition for the purpose of roads, transport and water infrastructure should be directed to the Ministers for Transport and Water, who can outline the specifics of their infrastructure, staging plans, acquisition strategies, and also the approach to dealing with out of sequence hardship applications.

<b>Questions from Ms Cate Faehrmann MLC</b>
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**Pattern Book Designs**

(180) What is the cost to Government of the Pattern Book to date?

**Answer**

Since announcement of the Pattern Book in November 2023, the cost to Government of the project to date is approximately \$750,000. Costs include activities to mobilise the project team, to commence design of the patterns with architects and consultants, to obtain early legal advice and to establish the Pattern Book International Design Competition process.

(181) What is the estimates total cost of the Pattern Book, over the life of its development?

**Answer**

**\$11.4m expenditure over two years to 2025-26 has been committed to the pilot phase of the NSW Housing Pattern Book Pattern Book.**

**This phase includes developing designs for low and mid-rise housing patterns. Costs include a range of associated enabling works including but not limited to team mobilisation, legal and licensing, distribution costs, digital integration, legislative frameworks, communications, economic analysis and competition fees.**

(182) What consultation has the Government architect engaged in with private developers to put together pattern book designs?

**Answer**

**The Government Architect has held several rounds of stakeholder consultation sessions in December 2023 and throughout May – July 2024 with peak industry bodies representing a spectrum of advocacy organisations, private developers, community housing providers, architects and builders.**

(183) How has the Government sought to gauge interest amongst developers to build pattern book homes?

**Answer**

**Through direct stakeholder engagement sessions and public stakeholder events, the Government Architect NSW has sought feedback on the project and, in particular, to identify the appetite, needs and challenges of the private sector to support the delivery of standardized pattern housing. Feedback from these sessions continues to inform the ongoing development of the Pattern Book.**

(184) What has been the results of interest amongst developers to build pattern book homes?

**Answer**

**Private sector has identified significant interest in the potential of the Pattern Book and the related accelerated assessment pathway and are eager to contribute. The Pattern Book is seen as an opportunity to reduce holding and assessment time frames for new developments.**

(185) How many designs does the Government intend on releasing?

a. How many stories would be included in these designs?

- b. Will these designs be able to add or remove additional storeys quite easily?
  - i. What is the process for this to occur?
- c. Will this include shop top and mixed use housing designs?

**Answer**

**For the initial pilot phase, between 15-20 patterns are currently planned.**

- (a) Designs will range from 2 storey low rise housing typologies including terrace, dual occupancy or manor houses to 3-6 storey maximum mid rise apartments.
- (b) Where planning controls permit, and it is feasible from a development perspective, it is expected mid rise apartments' designs will offer a simple design and construction method to allow addition or subtraction of levels (between the range of 3-6 storeys).
  - i. Designs in the Pattern Book will have fixed level of flexibility for adaptation to meet the site-specific requirements/conditions. Any modifications, such as addition or subtraction of storeys to a pattern, will be addressed through the fast tracked assessment process.
- (c) The Pattern Book will not include designs for shop top housing. Potential for mixed use housing will be explored in the mid rise pattern designs (Note mixed use housing will be subject to where mixed use is permissible under relevant planning controls).

(186) When can the Government project that the first pattern book designs will be released?

**Answer**

**The first Pattern Book designs will be released mid-2025.**

(187) Will all pattern book designs be released at once, or in tranches?

**Answer**

**Pattern Book designs from this initial pilot phase will be released in two tranches:**

- Low rise designs target release mid 2025.
- Mid Rise designs target release late 2025

(188) How often will the pattern book be updated?

**Answer**

**Updates to the Pattern Book, beyond the initial pilot phase, are yet to be scoped.**

- (189) Has the Government given any further consideration into what zoning pattern book designs would best be used in?
- a. Will certain designs be tied to particular zonings?
  - b. If so, what are the outcomes of this consideration?

**Answer**

**Pattern Book designs will be applicable where the zoning allows for the applicable housing development types including terraces, dual occupancy, manor houses or residential flat buildings between 3-6 storeys.**

**It is anticipated that low rise pattern designs will be most applicable in R2 zones and mid rise designs best used in R3 zones across NSW.**

**The outcome of this consideration is that the implementation of the Pattern Book will increase the rate of supply of diverse housing where these zonings apply.**

**Clean Energy**

- (190) Does the Government intend to act on the recommendation from the Clean Energy Investor Group and Herbert Smith Freehills report ‘Delivering Major Clean Energy Projects in NSW: Review of NSW Statutory Planning Approvals Processes’ that the government institute a broader use of CSSI declarations to meet the State’s critical energy needs?

**Answer**

**The department is considering feedback from the Clean Energy Investor Group in finalising the Energy Policy Framework. This includes guidance on the scale of energy generation projects that may be eligible for a CSSI declaration. The framework is expected to be finalised in the coming months.**

- (191) Is the government considering reassessing the triggers for the Independent Planning Commission to become the determining authority if clean energy projects continue to be primarily SSD?

**Answer**

The NSW Government is considering a range of measures to help accelerate the assessment of clean energy projects. More information will be provided when the Energy Policy Framework is finalised in the coming months.

(192) How many Ministerial orders have been made to designate specified infrastructure development on specific land for renewable energy SSIs?

a. And CSSIs?

**Answer**

**13 energy projects have been declared SSI and CSSI:**

- 1. Snowy 2.0 and Transmission project**
- 2. Shoalhaven Hydro Expansion project**
- 3. Project EnergyConnect (SA to NSW Electricity Interconnector)**
- 4. Oven Mountain Pumped Hydro Energy Storage project**
- 5. Central-West Orana REZ Transmission project**
- 6. Hunter Transmission project**
- 7. Waratah Super Battery project – Munmorah**
- 8. Lake Lyell Pumped Hydro Energy project**
- 9. Mount Piper to Wallerawang Transmission Line Upgrade project**
- 10. Muswellbrook Pumped Hydro Energy Storage project**
- 11. New England REZ Transmission project**
- 12. Stratford Pumped Hydro and Solar project**
- 13. Victoria to New South Wales Interconnector West Project**

**Greater Sydney Parklands**

(193) We have an issue at the moment with grounds in Western Sydney, specifically, Parramatta Park. Greater Sydney Parklands have now taken control of the asset and booking the grounds. Their fees have increased astronomically from \$12.80 per hour to \$35 per hour – a 250% increase.

- a. Why, under the control of Greater Sydney Parklands, have the fees for booking cricket grounds in Parramatta Park increased by 250%, from \$12.80 per hour to \$35 per hour?
- b. Will Greater Sydney Parklands reduce the fees back to \$12.80 to improve accessibility for the public?
- c. What consultation was undertaken by Greater Sydney Parklands with grassroots cricket clubs before increasing the fee?

- d. What consultation has been undertaken by Greater Sydney Parklands with grassroots cricket clubs since increasing the fee?
- e. Will Greater Sydney Parklands meet with grassroots cricket clubs affected by the change?
- f. What is the response from Greater Sydney Parklands to cricket clubs who now say that the fees are unaffordable?

**Answer**

**(A-F) The fees have not been increased and are currently booked on a daily rate. Greater Sydney Parklands is conducting a review of services, fees and charges across the parklands estate to make sure that community and facility services, access and costs remain current. Any future changes will be worked through with the community and clubs.**

**Moore Park Golf Course**

(194) Has the government undertaken a business case, social impact or economic impact study before making the decision to repurpose part of Moore Park Golf Course?

- a. If yes, what was the outcome of each study?
- b. If no, why didn't the Government undertake a business case, social impact or economic impact study before making the decision to repurpose part of Moore Park Golf Course?

