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\*0423 CONVEYANCE OF INMATES—Mr Richard Amery asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

- (1) Are inmates brought from prisons to appear at the Mount Druitt Court House to answer charges?
- (2) Which authority is responsible for conveying these inmates to and from the court?
- (3) (a) Is the Government proposing any changes to the arrangement for transporting inmates to and from the Mount Druitt Court House?  
(b) If so, what are these changes?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Yes.
- (2) Corrective Services NSW transports inmates between correctional centres and the court. Defendants who are arrested and refused bail by police (known as Bail Act Form 7's) during court sitting hours are transported to court by NSW Police.
- (3) No.

\*0425 PRINCE OF WALES HOSPITAL EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT STAFF—Mr Michael Daley asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

With regard to the \$5 million enhancement for three emergency specialists and two emergency registrars at the Prince of Wales Hospital Emergency Department:

- (1) Have these positions been advertised?
- (2) When will these extra ED emergency staff commence work?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) and (2) The details in respect to this policy will be announced after the budget process is completed in September 2011.

\*0426 COMMUNITY-BASED ADDICTION PROGRAMS—Mr Robert Furolo asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

With regard to the \$10 million enhancement for keeping drug and alcohol dependent people out of hospital and the Minister's proposal to create up to eighty extra residential beds in community-based addiction programs:

- (1) What programs have been funded by 31 July 2011 and In which locations?
- (2) How has the efficacy of these programs been measured?
- (3) How many of these beds have been opened and In which locations?

Answer—

- (1) to (3) The Government is currently undertaking a review of health priorities.

The specific timing and scope of the new drug and alcohol treatment projects will be announced after the budget process is completed in September 2011.

\*0427 BUS SERVICE 235—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Transport—

Will the government extend the 235 bus service from Maryland to Minmi and If so, when?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) and (2) There are currently no plans to extend route 235 from Maryland to Minmi.

\*0428 FIXED SPEED CAMERA—NEWCASTLE ROAD, JESMOND—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

- (1) In the wake of the Government turning off around one-quarter of the state's fixed speed cameras, what measures is the Minister taking to deter drivers from speeding along Newcastle Road, Jesmond which had a fixed speed camera operating at the approach to one of the busiest intersections in Newcastle, on the crest of a hill?

- (2) Have accidents and injuries fallen by 26 per cent and fatalities by two-thirds in the three years following the installation of fixed speed cameras?
- (3) Have accidents and injuries decreased since the installation of the Newcastle Road fixed speed camera?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Following the recent audit of speed cameras a number of cameras have been turned off because they were not delivering the expected road safety benefit. This decision does not condone speeding at these locations and the Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA) will review locations to develop a program of alternative road safety treatment works.
- (2) An overall analysis of crashes at all fixed speed camera locations comparing three years pre-installation compared to three years post-installation found that overall crashes and injuries were reduced by 26 per cent and fatalities reduced by 67 per cent. However, the results differed for some individual locations.
- (3) Crashes and injuries increased at the Newcastle Road, Lambton fixed speed camera in the three years following installation in June 2000. Prior to the camera being installed there were 35 crashes resulting in 10 injuries over three years and after the camera was installed this increased to 49 crashes resulting in 46 people being injured over three years. This is why the camera is being decommissioned and other alternative road safety works considered.

\*0429 HOMELESSNESS IN THE HUNTER REGION—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

- (1) How many people are currently recorded as homeless in the Hunter region?
- (2) What steps is the Government taking to find accommodation for homeless persons in the Hunter?
- (3) What steps is the Government taking to prevent homelessness?

Answer—

- (1) In the 2006 Census there were 1981 people recorded as homeless in the Hunter Region.
- (2) Homeless people are able to access a range of services to assist in finding accommodation through Housing NSW, the Community Housing Sector and Specialist Homelessness Services.
- (3) The Hunter Regional Homelessness Action Plan is available on the Housing NSW website. The Plan provides details of homelessness initiatives in the area.

\*0430 ADDITIONAL FUNDING TO COMMUNITY SERVICES—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

- (1) In view of statistics revealed this week that NSW Community Services received almost 80 child abuse reports a day from the Hunter Central Coast region during the last financial year, making it the worst region in the state, is the Government planning to provide additional funding to Community Services in the Hunter?
- (2) What steps is the Government taking to provide more support for families in the Hunter?

Answer—

- (1) and (2) The Department of Family and Community Services funds a wide range of programs for families in the Hunter Central Coast including:
  - Two new Family Preservation and Restoration Pilot projects to provide an intensive intervention designed to reduce the likelihood of children entering OOHC and provide intervention tailored to minimise significant statutory child protection involvement and promote early restoration, where possible.
  - Two new Aboriginal Intensive Family Based Services projects to provide an intensive family based intervention to Aboriginal families with children who are at risk of entering Out of Home Care (OOHC).
  - Two new Whole of Family Teams to provide multidisciplinary and multi-agency intervention to families with complex child protection concerns.
  - Over \$33 million was allocated to more than 100 other programs in the region.

\*0431 CABRAMATTA COMMUTER CAR PARK—Mr Nick Lalich asked the Minister for Transport—

- (1) Was the commuter car park situated at Cabramatta announced by the former State Government?
- (2) Can the Minister advise when this project will commence?

Answer—

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I am advised:

- (1) The previous government issued a media statement on 21 February 2010 promising the Cabramatta car park would be under construction by March 2010. Construction on the car park had not been initiated as at 26 March 2011.

It is of concern to the Government that there have been reports such as in the Sydney Morning Herald on February 12, 2011, which include claims nearby car parks operated by Fairfield City Council and in close proximity to Cabramatta railway station are currently underutilised.

- (2) The Commuter Car Park and Interchange Program is currently being reviewed to address the needs of local communities to ensure appropriate prioritisation of work and to establish the program of work and associate funding. This includes an assessment of the proposed Cabramatta commuter car park.

The NSW Government is committed to improving the experience of customers using the public transport system and making it easier for commuters to access public transport. This includes an assessment of the Cabramatta commuter car park.

\*0432 CANLEY VALE COMMUTER CAR PARK—Mr Nick Lalich asked the Minister for Transport—

- (1) Was the commuter car park at Canley vale announced by the former State Government?  
(2) Can the Minister advise when this project will commence?

Answer—

- (1) I refer the Member for Cabramatta to his comments as reported in the Fairfield Advance on 2 March 2011.  
(2) The Commuter Car Park and Interchange Program is currently being reviewed to address the needs of local communities to ensure appropriate prioritisation of work and to establish the program of work and associated funding. This includes an assessment of the proposed Canley Vale commuter car park.

The NSW Government is committed to improving the experience of customers using the public transport system and making it easier for commuters to access public transport.

\*0433 FAIRFIELD INTERCHANGE—Mr Nick Lalich asked the Minister for Transport—

What is the latest information on the progress of the Fairfield Interchange?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Fairfield Transport Interchange is being reviewed as part of the Commuter Car Park and Interchange Program to ensure appropriate prioritisation of work and to establish the program of work and associated funding.

The NSW Government is committed to improving the experience of customers using the public transport system and making it easier for commuters to access public transport.

The Government has committed to establishing a \$40 million Park and Travel Safety Fund to make trains, stations and car parks safer, including:

- More CCTV cameras on platforms and in stations, trains and car parks;
- Improved lighting at stations and transport access areas and;
- More reliable help points in stations and car parks.

\*0434 CLOSE THE GAP STRATEGY—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

- (1) Has the Minister sought budget enhancements to implement the Government's component of the Close the Gap strategy?  
(2) If so, for how much?  
(3) If not, why not?

Answer—

- (1) The Overarching Bilateral Implementation Plan (OBIP) to Close the Gap in Aboriginal Disadvantage is an agreement between NSW and the Australian Governments that consolidates commitments to close the gap in Aboriginal disadvantage made under the National Indigenous Reform Agreement (NIRA). Funding arrangements under the OBIP are regular reviewed and agreed between parties.  
(2) Not applicable.

(3) See above.

Additionally, the Government is considering the NSW Auditor General's report into Two Ways Together, the previous Government's ten year policy on Aboriginal affairs, which highlighted that the policy did "not deliver the improvement in overall outcomes for Aboriginal people that was intended".

In its initial response to the Auditor General's report, the Government has committed to working with Aboriginal communities to develop a new approach to Aboriginal affairs. It has formed a Ministerial Taskforce on Aboriginal Affairs with key Aboriginal leaders to develop that approach, including policy, program and funding priorities.

\*0435 REPRESENTATIONS CONCERNING PLUMBING ISSUES—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

- (1) Has the Minister received representations from Mohamed Ahmad dated 25 May 2011, as the owner of premises in Ashcroft, concerning plumbing issues caused by contractors retained by Housing NSW?
- (2) If so, what is the Minister's response?

Answer—

(1) and (2) I have responded to Mr Ahmad on this matter.

\*0436 CORRESPONDENCE WITH CHIEF JUSTICE BATHURST—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

- (1) What was the date on which your letter concerning alleged further complaints against Magistrate Maloney was sent to Chief Justice Bathurst?
- (2) What was the date on which you received the letter, dated 17 June 2011, from E J Schmitt purporting to be a response to the letter referred to in (1) above?
- (3) Why did you not provide copies of both letters to all members of the Legislative Assembly:
  - (a) as soon as possible;
  - (b) before Magistrate Maloney addressed the Council;
  - (c) before the substantive motion concerning the magistrate was moved?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) 14 June 2011.
- (2) 17 June 2011.
- (3) I believed that Magistrate Maloney would give details of the response in his address to the Legislative Council. This belief was based on advice from the Judicial Commission that a copy of the letter referred to in question two was also provided to Magistrate Maloney and his legal representatives.

\*0437 EMPLOYEES ON "UNATTACHED LIST"—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

- (1) How many employees of the Department of Attorney General and Justice are currently on the "unattached list"?
- (2) For what periods of time have they been on that list?
- (3) What were the substantive positions of those employees before they became "unattached"?

Answer—

I am advised:

SES officers who are no longer appointed to a position are usually referred to as 'unattached officers'. Currently there are no unattached SES officers.

Excess employees are managed in accordance with the Premier's Memorandum No. 2011-11 Changes to the Management of Excess Employees and the Managing Excess Employees Policy.

There are currently four excess officers within the Department. Their details are listed in the table below.

Substantive position	Date excess	Current status
Clerk of Local Court, Clerk Grade 11-12	08-01-2008	Currently in a term based statutory appointment until 31 December 2011.

