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\*3985 MOUNT DRUITT SWIMMING POOL—Mr Richard Amery asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) How many public schools have used the Mount Druitt swimming pool for swimming carnivals over the past three years?
- (2) Have these schools been advised that Blacktown City Council has announced the closure of this swimming pool?
- (3) What arrangements have been put in place for the schools referred to in question (1) above to undertake swimming carnivals during the coming summer?

Answer—

- (1) Approximately 15 public schools have used Mount Druitt Swimming Centre for their swimming carnivals each year.
- (2) Yes, schools have been advised of Council's resolution.
- (3) The Council has contacted all schools and provided them with the opportunity to nominate their preferred location for accommodation of future swimming carnivals.

\*3986 LETS TALK ABOUT TAFE—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Education—

Will the Government release the findings and conclusions from the Let's Talk About TAFE consultations, which concluded in April 2013?

- (a) If so, when?
- (b) If not, why not?

Answer—

The Let's talk about TAFE findings and conclusions will be released later this year.

\*3988 MARYLAND FIRE STATION—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

When the proposed Maryland Fire Station is built, what steps will the Government take to ensure that the historic Wallsend Fire Station will be kept in public hands and utilised for the community?

Answer—

I am advised that ownership of the station in question is vested in the Crown. As such, it would be up to the Government Property NSW to determine its future usage.

\*3989 LAKE MACQUARIE LOCAL AREA COMMAND—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

Does the Lake Macquarie Local Area Command have any staff dedicated to liaising with members of the public who have been the victim of sexual abuse?

- (a) If so, how many staff members carry out this role;
- (b) If so, how long have the staff been carrying out this role?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force has advised me that Detectives attached to the Lake Macquarie Local Area Command provide victim care and liaison when sexual abuse complaints are received, and throughout subsequent investigations.

Additionally, the Child Abuse Squad, attached to the State Crime Command, has an office in Newcastle staffed with officers who provide assistance to victims of sexual and other abuse who are aged 16 and under in the Lake Macquarie area.

\*3990 POLICE RESPONSE TIME—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) What is the NSW standard time considered appropriate for responding to crimes?
- (2) What is the average response time for the:

- (a) Newcastle City Local Area Command;
- (b) Lake Macquarie Local Area Command?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force has advised me that the NSW statewide target is for a response to 80 per cent of urgent calls for service within 12 minutes.

I am advised that both Newcastle City and Lake Macquarie Local Area Command's average response times from 1 July 2012 to 29 May 2013 were within the respective targets for those Commands.

\*3991 PARAMEDICS ABUSED ON JOB—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

What steps is the Minister taking to protect paramedics from patient violence?

Answer—

I am advised:

NSW Ambulance holds the welfare and safety of paramedics as paramount, and has a number of measures in place if there is a threat of potential harm or danger.

In the most serious cases, ambulance paramedics are advised to "stand off" and await the arrival of police before approaching or entering the address.

Training programs are in place for all NSW Ambulance paramedics to assist them in identifying and then dealing with potentially volatile patient situations to minimise the risk of assault, and NSW Ambulance supports paramedics making these decisions.

The Health Services Act 1997 contains an offence of intentionally obstructing or hindering an ambulance paramedic providing services to a person, with penalties of up to two years imprisonment - five if combined with an act of violence.

Paramedics have the full respect and support of the NSW Government.

\*3992 NEWCASTLE AIRPORT EXPANSION—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW, Leader of the House—

- (1) Has the Government granted the Newcastle Airport \$10 million, towards the first stage of the airport's expansion, through the Hunter Infrastructure and Investment Fund?
- (2) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised that:

- (1) and (2) The Government is considering recommendations made by the Hunter Infrastructure and Investment Fund Advisory Board and will make announcements about successful projects in due course.

\*3993 DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING RENT—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

Will the Government be increasing the percentage of the income that the Department of Housing tenants pay as rent?

- (a) If so, when; and
- (b) by how much?

Answer—

The NSW Government has no current plans to increase the percentage of income that Housing NSW tenants pay as rent.

\*3994 WORKERS COMPENSATION—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

- (1) What recourse is available to the people who have had their workers compensation cases settled in court previously but now find that this financial security is not continued under the new system, and instead they will be substantially worse off?
- (2) Why should the people hurt at work who have done the right thing under the previous system be penalised financially by the Government changes to the Workers Compensation Act?
- (3) Who will carry out the new work capacity assessments?

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(4) If the work capacity assessments are carried out by insurers, can they be considered impartial?

Answer—

(1) The new system is designed to improve financial support for the most seriously injured workers and provide more assistance and incentives for injured workers to return to work when they have the capacity and it is safe to do so. Under the New South Wales Workers Compensation Scheme, WorkCover is providing injured workers with simple ways to seek review of decisions on their capacity for work if they believe they have not been dealt with fairly.

Initially the worker can request an internal review from the insurer. Insurance providers generally use a disputes and complaints management model that is consistent with the Australian Standard on Complaints Handling.

If they are not satisfied with the outcome of the review, they can then request a merit review of the decision by WorkCover.

Following this, the worker can apply to the WorkCover Independent Review Officer (WIRO) for a procedural review. The WIRO is a key component of the workers compensation reforms, providing an important accountability mechanism for the Scheme. It is an independent office, which provides, among other things, an independent review of work capacity decisions made about benefits and work capacity.

The WIRO is also responsible for:

- investigating complaints made by workers about insurers, and making recommendations for action to be taken by the insurer or the worker;
- reviews of work capacity assessment decisions made by insurers, after a merit review by WorkCover and an internal review by the insurer;
- encouraging high quality complaint resolution by insurers and employers; and
- inquiring into and reporting on matters arising in connection with the workers compensation legislation.

The WIRO also includes the establishment of a new Independent Legal Assistance and Review Service, which facilitates access to free independent legal advice to injured workers, in circumstances where there is a disagreement with insurers regarding entitlements. It has been designed to ensure the efficient, fair and equitable resolution of disputes, without unnecessary financial burden on injured workers. The Service is being conducted by lawyers who have strong experience in workers compensation and are independent of WorkCover.

(2) The changes to the Scheme introduced in June 2012 were vital for workers, employers and the economy. The Scheme was in deficit and was not fulfilling its core objectives well enough. The new legislation is focused on encouraging and assisting early return to work, and providing better financial support for seriously injured workers. The best protection for workers, employers, the community and our economy is a financially sound scheme focussed on returning injured workers to work where possible.

(3) An integral part of the workers compensation reforms is the introduction of work capacity assessments. These are a multi-disciplinary assessment conducted by the insurer, which review a worker's functional, vocational and medical capacity to determine fitness for work. Work capacity assessments recognise that recovery and return to work should be key priorities of any workers compensation system.

(4) Work capacity assessments are multi-disciplinary, evidence based assessments of a worker's functional, vocational and medical status. Should an injured worker disagree with the findings of the work capacity assessment, there are a number of avenues for review:

- Initially the worker can request an internal review from the insurer.
- If they are not satisfied with the outcome of the review, they can then request a merit review of the decision by WorkCover.
- Following this, the worker can apply to the WIRO for a procedural review.

\*3995 NSW SHERIFF OFFICE—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

What are the Government's plans for the future of the NSW Sheriff's office?

Answer—

I refer the Member to my previous answer to LA Question 3916.

\*3996 MAGEE LANE GLENFIELD—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Transport—

- (1) Has the one way operation of Magee Lane been reviewed by Transport NSW, following the completion of the Glenfield interchange?
- (2) If so:
  - (a) when was this review performed;
  - (b) which stakeholders were consulted;
  - (c) has a final decision been taken on the direction of Magee Lane;
  - (d) how and when was this decision disseminated to the businesses on Railway Parade at Glenfield?

Answer—

I am advised:

In conjunction with Campbelltown City Council, Transport for NSW will undertake a traffic study to confirm that the implemented traffic solution for Railway Parade and adjacent streets (including Magee Lane) is operating satisfactorily.

- \*3997 CLINICAL NURSE CONSULTANTS VOLUNTARY REDUNDANCY—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

With regard to the seven Clinical Nurse Consultants (CNCs) who accepted voluntary redundancy (LA Question 3574):

- (1) In which Local Health Districts were these CNCs employed?
- (2) In which specialties?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) and (2) I refer the Member to my response to LA Question 3574.

- \*3998 PALLIATIVE CARE FUNDING—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

With regard to the palliative care funding in NSW:

- (1) Will the funding of a minimum of 55 palliative care positions across the state cease on 30 June 2013?
- (2) Can the Minister provide information on the increased activity that has been reported against these positions over the last four years?
- (3) What will be the implications for palliative care service provision should these positions cease to continue after 30 June 2013?
- (4) Will the Government provide a commitment to continue to fund these positions beyond 30 June 2013?

Answer—

- (1) to (4) I refer the Member to the response provided to the Legislative Council Question on Notice 4574.

- \*3999 YAMBA COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

With regard to the proposed Yamba Community Health Centre:

- (1) What facilities will be provided?
- (2) When will the construction begin?
- (3) When will the centre open?

Answer—

I am advised that:

- (1) The following mix of services is proposed to be delivered at the new Community Health Centre at Yamba:
  - Community health nursing.
  - Child and family nursing.
  - Mental health services.
  - Oral health services with two dental surgeries.
  - Counselling services – general, child and family, child protection and sexual assault.
  - Allied health services – physiotherapy, occupational therapy and speech pathology.
  - School health clinics (potentially including audiometry).
  - Aboriginal health chronic care program and group clinics.

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- Women's health outreach clinic.
- Drug and alcohol in-reach.
- Specialist palliative care clinician outreach clinic.
- Diabetes outreach and health promotion clinic.
- Telehealth for Aged Care Assessment Team (ACAT) services, including geriatrician and psycho-geriatrician for complex cases.

- (2) It is anticipated that construction will commence by the end of June 2013.  
(3) It is expected that the new Community Health Centre will open in May 2014.

\*4000 PROSTATE BIOPSY SERVICE -WAGGA WAGGA BASE HOSPITAL—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

With regard to the Wagga Wagga Base Hospital:

- (1) When will the prostate biopsy service commence?  
(2) How many theatre sessions per week will be allocated for prostate biopsy?  
(3) How many patients are on the waiting list for these biopsies?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The equipment required to undertake prostate biopsies has arrived and is currently being configured. An education session for clinical staff on using the new equipment has been scheduled. Murrumbidgee Local Health District is anticipating starting procedures in July. The Hospital is also undertaking infrastructure improvements, at the estimated cost of \$387,511 for a minor refurbishment of the Day Surgery Unit, which is expected to be completed within eight calendar months.
- (2) It is expected that approximately 120 TRUS biopsies per year will be undertaken at Wagga Wagga Health Service once introduced.
- (3) Wagga Wagga Health Service is aware of five patients awaiting this procedure and it is expected that the timeframes for introduction will enable the patients to receive their surgery within their clinically appropriate timeframe.

\*4001 PAEDIATRIC INTENSIVE CARE UNIT—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) When will the six Paediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU) beds be opened at the John Hunter Children's Hospital?  
(2) How many new full-time equivalent (FTE) paediatric intensive care specialists will be appointed?  
(3) How many extra FTE registered nurses will be appointed?  
(4) As a result of the opening of the PICU, will there be any reduction to:  
(a) adult Intensive Care Unit (ICU) beds;  
(b) adult ICU staffing (nursing or medical)?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) to (4) A planning process is underway to review the requirements for paediatric intensive care services into the future. A statewide Paediatric Intensive Care Service Plan planning process, which will include Hunter New England Local Health District, will assist NSW Health to determine the requirements for the John Hunter Children's Hospital paediatric intensive care service, to ensure a safe and sustainable service. This process will also assist the Local Health District in determining staffing requirements for the service.

There will be no reduction in adult intensive care unit services at John Hunter Hospital as a result of the paediatric intensive care service. It is anticipated that there will be an overall increase in the critical care capacity for John Hunter Children's Hospital catchment area.

\*4002 GULGONG MULTI-PURPOSE SERVICE—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

With regard to the Gulgong Multi-Purpose Service (MPS):

- (1) When was the latest tender awarded?  
(2) Has there been any increase in the likely cost of this MPS since the initial contract was awarded?  
(3) When is this MPS due for completion and commissioning?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) to (3) The Main Works tender for the Gulgong MPS was awarded on 9 May 2013. Health Infrastructure is reviewing the 'cost to complete' estimates for the Gulgong MPS project and, in conjunction with the contractor, are currently tendering various construction trades packages. Construction of the Gulgong MPS is expected to be completed in December 2013 with commissioning of the facility expected to take place in early 2014.

\*4003 NSW BUSINESSLINK VOLUNTARY REDUNDANCIES—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

- (1) How many voluntary redundancies have been accepted by current and former employees at NSW Businesslink since 27 March 2011?
- (2) How many voluntary redundancies have been offered to employees at NSW Businesslink since 27 March 2011?
- (3) How many contractors with NSW Businesslink have had their contracts terminated or not renewed since 27 March 2011?

Answer—

- (1) and (2) Every dollar Businesslink NSW saves can be used to deliver better services to vulnerable people in the community such as people with a disability, older people and protecting vulnerable children and young people.

Between 27 March 2011 and 24 May 2013, 144 voluntary redundancies were offered and 126 were accepted.

- (3) There has been a net decrease of 202 contractors since 27 March 2011.

\*4004 DEATHS ON OR IN RAILWAY PROPERTY—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Transport—

How many people took their own life on or in railway property, stations or railway tracks in the following periods:

- (a) 1 June 2012 to 30 June 2012;
- (b) 1 July 2012 to 31 July 2012;
- (c) 1 August 2012 to 31 August 2012;
- (d) 1 September 2012 to 30 September 2012;
- (e) 1 October 2012 to 31 October 2012;
- (f) 1 November 2012 to 30 November 2012;
- (g) 1 December 2012 to 31 December 2012?

Answer—

These figures are not made public.

\*4005 COURTHOUSES UTILISATION—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

- (1) Which courthouses in the Sydney metropolitan area have court rooms for magistrates and judges which are not regularly utilised?
- (2) How many court rooms not regularly utilised are in each of these courthouses identified in question (1) above?

Answer—

I am advised:

The use of court rooms depends on factors such as the volume of work, current refurbishment projects and the needs of other jurisdictions and tribunals.

\*4006 AZZAM NABOULSI DEATH INQUEST—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

What was the evidence relied upon by the Crown Solicitor to submit to the Coroner in the inquest into the death of Azzam Naboulsi that there was sufficient evidence to terminate the inquest and refer the matter to the DPP?

Answer—

I am advised:



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Details regarding the evidence submitted in this inquest cannot be published at this stage.

This is in accordance with section 76(d) of the Coroners Act 2009, which provides that a person must not publish this information without the express permission of the Coroner.

\*4007 ARMIDALE COURTHOUSE—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

When will the construction of the new courthouse at Armidale be completed?

Answer—

I am advised:

The terms to complete the construction works at the courthouse are currently being negotiated.

\*4008 NUMBER OF INMATES AND DETAINEES—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

How many and from which institutions have inmates and detainees of NSW Corrective Services escaped and absconded during:

- (a) 27 March 2011 to 30 June 2011;
- (b) 1 July 2011 to 31 December 2011;
- (c) 1 January 2012 to 30 June 2012;
- (d) 1 July 2012 to 31 December 2012;
- (e) 1 January 2013 to 20 May 2013?

Answer—

I am advised that a total of 38 inmates escaped in periods (a) – (e).

None of the inmates escaped from a maximum security correctional centre.

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\*4009 NUMBER OF SYDNEY DRUG COURT REFERRALS—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

How many referrals have there been to the Sydney Drug Court in the period as at 1 May 2013?

Answer—

I am advised:

There were 61 referrals to the court as at 1 May 2013. This number is calculated from 7 January 2013 when referrals to the court commenced.

\*4010 NUMBER OF PARRAMATTA DRUG COURT REFERRALS—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

How many referrals have there been to the Parramatta Drug Court as at:

- (a) 1 June 2012;
- (b) 1 December 2012;
- (c) 1 March 2013;
- (d) 1 May 2013?

Answer—

I am advised:

Since 1 January 2012, the numbers of referrals to the court at the specified dates were:

- (a) 173.
- (b) 338.
- (c) 426.
- (d) 501.