**Answer**

**Preliminary business planning, social and economic analysis commenced in response to the NSW Government's decision to repurpose part of Moore Park Golf Course. This will be further developed into a detailed business case, informed by feedback received through the public consultation on the Moore Park South Discussion Paper.**

(195) How much will the repurposing of Moore Park Golf Course into a public park cost the taxpayer?

**Answer**



**Preliminary planning and design work will guide budgeting and implementation of the proposal. A detailed business case will be developed for the next stages of work.**

(196) \$2.6 million was allocated in the Budget for planning work at Moore Park. How will that funding be used?

**Answer**

**The 2024/25 NSW Budget allocated \$2.6 million to the design and planning of works for Moore Park South. This funding will be used to fund planning, design and the development of a detailed business case.**

(197) The Department ran a public consultation on Moore Park that closed on the 10th of April. When will the Government publish the “What We Heard” report?

**Answer**

**The report is expected to be published in late 2024.**

(198) Has the ‘What We Heard’ report been written?

**Answer**

**Greater Sydney Parklands is currently preparing the ‘What We Heard’ report on the Moore Park South consultation for release later this year. This report will present the feedback received from all stakeholders.**

(199) Is the Department awaiting the Minister’s approval to publish the report?

**Answer**

**No.**

(200) Will the report be made public?

**Answer**

**Yes.**

(201) Why has it taken at least five months to publish this report?

**Answer**

**A high volume of submissions were received. Greater Sydney Parklands worked with the NSW government Department of Customer Service Data Analytics Centre to support analysis of the survey results due to the high number of responses.**

**NSW Planning Portal**

(202) Is it the case the Registered Certifiers can not add new staff to their teams or update staff accreditation on the Planning Portal (and that it is a long-standing issue), without creating a fault ticket and then waiting for it to be resolved personally by a member of the Planning Portal Staff?

- a. Why is this the case?
- b. What are yourself and DPHI doing to fix this issue?

**Answer**

**Service tickets are required as a way of tracking and responding to customer requests. In some cases, tickets are required for the Department to validate information and confirm the actions requested by a user.**

- (a) **In the referenced instance, a ticket is needed to review Building and Development Certifier (BDC) numbers when creating an account.**
- (b) **The Department continues to improve processes within privacy, professional standards and regulation controls.**

(203) Is it correct that the level of tickets for the Planning Portal remains approximately 2000, and that tickets are being created by users as fast as the Department resolves them, rather than the claimed 70% reduction?

- a. Why is this the case?
- b. What are yourself and DPHI doing to fix this issue?

**Answer**

**As of 10 September 2024, the total number of active tickets was 1,477.**

In January 2024, the total number of active tickets was 5,412.

- (a) **Tickets for support and information when engaging with the NSW Planning System are and should continue to be raised by users through the Portal. The Department provides direct support as part of our commitment to customer centric service delivery.**
- (b) **The Department has increased the number of support staff in its Service Centre who can support applicants and council staff when submitting or processing an application. The Department is working to improve processes, training and knowledge sharing, ensuring the first point of contact with the Department is more efficient and improves first contact resolution.**

(204) In the Budget, the Government allocated \$20.4M to improve the Planning Portal –

- a. How many legacy issues have been resolved to stakeholders' satisfaction?
- b. What data exists to show that the user experience has improved?
- c. Has the future technology roadmap been published?
  - i. If not, when will this occur?

#### **Answer**

- (a) **As at 11 September 2024, 67 legacy issues have been resolved.**
- (b) **The reduction of customer support calls and tickets received by the Department.**
- (c) **Significant work with Councils, Industry and users in relation to the future technology roadmap. Customer First Workshops have been held in Orange, Parramatta, Newcastle, Coffs Harbour and virtual workshops, with 92 councils engaged with a total of 232 council team members attending.**
  - i. **The future technology roadmap is scheduled for publication in December 2024**

(205) In the last twelve months, how many complaints has the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure received about the NSW Planning Portal?

- a. Please provide a breakdown of the different types and sources of complaints be provided, with the number of each?

#### **Answer**

From 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024, there were 76 complaints received by the Department.

(a) **MP (Member of Parliament) correspondence to the Department:**

Type of Complaint	Number of Complaints
Short Term Rental Accommodation (STRA)	25
Technical Issues	21
Portal functionality	10
CC/CDC/ITSOC/BIC/DA/ CoC	9
BASIX	3
Occupation Certificate (OC)	2
NSW Planning Portal fees	2
Building Commission NSW	2
Data Requests	1
Development Types	1

(206) Does the Department track response times for Planning Portal enquiries from Councils and Certifiers, including time to respond to enquiries and the percentage of enquiries resolved, and can this information be made available?

**Answer**

The Department's Customer Support team tracks Council enquiries and captures the average time to resolve tickets. Councils can be separated out because of the distinct government email address (i.e. XX@nsw.gov.au). The average resolution for a Council ticket in July 2024 was 7.9 days.

The Customer Support team does not currently have a way to separate out other groups as they cannot easily categorise roles based on email identifier.

We are committed to improving response times to all Portal enquiries.

### **Caravan Park Industry**

(207) What is the NSW Government doing to provide oversight of the caravan park industry?

**Answer**

This is a matter for the Department of Customer Service who administers the ongoing

operation of caravan parks via the *Residential (Land Lease) Communities Act 2013*.

(208) What is the current number of staff within the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure, by agency?

#### **Answer**

**As at 31 July 2024:**

- **Bradfield Development Authority - 128**
- **Cemeteries and Crematoria NSW - 15**
- **Botanic Gardens of Sydney - 330**
- **Greater Sydney Parklands - 128**
- **Hunter Central Coast Dev Corp - 24**
- **Property & Development NSW - 168**
- **Placemaking NSW - 154**
- **Sydney Olympic Park Authority – 462**
- **Crown Lands – 566**
- **Office of Local Government – 69**

**Rest of the Department – 2700**

**\*Numbers refer to headcount. \*Excludes Independent Planning Commission and NSW Reconstruction Authority**

(209) How many staff have left the Department since 28 February 2024?

#### **Answer**

**289 employees between 1 March 2024 and 31 July 2024. This figure excludes Independent Planning Commission and NSW Reconstruction Authority.**

(210) How many staff have been hired by the Department since 28 February 2024?

**Answer**

**In the period 28 February 2024 to 31 July 2024, the Department hired 307 new positions.**

(211) How many planners are employed by the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure, as of today?

**Answer**

**679 Planners as of 31 July 2024 (this is based on the Planning officer classification which does not include SEB roles).**

(212) How many Deputy Secretaries and Senior Executives responsible for Planning matters have left the Department, and received a pay out in the following months:

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

**Answer**

**(a) February 2024 - 0**

**(b) March 2024 - 2**

**(c) April 2024 – 19**

**(Note: these exits were due to the Planning functional review).**

**(d) May 2024 - 1**

**(e) June 2024 - 0**

**(f) July 2024 - 0**

(213) Can you please provide an updated organisational chart for the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure?

**Answer**

**Attachment A**

(214) How many extra staff have been hired by DPHI to achieve the Governments stated aim of

speeding up approvals using State pathways?

- (a) How many positions are being advertised at present for this reason?
- (b) How many positions total will DPHI be seeking to fill over the next year because of increased state approval pathways?

#### **Answer**

**The Department has completed a functional review to align resources with priorities including speeding up approvals using state led pathways**

- (a) External recruitment is underway for 94 roles.**
- (b) Planning labour budget for FY24/25 allocated \$25.3m for rezoning and assessments as part of the government's commitment to a better planning system**

#### **Land Audit Zoning**

(215) The land that is being identified in the land audit, would all have various different zonings.

