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*3089 CO-LOCATION OF CHILD PATIENTS IN ADULT WARDS AT HUNTER HOSPITALS—Mr Craig Baumann asked the Minister for Health—

- (1) Is the Minister aware that due to a lack of beds at the John Hunter Hospital and other Hunter health care facilities, child patients are being co-located in the adult hospital wards and vice versa?
- (2) What initiatives has the Department of Health put in place to prevent this from happening?
- (3) How many additional children's hospital beds will be required in the Hunter Valley to prevent the practice of child patient co-location from occurring?

Answer—

I am advised by the Hunter New England Area Health Service:

- (1) The practice of admitting child patients into an adult ward within any Hunter New England Area Health facility is extremely unlikely and almost non-existent. The admission of adults into adolescent wards, whilst also unlikely, has, on some rare occasions, occurred with sound practices in place to ensure the safety of children.
- (2) The Hunter New England Area Health Service has developed the Security of Children Admitted to Hunter New England Facilities (2008) policy to provide clear advice to clinicians and managers regarding the security and appropriate bed management of infants, children and adolescents in Hunter New England Health facilities.
- (3) There is not a routine overflow of paediatric and adolescent patients requiring admission and creating a significant demand for additional paediatric/adolescent beds.

*3090 FUNDING FOR MOTOR-NEURONE DISEASE RESEARCH—Mr Craig Baumann asked the Minister for Health—

- (1) Has the Department of Health engaged in funding any motor-neurone disease research in the last budget period?
- (2) What ongoing programs has the Department of Health implemented to specifically support people living with motor-neurone disease in New South Wales?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) and (2) NSW Health provides generalist neurological services to meet the needs of all people with progressive, neurological disorders, rather than services focused on specific diagnostic groups.

NSW Health has four multidisciplinary motor neurone-disease clinics situated at Calvary, St Josephs, Royal North Shore and Prince of Wales Hospitals. The clinics provide as a minimum, medical, nursing and allied health services with some clinics providing additional services, such as palliative care and sleep studies.

In addition the NSW Department of Health currently funds the Motor Neurone Disease Association NSW under the Non-Government Organisation Grant Program. Further information relating to the mission and activities of the Motor Neurone Disease Association can be found on the Association's web site at: www.mndnsw.asn.au

I am further advised that this question should also be referred to my colleague the Hon. Verity Firth MP, Minister for Science and Medical Research as this matter also comes within her area of responsibility.

*3091 FUNDING FOR MOTOR-NEURONE DISEASE SUPPORT—Mr Craig Baumann asked the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services—

- (1) How much funding has the Department of Ageing Disability and Home Care (DADHC) provided to motor-neurone disease support groups in the last budget period?
- (2) What ongoing programs are in place to support people living with motor-neurone disease in New South Wales?

Answer—

- (1) DADHC has been working with the Motor Neurone Disease Association (MNDA) of NSW to trial initiatives aimed at assisting with the care needs of people with Motor Neurone Disease (MND).

I am advised that these initiatives included:

- the allocation of \$500,000 in April 2006 and \$450,000 in March 2008, to enhance the MNDA of NSW equipment pool;
- \$2 million to NSW Community Options (COPS) from the Home and Community Care Program in 2005. This includes \$200,000 to pilot a case management model for people who require support for a limited time targeting people with MND. This pilot is still in operation;
- \$1 million in June 2007 to a consortium consisting of Multiple Sclerosis Limited, the Muscular Dystrophy Association and the Motor Neurone Disease Association for flexible respite over a period of four years; and
- \$600,000 in May 2007 to the Motor Neurone Disease Association of NSW to improve information and referral services and to provide rapid response short term flexible support services.

DADHC is also working closely with MNDA to identify ways to ensure current funded services are able to respond quickly to the needs of this client group. A quick response protocol has been developed for dealing with applications for high level in-home personal care services through the Attendant Care Program and the High Needs Pool.

(2) Services which people with Motor Neurone Disease are able to access include the Attendant Care Program and a full range of services funded through the Home and Community Care Program.

I am advised that NSW Health also provides recurrent funding to MNDA to provide comprehensive information, support and advocacy for people living with the disease, their families and carers across NSW. This is administered by the Sydney South West Area Health Service. There are also four MND Clinics located at Calvary, St Josephs, Royal North Shore and Prince of Wales Hospitals. These clinics are funded jointly by the MNDA of NSW and the individual Departments of Neurology and Allied Health of the relevant hospitals. In addition to the specialist services, people with Motor Neurone Disease are eligible to access generalist neurological services, community nursing, allied health, centre-based day care services, palliative care and rehabilitation services.

I am further advised that MNDA also received one-off local carer grant funding through the NSW Carers Program in 2007, to conduct education workshops and establish support groups in three different Area Health Services over three years. This project is administered by the Greater Southern Area Health Service.

*3092 POLICE RADIO—Mr Craig Baumann asked the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—

Acknowledging that criminal and antisocial elements within the community can currently listen in on police radio networks:

- (1) Are plans in place to encrypt the police radio network in regional areas?
- (2) If so, what is the timing on the implementation of this encryption?
- (3) In the meantime are police officers issued with mobile phones to ensure secure communication when required?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force has advised me:

(1) and (2) The digitisation and encryption of all operational radio channels within the regional locations of Newcastle, the Central Coast and Wollongong have already been completed. Progress is proceeding in accordance with the NSW Government Radio/Wireless Strategy 2003-2018.

(3) Any operational requirements for secure digital communications in regional areas can currently be facilitated through established special operations channels. Police also have a secure and auditable method of interrogating police operational databases for confidential information through the use of Mobile Data Terminals.

*3093 PAEDIATRIC REGISTRARS IN THE HUNTER REGION—Mr Craig Baumann asked the Minister for Health—

Regarding the paediatric registrars in the Hunter region:

- (1) Is the Minister aware of a shortage of paediatric registrars in Hunter region hospitals?
- (2) Has the Department of Health engaged in any programs to ensure the number of paediatric registrars increases?
- (3) What is the Government doing to attract more senior clinicians to Hunter hospitals?

Answer—

I am advised by the Chief Executive of the Hunter New England Area Health Service:

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(1) and (2) John Hunter Children's Hospital is the lead hospital in the Northern Paediatric Training Network, one of 3 Networks in NSW established to support paediatric specialist training. Geographically this Network supports Paediatric Registrars based in Hospitals from Gosford up to the NSW northern border.

Trainees rotate within these networks to obtain broad experience across a number of sites. This will result in Paediatric Training being a more popular career choice for medical officers when considering their specialist career options and ensures that the service requirements of the various hospitals are met.

There are currently 20 registrars working in the Northern Network and approximately half of these are employed in the 2 accredited Paediatric Training Hospitals in the Hunter region, John Hunter Children's Hospital and Maitland Rural Referral Hospital.

Currently there is one Paediatric Registrar vacancy in the Northern Network, which is actively being recruited to. Coverage from alternate workforce has been arranged pending this recruitment to ensure adequate staffing levels are maintained. Recruitment for the 2009 intake of registrars will take place in August/September of this year.

(3) NSW Health has invested extensively in medical recruitment at both a State and Area Health Service level. This includes both national and international recruitment campaigns. Current medical vacancy levels in the Hunter are lower than they have been in the last five years.

The introduction of the Joint Medical Program between the University of Newcastle, University of New England and the Hunter New England Area Health Service significantly increases the number of medical students in the region. As many students are from local families, it is anticipated that many of these doctors will remain in the region after they graduate.

*3094 TWO PERSON CREWS FOR HUNTER AMBULANCES—Mr Craig Baumann asked the Minister for Health—

Regarding two person crews for Hunter ambulances:

- (1) Has the Government engaged the NSW Ambulance Service and the Health Services Union in discussions concerning the lack of two person crews for ambulances in the Hunter region?
- (2) Is additional funding required to furnish Hunter region ambulances with two person crews?
- (3) When will this funding be made available?
- (4) Will additional ambulance officers be required to ensure two person crews on Hunter roads?
- (5) What has the Government done to recruit more ambulance officers in New South Wales?

Answer—

I am advised by the Chief Executive, Ambulance Service of NSW:

(1) The issue of single officer responses is an ongoing industrial issue between the Ambulance Service and the Health Services Union and has been the subject of extensive discussion at the state, divisional and local levels. The Ambulance Service and the Health Services Union are currently seeking the assistance of the Industrial Relations Commission to resolve this matter.

(2) to (4) In 2003/2004 the NSW Government committed \$41 million to provide an additional 230 ambulance officers over four years for rural and regional areas.

Since 2004, 27 additional officers have been placed in the Hunter area in consultation with the Health Services Union as part of this rural enhancement program. This included an agreement to place six additional paramedics at Ambulance stations in the Outer Hunter area.

(5) In addition to the rural enhancement program, in May 2005, the NSW Government announced an additional 250 ambulance positions for the Sydney metropolitan area to be recruited by 2008/09. As a result of this enhancement, 142 new staff were recruited by the end of 2006/07.

The Ambulance Service of NSW undertakes local and overseas initiatives to recruit operational staff.

*3095 STUDENT ENROLMENT AND TRUANCY LEVELS—Mr Chris Hartcher asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—

- (1) How many students are enrolled at:
 - (a) Terrigal High;
 - (b) Kincumber High;

- (c) Erina High?
- (2) What is the rate of truancy in each school in:
- (a) 2006;
- (b) 2007?

Answer—

- (1) There are 1,289 students enrolled at Terrigal High School, 1,016 at Kincumber High School and 1,003 at Erina High School.
- (2) The Department of Education and Training does not collect truancy rate data on a locality basis. Student attendance data is collected from all public schools and each school makes this information publicly available through annual school reports.

*3096 SHARED ACCOMMODATION IN PUBLIC HOSPITALS—Mr Chris Hartcher asked the Minister for Health—

- (1) What is the policy in public hospitals in relation to men and women being accommodated in the same ward?
- (2) Which hospitals have a policy of accommodating men and women in the same ward?
- (3) Why do men and women share the same ward at Gosford Hospital?

Answer—

- (1) to (3) I refer the Member to my response to Question No. 0905 in the Legislative Assembly. A similar policy is in place at Gosford Hospital.

*3097 EARLY INTERVENTION CASEWORKERS—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson asked the Minister for Community Services—

- (1) As of 13 May 2008 how many caseworker positions exist within DoCS, which have been 'quarantined' to provide case management for families involved in the Brighter Futures program?
- (2) As of 13 May 2008, how many of these caseworker positions were actually filled?
- (3) As of 13 May 2008 how many families in NSW are receiving assistance through the Brighter Futures Program?
- (4) As of 13 May 2008 how many families have been approved for eligibility in the Brighter Futures program by a Community Services Centre or have been referred from a community agency or individual or Aboriginal Maternal Infant Health Service but have not yet received this support?
- (5) Will the Minister provide me with a copy of the interim report of the evaluation of the Brighter Futures program by the Social Policy Research Centre at the University of NSW?