\*4011 NUMBER OF TORONTO DRUG COURT REFERRALS—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

How many referrals have there been to the Toronto Drug Court as at:

- (a) 1 June 2012;
- (b) 1 December 2012;
- (c) 1 March 2013;
- (d) 1 May 2013?

Answer—

I am advised:

Referrals to the Toronto Drug Court started from 21 January 2011, when amendments to the Drug Court Regulation 2010 commenced. From this date the number of referrals to the court at the specified dates were:

- (a) 186.
- (b) 260.
- (c) 295.
- (d) 320.

\*4012 PERITONECTOMY PATIENTS AT ST GEORGE HOSPITAL—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

What are you doing to find a solution that provides for peritonectomy patients at St George hospital? (Hansard 1 May 2013)

Answer—

I am advised:

Six peritonectomy surgery cases for NSW residents, including emergency peritonectomies, will be undertaken each month subject to the capacity of the hospital, taking into account the urgency and needs of all other patients.

St George Hospital relies on the advice of its clinicians, who consider clinical need and appropriateness, when making decisions on the type of care and services offered to patients and the community.

\*4014 CITYRAIL SERVICES SHELLHARBOUR ELECTORATE—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Transport—

- (1) Will the Minister release the draft CityRail timetable for community consultation prior to its implementation in October?
- (2) If not, why not?
- (3) Under the draft CityRail timetable, which services will the Government:
  - (a) increase;
  - (b) cut from the timetable for the stations at;
    - (i) Dunmore;
    - (ii) Oak Flats;
    - (iii) Albion Park;
    - (iv) Dapto?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Government is introducing a new rail timetable. We have always said the timetable will deliver more services and once it is finalised the Government will be able to advise customers with details.

Customers will benefit from extra express services across the network as well as changes to stopping patterns that will reduce crowding on many services and provide consistent service times.

The timetable is still a draft version and there is a lot more work to be done before it is finalised.

\*4015 FLINDERS STATION NAME CHANGE—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Transport—

- (1) Has the Geographical Names Board of NSW approved the proposed name change of Flinders station to Shell Cove station?
- (2) On what date did the Government refer the proposed name change to the Board?
- (3) What is the administrative process for referring the proposed name change to the Board?
- (4) Is the Board required to undertake public consultation?
  - (a) If so, when will this public consultation process take place?

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(b) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The Geographical Names Board is assessing the application for the proposed name - Shell Cove Station.
- (2) The application was prepared and lodged in February 2013.
- (3) This information is available on the Geographical Names Board website.
- (4) That is a matter for the Geographical Names Board.

\*4016 FUNDING FOR MAINTENANCE OF PUBLIC HOUSING—Mr Robert Furolo asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

In regard to the maintenance of public housing properties:

What was the funding allocated to the maintenance of public housing properties during the:

- (a) 2000-2001 financial year;
- (b) 2004-2005 financial year;
- (c) 2011-2012 financial year?

Answer—

Maintenance budget allocation for:

- (a) 2000-2001 was \$378.31 million.
- (b) 2004-2005 was \$347.21 million.
- (c) 2011-2012 was \$415.70 million.

\*4017 MAINTENANCE WORKS FOR PUBLIC HOUSING—Mr Robert Furolo asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

In regard to maintenance works for public housing properties:

- (1) How regularly are property assessments undertaken to identify the program of property maintenance?
- (2) What are the guidelines and policies used by Housing NSW to determine what is a non-urgent and minor repair?
- (3) What was the average time it took to resolve a minor repair from the time it was identified and/or reported to the time it was repaired during the:
  - (a) 2000-2001 financial year;
  - (b) 2011-2012 financial year?
- (4) What are the guidelines and policies used by Housing NSW to determine what is a priority safety issue requiring urgent attention?
- (5) What was the average time it took to resolve a priority safety issue from the time it was identified and/or reported to the time it was repaired during the:
  - (a) 2000-2001 financial year;
  - (b) 2011-2012 financial year?

Answer—

- (1) Property assessments are undertaken on a periodic basis through a property assessment survey program. The current program is expected to have all dwellings surveyed by 2014.
- (2) An assessment is used to determine the priority and response time for maintenance works. Non-urgent and minor works are actioned within 20 days of notification, or included in a planned program for future work.
- (3) (a) 2000-2001: 11 days.  
(b) 2011-2012: 14 days.
- (4) Depending on the nature of the issue, priority safety issues requiring urgent attention are actioned within 4 or 24 hours.
- (5) (a) 2000-2001: 63 hours.  
(b) 2011-2012: 5 hours.

\*4018 MOUNT DRUITT COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES—Mr Richard Amery asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) How many patients are being serviced by the Mount Druitt Community Health Services during the current year?
- (2) How do these figures compare with the previous two years?
- (3) How many community nurses are employed from this service?
- (4) Is the service short of staff?
- (5) If so, what is being done to improve staffing levels and correct the nurse to patient ratio at this location?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) and (2) The number of individuals who received intervention from the Mount Druitt Community Health Centre has been relatively stable for the past three years with more than 7,000 people being seen in each of 2010-2011 and 2011-2012. It should be noted the number of individuals provided with care is not an indicator of the number of occasions of service provided, and does not take into account the level of complexity of those occasions of service.

(3) to (5) NSW Health uses specific patient needs as the governing factor in staffing of clinical services.

Many NSW hospitals (both regional and metropolitan) use a staffing method known as nursing hours per patient day to help determine nursing staffing levels. Beyond this specific framework, nursing management makes an assessment of staffing required to meet patient needs based on a range of factors including previous experience, clinical condition of patients, professional judgment, safe systems of work and patient safety.

The NSW Government has made a record investment in nurses since it came to office in 2011. Over 4,000 additional nurses (headcount) are now employed across metropolitan, regional and rural NSW. Around half of this increase is in rural and regional NSW.

\*4019 COMMISSIONER FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE—Ms Linda Burney asked the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

When will the Government advertise the position of Commissioner for Children and Young People?

Answer—

There is an acting Commissioner for Children and Young People in place. The NSW Government has announced the transfer of the Working With Children Check functions of the Commission, to the Office of the Children's Guardian, within the Family and Community Services cluster. A Public Consultation process will soon take place about the advocacy, policy and the research functions of the Commission. It would be inappropriate to fill the Commissioner role while this process is underway.

\*4021 MULTICULTURAL HUBS—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

What were the results or recommendations of the feasibility study undertaken to explore the social, cultural and economic value in developing a multicultural hub, as outlined in the Multicultural Advantage Action Plan 2012-2015?

Answer—

The Multicultural Advantage Action Plan 2012-2015 is a four year plan. The Community Relations Commission for a multicultural NSW has progressed a number of the Plan's actions that provide opportunities for people to participate in the social, cultural and economic life of the State.

The Community Relations Commission reviewed the operation of different models of community hubs and I am currently seeking clarification on a number of matters raised in the Commission's report.

\*4022 VOICES IN HARMONY CONCERT SONG COMPETITION—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

What is the name of the winner of the \$5000 prize in the 2012 Premier's Voices in Harmony Concert Song Competition, as outlined in the Multicultural Advantage Action Plan 2012-2015?

Answer—

The winning song was composed by Ms Mei Wie Lim.

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\*4023 MULTICULTURAL MARCH BANNER COMPETITION—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

What are the names of the two winners of the 2012 Multicultural March Banner Competition that was part of the Multicultural Advantage Action Plan 2012-2015?

Answer—

There was only one winner of the banner competition and that was Ms Jenna Seung.

\*4024 MENTORING PROGRAMS FOR MIGRANT COMMUNITIES—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

What progress has been made by the Government in undertaking a study to identify formal and informal mentoring programs that can connect established and emerging migrant communities in New South Wales, as outlined in the Multicultural Advantage Action Plan 2012-2015?

Answer—

The Multicultural Advantage Action Plan 2012-2015 is a four year plan. The Community Relations Commission for a multicultural NSW has progressed a number of the Plan's actions that provide opportunities for people to participate in the social, cultural and economic life of the State.

The Commission's Grants Program has been providing funding to community organisations delivering mentoring programs to emerging migrant communities.

\*4025 NSW MULTICULTURAL TOURISM STRATEGY—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

What progress has the Government made in drafting a NSW Multicultural Tourism Strategy, as outlined in its Multicultural Advantage Action Plan 2012-2015?

Answer—

The Multicultural Advantage Action Plan 2012-2015 is a four year plan. The Community Relations Commission for a multicultural NSW has progressed a number of the Plan's actions since it commenced, including determining the feasibility of developing a NSW Multicultural Tourism Strategy.

The Commission designed and undertook qualitative research methodology to test the experiences of diners and restaurateurs in identified areas in Sydney.

The outcomes are under consideration.

\*4026 PROMOTING AUSTRALIA DAY—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

What initiatives has the Government implemented to promote Australia Day to multicultural communities, as outlined in its Multicultural Advantage Action Plan 2012-2015?

Answer—

The Multicultural Advantage Action Plan 2012-2015 is a four year plan. The Community Relations Commission for a multicultural NSW has progressed a number of the Plan's actions that provide opportunities for people to participate in the social, cultural and economic life of the State.

The Multicultural Advantage Action Plan is available at

[http://](http://www.crc.nsw.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0020/18218/Multicultural_Advantage_Action_Plan_2012_2015_.pdf)

[www.crc.nsw.gov.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0020/18218/Multicultural\\_Advantage\\_Action\\_Plan\\_2012\\_2015\\_.pdf](http://www.crc.nsw.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0020/18218/Multicultural_Advantage_Action_Plan_2012_2015_.pdf).

\*4027 MULTICULTURAL MARCH POSTER COMPETITION—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

What School/TAFE NSW college won the \$2000 prize for the poster competition that was part of the 2012 Multicultural March programme and was scheduled to be announced at the Multicultural Marketing Awards for November 2012?

Answer—

The winning poster was designed by students from St Scholastica's College, Glebe.

\*4028 VOICES IN HARMONY CONCERT—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

Has the Voices in Harmony concert, as outlined in the Multicultural Advantage Action Plan 2012-2015 been held?

Answer—

The concert did not proceed this year because of conflict between proposed dates and Easter celebrations.

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\*4029 FIRST HOME OWNER ASSISTANCE—Mr Richard Amery asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

- (1) What First Home Owner Assistance is available from the State Government for the first home buyers in the Mount Druitt Electorate to:
  - (a) purchase a new house or a house off the plan up to the value of \$500,000;
  - (b) purchase an existing house, which has been previously owned by a private owner, up to the value of \$500,000?
- (2) How many persons in the state have received First Home Owner Assistance from the State Government in the 12 month period ending 30 April 2013?

Answer—

- (1) and (2) Information on first home owner assistance is publicly available on the Office of State Revenue's website.

\*4031 FUNDING FOR BUILDING FENCES AT SCHOOLS—Mr Jamie Parker asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) What funding has been allocated for building fences at public primary schools in NSW for the:
  - (a) 2009-2010 financial year;
  - (b) 2010-2011 financial year;
  - (c) 2011-2012 financial year;
  - (d) 2012-2013 financial year?
- (2) What funding has been allocated for building fences at public high schools in NSW for the:
  - (a) 2009-2010 financial year;
  - (b) 2010-2011 financial year;
  - (c) 2011-2012 financial year;
  - (d) 2012-2013 financial year?
- (3) What funding has been allocated for building fences at public primary schools in the Balmain electorate for the:
  - (a) 2009-2010 financial year;
  - (b) 2010-2011 financial year;
  - (c) 2011-2012 financial year;
  - (d) 2012-2013 financial year?
- (4) What funding has been allocated for building fences at public high schools in the Balmain electorate for the:
  - (a) 2009-2010 financial year;
  - (b) 2010-2011 financial year;
  - (c) 2011-2012 financial year;
  - (d) 2012-2013 financial year?
- (5) What is the average funding allocated per school for building a fence?
- (6) Has an application been received for funding to build a fence at Haberfield Public School?
  - (a) If so, when was this funding application received?
- (7) Has funding been approved for a fence at Haberfield Public School?
  - (a) If so, how much funding has been allocated; and
  - (b) when will the fence be built?
- (8) What is the process for a public school to apply for funding for a fence?
- (9) What guidelines exist to assist schools in evaluating the need for a fence?
- (10) What are the different types of fences available to schools?
- (11) What are the different security characteristics of the different types of fences?

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- (12) What information is made available to schools to help them evaluate and decide which type of fence to have installed?  
 (13) Can schools choose which type of fence they wish to have installed?  
 (14) What company has been contracted by the Department of Education and Training to manufacture and install fences?

Answer—

(1) to (4) Information on which schools had security fencing installed prior to 30 June 2012 and when it was installed is publicly available on the Department of Education and Communities internet site.

(5) Dependent on site size.

(6) Yes, an application has been received from Haberfield Public School for funding for a security fence from the 2013-2014 Public School Upgrade Program.

(7) (a) Yes.

(b) Within the 2013-2014 Financial Year.

(8) Public schools can apply for funding for a security fence under the Public School Upgrade Program and Joint Funding Program. Principals are provided with information on the application process via SchoolBiz, the Department's primary channel for business communication. Schools can also contact their regional Asset Management Unit for information on how to apply for funding from these programs.

(9) to (11) The Safety and Security Directorate conducts onsite risk assessments to determine whether schools would benefit from a security fence. Risk management officers use well-established risk assessment methodologies to assess the security needs of schools. Risk assessments can identify alternative strategies that would adequately address the security incidents that may be occurring at a particular school. Each fence provides an effective barrier against trespass and is proven to assist in the reduction of trespassing, vandalism, break-and-enter and arson. The decision to install a particular type of fence is dependent upon the nature of the incidents experienced by a school.

(12) and (13) The Safety and Security Directorate completes risk assessments that identify the most effective measures in addressing security concerns and determines the most appropriate type of fence to address the issues at a particular school.

(14) To list the number of contractors that currently manufacture and install security fencing would be a diversion of resources from the Department's core business, the provision of public education.

\*4032 WESTLAKES HEALTH CENTRE—Mr Greg Piper asked the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Healthy Lifestyles, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

Given that the psychiatric clinic at the Westlakes Health Centre at Toronto has ceased due to the unavailability of a psychiatrist and that clients are being redirected to the Smith Street Clinic at Charlestown:

- (1) Is the Minister committed to filling the psychiatry position and resuming the service?  
 (2) What steps have been undertaken to fill the vacancy for a psychiatrist at the Westlakes Health Centre at Toronto?  
 (3) How and where has the vacancy been advertised?  
 (4) Has the vacancy been advertised on the Hunter New England Health website through its online job search service?  
 (5) How long is it expected to take to fill the vacancy for a psychiatrist?

Answer—

Active recruitment strategies by Hunter New England Local Health District are underway to fill the psychiatrist vacancy at the Toronto Polyclinic. Following successful recruitment to this position, the clinic will resume at this location. The vacancy is currently advertised through the NSW Health website.

The District has employed locum psychiatrists to assist with care in its inpatient facilities and to maintain services at the Smith Street Clinic in Charlestown.

In addition, the Lake Macquarie Mental Health Service psychiatrists provide clinical input in a range of settings, including the inpatient unit at the Mater Hospital, Smith Street Clinic and the Westlakes Clinic.

Recruitment processes for Fellows of the Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists can take three to four months. Recruitment of psychiatrists from overseas with suitable qualifications can take up to nine or ten months, depending on Medical Board approvals, visa requirements, Royal Australian and

New Zealand College of Psychiatrist requirements and the personal circumstances of the person being recruited.

\*4033 ILLAWARRA COMMUNITY ADVISORY PANEL—Ms Anna Watson asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

- (1) Who are the new members of the Illawarra Community Advisory Panel?
- (2) Which members were not re-appointed to the Panel?
- (3) What was the reason for not re-appointing the members referred to in question (2) to the Panel?
- (4) Who are the current members of the Panel?
- (5) When does the appointment of the members referred to in question (4) expire?
- (6) What issues were raised by the Panel members in meetings during 2012?
- (7) What has been the Government's response to the issues raised by Panel members in question (6)?
- (8) What issues have been raised by the Panel members in meetings during 2013?
- (9) What has been the Government's response to the issues raised in question (8)?
- (10) Are Panel members remunerated or provided sitting fees?
  - (a) If so, what is the amount?