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Clerk Grade 11-12, Crown Solicitor's Office	16-12-2008	Temporary appointment within the Department to 30 September 2011.
Clerk Grade 9-10, Corrective Services NSW	03-06-11	Officer is seeking redeployment. Retention period will expire on 16 November 2011.
Clerk Grade 5-6, NSW Trustee & Guardian	11-07-2011	Offer of redundancy to be made.

\*0438 COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS ORDERS AND PERIODIC DETENTION—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

In light of your media release of 6 January 2008, what legislative initiatives do you propose in relation to:

- (a) community corrections orders;
- (b) periodic detention?

Answer—

I refer the Member to my speech, on behalf of the (then) Opposition, in the "Agreement in Principle" Debate in respect of the Crimes (Sentencing Legislation) Amendment (Intensive Correction Orders) Bill 2010, on 22 June 2010.

I made a considered speech and expressed the (then) Opposition's views on the Bill. I took into consideration the views expressed to me by a number of learned persons and bodies, including the differences between the originally proposed "community corrections order" and the ultimate "intensive correction order".

I refer the Member, in particular, to the final paragraph of my speech, in which I stated "...on balance the Opposition will not oppose the bill but will instead carefully monitor the success of intensive correction orders as a valid sentencing option."

\*0439 NSW CRIME COMMISSION—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

In light of your media release of 4 June 2008, when do you propose to alter oversight arrangements over the NSW Crime Commission?

Answer—

I am advised:

On 11 August 2011, my colleague, the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, announced that the Government will establish a special commission of inquiry into certain aspects of the NSW Crime Commission, including oversight arrangements.

\*0440 ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR JUVENILE JUSTICE—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

In light of your media release of 29 July 2007, how much additional funding have you secured for Juvenile Justice since 26 March 2011?

Answer—

The NSW Budget provides funding to reduce the state's juvenile remand population, with more than \$11 million over four years for programs to speed up bail applications for young people and to help them meet their bail conditions.

The government will invest a further \$7 million over four years to manage young offenders in Broken Hill.

Almost \$10 million over four years of additional maintenance funding has been allocated to ensure the continuation of the quality of Juvenile Justice's asset base.

\*0441 ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR CORRECTIONAL CENTRES—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

In light of your media releases of 4 August 2007 and 18 December 2009, how much additional funding have you secured for NSW correctional centres since 26 March 2011?

Answer—

All funding details for NSW correctional centres will be included in the State Budget, to be announced by the Treasurer.

\*0442 ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR NSW ANALYTICAL LABORATORIES—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

In light of your media releases of 21 July 2007 and 7 October 2001, how much additional funding have you secured for NSW Analytical Laboratories since 23 March 2011?

Answer—

I am advised:

As the Division of Analytical Laboratories falls within the portfolio responsibilities of the Minister for Health, the question should be directed to the Minister for Health.

\*0443 COST CUTTING MEASURES WITHIN TAFE—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Education—

Will the Minister's cost cutting measures within TAFE take into account TAFE's role in:

- (a) the need for skilled tradespeople in NSW;
- (b) English language classes;
- (c) retraining of retrenched workers;
- (d) supporting adults seeking to improve their employment prospects?

Answer—

(1) to (4) We don't speculate on any measures in relation to the NSW budget which will be handed down by the Treasurer on 6 September 2011.

The NSW Government is committed to a strong TAFE NSW.

TAFE NSW plays a central role in addressing the challenges the NSW economy faces in increasing workforce participation and improving business productivity.

\*0444 APPLICATIONS TO THE SUPREME COURT—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

In the period 28 March 2011 to 26 July 2011, how many applications to the Supreme Court have you authorised to detain sexual offenders after the expiry of the period of imprisonment to which they were sentenced?

Answer—

I am advised:

This question relates to applications made under the Crimes (Serious Sex Offenders) Act 2006 for continuing detention orders. For the period in question, no such applications have been made or approved.

For the period, 28 March 2011 to 26 July 2011, applications have been made to the Supreme Court of NSW for an Extended Supervision Order in relation to three offenders.

\*0445 CHARGE BARGAINING—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

Do you propose to alter or review the guidelines for the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions in relation to charge bargaining?

Answer—

I am advised:

No.

\*0446 WORK PERFORMED BY HUGO HALLIDAY—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

(1) What work has been done by Hugo Halliday for your departments since 26 March 2011?

(2) What work has been done by Hugo Halliday for you since 26 March 2011?

(3) In relation to questions (1) and (2):

- (a) What was the precise nature of the work?
- (b) What was the precise value of the work?
- (c) Is the work ongoing?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) and (2) Nil.



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(3) Not applicable.

\*0447 COTTAGE FAMILY CARE CENTRE—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

- (1) What is the annual NSW Government contribution to the Cottage Family Care Centre, Campbelltown?
- (2) From what other sources is budget for this centre derived?
- (3) How many staff are employed by this centre?
- (4) What services are provided by this centre?
- (5) What referral criteria are there?
- (6) How many children (in total, and numbers per day) are currently cared for by the Cottage centre?
- (7) Are changes to their funding expected in the September 2011 budget?

Answer—

- (1) The Department of Family and Community Services, Community Services division will provide the Cottage Family Care Centre, Campbelltown with funding through the Early Intervention and Placement Prevention Program (EIPP):
- (2) This is a question for the Cottage Family Care Centre.
- (3) This is a question for the Cottage Family Care Centre.
- (4) Under the EIPP, the Cottage Family Care Centre delivers Intensive Family Support Services including information and advice, family focussed casework involving assessment and case planning, home visiting involving practical support and supportive counselling and skills training, counselling, skills focussed groups, and parent support groups.
- (5) The Cottage Family Care Centre receives referrals from the local Community Service Centres regarding families with children aged 0-5 years who are assessed as meeting the risk of significant harm threshold.
- (6) The number of children receiving support services varies according to a number of factors.
- (7) Details of the Budget will be released on 6 September 2011.

\*0448 WILLIAM CAREY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL—DEDICATED BUS—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Transport—

- (1) Are there any plans for a dedicated bus to the William Carey Christian School from the Chipping Norton/Moorebank area?
- (2) Has the option for a shared bus with other schools (such as All Saints Senior College) been examined?
- (3) What financial options are available for assistance to schools such as William Carey Christian School to finance their own buses?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) to (3) Students residing in Chipping Norton/Moorebank are able to catch a Veolia Transport regular passenger bus service to Liverpool Station where they are able to access bus services direct to the school.

The option of a shared bus with other schools has been investigated, however differences in school start and finish times and the potential to inconvenience students already travelling on other school bus services makes diversion of these services unviable.

The Department of Transport does not provide funding for schools to own or operate buses.

\*0449 BRIDGE OVER CAMBRIDGE AVENUE CAUSEWAY—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

- (1) (a) Has any recent design or costing work been done on a new bridge over the Cambridge Avenue causeway, Glenfield?  
(b) If so, what is the current expected cost?
- (2) As the road is designated as a regional road, entering into Commonwealth land, what responsibility do the three levels of government individually have for meeting this cost?
- (3) Does the Government have any plans to construct a high-level bridge at the causeway site?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) (a) The most recent investigations were completed in 2008. The consultants estimated the strategic cost of their two recommended four lane high level bridge options at \$29.04 million and \$36.8 million (2008 dollars). I am advised that neither estimate is endorsed by the RTA, and both would likely be subject to change following environmental studies and geotechnical assessment.
- (b) See reply to (1) (a). The strategic cost estimate prepared by consultants in 2008 has not been reviewed or revised.
- (2) Cambridge Avenue west of the Georges River is designated a Regional Road, which means that the funding of any upgrade is the primary responsibility of Campbelltown City Council.
- East of the Georges River, all lands are owned by the Department of Defence.
- (3) The Government has no current plans to construct a high level bridge to replace the causeway. However, pending completion of feasibility and scoping studies for the proposed intermodal terminals at Moorebank, it is not possible to make any definitive statement on the future role and standard of Cambridge Avenue.

\*0450 READING RECOVERY PROGRAM—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Education—

What criteria is used by the department to determine the schools that require funding to implement the Reading Recovery program?

Answer—

Schools are allocated teaching positions to implement Reading Recovery on the basis of need. This includes the socio-economic disadvantage of the community, the numbers of non-English speaking and Aboriginal students enrolled in the school, as well as the school's Year 3 NAPLAN results.

\*0452 REDUCTION OF RED TAPE—Mr Ryan Park asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

What specific strategies does the Minister have to reduce red tape for police officers in the Wollongong Local Area Command?

Answer—

I have set up a high level working group to investigate red tape reduction measures to ease the administrative burden on officers and return police to the front line. These measures will benefit police across the State, including those in the Wollongong Local Area Command.

\*0453 CYCLEWAY NETWORK—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

What is the Government's plan to increase the cycleway network in the Wollongong Local Government Area?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA) will continue to provide funding to local councils under the cycleways program to improve the cycleway network in the Southern Region, including Wollongong.

Currently, the RTA is working with Wollongong Council to develop and construct a safe cycling facility along the Princes Highway from Dapto to Kembla Grange. This is a staged project, with stage one due to start by October 2011.

The RTA contributed funding in 2010-11 for the design of this project and is contributing \$250,000 for construction of stage one in 2011-12.

Additionally, the RTA is working with local bicycle user groups, Bicycle NSW, local councils, Wollongong University and interested cycling enthusiasts through the Illawarra Regional Cycling Consultative Forum to continue improving cycling facilities in Wollongong.

\*0454 REVIEW OF SPEED LIMITS—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

What roads in the Wollongong Local Government Area will be part of the review of speed limits across the State?

Answer—

I am advised:

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The roads to be reviewed will be identified through feedback received from the Safer Roads NSW website.

The roads nominated will then be prioritised to identify the top 100 roads (or sections of roads) and will be reviewed by the end of March 2012.

\*0455 REDUCTION OF PRISON POPULATION—Mr Ryan Park asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

(1) What is the Government's plan to reduce the prison population by one-fifth, given your commitment to this target in 2010?

(2) What is the time limit for achieving this target?

Answer—

In regard to (1) and (2) the Government is committed to reducing the prison population by way of appropriate strategies.

\*0456 REMOVAL OF GRAFFITI FROM PUBLIC HOUSING—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

What time limits does Housing NSW have for removing graffiti from public housing properties?

Answer—

Once a report of graffiti is received, it is inspected and a works order is raised. Graffiti that is obscene, personal or racial in nature removed within 48 hours. All other graffiti is removed within 20 working days.