- a. What will the process be to re-zone the land into residential or mixed use zonings?
- b. Will the rezonings be conducted via state led rezonings or amendments by councils to their LEPs?

#### **Answer**

**The Land Audit sites will be rezoned following the existing rezoning pathways under the NSW planning system as outlined on [the Department's website](#).**

#### **Rooftop Housing and Airspace Development**

(216) How does the current regulatory framework in New South Wales address the use of airspace above existing buildings for housing development? Are there specific guidelines or restrictions related to airspace development?

**Answer**

**There are no specific guidelines or restrictions related to airspace development. This type of development will need to comply with the building heights that are specified in environmental planning instruments (local environmental plans and State environmental planning policies). These provisions apply to extensions in the height of existing buildings or new structures placed on top of existing developments.**

- (217) Has the Government given any consideration to reforming the regulatory environment to allow more housing to be built on the rooftops of existing buildings?

**Answer**

**The existing regulatory environment permits the redevelopment of existing buildings via the development application process. If adding a rooftop development would exceed the existing height or floor area standards for a particular site, the planning system provides pathways for the developer to seek a variation to those standards.**

- (218) Has any consideration been given to providing any height and floor space ratio bonuses to existing building owners in strata blocks and office and retail shops anywhere within the Six Cities Region?

**Answer**

**The existing regulatory environment permits the redevelopment of existing buildings via the development application process. If adding a rooftop development would exceed the existing height or floor area standards for a particular site, the planning system provides pathways for the developer to seek a variation to those standards.**



(219) How do existing zoning regulations interact with airspace development?

**Answer**

**Land use zones provide for permissible uses not building height limits. Some zones may permit certain uses which typically have higher building heights (e.g. apartments) than other uses (detached housing).**

(220) What zoning laws or planning approvals are required for airspace housing development projects?

**Answer**

**Development above existing structures/buildings is subject to the standard zoning laws and planning approvals which apply to other development.**

(221) Are there any streamlined processes or specific provisions for developers looking to utilise airspace for residential purposes?

**Answer**

**The Department is not aware of any.**

(222) What investigations by the Department have there been as to the potential for rooftop development to help create new housing opportunities?

**Answer**

**The existing regulatory environment permits the redevelopment of existing buildings via the development application process. If adding a rooftop development would exceed the existing height or floor area standards for a particular site, the planning system provides pathways for the developer to seek a variation to those standards.**

- (223) What opportunities has the Department considered to make it more viable and permissible for new rooftop homes above existing strata, shop-top and commercial buildings for residential housing?

**Answer**

**The existing regulatory environment permits the redevelopment of existing buildings via the development application process. If adding a rooftop development would exceed the existing height or floor area standards for a particular site, the planning system provides pathways for the developer to seek a variation to those standards.**

- (224) How do current building height restrictions impact the feasibility of airspace housing development?

**Answer**

**This is a matter for development proponents to calculate.**

- (225) Are there any provisions for exemptions or variations in height limits when utilizing airspace?

**Answer**

**Variations to prescribed maximum building heights may be permitted as part of the development assessment process through an application to vary development standards.**

- (226) What is the process for acquiring air rights above existing buildings or public spaces? Are there specific legal or procedural hurdles that developers commonly face during this process?

**Answer**

**Requirements relating to the property acquisition process are not a matter for the Department.**

- (227) How does the regulatory framework address risk management and liability for airspace developments, particularly in cases of structural failure or damage to existing buildings?

**Answer**

**Development in NSW is required to meet the requirements of the National Construction Code and building design is assessed during the development application and certification process. This helps manage risks for development. The framework for managing building liability is not a matter for the Department.**

**(228) What protections are in place for both developers and existing property owners?**

**Answer**

**See response to question 227. Property insurance matters are not a matter for the Department.**

**(229) What infrastructure considerations are being made to support airspace housing development, particularly in high-density urban areas? How does the Department plan to ensure that existing infrastructure can accommodate the increased population density?**

**Answer**

**The existing infrastructure funding system will support new and improved infrastructure to support new housing delivered. The Department will continue to work with councils to make sure their development contributions plans are fit-for-purpose to ensure adequate funds are captured as part of new residential development.**

**(230) What safety standards and structural integrity requirements must be met when developing housing in the airspace above existing structures? Are there specific assessments or certifications required?**

**Answer**

**See response to question 227. Site-specific conditions of development consent may also be imposed to manage impacts of a proposed development on existing buildings and structures.**

(231) What incentives or financial support mechanisms are available for developers interested in pursuing airspace housing projects?

**Answer**

**The Department is not aware of any.**

(232) How does the Department view the economic viability of airspace development as a solution to housing shortages?

**Answer**

**The Department does not have a view on this matter but supports appropriate development to address housing shortages.**

(233) Are there any existing case studies or precedents within New South Wales or other jurisdictions that the Department is using as a reference for airspace housing development?

**Answer**

**City of Sydney Council has a Heritage Floorspace Scheme which provides funding to heritage building owners who complete conservation works for eligible heritage buildings. By completing conservation works building owners can earn heritage floor space, this can be sold to developers but does not relate to residential developments.**

(234) What legal considerations or property rights issues need to be addressed when developing airspace for housing?

**Answer**

**Developments must meet all applicable legislative requirements, including those mentioned in the response to question 219.**

(235) How does the Department ensure that airspace development respects existing property owners' rights?

**Answer**

**The planning regulation requires written landowner's consent as part of the development application process.**

- (236) What is the Department's long-term vision for airspace housing development in New South Wales?

**Answer**

**Airspace housing development is part of the Department's broader vision for residential development in NSW, which is expressed through strategic plans prepared under the *Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979*, and in the Housing SEPP.**

- (237) How significant a role does the Department anticipate airspace development will play in meeting future housing demands?

**Answer**

**Such development could contribute to meeting future housing demands where proposals meet applicable legislative requirements.**

### **Greater Sydney Industrial Land Shortages**

- (238) Over what time frame will the Industrial Lands Strategy cover?

**Answer**

**The Industrial Lands Strategy timeframe will be up to 20 years**

- (239) Can you provide a specific timeline for the release of the Industrial Lands Strategy? Are there any anticipated milestones or phases leading up to the final publication?

**Answer**

**The Department is finalising this a draft strategy in consultation with agencies and stakeholders. Broader consultation will be held prior to the release of a final strategy.**

- (240) Will the strategy include the identification of new industrial zones or the rezoning of existing land?

- a. How will these areas be selected, and what criteria will be used to ensure their suitability for industrial development?

**Answer**

**An Industrial Lands Strategy is being developed by the Department. The draft strategy will be released in due course for feedback.**

- (241) What provisions are included in the strategy to support and upgrade existing industrial areas? How will the Department ensure that these areas remain competitive and viable for future industrial uses?

**Answer**

**The Employment Lands Development Program will identify infrastructure required to make sure industrial precincts can function at full capacity.**

**The Industrial Lands Strategy will also review planning settings for existing areas to identify opportunities for intensification and increased productivity.**

- (242) What mechanisms will be put in place to monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of the Industrial Lands Strategy once it is implemented?

- a. Will there be periodic reviews?