Answer—

Information relating to the Illawarra Community Advisory Panel can be found on the Department of Premier and Cabinet website.

\*4034 REPORT BY NSW STATE CORONER—Ms Carmel Tebbutt asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

In regard to the Report by the NSW State Coroner into deaths in custody/police operations 2012:

- (1) When did the State Coroner provided the report to the Government?
- (2) Will the Attorney General table the report or present it to the Clerk within 21 days of receiving it?

Answer—

- (1) The State Coroner provided the Report to the Attorney General on 2 May 2013.
- (2) The Attorney General tabled the report in Parliament on 23 May 2013.

\*4035 SECURITY FENCES AT SCHOOLS—Ms Carmel Tebbutt asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) How many government schools have security fences?
- (2) What funds were expended on installing security fences in the 2011-2012 financial year?
- (3) What funds have been allocated for the installation of security fences in the 2012-2013 financial year?
- (4) Which government schools have requested a security fence and have not had a fence installed?
- (5) In light of the recent incident at Haberfield Public School, what action is the Government taking to review security at schools across NSW?

Answer—

- (1) Information on which schools had security fencing installed prior to 30 June 2012 and when it was installed is publicly available on the Department of Education and Communities internet site.
- (2) In 2011-2012, the Department spent almost \$170 million on school minor works, including security fences.
- (3) In 2012-2013, \$197 million was allocated to school minor works including full and partial security fencing and various security initiatives in schools.
- (4) To provide a detailed response to this question would involve considerable time and the diversion of resources away from the core responsibilities of the Department, the provision of public education, which cannot be justified.
- (5) The Department's Safety and Security Directorate undertakes an ongoing review of security issues in schools throughout the State as part of its regular daily operations.

It has dedicated teams that analyse security trends, conduct risk assessments and recommend proven risk minimisation strategies that are tailored for the individual and varied needs of schools.

These actions continue throughout the year.

\*4036 SCHOOL SAFETY AND SECURITY DIRECTORATE—Ms Carmel Tebbutt asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) What funding was allocated to the School Safety and Security Directorate in 2011-2012?



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- (2) What funding has been allocated to the School Safety and Security Directorate in 2012-2013?
- (3) How many staff, expressed as Equivalent Full Time (EFT), were employed in the School Safety and Security Directorate in 2012?
- (4) How many staff, expressed as EFT are employed in the School Safety and Security Directorate in 2013?

Answer—

(1) and (2) The Department's expenses in 2011-2012 were \$13.56 billion. 2013-2014 Budget Papers indicate revised expenses for the Department in 2012-2013 of \$13.8 billion.

Money directed towards safety and security comes from a range of Department sources including multiple portfolio areas.

The Department provides staffing information as part of its Annual Report.

(3) and (4) All staff employed by the Department are dedicated to the safety and security of staff and students.

\*4037 NSW PUBLIC SCHOOL UPGRADE FUND—Ms Carmel Tebbutt asked the Minister for Education—

In regard to the NSW Public School Upgrade Fund:

- (1) Which schools in the Marrickville electorate applied for the funding in:
  - (a) 2011;
  - (b) 2012;
  - (c) 2013?
- (2) Which schools in the Marrickville electorate were approved for funding in:
  - (a) 2011;
  - (b) 2012;
  - (c) 2013?
- (3) What works were approved for funding and how much funding was granted at each successful school in the Marrickville electorate in:
  - (a) 2011;
  - (b) 2012;
  - (c) 2013?

Answer—

- (1) (a) Round 1 (2011)
  - Camdenville Public School.
  - Darlington Public School.
  - Newtown North Public School.
  - Fort Street High School.
  - Marrickville High School.
- (b) Round 2 (2012)
  - Camdenville Public School.
  - Newtown North Public School.
  - Petersham Public School.
  - Australia Street Infants School.
  - Bridge Road School.
  - Newtown Public School.
  - Stanmore Public School.
  - Dulwich High School of Visual Arts and Design.
- (c) Round 3 (2013)
  - Camdenville Public School.
  - Newtown North Public School.
  - Marrickville West Public School.
  - Marrickville Public School.

Lewisham Public School.  
Petersham Public School.  
Bridge Road School.  
Newtown Public School.  
Stanmore Public School.  
Fort Street High School.  
Marrickville High School.  
Dulwich High School of Visual Arts and Design.

(2) (a) Round 1 (2011)

No schools in the electorate of Marrickville received funding from the Public School Upgrade Program for Round 1.

(b) Round 2 (2012)

Newtown North Public School.

Petersham Public School.

Bridge Road School.

(c) Round 3 (2013)

Details of successful projects were announced as part of the 2013-2014 Budget.

(3) (a) Round 1 (2011)

No schools in the electorate of Marrickville received funding from the Public School Upgrade Program for Round 1.

(b) Round 2 (2012)

Newtown North Public School - internal and external painting \$30,000.

Petersham Public School - internal and external painting \$35,000.

Bridge Road School - internal and external painting \$26,000.

(c) Round 3 (2013)

Details of successful projects were announced as part of the 2013-2014 Budget.

\*4038 NUMBER OF APPRENTICES IN NSW GOVERNMENT—Ms Carmel Tebbutt asked the Minister for Education—

(1) How many apprentices were employed by the Government as at:

(a) 1 March 2011;

(b) 1 March 2012;

(c) 1 March 2013?

Answer—

The NSW Government employed the following number of apprentices as at:

(a) 1 March 2011 - 1,843;

(b) 1 March 2012 - 1,853;

(c) 1 March 2013 - 1,545.

Apprentice numbers decreased as at March 2013 in part due to a 45 per cent increase in apprentice completion in 2012.

\*4039 SECURITY FENCE AT BANKSTOWN SOUTH INFANTS SCHOOL—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Education—

(1) Given the recent security incident at Haberfield Public School, will the Minister immediately install a security fence at Bankstown South Infants School?

(2) If not, why not?

Answer—

(1) No.

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- (2) Risk assessments completed by the Department of Education and Communities' Safety and Security Directorate indicate that not every school needs security fencing and that alternative strategies can be used to mitigate risks and address a range of safety and security issues that may arise.

The provision of security fencing at Bankstown South Infants School has been nominated for inclusion in a future capital works program.

- \*4040 NUMBER OF PATIENTS AT BANKSTOWN-LIDCOMBE HOSPITAL—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

How many patients were officially treated at Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital over the:

- (a) last 12 months;
- (b) last 2 years?

Answer—

Information on patient admissions for Bankstown-Lidcombe is publically available on the MyHospitals website at <http://www.myhospitals.gov.au/hospital/bankstown-lidcombe-hospital/admissions>.

- \*4041 BANKSTOWN-LIDCOMBE HOSPITAL BUDGET—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) Will the \$1.49 million cut to Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital's budget result in any job losses at the hospital?
- (2) Will services currently available at Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital be impacted as a result of these cuts?

Answer—

(1) and (2) Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital is administered by the South Western Sydney Local Health District (LHD). Budgets are allocated by the Ministry of Health to LHDs on a whole of LHD basis for all facilities under their control. Decisions regarding facility budgets are made at the local level allowing resources to be allocated where they are most needed.

- \*4042 REGIONAL RELOCATION GRANT—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

Since the Regional Relocation Grant was established, how many people have taken up the grant from:

- (a) Metropolitan Sydney;
- (b) Newcastle;
- (c) Wollongong;
- (d) The Electorate of Bankstown?

Answer—

This question would be more appropriately directed to Minister for Finance and Services.

- \*4043 FAIR TRADING EXPERTS AT SERVICENSW—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Fair Trading—

- (1) Will NSW consumers be guaranteed that every ServiceNSW location will have on-site access to an expert Fair Trading employee?
- (2) If not, why not?

Answer—

Service NSW is currently undertaking recruitment following the development and implementation of a recruitment strategy and has already recruited staff from Fair Trading to serve in its service centres.

Fair Trading will continue to provide dispute resolution services and community education programs, and to enforce compliance, from regional locations. Customers will be able to access Fair Trading services online via Fair Trading's website ([www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au](http://www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au)) and by telephone on 13 32 20.

- \*4044 CHILDREN AND WINDOW SAFETY—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Fair Trading—

Given that comments and feedback for the Children and Window Safety Report consultation closed on 24 April 2013:

- (1) When will the submissions/comments be made available to the public?
- (2) When will the amendments to the Strata Schemes Management Act 1996 and Residential Tenancies Regulation 2010 relating to children and window safety be introduced into Parliament?

Answer—

- (1) The submissions and comments will be published on the Fair Trading website shortly.
- (2) Following the drafting of a Bill to enable implementation of the window safety measures in residential strata schemes, it is my intention to introduce the Bill into Parliament at the earliest opportunity.

Amendments to the Residential Tenancies Regulation 2010 will be submitted for the approval of the Executive Council as soon as possible. The amending Regulation will provide for sufficient lead time to allow property agents' existing stock of rental premises condition reports to be exhausted.

\*4045 REDUCTION ON BANKSTOWN TRAIN LINE—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport—

Given the impending release of the draft CityRail train timetable, will there be a reduction in train services along the Bankstown train line, specifically at:

- (a) Bankstown Train Station;
- (b) Yagoona Train Station;
- (c) Punchbowl Train Station?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Government is introducing a new rail timetable. We have always said the timetable will deliver more services and once it is finalised the Government will be able to advise customers with details.

Customers will benefit from extra express services across the network as well as changes to stopping patterns that will reduce crowding on many services and provide consistent service times.

The timetable is still a draft version and there is a lot more work to be done before it is finalised.

\*4048 HUNTER LINE TRAIN SERVICE—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Transport—

How many times have the trains on the Hunter line been recorded as being late to their final destination during the:

- (a) 2010-2011 financial year;
- (b) 2011-2012 financial year;
- (c) 2012-2013 financial year;
- (d) 2013 year to date?

Answer—

I am advised:

On time running information is available on the CityRail website.

\*4049 CESSNOCK EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT UPGRADE—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

With regard to the Cessnock Emergency Department upgrade:

- (1) Has the tender for the upgrade been called for?
  - (a) If so, when was it called?
  - (b) If not, when will it be called?
- (2) What will be the time frame for the successful tender being awarded?
- (3) If the tender process has not yet been started, why was the decision taken to move the Emergency Department prior to this happening?
- (4) What percentage of the total funds has been spent on the relocation to the temporary location?

Answer—

- (1) to (4) The tender will be called in July 2013, following completion of structural investigations within the vacated Emergency Department of Cessnock Hospital.

There will then be a four week tender period, followed by a review of applications.

The temporary relocation of the Emergency Department has been necessary for the commencement of the early works, including asbestos removal and structural investigations. Electrical and mechanical upgrades are also being undertaken as separate works. The cost of the relocation is part of the overall cost of the Emergency Department upgrade.

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\*4050 CESSNOCK EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT UPGRADE FUNDING—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

With regard to the Cessnock Emergency Department upgrade scheduled to begin in the second half of 2013:

- (1) Is \$2 million being spent on the upgrade?
- (2) What new Capital Works was the \$500,000 spent on in 2011-2012 financial year? (LA Question 0750)

Answer—

- (1) Yes.
- (2) The additional \$500,000 was spent on the purchase of 95 new electric beds, replacing all ward beds across both Cessnock and Kurri Kurri Hospitals, together with some additional trolleys for their emergency departments and day-stay surgical units. This is not part of the Emergency Department upgrade project.

The beds were purchased and arrived in May 2012 and have improved comfort and safety for patients and reduced risks associated with manual handling for staff.

\*4051 STAFFED BED NUMBERS AT CESSNOCK HOSPITAL—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

With regard to the staffed bed numbers at Cessnock hospital:

- (1) What number of beds were available for use or being used as at 20 May 2012 in the:
  - (a) Emergency Department;
  - (b) Special Care Unit;
  - (c) Day Surgery;
  - (d) General Ward;
  - (e) Transitional Ward?
- (2) What number of beds were available for use or being used as at 20 May 2013 in the:
  - (a) Emergency Department;
  - (b) Special Care Unit;
  - (c) Day Surgery;
  - (d) General Ward;
  - (e) Transitional Ward?

Answer—

- (1) and (2) I refer the Member to the response provided to LA Question 3582.

\*4052 SUB ACUTE BEDS AT KURRI KURRI HOSPITAL—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

With regard to the new sub-acute beds at Kurri Kurri hospital:

- (1) Has this work been completed?
- (2) If so, on what date?
- (3) How many beds were opened?
- (4) What was the final cost?
- (5) How much of this cost was:
  - (a) NSW Government funded;
  - (b) Commonwealth funded?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) to (5) The new Sub-Acute Unit at Kurri Kurri Hospital will provide 14 beds and is expected to be operational by September 2013. The sub acute service has commenced in an interim location until the capital works are completed.

The final cost will be \$6 million, which has been fully funded by the COAG National Partnership Agreement for Improving Public Hospital Services, New Sub-acute Beds Guarantee.

\*4053 ALLOCATION OF COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL HOUSING—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

With regard to the waiting time for allocation of community and social housing in NSW by Housing NSW and Compass Housing:

- (1) What is the current maximum waiting time frame for allocation as at 17 May 2013 for:
  - (a) priority housing;
  - (b) wait turn housing?
- (2) What is the current average waiting time frame for allocation as at 17 May 2013 for:
  - (a) priority housing;
  - (b) wait turn housing?

Answer—

Details about the NSW Housing Register are available on the Department of Family and Community Services website.

\*4054 BERESFIELD POLICE STATION—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

With regard to the Beresfield Police Station:

- (1) Is Beresfield Police Station only open on a Monday of each week?
- (2) When open, are the opening hours 9am to 3pm?
- (3) When open, are the police officers only available to record information provided by the public and not attend call-outs?
- (4) Is Beresfield Police Station opened and manned on a public holiday that falls on Monday?

Answer—

I refer the Member to my response to his previous LA Question 3671 on the same subject. The Central Hunter Local Area Command provides a 24 hour mobile policing response to those areas within the Command, including Beresfield.

\*4055 NEWCASTLE CBD TRAFFIC DATA—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

With regard to the traffic count undertaken for Maitland Road in 2011 for peak hour traffic feeding in to Newcastle in the morning and out of Newcastle in the afternoon (LA Question 3589):

- (1) Was the data collected on a single day or an average over a longer period?
- (2) If the data was collected on a single day, what day/date was it collected?
- (3) Does the data identify known days of the week that have higher traffic volumes?
- (4) Will a new set of data soon be collected to replace the current data which is two years old?
  - (a) If so, when?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) and (2) Data was collected over a week between 19 and 26 March 2011. The figures presented in LA 3589 relate to data collected on Wednesday 23 March 2011.

(3) The traffic volumes for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday were very similar, and higher than the other days of the week.

(4) Roads and Maritime Services is organising further traffic counts to be undertaken before and after the opening of the Hunter Expressway later this year.

\*4056 DRAINAGE WORKS ADJACENT TO JOHN RENSHAW DRIVE—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

With regard to the drainage works currently being undertaken adjacent to the John Renshaw Drive (Main Road 588) between Black Hill and Buttai:

- (1) What is the nature of these works?
- (2) What was the presenting problem that has been addressed by these works?
- (3) What is the cost of these works?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) The rebuilding of two kilometres of John Renshaw Drive near Buttai, includes shoulder widening,

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- drainage adjustments, safety barrier upgrades and overlaying the road.
- (2) The work on John Renshaw Drive will address the condition of the road and provide a smoother, wider surface for motorists with improved roadside protection. When completed, the work will improve safety and reduce ongoing maintenance costs.
  - (3) The NSW Government is providing more than \$4 million for the work.