\*0457 JOBS CREATION—Mr Ryan Park asked the Treasurer—

What specific targets has the Government set for the creation of new jobs in the Wollongong Local Government Area?

Answer—

The Government's Jobs Action Plan targets the creation of 100,000 new jobs through the provision of a payroll tax rebate of \$4,000 per full time employee.

Out of the 100,000 new jobs, 40 per cent are reserved for regional NSW and 60 per cent for metropolitan NSW.

\*0458 REGIONAL RELOCATION INITIATIVE—Mr Ryan Park asked the Treasurer—

(1) What modelling was carried out to determine that the Wollongong Local Government Area should be included in the Regional Relocation initiative?

(2) Is there any projection on the number of people in the Wollongong Local Government Area who are likely to take up this initiative?

Answer—

(1) and (2) The Regional Relocation Grant is part of our Regional Kick Start package, delivering on our election commitment to boost regional NSW and assist in relieving congestion in our larger cities.

To be eligible for the \$7,000 Regional Relocation Grant, applicants must meet several criteria which includes the purchase of a home within a regional area on or after 1 July 2011 and on or before 30 June 2015 by those moving from the metropolitan area to the regional area.

It is important that the setting of the metropolitan boundary is done on a consistent basis. The definition of metropolitan area comprises the local government areas in the Sydney Statistical Division for Australian Bureau of Statistics purposes, including the Newcastle and Wollongong local government areas. This definition is regularly used to classify the different areas of the State and was used by previous NSW Labor Governments.

The NSW Government is monitoring the take-up of this initiative through the Office of State Revenue.

\*0459 MEMORIAL DRIVE (NORTHERN DISTRIBUTOR)—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

Are there any plans for the next stage of Memorial Drive (Northern Distributor) in the Keira electorate?

Answer—

I am advised:

There are no short or medium term plans to extend Memorial Drive. There is no funding or forward road development programming for such an extension.

The NSW Government inherited a \$5.2 billion budget blackhole from the former State Labor Government, which means delivering any projects outside the current capital program and our election commitments is extremely difficult.

\*0460 CRIMINAL INFRINGEMENT NOTICES—Mr Ryan Park asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

How many criminal infringement notices have been issued by police in the Wollongong Local Government Area command since 2008?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force has advised me that both Wollongong and Lake Illawarra Local Area Commands cover the Wollongong Local Government Area. 1742 Criminal Infringement Notices have been issued by police from both Commands in the period 2008 - 2011 to date.

\*0461 PRIMARY HEALTH FACILITY—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) What planning has been carried out on the primary health facility committed to by the previous Government?
- (2) When will the planning be completed?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Member has provided insufficient information to identify which particular "primary health facility" he is enquiring about. I can advise that the Government is currently undertaking a review of health capital infrastructure. The specific timing, scope and funding of hospital projects will be announced after the budget process is completed in September 2011.

\*0462 LEICHHARDT BUS DEPOT—CANCELLATION OF SERVICES—Mr Jamie Parker asked the Minister for Transport—

- (1) In the last two months how many times were each of the 433, L37 and L39 bus services cancelled?
- (2) What are the main contributing factors to cancellation of services based at the Leichhardt Bus Depot?
- (3) (a) Is on-time running data for services based at the Leichhardt Bus Depot collected on a regular basis?  
(b) If so, is this data publicly available?
- (4) Which three bus routes based at Leichhardt Bus Depot have the worst on-time running record over the past six months?

Answer—

I regret any inconvenience caused to passengers as a result of cancelled services.

I am advised:

- (1) Over the two months of June to July 2011, 9 trips or 0.12 percent of trips out of a total of 7,223 trips were cancelled on Route 433. No trips were cancelled on Routes L37 and L39.
- (2) Any cancellation of services operated from the Leichhardt Depot is primarily due to late running caused by traffic conditions existing at the time, including wet weather, collisions and general traffic congestion. These are factors over which State Transit has no control.
- (3) and (4) On-time running data for Sydney Buses services is collected on a network wide basis only and is published on a Sydney Buses network basis in State Transit's Annual Reports and on the State Transit website.

\*0463 COST OF DISCONTINUED METRO PROJECT—Mr Jamie Parker asked the Minister for Transport—

- (1) What was the total amount of expenditure by the previous Government in relation to the discontinued Metro project from the Sydney CBD to Rozelle for:
  - (a) consultants;
  - (b) advertising;

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- (c) financial and commercial advice;
  - (d) legal fees;
  - (e) design work?
- (2) What was the overall total amount of expenditure by the previous Government on the discontinued Metro project?

Answer—

I am advised:

Expenditure on the CBD Metro - incurred as a result of the previous Government's decisions - includes:

- (1) (a) Consultants - \$1.99 million
- (b) Advertising - \$407 000
- (c) Financial and commercial - \$2.79 million
- (d) Legal fees - \$12.35 million
- (e) Design and engineering - \$14.91 million
- (2) The total gross expenditure on all matters relating to metro - including North West Metro, CBD Metro and West Metro - is \$438 million.

\*0464 COMPENSATION CLAIMS—Mr Jamie Parker asked the Minister for Transport—

- (1) Are there currently any outstanding compensation claims against the Government in regards to the defunct Metro scheme?
- (2) If yes, from whom?
- (3) What is the current status of these claims?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Yes, there is one outstanding claim which has not yet been determined.
- (2) For reasons of confidentiality, details of individual claimants cannot be provided.
- (3) One claim was received in late July and is currently being assessed.

\*0465 CARBON TAX—Mr Chris Patterson asked the Treasurer—

What is the likely impact of the Carbon Tax on the cost of living?

Answer—

The main impact on the cost of living from the Commonwealth's proposed carbon price will be higher retail electricity prices.

Wholesale electricity prices will rise by an annual average of 38% more than would have been the case without a carbon price between 2013 and 2017.

This could translate into a 15% rise in retail electricity prices for NSW households over the same period.

Higher wholesale electricity costs also increase operating costs for businesses and the Government.

The Hunter, the Illawarra and the Central West regions will be hardest hit among NSW regions in terms of employment growth. Low employment growth will exacerbate cost of living pressures in these regions.

Commonwealth modelling suggests there will be a one-off addition to the Consumer Price Index (CPI) of 0.7% after the carbon price is introduced.

The Commonwealth expects a further 0.2% to be added to the CPI after a transition to a global "cap and trade" scheme. This figure is supported by the assumption of a global market for carbon permits being in operation by 2015-16

The impact of a "cap and trade" scheme could be greater than 0.2% if no genuinely global market for carbon permits emerges.

\*0466 IMPACT OF DEBT ON BUDGET PREPARATIONS—Mr Chris Patterson asked the Treasurer—

- (1) How much debt was left by the previous Government?
- (2) How is the debt left by the previous Government impacting on Budget preparations?

Answer—

- (1) and (2) Budget preparations are well underway, and the NSW Budget will be handed down on 6 September 2011. The Budget Papers will disclose the financial position of the State as well as a range of fiscal indicators, including the debt position.

\*0467 HOUSING NSW—PROPERTIES AND TENANTS—Mr Andrew Rohan asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

- (1) How many properties does Housing NSW currently manage in the Smithfield electorate?
- (2) What number of properties were managed by Housing NSW in the Smithfield electorate for the following years:
  - (a) 2007;
  - (b) 2008;
  - (c) 2009;
  - (d) 2010?
- (3) How many tenants currently occupy those properties that Housing NSW manages in the Smithfield electorate?
- (4) What number of tenants occupied the properties managed by Housing NSW in the Smithfield electorate for the following years:
  - (a) 2007;
  - (b) 2008;
  - (c) 2009;
  - (d) 2010?
- (5) At any one time, what is the average number of vacancies of NSW Housing properties in the Smithfield electorate?
- (6) What is the average turnaround time for properties that have become vacant in the Smithfield electorate?

Answer—

- (1) and (2) The number of properties being managed varies slightly from year to year.
- (3) and (4) Occupancy rates are approximately 99% and occupancy rates are lower than the private rental market vacancy rate for the area.
- (5) and (6) The number of Housing NSW properties that are vacant in any area changes on a daily basis as properties are vacated by tenants, cleaned and repaired ready for the next tenant, as is required under the Residential Tenancies Act and are then re-occupied. Generally, the vacancy rate of public housing is lower than that of the private rental sector at any given time.

\*0469 PROPERTIES AND TENANTS—WOLLONDILLY ELECTORATE—Mr Jai Rowell asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

- (1) How many properties does Housing NSW currently manage in the Wollondilly electorate?
- (2) How many tenants currently occupy those properties managed by Housing NSW in the Wollondilly electorate?

Answer—

- (1) The number of properties managed by Housing NSW varies from year to year.
- (2) Generally, the number of properties managed by Housing NSW is approximately equal to the number of tenancies.

\*0470 PROPERTIES AND TENANTS—WOLLONDILLY ELECTORATE—Mr Jai Rowell asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

- (1) What number of properties were managed by Housing NSW in the Wollondilly electorate for the following years:
  - (a) 2007;
  - (b) 2008;
  - (c) 2009;
  - (d) 2010?
- (2) What number of tenants occupied the properties managed by Housing NSW in the Wollondilly electorate for the following years:
  - (a) 2007;
  - (b) 2008;
  - (c) 2009;

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(d) 2010?

Answer—

- (1) The number of properties managed by Housing NSW has reduced over the subject period due to a number of properties being transferred to community housing for management and ongoing redevelopment.
- (2) Rates of occupancy of Housing NSW properties in Wollondilly increased to 100% over the subject period.

\*0472 OUT OF HOME CARE PROGRAM—Mr Richard Torbay asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

- (1) What plans are in place for the future delivery of the Out of Home Care (OOHC) program in NSW?
- (2) Will these plans lead to job losses for Family and Community Services employees?
- (3) Can assurances be given that any changes in the delivery of the OOHC program will not have a negative impact on the children, families and carers currently within the OOHC program?
- (4) Can assurances be given that any changes in the delivery of the OOHC program will not result in any job losses for employees of Family and Community Services in the Northern Tablelands?
- (5) Can assurances be given that any changes in the delivery of the OOHC program will not have a negative impact on the delivery of those services to clients in the Northern Tablelands?

Answer—

(1) and (2) The Government is committed to improving services and boosting transparency and accountability, including through the transfer of out-of-home care to the non-government sector, as recommended by the Wood Inquiry.