**Answer**

**It is critical that a monitoring and review process be established as part of this new work. Annual review is required to ensure pipeline targets are being met, and that infrastructure is being forward planned. The Department is also looking at the role of its established Employment Lands Monitor in ongoing monitoring and reporting, with a view for it to be a more dynamic, accessible platform for government and industry.**

**Infrastructure contributions for non-Government schools**

- (243) Non-government schools are often charged infrastructure contributions based on the same metrics used for housing developers, despite their different roles in the community. Has the Government looked at any reform to better reflect the actual impact of schools on local infrastructure, rather than treating them as equivalent to commercial developments?

**Answer**

**Local councils across the state have made it clear to the Government that standardised exemptions for local infrastructure contributions is not supported due to the impact that would have on revenue to councils for infrastructure to support growth.**

**Infrastructure impacts are considered through the assessment of a specific development and exemptions or reductions in contributions payable are considered by the consent authority upon request.**

- (244) We understand there is significant variation in how local councils approach infrastructure contributions for independent schools, with some councils imposing levies while others do not. What steps can be taken to create a more consistent and equitable approach across all local government areas to ensure that schools are not unfairly burdened by contributions depending on their location?

**Answer**

**Local councils across the state have made it clear to the Government that standardised exemptions for local infrastructure contributions is not supported due to the impact that would have on revenue to councils for infrastructure to support growth.**

**Infrastructure impacts are considered through the assessment of a specific development and exemptions or reductions in contributions payable are considered by the consent authority upon request.**

- (245) What criteria or rationale are typically used to decide whether or not to impose these levies on schools?

**Answer**

**Local councils across the state have made it clear to the Government that standardised exemptions for local infrastructure contributions is not supported due to the impact that would have on revenue to councils for infrastructure to support growth.**

**Infrastructure impacts are considered through the assessment of a specific development and exemptions or reductions in contributions payable are considered by the consent authority upon request.**

- (246) Given that many local councils do not differentiate between for-profit developers and not-for-profit schools in their contributions plans, has it been considered reviewing these arrangements in local plans to account for the unique contributions of educational institutions to the community?

**Answer**

**Local councils across the state have made it clear to the Government that standardised exemptions for local infrastructure contributions is not supported due to the impact that would have on revenue to councils for infrastructure to support growth.**

**Infrastructure impacts are considered through the assessment of a specific development and exemptions or reductions in contributions payable are considered by the consent authority upon request.**

- (247) Infrastructure contributions for schools have reached up to 10 percent of project costs, which is significantly higher than the average for residential developments. What steps is the Government taking to ensure that infrastructure contributions for schools are proportional to their impact and aligned with the principles of fairness and equity?

**Answer**

**The Department is not aware of any local contributions plans with rates this high. Rates based on construction cost are currently capped at 1 percent in most places, with some exceptions (see Part 9, Division 2 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021*).**

- (248) How do you respond to concerns that high infrastructure contributions are discouraging the expansion of existing schools and the development of new schools, particularly in areas with rapidly growing populations?



**Answer**

**Exemptions or reductions in contributions payable are considered by the consent authority upon request.**

- (249) Given the financial strain that infrastructure contributions place on non-government schools from catering to a growing interest from families, is the government considering alternative funding mechanisms or models that could alleviate this burden while still ensuring that necessary local infrastructure is developed?

**Answer**

**Government funding of non-government schools is not a matter for the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces.**

- (250) What role is there for long-term strategic planning in ensuring that infrastructure contributions from non-government schools are used effectively and transparently for local infrastructure projects that directly benefit the school and its surrounding community?
- a. Is the Government developing such plans?

**Answer**

**Councils are held accountable for their actions under Chapter 13 of the *Local Government Act 1993*. Strategic planning under this Act, informed by the Integrated Planning and Reporting Guidelines, is the mechanism used by councils to determine and communicate their delivery priorities.**

**Union membership**

- (251) Are you a member of a union?
- a. If yes, what union?

**Answer**

**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.

## **TikTok**

(252) Are you on TikTok?

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

### **Answer**

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:

<https://www.nsw.gov.au/sites/default/files/public%3A//2023-05/TikTok%20Ban%20-%20Frequently%20Asked%20Questions%20%282%29.pdf>  
[TikTok%20Ban%20-%20Frequently%20Asked%20Questions%20%282%29.pdf](https://www.nsw.gov.au/sites/default/files/public%3A//2023-05/TikTok%20Ban%20-%20Frequently%20Asked%20Questions%20%282%29.pdf)

## **Land audit – Department(s)/Agency(s)**

(253) 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?

#### **Answer**

**The NSW Government has been conducting an audit of government land to identify surplus sites that are suitable for social, affordable or market housing.**

**The locations of an initial set of 44 sites identified by the audit will be made public over the coming weeks and months as they are transferred to housing delivery agencies or brought to market.**

#### **Signal**

(254) Are you on Signal?

- a. If yes, do you access Signal from a NSW Government device?

#### **Answer**

**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.**

#### **CFMEU membership**

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

- a. If yes, when?

**Answer**

**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.**

**Department(s)/Agency(s) Annual Reports**

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

**Answer**

**The annual report of a reporting GSF agency is to be prepared, submitted and tabled in accordance with requirements under the Government Sector Finance Act 2018 and Treasurer's Policy and Guidance – Annual Reporting (TPG23-10).**

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

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

**Answer**

**As per the NSW Treasury Policy and Guidelines – Annual Reporting Requirements TPG23-10, agencies in the portfolio will be providing two printed copies of the annual report (via in house printing) to the Premier for tabling in both houses of Parliament. Parliamentary Counsel Office has budgeted \$200 for printing.**

**ETU membership**

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

a. If yes, when?

**Answer**

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.

**Paper shredder**

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

**Answer**

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.

**Department(s)/Agency(s) in Portfolio**

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

**Answer**

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 [www.nsw.gov.au/sites/default/files/noindex/2024-08/20240807-Governance-Arrangements-Chart.pdf](http://www.nsw.gov.au/sites/default/files/noindex/2024-08/20240807-Governance-Arrangements-Chart.pdf)

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 ([www.legislation.nsw.gov.au](http://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au)).

### Former Ministerial Employees

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

a. If yes, how many?

#### Answer

**The employment of former Ministerial office staff is not tracked.**

**Under the Government Sector Employment Act 2013, the Secretary of a Department exercises the employer functions of the Government in relation to departmental employees. The Secretary is not subject to the direction or control of a Minister in the exercise of those functions. Similarly, the head of a Public Service agency exercises the employer functions of the Government in relation to non-Public Service senior executives of the agency. A head of a Public Service agency is not subject to the direction or control of a Minister in the exercise of those functions.**

**All NSW government sector employees must comply with the Code of Ethics and Conduct for NSW government sector employees. Employees must also have regard to their relevant agency's code of conduct.**

**Ministerial office staff must comply with their ethical obligations under the NSW Office Holder's Staff Code of Conduct, including after the cessation of the employment.**

### Qantas Chairman's Club

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

a. If no, have you ever previously been a member?

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

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

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

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

#### Answer

**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.

#### **Ministerial Staff – Local Government Councillors**

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

#### **Answer**

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) What local government(s) did they serve?

#### **Answer**

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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).

#### **ETU meetings**

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

**Answer**

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 (<https://www.nsw.gov.au/departments-and-agencies/the-cabinet-office/access-to-information/ministers-diary-disclosures>).

**State Records Act**

- (266) 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?

**Answer**

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.



## Legal Costs

(267) 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?

### Answer

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 department and its agencies is to categorise legal costs, which will appear as separate line items if they are considered a material expense for the agency or department.

Details for the period prior to 30 June 2023 form part of the former Department of Planning and Environment 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.

## Media releases and statements

(268) 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?

### Answer

The Department of Customer Service (DCS) is responsible for managing [www.nsw.gov.au/media-releases](https://www.nsw.gov.au/media-releases) and the publication of media releases.

## Advertising

(269) 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)

**Answer**

**Department and agency expenditure is published in Annual Reports and on OpenGov NSW and [data.nsw.gov.au](https://data.nsw.gov.au)**

**Catering**

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

**Answer**

**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.**

(271) Was catering used for external stakeholders?

a. If yes, who were these external stakeholders?

**Answer**

**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.**

**Parliamentary Secretary**

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

**Answer**

**Security passes for the parliamentary precinct and 52 Martin Place are required to be issued in accordance with the Parliament House Security Pass Policy and 52 Martin Place security procedures and the associated Privacy and Surveillance Statement.**

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

**Answer**

**No.**

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

**Answer**

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: <https://www.nsw.gov.au/sites/default/files/noindex/2023-12/Ministers-Office-Handbook.pdf>

**Gin**

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

**Answer**

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:

<https://www.nsw.gov.au/sites/default/files/noindex/2023-12/Ministers-Office-Handbook.pdf>

**Ministerial Vehicles and Driving Offences**

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

**Answer**

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.

(277) 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?

**Answer**

**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.**

**Speeches**

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

**Answer**

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

**Answer**

**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.**

**Hard hats and/or vests**

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

- a. If yes, was it paid from your ministerial budget?

**Answer**

**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.

### **Ministerial Advisers**

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

**Answer**

Ministerial Staffing numbers are proactively published on the NSW website - <https://www.nsw.gov.au/departments-and-agencies/premiers-department/access-to-information/premier-and-ministers-staff-numbers>

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

**Answer**

Ministerial Staffing information is proactively published on the NSW website - <https://www.nsw.gov.au/departments-and-agencies/premiers-department/access-to-information/premier-and-ministers-staff-numbers>

### **Ministerial disclosures to The Cabinet Office**

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

**Answer**

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.

### **GIPA Applications / Standing Order 52 – Ministerial Office**

(284) 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?

**Answer**

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.**

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

**Answer**

**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.**

**Police Commissioner Gin**

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

**Answer**

**No.**

**Cabinet Sub Committees**

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

**Answer**

**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 ([www.nsw.gov.au](http://www.nsw.gov.au)) and provides information on operation of Cabinet and committees in NSW.**

**E-Toll**

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

**Answer**

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.

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

**Answer**

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.

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

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

a. If yes, is it available online?

i. If yes, what is the URL?

**Answer**

The gifts, benefits and hospitality register for the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure is available at

<https://www.nsw.gov.au/departments-and-agencies/department-of-planning-housing-and-infrastructure/information-access-governance-and-feedback/gifts-benefits-and-hospitality-register>

**Workplace complaints**

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

**Answer**

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

**Answer**

**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.**

#### **Ministerial staff disclosure of gifts and/or hospitality**

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

**Answer**

**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.**

(294) 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?

**Answer**

**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.

### **Ministerial Code of Conduct**

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

a. If yes, what was the breach?

#### **Answer**

**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.**

### **CFMEU meetings**

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

#### **Answer**

**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 (<https://www.nsw.gov.au/departments-and-agencies/the-cabinet-office/access-to-information/ministers-diary-disclosures>).

### Credit Cards

(297) 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?

### Answer

**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.**

- (298) 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?

**Answer**

**The use and management of purchasing (credit) cards for official purposes is in accordance with standard procurement arrangements of the NSW Government. Policies are attached.**

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

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

**Answer**

**I make use of an office in 52 Martin Place, NSW Parliament and my Electorate office.**

**When travelling, Ministers may make ad hoc arrangements to work for periods in Departmental offices.**

**Senior Executive Drivers**

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

**Answer**

**No senior executives employed in my departments or agencies have a driver.**

## Mobile phones

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

### Answer

**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.

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

### Answer

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The purchasing of technology items is in accordance with standard procurement arrangements.

The costs for form part of the Premier's Department Annual report.

### **Efficiency dividends**

(303) 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?

### **Answer**

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.

### **Stationery**

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

### **Answer**

Spending on office stationery is in accordance with standard procurement arrangements. The costs of stationery are contained within the Premier's Department Annual Report.

(305) 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)?

#### **Answer**

**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.**

#### **Consultants**

(306) 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?

#### **Answer**

**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.**

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

(307) 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)?

**Answer**

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.

**Department(s)/Agency(s) Travel**

(308) As Minister, do you approve overseas travel for public servants in your portfolio department(s) / Agency(s)?

- a. If yes, how many overseas trips have you approved since 28 March 2023?

**Answer**

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:

<https://www.info.buy.nsw.gov.au/policy-library/policies/travel-and-transport-policy>

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) Since 28 March 2023, how much has been spent on charter air flights by your portfolio agencies, broken down by agency?

**Answer**

Charter air flights are contained within the travel costs category in the Other Operating Expenses note of the audited financial statements within the Department / Agency's Annual Report. This is in accordance with the Treasury Direction TD23-11 Annual reporting requirements.

The travel costs for the period prior to 30 June 2023 form part of the Department of Premier and Cabinet / Agency Annual Report 2022-23.

Travel costs for the period 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024 will form part of the Department / Agency Annual Report 2023-24.

(310) Since 28 March 2023, how much has been spent on domestic flights by your portfolio agencies, broken down by agency?

a. Of these, how many flights were taken in business class?

#### **Answer**

Domestic travel is contained within the travel costs category in the Other Operating Expenses note of the audited financial statements within the Department / Agency's Annual Report. This is in accordance with the Treasury Direction TD23-11 Annual reporting requirements.

The travel costs for the period prior to 30 June 2023 form part of the Department of Premier and Cabinet / Agency Annual Report 2022-23.

Travel costs for the period 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024 will form part of the Department / Agency Annual Report 2023-24.

Official travel is taken in accordance with the NSW government travel policy.

(311) Since 28 March 2023, how much has been spent on international flights by your portfolio agencies, broken down by agency?

a. Of these, how many flights were taken in business class?

b. Of these, how many flights were taken in first class?

#### **Answer**

The NSW Government Travel and Transport Policy provides a framework for all NSW Government travelling employees and covers all official air and land travel by public officials using public money. Further information in relation to the Policy can be found here: <https://www.info.buy.nsw.gov.au/policy-library/policies/travel-and-transport-policy>

The travel costs for the period prior to 30 June 2023 form part of the Department of Premier and Cabinet / Agency Annual Report 2022-23.

Travel costs for the period 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024 will form part of the Department / Agency Annual Report 2023-24.

(312) What was the total expenditure since 28 March 2023 by each Department/agency within your portfolio responsibilities on:



- a. Taxi hire?
- b. Ridesharing services?
- c. Limousine/private car hire?
- d. Hire car rental?

#### **Answer**

**The items are contained within the travel costs category in the Other Operating Expenses note of the audited financial statements within the Department / Agency's Annual Report.**

**This is in accordance with the Treasury Direction TD23-11 Annual reporting requirements.**

**The travel costs for the period prior to 30 June 2023 form part of the Department of Premier and Cabinet / Agency Annual Report 2022-23.**

**Travel costs for the period 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024 will form part of the Department / Agency Annual Report 2023-24.**

#### **Union membership fees**

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

- a. 2022-23?
- b. 2023-24?
- c. 2024-25?

#### **Answer**

**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.**

#### **Training**

(314) 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?

**Answer**

**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.**

### **Cabinet documents**

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

**Answer**

**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.**

### **Website usage**

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

**Answer**

**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) What were the top 20 most accessed (by number of times accessed) unique domain names accessed by your ministerial office since 28 March 2023?