\*4057 PACIFIC HIGHWAY UPGRADE—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

In regard to the Pacific Highway upgrade at Narara to Lisarow:

- (1) Which of the options put forward was:
  - (a) the least likely to have significant impacts on the local environment;
  - (b) the option preferred by the local community;
  - (c) most preferred by Gosford City Council?
- (2) When will the residents affected by the RED route option be relocated?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) (a) The pink option utilising the Pacific Highway corridor had a lower impact on the endangered ecological communities than the other options.
  - (b) By a small margin, the local community indicated a slight preference for the red option utilising the Narara Valley corridor, followed by the pink option utilising the Pacific Highway corridor. However, the red option had a greater social impact on communities and the Narara Valley corridor was more flood-prone than the Pacific Highway corridor.
  - (c) Gosford City Council initially indicated a preference for the red option as the Council assumed that it would improve flood access for the Narara Valley community. However, additional investigations revealed that the red option utilising the flood-prone Narara Valley corridor would not provide flood free access for the local road network, and would itself be subject to significant flooding risk that would be difficult to mitigate.
- (2) Following numerous investigations and detailed studies, together with community input, a value management workshop, and a technical workshop, the pink option utilising the Pacific Highway corridor was determined to be the best performing route option, as indicated in the February 2013 Community Update. The red option was not adopted.

\*4058 ROADS AND MARITIME SERVICES COMPLIANCE WITH GIPA—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

With regard to compliance with the requirements under the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 (GIPA) by the Roads and Maritime Services (RMS):

- (1) What assessment has the Government made on compliance with the requirements of Division 5 of GIPA by the RMS?
- (2) To what extent has information required under Division 5 for class 1 and class 2 contracts been provided and exclusions been used appropriately?
- (3) How many class 3 contracts since 1 April 2011 have not been published in full?
  - (a) What were the reasons for not publishing the contracts?
  - (b) What assessment has been made of their appropriate use by RMS?
- (4) How many annual reports has the Government received from RMS under Section 125 of GIPA, which requires all agencies to report to their Minister on compliance with obligations under the Act?
- (5) To what extent was compliance with Division 5 of GIPA reported on in the Section 125 annual reports?
- (6) What recommendations will the Minister make for improvement?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Roads and Maritime Services complies with the requirements of the GIPA Act by publishing the required details both on the government tenders website and also on its own. As there are new disclosable contracts being entered into every week, Roads and Maritime Services is constantly updating its information. In accordance with GIPA legislation Roads and Maritime Services also provides details of government contracts when requested to do so.

- (2) With the disclosure obligations commencing with contracts at a value of \$150,000, the obligation to ensure that all details are accurate, up-to-date and relevant is a resource intensive task, and necessarily the task of many staff. The GIPA Act does permit information to be withheld in very limited circumstances; these are generally referred to as public interest reasons against disclosure. Specifically, discussions to withhold information based on commercial-in-confidence provisions of government contracts are not common. Roads and Maritime Services makes every effort to ensure that all relevant details are disclosed about all relevant contracts.
- (3) Class 3 contracts are those which meet particular requirements (ie those of class 2 contracts) and have a value of over \$5,000,000. In addition to these contracts being disclosed centrally, on the government website or Roads and Maritime Services website, Roads and Maritime Services frequently establishes individual project webpages which provide a lot of detail of these projects including the information which is required under the GIPA Act.
- (4) Roads and Maritime Services, and its predecessor agencies, has complied with section 125 of the GIPA Act in its Annual Report and has done so in the required time-frames.
- (5) For the 2011–2012 financial year, Roads and Maritime Services recorded the information as required by section 125 of the GIPA Act on page 108 of its Annual Report.
- (6) Roads and Maritime Services is committed to developing and improving systems to ensure the information is relevant, up-to-date and accurate.

\*4059 SAFE OVERTAKING OF BICYCLE RIDERS—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

With regard to the number of bicycle riders who have been killed or seriously injured when motorists overtook them dangerously:

- (1) What assessment has the Government made of deaths and injuries in these circumstances?
- (2) Is the Government aware of the Amy Gillett Foundation's campaign "A Metre Matters" encouraging motorists to ensure safe overtaking?
- (3) What action has been taken to support this education campaign?
- (4) What assessment has the Government made of the effectiveness of Australian Road Rule 144 which requires motorists to pass other vehicles at a sufficient distance to avoid a collision with the vehicle or obstructing the path of the vehicle and to avoid collision when returning to their original lane?
- (5) What education or other programs has the Government carried out to address this concern?
- (6) What further plans does the Government have to prevent death and serious injury to cyclists in these circumstances?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Centre for Road Safety figures between 2006 and 2010 show 26 per cent of all fatal crashes are related to poor road user interaction, although these figures are not restricted to bicycle riders. During 2012 seven bicycle riders were killed on NSW roads.
- (2) Yes.
- (3) Transport for NSW supports the Amy Gillett Foundation's campaign of A Metre Matters campaign and is partnering with the Foundation to increase awareness within NSW for safer interaction between bicycle riders and other road users. The Amy Gillett Foundation is also represented on the NSW Road Safety Advisory Council.
- (4) While the Road Rules do not specify a minimum distance, drivers are strongly encouraged to maintain at least a metre space where possible. Specific distances are not mandated in the NSW Road Rules due to practical enforcement difficulties for NSW Police. The proposal to amend the road rules to specify a metre clearance was discussed at the Australian Road Rules Maintenance Group meeting in 2010 and not supported due to the practical enforcement issues.
- (5) The current laws are communicated in the NSW Road Users' handbook and on the NSW Bicycleinfo website.
- (6) The Centre for Road Safety is developing a cycling safety strategy and action plan to further improve road safety for bicycle riders. Investments are also being made in infrastructure improvements across the NSW network to allow safer bicycle riding.

\*4060 SUNDAY STREETS PROGRAMS—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

With regard to the international movement Sunday Streets or Cyclovia, which opens up high street shopping areas for the community on Sundays:



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- (1) Is the Government aware that these programs have been operating since the 1970s and 100 cities now run Sunday Streets program?
- (2) What consideration has the Government given to supporting the Sunday Streets program in NSW?
- (3) What liaison has been undertaken with other Government agencies and Councils about Sunday Streets program?
- (4) What plans does the Government have to provide information and support for Sunday Streets program?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Yes.
- (2) The NSW Government is committed to exploring and, if appropriate, supporting cost-effective proposals to promote the use of local streets for walking and cycling. In NSW, temporary main street closures are normally local council initiatives.
- (3) The NSW Government liaises with councils regarding temporary street closure proposals through Roads & Maritime Services' membership of Local Traffic Committees, and can in this capacity ensure additional liaison between councils and other government departments as required.
- (4) The Government's annual NSW Bike Week program provides one opportunity for proponents, including local councils and community organisations, to arrange temporary street closures as part of an event to promote bicycle-riding. Community events, such as The Spring Cycle, which involve temporary road closures are conducted during NSW Bike Week. More information on NSW like Week 2013 is available from <http://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/cycling/bikeweek>.

\*4061 SMOKING BANS—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

Given that smoking bans within four metres of pedestrian entrances or exits of public buildings for licensed premises and restaurants has been delayed until 6 July 2015:

- (1) What education has been carried out with:
  - (a) licensed premises and restaurants;
  - (b) councils;
  - (c) other consent authorities?
- (2) What programs have been carried out to encourage early or staged introduction of these changes?
- (3) What other action has the Government considered to prevent impacts from second-hand smoke?
- (4) What further plans does the Government have to protect people from smoking impacts?

Answer—

I am advised that:

(1) During the development of the Tobacco Legislation Amendment Bill 2012 consultation was undertaken with key industry and local government stakeholders including the Australian Hotels Association, Clubs NSW and the Restaurant and Catering Association (as representatives of licensed premises and restaurants) and Local Councils through the Department of Local Government and the Local Government and Shires Association.

A series of fact sheets outlining changes to the legislation were developed in consultation with these stakeholders and were distributed to licensed premises and restaurants via their industry representatives. A mail out of these fact sheets to all Local Councils was also carried out.

(2) Local Councils, under the Local Government Act 1993, are able to put in place measures to create smoke-free outdoor areas within their jurisdiction. Many NSW councils have introduced such bans and where these bans are in place, they continue to be enforced by local council rangers.

(3) and (4) Government action on and future plans related to smoking and second-hand smoke are outlined in the NSW Tobacco Strategy 2012-2017 which includes measures to:

- Increase awareness amongst parents, particularly those from Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) communities, low socioeconomic groups and Aboriginal people, of the health risks to children of second-hand smoke and ban on smoking in cars with children;
- Develop and implement guidelines and other resources for workplaces and other settings wishing to go smoke-free;
- Support the implementation of smoke-free multi-unit residential dwellings by strata organisations through the promotion of guidelines;
- Develop and implement options for reducing smoking on NSW Health facilities; and

- Promote smoke-free policies in youth centres and tertiary education facilities, including TAFE, universities and private colleges.

These actions are in addition to broader measures outlined in the strategy to promote cessation and prevent the uptake of smoking through campaigns and resources such as the Quitline and the ICanQuit website.

\*4062 DRUG DETOXIFICATION AND TREATMENT SERVICES—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

With regard to drug treatment services in the Inner City:

- (1) What drug detoxification and treatment services does the Government provide or fund for the Sydney Electorate?
- (2) How many places or beds are available at these services?
- (3) What is the current occupancy rate for access to these services?
- (4) What options are available for ambulatory detoxification and outreach programs to homes or community service providers?
- (5) What data is collected about people turned away when there are no places available?
- (6) What proportion of people presenting for help at detoxification and treatment services are turned away because there are no places?
- (7) What is the trend in demand for drug detoxification and treatment services in the Inner City and across NSW?
- (8) What action has the Government taken since March 2011 to expand Inner City drug detoxification and treatment services?
- (9) What further action is planned to expand Inner City drug detoxification and treatment services?

Answer—

I am advised that:

(1) to (9) NSW Health does not fund services on the basis of electorate but rather through networked services through Local Health Districts (LHDs). In addition, services provided by non-government organisations are funded by either State or Commonwealth grants. Each LHD undertakes clinical services planning to ensure that service provision meets the needs of their local community.

A range of drug and alcohol services are available across inpatient and outpatient settings, including assessment, detoxification, counselling, court diversion, opioid treatment, specialist consultation and General Practitioner care.

No individuals are turned away from detoxification and/or treatment due to a lack of places.

A range of ambulatory detoxification services are available, allowing greater access for patients than residential treatment, and more efficient use of clinical resources, consistent with prevailing best practice evidence and national models of care for detoxification services.

The Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) produces the Alcohol and other drug treatment services in Australia: report on the National Minimum Data Set. This report presents national data about alcohol and other drug treatment agencies, their clients, drugs of concern and the type of treatment received. The National Minimum Data Set report for 2010-2011 indicates that over 20 per cent of people seeking drug and alcohol treatment in NSW access detoxification services. In 2010-2011 there were just over 7400 treatment episodes for people in NSW. This represents an increase from 2009-2010 where there was just less than 7000 detoxification treatment episodes recorded. The NSW data represents data submitted by 262 agencies. The AIHW report shows a breakdown of types of drug and alcohol treatment accessed across Australia. The most recent report can be found at this link: <http://www.aihw.gov.au/alcohol-and-other-drugs-publications/>.

To support access to detoxification and treatment services in the inner city this Government has supported a number of service enhancements including:

- Allocation of \$3.4 million in enhancement funding to support and enhance access to opioid treatment across NSW, including detoxification.
- A Pharmaceutical Opioid Clinic at the Langton Centre in Surry Hills. Starting in mid 2012, the Clinic assists individuals with problems arising from their use of prescription or over-the-counter opioid analgesic medications, the first structured service of its type in Australia.
- In Sydney LHD over the last four years, Hospital Drug and Alcohol Consultation and Liaison services have been expanded at both Concord and Royal Prince Alfred (RPA) hospitals with extended hours provided at RPA Hospital.

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- In early 2011, the Government committed \$10 million over four years for Drug and Alcohol Treatment Services to be provided through community based NGOs. The focus of the program is people wishing to stabilise on, exit or reduce off opioid treatment; individuals exiting custodial settings; and people with highly complex needs and high levels of social disadvantage. The funding boosts services already operating across NSW, including Sydney's inner city areas, including We Help Ourselves who provide Residential Rehabilitation, Outreach and Aftercare Programs.
- As part of the 2013-2014 Budget, the Government has allocated \$1.45 billion to mental health services.

\*4063 OCCUPY SYDNEY PROTEST—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

With regard to the arrests and charges against people in Martin Place as part of Occupy Sydney protests:

- (1) How many arrests were made during these protests?
- (2) What charges were laid against those arrested?
- (3) How many of these matters proceeded to court?
- (4) What occurred in the case of matters that did not proceed to court?
- (5) What was the outcome of these court hearings?
- (6) How many of those charged were convicted?
- (7) What fines or sentences were imposed on those referred to in question (6)?
- (8) What assessment has the Government made about the outcome of operations targeting Occupy Sydney?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force has advised me that a total of 54 arrests were made in relation to the Occupy Sydney protests, including 46 arrests resulting in charges plus eight other actions such as the issuing of infringement notices. A range of charges were laid including fail to comply with direction, assault police, resist police, offensive language, behave in offensive manner and enter enclosed lands. Court proceedings and outcomes are matters for the Attorney General.

While the Government respects the rights of groups to conduct peaceful assemblies, police have a duty to enforce the law, ensure public safety and manage the inconvenience to others caused by such protests.

\*4065 DEPARTMENT OF LANDS BUILDING—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

With regard to the Department of Lands building in Bridge Street Sydney, which is listed on the National Estate and the State Heritage Register:

- (1) Is this property included in the current review of Government-owned properties?
- (2) When will this review be completed?
- (3) How will the outcome of this review be made public?
- (4) What public consultation and debate about the sale of public assets will be carried out based on the review?
- (5) When does the Government intend to make decisions about the building's future?
  - (a) what heritage protections apply to this building;
  - (b) how will any sale or reuse ensure protection of this unique building?
- (6) What consideration has the Government given to use of this building as an annexe of the Art Gallery of NSW or for other cultural programs?
- (7) What protections has the Government considered to ensure public access to parts of the building if it is sold?
- (8) What other uses have been considered for this building?

Answer—

- (1) Yes.
- (2) The review is ongoing.
- (3) and (4) The principles of the property review are contained within the publicly available Property Asset Utilisation Taskforce report.
- (5) A decision will not be taken until the analysis and final recommendations have been completed on all properties subject to review. There are various current heritage and planning controls in place for this type of property.

(6) to (8) As the review is ongoing a recommendation regarding the future use of the Bridge Street property is yet to be finalised.

\*4066 GREYHOUND WELFARE—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Hospitality and Racing, and Minister for the Arts—

With regard to a number of initiatives currently underway or soon to be launched by Greyhound Racing industry to improve greyhound welfare:

- (1) What data does the Government collect on the number of greyhounds killed each year because they are considered unsuitable for racing?
- (2) What are the trends in number of greyhounds killed each year over the past two years?
- (3) What allegations of cruelty have been reported to Greyhound Racing NSW over the past two years?
- (4) What has been the response from Greyhound Racing NSW?
- (5) How many greyhounds have been adopted as pets under the Greyhounds as Pets program?
- (6) What action has been taken to promote improved breeding programs to reduce the number of greyhounds bred and killed?
- (7) What re-homing programs have been developed for retired greyhounds?
- (8) How many greyhounds have been re-homed?
- (9) What education programs have been developed to address these concerns?
- (10) How many industry participants have taken these education programs/courses?
- (11) What further plans does the Government have to reduce the significant number of greyhounds killed?

Answer—

- (1) The Government does not collect such data.
- (2) See (1) above. I do not have this information.
- (3) I am advised that Greyhound Racing NSW, which is the independent body responsible for the control and regulation of greyhound racing in this State, has responded to 22 reported allegations in relation to the welfare of greyhounds since August 2011. A further 14 welfare breaches of the Rules of Greyhound Racing were detected during routine kennel inspections and/or racing inquiries by Greyhound Racing NSW Stewards during the same period. There were no proven allegations in relation to violence or aggravated cruelty to greyhounds registered for the purposes of greyhound racing by persons licensed by Greyhound Racing NSW.
- (4) I am advised that Greyhound Racing NSW responds to every formal animal welfare allegation in relation to licensed persons or registered greyhounds by way of inspections, veterinary checks and where required joint investigation with the NSW RSPCA. Of the 36 investigations, 11 persons were either disqualified, warned off or were refused licensing by Greyhound Racing NSW.
- (5) I am advised that since 2009 there have been approximately 300 greyhounds progressed through the Greyhound Racing NSW greyhound adoption program known as Greyhounds As Pets.
- (6) I am advised that Greyhound Racing NSW encourages responsible breeding practices and over the past 18 months has been working with Agrifood Skills, Education NSW Hunter Institute, Richmond TAFE and Active Training in the development of training opportunities for the industry. In addition Greyhound Racing NSW's Greyhound Welfare and Veterinary Services Unit delivers regular seminars to participants to update their veterinary and welfare knowledge.
- (7) I am informed that there are numerous independent agencies involved in re-homing greyhounds. In 2009 Greyhound Racing NSW established its own re-homing program - Greyhounds as Pets (GAP), which includes a joint program with NSW Corrective Services Dillwynia women's prison involving the care and maintenance of retired greyhounds.
- (8) See (5) and (7) above.
- (9) See (6) above.
- (10) I am advised that the pilot TAFE training program mentioned at (6) above has 16 participants enrolled, ahead of a proposed wider rollout later this year.
- (11) The Government is supportive of Greyhound Racing NSW in its efforts to ensure that the animal welfare arrangements for the State's greyhound racing industry are best practice.