A Ministerial Advisory Group is working on a shared position on the transition process, as well as providing clear advice on the broader reforms that the Government should prioritise in order to improve out-of-home care and other services

The Ministerial Advisory Group is co-chaired by Andrew McCallum, CEO of the Association of Children's Welfare Agencies and Jim Moore, Acting Director-General of the Department of Family and Community Services.

(3) to (5) The Government and the non-government sector share a common commitment to doing better for children in out-of-home-care. All parties acknowledge this transfer must occur in a way which is beneficial for children and young people.

Together with the non-government sector, the Government is working to:

- reduce the number of children and young people entering and staying in out-of-home-care in NSW
- increase the number of children and young people restored to their families as quickly as possible, where it is safe to do so
- increase the stability of placements.

In the interests of protecting children, families and carers, the Department of Family and Community Services, will retain service capacity as a provider of last resort to ensure that the needs of children who are in care are met.

All organisations providing out-of-home care must be accredited by the NSW Children's Guardian and comply with the NSW Standards for Statutory Out-of-Home Care.

At the same time, great care will be taken to ensure high quality, continuous service provision throughout the state, especially in rural and remote locations such as the Northern Tablelands.

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\*0474 PUBLIC DENTAL PROGRAM—MOUNT DRUITT HOSPITAL—Mr Richard Amery asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) Has the Minister advised the community that the new health agreement with the Federal Government has resulted in a better deal for health funding in New South Wales?
- (2) If so, will this new arrangement allow the Minister to fund the expansion of the public dental

program at the Mount Druitt Hospital?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The NSW Parliament was advised of progress on national health reform and the conclusion of negotiations for the National Health Reform Agreement. I also issued a media release noting that agreement had been reached on the new national health reform arrangements.

The Director-General of the NSW Department of Health is briefing the Local Health District Board Chairs and Chief Executives on the implications for NSW Health.

The Local Health District Boards and Chief Executives are expected to distribute information locally about the national health reforms and local implications.

- (2) Detailed planning is continuing to be progressed for the ongoing expansion of Blacktown Mount Druitt Hospital. One of the proposed service enhancements is an expansion of oral health services to provide an additional 8 dental chairs at the Mt Druitt Campus. This is in addition to the existing 5 dental chairs.

\*0475 STUDENT VOLUNTEERING AND SERVICE LEARNING—Ms Noreen Hay asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) What are the Minister's intentions in relation to Student Volunteering and Service Learning and the NSW Premier's Student Volunteering program?
- (2) Does the Government intend to retain this vital program in our schools?
- (3) Further, will the Government consider the expansion of this very successful program to Year 11 and 12?

Answer—

- (1) to (3) The Department of Education and Communities is currently evaluating the Student Volunteering and Service Learning program. The evaluation will determine the future direction of the program.

\*0476 ILLAWARRA ADVANTAGE FUND—Ms Noreen Hay asked the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

- (1) What are the Minister's intentions in relation to the Illawarra Advantage Fund?
- (2) Has a decision been made by the Government to withdraw this vital funding to the Illawarra community?
- (3) If the Government has decided to cease the fund, with what alternative assistance has the Government decided to replace it?

Answer—

- (1) Encouraging economic development in the Illawarra is a fundamental part of the NSW Government's plans to make NSW number one again through whole-of-state development.
- (2) The NSW Government, together with the Federal Government, has created the \$30 million Illawarra Region Innovation and Investment Fund to help secure the region's future.
- (3) We have also established the Jobs Action Plan to stimulate jobs growth and economic development across NSW and will continue to encourage economic growth in the Illawarra.
- (4) Further measures will be outlined in the Budget which will be released on 6 September, 2011.

0477 AMBULANCE BLOCK—WOLLONGONG HOSPITAL—Ms Noreen Hay to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

0482 COST OF BOTTLED WATER—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

0483 FIRSTNET COMPUTER SYSTEM—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

\*0484 NORTHERN BEACHES HOSPITAL—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

With regard to the \$125 million commitment to commence construction of the Northern Beaches Hospital during the 2011-15 parliamentary term:

- (1) What is the allocation for the year 2011-12?



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- (2) What facilities will be constructed during the 2011-12 financial year?
- (3) How many beds and how many operating theatres will be provided?
- (4) What facilities will there be for cancer treatment?
- (5) What facilities will there be for cardiac patients, including a catheter laboratory?
- (6) What size will the hospital be?
- (7) When will the project be completed?
- (8) What are the Minister's plans for Manly and Mona Vale hospitals once the Northern Beaches Hospital project is finished?

Answer—

- (1) to (8) As previously advised in my response to the Member's earlier question on this matter (LA 0087), the Government is currently undertaking a review of health capital infrastructure. The specific timing, scope and funding of hospital projects will be announced after the budget process is completed in September 2011.

0485 PAYMENT OF STATE GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTS—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

0486 SURGICAL WAITING LISTS—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

0487 BACKGROUND CHECKS ON DOCTORS—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

0488 HOSPITAL PERFORMANCES—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

0489 ESTABLISHMENT OF TASKFORCE—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

0490 WALKOUT RATES FROM EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

0491 HOSPITAL BEDS OPENED—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

0494 WALSH BAY BUSES—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Transport—

0495 END STAGE KIDNEY DISEASE—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

\*0496 TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES—Mr Greg Piper asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

To what recognised standard were traffic calming measures on MR527 at Warners Bay designed and constructed?

Answer—

I am advised:

The speed cushions were designed to the RTA's Technical Direction 2001/04, Use of Traffic Calming Devices as Pedestrian Crossings, which is consistent with AS1742.13-2009, Local Area Traffic Management.

The RTA has checked the construction and the speed cushions are consistent with or slightly lower than the standard height.

0497 BULLYING AT WESTMEAD HOSPITAL—Mr Nathan Rees to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

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0498 POLICE STATION CELLS—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

0499 NO SMOKING POLICY—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

0500 INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS TRANSPORT CONCESSIONS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport—

\*0501 REVIEW OF SOLAR PROGRAM—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Resources and Energy, Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Central Coast—

- (1) Has the Government carried out its promise of conducting an urgent review of the solar program, as promised on behalf of solar energy consumers and the solar industry?
- (2) Is the Government aware that solar jobs are being axed at an unprecedented rate and that householders are increasingly uncertain about their solar future?
- (3) Has the Government made any progress on policy announcement regarding this vital renewable energy industry?

Answer—

- (1) to (3) The Government has held two summits and has asked the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) to undertake an investigation into solar feed-in tariffs.

The Government has also implemented its election commitment to develop a Renewable Energy Action Plan, which involves the establishment of a joint industry-Government taskforce charged with the development of the plan. Community consultation and input will be an important part of this process.

The former Government's design of the Solar Bonus Scheme saw the cost blow out from \$350 million to \$1.6 billion, forcing up electricity prices for consumers.

I am advised that customers are still taking advantage of these offers with more than 7,700 customers submitting applications to the NSW network businesses since the closure of the Scheme.

\*0502 PAYROLL TAX REBATE—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Treasurer—

How many businesses within the electorate of Bankstown are eligible for the Payroll Tax Rebate introduced as part of the Government's Jobs Action Plan?

Answer—

Under the Jobs Action Plan, any payroll tax liable businesses within the Bankstown electorate employing additional staff after 1 July 2011 may receive a \$4,000 payroll tax rebate per full time employee for each additional position. For part time employees, the rebate will be pro-rated based on full time equivalent hours.

0503 POLICE STRENGTH NUMBERS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

\*0504 PROPOSED SCHOOL ZONE FLASHING LIGHTS—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

With reference to the Government's commitment to see "the total number of school zone flashing lights in NSW increase to an estimated 1,000 by 2015", how many of these proposed 1,000 new school zone flashing lights will be located in the Bankstown electorate?

Answer—

I am advised:

As of 8 August 2011 flashing lights had been installed in 689 school zones covering 826 of the 3,154 schools in NSW.

The following eight school zones covering nine schools in the Bankstown electorate have flashing lights installed:

- Greenacre Public School, Waterloo Street, Greenacre.
- Banksia Road Public School, Boronia Road, Greenacre.

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- Bass Hill Primary School, Hume Highway, Yagoona.
- Yagoona Public School, Hume Highway, Yagoona.
- La Salle Catholic College, Chapel Road and Rookwood Road, Bankstown.
- Bankstown North Public School/ LaSalle Catholic College, Hume Highway, Bankstown.
- Christ the King Primary School, Hume Highway, Yagoona.
- Bankstown Public School, Restwell Street, Bankstown.

The Government has committed \$13 million to install flashing lights in a further 540 school zones over four years. At the end of these four years almost half of all schools in NSW will have flashing lights.

The selection of the remaining school zone sites for flashing lights is still to be completed and will be based on criteria including pedestrian crash risk, traffic and pedestrian volumes, speed limits, road environment and visibility. This is to ensure that flashing lights are installed at those schools that need them most. All schools, including those in the Bankstown electorate, will be considered against these criteria.

- 0505 FREE BANKSTOWN SHUTTLE—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 0506 SOUTH WEST RAIL LINK PROJECT—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 0507 BANKSTOWN LINE SERVICES—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 0508 BANKSTOWN LINE ROLLING STOCK—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 0509 PUNCHBOWL RAILWAY STATION PATRONAGE—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 0510 YAGOONA RAILWAY STATION PATRONAGE—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport—
- \*0511 COUNSELLING AND STUDENT SUPPORT POSITIONS—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Education—

With reference to the Government's commitment to "Trial 50 New Counselling and Student Support Positions to commence at the beginning of the 2012 school year":

- (1) How many of these positions will be allocated to schools in the Bankstown electorate?
- (2) What criteria will be used to determine the location of these positions?

Answer—

- (1) and (2) Consideration is currently being given to the most appropriate locations for the 50 student support officer positions for 2012 and Bankstown will be considered as part of that group.

As we promised in the lead-up to the election this year, priority will be given to schools in suburbs where support is most needed. This will allow school counsellors to continue their focus on the management of complex cases and the provision of advice to schools using their professional expertise.

- \*0512 PROPOSED SCHOOL ZONE FLASHING LIGHTS—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Education—

With reference to the Government's commitment to see "the total number of school zone flashing lights in NSW increase to an estimated 1,000 by 2015", how many of these proposed 1,000 new school zone flashing lights will be located in the Bankstown electorate?

Answer—

This question should be directed to the Minister for Roads.

- \*0513 NEW TEACHERS—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Education—

How many of the Government's proposed 900 new teachers will be allocated to the Bankstown electorate?