Answer—

- (1) to (4) The most recent information available in relation to Brighter Futures was prepared for the Special Commission of Inquiry into Child Protection Services in NSW and can be accessed at www.lawlink.nsw.gov.au

- (5) The report is available at www.community.nsw.gov.au

*3098 SCHOOL CROSSINGS—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson asked the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

With the installation of the flashing lights and electronic alert system at the Campbell Street School Crossing in Young, will the RTA withdraw funding for the Traffic Guard (Lollipop Lady) at this location?

Answer—

I am advised:

No. The installation of a school zone alert system (flashing lights) at this zone does not supplant the role of a School Crossing Supervisor.

*3100 FUNDING FOR SCHOOL MAINTENANCE—Mrs Judy Hopwood asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—

What funding has been allocated to school maintenance at the following schools:

- (a) Galston Public School;
- (b) Galston High School;
- (c) Middle Dural Public School;

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- (d) Cherrybrook Technology High School;
- (e) John Purchase Public School;
- (f) Hornsby Heights Public School;
- (g) Hornsby North Public School;
- (h) Asquith Public School;
- (i) Mount Colah Public School;
- (j) Asquith Boys High School;
- (k) Asquith Girls High School;
- (l) Normanhurst West Public School;
- (m) Hornsby South Public School;
- (n) Clarke Road School for Special Purposes;
- (o) Mount Kuring-gai Public School;
- (p) Berowra Public School;
- (q) Wideview Public School;
- (r) Cowan Public School;
- (s) Brooklyn Public School?

Answer—

Maintenance in schools across the State is an ongoing activity, constantly delivered throughout the year through a comprehensive suite of initiatives designed to best meet a range of circumstances:

- Preventative Maintenance is regular work performed by a contractor to keep specific building elements and equipment in good repair.
- Programmed Maintenance is work based on items that are picked up in the bi-annual condition assessments of each school. Annual maintenance plans are developed by schools in conjunction with their local Asset Management Unit.
- Essential Urgent Repairs are maintenance works undertaken immediately by the contractor if required by the school, with the school contributing up to its specific contribution limit.
- The Extra Maintenance Program is a four year state-wide program aimed at injecting additional funding into priority areas.

The Department of Education and Training continues to work with school Principals and school communities to identify priority projects to deliver safe, well-maintained learning environments for the students of NSW.

*3101 DISABILITY HOMES IN HORNSBY—Mrs Judy Hopwood asked the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services—

In relation to disability homes in the Hornsby electorate:

- (1) What is the number of disability homes that are currently owned or leased by the Department of Ageing, Disability and Home Care in the Hornsby electorate?
- (2) What is the maximum number of disabled persons that could be accommodated in the homes listed in response to (1)?
- (3) What is the actual number of disabled persons currently being accommodated in the homes listed in response to (1)?
- (4) (a) Are there any future plans to lease, purchase or build additional disability homes in Hornsby?
(b) If so, what are they?

Answer—

- (1) I am advised that the Department of Ageing, Disability and Home Care (DADHC) owns 11 and leases two properties in the Hornsby Electorate. They are used as group homes to provide long term supported accommodation to people with a disability.
- (2) I am advised that the maximum number of people with a disability that can be accommodated in the group homes is 54.
- (3) I am further advised that as at 13 June 2008, the actual number of people with a disability currently accommodated in the group homes is 49. The Metro North Region is actively working to fill vacancies
- (4) (a) I am advised that under Stronger Together, planning is underway to allocate an additional 650 supported accommodation places across the state over the next three years. It is anticipated that at least 100 of these places will be allocated to the Met North region. All allocations are made on the basis of equitable population distribution and identified need.
(b) Not applicable.

*3103 FOSTER CARERS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Community Services—

- (1) How many foster carers are there in the electorate of Wallsend?
- (2) How many children do they care for?

Answer—

- (1) and (2) The electorate of Wallsend falls across the catchments of Edgeworth and Charlestown Community Services Centres.

As at 31 March 2008 394 carers were being paid across both Community Services Centres, catchments. They cared for a total of 644 children and young people.

*3104 MOREE ABORIGINAL LANDS COUNCIL—Mr Kevin Humphries asked the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health) —

What is the current status of the Moree Aboriginal Lands Council with particular reference to:

- (a) the outcome of the role of Lawler and Associates who acted in an Administrative capacity for 3 years;
- (b) the costs of an appointed administrator;
- (c) the most recently audited set of financial statements;
- (d) the legal status of the current committee and their ability to prioritise tenants, set and collect rents and also evict tenants;
- (e) the future of the Moree LALC?

Answer—

- (a) to (e) Lawler Partners' role in the administration of Moree Local Aboriginal Land Council ceased in June 2006 when the administrator, Mr Paul Gidley, joined the firm of Ferrier Hodgson Newcastle. In the period following the conclusion of the administrator's term (May 2007) the Moree Local Aboriginal Land Council again substantially breached the Aboriginal Land Rights Act (ALRA). As at 3 June 2008 the Moree Aboriginal Land Council had failed to hold an AGM and elect a Board as required by the ALRA.

Upon a request from the NSW Aboriginal Land Council, I appointed an administrator, Mr Andrew Hoholt, to the Moree Local Aboriginal Land Council for a term of six months effective from 3 June 2008. The costs of an appointed administrator vary depending on the characteristics of the land council and the complexity of the administration. The costs of the administrator for the six month appointment to the Moree Aboriginal Land Council were agreed with the NSW Aboriginal Land Council prior to the appointment and will be sixty thousand dollars excluding GST (subject to the provisions of the ALRA which allow a process for variation to those costs in certain circumstances with the prior agreement of the NSW Aboriginal Land Council).

Under the ALRA, Local Aboriginal Land Councils are not required to provide me with a copy of their audited financial statements. Those statements are provided to the NSW Aboriginal Land Council. Following the appointment of the administrator on 3 June 2008 the former office holders were removed from office and therefore have no legal status. The future operational functions of the Moree Local Aboriginal Land Council will be managed by the administrator in conjunction with the members of the Moree Aboriginal Land Council.

*3105 TRUANCY TRENDS—Mr Kevin Humphries asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—

With respect to truancy trends across the Barwon electorate:

- (1) What are the primary and secondary truancy trends in each DET regional area?
- (2) What are the results of the Walgett trial for non-compulsory attending students?
- (3) What has been the result of announcements made by the Premier that the Government would hold parents accountable and if necessary gaol parents if their children did not attend school?

Answer—

- (1) The Department of Education and Training does not collect truancy rate data on a locality basis. Student attendance data is collected from all public schools and each school makes this information publicly available through annual school reports.
- (2) The trial is in its early stages but Walgett Community College reports a decrease in the number of

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unexplained student absences.

(3) The legislation referred to is currently being drafted and is expected to be introduced later in 2008.

*3106 STUDENT DEBT—Mr Kevin Humphries asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—

Are students who receive student allowances via Centrelink but are not meeting the regular attendance criteria leaving the education system with a Commonwealth Centrelink debt?

Answer—

This question is best directed to Centrelink.

*3107 SUTHERLAND HOSPITAL BUDGET FOR NEW EQUIPMENT—Mr Malcolm Kerr asked the Minister for Health—

(1) Is Sutherland Hospital provided with funds in its budget to pay for new equipment?

(2) How many pieces of new equipment has it paid for from its budget each year for the past five years?

Answer—

I am advised by the Chief Executive of the South Eastern Sydney and Illawarra Area Health Service:

(1) and (2) New equipment is purchased from the Hospital's Equipment budget on a needs basis.

Between 2003/04 and 2007/08 (to date) 787 items of equipment were purchased by Sutherland Hospital.

*3108 NANOPARTICLES IN NSW FOOD—Ms Clover Moore asked the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—

Given growing concern about the increased use of nanoparticles in agricultural chemicals, food and food additives, food packaging and food contact materials:

(1) What safety testing is required before food produced using agricultural chemicals that contain nanoparticles is sold in NSW?

(2) What safety testing is required before food, including processed food and food additives, that contain nanoparticles is sold in NSW?

(3) What safety testing is required before food packaging and food contact materials that contain nanoparticles is sold in NSW?

(4) What is the NSW Government's response to the call of Friends of the Earth Australia that all particles smaller than 300 nanometres should require health and environment assessment prior to use in food and food associated products?

(5) What consideration has the NSW Government given to implementing a limit on the size of particles used in food and food related products sold in NSW?

(6) What consideration has the NSW Government given to introducing requirements to label food and food associated products sold in NSW that were produced using nanoparticles?

Answer—

(1) to (6) With respect to food regulation in Australia, government and industry have a joint responsibility to ensure that food safety risks are understood and managed. Under the auspices of the Council of Australian Governments a nationally coordinated framework to food regulation was adopted in November 2000. In terms of standards setting, Food Standards Australia New Zealand is the statutory authority responsible for developing all domestic food standards based on scientific/technical criteria.

One of the primary outputs of the framework is the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code (Food Standards Code) which in New South Wales is implemented via the Food Act 2003. The Food Standards Code and the Food Act 2003 provide safeguards to ensure that food, however produced, must be safe and suitable as determined by robust safety assessments of food products under Australian and New Zealand conditions. It is an established process, proven to be a solid system that helps keep our foods safe. The use of nanotechnology for chemical applications in the agricultural sector is in its infancy. It is anticipated that a robust food safety assessment would be undertaken within established frameworks before food produced using agricultural chemicals that contain nanoparticles would be allowed to be sold.

The Food Authority advises that it is not aware of any application lodged with Food Standards Australia New Zealand for approval of the addition of manufactured nanoparticles in food. An application would

include a rigorous safety assessment in accordance with the Food Standards Code assessment procedures and that assessment would be made available for public and stakeholder input. Food Standards Australia and New Zealand advice is that they are not aware of any food sold in Australia that contains any new type of manufactured nanoparticles. The current scientific evidence of nanotechnology application is that the likelihood of nanoparticles being released from packaging material is low because applications in this area are being directed at fixing or embedding nanoparticles into packaging. Food Standards Australia and New Zealand are continuing to monitor research developments related to nanotechnology and food safety occurring around the world on ongoing basis.

Additionally, recognising the emergence of nanotechnologies and that nanotechnology can lead to novel properties of products raising health, environmental, social and ethical issues, the Australian Office of Nanotechnology has developed the National Nanotechnology Strategy. It aims to establish the environment that allows Australia to capture benefits of nanotechnology while addressing the issues impacting on successful and responsible development of nanotechnology. It complements other Australian Government initiatives and existing research, innovation and industry policies that promote the development of enabling technologies and facilitate greater coordination of policies affecting nanotechnology.

The National Nanotechnology Strategy includes specific initiatives to:

- address the health safety and environmental impacts of nanotechnology on regulations and standards;
- undertake a public awareness and engagement program to provide balanced advice on nanotechnology;
- establish a nanoparticle metrology capability at the National Measurement Institute; and
- facilitate a whole of government approach to nanotechnology through establishing the Australian Office of Nanotechnology.