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\*4067 NUMBER OF GOLDEN STAPH INFECTIONS—Mr Richard Amery asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) How many cases of infections, known as Golden Staph have been detected in the Mount Druitt hospital in:
  - (a) 30 April 2010 to 30 April 2011;
  - (b) 30 April 2011 to 30 April 2012;
  - (c) 30 April 2012 to 30 April 2013?
- (2) How do these figures compare to the number of cases detected at the Blacktown hospital for the same period?
- (3) What are the reasons for the differences in these figures?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) to (3) NSW was the first state in Australia to mandate collection of infection rates and publish them and staff are encouraged to report each and every Staphylococcus aureus infection. Where any health services experience unusual rates of Staphylococcus aureus infection, the Clinical Excellence Commission (CEC) works with local staff to consider how to improve.

The NSW Ministry of Health and the CEC closely monitor infection data from Local Health Districts (LHDs) and all Local Health Districts are required to report on actions taken to reduce any high rates.

Data on Staphylococcus aureus infection by hospital are published on the My Hospitals website at: [www.myhospitals.gov.au/browse/nsw](http://www.myhospitals.gov.au/browse/nsw) Levels of infection rates may fluctuate over time at individual hospitals and it is important to take a longer term view when considering hospital performance.

NSW continues to progress five key strategies of the Healthcare Associated Infections Program:

- Improving Hand Hygiene compliance.
- Antimicrobial stewardship.
- Environmental cleaning programs.
- Adherence to Infection Control policy, and
- Healthcare associated infections surveillance.

\*4068 YARALLA ESTATE—Mrs Barbara Perry asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) What public consultation has NSW Health undertaken regarding new services and any changes to management of the Yaralla Estate?
- (2) In regard to current public access at Yaralla:
  - (a) What changes will new services such as the Mounted Police Unit and HIV dementia service make to current public access at Yaralla?
  - (b) Will the HIV dementia service be governed under the Mental Health Act which will require much higher restrictions to public access around Yaralla?

Answer—

I refer the Member to Question on Notice 4582 in the Legislative Council.

\*4069 FUNDING ALLOCATION—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) For each of the funding period as at 1 July 2010, 1 July 2011, 1 July 2012 and 1 February 2013: how much funding has been provided by your Department to:
  - (a) Victims of Crime Assistance League Inc. NSW
  - (b) Enough is Enough
  - (c) Support Group (Aust) Inc.
- (2) When will such funding cease?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) and (2) None of the organisations as named in the question received funding from NSW Health's Non-Government Organisation Grants Program during the periods in question or in preceding years to 2000.

\*4070 INQUIRY INTO TRACY BRANNIGAN'S DEATH—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

- (1) What inquiries followed the death of Tracy Brannigan on 25 February 2013 in her cell at Dillwynia Correctional Centre?
- (2) What procedural or operational changes in Corrective Services have occurred as a result of Tracy Brannigan's death?

Answer—

I am advised:

Pursuant to section 23 of the Coroners Act 2009, a coronial inquest must be held into the death of any individual which occurs within a correctional centre.

The Corrective Services NSW Investigation Branch (CSNSW IB) also conducts its own internal investigation into each death in custody.

Any recommendations arising from the coronial inquest and/or the CSNSW IB investigation will be considered and implemented by Corrective Services NSW, as appropriate.

As the death of Ms Brannigan is to be the subject of a coronial inquest, it is not appropriate to make any further comments at this time.

\*4071 RESPONSE TO DNA REVIEW PANEL RECOMMENDATIONS—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

What is the Minister's response to the recommendation made by the DNA Review Panel in their Annual report 2010-2011?

Answer—

I am advised:

The recommendations made by the DNA Review Panel in its 2010-2011 Annual Report are being considered by my Department as part of the statutory review of Division 6 of Part 7 of the Crimes (Appeal and Review) Act 2001. A response to the recommendations will be incorporated into the statutory review report.

\*4072 FUNDING ALLOCATION—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

- (1) For each of the funding period as at 1 July 2010, 1 July 2011, 1 July 2012 and 1 February 2013: how much funding has been provided by your Department to:
  - (a) Victims of Crime Assistance League Inc. NSW
  - (b) Enough is Enough
  - (c) Support Group (Aust) Inc.
- (2) When will such funding cease?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The relevant funding provided by the Department of Attorney General and Justice over the requested periods is as follows:
  - (a) Victims of Crime Assistance League Inc. NSW: \$1,229,934.83.
  - (b) Enough is Enough: \$353,288.16.

This does not include 1 February 2013 as there are no relevant funding figures as at that date.

- (2) The funding for VOCAL for the 2013-2014 financial year has not yet been determined. The new Victim Support Scheme commenced 3 June 2013. Under this scheme, each victim who contacts the Victim Assistance Line is provided with a Support Coordinator who undertakes a comprehensive needs assessment and ensures that the person is provided with relevant information and referral advice. Victims of violent crime are also referred to counselling and financial support is provided where the victim is eligible.

\*4073 MATTERS RAISED BY ROBERT LIPARI—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

- (1) On what basis did the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) determine not to proceed against Br Anthony Whelan in relation to the matters raised by Robert Lipari?
- (2) Is any alteration of DPP policies or guidelines required in light of the decision on this matter?

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Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) In relation to the matters raised by Mr. Robert Lipari, the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) determined that there was no prima facie case for an offence of misprision of felony, as the evidence did not establish that a felony, as distinct from a misdemeanour, had been reported. This determination was made in accordance with Guideline 4 of the DPP Guidelines.
- (2) No.

\*4074 CORRECTIVE SERVICES VAN—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

- (1) When was the Corrective Services van that overturned on 20 May 2013 near the Lithgow Correctional Centre purchased?
- (2) When did the van enter service?
- (3) What was the cause of the overturning of the van referred to in question (1)?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The vehicle was purchased on 4 May 2011.
- (2) The vehicle was approved for operational use in June 2011.
- (3) The cause of the accident is the subject of an internal investigation by Corrective Service NSW, as well as an investigation by the NSW Police Force.

\*4075 DNA REVIEW PANEL ANNUAL REPORT—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

When will the DNA Review Panel Annual Report for 2011-2012 be produced?

Answer—

I am advised:

The DNA Review Panel's Annual Report for 2011-2012 was tabled in Parliament on 20 June 2013.

\*4076 NUMBER OF INTENSIVE CORRECTION ORDERS—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

How many persons were subject to Intensive Correction Orders as at:

- (a) 1 July 2012;
- (b) 1 January 2013;
- (c) 1 May 2013?

Answer—

I am advised that the number of persons subject to Intensive Correction Orders at the following dates is:

- (a) 1 July 2012 - 886;
- (b) 1 January 2013 - 983;
- (c) 1 May 2013 - 924.

\*4077 DNA REVIEW PANEL RECOMMENDATIONS—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

What recommendations have been made to the Minister by the DNA Review Panel since 27 March 2011?

Answer—

I am advised:

The DNA Review Panel has made two recommendations since 27 March 2011. These are published on page 33 of the Panel's 2010-2011 Annual Report. The two recommendations are reflected in the Panel's 2011-2012 Annual Report.

\*4078 NUMBER OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE COMPENSATION CLAIMS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

- (1) How many criminal compensation claims for child sexual abuse offences have been lodged, over the past two years for persons in the following postcodes:
  - (a) 2287;

- (b) 2305;
- (c) 2285;
- (d) 2307;
- (e) 2299;
- (f) 2284?

(2) How many of these claims relate to offences that will be affected by the proposed ten year limit on the payment for claims to these victims?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) The numbers of claims lodged in relation to child sexual abuse by people residing in the specified postcodes are detailed in the following table:

	2010-2011	2011-2012
a. Postcode 2287	22	0
b. Postcode 2305	2	1
c. Postcode 2285	4	6
d. Postcode 2307	1	0
e. Postcode 2299	3	1
f. Postcode 2284	5	4

(2) Under the Victims Rights and Support Act 2013 that was assented to on 3 June 2013, victims of child sexual abuse are able to make an application for victim support at any time, no matter how long ago the abuse took place. They are eligible for counselling (initial approval of 22 hours with the Commissioner's discretion to extend), a recognition payment of up to \$10,000, as well as financial assistance for out of pocket expenses and justice related expenses of up to \$10,000.

\*4079 ENERGY SUPPLEMENT PAYMENT—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

Why does the Government include the clean energy supplement payment as part of public housing rent calculations when this supplement was intended to compensate pensioners and low-income support recipients for carbon tax costs?

Answer—

The treatment of the carbon tax supplement in social housing rents is consistent with longstanding policy, including that of previous Governments, of including general income support as assessable income in calculating a household's rental subsidy.

Most social housing tenants will continue to have their rents heavily subsidised by NSW taxpayers and will continue to pay only 25 per cent of their household income on rent.

\*4080 DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING PRIORITY LIST—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

- (1) How many people are on the Department of Housing's High Priority List for public housing in the Hunter Region?
- (2) How many of these people have been on the High Priority List for more than a year?
- (3) How many public housing properties in the Hunter Region have modifications for people with mobility problems?
- (4) How many people are registered as waiting for public housing and requiring housing with special modifications?

Answer—

(1) and (2) Details about the NSW Housing Register are available on the Department of Family and Community Services website. In both instances, there are fewer applicants on the waiting list now than in June 2011, shortly after the Liberals & Nationals came to Government.

(3) This question should be referred to the Minister for Finance and Services.

(4) Details about the NSW Housing Register are available on the Department of Family and Community Services website.

\*4081 PARTICLE POLLUTION IN HUNTER REGION COAL CORRIDOR—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—



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What is the Government doing to effectively monitor, regulate and reduce particle pollution in communities living near the Hunter Region coal corridor?

Answer—

I am pleased to advise that the Government is undertaking a range of measures to reduce dust in the Hunter Region. These measures are summarised in the Upper Hunter Air Particles Action Plan, which was launched earlier this year.

In addition, the Office of Environment and Heritage and the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) operate a comprehensive network of air monitors in the Newcastle and Upper Hunter areas. The data from these monitors is publicly available.

The EPA has also required the Australian Rail Track Corporation to undertake two studies of dust from the trains on the rail corridor. Both studies demonstrated that coal trains did not contribute higher levels of dust than other trains. The most recent study will be independently reviewed by Dr Luke Knibbs from the University of Queensland.

The Newcastle Community Consultative Committee on the Environment continues to advise the EPA on air quality issues and other important environmental issues in the area. The Committee is providing advice on the establishment of the proposed Lower Hunter environmental monitoring network.

\*4082 ZONING AREAS FOR NSW POLICE—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) Does the NSW Police Force have specific zoning areas, and therefore limitations on the distance travelled for a Local Area Command (LAC) to respond?
- (2) Do the Newcastle City LAC and the Lake Macquarie LAC have specific distances of coverage?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force has advised me:

- (1) All Local Area Commands (LACs) have set boundaries. However, police do respond to calls for assistance from outside these boundaries when and if required.
- (2) The Newcastle City LAC covers 173 square kilometres. The Lake Macquarie LAC covers 648.1 square kilometres.

\*4083 PUBLIC HOUSING IN HUNTER REGION—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

- (1) Does the Government plan to invest in new public housing stock in the Hunter Region in 2013?
- (2) If so:
  - (a) when;
  - (b) how many dwellings; and
  - (c) where?
- (3) If not, how does the Government plan to relieve mounting pressure on public housing demand in the Hunter Region?

Answer—

- (1) to (3) 73 new dwellings have been completed during the 2012-2013 financial year in the suburbs of Mayfield, Speers Point, Cameron Park, Teralba and Georgetown.

\*4084 GLENDALE ROAD/RAIL INTERCHANGE—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW, Leader of the House—

Why did the Government omit the 'rail interchange' component of the Glendale Road/Rail Interchange in the 'Lower Hunter over the next 20 years: A Discussion Paper'?

Answer—

The Lower Hunter Discussion Paper notes that a transport interchange is planned for Glendale.

\*4085 MINMI ROAD—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW, Leader of the House—

Will the Minister include the issue of the protection of 505 Minmi Road, Minmi - the last remaining biodiversity connection between Blue Gum Hills Regional Park and the Lower Hunter Green Corridor - in the review of the Lower Hunter Regional Strategy?

Answer—

I am advised there is a planning proposal currently underway for the site at 505 Minmi Road, Fletcher and issues regarding the appropriate balance between conservation and development for this site will be considered.

While public exhibition of the Lower Hunter Discussion Paper closed on 31 May 2013, the Department of Planning & Infrastructure is continuing to accept submissions and consultation will be ongoing as a new Regional Growth Plan is prepared.

\*4086 SUBMISSIONS TO DISCUSSION PAPER—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW, Leader of the House—

- (1) Will the Government extend the deadline for submissions on "The Lower Hunter over the next 20 years: A Discussion Paper" to allow the community to consider this paper in line with the Planning White Paper currently out for comment?
- (2) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised that the formal consultation period for the "The Lower Hunter over the next 20 Years: A Discussion Paper" was exhibited for 12 weeks from 8 March through to 31 May 2013.

The Government will continue to engage with the Lower Hunter community by releasing a draft Regional Growth Plan for community comment before finalising the plan.

\*4087 REPORT ON STAFF DEPARTURE—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) Was a report on the reasons for staff departures from Armidale hospital done by Dr Ian Rewell in 2013?
- (2) Has this report been received by the ministry?
- (3) When will this report be made publically available?

Answer—

Hunter New England Local Health District commissioned a review by Dr Ian Rewell to look at the recruitment and retention of the medical workforce at Armidale Hospital.

This review was commissioned as an internal planning tool for the Local Health District. The Local Health District will discuss the findings with key stakeholders.

\*4088 NUMBER OF REGISTERED NURSES—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

With regard to Muswellbrook Hospital:

- (1) How many registered nurses are rostered on for the day, evening and night shifts in:
  - (a) the emergency department;
  - (b) special care units?
- (2) When were these nursing staff arrangements last reviewed?
- (3) When will the staffing arrangements be next reviewed?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) to (3) Following consultation with the NSW Nurses and Midwives' Association, Muswellbrook Hospital will soon be trialling altered nursing arrangements for the Emergency Department and Special Care Unit. These arrangements will subsequently be reviewed to ensure appropriate service is being provided.

The NSW Government has made a record investment in nurses since it came to office in 2011. Over 4,000 additional nurses (headcount) are now employed across metropolitan, regional and rural NSW. Around half of this increase is in rural and regional NSW.

\*4089 AUSTRALIAN VACCINATION NETWORK—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Hospitality and Racing, and Minister for the Arts—

With regard to the fact that the then Minister revoked the fundraising authority of Australian Vaccination Network (AVN) in 2010:

What are the reasons for reinstating the AVN's fundraising authority?

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Answer—

Please refer to my answer to Question 1999 put by the Member for Macquarie Fields on 1 May 2012 and answered on 5 June 2012 and printed in Questions and Answers Paper no 96.

\*4090 CRIMINAL INCIDENTS RECORDED BY NSW POLICE FORCE—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

With regard to the number of criminal incidents recorded by the NSW Police Force per 100,000 population by year and offence type (Table A2) on the NSW police website:

- (1) Why does the table only have statistics for 1990 to 2009?
- (2) When will the table be updated to have statistics for 2010, 2011 and 2012?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force has advised me that its website currently features crime statistics up to and including 2012. However, official crime statistics and criminal court statistics are reported by the Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (BOCSAR). I would encourage the Member and others to refer to the BOCSAR website, a link to which is included on the police website, for the latest and most detailed information about crime statistics.