Answer—

The Literacy and Numeracy Action Plan commits \$250 million over 5 years, 2012-2016 to support the allocation of additional teachers to schools in New South Wales.

I have asked the newly formed Ministerial Advisory Group on Literacy and Numeracy, chaired by Dr Ken Boston, AO to provide me with advice on ways in which to distribute this resource so that those

students most at risk of not reaching minimum standards in literacy and numeracy benefit from the allocation.

I look forward to receiving the Advisory Group's advice and direction on the delivery of the Literacy and Numeracy Action Plan.

0514 ASTHMA AND ALLERGENS—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

\*0515 174 DOWLING STREET—Ms Clover Moore asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

With regard to Housing NSW land at 174 Dowling Street Woolloomooloo:

- (1) How long has the Government owned this site, and how long has the land been vacant?
- (2) Did Housing NSW evict the community garden from this site in 2009?
- (3) Did Housing NSW advise the gardeners that the site was to be developed to provide more social housing?
- (4) Did the State budget 2010-2011 include provisions for construction on this site to be carried out in the last financial year?
- (5) What funding has been allocated for the development of this site?
- (6) What action has been taken to date to provide social housing on this site?
- (7) Does the Government still plan to construct social housing on this site, and if not, what are the plans for this site?
- (8) What action has the Government taken to prevent rat, cat and pigeon infestations, vandalism and rubbish dumping at this location while the site remains vacant?
- (9) When will the Government develop 174 Dowling Street to ensure the community benefits from this unused public asset?

Answer—

(1) Housing NSW acquired 174 Dowling Street, Woolloomooloo as a vacant site from the City of Sydney in 1979.

(2) to (7) Housing NSW investigated building social housing on the site under the National Building Economic Stimulus Plan but were unable to meet the Australian Government timeframes. Nevertheless, Housing NSW is currently finalising plans in order to lodge a development application with City of Sydney.

(8) Housing NSW has reviewed the vacant site management of this property and has made arrangements for the fortnightly maintenance and upkeep of the site.

(9) See answers (2) to (7).

0516 WOOLLOOMOOLOO HOUSING NSW COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

0517 UNAUTHORISED PARKING ON HOUSING NSW LAND—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

0518 INNER WEST LIGHT RAIL EXTENSION PROJECT—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Transport—

0519 INNER WEST LIGHT RAIL EXTENSION—CONSTRUCTION—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Transport—

\*0520 OAK FLATS POLICE STATION PARKING—Ms Anna Watson asked the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

In relation to the new state-of-the art police station at Oak Flats, when will the Minister's office comply with council car parking controls for Crown Development Application(s) given that there are currently in excess of 300 employees with no provision for parking, which results in vehicles being parked in residential streets and the car park at Oak Flats Railway Station, to the disadvantage of local residents and commuters?

Answer—

The question does not pertain to the Department of Finance and Services. The question should be directed to Police and Emergency Services.

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0521 FLINDERS RAILWAY STATION—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Transport—

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\*0522 M7 TRAFFIC—Mr Richard Amery asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

- (1) For the first six months of 2011, how many motor vehicles, on average, enter the M7 motorway daily to travel north from the following junctions:
  - (a) Power Street;
  - (b) Richmond Road;
  - (c) Great Western Highway?
- (2) How do these figures compare to the last six months of 2010?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) For the first six months of 2011, on average the following numbers of vehicles entered the M7 northbound, per day:
  - (a) Power Street - 1,478
  - (b) Richmond Road - 4,403
  - (c) Great Western Highway - 2,242.
- (2) For the last six months of 2010 the average number of vehicles entering the M7 northbound were:
  - (a) Power Street - 1,524
  - (b) Richmond Road - 4,479
  - (c) Great Western Highway - 2,304.

\*0523 PRIMARY SCHOOL AT CAMERON PARK—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) What plans are currently in place for the development of a new primary school in the Cameron Park suburb?
- (2) What timelines are currently in place for the development and construction of this Cameron Park primary school?
- (3) What "trigger points" would accelerate the construction of this school.
- (4) What negotiations have taken place with Lake Macquarie City Council to advance the development of a school?

Answer—

- (1) The Department has reserved Jupiter Circuit (Cameron Park site No.1) for the construction of a future primary school, if required.
- (2) Future need for a primary school in Cameron Park is reviewed annually against competing state-wide projects to identify a priority order for inclusion in future Treasury budgets.
- (3) Decisions around any new school depend upon the ability of the existing educational facilities to provide quality education for the families and communities of Cameron Park and the surrounding suburbs.
- (4) None, however there have been interim discussions with Lake Macquarie City Council to monitor future proposed residential development in the area.

\*0524 TEACHER TRAINING—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) What is the Government doing to attract people to teaching?
- (2) What grants/scholarships will the Government make available to those willing to undertake teacher training in a tertiary institute?
- (3) What plans are being developed by the Government to address the looming exodus of thousands of teachers who will reach retirement age in the next 5 years?

Answer—

To support the staffing of schools and ensure an adequate supply of teachers, the Department of Education and Communities undertakes a comprehensive workforce planning process to develop teacher supply and demand projections for permanent teachers for schools over a seven-year period.

The 2011 Workforce Plan for the period 2011-2018 is available on the Department's website at [www.det.nsw.edu.au/about-us/statistics-and-research/key-statistics-and-reports](http://www.det.nsw.edu.au/about-us/statistics-and-research/key-statistics-and-reports).

Current workforce projections show a more than adequate supply of primary teachers across the State, except for a small number of positions in specific geographical locations. In the secondary teaching area, there is an adequate supply of teachers, except in the areas of mathematics, science with physics, some subjects in technological and applied studies, some specialist teaching areas and some specific subjects in particular geographical locations.

The Department is proactive in implementing a range of strategies to attract, recruit and retain quality teachers. These include scholarship and retraining programs which target areas of workforce need and an incentives scheme to attract and retain teachers in rural and remote locations.

- 0525 CESSNOCK DISTRICT HOSPITAL—STAFFING LEVELS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 0526 CESSNOCK DISTRICT HOSPITAL—BED NUMBERS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 0527 CESSNOCK LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA—NEW HOSPITAL—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 0528 KURRI KURRI DISTRICT HOSPITAL—STAFFING LEVELS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 0529 KURRI KURRI DISTRICT HOSPITAL—BED NUMBERS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- \*0535 CONSTRUCTION OF PUBLIC HOUSING—Mr Nick Lalich asked the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- What is the program for construction of public housing in the Cabramatta electorate?
- Answer—
- There are four capital projects in the planning phase for the Cabramatta electorate.
- 0536 CANLEY VALE RAILWAY STATION UPGRADE—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Transport—
- \*0537 CABRAMATTA ROAD MAINTENANCE WORKS—Mr Nick Lalich asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- What are the plans for maintenance works to be undertaken along Cabramatta Road, between the Hume Highway and Elizabeth Drive?
- Answer—
- I am advised:
- The RTA has plans for pavement rehabilitation on Cabramatta Road between Fairview Road and the railway bridge. This work is expected to be completed by the end of 2011-12.
- The RTA will also continue to undertake routine maintenance work as needed.
- \*0538 LANSVALE EAST PUBLIC SCHOOL—Mr Nick Lalich asked the Minister for Education—
- What is the timeframe for the replacement of the demountable classrooms at the Lansvale East Public School?
- Answer—
- There are no demountable classrooms on the Lansvale East Public School site.
- There is a demountable Library, Food Shelter Unit and Administration Building currently on site.
- 0539 IMPROVEMENT TO HEALTH SERVICES—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Healthy Lifestyles, and Minister for Western New South Wales—
- 0540 FREE SHUTTLE BUS—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Transport—

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\*0541 ELECTRICITY USAGE—Mr Richard Amery asked the Minister for Resources and Energy, Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Central Coast—

- (1) What action is the Government taking to advise electricity consumers of the most effective way of reducing their electricity usage?
- (2) Will consumers be able to spread the payments of electricity accounts to the new private retailers in the market place to assist with the weekly budgets of electricity consumers?

Answer—

- (1) The Government uses a broad strategy that allows it to reach consumers through a number of channels. Activities include community outreach activities, the Home Power Savings Program and the newly established "Cut Your Power Bills" website.

Information regarding all NSW Government initiatives are communicated to customers via various websites, fact sheets and through community services providers. I am advised that recently community outreach activities have been undertaken at Rutherford as part of the "Money Smart" workshop operated by the Financial Counsellors Association of NSW and at a Community Engagement forum in Auburn organised by the NSW Department of Education and Training.

The Home Power Savings Program is the responsibility of the Minister for the Environment and provides consumers with a free home power assessment by an energy expert, a personal Power Savings Action Plan as well as a power savings kit.

The Government has also set up the new "Cut Your Power Bills" website, available at [www.cutyourpowerbills.nsw.gov.au](http://www.cutyourpowerbills.nsw.gov.au), and is a "one-stop-shop", providing information and tips on how to reduce household and business power bills.

- (2) All retailers, regardless of ownership, have been and continue to be required to provide flexible payment arrangements. This means that should customers wish to spread the payments of electricity bills to help manage household budgets, they can be billed more frequently than the standard three monthly billing cycle.

\*0542 PLANNING PERFORMANCE OF LOCAL COUNCILS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW—

- (1) What tools will the Government be using to address the performance of planning in local councils?
- (2) Will this information be made publicly available?
- (3) What timelines can the community expect for implementation of these tools?
- (4) Who will be responsible for data collection?

Answer—

- (1) The Department of Planning and Infrastructure currently works with councils to improve the efficiency of all aspects of the planning system. The Government in July 2011 announced a review of the NSW planning system. This will provide opportunities to review the performance of planning at all levels of government and for all planning activities.
- (2) As part of the review of the planning system submissions will be made publicly available on the planning review website as well as all discussion papers and draft legislation.
- (3) The planning review website outlines a timeline for key stages of the review. Implementation of the new planning system will be when the new planning Act is commenced.
- (4) The Department of Planning and Infrastructure has been collecting detailed data on all development applications determined by all NSW councils for the past five years as part of the Local Development Performance Monitoring (LDPM) program.

Councils generally provide the data by extraction from their DA Tracking Systems and subsequent upload to the Department's dedicated website. The data includes lodgement and determination dates and days spent waiting for further information from the applicant (stop-the-clock time) and days spent waiting for advice from referral agencies (referral time). From this both gross and net times are calculated for each determination, which can be compared between Councils or groups of Councils.

The LDPM data for the 2010-11 financial year is currently being received, collated, checked and analysed. It is planned for a detailed report to be prepared and released in December 2011. The report will be provided for download from the Department's website.

0543 MEALS ON WHEELS—TRANSFER OF OVERSIGHT—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Ageing, and Minister for Disability Services—

- 0544 MEALS ON WHEELS—BELMONT AND MORISSET BRANCHES—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Ageing, and Minister for Disability Services—
- \*0545 PARLIAMENT HOUSE CAR PARK FEE—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- How many Ministers have paid the parking fee required by members of Parliament to have guaranteed parking in the Parliament House car park?
- Answer—
- I am advised:
- The parking fee has been paid by all Ministers.
- 0546 DEFENDED CRIMINAL MATTERS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 0547 STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 0548 JUDGE-ALONE TRIALS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 0549 POLICE INTEGRITY COMMISSIONER—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 0550 CORRECTIVE SERVICES COMMISSIONER—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 0551 CORRECTIVE SERVICES NSW—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 0552 RESPITE CARE—EXTRA HOURS—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Ageing, and Minister for Disability Services—
- 0553 HOSPITAL SECURITY—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 0554 ORGAN DONATION—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 0555 NEPEAN HOSPITAL CAR PARK—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 0556 WESTMEAD MORGUE—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 0557 HOSPITAL INFECTION RATE REPORTING—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- \*0558 HORNSBY KU-RING-GAI HOSPITAL—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- With regard to the \$50 million commitment for Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Hospital:
- (1) What is the budget allocation for the year 2011-12?
  - (2) What facilities will be constructed?
  - (3) When will work commence?
  - (4) When will work be completed?
- Answer—
- I am advised:
- (1) to (4) The Government is currently undertaking a review of health capital infrastructure. The specific timing, scope and funding of hospital projects will be announced after the budget process is completed in September 2011.
- \*0559 HOUSING NSW MAINTENANCE CALL CENTRE—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—



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- (1) What is the average waiting time for people calling the Housing NSW maintenance call centre?
- (2) Are there any plans to reduce this waiting time?

Answer—

- (1) In 2010, the Housing Contact Centre responded to over 770,000 calls. Peak times are not predictable given that the Centre provides state-wide services and it is a key point of contact for tenants during poor weather and other localised situations.
  - (2) Housing NSW has taken a number of initiatives to reduce the call response times. These include recruiting additional staff to manage customer enquiries, reviewing processes to reduce the time taken to respond to calls and to expand the ways that customers can make contact with the Centre.
- 0560 ADMINISTRATIVE BURDEN ON POLICE—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 0561 NEW POLICE STATION—NORTHERN ILLAWARRA AREA—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 0562 MEALS ON WHEELS FUNDING—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Ageing, and Minister for Disability Services—
- 0563 FUNDING FOR FILM ILLAWARRA—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Trade and Investment, and Minister for Regional Infrastructure and Services—
- 0565 GARRAWARRA HOSPITAL—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 0566 GENERAL ASSISTANTS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Education—
- 0567 ILLAWARRA INFRASTRUCTURE FUND—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Trade and Investment, and Minister for Regional Infrastructure and Services—
- \*0569 SEWERFIX PROJECTS—Mr Ryan Park asked the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- (1) What are the current SewerFix projects taking place in the Keira electorate?
  - (2) (a) Are any other SewerFix projects planned for the Keira electorate?  
(b) If so, what are they and when will they commence?
- Answer—
- (1) Sydney Water's SewerFix Program is currently targetting wastewater pipes in Stillness Road, St. Marks Crescent, Baker Crescent and Koloona Avenue, Figtree as well as Parker Road, Corrimal.
  - (2) (a) and (b) There is no other SewerFix work planned for the Keira electorate from now to June 2012.
- \*0570 LAND AT BELLAMBI POINT—Mr Ryan Park asked the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- (1) Does Sydney Water still own land at Bellambi Point?
  - (2) If so, what plans are there for this land?
- Answer—
- (1) Sydney Water owns approximately 10 hectares of land at Bellambi Point.
  - (2) Sydney Water plans to subdivide the land into two lots and retain 1.5 hectares for the existing Wastewater Treatment Plant. The rest of the land will be transferred to Wollongong City Council for the purpose of recreational open space. A subdivision application will be lodged with Wollongong City Council in the near future.
- 0572 WOMEN'S SPORTS—Mr Chris Patterson to ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation—
- 0573 LONDON OLYMPICS TEAM—Mr Chris Patterson to ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation—
- \*0574 DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES CASEWORKERS—Mr Andrew Rohan asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- How many Department of Community Services caseworkers were there in the Fairfield Local

Government Area in the following financial years?

- (a) 2006-07;
- (b) 2007-08;
- (c) 2008-09;
- (d) 2009-10;
- (e) 2010-11 to date?

Answer—

Under the previous government the number of caseworker staff at Fairfield Community Services Centre varied from year to year. The Government is committed to providing quality services in the Fairfield electorate.

0575 CARBON TAX—IMPACT ON PUBLIC TRANSPORT—Mr Andrew Rohan to ask the Minister for Transport—

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0576 NORTH WEST RAIL LINK—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Transport—

0577 HYDRO-ELECTRIC GENERATION—Mr Kevin Conolly to ask the Minister for Resources and Energy, Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Central Coast—

0578 PLANNING FOR FLOOD EMERGENCIES—Mr Kevin Conolly to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

0579 CARDIFF RAILWAY STATION—EASY ACCESS UPGRADE—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport—

\*0581 REVIEW OF SPEED LIMITS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

What roads in the Newcastle City Council and Lake Macquarie City Council local government areas will be part of the review of speed limits across the State?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Roads and Traffic Authority has not reviewed roads in these local government areas as part of the initial 100 day audit.

Feedback received through the Safer Roads NSW website will be used to identify and prioritise the top 100 roads (or sections of roads) to be reviewed by the end of March 2012.

We invite the community to participate and more than 1,800 registrations have been received so far.

0582 JOHN HUNTER HOSPITAL—ADDITIONAL BEDS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

0583 CALVARY MATER HOSPITAL, NEWCASTLE—ADDITIONAL BEDS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

0584 STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

0585 GRAFFITI OFFENCES—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

0586 MONA VALE HOSPITAL MATERNITY SERVICES—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

0587 FTE NURSE POSITIONS—NEPEAN HOSPITAL—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

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0588 BED OCCUPANCY RATES—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

\*0589 RYDE HOSPITAL UPGRADE—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

With regard to Ryde Hospital and the Minister's "five point plan to improve Ryde Hospital by:

- Upgrading the aged care and surgical wards;
- Upgrading the coronary care area;
- Transforming Ryde Hospital into the network's specialist hospital for elective orthopaedic surgery;
- Relocating family day care cottage onto the hospital site; and
- Improving access to Ryde Hospital by conducting a feasibility study into a new parking station" (press release 26 September 2008):

(1) When will these works begin?

(2) What budget allocations for these enhancements are available in the 2011-12 budget?

(3) Will the Minister permanently maintain the acute emergency services at Ryde as a 24-hour seven days per week department?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) to (3) The Government is currently undertaking a review of health capital infrastructure. The specific timing, scope and funding of hospital projects will be announced after the budget process is completed in September 2011.

0590 BLACKTOWN HOSPITAL SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

0591 AFFORDABLE HOUSING—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

0592 FOOTPATH AND ROAD TRENCHES—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

0593 ELECTRICITY PILLARS AND KIOSKS—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Resources and Energy, Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Central Coast—

0594 NANOTECHNOLOGY ACTION—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Trade and Investment, and Minister for Regional Infrastructure and Services—

0595 PUBLIC TRANSPORT INFORMATION AND PRIORITY SYSTEM—Mr Jamie Parker to ask the Minister for Transport—

0596 TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS—Mr Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

0597 POLICE BUILDINGS—HEALTH AND SAFETY STANDARDS—Mr Richard Torbay to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

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0598 EASY ACCESS FACILITIES—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Transport—

0599 VIOLENCE AND ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR ON BUSES—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport—

\*0600 BANKSTOWN HOSPITAL PARKING FACILITIES—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

When does the Government plan to improve parking facilities at Bankstown Hospital?

Answer—

I am advised:

Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital is continually monitoring the parking available for its patients, visitors and staff. The Government is currently undertaking a review of health capital infrastructure. The specific timing of hospital projects will be announced after the budget process is completed in September 2011.

0601 RIFLE SHOOTING IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Education—

\*0602 ENERGY ACCOUNTS PAYABLE ASSISTANCE VOUCHERS—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Resources and Energy, Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Central Coast—

Given that the two providers of Energy Accounts Payable Assistance (EAPA) vouchers had run out of vouchers last week, what action will you take to assist residents in Bankstown who are struggling with rising electricity prices?

Answer—

I am advised that one Bankstown-based Community Welfare Organisation (CWO) has so far made a request for additional vouchers during 2011-12 and this CWO has been issued with a supplementary allocation of vouchers.

According to the Department's records as at 17 August 2011 there was still a high number of vouchers available at other CWOs in the area and surrounding areas at this time.

The second 2011-12 quarterly allocation of vouchers has now been issued.

0603 PANANIA STATION—INSTALLATION OF LIFTS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport—

0604 STACEY STREET TRAFFIC FLOW—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

0605 RECREATION, SPORTS AND AQUATICS CLUB—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Ageing, and Minister for Disability Services—

0606 RIFLE SHOOTING IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

0607 OFFICERS WORKING IN SPECIALIST CRIME SQUADS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

0608 AUDIT OF BANKSTOWN CITY COUNCIL—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Local Government, and Minister for the North Coast—

\*0610 BANKSTOWN OFFICE OF HOUSING NSW—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

(1) How many constituents, presently under the responsibility of the Bankstown office of Housing NSW live in:

- (a) temporary accommodation paid for or subsidised by Housing NSW;
- (b) permanent accommodation paid for or subsidised by Housing NSW?

(2) How many current clients of this office presently receive no assistance at all?

Answer—

(1) (a) The number of Housing NSW clients that receive assistance with temporary accommodation changes on a daily basis and depends on a client's circumstances.

(b) Housing NSW can offer Temporary Accommodation to clients for a total of up to four weeks in a 12-month period. Housing NSW manages approximately 7,000 properties in the Bankstown area.

(2) Housing NSW has an assessment process, Housing Pathways for new housing applicants and existing clients where there is a change of circumstances. Under this process, Housing NSW now assesses all applicants to determine the most appropriate assistance options and for indicators of priority need.