**Answer**

**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.**

**Department(s)/Agency(s) Employees**

(318) 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?

**Answer**

**The number of senior executives is publicly reported within Annual Reports.**

(319) How many public servants within your portfolio department(s)/agency(s) were paid more than the Premier in 2023-24?

**Answer**

**The remuneration of public service senior executives is published in the respective Department(s)/Agency(s) Annual Reports.**

(320) 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?

**Answer**

**Redundancies are published in the respective Department(s)/Agency(s) Annual Reports under employee related expenses.**

**Ministerial visits**

(321) 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):

1. What was the purpose of the visit(s)?
2. Did you make a funding announcement(s)

**Answer**

**Ministers' diary disclosures are publicly available.**

**Premier's and Ministers' domestic travel information is published on the Premier's Department's website at: <https://www.nsw.gov.au/departments-and-agencies/premiers-department/access-to-information/premier-and-ministers-domestic-travel>**

**Camera, video recorder and microphones**

(322) 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?

**Answer**

**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.**

## PLANNING AND PUBLIC SPACES

### NSW Reconstruction Authority

(323) How many houses have now been approved for buyback in the Northern Rivers?

- a. How many houses in the Lismore Local Government Area?
  - i. How many have been settled?
  - ii. How many still contain residents under transitional arrangements?
- b. How many houses in the Byron Local Government Area?
  - i. How many have been settled?
  - ii. How many still contain residents under transitional arrangements?
- c. How many in the Ballina Local Government Area?
  - i. How many have been settled?
  - ii. How many still contain residents under transitional arrangements?
- d. How many in the Tweed Local Government Area?
  - i. How many have been settled?
  - ii. How many still contain residents under transitional arrangements?
- e. How many have not been approved

### Answer

**As at 6 September 2024, 814 approved**

- (a) 575**
  - i. 391**
  - ii. 12**
- (b) 7**
  - i. 6**
  - ii. 0**
- (c) 6**
  - i. 4**
  - ii. 0**

(d) 161

i. 93

ii. 4

(e) 114

(324) How many houses have now been approved for raising in the Northern Rivers?

a. How many houses in the Lismore Local Government Area?

i. How many have been raised?

b. How many houses in the Byron Local Government Area?

i. How many have been raised?

c. How many in the Ballina Local Government Area?

i. How many have been raised?

d. How many in the Tweed Local Government Area?

i. How many have been raised?

### Answer

**As at 6 September 2024, 13 approved**

(a) 0

i. 0

(b) 11

i. 6

(c) 0

i. 0

(d) 1

i. 1

(325) How many houses have now been approved for retrofits in the Northern Rivers?

a. How many houses in the Lismore Local Government Area?

i. How many have been retrofitted?

b. How many houses in the Byron Local Government Area?

- i. How many have been retrofitted?
- c. How many in the Ballina Local Government Area?
  - i. How many have been retrofitted?
- d. How many in the Tweed Local Government Area?
  - i. How many have been retrofitted?

**Answer**

**As at 6 September, 1 approved**

- (a) 0
  - i. 0
- (b) 1
  - i. 0
- (c) 0
  - i. 0
- (d) 0
  - i. 0

(326) How many houses for each Local Government Area have been demolished in the Northern Rivers?

**Answer**

**As at 6 September 2024, 2 houses within the Tweed LGA and 11 houses in the Lismore LGA**

(327) How many houses for each Local Government Area have been relocated in the Northern Rivers?

- a. How many of these houses have been 'gifted'?
- b. How many have been relocated within each Local Government Area?
- c. How many have been relocated to other Local Government Areas in the Northern Rivers?
  - i. For each Local Government Area, how many houses have been relocated



into those areas from other Local Government Areas in the Northern Rivers?

- d. How many have been relocated outside of the Northern Rivers?

**Answer**

**As at 6 September 2024, 4 houses have been relocated from the Lismore LGA**

- (a) N/A**
- (b) 3 houses within the Lismore LGA and 1 house within the Tenterfield LGA**
- (c) 1 House to the Tenterfield LGA**
  - i. 1 house within the Tenterfield LGA from the Lismore LGA**
- (d) 1 house within the Tenterfield LGA from the Lismore LGA**

(328) How many entities have been the subject of contracts to maintain properties that are managed by the Reconstruction Authority?

- a. List the entities?
- b. What is the total cost of contracts to maintain vacant properties?
- c. What is the scope of work that is being undertaken to maintain properties managed by the Reconstruction Authority?
- d. What is the average cost per property that is being maintained?

**Answer**

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- (a) NSW Public Works**
- (b) Estimated \$13 million**
- (c) Make safe assessment and inspection, temporary security and fencing, administrative and technical costs, site maintenance including lawn management, security patrols**
- (d) Estimated to be \$13,000 per property**

(329) What is the total cost of temporary accommodation for people impacted by floods since February 2022?

- a. How many people in the Northern Rivers are still in temporary housing in each Local Government Area?
- b. How much of this has been spent on AirBnB accommodation?
- c. How much of this has been spent on motel accommodation?

**Answer**

Since February 2022, \$438 million has been approved for the Northern Rivers Temporary Housing Villages, and \$25.8 million for the Northern Rivers At Home Caravans Program. In the Central West, \$40.3 million has been approved for the Pods on Private Properties Program and \$19.1 million has been approved for the At Home Caravans Program. All programs are cost-shared with the Commonwealth Government.

- (a) As at 31 August 2024, the temporary housing villages are accommodating 431 households. The number of households by LGA is based on village location (Lismore: 46 households; Ballina: 170 households; Byron: 112 households; Tweed: 47 households; Richmond Valley: 56 households.) As at 12 September 2024, the Northern Rivers At Home Caravans Program accommodates 72 households. The number of households by LGA (Ballina: 6 households; Byron: 10 households; Lismore: 20 households; Richmond Valley: 26 households; Tweed: 5 households; Cessnock: 1 household; Clarence Valley: 1 household; Kempsey: 1 household; Kyogle: 1 household and Nambucca Valley: 1 household).
- (b) The RA does not fund AirBnB for temporary housing programs. Refer to Homes NSW for advice on funding to Red Cross for the AirBnB brokerage program (AGRN 1012) and advice on expenditure on emergency accommodation.
- (c) The RA does not use motel accommodation for temporary housing programs. Refer to Homes NSW for advice on expenditure on emergency accommodation.

(d)

(330) Has any work been undertaken to assess the opportunity for facilitating private sub-divisions in any of the flood affected North Coast council areas?

- a. Has there been any assessment of the area of land that could be used for housing if large urban blocks in any of the council areas were sub-divided?
  - i. If so, how much land is available?
- b. Have any of the councils requested assistance with smaller scale subdivisions that would allow for greater density in established flood resilient areas?

- c. Have any members of the community or non-government organisations requested assistance with smaller scale subdivisions that would allow for great density in established flood resilient areas?

**Answer**

**Yes. The RA has investigated a number of sites and supported Councils to explore all options. The development of Mt Pleasant relies on subdividing larger blocks to increase yield and provide more affordable housing that would otherwise occur, a similar approach on other sites is being pursued.**

- (a) The potential to subdivide large blocks is dependent on many factors and due diligence and feasibility analysis of all sites has included options to subdivide.**
  - i. Due to the many uncertainties, including market demand for smaller blocks, it is not possible to quantify the area of land that could be available if large blocks were subdivided.**
- (b) The RA is working collaboratively with all Councils on a variety of planning issues. No formal requests have been made, however as planning studies and other land is progressed this may change.**
- (c) No. The RA is working with Homes NSW and Councils which may lead to requests to amend Local Environmental Plans to enable different types of housing, including smaller lots. This will be considered on its merits, with consideration of neighbours' amenity.**

**(331) What Department of the Commonwealth Government is assisting the NSW Government with the expression of interest process for relocating homes in the flood affected North Coast councils?**

- a. How is the expression of interest process proposed to work?**
- b. Will this expression of interest process be open to the general public and landholders in the area?**

**Answer**

**The National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA)**

- (a) The Expression of Interest (EOI) Pilot will be issued to the local Lismore Community through a local real estate agent who will advertise the catalogue of homes readied for relocation. The EOI will attract submissions from applicants interested in a property. The application will be evaluated for approval against a developed criteria to suit local community and flood affected residents.**

(b) **Yes. Local to the Lismore LGA and adjoining LGAs.**

(332) Is the relocation action group a Government administered entity?

- a. Does the relocation action group accept expressions of interest from the general community?

**Answer**

**No – the Relocation Action Group is a community group that is made up of community members that have an interest in relocating their homes following buyback through the Resilient Homes Program.**

(333) What Government entities are involved in the recycling opportunities as a result of flood impacted homes that need to be demolished in North Coast flood impacted council areas?

**Answer**

**The Environmental Protection Authority (EPA), SafeWork NSW, Lismore City Council and the RA.**

(334) What non-Government entities are involved in the recycling opportunities as a result of flood impacted homes that need to be demolished in North Coast flood impacted council areas?

**Answer**

**The non-government entities are the Living Lab, which is a partnership of the University Technology Sydney and Southern Cross University, is supported by the RA. The community group that was interested and consulted in the recycling reuse was the Relocation Action Group.**

(335) How many relocated homes in total will be moved to the Mount Pleasant Estate?

- a. Who will pay for the relocation costs for relocated homes to this estate?
- b. Will the relocated homes be sold to the estate developer?
  - i. Will this occur before or after the relocation?
- c. How will the relocated homes be valued at the point of sale to the final owner?
- d. Will the Reconstruction Authority seek to make any profit from the sale of the land and houses at the Mount Pleasant Estate?

**Answer**

Stage 1 includes provision for 4 homes to be relocated by the RA. This includes landscaping and ensuring a quality finished product. Future stages will be guided by consultation with the community.

- (a) The relocation costs are funded by the RA through the Resilient Lands Program. When completed, the refurbished and landscaped homes will be offered for sale, with first priority given to Resilient Homes Program buyback participants.
- (b) No
  - i. N/A
- (c) The price range for relocated homes to Mt Pleasant will be determined through market analysis and consultation.
- (d) No

(336) Will all lands developed as part of the resilient lands program have a minimum requirement for affordable housing?

**Answer**

The requirements for affordable housing depend on each Councils Affordable Housing Contribution Scheme. In addition, the RA is aiming to provide homes to meet the needs of RHP buyback participants, which is different to 'affordable' housing requirements.

(337) Will Landcom been involved in the preparation or development of any lands for housing under the resilient lands program?

**Answer**

Landcom will be involved in the delivery of some Resilient Lands Package Priority sites, including 400 homes at East Lismore (on Southern Cross University land) and are involved in affordable housing projects that RA are supporting in Mullumbimby and Goonellabah.

(338) Would the Reconstruction Authority consider acquiring more land under the resilient lands program if the private sector cannot make the site commercially viable?

**Answer**

The RA is continuing to investigate all options and is working with Councils, Homes NSW, other agencies and landowners to pursue opportunities. Most of the available budget is allocated to delivery of homes and/or supporting infrastructure. The RLP does not have available budget to purchase additional large sites and build homes, however within the available budget, the RA will consider suitable options.

**Flood Hazard**

(339) What conditions would have to be met for the Minister to issue a ministerial direction to a council in relation to approving housing developments on a floodplain?

**Answer**

The Minister for Planning issues local planning directions (ministerial directions under section 9.1(2)) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*. Section 4.1 of the local planning direction relates to flooding and applies to all relevant planning authorities that are responsible for flood prone land when preparing a planning proposal that creates, removes or alters a zone or a provision that affects flood prone land. Planning authorities are required to ensure that development of flood prone land is consistent with the NSW Government's flood policy and manual and relevant controls are contained within Local Environment Plans. The Government published a planning circular in 2024 to provide planning authorities additional information in relation to addressing flood risk in response to matters identified through the NSW Independent Flood Inquiry.

(340) How many Councils are currently reviewing their flood hazard data and maps?

- a. What are these councils?
  - i. What support is the Department providing to these councils?

**Answer**

This matter falls under the remit of the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW) and should be re-directed to Minister Sharpe.

- (341) How many Councils have been prioritised for updated flood hazard data and mapping?
- a. What are these councils?
  - b. What support can the Department provide to councils to do this work?
  - c. Is there a criteria for assessment for councils that require help with this work?
    - i. What is the criteria?

**Answer**

**This matter falls under the remit of the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEE) and should be re-directed to Minister Sharpe**

**Urban Tree Cover**

- (342) What is the scope of work that is currently being undertaken by the Government Architect to increase urban tree cover and plant biodiversity?
1. When is this tranche of work expected to result in a report or recommendations?
  2. Is the use of and preference for native plant species part of this work?
    - a. Are there any plans to require that Government does not use any non-native plants at Government projects?
  3. What planning instruments currently contain provisions for retention or creation of deep soil during developments?
  4. Where can the details for the Metropolitan Greening Program be found?
    - a. Are there requirements for the planting of native species as part of this program?
    - b. Is the planting of non-native species allowed under this program?
    - c. What Councils have made applications as part of this program?
    - d. How many applications for funding have been approved under this program and for what Councils?

**Answer**

- 1. The Department is supporting urban tree canopy and biodiversity through measures including:**
- **Preparation of the Biodiversity in Place framework, which was published in May 2024 and provides guidance for how planners and consent authorities can increase**

biodiversity in the urban environment

- Ensuring the TOD Accelerated Precincts and Low and Mid-Rise Housing Reforms include urban tree canopy and deep soil considerations. These considerations went on exhibition during August 2024 (TOD precincts) and December 2023 (Low and Mid-Rise Housing Reforms).
  - Ongoing delivery of the Greening our City Program, which funds urban greening projects delivered by councils and strategic partners including Landcare NSW and Greening Australia. This program is supported by a \$97.5 million allocation from the Climate Change Fund out to 2030.
2. Biodiversity in Place advocates for nature positive approaches to the urban environment by introducing ecology rich planting to verges, backyards, balconies, public spaces, rooftops and critical infrastructure such as roads, railways and creek corridors.
    - While the Department recognises the value of planting trees and other vegetation that is native to the development location, there is currently no requirement to plant exclusively native species on Government projects. Project sites should deliver diverse planting that is suited to the context of the site and desired outcomes of the development.
  3. Local councils are primarily responsible for embedding deep soil provisions in planning instruments, including local environment plans and development control plans. State instruments, such as the Housing SEPP (2021) contains provisions for deep soil for some development typologies. The recently exhibited TOD Accelerated Precincts of Hornsby, Homebush, Crows Nest, and Macquarie Park included urban tree canopy and deep soil provisions in their draft Urban Design Guides.
  4. Information about the Metropolitan Greening Program is publicly available on the Department's website.

<https://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/plans-for-your-area/infrastructure-funding/metropolitan-greenspace-program#202324-successful-projects>

(343) Are there any plans to track urban tree cover?

**Answer**

Under the Greening our City Program, the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure has committed to acquiring urban tree canopy data for Greater Sydney every two years. The next urban tree canopy data will be acquired over the 2024/25 summer season.



## Wingecaribee Dam

(344) When was the last flood hazard map produced for the downstream area of the Wingecaribee Reservoir in the Southern Highlands?

- a. Is the Department currently assisting the Wingecaribee Shire Council with any development applications?
  - i. What are the development application numbers that the Department is assisting with?
- b. Is the Department currently considering any planning proposals in the Wingecaribee Shire Council area?
  - i. What are these planning proposals?
- c. Does the Department have access to the Wingecaribee Dam - Dam Emergency Plan (December 2023 – version 3.4)?
  - i. Does the Department have access to the inundation maps downstream of the Wingecaribee Dam?
  - ii. Would the Department consider releasing these documents if they hold them?

### Answer

- a. **The Department is not currently assisting Wingecaribee Shire Council with any development applications.**
- b. **Yes.**
  - i.
 

<b>PP-2022-4351</b>	<b>To rezone and integrate land at Yarrawa Road Moss Vale into the adjoining URA</b>
<b>PP-2023-2084</b>	<b>Boundary adjustment between 35 Elizabeth Street and 4 Old Bong Bong Way Burradoo</b>
<b>PP-2023-2689</b>	<b>Planning Proposal is to insert clause 5.24 into WLEP 2010</b>
<b>PP-2024-790</b>	<b>1 Bowman Road, Moss Vale: to enable development for the purpose of a business premises on land at 1 Bowman Road Moss Vale.</b>
<b>PP-2024-1360</b>	<b>Amend Schedule 2 (Exempt Development) to enable public events on bush fire prone land</b>
<b>PP-2024-1411</b>	<b>To amend clause 4.2F of Wingecaribee Local Environmental Plan 2010 to reinstate protection of the Berrima Heritage Conservation Area and expand that protection.</b>

c. No.

i. No.

ii. No. This should be directed to the Minister for Water.

## **BASIX**

(345) Are all new and renovated residential dwellings required to meet the minimum seven star rating under the Nationwide House Energy Rating Scheme?

a. What are the reasons that any new or renovated residential dwellings would not being required to meet the new 7 star rating?

### **Answer**

**From 1 October 2023, all new residential dwellings, except apartment buildings up to 5 storeys and properties in the NSW north coast climate zones, are required to meet the minimum 7-star rating under the Nationwide House Energy Rating scheme.**

**(a) Before setting the 7 star rating standard, the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure engaged specialists to undertake a cost benefit analysis. This analysis concluded that the costs associated with building new apartment buildings up to 5 storeys and new residential development in NSW north coast to a 7 star standard did not outweigh the benefits.**

**In August 2022, prior to finalising the policy, the Department engaged additional testing to account for rising interest rates and energy prices. This updated analysis showed the benefits still did not outweigh the upfront costs of complying with higher BASIX standards.**

**Thermal performance standards for renovations were not in the scope of the 2022 policy update.**

(346) Will new low-rise apartments under the diverse and well located homes policy be required to comply with all provisions of the Sustainable Building SEPP?

a. If not, why not?

**Answer**

**All new low-rise apartments are required to comply with the BASIX standards in the Sustainable Buildings SEPP.**

**Net Zero Commission**

(347) When will the Secretary meet with the Net Zero Commission for the first time?

**Answer**

**The meeting between the Secretary, Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure and the Net Zero Commission is currently scheduled for 24 September 2024.**

(348) When will the Minister meet with the Net Zero Commission for the first time?

**Answer**

**At the appropriate time and when scheduling permits.**

(349) Has the Commission provided any advice to the Department or the Minister so far?

**Answer**

**No.**

(350) Has the Government referred any specific project or policy for review by the Net Zero Commission?

a. What projects or policies?

**Answer**

**No.**

(351) Has the Net Zero Commission conducted any work in relation to coal or gas projects that are currently in the planning system?

- a. What projects?

**Answer**

**Question to be directed to the Net Zero Commission.**

(352) Will the Department refer projects or policies to the Net Zero Commission?

- a. What conditions will be required before a project or policy is referred?

**Answer**

**To be considered in the future.**

# Department of Planning, Housing & Infrastructure

## Organisational Chart



Secretary: Kiersten Fishburn

### Shared service enabling functions

Office of the Secretary	Aboriginal Strategy, Policy & Engagement	Corporate Services	Strategic Services & Advice
Executive Director Belinda Padovan-Court	Executive Director Danny Lester	Deputy Secretary James Hebron	General Counsel- Deputy Secretary Somerset Hoy
		Cluster Finance Chief Financial Officer Chris Martin	Property & Commercial Executive Director Cathy Hardy & Brendon Jenkins (Job Share)
		Chief Digital & Information Officer Bianca Jordaan	Governance Executive Director Simonne Daly
		Communications Executive Director A/Michael Bruce	Planning, Environment & Resources Executive Director Madeleine Thomas
		Shared Services Executive Director A/Joan Gilbert	People & Culture Executive Director Catherine Grummer
		Digital Analytics & Insights Executive Director A/Nerida Mooney	

### Delivery service functions

Crown Lands & Public Spaces	Office of Local Government	Development Assessment & Sustainability	Planning Land Use Strategy, Housing & Infrastructure	Property, Development & Valuation	Bradfield Development Authority
Deputy Secretary Melanie Hawyes	Deputy Secretary Brett Whitworth	Deputy Secretary David Gainsford	Deputy Secretary Monica Gibson	Deputy Secretary Leon Walker	Chief Executive Officer Ken Morrison
Strategy Policy & Transformation (CL) Executive Director Sarah Lees & Michelle Wood (Job Share)	Local Government Executive Director Douglas Walther	Energy & Resource Assessments Executive Director A/Chris Ritchie	Strategic Planning & Policy Executive Director Tom Loomes	Commercial Development & Management Executive Director Stacey Fishwick	Infrastructure & Delivery Executive Director Gavin Boswarva
Land & Asset Management (CL) Executive Director Greg Sullivan	Sector Performance & Intervention Director Karin Bishop	Housing & Key Sites Assessment Executive Director Ben Lusher	State Rezoning Executive Director Anthea Sargeant	Precinct Development Executive Director Vy Nguyen	Strategy & Development Executive Director Natalie Camilleri
Customer & Systems (CL) Executive Director Claudia Huertas	Emergency Recovery & Strategy Director Keith Baxter	Infrastructure Assessments Executive Director Erica Van Den Honert	Local Planning & Council Support Executive Director A/Daniel Thompson	Office of Strategic Lands Executive Director Lyndsay Brooker	Investment, Industry & Partnerships Executive Director A/Ariel Ellis
Aboriginal Land Strategy (CL) Executive Director Michael Ramalli	Policy & Sector Development Director Melissa Gibbs	Resilience & Sustainability Executive Director Stephen Hartley	Governance & Insights Executive Director Hanna Shalbab	Hunter & Central Coast Development Corporation Chief Executive Valentina Misevska	Strategy & Commercial Finance Executive Director Vacant
Aboriginal Outcomes Executive Director A/Juanita McCarthy		Government Architect Executive Director Abbie Galvin	Infrastructure Programs Executive Director Jonathon Schipp	Sydney Olympic Park Authority Chief Executive A/Carla Armanet	Skills & Industry Capability Executive Director Peter Mackey
		Operations & Planning Delivery Executive Director David McNamara	Planning Delivery & Integration Executive Director Alison Burton & Leah Schramm (Job Share)		Advanced Manufacturing Research Facility Executive Director A/Ben Kitcher

Key:   Executive Leadership Committee Member

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