\*4091 SHELLHARBOUR ELECTORATE FIRE STATIONS—Ms Anna Watson asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) How many incidents were responded to by fire stations in the Shellharbour electorate during the period 1 June 2011 to 27 May 2013?
- (2) What is the total number of staff at each of the fire stations in the Shellharbour electorate?
- (3) For each fire station in the Shellharbour electorate, how many times and for how long were the fire stations closed due to rostered staff not being replaced during:
  - (a) 1 June 2011 to 30 June 2012;
  - (b) 1 July 2012 to 27 May 2013?

Answer—

Fire and Rescue NSW has advised me:

- (1) 4180.
- (2) Albion Park Rail is staffed by 14 retained firefighters; Dapto is staffed by 16 permanent firefighters and 2 retained firefighters; and Shellharbour is staffed by 36 permanent firefighters and 16 retained firefighters.
- (3) Nil.

\*4092 SECURITY FENCING FOR SCHOOLS IN SHELLHARBOUR—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) Which schools in the Shellharbour electorate do not currently have any security fencing?
- (2) Of the schools with partial security fencing in the Shellharbour electorate, can these schools be considered for full perimeter security fencing?
- (3) Under which program is such funding available?

Answer—

- (1) to (3) Public schools can apply for funding for a security fence under the Capital Works Program, Public School Upgrade Program and the Joint Funding Program. Principals are provided with information on the application process via SchoolBiz, the Department's primary channel for business communication. Schools can also contact their regional Asset Management Unit for information on how to apply for funding from these programs.

Information on which schools had security fencing installed prior to 30 June 2012 and when it was installed is publicly available on the Department of Education and Communities internet site.

\*4093 ILLAWARRA REGIONAL EDUCATION OFFICE—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) Has a decision been made on the future of the Illawarra Regional Education Office?
- (2) Will the office remain located at Warilla?
- (3) If not, why not?

Answer—

- (1) to (3) The locations for senior officers and educational services in the new model of support to schools to replace regions will be finalised by the end of this year.

\*4094 VISIT TO SHELLHARBOUR ELECTORATE—Ms Anna Watson asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

- (1) Since 21 December 2012 has the Minister visited the Shellharbour electorate?  
(2) If so, on what dates were your visits and what was the purpose of each visit?

Answer—

The NSW Government defines the Illawarra as the local government areas of: Wingecarribee, Wollongong, Shellharbour, Kiama and the Shoalhaven.

The Minister has had regular engagements with stakeholders from business, government, education, community services as well as individuals and families in the Illawarra in his capacity as Minister for the Illawarra.

\*4095 PET SCANNER—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) When will the Positron emission tomography (PET) scanner be installed at Wollongong Hospital?  
(2) What are the reasons for the delay in installing the PET scanner?

Answer—

- (1) It is estimated that the PET scanner will be installed approximately six months after a successful tenderer is approved.  
(2) The NSW Department of Finance and Services requires that a comprehensive financial assessment of the recommended tenderer is conducted. The Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District is presently awaiting the tender panel's final assessment report. The District will make a decision to award the tender based on the report's recommendations.

The process also includes preparing legal documentation and contracts to a successful tenderer. Once this is finalised the PET scanner can be ordered. Invariably, supply is from outside Australia and lead time for delivery will take some months.

The successful tenderer will also need to undertake building works and fit-out within the designated area at Wollongong Hospital.

\*4096 PAYROLL TAX REBATE—Ms Anna Watson asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

- (1) As of 24 May 2013, how many businesses are eligible for the payroll tax rebate under the Jobs Action Plan in the:  
(a) Shellharbour electorate;  
(b) Wollongong electorate;  
(c) Keira electorate;  
(d) Kiama electorate;  
(e) South Coast electorate;  
(f) Goulburn electorate?
- (2) As of 24 May 2013, how many businesses received the payroll tax rebate under the Jobs Action Plan in the:  
(a) Shellharbour electorate;  
(b) Wollongong electorate;  
(c) Keira electorate;  
(d) Kiama electorate;  
(e) South Coast electorate;  
(f) Goulburn electorate?

Answer—

- (1) All businesses liable for payroll tax in NSW may be eligible for the Jobs Action Plan rebate.  
(2) As of 24 May 2013, 216 businesses in the electorates of Shellharbour, Wollongong, Keira, Kiama, South Coast and Goulburn have registered for the Jobs Action Plan payroll tax rebate.

\*4098 REFUNDS FOR FAULTY CAMERAS—Mr Ryan Park asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

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- (1) How many speed cameras, mobile speed cameras, red light cameras and point to point cameras were found to be faulty since April 2011?
- (2) How many motorists have had infringement notices refunded as a result of these faults since April 2011?
- (3) For each of the sites, what is the total number of infringement notices issued that were refunded due to faulty readings?
- (4) What is the process that motorists are required to go through to receive these refunds?
- (5) Do the motorists have to initiate the process of receiving refunds?

Answer—

- (1) to (5) Speed cameras, mobile speed cameras, red light cameras and point to point cameras are the responsibility of the Minister for Roads and Ports.

The Office of State Revenue (OSR) processes penalty notices issued in relation to camera-detected offences on behalf of Roads and Maritime Services (RMS).

Occasionally, RMS will request OSR not to proceed with penalties issued in relation to a particular camera. However, OSR is unable to confirm whether these requests relate to faulty cameras.

When OSR receives such requests, it takes immediate steps to contact affected motorists to advise the penalty is no longer payable. Where the fine has already been paid, OSR will automatically refund the payment and advise the client in writing. This is generally sent within 14 days of the withdrawal of the penalty.

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\*4099 **MOTORING OFFENCES DETECTED BY POLICE**—Mr Ryan Park asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

In the current financial year:

- (1) How many motorists have been caught by police exceeding the speed limit by more than 45 kilometres per hour?
- (2) How many motorists referred to in question (1) had their licences confiscated immediately?
- (3) How many motorists have been caught committing a street racing offence?
- (4) How many motorists referred to in question (3) had their licences confiscated immediately?
- (5) How many motorists have been caught by police doing an aggravated burnout?
- (6) How many motorists referred to in question (5) had their licences confiscated immediately?
- (7) How many cars have been confiscated and forfeited to the Crown?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force has advised me:

- (1) 2,520.
- (2) This data is not readily available from police information systems and its extraction would represent an unreasonable diversion of resources from frontline policing.
- (3) 18.
- (4) Three drivers detected street racing had their licences confiscated immediately. 15 drivers were issued licence suspension notices.
- (5) 127.
- (6) 23 drivers detected street racing had their licences confiscated immediately. 49 drivers were issued licence suspension notices. Other drivers were detected committing these offences while their licences were already disqualified or cancelled.
- (7) This question cannot be answered by police and should be directed to the Attorney General's department.

\*4100 **NUMBER OF MOTORING OFFENCES - SINCE JULY 2012**—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

- (1) Since 1 July 2012, how many motorists have been caught exceeding the speed limit by more than 45 kilometres per hour?
- (2) How many motorists referred to in question (1) have had their number plate confiscated?

- (3) Since 1 July 2012, how many motorists have been convicted for burnout offences?  
 (4) How many motorists referred to in question (3) have had their licences disqualified for 12 months?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) to (3) This is a matter for the Minister for Finance and Services.  
 (4) 37 motorists referred to in question (3) have had their licences disqualified for 12 months.

\*4101 PEDESTRIAN CROSSING—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

- (1) Are there any plans to install a pedestrian crossing at Georges River Road and Rose Street in Lakemba?  
 (2) If so, what are those plans?  
 (3) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

Georges River Road - In accordance with Roads and Maritime Services Austroads Guide Supplements – Austroads Guide to Traffic Management, Roads and Maritime Services does not permit pedestrian crossings on roads with two or more marked lanes in one direction. This also includes roads with two unmarked lanes in one direction, i.e. where vehicles can pass other vehicles travelling in the same direction.

The installation of a pedestrian crossing across Rose Street is the responsibility of Burwood Council.

\*4102 ZOUCH AND MCDONALD ROAD DENHAM COURT—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

With regard to the planned widening of Campbelltown Road, Denham Court:

- (1) As part of this road widening, are there any plans to provide a crossroad between Zouch Road and McDonald Road?  
 (2) Are there any plans to extend the Campbelltown Road widening south of Denham Court Road?  
 (3) If so:  
 (a) Have the property owners been advised of this?  
 (b) On what date were the property owners advised?  
 (c) In what way were the property owners advised?

Answer—

I am advised:

UrbanGrowth NSW is expected to develop a local road network between Macdonald Road and Zouch Road as part of the Edmondson Park development.

Roads and Maritime Services currently has no plans to extend the widening of Campbelltown Road south of Denham Court Road.

\*4103 SCENIC HILLS ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION AREA PLANNING—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW, Leader of the House—

With regard to the planned widening of Campbelltown Road, Denham Court:

- (1) Has any person made representations to the Department of Planning to rezone and develop the Scenic Hills Environmental Protection Area along Campbelltown Road to St Andrews Road in the last 12 months?  
 (2) Is the Department of Planning considering such a proposal?

Answer—

- (1) and (2) No.

\*4104 SCENIC HILL ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AREA DENHAM COURT—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

With regard to the planned widening of Campbelltown Road, Denham Court:

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- (1) Has any person made representations to Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) to extend this road to properties in the Scenic Hill Environmental Protection Area along Campbelltown Road as part of this upgrade?
- (2) Has there been any direction from Department of Planning to support the widening of this road beyond Macdonald Road?
- (3) Has any person made representations to the RMS to vary the road to accommodate commercial premises as part of this upgrade?
- (4) If so, what impact would such variation have on residential properties in the area?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) No.
- (2) The upgrade of Campbelltown Road is shown on the South West Growth Centre Structure Plan.
- (3) and (4) During the display of the review of environmental factors for the Campbelltown Road upgrade project, Roads and Maritime Services has received submissions from existing businesses about the width, alignment and intersection arrangements of the proposed upgrade. All submissions will be fully investigated and Roads and Maritime Services will respond to them in a formal submissions report and during the development of the detailed design for the upgrade.

\*4105 CAMPBELLTOWN ROAD FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

With regard to the planned widening of Campbelltown Road, Denham Court:

- (1) What future developments will this road support?
- (2) When will the construction commence?
- (3) When will the construction finish?
- (4) What provisions have been made for emergency exit from cul de sac roads?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Campbelltown Road will be one of the main roads servicing the South West Growth Centre and the increased traffic in this area. It will support the development of Edmondson Park precinct, Leppington East, Leppington and Leppington North precincts, Leppington Major Centre and the South West Rail Link which is due to be operational before 2016.
- (2) and (3) The project is currently in the planning phase.
- (4) Properties with no through road access would continue to have left in left out access to Campbelltown Road, as is the case with many houses and streets across the Sydney metropolitan area. Access to these streets during an emergency situation would be managed by emergency service agencies.

\*4106 CAMPBELLTOWN ROAD WIDENING - DENHAM COURT RESIDENTS—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

With regard to the planned widening of Campbelltown Road, Denham Court:

- (1) Were the residents of Denham Court advised of these plans?
  - (a) On what date were the residents advised?
  - (b) In what way were the residents advised?
- (2) Are there any plans to compulsory acquire (resume) residential and commercial properties to enable the planned widening?
- (3) If so:
  - (a) Have property owners been advised of these plans?
  - (b) On what date were the property owners advised?
  - (c) In what way were the property owners advised?

Answer—

I am advised:

Information regarding the Campbelltown Road upgrade, including process and community consultation, is publically available at [www.rms.nsw.gov.au/roadprojects](http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/roadprojects).

\*4107 CAPACITY IN BALMAIN SCHOOLS—Mr Jamie Parker asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) What are the figures that show excess capacity at Sydney Secondary College Leichhardt campus?

- (2) What work is being done to increase capacity in schools in the Balmain Electorate?  
 (3) What work is being done to analyse demographic changes in the Balmain Electorate and nearby electorates in order to plan for growth in schools?

Answer—

- (1) Permanent teaching spaces at Sydney Secondary College Leichhardt campus are approximately 67 per cent utilised in 2013. There is a spare capacity of 13 permanent teaching spaces in 2013 that could accommodate 260 future high school enrolments.  
 (2) and (3) The Department is monitoring demographic growth and future enrolment demand in the electorate and working with council and the Department of Planning and Infrastructure to develop strategies to meet projected enrolment growth in the Balmain electorate. The strategies include upgrades to existing schools to provide additional permanent and demountable teaching spaces and reviews of school catchment boundaries to distribute enrolments more evenly.

Additional classrooms and classroom upgrades have been provided at Annandale North Public School, Rozelle Public School, Leichhardt Public School, Birchgrove Public School and Nicholson Street Public School to meet enrolment demand in 2012 and 2013.

\*4108 NUMBER OF DEATHS IN NSW MINING INDUSTRY—Mr Richard Amery asked the Minister for Resources and Energy, Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Central Coast—

- (1) What has been the yearly average number of deaths in the NSW mining industry in the ten year period ending May 2013?  
 (2) How do these figures compare with the previous two ten years periods in NSW?

Answer—

- (1) The yearly average number of deaths in the NSW mining industry in the ten year period ending May 2013 is 1.2 fatalities per year.  
 (2) This figure is down by approximately 73 per cent from the 4.5 fatalities per year recorded over the decade ending June 2003.  
 (3) It is down by approximately 89 per cent from the 11.3 fatalities per year in the previous decade ending June 1993.

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\*4109 MOUNT DRUITT HOSPITAL OPERATIONS—Mr Richard Amery asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) How many operations were performed in the operating theatres at Mount Druitt Hospital for each of the last 12 months ending the 30 April 2013?  
 (2) Of the operations referred to in question (1), how many of these operations were:  
 (a) elective surgery;  
 (b) emergency or unplanned surgery?  
 (3) Of the operations referred to in question (1), how many of the total operations were performed:  
 (a) during the hours of 6pm to 6am;  
 (b) on either a Saturday or Sunday?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) to (3) The NSW Government is committed to ensuring that all patients waiting for elective surgery are treated within clinically recommended timeframes. The National Partnership Agreement on Improving Public Hospital Services requires States to ensure that patients receive their surgery within the clinically recommended timeframe and has set progressive targets for all States.

Information regarding surgery waiting times is available from the Bureau of Health Information at [www.bhi.nsw.gov.au](http://www.bhi.nsw.gov.au).

\*4110 ALTERNATIVE VENUES FOR COMMUNITY EVENTS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Ageing, and Minister for Disability Services—



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Has the Government decided on the alternative venues for community events such as Premier's Seniors Week Gala Concerts and Premier's Christmas Gala Concerts when the Entertainment Centre is closed in late 2013 to 2016?

Answer—

The NSW Government continues to make long-term plans for NSW Seniors Week and the Premier's Gala Concerts.

These plans will take into account the needs of seniors across NSW, including in relation to geography, transport and accessibility.

\*4111 RELOCATION OF CONVENTION CENTRE—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Trade and Investment, and Minister for Regional Infrastructure and Services—

With regard to the Darling Harbour Convention Centre that will soon be removed in preparation for a new convention centre:

- (1) Is the existing convention centre constructed of individual modules that can be assembled and disassembled?
- (2) Does the Government have a plan to find alternate sites for the reconstruction of the convention centre modules?
- (3) Is there a designated project or planning team working on the removal of the existing convention centre?
- (4) Has the Government considered the Hunter Valley Vineyards as a potential site for the relocation of the convention centre?
- (5) Would the Government be willing to prepare a feasibility and cost benefit study with regard to the possible reallocation of the convention centre resource as an alternative to simple demolition?

Answer—

- (1) No.
- (2) No, as the building does not consist of modules that can be reconstructed.
- (3) Darling Harbour Live—the private sector consortium selected by the Government to redevelop the 20-hectare site at Darling Harbour—is managing the demolition of the existing convention centre.
- (4) As per (2).
- (5) The Government will consider any viable cost effective options for reuse of the convention centre.