The National Nanotechnology Strategy recognises the importance of the need for regulatory frameworks to keep pace with improved knowledge on the impact of nanotechnology. A key component of the strategy is to undertake analysis of the impact of nanotechnology on regulatory frameworks, including the nationally coordinated approach to food regulation. These frameworks are being reviewed to ensure regulatory systems address the health, workplace and environmental implications of nanotechnology.

*3109 PLASTIC BAG WASTE—Ms Clover Moore asked the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

Given that the Environment Protection and Heritage Council did not resolve to take mandatory action to phase out plastic bags:

- (1) (a) Does the NSW Government remain committed to phasing out plastic bags by January 2009?
(b) If not, why not?
- (2) What date does the NSW Government plan to phase out plastic bags by?
- (3) Given that previous voluntary measures have not worked, what measures are being considered by the NSW Government to:
 - (a) Significantly reduce plastic bag use;
 - (b) Phase out plastic bags altogether?
- (4) Why has the NSW Government refused to commit to banning plastic bags without other States when South Australia has committed to banning plastic bags?

Answer—

- (1) (a) and (b) The NSW Government remains committed to a nationally consistent plan to phase out plastic bags.
- (2) Timing of a phase out will be dependent on Environment Protection and Heritage Council (EPHC) discussion of the outcomes from the additional work that Council has requested on plastic bags.
- (3) (a) and (b) Measures being considered by the NSW Government and the EPHC include:
 - working with the major supermarkets on further voluntary actions;
 - developing a national plan of action on litter reduction;
 - investigating alternatives including biodegradable bags; and
 - assessing a Victorian trial that tests a retailer charge on plastic bags with funding to go towards environmental outcomes.

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Information on all of these strategies will be presented at the next EPHC meeting in November 2008. NSW will consider this additional information prior to determining the best course of action to reduce bag use.

(4) All governments, including NSW, recognise that there is strong community support for taking action on lightweight plastic bags. Single-use bags waste resources and create litter which can harm marine and other mammals, as well as causing visual pollution. Many members of the community are already taking action by using reusable bags.

Given the further work commissioned by the Environment Protection and Heritage Council and the Victorian retailer trial, unilateral action by NSW is not appropriate at this time.

*3110 LARGE ERECTING SHOP ROLLING STOCK—Ms Clover Moore asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

With regard to the progressive removal of rolling stock from the Large Erecting Shop in Eveleigh, which is the longest continuous operating railway workshop in Australia:

- (1) Given that the roof of the State Heritage listed AAH19 carriage was damaged by exposure to the elements the last time it was removed from the Large Erecting Shop in Eveleigh and the NSW Transport Museum is short of undercover space, how will the NSW Government ensure that the AAH19 carriage is not damaged by exposure to the elements at the NSW Rail Transport Museum?
- (2) Is the NSW Government aware of the Friends of Eveleigh advice that covering timber carriages with canvas can cause major damage to paintworks?
- (3) What is the NSW Government's response to the widespread community view that the Large Erecting Shop is the most suitable place to store and protect rail heritage?
- (4) Does the NSW Government have ownership records prior to 2006 of heritage rolling stock currently stored at the Large Erecting Shop?
- (5) What is the NSW Government's response to concerns that it plans to relocate all rolling stock currently located at the Large Erecting Shop?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) to (5) An asset management plan for the AAH 19 carriage (also known as the "Commissioner's Car") is in place to ensure that this important asset will be there for future generations to enjoy. The Commissioner's Car is currently being stored under cover and cared for by the NSW Rail Transport Museum at Thirlmere.

The Government's Sustainable Rail Heritage Asset Management Strategy aims to ensure that the State's rail heritage is preserved for the public of NSW. A key element of the strategy is the recognition and enhancement of the role played by existing volunteer run rail heritage preservation groups in regional NSW.

The Office of Rail Heritage is focused on appropriately allocating core rail heritage assets to, and supporting the conservation activities of these volunteer rail heritage custodians.

Where core Government owned heritage rolling stock cannot be placed with an existing custodian, the Office of Rail Heritage will place the item in a secure, RailCorp storage location.

The current tenants of the Large Erecting Shop, the Company 3801 Ltd and the Powerhouse Museum are aware of the proposed vesting to the Redfern Waterloo Authority, with the Powerhouse Museum indicating it is actively considering alternative storage locations for its rolling stock.

The Company 3801 Ltd has made representations to the Redfern Waterloo Authority to stay in the Large Erecting Shop site.

*3111 NATURAL DISASTERS—Ms Clover Moore asked the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—

Following publication of "Taking a punch: Building a more resilient Australia" by David Templeman and Anthony Bergin for the Australian Strategic Policy Institute, which identifies that most Australians are unlikely to find themselves victims of a terrorist attack but many will face the risks posed by a natural hazard, agricultural or health crisis or a significant failure in critical infrastructure such as power or water:

- (1) Is the NSW Government aware of the analysis and conclusions in this paper?
- (2) What actions has the Government taken to ensure that NSW is adequately prepared for a large mass causality situation such as a natural disaster?

- (3) What has the Government done to ensure that NSW is able to withstand a disaster and return to its pre-disaster state quickly?
- (4) What has the Government done to test NSW capacity to respond to large-scale emergencies?
- (5) What initiatives has the Government taken to ensure the community, emergency volunteers, businesses and others are prepared for large scale natural disasters?

Answer—

- (1) Yes.
- (2) This question should be addressed to the Minister for Health.
- (3) NSW has comprehensive, well-developed and rehearsed emergency management arrangements encompassing disaster prevention, preparation, response and recovery. The State Disaster Plan and other sub-plans can be viewed on www.emergency.nsw.gov.au Community resilience has been increased through a range of education programs and projects undertaken under the joint Commonwealth-State-local Natural Disaster Mitigation Program.
- (4) NSW emergency plans are tested and rehearsed to ensure all response agencies are familiar with their roles and responsibilities in an emergency. The emergency management system also is regularly tested during major emergencies such as floods, storms and bushfires.
- (5) A range of initiatives ensures volunteers, businesses and the community are as prepared as possible for emergencies. These include training programs for emergency services personnel; the SES On-line Business FloodSafe Toolkit; SydneyAlert; detailed information on personal and business disaster preparation and response on the emergencyNSW website; and community education programs such as FireWise and community FloodSafe guides.

*3114 COST ASSESSMENT DEPARTMENT—NSW SUPREME COURT—Mr Jonathan O'Dea asked the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

What were the costs incurred in maintaining and running the Cost Assessment Department of the NSW Supreme Court for each of the years between 1994 to 2007?

Answer—

I am advised that:

The Supreme Court does not have a separate record of the costs associated with running and maintaining the Cost Assessment Department for the period 1994 to 1999.

The salary and on-costs of the Cost Assessment Department for the financial years from 2000 to 2007 are:

2000-01	\$182,319
2001-02	\$235,398
2002-03	\$275,598
2003-04	\$266,210
2004-05	\$275,713
2005-06	\$287,770
2006-07	\$299,279

*3116 DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS—Mr Greg Piper asked the Minister for Housing, Minister for Tourism—

Will the Minister implement a review of the Department of Housing's standard written communications to ensure that they are not perceived as being overbearing or ambiguous and to avoid causing unwarranted distress to recipients?

Answer—

Communications are written in a client-friendly, plain English style whenever changes to Housing NSW policy and procedures are made, or when a client complains about inappropriately worded correspondence received from Housing NSW.

*3117 SUPPORT FOR DISABLED STUDENTS—Mr Greg Piper asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—

Is it standard policy for permanently disabled TAFE students to be advised of note-taking support on a weekly basis, rather than under a permanent arrangement for the duration of the course?

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Answer—

Support may be on a weekly or ongoing basis. TAFE NSW teachers aim to ensure that the needs of the students are met and the most effective use is made of the available resources.

*3118 TAFE CLASSES—Mr Greg Piper asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—

Does a teacher always supervise TAFE classes participating in simulated work practice and is additional support for disabled students always provided as required by legislation?

Answer—

All TAFE NSW classes participating in simulated situations are supervised by a teacher.

TAFE NSW takes all practical steps to provide reasonable adjustments in meeting its obligations under the Disability Discrimination Act (1992) and the Disability Standards for Education (2005).

Support options are negotiated on an individual basis and may change throughout the duration of the course. TAFE NSW teachers aim to ensure that the needs of the students are met and the most effective use is made of the available resources.

*3119 PUBLIC DENTAL SERVICES IN THE TWEED—Mr Geoff Provest asked the Minister for Health—

Given that of the three dentist positions at the Tweed Hospital, one dentist has resigned, another has taken long-term leave, and the third position has never been filled, leaving the Tweed Hospital with no full time dentists currently available:

- (1) Why was the third dentistry position at the Tweed Hospital never filled?
- (2) When is it anticipated that the two vacant dentistry positions at the Tweed Hospital will be filled?
- (3) Given that the fill-in dentist only visits the Tweed Hospital one day a week, why have more replacement dentists not been recruited to meet the enormous demand for dental services in the Tweed?

Answer—

I am advised by the Chief Executive of the North Coast Area Health Service:

- (1) to (3) A Dental Officer was appointed to the third position in early 2008. This Dental Officer has subsequently resigned and his position has been replaced by a locum Dental Officer. The Tweed Hospital is currently recruiting to the vacant position held, in the interim, by the locum Dental Officer. Interest has been displayed from local Dentists and it is likely this position will be filled in the near future.

*3120 HOUSING AVAILABILITY IN THE TWEED—Mr Geoff Provest asked the Minister for Housing, Minister for Tourism—

- (1) Is the Minister aware that as many as 30 homeless people are living in Kingscliff beach sand dunes as a result of the lack of available housing in the Tweed?
- (2) Will the Minister ensure that these homeless people are urgently found emergency accommodation?
- (3) How many Tweed residents are currently on public housing waiting lists, and what is the present waiting time for public housing?
- (4) Are there any NSW Government plans to address the shortage of housing in the Tweed?
 - (a) If yes, what are they?
 - (b) If no, how does the Minister intend to meet the growing demand for housing in the Tweed?

Answer—

- (1) Housing NSW is not aware of this. If this is the case please direct them to the nearest Housing NSW office for assistance.
- (2) Housing NSW can offer a range of services to assist homeless people with finding accommodation. These include Temporary Accommodation, wait-turn and priority housing, Rentstart (Bond Assistance) and assistance to locate rental accommodation in the private sector. The NSW Department of Community Services also provides accommodation to homeless people through its Supported Accommodation Assistance Program.
- (3) The number of people on the housing register varies and changes constantly. The Tweed area is a high demand area and waiting times vary depending upon the specific housing requirements of individual applicants.

(4) Yes.

- (a) Housing NSW has a long term asset plan designed to increase the supply of public housing and is targeting the type of accommodation most in need. This plan will see a net increase of 350 public housing properties over the next ten (10) years in the Tweed through redevelopment and acquisitions. Housing NSW is also seeking to supplement its housing stock through its Headlease program to assist in meeting the demand for affordable housing in this area.

Through the Council Of Australian Governments, the Federal Government and the NSW Government are working to establish the National Rental Affordability Scheme which will stimulate the supply of rental housing in NSW by encouraging institutional investment in new affordable rental housing.

The NSW Government is also committed to increasing the supply of affordable housing across NSW through the not-for-profit community housing sector. Under the \$49.8 million Affordable Housing Innovations Fund, the NSW Government will assist community housing providers to develop or purchase housing using a combination of debt and equity.

The Iemma Government has invested over \$20.4 million in the Tweed area since 2004.

(b) n/a

*3121 CATTLE TICK FEVER—Mr Geoff Provest asked the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—

Given that the Minister has advised "The most effective method of preventing cattle tick fever outbreaks is by controlling cattle tick" and that recent outbreaks indicate that the NSW DPI has been unable to control cattle tick:

- (1) Will the Minister introduce more cattle tick surveillance cameras to complement the camera operating at Sexton Hill on the Pacific Highway?
- (2) As the NSW DPI does not hold quantities of the Imizol vaccination due to its short shelf life, will the Minister consider an offer made from the Blissett family to re-establish a cattle dip facility on their land for use by surrounding properties, as means of preventing cattle tick outbreaks?

Answer—

- (1) I refer to my answer to Written Question 2089 on this matter.
- (2) I refer to my answer to Written Question 2675 on this matter.

*3122 HEALTH CARE COMPLAINTS COMMISSION—Mrs Jillian Skinner asked the Minister for Health—

In relation to the Health Care Complaints Commission:

- (1) What internal management processes exist for complaints about case load management by liaison or resolution officers?
- (2) What guidelines are used or followed by liaison/resolution or complaints officers in the handling of patient complaints?
- (3) What protocols exist for liaison, complaints and resolution officers to declare any conflict of interest before speaking to complainants and handling complaints?
- (4) To whom does the HCCC and its complaints and resolution officers owe their over-riding duty of care in receiving and responding to patient complaints?
- (5) What is the HCCC's main priority and goal in the receipt and handling of patient complaints?
- (6) What key performance indicators are used to measure the performance of the HCCC?
- (7) To what degree do internal key performance indicators and performance bonuses for complaints and resolution officers, impact on the handling, resolution or ending of complaints?
- (8) On average what is the case load for individual complaints and resolution officers per year from 2003 to date?
- (9) What is the minimum level of medical training and/or health care service expertise of complaints officers employed at the HCCC?
- (10) What rewards or recognition is given to complaints and resolution officers for the expedient closure of complaint files?
- (11) How many complaints though reported as closed or resolved, were then litigated in the courts from 2003 to date?
- (12) What protocols exist within the HCCC for the socialising (professional or otherwise) of complaints and resolution officers, with the NSW medical profession and its associated professional bodies?

Answer—

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I am advised by the Health Care Complaints Commission:

- (1) Such complaints are dealt with through the Commission's performance management system.
- (2) to (6) and (8) to (12) I refer the Member to the advice provided by the Health Care Complaints Commission to questions placed on notice following the 1 May 2008 public hearing of the Parliamentary Health Care Complaints Committee's Review of the 2006-07 Annual Report of the NSW Health Care Complaints Commission (Inquiry).
- (7) The Commission's performance management system has improved the effectiveness and efficiency of the handling of complaints by Commission staff.

*3123 PUBLIC DENTAL TREATMENT IN THE FORSTER-TUNCURRY AREA—Mr John Turner asked the Minister for Health—

- (1) (a) Is a dentist operating the public dental treatment in the Forster-Tuncurry area?
(b) If not, why not?
(c) If not, when was the last public dental patient treated by a dentist in the Forster-Tuncurry area?
- (2) If there is no dentist working in the public dental surgery in the Forster-Tuncurry area, when will there be such a dentist?
- (3) What do people from the Forster-Tuncurry area do if they need public dental treatment?
- (4) (a) If there is a backlog of patients waiting for the resumption of public dental treatment in the Forster-Tuncurry area, will there be extra services available to catch up on the backlog of waiting patients?
(b) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised by the Chief Executive, Hunter New England Area Health Service:

- (1) (a) to (c) Yes.
- (2) Not applicable.
- (3) and (4) The public oral health service at Forster-Tuncurry operates under the Priority Oral Health Program. The focus of the Priority Oral Health Program is to ensure that those in the greatest need of oral health treatment are prioritised for treatment.
Eligible patients requiring dental services may contact the Hunter New England Area Health Service oral health call centre on 1300 720 023 to be triaged. Dependent on their triage category, the patient may:
 - be issued a voucher and referred to a private practitioner participating in the Oral Health Fee for Service Scheme for follow up treatment with the public oral health service; or
 - be placed on a priority waiting list.

The Foster Dental Clinic will continue to operate in accordance with the Priority Oral Health Program.

*3125 CLOSURE OF WISEMANS FERRY ROAD—Mr Ray Williams asked the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

Given a truck loaded with "hotmix" overturned on Wisemans Ferry Road at Cattai near Riverside Oaks on Wednesday afternoon 7 May at approximately 2 pm dropping 'hotmix' onto the road reserve but that the road was not blocked and the truck was removed by a tilt tray at 4 pm that same afternoon:

Why did the RTA works officer close the road until 8 pm that night forcing local residents to either wait four hours in a traffic jam or travel an additional 50 km on other roads to bypass the road closure, when the road could have remained open and the "hotmix" removed from the side of the road the next morning after peak traffic movement?

Answer—

I am advised:

There was spilt material on the road surface which made it inappropriate for road safety reasons to open the road to traffic until such time as this material was removed.

The RTA, local police and the "hotmix" contractor controlled traffic and removed the spilt "hotmix" as quickly and safely as possible. This was completed at 7 pm when the road was reopened.

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- 3126 SECONDARY SCHOOLS—ECONOMICS—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- 3127 JUSTICES OF THE PEACE—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- *3128 PRINCE OF WALES HOSPITAL—Mr Greg Aplin asked the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—

Given the latest crisis at Prince of Wales Hospital where staff have again threatened to walk off the job in protest at the conditions, what steps are being taken to address the staff concerns over the lack of mental health beds at this hospital, taking into consideration the fact that Prince of Wales already has an established Psychiatric Emergency Care Centre?

Answer—

I am advised that:

- South Eastern Sydney Illawarra Area Health Service management and the NSW Nurses' Association are actively working towards seeking a long term resolution to the concerns raised by the staff.
 - A commitment was made by Area Health Service management to open a further two to four beds on a demand surge basis. This arrangement was supported by the NSW Nurses' Association.
 - In addition the implementation of a monitoring process was agreed to, including improved communication and feedback between Emergency Department management and the Mental Health Service regarding mental health bed capacity.
 - The Area Health Service's Mental Health Service has an Area wide bed management system in place, which enables the networked management of all mental health beds.
 - The South Eastern Sydney Illawarra Area Health Service will be adding another 40 non-acute mental health beds within the area over the next twelve months. These units will ease the overall bed demand across the Area Health Service.
- 3129 DISCREPANCY IN PUBLISHED INFORMATION—Mr Greg Aplin to ask the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health) —
- *3131 STATE-OWNED GENERATORS—COAL COSTS AND CONTRACTS—Mr Mike Baird asked the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—
- (1) For all the state-owned generators, when were the most recent coal contract negotiations held?
 - (2) What is the predicted impact of rising coal costs on the sale price of the state-owned generators given the short-term nature of existing coal contracts expiry profile?

Answer—

These questions should be directed to the Treasurer.

- *3132 STATE-OWNED GENERATORS—CAPITAL EXPENDITURE—Mr Mike Baird asked the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—

Could the Minister provide a break down of capital expenditure (beyond summaries in Annual Reports) on all state-owned generators for each of the past five years?

Answer—

This question should be directed to the Treasurer.

- *3133 VALUATION ADVICE—Mr Mike Baird asked the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—

- (1) Has the Minister received any valuation advice for both the generator and retail businesses over the past three years?

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(2) Will he release a copy of this valuation advice?

Answer—

The Government's energy reform project is being led by the Treasurer.

*3134 RENEWABLE ENERGY TARGETS—Mr Mike Baird asked the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—

- (1) What steps has the Government taken to reach its renewable energy targets in 2008?
- (2) What potential projects (both feasible and actual) are in line to help the Government achieve its renewable energy target by 2020?
- (3) What costs are forecast for the Government to achieve its renewable energy target by 2020?
- (4) What costs are forecast if the renewable energy target is not achieved by 2020?

Answer—

It is not the Government's role to speculate on what projects the private sector may or may not bring forward to meet its 2020 renewable energy target and the NSW Government has not set a renewable energy target for 2008.

The NSW renewable energy target will be subsumed into the Commonwealth Government's commitment to a 20 per cent renewable target - the 20 per cent Mandatory Renewable Energy Target (MRET). The MRET's design is yet to be finalised and therefore the costs cannot be forecast at this time.

*3135 ENERGY CONSUMPTION—Mr Mike Baird asked the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—

- (1) How much energy does the average household in NSW currently consume?
- (2) What was the average consumption figure in each of the past five years?
- (3) What is the average energy consumption for households in the Manly electorate?

Answer—

(1) and (2) This information is available in various publications released by organisations such as the Australian Bureau of Agriculture and Resource Economics, Energy Supply Association of Australia and the Australian Bureau of Statistics.

(3) The Department of Water and Energy is not aware of energy consumption information that would allow analysis at an electorate level.

*3136 GREENPOWER SCHEME—Mr Mike Baird asked the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—

- (1) How many and what percentage of customers in the State subscribe to the GreenPower scheme?
- (2) How many and what percentage of customers in the Manly electorate subscribe to the GreenPower scheme?

Answer—

(1) I am advised that at 31 March 2008, 201,365 households and 12,637 commercial customers in NSW are now subscribing to GreenPower.

(2) The Department of Water and Energy, as the national Program Manager of the GreenPower scheme, does not collect information that would allow analysis at an electorate level. However, I am advised that the Department provided funding to Manly Council in 2007 to assist with a community education program on GreenPower.

*3137 IMPACT OF GREENPOWER SCHEME—Mr Mike Baird asked the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—

- (1) What impact has the GreenPower scheme had in reducing consumption of fossil fuels since it was introduced in NSW?
- (2) What impact has the GreenPower scheme had in reducing greenhouse gas emissions since it was introduced in NSW?
- (3) What impact has the GreenPower scheme had in boosting the renewable energy industry since it was introduced in NSW?

Answer—

- (1) to (3) I am advised that the GreenPower scheme has reduced fossil fuel consumption in Australia by over five million megawatt hours and in NSW by over two million megawatt hours since it commenced in NSW in 1997.

This equates to around five million tonnes of greenhouse gas abatement, two million tonnes of which can be attributed to NSW homes and businesses.

The Government does not track the actual value of GreenPower participant's contracts or the value of every Renewable Energy Certificate surrendered under the GreenPower program, but I am advised that for 2007 alone the number is estimated to be in the vicinity of \$45 million nationally.

- *3138 CLEAN ENERGY ROUNDTABLE—Mr Mike Baird asked the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—

- (1) How many times has the Government's Clean Energy Roundtable met since it was formed?
(2) When was the most recent meeting?
(3) What recommendations has the Roundtable made and which of these have the Government adopted?

Answer—

The committee has met once, on the 29 May 2007. There were no formal recommendations of the meeting.

- 3140 ENFORCEMENT OF SPEED LIMIT ALONG FULLERS ROAD—Ms Gladys Berejiklian to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

- 3141 SYDNEY FERRIES REVIEW—Ms Gladys Berejiklian to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

- 3142 ADVANCE NOTICE OF ROADWORKS—Ms Gladys Berejiklian to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

- 3143 ARTARMON RAILWAY STATION—COMMUTERS—Ms Gladys Berejiklian to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

- 3144 COMMUNITY SERVICES GRANTS PROGRAM—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Community Services—

- *3145 ABORIGINAL HOUSING—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson asked the Minister for Housing, Minister for Tourism—

- (1) How many dedicated houses are available in the Burrinjuck Electorate through the Department of Housing and other sources that are dedicated for use by Aboriginal tenants?
(2) How many people are on the waiting list for housing in the Onerwal Lands Council area?
(3) On what date was the last Aboriginal Housing Home constructed in Yass and in the Burrinjuck Electorate, under the Community Housing and Infrastructure Program?

Answer—

- (1) Total number of Houses specifically provided for Aboriginal community housing is 67, comprising of 40 Aboriginal Housing Office houses which are managed by Housing NSW and 27 houses managed by Aboriginal Community Housing Providers.
(2) There are 26 applicants in the Onerwal Local Aboriginal Land Council Area. This waiting list is taken from Onerwal Local Aboriginal Land Council and Ngunnawal Housing Aboriginal Corporation, both in Yass. On the Housing NSW waiting list as at December 2007 there was only one eligible applicant for housing administered by Housing NSW.
(3) No houses have been constructed by the AHO under the Community Housing and Infrastructure Program as indicated by the waitlist is not a high demand area.

- 3146 YASS HOSPITAL—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Health—

- *3147 WATERFRONT PROPERTIES—HOUSE/LOT NUMBERS—Mrs Judy Hopwood asked the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Lands, Minister for Rural Affairs, Minister for Regional Development—

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In relation to the many waterfront properties in the Hornsby electorate that do not have an easily identifiable house/lot number:

- (1) What is the Government policy on this if any?
- (2) How is the policy being implemented and assessed if at all?

Answer—

- (1) Local Councils are empowered under the Local Government Act 1993 to require the owner or occupier of land fronting a road to identify the premises with such numbers or other identification as specified in the Order. The Government encourages all councils to ensure properties are correctly addressed and endorses the Australian Standard AS/NZS 4819:2003 Geographic information – Rural and urban addressing (the Addressing Standard). This document is a comprehensive standard which provides users with an easy to use reference source that contains information on all aspects of addressing. It also provides advice to councils for numbering isolated waterway networks.
- (2) The Government is committed to ensuring all properties within the State are adequately addressed. The Geographical Names Board and Australia Post have hosted over 50 workshops throughout the State for local councils, local emergency services and other users on rural and urban addressing systems as outlined in the Addressing Standard. The Government, through the Department of Lands, has also provided financial and on-ground assistance to local councils for implementing addressing systems that comply with the Addressing Standard.

3148 BROOKLYN AND DANGAR ISLAND SEWERAGE SYSTEM—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—

*3149 DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING DWELLINGS IN HORNSBY—Mrs Judy Hopwood asked the Minister for Housing, Minister for Tourism—

- (1) How many Department of Housing dwellings are empty but could be occupied in the Hornsby electorate?
- (2) How many dwellings are being repaired?
- (3) How many are going to be sold?

Answer—

(1) and (2) The number of Housing NSW properties that are vacant in any area changes on a daily basis as houses are vacated by tenants, are cleaned and repaired ready for the next tenant, as is required under the Residential Tenancies Act and are then re-occupied.

(3) Nine properties are currently planned to be sold as these properties do not meet Housing NSW's clients' needs. Housing NSW is reconfiguring its stock as the demand is for more one and two-bedroom dwellings. The proceeds from the sale of properties is re-invested back into public housing.

3151 STUDENTS AT PORT HACKING AND JANNALI HIGH SCHOOLS—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—

3153 SUPPORT FOR CARERS—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services—

3154 EMPLOYEE NUMBERS OUTSIDE NEW SOUTH WALES—Mr Barry O'Farrell to ask the Minister for Health—

3155 PREPAID BUS TICKETS—Mr Barry O'Farrell to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

3158 TWEED HOSPITAL—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health—

*3159 DADHC ACCOMMODATION IN THE TWEED—Mr Geoff Provest asked the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services—

- (1) What is the status of the properties in Tweed electorate that are used as DADHC accommodation?
- (2) Are there any vacancies in the properties listed in response to (1) at present?

Answer—

- (1) I am advised that there are currently six properties that are administered and operated by DADHC funded services in the Tweed electorate. I am further advised that all of these properties are fully operational and are at capacity.
- (2) See answer to question (1).
- 3160 RENAL DIALYSIS AT THE TWEED HOSPITAL—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health—
- 3161 SIGHTINGS OF BILBIES—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- 3162 SIGHTINGS OF GOLDEN BANDICOOTS—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- 3163 SIGHTINGS OF NUMBATS—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- 3164 WARRAGAMBA DAM AUXILIARY SPILLWAY PROJECT—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—
- 3165 SYDNEY CATCHMENT AUTHORITY STAFF—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—
- 3166 SYDNEY CATCHMENT AUTHORITY DEBT—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—
- *3167 SES VEHICLES—Mr Anthony Roberts asked the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—
- Once an SES unit has purchased a new vehicle what is the average time for reimbursement by the State Government for vehicles purchased by year for the year 1995 to 2007 inclusive?
- Answer—
- The State Government assists councils in purchasing SES emergency response vehicles by providing grants of up to \$35,000. These grants are paid upon the receipt of invoices from councils.
- *3168 SES VOLUNTEERS—Mr Anthony Roberts asked the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—
- How many SES volunteers with more than 10 years service were registered by year for the years 1995 to 2008 inclusive?
- Answer—
- The State Emergency Service does not hold computerised service records going back far enough to support an accurate response to this question. A State-wide physical search for the relevant documents would place too great a demand on the agency's resources.
- *3169 SES VOLUNTEERS—Mr Anthony Roberts asked the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—
- How many SES volunteers with more than 15 years of service were registered by year for the years 1995 to 2008 inclusive?
- Answer—
- The State Emergency Service does not hold computerised service records going back far enough to support an accurate response to this question. A State-wide physical search for the relevant documents would place too great a demand on the agency's resources.
- *3170 SES VOLUNTEERS—Mr Anthony Roberts asked the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—
- How many SES volunteers were registered by year for the years 1995 to 2008 inclusive?
- Answer—
- The numbers of volunteers are reported in the Annual Report of the State Emergency Service.

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*3171 RURAL FIRE SERVICE VOLUNTEERS—Mr Anthony Roberts asked the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—

How many Rural Fire Service volunteers were registered by year for the years 1995 to 2008 inclusive?

Answer—

The NSW Rural Fire Service (RFS) was established on 1 September 1997 and as a consequence volunteer numbers are contained in the Annual Reports of the Service.

Prior to this time, membership records were held by local authorities and by individual brigades.

*3172 RURAL FIRE SERVICE VOLUNTEERS—Mr Anthony Roberts asked the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—

How many Rural Fire Service volunteers with more than 10 years service were registered by year for the years 1995 to 2008 inclusive?

Answer—

The Rural Fire Service does not hold computerised service records going back far enough to support an accurate response to this question. A State-wide physical search for the relevant documents would place too great a demand on the agency's resources.

*3173 RURAL FIRE SERVICE VOLUNTEERS—Mr Anthony Roberts asked the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—

How many Rural Fire Service volunteers with more than 15 years service were registered by year for the years 1995 to 2008 inclusive?

Answer—

The Rural Fire Service does not hold computerised service records going back far enough to support an accurate response to this question. A State-wide physical search for the relevant documents would place too great a demand on the agency's resources.

*3174 SES EMERGENCY RESPONSE VEHICLES—Mr Anthony Roberts asked the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—

(1) What is the total number of SES emergency response vehicles in New South Wales?

(2) How many of these vehicles are not air conditioned?

Answer—

(1) 517 operational vehicles.

(2) This information is not recorded by the SES as operational vehicles are mostly owned by local councils.

*3175 RURAL FIRE SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP—Mr Anthony Roberts asked the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—

How much of the Rural Fire Scholarship's \$25,000 was funded by:

(a) the State Government;

(b) the Rural Fire Service?

Answer—

(a) \$5,000

(b) \$10,000

3176 ACCESSIBILITY FOR DISABLED STUDENTS—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—

3177 WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE SCHOOLS—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—

*3178 PERMISSIVE OCCUPANCY—CURRAWONG BEACH—Mr Rob Stokes asked the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Lands, Minister for Rural Affairs, Minister for Regional Development—

- (1) Has a permissive occupancy or other form of licence been granted in respect of land bordering Currawong Beach at Pittwater?
- (2) If yes, what are the terms of the permissive occupancy or other form of licence?
- (3) If yes, what payments have been made under the permissive occupancy or licence for each of the following years:
 - (a) 2004;
 - (b) 2005;
 - (c) 2006;
 - (d) 2007?

Answer—

- (1) Yes.
- (2) Licence 197877 is held over lot 1 DP 166328 of 113.5 square metres for the purpose of jetty. The licence commenced in August 1993 and is terminable at will be either the licence holder or the Minister on giving the appropriate notice.
- (3) (a) \$5,500 in rent and \$550 GST.
(b) \$5,500 in rent and \$550 GST.
(c) \$5,753 in rent and \$575.30 GST.
(d) \$5,882 in rent and \$588.20 GST.

3179 REPLACEMENT OF SICK BUS DRIVERS—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

3180 PRIVATE MEDICAL INSURANCE—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Health—

3185 FUNDING OF CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITIES—Mr John Turner to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

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*3188 BLUE POWER—Mr Mike Baird asked the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—

What is the Government doing to investigate the feasibility of blue power to harness the energy of the ocean?

Answer—

I am advised that:

There are many forms of ocean energy technologies designed to utilise waves, tidal flows or ocean currents. A number of these technologies are being commercialised, including the wave power unit at Port Kembla.

The NSW Government is providing for the development of emerging renewable energy technologies through its \$100 million Renewable Energy Development Fund.

*3189 SOLAR POWER TARIFF—Mr Mike Baird asked the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—

What steps has the Government taken to consider a solar power 'feed-in' tariff for NSW?

Answer—

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The NSW Government is currently working with the Commonwealth Government and other jurisdictions through the Council of Australian Government's Working Group on Climate Change and Water to implement a nationally consistent approach to a feed-in tariff for solar energy.

- 3190 IPTAAS PAYMENTS—Mr Thomas George to ask the Minister for Health—
- 3191 SNOWY HYDRO CLOUD SEEDING PROJECT—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—
- 3192 KANGALOOON BOREFIELD—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—
- 3193 DESALINATION PLANT—BUNGENDORE—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—
- 3194 ENERGY USE IN PUBLIC SECTOR AGENCIES—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Premier, Minister for Citizenship—
- 3196 BOWRAL COURTHOUSE—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 3197 GOULBURN WATER SUPPLY—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—
- 3198 CLIMATE CHANGE FUND RESIDENTIAL REBATE PROGRAM—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- 3199 CARBON EMISSIONS FROM COAL-FIRED ELECTRICITY—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- 3200 RESIDENTIAL REBATE RAINWATER TANK PROGRAMME—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- 3201 DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING HOMES FOR DISABLED TENANTS—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Housing, Minister for Tourism—
- 3209 TAMWORTH FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICE—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- 3210 FAMILIES NSW PROGRAM VISITS—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Health—
- 3211 GREENETHORPE CENTENARY—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 3212 RENAL PHYSICIAN—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Health—
- 3213 SHORELINK BUS FLEET—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 3214 RESPITE BLOCKED BEDS—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services—
- 3215 DOCS CASEWORKERS—Mr Kevin Humphries to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- 3216 MOREE POLICE STATION—Mr Kevin Humphries to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 3217 HIGHWAY PATROL CARS—Mr Kevin Humphries to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 3218 FOSTER CARERS IN CRONULLA—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Community Services—

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- 3219 YOUNG OFFENDERS CLEANUP PROGRAM—Mr Daryl Maguire to ask the Minister for Juvenile Justice, Minister for Western Sydney, Minister Assisting the Premier on Citizenship—
- 3220 SURGICAL PROCEDURE AT BATHURST BASE HOSPITAL—Mr Gerard Martin to ask the Minister for Health—
- 3221 WALSH BAY—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Minister for Ports and Waterways—
- 3223 DEMOUNTABLE CLASSROOMS—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- 3224 BELL FAMILY JETTY—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Minister for Ports and Waterways—
- 3225 TENDER PROCESS AT BLACKWATTLE BAY—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Minister for Ports and Waterways—
- 3226 APPOINTMENT OF JOE SCIMONE—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Minister for Ports and Waterways—
- 3227 TWEED HOSPITAL PATIENTS—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health—
- 3228 KINGSCLIFF BOWLS CLUB—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Lands, Minister for Rural Affairs, Minister for Regional Development—
- 3229 WATER MONITORING AT CUDGEN LAKE—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- *3230 SES SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM—Mr Anthony Roberts asked the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—
- How much of the \$15,000 offered to the SES members as part of the SES scholarship program was funded by:
- (a) the State Government;
 - (b) the SES?
- Answer—
- (a) \$5,000
 - (b) \$5,000
- 3231 UNDERAGE DRINKING—PITTWATER—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 3233 FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT PROJECTS—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- 3235 ASSESSMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SIGNIFICANCE—DUBBO—Mr John Turner to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Lands, Minister for Rural Affairs, Minister for Regional Development—
- 3236 DIVIDING LINES—BELLS LINE OF ROAD—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 3237 WORKCOVER CLAIM—MR WOODHOUSE-YOUNG—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—

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3238 COLLAPSE OF BEECHWOOD HOMES—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Youth, Minister for Volunteering—

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3239 MOUNT DRUITT MOTOR REGISTRY—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

3240 SALE OF POLICE BOAT “NEMESIS”—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—

3241 SYDNEY VISITOR CENTRE—SYDNEY AIRPORT—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Minister for Housing, Minister for Tourism—

3242 POLICE ESCORTS OF OVERSIZED VEHICLES—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—

3243 COLLINGWOOD ABORIGINAL PLACE NAME NOMINATION—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

3244 GUARDIANSHIP HEARING—EMILY BROWN—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Community Services—

3245 LEAD CONTAMINATION AT REID’S FLAT PRIMARY SCHOOL—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—

3246 BOOROWA HOSPITAL STAFFING—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Health—

3247 FUNDING FOR THE NSW AMBULANCE SERVICE—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Health—

3248 FEDERAL BUDGET HEALTH SPENDING—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Health—

3249 MENTAL HEALTH INTENSIVE CARE UNIT AT HORNSBY HOSPITAL—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—

3250 HERITAGE LISTED BUILDINGS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—

3251 DEMOUNTABLE CLASSROOMS—Mr Jonathan O’Dea to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—

3252 MARIAN STREET THEATRE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE—Mr Jonathan O’Dea to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—

3253 MEN’S SHEDS—NORTHERN SYDNEY—Mr Jonathan O’Dea to ask the Minister for Community Services—

3254 TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF GRAIN LINES—Mr Adrian Piccoli to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

3255 MATERNITY UNITS AT HOSPITALS IN THE TWEED ELECTORATE—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health—

3256 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION FOR A QUARRY AT TERRANORA—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—

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- 3257 MAINTENANCE FUNDING FOR TWEED PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts representing the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 3258 WARRAGAMBA DAM AUXILIARY SPILLWAY PROJECT—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—
- 3259 SYDNEY CATCHMENT AUTHORITY—CREDIT RATING—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—
- 3260 SENIOR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OFFICER—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—
- 3261 MONA VALE HOSPITAL—MAINTENANCE EXPENDITURE—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Health—
- 3262 PITTWATER HIGH SCHOOL SOLAR PANEL PROJECT—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- 3263 MONA VALE HOSPITAL—SUPPLY ROOM ACCESS—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Health—
- 3264 ATTENTION DEFICIT DISORDER AND ATTENTION DEFICIT HYPERACTIVITY DISORDER—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- 3265 INCLUSIVE CAP FOR SMALL PRINCIPAL LOANS—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Youth, Minister for Volunteering—
- 3266 BELLS LINE OF ROAD—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 3267 CULOUL RIDGE TRACK—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

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- 3268 DESIGN CODES FOR SINGLE STOREY HOUSES—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- 3269 DRAINAGE SYSTEMS—STATE RAIL PROPERTY—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 3270 TOMAREE COMMUNITY HOSPITAL FUNDING—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Minister for Health—
- 3271 RENAL DIALYSIS SERVICES—TOMAREE COMMUNITY HOSPITAL—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Minister for Health—
- 3272 BUDGET ALLOCATIONS—ELECTORATE OF COFFS HARBOUR—Mr Andrew Fraser to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
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- 3275 NSW RURAL ASSISTANCE AUTHORITY—Mr Thomas George to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—
- 3276 REPAIRS TO DAMAGED ROOFS AND INTERIORS—Mr Thomas George to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—
- 3277 COMMUNITY MEALS PROGRAMS FUNDING—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- 3278 GRENFELL MPS—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Health—
- 3279 SHAKING BOG CREEK PINE PLANTATION—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—
- 3280 KURING-GAI LOCAL AREA COMMAND—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 3281 NERINGAH HOSPITAL—PALLIATIVE CARE BEDS—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Health—
- 3282 ALCOHOL RELATED BREACHES—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 3283 JUVENILE CONFERENCING—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Juvenile Justice, Minister for Western Sydney, Minister Assisting the Premier on Citizenship—
- 3284 CRONULLA POLICE STATION—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 3285 SCHOOL MAINTENANCE—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- 3286 LIQUOR LICENCE BREACHES—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 3287 PRICING SUBMISSIONS—Mr Daryl Maguire to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—
- 3288 RELEASING OF PRISONERS ON REMAND IN PRISON ATTIRE—Mr Daryl Maguire to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 3289 LEAD IN SEDIMENT BELOW ROSEVILLE BRIDGE—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- 3290 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH OF MIDDLE HARBOUR CREEK—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- 3291 SUBURBAN RUN-OFF INTO MIDDLE HARBOUR CREEK—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- 3292 MODIFICATION OF VEHICLE TO CARRY TWO WHEELCHAIRS—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

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- 3293 GAMBLING REVENUE—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Minister for Gaming and Racing, Minister for Sport and Recreation—
- 3294 LOW DOSE RADIATION BRACHYTHERAPY—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Minister for Health—
- 3295 TWEED SAND BYPASS PROJECT—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- 3296 TWEED HEADS POLICE STATION—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 3297 DOCTOR ACCREDITATION TRAINING—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health—
- 3298 LIDCOMBE RADIATION CONTROL BRANCH—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- 3299 LIDCOMBE RADIATION CONTROL BRANCH—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- 3300 RADIOACTIVE STORAGE FACILITIES—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- 3301 PROPOSED WITHDRAWAL FROM BUSHFIRE COMMITTEE—Mrs Jillian Skinner to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—
- 3302 PUBLIC SCHOOLS—OUTSTANDING MAINTENANCE WORK—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- 3303 NORTHERN BEACHES BUS CANCELLATIONS—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 3304 MONA VALE POLICE STATION—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 3305 BUDGET ALLOCATIONS—ELECTORATE OF MYALL LAKES—Mr John Turner to ask the Minister for Health—
- 3306 BUDGET ALLOCATIONS—ELECTORATE OF MYALL LAKES—Mr John Turner to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—
- 3307 BUDGET ALLOCATIONS—ELECTORATE OF MYALL LAKES—Mr John Turner to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- 3308 BUDGET ALLOCATIONS—ELECTORATE OF MYALL LAKES—Mr John Turner to ask the Minister for Community Services—
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- 3310 BUDGET ALLOCATIONS—ELECTORATE OF MYALL LAKES—Mr John Turner to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

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- 3311 LEADER OF THE NATIONALS—BUDGET REPLY—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts representing the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 3312 EXEMPTION OF STAMP DUTY—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts representing the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 3313 SYDNEY CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL CHILD AND ADOLESCENT INPATIENT UNIT—Mr Greg Aplin to ask the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—
- 3314 GOSFORD HOSPITAL MANDALA MENTAL HEALTH UNIT—Mr Greg Aplin to ask the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—
- 3315 PUBLIC EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS—MANLY ELECTORATE—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- 3316 FUNDING FOR DEMOUNTABLE CLASSROOMS—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- 3317 FUNDING FOR MANLY VALE PUBLIC SCHOOL—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- 3318 PRIORITY E7—PEAK HOUR TRAVEL SPEEDS—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 3319 FUNDING FOR ROAD SAFETY OFFICER—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 3320 "DROP OFF AND GO, PICK UP AND GO"—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 3321 BUDGET FUNDING FOR CYCLEWAYS—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 3322 ADDITIONAL PUBLIC HOUSING—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Housing, Minister for Tourism—
- 3323 BUS SERVICES—MANLY ELECTORATE—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 3324 PREMIER'S COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Premier, Minister for Citizenship—
- 3325 PUBLIC TRANSPORT FOR PORT STEPHENS SCHOOL STUDENTS—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 3326 INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT—HEXHAM—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- 3327 BUDGET ALLOCATION—ELECTORATE OF COFFS HARBOUR—Mr Andrew Fraser to ask the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services—
- 3328 BUDGET ALLOCATION—ELECTORATE OF COFFS HARBOUR—Mr Andrew Fraser to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

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- 3329 BUDGET ALLOCATION—ELECTORATE OF COFFS HARBOUR—Mr Andrew Fraser to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—
- 3330 BUDGET ALLOCATION—ELECTORATE OF COFFS HARBOUR—Mr Andrew Fraser to ask the Minister for Housing, Minister for Tourism—
- 3331 KOALA POPULATION—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- 3332 LAND MANAGEMENT—HAWKESBURY NEPEAN CATCHMENT AREA—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—
- 3333 WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE PUBLIC TRANSPORT—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
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- 3335 MOTORSPORT SCHOLARSHIP—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Gaming and Racing, Minister for Sport and Recreation—
- 3336 CHILD PROTECTION CASEWORKERS—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- 3337 COLONOSCOPY SERVICES IN YASS—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Health—
- 3338 POLICE MOBILE PHONES—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 3339 RAINWATER TANKS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- 3340 WATER BUY BACK—Mr Kevin Humphries to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- 3341 ENVIRONMENTAL OUTCOMES—Mr Kevin Humphries to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- 3342 SUTHERLAND HOSPITAL—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Health—
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- 3344 BUS TRAFFIC AND SAFETY SENSORS—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 3345 CLOSE THE GAP STATEMENT OF INTENT—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Premier, Minister for Citizenship—
- 3346 ALCOHOL ACTION PLAN—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Premier, Minister for Citizenship—
- 3347 FOI CONTRACTS DISCLOSURE—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Premier, Minister for Citizenship—
- 3348 FOX STUDIOS FIRE AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—
- 3349 PROTECTING TENANTS—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Youth, Minister for Volunteering—
- 3350 SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT SERVICES—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services—

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- 3353 INFRINGEMENTS—EWINGS DALE FIXED SPEED CAMERA—Mr Donald Page to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 3354 RIPPLE STRIPS—PACIFIC HIGHWAY—Mr Donald Page to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 3355 SYDNEY HARBOUR TUNNEL—UNPAID TOLL—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 3356 OLDER DRIVERS—PRACTICAL DRIVING TESTS—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 3357 FORWARDING OF REGULATION—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 3358 FUNDING FOR KINGSCLIFF TAFE—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts representing the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 3359 PAYROLL TAX—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts representing the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 3360 BUDGET FUNDING—TWEED ELECTORATE—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts representing the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 3361 NELSON PARADE, HUNTERS HILL—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- 3362 ALEXANDRA CANAL—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- 3363 HUNTER WETLANDS CENTRE—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- 3364 NORTHERN BEACHES HOSPITAL—OPENING DATE—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Health—
- 3365 CLINICAL SERVICES PLAN—NORTHERN BEACHES—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Health—
- 3366 WAKEHURST PARKWAY UPGRADE—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
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- 3437 BUDGET ALLOCATION—ELECTORATE OF MYALL LAKES—Mr John Turner to ask the Minister for Housing, Minister for Tourism—
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- 3443 DEFIBRILLATORS AND OXYVIVA POLICY—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Health—
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- 3445 CHILD OF LIDIA ILIEVSKI AND STEPHEN NEWCOMBE—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- 3446 SECURITY FENCE—GALSTON HIGH SCHOOL—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- 3447 RENAL DIALYSIS TREATMENT—ROYAL NORTH SHORE HOSPITAL—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Health—
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- 3452 TREATMENT OF SHARON HEMPEL AT BATHURST BASE HOSPITAL—Mr Gerard Martin to ask the Minister for Health—
- 3453 TERM LIMITS FOR PARLIAMENTARIANS—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Premier, Minister for Citizenship—
- 3454 DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING DWELLINGS—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Housing, Minister for Tourism—
- 3455 TERM LIMITS FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCILLORS—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—
- 3456 PACIFIC HIGHWAY AT SEXTON HILL—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
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- 3462 MID NORTH COAST CORRECTIONAL CENTRE—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, Minister for Justice, and Acting Minister for Education—
- 3463 TRAFFIC SUPERVISOR—OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PRIMARY SCHOOL—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, Minister for Commerce, Acting Minister for Industrial Relations, and Acting Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—

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- 3464 SYDNEY FERRIES—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- (1) How many ferries are currently in service with the Sydney Ferries Corporation?
 - (2) What is the average age of this fleet?
 - (3) How old is the oldest ferry now in service?
- 3465 LEVEL CROSSING MONITORING—ALBURY ELECTORATE—Mr Greg Aplin to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- (1) What police monitoring of railway level crossings is being undertaken in the Albury electorate as part of the current safety campaign supported by RailCorp?
 - (2) Which level crossings are being monitored?
 - (3) Will results from monitoring of the Tynan Road level crossing be submitted to the RTA?

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- 3466 COURT SECURITY—Mr Greg Aplin to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, Minister for Justice, and Acting Minister for Education—
- (1) When was the walk-through metal detector and X-ray machine installed in the Albury courthouse foyer?
 - (2) How many times has it been used?
 - (3) Given your explanation that the equipment is for use in the event of a high-risk case, how many high-risk cases have been held in the Albury Court since 2003?
 - (4) What training has been given to current court security staff to operate the equipment?
- 3467 TOURISM NSW FUNDING—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Minister for Housing, Minister for Tourism—
- (1) Given the O'Neil Report identified serious deficiencies in NSW Government funding for tourism, can the Minister provide details as to how the NSW Government will increase tourism investment in Port Stephens?
 - (2) In the wake of the O'Neil Report, have additional funds for tourism been directed to the Port Stephens region?
 - (3) Will any increase in the Tourism NSW budget be directed at reopening the Sydney Visitors Centre and Sydney Airport?
- 3468 CURFEWS FOR INNER-CITY PUBS—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Minister for Gaming and Racing, Minister for Sport and Recreation—
- (1) What measures have been taken to ensure that since the NSW Licensing Court imposed a curfew on Newcastle's inner-city pubs, anti-social behaviour will not simply be moved to other Hunter regions that do not have a curfew?
 - (2) What measures has the Minister taken to combat problem drinking in suburban, rural and regional areas?
- 3469 PORT STEPHENS LOCAL AREA COMMAND HEADQUARTERS—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- (1) Why will Port Stephens Local Area Command headquarters be housed in Beresfield, which is situated in the Lower Hunter Command, rather than in Raymond Terrace?
 - (2) Will the Minister guarantee that police resources will remain in Port Stephens even though their administration and management will be based outside the command?
 - (3) Given the new Raymond Terrace Police Station will not be completed until 2011, has the Minister given any thought to an alternative location for the Port Stephens Local Area Command headquarters inside the new Local Area Command boundaries?
- 3470 PROTECTION OF ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE LAND AT FAME COVE—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- (1) Given that the current Development Applications lodged with Great Lakes Shire Council for Lots 101/102/103/104 in DP1049845 at Fame Cove have been called up under section 3A of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, what studies has the Minister's Department undertaken to appraise the environmental significance of this site?
 - (2) Are there any previous studies regarding the Fame Cove region pertaining to their environmental significance?
 - (3) Why did the Government not honour the commitment by the former Minister for the Environment to purchase the said land to convert to national park?
- 3471 DENTAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES IN PORT STEPHENS—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Minister for Health—
- (1) What programs are in place to provide effective dental health care services to Port Stephens residents?
 - (2) What additional funds has the NSW Government allocated to dental health care in the Port Stephens region?
 - (3) Can the Minister's Department provide detailed statistics concerning the number of Port Stephens patients accessing dental health care provided by the Hunter New England Area Health Service?

- 3472 LICENSING OF LEARNER DRIVERS—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, Minister for Commerce, Acting Minister for Industrial Relations, and Acting Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- (1) What studies were undertaken into the reform of learner driver licensing before the mandatory 120 hours supervised driving rules were introduced?
 - (2) Which of these studies were conducted by New South Wales based researchers?
 - (3) Since the introduction of the 120 hours supervised driving requirement, has the Minister's Department conducted any further research into the economic impact of increased learner driver hours with specific regard to the rising cost of fuel?
 - (4) Since the introduction of the mandatory 120 hours supervised driving, have the numbers of learner drivers:
 - (a) increased;
 - (b) decreased;
 - (c) not changed?
 - (5) Since the introduction of the mandatory 120 hours supervised driving, have the numbers of provisional drivers:
 - (a) increased;
 - (b) decreased;
 - (c) not changed?
 - (6) Since the introduction of the mandatory 120 hours supervised driving, has the Minister's Department identified any instances of learner drivers attempting to lie about the number of hours supervised driving they've undertaken in their log books?
 - (7) Which parents groups, road safety consultants and young people did the Government consult with before the introduction of the 120 hours supervised driving requirement?
 - (8) Given the price of fuel at the time the Minister received this question, could the Minister's Department calculate the total cost (excluding car maintenance and possible tolls) of 120 hours driving on NSW roads?
- 3473 DADHC RESTRUCTURE—Mr Andrew Constance to ask the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services—
- (1) (a) Has the DADHC Community Support Team been restructured?
(b) If yes, has DADHC restructured any other internal department and how much is it estimated that this/these restructures will cost?
 - (2) (a) Is DADHC funding DADHC staff to attend a conference in/around Parramatta?
(b) If yes, is it to discuss the restructure?
(c) If yes, how many people are being funded for accommodation for this conference?
(d) If yes, when will this take place and for how many days?
(e) How much will this conference and accommodation and expenses cost all up?
(f) Are people who reside in metropolitan Sydney being funded for accommodation?
(g) Is this cost coming from the Disability budget?
(h) If yes, from what component of the budget?
(i) If yes, does this cost take money directly from service provision for people with disabilities or their carers?
 - (3) Is this restructure a return to the way things were done before the last restructure, or the one before that?
 - (4) How many more restructures does the Minister believe that DADHC will need to begin to get the disability support and service system to function?
 - (5) How will this restructure assist with crisis management?
 - (6) How will this restructure assist with unmet need?
 - (7) How will this restructure assist with service delivery of early intervention?
 - (8) How will this restructure assist with physiotherapy?
 - (9) How will this restructure assist with closing time frames for excessive waiting lists?
 - (10) Is the restructure a result of the Community Support Team failing to deliver outcomes for cost ratios?

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- (11) What was the criteria used in the interview process for 'new' management within community support teams?
- (12) Did this process consider experience or ability as the main criteria for success or was it based around a candidate's ability to give a "good" interview?
- (13) What is the average experience within the sector of the people awarded management positions?
- (14) What was the average experience within the sector of the people who were not awarded management positions?
- (15) Is the Minister aware that families are calling their therapists and finding the phone disconnected?
- (16) Is the Minister aware that some therapists are simply closing cases without the permission of families so they can take up the new positions?
- (17) When was the Minister intending to inform the families who rely on these teams of the changes to their services?
- 3474 QUANDIALLA HEALTH CENTRE—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Health—
- (1) On what days are contract cleaners scheduled to clean the Quandialla Health Centre?
- (2) Given that members of the community have informed me that the Quandialla Health Service has not been cleaned for a significant period of time will you explain why this regular cleaning has not been conducted?
- (3) What action will you take to ensure that the Quandialla Health Centre is cleaned in accordance with its regular schedule?
- 3475 YASS JUNCTION TO YASS TOWN RAIL LINE—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- Does the existing legislation allow the removal of the rail lines between the Yass Town Railway Station and the Yass Junction Railway Station for any reason without enabling legislation being passed in the NSW Parliament?
- 3476 CHILDCARE CENTRE REGISTER—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- (1) Given the public concern raised by the "Scribbles and Giggles" Child Care Centre in Rydalmere incident, does the Department of Community Services intend to institute a register of childcare centres to record serious incidents that have been investigated by DoCS so parents can make an informed decision when seeking child care places for their children?
- (2) If not, why not?
- 3477 NURSING HOMES—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Health—
- Are there any Aboriginal nursing homes dedicated to solely admitting and caring for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander elderly people?
- 3478 HORNSBY HOSPITAL FUTURE WORKS—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health) —
- In light of the 2008-09 Budget Paper No 4 statement that \$26.5M estimated total cost (\$22.3M in 2008-09) for planning future new works including Mental Health stage 4 (including a new unit at Hornsby Hospital), what is specifically planned for the new unit at Hornsby Hospital?
- 3479 NEW LINE ROAD CHERRYBROOK—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, Minister for Commerce, Acting Minister for Industrial Relations, and Acting Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- In light of the statement made in correspondence dated 29 May 2008 from the Parliamentary Secretary for Roads to my office "I am advised the RTA is currently considering future road improvement on New Line Road from Purchase Road, Cherrybrook to Quarry Road, Dural", what is planned for this section of very dangerous road?
- 3480 CANCER PATIENTS AT CALVARY MATER NEWCASTLE—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- How many cancer patients have sought treatment at the Calvary Mater Newcastle, specialist oncology unit, since its opening?

- 3481 AGED CARE FACILITY—SUTHERLAND HOSPITAL GROUNDS—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Health—
- (1) What is the annual charge of leasing part of Sutherland Hospital grounds to DCA Limited or an aged care facility?
 - (2) Is the Minister aware of serious issues relating to the development proposal such as height, limited access, car parking and impact on residents of Hinkler Avenue, Caringbah?
 - (3) When will NSW Health respond to correspondence from residents of Hinkler Avenue, Caringbah who have offered to sell their properties to NSW Health because of the impact on their homes from the proposed aged care facility?
- 3482 PARKING FACILITIES AT SUTHERLAND HOSPITAL—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Health—
- What plans are there to improve parking facilities at Sutherland Hospital to reduce parking congestion in local residential streets?
- 3483 DUPLICATION OF THE CRONULLA RAILWAY LINE—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- (1) Is duplication of the Cronulla Railway Line on schedule for completion in late 2008?
 - (2) Is the final estimated cost of the duplication of the Cronulla Railway Line still \$231 million?
- 3484 PROPOSED ELECTRICITY REFORMS—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Premier, Minister for Citizenship—
- Which schools, hospitals, roads, railways and other facilities will be delayed if proposed electricity reforms do not take place?
- 3485 CHILDREN WITH LEUKAEMIA—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Health—
- (1) How many new cases of children with leukaemia have been recorded in Ku-ring-gai Council area in each of the years 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007?
 - (2) What are the total number of cases of children with leukaemia currently recorded in Ku-ring-gai Council area?
 - (3) How many new cases of children with leukaemia have been recorded in Warringah Shire in each of the years 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007?
 - (4) What are the total number of cases of children with leukaemia currently recorded in Warringah Council area?
- 3486 ALLOCATED POLICE NUMBERS—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- (1) What are the allocated police numbers in the Local Area Commands of:
 - (a) North Shore;
 - (b) Kuring-gai;
 - (c) Warringah?
 - (2) What are the current police numbers in the Local Area Commands of:
 - (a) North Shore;
 - (b) Kuring-gai;
 - (c) Warringah?
- 3487 INSURANCE TAXES—Mr Donald Page to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts representing the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter—
- (1) Is the Minister aware that general insurance taxes in NSW are higher than in any other country in the developed world?
 - (2) Does the Minister consider this acceptable?
 - (3) (a) Is the Minister going to reduce the excessively high insurance taxes in NSW from the current level given that they are almost three times the level of comparable international average rates?
 - (b) If not, why not?
 - (4) (a) Will the Minister reduce NSW stamp duty on insurance premiums to the "best practice" rate of 7.5%?
 - (b) If not, why not?

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- 3488 FIRE SERVICES LEVY—Mr Donald Page to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts representing the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter—

Given that under the current system only contents and building insurance policy holders pay the Fire Services Levy in NSW and the Insurance Council of Australia states the removal of Fire Services Levy from NSW insurances would result in 98,600 more households taking up contents insurance and 22,800 households taking up building insurance:

- (1) (a) Is the Treasurer going to remove the fire services levy from NSW insurance policies?
- (b) If not, why not?
- (2) Does the Minister consider it acceptable that one section of the community contributes to fire services provided to the entire community in NSW?
- (3) What is the Minister going to do to correct this inequity?

- 3489 MULTI ELECTORATE TRANSPORT PROGRAMS—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts representing the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter—

With regard to two items listed under Multi Electorate Transport Programs in the Treasury's 2008-09 list of infrastructure projects, namely a total cost of \$20 million for digital train radio implementation and \$8 million for improved passenger initiated egress to trains:

- (1) Were tenders called for these works and if so when?
- (2) Where were expressions of interest advertised and how many tenders were received?
- (3) What was the range of tendered amounts from lowest to highest?
- (4) To whom was the tender let and for what amount?
- (5) What was the extent of the tendered works?

- 3490 CITYRAIL SHORTFALL ON CAR SETS—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

In the event CityRail is short on car sets for a particular service, does it reallocate car sets from another area to meet the shortfall?

- 3491 3 X 3 FUEL LEVY—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts representing the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter—

Has the 3 x 3 fuel levy been removed?

- 3492 PACIFIC HIGHWAY AT SEXTON HILL—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, Minister for Commerce, Acting Minister for Industrial Relations, and Acting Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—

- (1) Given the Federal Government has already committed \$210 million to Banora Point upgrade, why has the NSW Government failed to provide more than the \$5 million for planning in the 2008/09 Budget so that construction can begin immediately?
- (2) Given that costing by the Community Highway Group (CHG) indicates that Option C's cost is closer to \$220-230 million, which is similar to that of option B and substantially less than the \$250 million quoted by the Minister, does the Minister agree that his concerns regarding an alleged \$60 million price variance between options B and C are now unwarranted?
- (3) Given that the combination of the Federal Government's \$210 million commitment with the NSW Government's \$45 million in 2007/08 for Pacific Highway funding already exceeds both the RTA and CHG costing of Community Option C, will the Minister select Community Option C as the preferred option for the Sexton Hill upgrade?

- 3493 RAIL FUNDING IN THE TWEED—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

Given that infrastructure allocation papers received from the Treasurer show a total 2008/09 budget allocation of \$166,586 for RIC and RailCorp infrastructure projects:

- (1) (a) Is this infrastructure funding allocation an indication that rail services on the Tweed-Murwillumbah line will be restored in the future?
- (b) If no, why is funding being allocated for infrastructure projects on a rail line which the NSW

Government has closed?

- (2) Is the Minister aware of the commuter dissatisfaction in the Tweed with the bus service that replaced train services on the Tweed-Murwillumbah rail line, and the strong community support for restoring rail services on the line?

3494 PACIFIC HIGHWAY AT SEXTON HILL—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, Minister for Commerce, Acting Minister for Industrial Relations, and Acting Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—

Given that the Pacific Highway suffered from traffic gridlock over the 2008 Queen's Birthday Long Weekend as a result of several accidents on the road:

- (1) Were any of these accidents a result of the RTA's decision to resurface the road at Sexton Hill on the night before the start of the long weekend?
- (2) When will the upgrade of the Pacific Highway at Sexton Hill commence, so as to reduce the high frequency of accidents on this notoriously dangerous stretch of road?

3495 INVESTIGATION INTO BULLYING AND HARASSMENT CLAIMS—Mrs Jillian Skinner to ask the Minister for Health—

- (1) Is the Minister aware that a Wollongong based nurse, Julie Kesby, is currently unemployed and unable to work in any hospital in the Illawarra whilst the bullying and harassment claims she has made are addressed?
- (2) What has the Minister done to address the issues Ms Kesby has raised concerning corruption and collusion at senior levels regarding decisions and actions pertaining to her matter?
- (3) What process, policy and legislation has NSW Health followed in investigating her complaints?
- (4) Did the Risk Management Unit of NSW Health inform this nurse that the Independent Commission Against Corruption had declined to investigate her complaint?
- (5) What is the current cost of legal representation by Clayton Utz of the Health Service if this proceeds to the Administrative Decisions Tribunal?
- (6) What is the expected overall cost of legal representation by Clayton Utz of the Health Service if this proceeds to the Administrative Decisions Tribunal?
- (7) Has Ms Kesby lodged a complaint with the Anti-Discrimination Board claiming you have victimised her by failing to intervene and direct the South Eastern Sydney and Illawarra Area Health Service to act according to mandatory NSW Health Policy?
- (8) (a) Will the Minister engage lawyers to represent the Minister at the Anti-Discrimination Board in relation to Ms Kesby's matter?
(b) If so, who will pay the Minister's legal fees?

3496 SERVICES FOR PROBLEM GAMBLING—Mr George Souris to ask the Minister for Gaming and Racing, Minister for Sport and Recreation—

- (1) What services in the problem gaming area does the Office of Liquor, Gaming and Racing participate in, in full or part responsibility, with relation to:
 - (a) youth gambling programs;
 - (b) e-counselling/telephone counselling;
 - (c) development of awareness programs for TV/media?
- (2) What spending has been allocated to each of these services for the next three years from:
 - (a) the Responsible Gambling Fund;
 - (b) any other Liquor, Gaming and Racing funding for the next three years?

3497 SCHOOL BUS ROUTES—Mr John Turner to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

With respect to a letter dated 28 May 2008 (reference RML 105729) regarding seatbelts on school buses, it was advised that "independent experts" have now been engaged to conduct an assessment of school bus routes in NSW and that the Transport Ministry will establish a risk strategy for each route and that consultation will continue with parent groups and the industry to ensure the best safety outcome is achieved:

- (1) What period of time will the "independent experts" take to conduct the assessment?
- (2) (a) Will parents in the Myall Lakes electorate be included in the consultation to ensure the best safety outcome is achieved?

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- (b) If not, why not?
- (3) (a) If parent groups in the Myall Lakes electorate are included in the consultation to ensure the best safety outcome is achieved, how will the consultation be undertaken?
 - (b) If so, what period of time will the consultation be undertaken for?
- (4) (a) If it is decided to install on board equipment such as seat belts, when will the installation occur?
 - (b) If not, why not?

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