0611 INSULATION FOR SOCIAL HOUSING TENANTS—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

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- 0612 HOUSING NSW WATER EFFICIENCY—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 0613 GENERAL ASSISTANT TRAINING FUND—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—
- 0614 VACANT GENERAL ASSISTANT POSITIONS—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—
- 0615 SCHOOL FACILITIES STANDARDS—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—
- 0616 AGE DISCRIMINATION IN THE WORKPLACE—Mr Richard Torbay to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 0617 DISTRICT COURT MATTERS—Mr Richard Torbay to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

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- \*0619 COAL SEAM GAS EXPLORATION—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Resources and Energy, Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Central Coast—
- (1) What land within the Cessnock electorate is currently under licence for coal seam gas exploration?
  - (2) When were these licences approved?
  - (3) When will these licences expire?
- Answer—
- (1) The Cessnock State Electoral Division is covered by Petroleum Exploration Licence 267 (PEL 267) held by AGL Upstream Investments Pty Limited.
  - (2) PEL 267 was granted on 20 January 1984 and was renewed on 15 June 2006 by the former Government.
  - (3) PEL 267 has a due expiry date of 19 January 2012.
- \*0620 COAL SEAM GAS MINING—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Resources and Energy, Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Central Coast—
- What land within the Cessnock Electorate is currently under licence for coal seam gas mining?
- Answer—
- No portion of the Cessnock State Electoral Division is covered by a Petroleum Production Lease. The Cessnock State Electoral Division is covered by Petroleum Exploration Licence 267 (PEL 267). PEL 267 was granted in 1984 and was renewed on 15 June 2006 by the former Government.
- \*0621 COAL SEAM GAS—APPROVAL FOR EXPLORATION—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Resources and Energy, Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Central Coast—
- What provisions and processes are currently in place for organisations to seek approval for the exploration of coal seam gas in NSW?
- Answer—
- Petroleum Exploration Licence Applications (including coal seam gas) will continue to be allocated based on consideration of the merits of the application, the proposed work program and technical and financial capability of the applicant.
- 0622 KURRI MINOR RUGBY LEAGUE—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation—
- 0623 KURRI RUGBY LEAGUE CLUB—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation—
- 0624 KURRI KURRI SPEEDWAY CLUB—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation—
- 0625 CESSNOCK GUN CLUB—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation—
- 0626 CESSNOCK RIFLE CLUB—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation—

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- 0627 CESSNOCK MINOR RUGBY LEAGUE—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation—
- 0628 EDGEWORTH JUNIOR SOCCER CLUB—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation—
- 0629 HUNTER REGIONAL TOURISM ORGANISATION—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Hospitality and Racing, and Minister for the Arts—
- 0630 SUPPORT FOR EVENTS AND TOURISM—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Hospitality and Racing, and Minister for the Arts—
- 0631 CABRAMATTA RAILWAY STATION UPGRADE—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 0632 ADDITIONAL TEACHERS—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Education—
- 0633 FAIRFIELD HOSPITAL PATIENTS—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 0634 CABRAMATTA FIRE STATION—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 0635 RELEASE OF BODY—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 0636 SPECIAL NEEDS CLASSES—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—
- 0637 FUNDING FOR STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—
- 0639 EDUCATIONAL PACKAGES ON FIREARMS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Education—
- 0640 SCHOOL COUNSELLING SERVICES—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Education—
- 0641 SCHOOL ZONE FLASHING LIGHTS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Education—
- 0642 ASBESTOS REMOVAL—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 0644 GUILDFORD TO WESTMEAD TRAIN SERVICES—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 0645 FUNDING FOR FUTURE UPGRADES—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 0646 CENTENARY ROAD AND KENYONS ROAD INTERSECTION—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 0647 SCHOOL ZONE FLASHING LIGHTS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 0648 CONCERTS FOR SENIORS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Ageing, and Minister for Disability Services—
- \*0649 LINNWOOD ESTATE—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Small Business—
- Does the Government plan to sell to developers the portion of the Linnwood Estate it holds in trust?
- Answer—
- Eventually, that part of the Linnwood Estate fronting Tamplin Road at Guildford will be disposed of to provide the much needed funding required to restore Linnwood House.
- \*0650 FAIRFIELD OFFICE OF HOUSING NSW—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- (1) How many constituents, presently under the responsibility of the Fairfield office of Housing NSW

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live in:

- (a) temporary accommodation paid for or subsidised by Housing NSW;
  - (b) permanent accommodation paid for or subsidised by Housing NSW?
- (2) How many current clients of this office presently receive no assistance at all?

Answer—

- (1) (a) The number of Housing NSW clients that receive assistance with temporary accommodation changes on a daily basis and depends on a client's circumstances.
- (b) Housing NSW manages approximately 3,300 properties in the Fairfield area.
- (2) Housing NSW has an assessment process known as Housing Pathways for new housing applicants and existing clients where there is a change of circumstances. Under this process, Housing NSW now assesses all applicants to determine the most appropriate assistance options and for indicators of priority need.

0651 ORPHAN SCHOOL CREEK—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Small Business—

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0652 ADMISSION AND REJECTION RATE FIGURES—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

0653 JOHN NESS PROTESTANT FEDERATION GIRLS HOME—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

0654 COMMUNITY BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

0655 PART 3A DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW—

0656 BAYS PRECINCT TASKFORCE—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW—

0657 BARANGAROO—"SHORT-SHARP" REVIEW—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW—

0658 AFFORDABLE HOUSING TASKFORCE—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW—

0659 NEW HOMES INFRASTRUCTURE TRUST—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW—

0660 INFRASTRUCTURE NSW AND HUNTER INFRASTRUCTURE FUND—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW—

0661 HUNTER INFRASTRUCTURE FUND—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW—

0662 HUNTER INFRASTRUCTURE FUND—ACQUISITION POWERS—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW—

0663 MARSDEN PARK AND CATHERINE FIELD HOUSING BLOCKS—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW—

0664 MARSDEN PARK AND CATHERINE FIELD HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW—

0665 PUBLIC SERVICE JOB CUTS IN RESEARCH FACILITIES—Ms Sonia Horner to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Small Business—

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- 0666 ORICA TOXIC LEAK—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—
- 0667 FUNDING CUTS TO CORRECTIVE SERVICES AND THE VICTIMS COMPENSATION SCHEME—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 0668 FUNDING CUTS TO HUNTER HOSPITALS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 0669 PLACES OF WORSHIP—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW—
- 0670 LEGAL COSTS—ORDER FOR SURCHARGE AGAINST COUNCILLORS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Local Government, and Minister for the North Coast—
- 0671 PAYMENT TO COUNCILLORS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Local Government, and Minister for the North Coast—
- 0672 PAYMENT TO COUNCILLORS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW—
- 0673 POLICE INTEGRITY COMMISSION EMPLOYEES—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 0674 POLICE INTEGRITY COMMISSION EMPLOYEES—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 0675 LIVERPOOL COUNCIL CHAMBERS FIRE—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 0676 SEXUAL ASSAULT MATTERS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 0677 DUST DISEASES TRIBUNAL—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 0678 MOST CONGESTED INTERSECTIONS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 0679 SCHOOL ZONE FLASHING LIGHTS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 0680 ADDITIONAL SCHOOL FENCING—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Education—
- 0681 ILLAWARRA REGIONAL INFORMATION SERVICE—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 0682 OPERATION VISION—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 0683 EYE WATCH TRIAL—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 0684 SPEECH THERAPISTS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 0685 KOKODA ABORIGINAL SERVICEMEN'S COMMITTEE—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—
- 0686 SOUTH COAST LINE—CRIMINAL OFFENCES—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 0687 RAIL TICKET SALES—GRANVILLE ELECTORATE—Mrs Barbara Perry to ask the Minister for Transport—



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- 0688 RAIL TICKET SALES—AUBURN ELECTORATE—Mrs Barbara Perry to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 0689 AMY STREET OVERBRIDGE—Mrs Barbara Perry to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 0690 APPLICATIONS UNDER SECTION 11 OF THE GUARDIANSHIP ACT—Mrs Barbara Perry to ask the Minister for Ageing, and Minister for Disability Services—
- 0691 GRAND WESTERN LODGE, MILLTHORPE—Mrs Barbara Perry to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 0692 FREE SHUTTLE BUS SERVICE—Mr John Robertson to ask the Minister for Transport—
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- 0787 MITOCHONDRIAL DISEASE—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- (1) How many persons in New South Wales have been detected as suffering with a mitochondrial disease?
  - (2) Of these sufferers, how many reside in:
    - (a) the Sydney Metropolitan area?
    - (b) rural and regional New South Wales?
- 0788 EXPLORATORY LICENCE FOR DART ENERGY—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Minister for Resources and Energy, Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Central Coast—
- (1) When was the exploratory licence for Dart Energy at Fullerton Cove issued?
  - (2) When does this exploratory licence expire?
  - (3) What are the conditions of the licence?

- (4) What did Dart Energy pay the NSW Government for the licence at Fullerton Cove?
- 0789 SYDNEY WATER STAFF—Mr Michael Daley to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- (1) How many full-time equivalent (FTE) staff did Sydney Water employ in total as of 1 June 2011?
  - (2) How many FTE staff work at Sydney Water's Malabar Treatment Plant?
- 0790 SOUTHERN CLINICAL SUPPORT DIVISION STAFF—Mr Michael Daley to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- (1) How many full-time equivalent (FTE) staff were employed by NSW in the Southern Clinical Support Division (Cluster) on 1 August 2011?
  - (2) Where were they based?
  - (3) Where was the chief executive based?
  - (4) What was the annual remuneration package of the Chief executive of the Southern Clinical Support Division?
  - (5) (a) How many staff members of the Southern Clinical Support Division were paid a total remuneration package of over \$100,000 per year?  
(b) Of these staff paid over \$100,000 per year, how many will be devolved back into Local Health Districts?
- 0791 LONG BAY GAOL STAFF—Mr Michael Daley to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- (1) How many full-time equivalent (FTE) staff worked at Long Bay gaol, the Long Bay hospital and Forensic Hospital as of 1 June 2011?
  - (2) What is the breakdown of staff numbers at each facility?
- 0792 SOUTHERN CLINICAL SUPPORT DIVISION—STAFF DEVOLVED—Mr Michael Daley to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- (1) How many staff, as a result of the Government's health restructure, will be devolved from the Southern Clinical Support Division to the South Eastern Sydney LHD?
  - (2) What role will they now be acting in at the South Eastern Sydney LHD?
- 0793 MOST ACCIDENT-PRONE INTERSECTIONS—Mr Michael Daley to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- (1) Does the Roads and Traffic Authority keep records of the most accident-prone intersections in the State?
  - (2) What are the ten intersections with the most recorded accidents in the Maroubra electorate?
- 0794 SYDNEY CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL NETWORK—Mr Michael Daley to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- (1) Where is the Sydney Children's Hospital Network (Randwick and Westmead) based?
  - (2) How many full-time equivalent (FTE) staff work for the specialty health network?
  - (3) How will the Sydney Children's Hospital at Randwick be affected by the establishment of the new Sydney Children's Hospital Network in terms of services provided and collaboration between other services such as the Children's Hospital at Westmead, NETS, PSN and others?
- 0795 RECURRENT FUNDING FOR COMMUNITY CENTRES—Mr Michael Daley to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- What is the total amount of recurrent funding that all of the community centres in the Maroubra electorate received from Community Services or through any other grants program in 2010-2011 and specifically:
- (a) Kooloora Community Centre;
  - (b) The Junction Neighbourhood Centre;
  - (c) Botany Family and Children's Centre?
- 0796 EASTERN BEACHES LOCAL AREA COMMAND—PROBATIONARY CONSTABLES—Mr Michael Daley to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- How many probationary constables did Eastern Beaches Local Area Command (LAC) receive in the May

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- 2011 and August 2011 attestations?
- 0797 PUBLIC AND HIGH SCHOOL FTE STAFF—Mr Michael Daley to ask the Minister for Education—
- (1) What is the total current full-time equivalent (FTE) staff employed in 2011 at public and high schools in the Maroubra electorate in Department of Education and Communities Schools?
  - (2) What is the breakdown of FTE staff numbers per school?
  - (3) What is the breakdown of FTE staff numbers per school broken down by the following position:
    - (a) teachers;
    - (b) support staff;
    - (c) administration?
- 0798 REVIEW OF IMPLEMENTATION OF NSW KIDS—Mr Michael Daley to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- (1) At what stage is the current review of the implementation of NSW Kids as recommended by Commissioner Garling?
  - (2) When is the review expected to be released?
- 0799 SCHOOLS AS COMMUNITY CENTRES—Mr Michael Daley to ask the Minister for Education—
- (1) What schools in the Maroubra electorate operated in the Schools as Community Centres program in June 2010?
  - (2) What schools operated as Schools as Community Centres in August 2011.
- 0800 SOUTHERN CLINICAL SUPPORT DIVISION SERVICES—Mr Michael Daley to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- (1) Could the Minister advise and provide a list of exactly what services were provided by the Southern Clinical Support Division (Cluster)?
  - (2) Can the Minister confirm that each and every one of these services will continue to be provided by each of the Local Health Districts in the Southern Cluster (i.e. South Eastern Sydney LHD, Illawarra Shoalhaven LHD, Murrumbidgee LHD, Southern NSW LHD)?
- 0801 CHICHESTER PIPELINE—LEAD POISONING—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—
- (1) Are farmers along the Chichester pipeline concerned about the pipeline shedding lead and the potential lead poisoning of livestock?
  - (2) Has the Government ordered Hunter Water to test the areas along the pipeline from Chichester to residential Shortland, following the death of a calf from lead poisoning?
- 0802 LONGWORTH AVENUE PAVEMENT REHABILITATION—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- (1) When will Hunter Water Corporation begin the design process for the replacement of the two trunk mains in Longworth Avenue, Wallsend, namely Valve house and Newcastle Road pumping station, constructed in 1884 and 1902 respectively, to allow Newcastle City Council to undertake the necessary major road rehabilitation works in the street?
  - (2) What will be the cost of the replacement of the two trunk mains?
  - (3) How long will the project to replace the two trunk mains take?
- 0803 TRAIN SECURITY ON HUNTER LINE—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport—
- (1) In the light of the tragic and needless death of a defenceless, homeless man travelling on a train in the early hours between Newcastle and Cardiff, can the Minister assure commuters that there are security guards on each and every train to ensure their safety?
  - (2) Why was the Minister initially unable to confirm if there were security guards on the train the elderly man was travelling on?
- 0804 HUNTER WATER—PAYMENT OF DIVIDENDS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- (1) Has the Government reneged on its promise to freeze dividend payments from Hunter Water which are vital for water infrastructure and other water programs?
  - (2) Is this increase likely to cause an increase in water charges to consumers in the Hunter?

- 0805 ROLL OUT OF JUSTICE LINK—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- (1) Has the roll out of Justice Link for Civil matters been completed for the:
    - (a) Local Court;
    - (b) District Court;
    - (c) Supreme Court?
  - (2) If the answer to any of the categories above is no, when is it anticipated it will be completed?
- 0806 SUPPORTED ACCOMMODATION—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- What programs and initiatives and at what cost are run by Corrective Services to provide supported accommodation to people leaving custody who are at risk of homelessness?
- 0807 COMPLIANCE AND MONITORING OFFICERS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- (1) How many Compliance and Monitoring Officers are employed by Correctional Services?
  - (2) How many Home visits to offenders have been carried out by Compliance and Monitoring Officers in the period:
    - (a) 1 January 2010 to 30 June 2010;
    - (b) 1 July 2010 to 31 December 2010;
    - (c) 1 January 2011 to 30 June 2011?
- 0808 COMMUNITY OFFENDER SUPPORT PROGRAM CENTRES—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- How many offenders have been dealt with by Community Offender Support Program Centres in the following periods:
- (a) 1 January 2010 to 30 June 2010;
  - (b) 1 July 2010 to 31 December 2010;
  - (c) 1 January 2011 to 30 June 2011?
- 0809 CASUAL CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- How many casual correctional officers were employed in NSW in these periods:
- (a) 1 January 2010 to 30 June 2010;
  - (b) 1 July 2010 to 31 December 2010;
  - (c) 1 January 2011 to 30 June 2011?
- 0810 COURT REFERRAL OF ELIGIBLE DEFENDANTS INTO TREATMENT—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- What was the outcome of the Court Referral of Eligible Defendants Into Treatment (CREDIT) Program commenced in Tamworth and Burwood Courts in August 2009?
- 0811 YOUTH CONDUCT ORDER PROGRAM—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- What has been the result of the 2-year trial of the new Youth Conduct Order Program commenced in 1 July 2009 in the New England, Camperdown and Mt Druitt local area commands?
- 0812 INCIDENTS OF SELF HARM—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- How many incidents of self harm occurred in Juvenile Justice Centres in NSW in the following periods:
- (a) 1 January 2010 to 30 June 2010;
  - (b) 1 July 2010 to 31 December 2010;
  - (c) 1 January 2011 to 30 June 2011?
- 0813 COBHAM JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTRE—CUSTODIAL ACCOMMODATION UNITS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- (1) Has the construction of three custodial accommodation units at Cobham Juvenile Justice Centre



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- commenced?
- (2) If so, what progress has been made in construction?
- 0814 BAIL ASSISTANCE LINE—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—  
What progress has been made in piloting a Bail Assistance line for young people in Sydney, Newcastle and Dubbo?
- 0815 YOUTH JUSTICE CONFERENCING PROGRAM—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- (1) How many referrals to the Youth Justice Conferencing Program were made in the following periods:  
(a) 1 July 2010 to 31 December 2010;  
(b) 1 January 2011 to 31 March 2011;  
(c) 1 April 2011 to 30 June 2011?
- (2) How many Youth Justice Conferences were facilitated in the following periods:  
(a) 1 July 2010 to 31 December 2010;  
(b) 1 January 2011 to 31 March 2011;  
(c) 1 April 2011 to 30 June 2011?
- 0816 INTENSIVE SUPERVISION PROGRAM—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—  
What progress has been made in relation to the Intensive Supervision Program in Juvenile Justice?
- 0817 OAK FLATS POLICE STATION PARKING—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—  
In relation to the new state-of-the art police station at Oak Flats, when will the Minister's office comply with council car parking controls for Crown Development Application(s) given that there are currently in excess of 300 employees with no provision for parking, which results in vehicles being parked in residential streets and the car park at Oak Flats Railway Station, to the disadvantage of local residents and commuters?
- 0818 ROAD TRANSPORT AUTHORITY—MAXIMUM WIDTH REQUIREMENTS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—  
What policies and/or procedures does the Government have in place to allow businesses to transport inventory on NSW roads that are over the Road Transport Authority's maximum width requirements?
- 0819 DEVELOPMENT AT KAMIRA COURT, VILLAWOOD—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—  
Can the Minister confirm the status of the Department of Housing development at Kamira Court, Villawood?
- 0820 VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING REFORMS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Education—
- (1) (a) Is the Government intending to implement Vocational Education and Training reforms that are being proposed in the upcoming Commonwealth of Australian Governments meeting?  
(b) If so, how will the reforms effect the funding of NSW TAFE, in particular the Western Sydney Institute of TAFE?  
(2) How will the changes affect the access of residents in the Fairfield electorate to TAFE courses?
- 0821 RECRUITS FROM NON-ENGLISH SPEAKING BACKGROUNDS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—  
What strategies does the Government intend to implement to attract more recruits from non-English speaking backgrounds into the NSW Police Force?
- 0822 CHANGES TO PROVISION OF TRANSIT OFFICERS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Transport—
- (1) Has the Government made any changes to the provision of transit officers patrolling the CityRail

services on the South line and Cumberland line?

(2) If so, how do the changes effect the patrolling of weekday night time services and weekend services?

0823 MERRYLANDS FIRE STATION—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

(1) Is the Merrylands Fire Station closed and deemed inoperative many days of the year because staff numbers fall below the minimum operational requirement?

(2) Considering the rate of growth in the Holroyd Community and the need to provide adequate fire services, will the Government make funding available to ensure Merrylands Fire Station remains operative every day throughout the year?

0824 FUNDING FOR SPEED MITIGATION DEVICES—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

Given that the Roads and Transport Authority has recently announced a streamlining of the speed limits around certain thoroughfares in the Fairfield electorate, what funding has been made available to local councils, particularly Fairfield City Council and Holroyd City Council, to install speed mitigation devices to ensure compliance with the new speed limits in areas affected by the change?

0825 PROVISION TO MONITOR TRAFFIC ON LOCAL ROADS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

Given the Roads and Transport Authority has recently announced a streamlining of the speed limits around certain thoroughfares in the Fairfield electorate, what provisions have been made for local police to monitor traffic on local roads, particularly thoroughfares effected by the recent streamlining of local speed limits?