\*4112 VICTIMS OF HEARING LOSS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

With regard to the Workers Compensation legislation changes now in force in NSW and to victims of hearing loss who have previously been informed that they would receive assistance for life:

- (1) Will these people still have access to financial and medical assistance for their hearing issues for the rest of their life?
- (2) How frequently will they be able to access the required replacements and upgrades?

Answer—

The reforms to the New South Wales Workers Compensation Scheme include the introduction of a threshold of 20.5 per cent work-related binaural hearing loss, which must be reached to access a permanent impairment lump sum payment. The provision of hearing aids remains available for those workers who have a six per cent or greater binaural hearing loss.

The new legislation provides that payment of compensation for medical expenses is limited to a period of 12 months after a claim for compensation is made, or 12 months after weekly payments of compensation cease. Replacements and upgrades of hearing aids are subject to section 59A and section 60 of the Workers Compensation Act 1987 and the Workers Compensation (Hearing Aids) Fees Order 2012 Number 2.

Further claims for deterioration of hearing due to working in a noisy environment will be considered as a new claim. The costs for hearing loss assessments will be met by the insurer. There is no change in the manner of assessment of workers whose claim for hearing loss pre-dates 2002.

\*4113 ILLEGAL USE OF TRAIL BIKES—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

What is being done by Local Area Commands in the Cessnock electorate to combat the illegal use of

unregistered and registered trail bikes that ride in the areas surrounding residential housing?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force has advised me that both Central Hunter and Lake Macquarie Local Area Commands (LACs) police trail bike usage within the Cessnock Local Government Area.

Operation Katana commenced in 2009 and continues as an effective strategy in reducing the use of unregistered trail bikes in the Cessnock and surrounding electorates. Strategies include the static patrol of locations known to be drop-off sites for illegal trail bike riding as well as the targeting of known refueling locations. Media campaigns support deterrence of the use of unregistered vehicles and legislation is used where appropriate to seize trail bikes used in the commission of offences. Central Hunter LAC has two trail bikes and four trained officers policing the illegal use of trail bikes in this area.

\*4114 LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE RENEWAL SCHEME—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW, Leader of the House—

With regard to the Local Infrastructure Renewal Scheme (LIRS):

- (1) When did the LIRS begin?
- (2) What is the annual funding budget?
- (3) Since April 2011, what funding has been provided to the:
  - (a) Cessnock City Council;
  - (b) Lake Macquarie City Council;
  - (c) Newcastle City Council;
  - (d) Singleton Council?

Answer—

I am advised this question should be directed to the Minister for Local Government.

\*4115 BILLBOARD ADVERTISING SIGNAGE WITHIN ROAD CORRIDORS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

With regard to the large billboard advertising signage within the road corridors owned and controlled by the Government:

- (1) How many sites were there in:
  - (a) 2010-2011;
  - (b) 2011-2012;
  - (c) 2012-2013?
- (2) What revenue was realised from the sale and/or leasing of these sites during:
  - (a) 2010-2011;
  - (b) 2011-2012;
  - (c) 2012-2013?

Answer—

I am advised:

Roads and Maritime Services does not hold information on all government agencies that own large billboards within the road corridor. Large billboard advertising signage within the road corridors owned and controlled by Roads and Maritime Services are as follows:

- (1) (a) 62.  
(b) 67.  
(c) 71.
- (2) (a) \$18.2 million.  
(b) \$19.1 million.  
(c) \$21.1 million.

\*4116 RAIL ROLLING STOCK—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Transport—

With regard to the rail rolling stock currently on order and being built for use in NSW:

- (1) How many carriages are currently being built?
- (2) What will be the total seating capacity of these new carriages?
- (3) When will these carriages be introduced onto the rail network?

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- (4) What is the total value of the contract to build these carriages?  
(5) When was the tender/tenders first accepted by the Government?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) to (4) This information is available on the Transport for NSW website.

(5) RailCorp entered into a rolling stock Public Private Partnership with Reliance Rail in December 2006. Despite the assurances of the previous Government, no rolling stock was used for passenger services until 1 July 2011 – approximately 14 months later than the contracted delivery date promised by the previous Government.

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- (1) How many sites were there in:  
(a) 2010-2011;  
(b) 2011-2012;  
(c) 2012-2013?  
(2) What revenue was realised from the sale and/or leasing of these sites during:  
(a) 2010-2011;  
(b) 2011-2012;  
(c) 2012-2013?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) (a) 39.  
(b) 39.  
(c) 39.  
(2) (a) to (c) This information is commercial in confidence.

- \*4118 NEW BUSES—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Transport—

With regard to the bus capacity owned and operated by the Government:

- (1) How many new buses are currently being built?  
(2) What will be the total seating capacity of these new buses?  
(3) When will these buses be introduced into the bus timetable?  
(4) What is the total value of the contract to build these buses?  
(5) When was the tender/tenders first accepted by the Government?  
(6) What will be the type and style of these new buses?  
(7) Where and by whom are these buses being built?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) to (7) The NSW Government has committed \$92 million in the 2013-2014 Budget to purchase 201 new and replacement buses across the state to cater for increasing patronage.

At the same time, more than \$740 million has been allocated to provide bus services across Sydney, and over \$200 million for provision of bus services in outer metropolitan areas like the Central Coast, Hunter and Illawarra.

- \*4119 THIRROUL RAILWAY STATION—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport—

- (1) What plans do you have for the State heritage listed Thirroul Railway Station?  
(2) Is it proposed to demolish it?  
(3) If so, why?  
(4) What specific consultation has RailCorp had with the community?

Answer—

I am advised:

Plans for Thirroul Railway station were on public display at Wollongong City Council until 12 June 2013. This display included information on how to provide comments and make a submission to the Office of Environment and Heritage.

\*4120 RAIL SERVICES IN THE FAIRFIELD ELECTORATE—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Transport—

Will rail services at train stations throughout the Fairfield electorate be cut under the new draft CityRail timetable?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Government is introducing a new rail timetable. We have always said the timetable will deliver more services and once it is finalised the Government will be able to advise customers with details.

Customers will benefit from extra express services across the network as well as changes to stopping patterns that will reduce crowding on many services and provide consistent service times.

The timetable is still a draft version and there is a lot more work to be done before it is finalised.

\*4121 POLICE TRANSPORT COMMAND STAFF—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Transport—

(1) Does the Government plan on boosting the Police Transport Command on the rail network to ensure safety for commuters?

(2) If so, by how many officers?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Police Force now manages security for the entire public transport network under a new dedicated Police Transport Command. The command will see 610 dedicated police officers patrolling public transport by the end of 2014. Further, 150 new Transport Officers will focus on fare evasion. The first tranche of Transport officers commenced their responsibilities on 13 May 2013.

The NSW Police Force has the capacity to gather intelligence and deploy services where they are needed most.

The Government understands that feeling safe is important to customers, and is crucial to attracting more people to use public transport. There is nothing more reassuring than a high visibility, high profile police presence on trains, buses and ferries.

This important measure builds on our Transport Access Program which includes the \$40 million Park and Travel Safety Fund to further improve CCTV on station platforms, on trains and in car parks; improve lighting in and around train stations; and increase help point availability.

\*4122 TRANSPORT PROJECTS—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Transport—

How does the Government plan to prioritise transport projects that connect employment hubs in Western Sydney, including Fairfield?

Answer—

The Long Term Transport Master Plan sets out a corridor strategy identifying current and future demand. This strategy includes a medium and long term plan for connecting key growth areas and emerging employment hubs.

The strategy identifies current and future corridors in Western Sydney including:

- Rouse Hill/Norwest/Marsden Park to the Western Sydney Employment Area;
- Liverpool and Fairfield;
- North West Growth Centre to Penrith then to South West Centre and Campbelltown/Macarthur;
- Penrith to Western Sydney Employment Area; and
- Liverpool to Port Botany.

Further information on the Long Term Transport Master Plan is available at [www.transport.nsw.gov.au](http://www.transport.nsw.gov.au).

\*4126 ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE TEACHERS—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Education—

What were the number of English as a Second Language (ESL) teachers employed in Fairfield electorate schools in:

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- (a) 2011;
- (b) 2012;
- (c) 2013?

Answer—

The numbers of teachers in Intensive English Centres fluctuate throughout the year and from year to year, in response to changes in the immigration program, as newly arrived students enrol and other students complete their program at the Intensive English Centre and transfer to high school.

Based on the February 2013 census data, the number of full time equivalent (FTE) English as a Second Language teachers allocated to schools and Intensive English Centres were:

- (a) 87.
- (b) 80.8.
- (c) 80.8.

\*4127 LOCAL SCHOOLS LOCAL DECISIONS—Ms Carmel Tebbutt asked the Minister for Education—

Under the Government's "Local Schools Local Decisions" reforms:

- (1) Will the funding for teacher salaries be transferred to school budgets?
- (2) If schools make savings on their teacher salaries budget, will they retain those savings to be reallocated to other teaching uses?
- (3) What new functions and responsibilities will schools have?
- (4) What are the reporting lines for principals?

Answer—

- (1) Under the Local Schools, Local Decisions reform, from 2014 there will be a phased implementation of a new Resource Allocation Model (RAM). On full implementation the RAM will provide a Total School Resource to each school. This will comprise a Staffing Resource and an Operations Resource. The Staffing Resource will include salaries and on-costs for teaching and non-teaching staff.
- (2) The Staffing Resource will be quarantined for staffing purposes and will not be able to be used for non-staffing purposes. Principals, in consultation with their communities, will determine the numbers, roles and mix of staff to best meet the needs of their students according to local needs.
- (3) Under the Local Schools, Local Decisions reform, principals, in consultation with their communities, will have more authority to make decisions to support their students based on local needs. This will include additional flexibility in the management of school resources, including staffing, purchasing and procurement processes for everyday items under \$5,000, the removal of some restrictions on tied grants under \$5,000, and more say in the management of annual planned maintenance. Schools will also manage approximately 70 per cent of the State public school education budget.
- (4) Principals will report to their school communities through a more comprehensive annual school report, linking student learning outcomes to the school plan and school budget. Each principal will be led by a Director, Public Schools NSW. Directors, Public Schools NSW will be supported in their work with principals by Executive Directors, Public Schools NSW.

\*4128 PRESCHOOL EDUCATION FUNDING—Ms Carmel Tebbutt asked the Minister for Education—

As at 30 May 2013, how much of the \$137.9 million provided by the Australian Government for 2012-2013, to improve universal access to preschool education has been allocated to preschool services?

Answer—

The funding is being expended in accordance with the requirements of the National Partnership Agreement on Early Childhood Education and the Bilateral Agreement on Achieving Access to Early Childhood Education, approved by the previous Government.

\*4129 FOUNDATION SKILLS COURSES—Ms Carmel Tebbutt asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) In relation to the Smart and Skilled reforms, will TAFE continue to be funded to deliver foundation skills courses such as literacy, numeracy and language?
- (2) Will foundation skills courses be included in the "skills list"?

Answer—

- (1) Yes.
- (2) Yes.

\*4130 BEN CHIFLEY SCHOLARSHIPS—Ms Carmel Tebbutt asked the Minister for Education—

How many Ben Chifley scholarships for country apprentices were awarded in:

- (a) 2011;
- (b) 2012;
- (c) 2013?

Answer—

Scholarships are awarded to first year apprentices and are for a maximum of three years.

- (a) 2011 – 10 scholarships were awarded.
- (b) 2012 – 11 scholarships were awarded.
- (c) 2013 – the selection process is currently underway.

In 2012 the scholarships were renamed the NSW Country Apprentice Scholarships.

\*4131 NUMBER OF LITERACY AND NUMERACY TEACHERS—Ms Carmel Tebbutt asked the Minister for Education—

With regard to the Government's Literacy and Numeracy Action Plan:

- (1) How many full time literacy and numeracy teachers have been employed through the Action Plan?
- (2) How many part time literacy and numeracy teachers have been employed through the Action Plan?
- (3) How much has been spent on implementing the Literacy and Numeracy Action Plan?

Answer—

- (1) to (3) Through the Literacy and Numeracy Action Plan, support will be provided to students most in need through the progressive allocation of resources.

Currently there are 222 full and part time literacy and numeracy teachers employed through the Literacy and Numeracy Action Plan including teachers currently being recruited.

In 2012, \$24.4 million was allocated to the three school sectors implementing the Action Plan.

\*4132 FINE ARTS COURSE—Ms Carmel Tebbutt asked the Minister for Education—

Will Fine Arts courses be included on the "skills list"?

Answer—

The Skills List is currently being developed using labour market analysis, industry consultation and modelling. Consultations with industry were held from mid May to 7 June 2013. Individuals and businesses were able to provide input through the NSW Government's Have Your Say website which closed on 14 June 2013.

It is anticipated that the Skills List will be published in August 2013.

\*4133 RETROFITTING SCHOOLS—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Education—

With regard to the retrofitting programs for schools designed to reduce utility costs, cut emissions and help students learn about sustainability:

- (1) Is the Government aware of innovative programs such as De Kariboe school in the Netherlands and Impington Village College in England where retrofitting saved significant amounts of money and provided learning opportunities?
- (2) What assessment has the Government made of applying similar programs in NSW and what savings have been identified?
- (3) What assessment has the Government made of Energy Performance Agreements with private sector bodies to fund retrofitting upfront and recoup costs from energy savings?
- (4) What programs does the Government run in schools providing on-screen energy use data to encourage students to learn about energy use and costs?
- (5) What programs does the Government provide for schools to install:
  - (a) LED or other low energy use lights;
  - (b) solar hot water systems;
  - (c) photovoltaic energy;
  - (d) water tanks;
  - (e) water efficient appliances?
- (6) What further plans does the Government have to reduce energy and water use and costs in schools?

Answer—

- (1) Yes.

- (2) The Department of Education and Communities continually overlooks potential energy efficient inclusions in its schools, as part of the regular update of the School Facility Standards. The Thermal Comfort Resource Efficiency Framework, currently under development by the Department, aims to provide thermal comfort and energy efficient solutions to NSW public schools.

The Department has previously improved the thermal performance of its schools with the inclusion of enhanced insulation, better use of shade, providing day-lighting to classrooms and a requirement for period bell linked lighting controls. These enhancements are standard in a new school and in major upgrades. The Thermal Comfort Resource Efficiency Framework is extending the range of energy efficient solutions available to schools to provide thermal comfort.

- (3) The Department has worked with private companies to evaluate use of Energy Performance Contracting (EPC) Agreements, particularly in the application of photovoltaic (PV) cells, upgrading lighting and improving thermal comfort.
- (4) and (5) The Department has participated in the National Solar Schools Program that has provided PV installation on over 800 sites, which coupled with PV installations during major projects, results in a total exceeding 1,400 schools. All schools with PV cells have data transmitted to Ausgrid for display via Webgraphs to enable use for educational programs.

The Department has also arranged for a range of energy and water efficiency measures for schools, including the installation of rainwater tanks in schools, energy efficient lighting upgrades, and water efficient equipment when upgrading school facilities.

The Climate Clever Energy Savers program has supported NSW public schools to undertake a range of student initiated energy savings projects. The aim of the program is to support action learning for sustainable energy use and greenhouse gas emission reduction, linked to the curriculum in NSW public schools.

The Department is presently exploring options for schools to further utilise appropriate energy efficient fittings.

\*4134 WOOD SMOKE—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

Noting that the Office of Environment and Heritage lists smoke from wood heaters as a major cause of air pollution in greater Sydney, producing up to seven times the amount of particle pollution as motor vehicles:

- (1) What data does the Government have about current levels of pollution from wood heaters and trends over the past decade?
- (2) What data does the Government have about the:
  - (a) proportion of particle pollution caused by wood smoke in winter;
  - (b) health impacts of dangerous gases and organic compounds resulting from wood heaters?
- (3) How does the pollution in the inner city compare with other parts of greater Sydney?
- (4) What education programs does the Government provide to reduce wood smoke pollution?
- (5) What incentives does the Government provide to:
  - (a) de-commission inefficient wood heaters;
  - (b) reduce use of wood heaters or install less polluting heating?
- (6) What further action will the Government take to prevent wood smoke air pollution?

Answer—

The most recent Air Emissions Inventory for the Greater Metropolitan Region lists pollutants discharged into the atmosphere, including wood smoke, and can be accessed at

<http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/air/airinventory2008.htm>.

NSW Health has published a fact sheet on "Wood-burning heaters and your health".

It is available at: [www.health.nsw.gov.au/factsheets/environmental/wood\\_smoke\\_pub.html](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/factsheets/environmental/wood_smoke_pub.html).

As wood smoke is predominantly a local problem, it is managed by local councils. The Environment Protection Authority (EPA) provides councils with resources to help their officers identify and manage wood smoke issues, as well as run community education campaigns. The recently updated education package is available at: [www.environment.nsw.gov.au/woodsmoke/resources.htm](http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/woodsmoke/resources.htm).

Under the Wood Smoke Reduction Program, the Government is supporting councils by providing over \$1 million in funding during the winters of 2013 and 2014 for initiatives to reduce wood smoke in local communities. The Program assists councils to take action to reduce wood smoke, including offering cash

incentives to enable owners of old, polluting wood heaters and fireplaces to upgrade to cleaner alternatives.

The EPA is currently investigating further measures for councils to apply in areas where exposure to wood smoke is a concern, following receipt of public comments on a discussion paper, "Options for wood smoke control in NSW", which can be found at

[www.environment.nsw.gov.au/woodsmoke/WoodSmokeOptions.htm](http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/woodsmoke/WoodSmokeOptions.htm).

\*4135 PESTICIDE RESIDUE ON FRUIT AND VEGETABLES—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Small Business—

- (1) What testing does the Government do on fresh fruit and vegetables sold in New South Wales for pesticide residue?
- (2) What assessment has the Government done on independent testing and studies of fresh fruit and vegetables sold in New South Wales for pesticide residue?
- (3) What 12 fruit and vegetables have the highest level of contamination?
- (4) What action has the Government taken to reduce contamination of these fruit and vegetables?
- (5) What fruit and vegetables showed residues of organophosphates?
- (6) What information does the Government provide to consumers about pesticide residue on fruit and vegetables?
- (7) What education does the Government provide to consumers about removing pesticide residue from fruit and vegetables?
- (8) Has any testing found residues of phased out pesticides that may still linger in some farm fields?
- (9) If so, what action has the Government taken in response?

Answer—

- (1) NSW has a long history of monitoring for pesticides in fruit and vegetables.

The NSW Government has recently endorsed the terms of a new intergovernmental agreement on agricultural and veterinary chemicals which includes a commitment by the Australian Government to fund a national produce monitoring and traceback project for five years from July 2013.

- (2) The NSW Government periodically reviews the results of industry and national pesticide residue testing programs to identify changes in the frequency and extent of pesticide residues in animal and plant food products.
- (3) The extent of pesticide residues in specific fruit and vegetable lines can vary depending on the source of the produce, pest and disease pressure, and seasonal conditions. Product lines that, in the past, have been identified as having an increased risk of pesticide residues include Lebanese cucumbers, tomatoes, lettuce (including hydroponic lettuce), strawberries, silverbeet and nectarines.
- (4) The lessons learnt from the residue monitoring programs help to develop more effective education and advisory material as well as providing useful intelligence to regulatory agencies.
- (5) The organophosphate insecticides have been the most common class of chemicals used in fruit and vegetable production. Based on monitoring programs carried out over many years, pesticide residues in food are not considered a significant risk to consumers. As regulators reassess the safety of these chemicals against contemporary safety standards, and new chemicals come onto the market, the occurrence of organophosphate residues has declined.
- (6) The Australian Government's National Residue Survey and its Imported Food Inspection Program regularly publish the results of their residue monitoring of domestic and imported food products.
- (7) NSW works closely with Food Standards Australia New Zealand (FSANZ) to implement nationally consistent food standards. FSANZ have developed extensive food safety information for Australian consumers, including information on chemicals in food. The extent of information available generally reflects those food safety issues that represent the greatest risk to consumers.
- (8) Residues of current pesticides used on fruit and vegetables do not generally persist in soil and their residues rarely if ever transfer from soil to fruit and vegetable crops. In the past, residues of the persistent organochlorine chemicals were occasionally detected, but these contaminated soils have now mostly been identified and managed.

\*4136 DEATHS IN CUSTODY—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

With regard to the Australian Institute of Criminology's 20th "National Deaths in Custody Program Monitoring Report":

- (1) What data does the Government have about deaths in custody in NSW since June 2011?
- (2) What are the trends in NSW over the past decade for deaths in:
  - (a) prison custody;



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- (b) police custody;
- (c) juvenile detention?
- (3) What are the current trends in NSW for:
  - (a) Indigenous deaths in custody;
  - (b) non-Indigenous deaths in custody?
- (4) What programs does the Government provide to prevent deaths in custody?
- (5) Which of these programs are provided in the Sydney electorate or the inner city?
- (6) What further action will the Government take to prevent deaths in custody?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) to (3) Corrective Services NSW (CSNSW) publishes deaths in custody data each financial year in the Department of Attorney General and Justice (DAGJ) Annual Report and in the CSNSW publication 'Statistical Report'. These reports are available on the Department's website [www.lawlink.nsw.gov.au](http://www.lawlink.nsw.gov.au) and the CSNSW website [www.correctiveservices.nsw.gov.au](http://www.correctiveservices.nsw.gov.au). DAGJ's 2012-2013 Annual Report will be prepared shortly.

Data and trends regarding deaths in custody/police operations are also published each calendar year in annual reports prepared by the NSW State Coroner. The 2011 and 2012 reports have been tabled in Parliament.

Juvenile Justice reports that it has had no deaths in custody over the past 10 years.

Questions regarding deaths in police custody should be directed to the relevant portfolio.

(4) and (5) CSNSW correctional centres and court holding cells (including those in the Sydney electorate and the inner city) have comprehensive policies and procedures relating to the identification and management of inmates at risk of self-harm or suicide. This includes thorough reception and screening procedures, mandatory notification procedures for inmates deemed at risk, psychological assessments of at risk inmates undertaken by Risk Intervention Teams and the development of immediate support plans that involve inmate observation and referral to health services.

In 2009 CSNSW established the Management of Deaths in Custody Committee. The Committee is responsible for the centralised consideration, management and reporting of deaths in custody by CSNSW. This ensures that appropriate and timely action is taken in response to reports (including internal review and coronial inquiries).

Other CSNSW initiatives to detect and minimise risk to inmates include the removal of hanging points in inmate accommodation areas, improvements to inmate escort vehicles and training for Court Escort and Security Staff as well as delivery of a comprehensive induction program for all remand inmates.

(6) CSNSW continues to promote the health and safety of all inmates through its policies and procedures and the oversight of the Deaths in Custody Committee. CSNSW is liaising with the NSW Police Force and DAGJ as part of a Statewide project that is aimed at removing potential hanging points in police cells and court cells.

CSNSW has also allocated \$191,520 for the upgrade of the closed circuit television and cell call system at the Sydney Police Cells in Surry Hills.

\*4137 352 BUS SERVICES—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Transport—

With regard to the 352 bus services:

- (1) What patronage patterns and trends does State Transit report:
  - (a) over the past five years;
  - (b) for the earliest and latest services each day?
- (2) What complaints has the Government received during:
  - (a) 2012;
  - (b) 2013?
- (3) What assessment has the Government made about operating the services:
  - (a) earlier each week day;
  - (b) later each week day;
  - (c) on weekends?
- (4) What further action will the Government take to improve the services?

Answer—

I am advised:

From January 2009 to December 2009 there were 420,294 boardings.

From January 2010 to December 2010 there were 428,290 boardings.

From January 2011 to December 2011 there were 410,134 boardings.

From January 2012 to December 2012 there were 394,419 boardings.

From January 2013 to end of May 2013 there were 172,295 boardings.

Service frequencies and the span of operation for Route 352 are being considered by Transport for NSW as part of the regular review process.

Transport for NSW will continue to monitor demand for Route 352 services and make adjustments as required and where resources are available.

\*4138 WOOLLOOMOOLOO TRIPARTITE AGREEMENT—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

With regard to the 1974 Woolloomooloo Tripartite Agreement between the Commonwealth Government, NSW Government and City of Sydney:

- (1) What changes were made in the 1983 Variation Agreement?
- (2) What is the current status of the Tripartite Agreement?
- (3) What obligations does the Tripartite Agreement place on the Government?
- (4) Is the sale of Cathedral Street properties including the chemist shop, doctor, supermarket and police station consistent with this Agreement?
- (5) Does the Government have to return grant funds and proceeds from the sales to the Commonwealth as stated in the Agreement?
- (6) What plans does the Government have to maintain and improve Woolloomooloo public housing?
- (7) What further action will the Government take to ensure provision of high quality public housing in Woolloomooloo as established in the Tripartite Agreement?

Answer—

- (1) I am advised the Department of Finance and Services has no record of a 1983 Variation Agreement.
- (2) The public housing component of the Agreement has been completed except for 2 vacant sites.
- (3) To complete the approved program for the Woolloomooloo Project.
- (4) The Agreement indicates that public housing is to remain in public ownership. Sale of the Cathedral Street properties did not include the chemist shop or police station which are located on freehold land.
- (5) The proceeds from commercial sales were reinvested on repair and maintenance of public housing units in Woolloomooloo.
- (6) Maintenance of public housing at Woolloomooloo is undertaken in accordance with the maintenance standards set for all public housing in NSW.
- (7) Public housing in Woolloomooloo like in other social housing areas will be maintained and improved in accordance with social housing needs and priorities.

\*4139 TOM UREN SQUARE—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

Following the sale of Woolloomooloo Land and Housing Corporation owned properties adjacent to Tom Uren Square including the chemist shop, doctor, supermarket, police station and 164-174 Cathedral Street:

- (1) What are the boundaries of the land that remains public open space at Tom Uren Square?
- (2) What plans does the Government have for this land?
- (3) What plans does the Government have to ensure public access to Tom Uren Square from Charles Street and Forbes Street?
- (4) What further action will the Government take to maintain Tom Uren Square as the local village square?

Answer—

- (1) to (4) This land is not within the control of the Department of Finance and Services.

\*4140 MOBILE ADVERTISING VEHICLES—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

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With regard to the mobile advertising vehicles:

- (1) Does the Government support the use of mobile advertising vehicles that are not used for transport purposes?
- (2) What data does the Government have about the number of mobile advertising vehicles?
- (3) What complaints has the Government received about mobile advertising vehicles over the past five years?
- (4) What action has been taken on the complaints referred to in question (3)?
- (5) What assessment has been made of the impact of mobile advertising vehicles and options for separate registration and fees?
- (6) What action will the Government take to regulate vehicles designed and used solely or primarily for advertising?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The Government is aware of the use of mobile advertising vehicles and has developed the vehicle standards information bulletin, mobile advertising units (VSI35). Mobile advertising vehicles must comply with all the construction and equipment requirements of the Road Transport (Vehicle Registration) Regulation 2007, including dimensional limits. Additionally, drivers/riders must obey the applicable road rules and Operators should ensure routes used are appropriate.
- (2) The Government does not collect data on mobile advertising vehicles.
- (3) and (4) Transport for NSW advises that no complaints about mobile advertising vehicles have been received from March 2011 to 30 May 2013.
- (5) Current registration charges for light vehicles in NSW are based on vehicle weight.
- (6) Through appropriate regulation the NSW Government ensures these vehicles are properly designed in accordance with the applicable vehicle safety and performance standards.

\*4141 NUMBER OF INTERSECTIONS - BANKSTOWN ELECTORATE—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

With regard to intersections in the Bankstown electorate:

- (1) What are the ten intersections with the most recorded accidents in the Bankstown electorate?
- (2) Of these intersections, what safety measures will be put in place to prevent further accidents?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Centre for Road Safety does not compile lists ranking locations, including intersections, on the basis of crash counts. Summary statistics can be found on the Centre for Road Safety's website.

\*4142 SPEED CAMERAS IN THE BANKSTOWN ELECTORATE—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

- (1) How many speed cameras are there in the Bankstown electorate?
- (2) How many fines have been issued to speeding motorists in the past six months from these cameras?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Information about speed camera locations is available on the Roads and Maritime Services website.
- (2) Information about fines from speed cameras can be found on the State Debt Recovery Office website.

\*4143 DEMOUNTABLES AT BANKSTOWN NORTH PUBLIC SCHOOL—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) Regarding the evidence of mould and poorly insulated demountables at Bankstown North Public School, has the Department determined the identified works to be a priority? (Minister's correspondence of 18 September 2012)
- (2) If not, why not?

Answer—

- (1) and (2) The Principal of Bankstown North Public School has finalised the school's planned maintenance priorities for 2013-2014. The Principal did not nominate any work on the demountables as a priority for the school.

The local Asset Management Unit advises that the demountables at Bankstown North Public School are in good working order. However, in early June 2013 the Principal reported that one of the school's demountable classrooms was affected by the smell of mould. While no mould was visible, a small leak was identified in the roof which was causing damp odours. The leak was repaired by the school's maintenance contractor.

- \*4144 COUNSELLING SERVICES AT BANKSTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOL—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Education—

With regard to the pressures students facing at Bankstown Public School, and that the current allocation of one Counsellor working four days a week is not satisfying the demand for counselling services:

- (1) Will the Minister investigate the possibility of providing more counselling services to the students at Bankstown Public School?  
(2) If not, why not?

Answer—

The current allocation of counsellor time to Bankstown Public School is consistent with the overall allocation process.

The allocation to Bankstown Public School will be reviewed in Term 4 2013 for the 2014 school year as part of the annual allocation process of school counsellor time.

- \*4145 HOUSING NSW MAINTENANCE—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

Over the past 6 months, how many outstanding Housing NSW maintenance issues has there been in the Bankstown electorate?

Answer—

This question should be referred to the Minister for Finance and Services.

- \*4146 BANKSTOWN ELECTORATE PUBLIC HOUSING—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

- (1) How many public housing dwellings by suburb, in the Bankstown electorate are:  
(a) owned and managed by Housing NSW;  
(b) owned and/or managed by other housing service providers by agreement with Housing NSW and/or the NSW Government?  
(2) What is the breakdown of public housing dwellings by number of:  
(a) bed sitters;  
(b) units (with bedroom composition);  
(c) duplexes;  
(d) villas;  
(e) free-standing houses?

Answer—

- (1) Details about the number of social housing properties are available on the Department of Family and Community Services' website.  
(2) This question should be referred to the Minister for Finance and Services. Related information is also available on the Department of Family and Community Services' website.

- \*4147 BANKSTOWN TRAIN STATION—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport—

- (1) What is the current daily patronage of Bankstown Train Station between Monday and Friday?  
(2) How does this compare to other train stations on the Bankstown line and in Greater Sydney?  
(3) Of the 307 CityRail train stations, what is the Bankstown Train Station's current ranking?

Answer—

I am advised:

This information is available on the Bureau of Transport Statistics' website.

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\*4148 ASSETS ACQUIRED BY A CO-OPERATIVE—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Fair Trading—

What measures are taken to ensure that the assets acquired by a Co-operative which no longer utilises them, are properly utilised in accordance with the Act? (LA Question 3598)

Answer—

Section 285 of the Co-operatives Act 1992 restricts the disposal or leasing of a co-operative's assets if this action results in that co-operative ceasing to carry on any primary activity. In these circumstances, disposal of those assets requires approval by the members by special resolution.

It is a matter for a co-operative's members to decide whether any assets of a co-operative are to be sold or transferred to another organisation, and the terms of the sale or transfer agreement.

\*4149 BANKSTOWN SHUTTLE BUS—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport—

(1) Will the Minister consider including Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital on the daily route of the Bankstown Shuttle Bus?

(2) If not, why not?

Answer—

It is regrettable that the previous Government failed to plan properly for this service when it was announced less than two weeks prior to the last state election.

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- \*4236 LANDLORD AND TENANT (AMENDMENT) ACT—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Fair Trading—
- (1) Does the Minister intend to repeal the Landlord and Tenant (Amendment) Act 1948?
- (2) If so, what protections will the Government provide to the 600 to 1400 protected tenants who fall under this Act?
- Answer—
- I would encourage the NSW Opposition to provide any evidence to support its contention that there are between 600 and 1400 protected tenants.
- 4237 DECREASE IN FAIR TRADING EMPLOYEES—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Fair Trading—
- 4238 ROADS AND MARITIME SERVICES OFFICE AT BANKSTOWN—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—
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- 4255 PARKING FOR MOTORCYCLISTS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport—