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(Paper No. 53)

\*1246 PROTECTION FOR CLUB WORKERS—Ms Anna Watson asked the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

- (1) Will the Minister confirm that there will be strong and fair industrial protection for workers in clubs?
- (2) Will the Minister undertake that the Government will consult with "United Voice" prior to making any decisions?

Answer—

- (1) Industrial protection for workers in clubs is a matter for the Fair Work Act. Enforcing those protections is the responsibility of the federal Fair Work Ombudsman.
- (2) If United Voice wish to put forward views about issues relating to workers in clubs, they are welcome to do so.

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\*1248 MOUNT DRUITT POLICE STATION—ACTUAL STRENGTH—Mr Richard Amery asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) What was the actual strength of the Mount Druitt Police Station at 30 September 2011?
- (2) How does this figure compare to the authorised strength of this station?
- (3) (a) Are there any plans to increase the police numbers at Mount Druitt during the current financial year?  
(b) If so, what increases are proposed?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force has advised me :

- (1) and (2) Police positions are allocated to Local Area Commands, not individual police stations. Information about police numbers - both authorised and actual strength - is available on the NSW Police website: [www.police.nsw.gov.au](http://www.police.nsw.gov.au)
- (3) Allocations of officers from the next graduating class will be announced on the day of attestation, 16 December 2011.

1251 CANCER TREATMENT AND SURVIVAL RATES—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

1252 CESSNOCK HOSPITAL PATIENTS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

1253 KURRI KURRI HOSPITAL PATIENTS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

1254 HOSPITAL ATTENDANCES—POSTCODE 2322—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

1256 CESSNOCK COUNCIL SWIMMING POOL—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation—

1263 IPTAAS FORMS—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

1264 COSTS OF LOCUM DOCTORS—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

\*1265 PRESCHOOLS IN ELECTORATE OF BANKSTOWN—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) How many public preschools are located in the electorate of Bankstown?
- (2) What is the total number of students who attend each of these preschools?

Answer—

- (1) Four government schools with preschool classes are located in the electorate of Bankstown.
- (2) The 4 schools with preschool classes in the Bankstown electorate have a total of 160 children attending the preschool classes across the course of the week.

\*1266 MINOR CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Education—

In reference to answer to Question 0952 which states "The estimated cost of projects identified to be undertaken in schools in the Bankstown electorate in the 2011-12 Minor Capital Works Program is \$167,000":

Given that the total budget for this program is \$180 million, how does the allocation for the Bankstown electorate compare to the remaining 92 State electorates?

Answer—

Minor Capital Works funding is distributed across each of the ten school regions based on a formula which takes into account student enrolments and the gross floor area of permanent buildings.

Projects funded in each region are approved following consideration of individual school needs which are prioritised by local regional review committees.

Minor Capital Works projects are allocated funding based on regional priorities not on the basis of the electorate they are in.

\*1267 MINOR CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Education—

In reference to answer to Question 0952 which states "The estimated cost of projects identified to be undertaken in schools in the Bankstown electorate in the 2011-12 Minor Capital Works Program is \$167,000":

Given the need for capital works in Bankstown schools, on what basis were funds allocated under this program?

Answer—

Minor Capital Works projects are allocated funding based on regional priorities, not on the basis of the electorate they are in.

Minor Capital Works funding is distributed across each of the 10 school regions based on a formula which takes into account student enrolments and the gross floor area of permanent buildings.

Projects funded in each region are approved following consideration of individual school needs which are prioritised by local regional review committees.

\*1268 PUNCHBOWL BOYS HIGH SCHOOL—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Education—

In reference to answer to Question 0952, does the \$167,000 allocated as part of the Minor Capital Works Program include the outstanding issue of improvements to toilet facilities at Punchbowl Boys High School?

Answer—

No.

\*1269 BANKSTOWN SOUTH INFANTS SCHOOL—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Education—

In reference to answer to Question 0952, does the \$167,000 allocated as part of the Minor Capital Works Program include the outstanding issue of improvements to toilet facilities at Bankstown South Infants School?

Answer—

No.

\*1270 BANKSTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOL—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Education—

In reference to answer to Question 0952, does the \$167,000 allocated as part of the Minor Capital Works Program include the outstanding issue of repainting Block 2 at Bankstown Public School?

Answer—

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\*1271 GEORGES HALL PUBLIC SCHOOL—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Education—

In reference to answer to Question 0952, does the \$167,000 allocated as part of the Minor Capital Works Program include the outstanding issues of installation of a new weather shelter, the construction of a separate uniform shop or the installation of play equipment at Georges Hall Public School?

Answer—

No. The school has not nominated these projects for inclusion in the capital works program.

\*1272 BANKSTOWN WEST PUBLIC SCHOOL—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Education—

In reference to answer to Question 0952, does the \$167,000 allocated as part of the Minor Capital Works Program include the outstanding issue of installation of play equipment and covered walkways at Bankstown West Public School?

Answer—

No.

\*1273 BANKSTOWN NORTH PUBLIC SCHOOL—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Education—

In reference to answer to Question 0952, does the \$167,000 allocated as part of the Minor Capital Works Program include the outstanding issue of maintenance of demountables at Bankstown North Public School?

Answer—

No.

\*1274 YAGOONA PUBLIC SCHOOL—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Education—

In reference to answer to Question 0952, does the \$167,000 allocated as part of the Minor Capital Works Program include the outstanding issues of improvements to the administration building at Yagoona Public School or installation of basic amenities such as sinks and taps in their classrooms?

Answer—

No.

\*1275 GEORGES HALL PUBLIC SCHOOL—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Education—

In reference to answer to Question 0953, when will the Government allocate funding to Georges Hall Public School so that they can purchase two second-hand demountables?

Answer—

Georges Hall Public School was recently provided with an additional demountable classroom and now has its full accommodation entitlement.

\*1276 BANKSTOWN NORTH PUBLIC SCHOOL—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Education—

In reference to answer to Question 0954:

- (1) When will the Government fund the five demountable replacements urgently needed for Bankstown North Public School?
- (2) Will the Minister visit the school premises to inspect the existing demountables in order to understand the pressing need for their replacement?

Answer—

- (1) Consideration will be given to replacing demountables at Bankstown North Public School as part of a future capital works program.
- (2) Funding for future projects is considered in the context of regional and statewide priorities. I understand that this project is a priority for the school.

\*1277 PARSONS REPORT ON THE ALLOCATION OF POLICE RESOURCES—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) When will the recommendations of the Parsons Report on the Allocation of Police Resources become available?
- (2) Will you commit to making all of the recommendations public?

Answer—

I received the report of the audit of police numbers and resources on 1 September 2011.

I am obliged to present the report to the Cabinet. I will be making further announcements regarding the audit and the Government's response in due course.

\*1278 COMPULSORY FEES FOR PRESCHOOL PLACES—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Education—

In relation to the compulsory fees to be introduced in Government preschool places in 27 January 2012:

- (1) How are the fees for the placement of each child in a Government preschool calculated?
- (2) What criteria is in place to determine eligibility to part fee exemption?
- (3) What criteria is in place to determine full fee exemption?
- (4) Will the funds raised by these compulsory fees go back to the public school and/or preschool?

Answer—

(1) The fees have been set with reference to the relative Index of Community Socio-Educational Advantage value of the school. Preschool fees are lower in communities experiencing greater levels of disadvantage.

(2) and (3) Fee relief and fee exemptions are determined by the financial circumstances of families.

(4) Funds collected will go into the overall operational budget of the Department of Education and Communities which includes preschool education in 100 public schools.

\*1279 EMPLOYMENT SECURITY OF TAFE TEACHERS—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) In relation to the possible reform of the NSW TAFE system, is the Government considering the adoption of a Victorian-based fully contestable funding model for TAFE NSW?
- (2) If so what implications will that have for the employment security of TAFE teachers?

Answer—

The NSW Government has agreed to a national framework for reform of the vocational education and training system. In reshaping the direction of the reforms to vocational education and training, the Government will do what is best for New South Wales.

On 28 September 2011, I announced the release of a consultation paper about the vocational education and training sector, designed to make New South Wales the number one economy in the country. The consultation paper canvasses a range of issues, including contestability, entitlements, student loans and the role and function of TAFE NSW.

A series of consultations have been held around the State and written submissions closed on 4 November 2011.

The NSW Government is committed to supporting a strong and dynamic TAFE and recognises its critical role in contributing to the growth of the New South Wales economy.

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1283 DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING PROPERTIES DESTROYED BY FIRE—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

1284 NATURAL RESOURCES ADVISORY COUNCIL—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Small Business—

1285 PREPARE, ACT, SURVIVE—Ms Sonia Hornery 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—

1286 SPEED CAMERAS IN THE HUNTER—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

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- 1288 INSTALLATION OF SOLAR PANELS—COMPLAINTS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Fair Trading—
- 1289 COMPLAINTS AGAINST NU ENERGY OR PYRAMID POWER—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Fair Trading—
- 1290 CORRECTIVE SERVICES—OFFICIAL VISITOR—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 1291 LISTING OF COURT MATTERS FOR 2012—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 1292 EVALUATION OF CRIMINAL CASE CONFERENCING TRIAL—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 1293 BASE FUNDING FOR CORRECTIVE SERVICES NSW—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 1294 CESSNOCK CORRECTIONAL CENTRE—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 1295 COURT UPGRADE PROGRAM—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 1296 COMMUNITY OFFENDER SUPPORT PROGRAMS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 1297 SOUTH COAST CORRECTIONAL CENTRE—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 1298 GRAFFITI REMOVAL—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 1299 GREEN VALLEY AMBULANCE STATION—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 1300 HANDYMAN SERVICE—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 1301 REGIONAL RELOCATION GRANT—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Treasurer—
- 1302 ILLAWARRA DATA CENTRE—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 1303 BELLAMBI POINT LAND TRANSFER—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 1304 FIGTREE HIGH SCHOOL—SURPLUS LAND—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Education—
- 1305 POSITRON EMISSION TOMOGRAPHY MACHINES—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 1306 KEIRAVILLE PRIMARY SCHOOL LIBRARY—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

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- 1307 NEW PRIVATE BUS TIMETABLES AND ROUTES—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Transport—

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- 1308 POLICE NUMBERS—Ms Sonia Hornery 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—
- 1309 HUNTER REGIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE FUND—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW—
- 1310 HUNTER WATER—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 1311 REJUVENATION OF CARDIFF CBD—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Small Business—
- 1312 CITYRAIL TRAINS AND NETWORKS—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Transport—
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- 1314 EYE CARE FOR CHILDREN—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
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- 1318 COMMUNITY TRANSPORT—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 1319 PEARL CONSTRUCTIONS COLLAPSE—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 1320 ASBESTOS IN DERELICT BUILDINGS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 1321 ASBESTOS IN DERELICT BUILDINGS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 1322 ASBESTOS IN DERELICT BUILDINGS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—
- 1323 RENTAL COSTS—ILLAWARRA MINISTERIAL OFFICE—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 1324 POLLUTION OF WYONG CREEK—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—
- 1325 RAISED ENTRY THRESHOLD—NORTH CREEK—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

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- 1326 DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES EMPLOYEES—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Small Business—
- 1327 CLOSURE OF METROPOLITAN FIRE STATIONS—Ms Linda Burney 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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- 1330 CABRAMATTA COMMUTER CAR PARK—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 1331 TRAINING SCHEMES FOR NEW DOCTORS—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 1332 CONTROL OF NOXIOUS WEEDS—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Small Business—
- 1333 ELECTROMAGNETIC RADIATION—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 1334 RADIATION EMITTED BY "SMART" METERS—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Minister for Resources and Energy, Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Central Coast—
- 1335 ESTIMATE OF QUARTERLY ELECTRICITY CHARGES—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Resources and Energy, Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Central Coast—

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- 1336 CASES OF WHOOPING COUGH—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 1337 MAIN ROAD, CLIFTON—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
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- 1340 UPGRADE AND IMPROVEMENT TO EMERGENCY SERVICE UNITS—Mr Clayton Barr 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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- 1346 VISITING MEDICAL OFFICERS AND RESIDENT MEDICAL OFFICERS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 1347 EMERGENCY DENTAL TREATMENT—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 1348 ISOLATED PATIENTS TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION ASSISTANCE SCHEME—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

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- 1349 TYNAN ROAD AND HUME HIGHWAY INTERSECTION—Mr Robert Furolo to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 1350 FUNDING ALLOCATED TO ROAD SAFETY PROJECTS—Mr Robert Furolo to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 1351 PORT BOTANY LANDSIDE IMPROVEMENT STRATEGY—Mr Robert Furolo to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 1352 HUME HIGHWAY AND STACEY STREET INTERSECTION—Mr Robert Furolo to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
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- 1354 TIME-OF-DAY TOLLING—Mr Robert Furolo to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 1355 REDIRECTION OF SPEEDING AND TRAFFIC FINES REVENUE—Mr Robert Furolo to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 1356 REVENUE COLLECTED FOR SPEEDING AND TRAFFIC FINES—Mr Robert Furolo to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
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- 1361 ESTABLISHMENT OF “SPECIALIST TRADESMEN”—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Fair Trading—
- 1362 UNQUALIFIED TRADESMEN—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Fair Trading—
- 1363 UNSAFE GAS INSTALLATION—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Fair Trading—
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- 1366 FUNDING PROGRAMS FOR NON-PROFIT ORGANISATIONS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 1368 PROTECTION FOR VOLUNTEERS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 1369 INCREASING PREVALENCE OF DIABETES—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Healthy Lifestyles, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

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- 1370 ESCALATOR AT MT DRUITT RAILWAY STATION—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Transport—

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- 1371 PENALTIES FOR MAYORS AND COUNCILLORS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Local Government, and Minister for the North Coast—
- 1372 PENNANT STREET BRIDGE—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—
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- 1374 PAYMENTS FOR VICTIMS COMPENSATION—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 1375 CHAMBER MAGISTRATES AT LOCAL COURT REGISTRIES—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
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- 1380 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ISSUES—TRAINING FOR MAGISTRATES—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
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- 1384 ENERGY REBATE ELIGIBILITY—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Resources and Energy, Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Central Coast—
- 1385 ENERGY ACCOUNT PAYMENTS ASSISTANCE SCHEME REVIEW—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Resources and Energy, Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Central Coast—
- 1386 WOLLONGONG CONSERVATORIUM OF MUSIC—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Hospitality and Racing, and Minister for the Arts—
- 1387 INQUIRY INTO LYSAGHT OVAL—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation—
- 1388 PURCHASE OF LAND AT MADDENS PLAINS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

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- 1389 STAMP DUTY CONCESSION—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- (1) During the financial year ending 30 June 2011, how many persons received a stamp duty concession for buying their first home in the following postcode areas:
- (a) 2770;
  - (b) 2761;
  - (c) 2766?

- (2) What was the total value of these concessions
- 1390 ESCAPE RATE FROM NEW SOUTH WALES PRISONS—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- (1) What is the escape rate from the state's prisons at 31 October 2011?  
(2) How does this performance compare with the same period last year?
- 1391 PUBLIC HOUSING—HUNTER VALLEY—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- For public housing in the Hunter Valley:
- (1) How many new houses will be built or purchased in 2011-12?  
(2) How many of these will be in the Cessnock of electorate?  
(3) What size, rooming, disability conditions, multi-story or other qualities will they have?
- 1392 PUBLIC HOUSING MAINTENANCE BUDGET—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- For public housing across NSW:
- (1) Has the budget for maintenance been reduced?  
(2) If so, by how much?  
(3) If so, has it been reduced equally across all areas of the state?  
(4) If so, in real dollar terms, what is the new budget for housing maintenance in the Hunter now, and what was it previously?
- 1393 JOHN HUNTER HOSPITAL EMERGENCY SHORTFALL—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- How is the Government addressing the need for more staff specialists to fill in the Emergency Department shortfall at the John Hunter Hospital?
- 1394 PRINCIPAL CONTROL IN UNDERSTAFFED SCHOOLS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Education—
- How will the Government's scheme giving principals more control over staff and finances overcome the shortage of qualified and experienced teachers in the hardest to staff schools in New South Wales, especially in Mungindi, Goodooga and Walgett?
- 1395 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- (1) What is the Government doing to address the endemic problem of domestic violence identified by the Auditor-General?  
(2) What is the Government's response to the Auditor General's claims that organisations are not providing a response that works or lasts for many victims and perpetrators?
- 1396 PROPOSED REFORMS TO POLICE COMPENSATION—Ms Sonia Hornery 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) What is the Minister doing to address the concerns of police officers with proposed reforms of the police compensation?  
(2) Will changes to the death and disability scheme slash compensation leading to premature return to work and/ or financial hardship?
- 1397 TRAINING ORGANISATIONS IN THE WALLSEND ELECTORATE—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Education—
- With regard to training organisations in the Wallsend electorate:
- (1) What companies/ institutions receive State Government funding?  
(2) What training courses do they offer?  
(3) Do any of these courses compete with TAFE run courses, and if so, which ones?  
(4) How much State Government funding is provided to these institutions?
- 1398 WOMEN'S REFUGES IN THE WALLSEND ELECTORATE—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

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With regard to women's refuges:

- (1) What facilities are available in the Wallsend electorate and what is their occupancy rate?
- (2) If no such facilities are available in the Wallsend electorate, what would be the nearest facilities available and what is their occupancy rate?

1399 MAINTENANCE WORKS—DOBELL BUILDING—Ms Kristina Keneally to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

Noting the answer to Written Question 0757 regarding the Housing NSW building known as Dobell at 33 John Street, Waterloo:

- (1) What is the actual amount that the 2011-12 budget has allocated to undertake building repairs?
- (2) What repairs are being carried out?
- (3) What is the timeline of work in calendar month/s and year/s?
- (4) What other upgrade works are planned for the Dobell Building?

1400 SMOKING RATES—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

What is the Government doing to reduce rates of smoking within the communities of Cabramatta?

1401 HEPATITIS C—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

What is the Government doing to reduce the risks of Hepatitis C within the communities of Cabramatta?

1402 TRAFFIC AND ROAD CONDITIONS—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

What is the Government doing to improve the traffic and road conditions for drivers between the Hume Highway and the Meccano Set, through to the M5 intersection, via Henry Lawson Drive?

1403 TRAFFIC AND ROAD CONDITIONS—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

What is the Government doing to improve the traffic and road conditions for drivers on Henry Lawson Drive between the Hume Highway, at the Meccano Set, through to the M5 intersection?

1404 WARATAH TRAINS—CUMBERLAND LINE—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Transport—

How many Waratah Trains are in service on the Cumberland Line which runs through Cabramatta?

1405 WARATAH TRAINS—BANKSTOWN LINE—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Transport—

How many Waratah Trains are in service on the Bankstown Line which runs through Cabramatta?

1406 WARATAH TRAINS—SOUTH LINE—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Transport—

How many Waratah Trains are in service on the South Line which runs through Cabramatta?

1407 WARATAH TRAINS—INNER WEST LINE—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Transport—

How many Waratah Trains are in service on the Inner West Line which runs through Cabramatta?

1408 NATIONAL GUIDELINES FOR HANDLING OF DNA SAMPLES—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) Does the Attorney General support calls by Dr Anne Smith, Medical Director of the Victorian Forensic Paediatric Medical Centre for national guidelines for all laboratories and hospitals in their handling of DNA samples?
- (2) If not, why not?
- (3) If so, what has the Attorney General done in this regard?

1409 PETROLEUM EXPLORATION LICENCE—CAMDEN GAS PROJECT (PEL 2)—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Resources and Energy, Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Central Coast—

In relation to the Petroleum Exploration Licence now held by AGL Upstream Investments Pty Limited (AGL) for the Camden Gas Project (PEL 2):

- (1) What groundwater monitoring has AGL conducted as part of its exploration under its Petroleum Exploration Licence for the Camden Gas Project (PEL 2)?

- (2) Is such monitoring required as part of the PEL 2 conditions?
- (3) If no such monitoring has been conducted, is this a breach of the licence?
- (4) Does AGL need to obtain Bore Licences under the Water Act 1912 (NSW) before engaging in any borehole drilling in the PEL 2 area?
- (5) Has AGL done so?
- (6) If not, does this constitute a breach of:
  - (a) the Water Act 1912 (NSW);
  - (b) the Water Management Act (2000);
  - (c) its PEL 2 conditions?
- (7) Is AGL entitled to apply for renewal of the whole land area of its PEL 2?
- (8) If any breaches have occurred, will the Minister take these into account when determining AGL's PEL 2 renewal?
- (9) Did AGL receive approval to drill three water monitoring bores at Denham Court within the area of the proposed Camden Gas Project Stage 3 project (within the PEL 2 area)?
  - (a) Who approved these and when?
  - (b) What purpose do these water monitoring bores serve?

- 1410 PETROLEUM PRODUCTION LEASES—CAMDEN GAS PROJECT STAGE 2—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Resources and Energy, Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Central Coast—

In relation to Petroleum Production Leases now held by AGL Upstream Investments Pty Limited (AGL) for the Camden Gas Project Stage 2 (PPL 1, 2, 4 & 5):

- (1) Has AGL taken a measurement of groundwater in order to monitor changes to water quality and quantity that could be attributed to its coal seam gas extraction activities before drilling coal seam gas production wells at any point in Stage 2 of the Camden Gas Project?
- (2) If AGL has not taken such measurements prior to drilling its coal seam gas wells, does this represent a breach of its Petroleum Production Leases?
- (3) If such breaches have occurred, what penalties apply?

- 1411 AMBULANCE RESPONSE TIMES—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

With regards to ambulance response times in the Hawks Nest/Tea Gardens area:

- (1) What ambulance service is provided to this area?
- (2) (a) For the months of July, August, September and October 2011, how many ambulance calls were made to this area?
  - (b) What was the median response time?
- (3) (a) Were there any patients who waited more than 30 minutes for an ambulance to arrive?
  - (b) If yes, on what dates and what were the waiting times?
- (4) What enhancements to ambulance services in the Hawks Nest/Tea Gardens area were provided in the 2011-12 budget?

- 1412 FUNDING ALLOCATION TO SIDS AND KIDS NSW—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) What funding is allocated by NSW Health to Sids and Kids NSW?
- (2) What funding is allocated to other agencies that deal with neo-natal death by NSW Health?
- (3) Is there any separate funding being allocated directly to Sids and Kids Hunter and Sids and Kids ACT?

- 1413 HOUSING NSW GUTTERS—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

With respect to the need for regular cleaning of gutters on Housing NSW buildings in order to prevent blockages and water ingress:

- (1) How many blocked gutters or problems caused by blocked gutters in the inner city were reported to Housing NSW over the past year?
- (2) What system of programmed works does Housing NSW use to ensure that gutters are regularly cleaned and repaired in order to prevent problems?
- (3) What is the expected timeframe for gutters on buildings to be cleaned?

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- (4) What preventive measures such as leaf guards are used for Housing NSW properties to prevent leaves collecting in and blocking gutters?
- (5) What plans does the Government have to prevent ongoing problems with blocked gutters?
- 1414 HOUSING NSW MAINTENANCE IN THE INNER CITY—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- Noting that:
- Housing NSW properties in inner Sydney are some of the oldest and highest density housing in NSW;
  - there was a significant backlog of maintenance and repairs in NSW public housing; and
  - additional Commonwealth funding was provided in 2009:
- (1) What impact did the accelerated maintenance program have on the backlog of inner city maintenance and repairs?
- (2) What is the estimated backlog of maintenance and repairs in the inner city now, including programmed repairs?
- (3) Will the Government provide additional funding to address the remaining maintenance backlog in inner Sydney public housing?
- (4) What major maintenance and repair projects will be carried out in 2011-12 in:
- (i) Woolloomooloo;
  - (ii) Millers Point, Dawes Point and The Rocks;
  - (iii) Darlinghurst;
  - (iv) Surry Hills;
  - (v) Kings Cross;
  - (vi) Chippendale;
  - (vii) Ultimo;
  - (viii) Pyrmont; and
  - (ix) Paddington and Woollahra;
- (5) When will these projects begin and when does the Government expect them to be complete?
- (6) How are tenants informed about programmed works in their building or precinct?
- (7) What plans does the Government have to ensure prompt repairs and scheduled maintenance for inner city public housing?
- 1415 HANDYMAN SERVICE PROGRAM—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- (1) How many specific jobs have been allocated to the "Handyman Service" program for public housing properties in the Keira electorate?
- (2) What is the department doing to promote this service to local seniors living in public housing?
- 1416 WORK ORDERS FOR GRAFFITI REMOVAL—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- (1) In the last six months, for what specific locations in the Keira electorate has Housing NSW issued work orders to have graffiti removed?
- (2) For each of these orders when was the complaint made and when was the graffiti removed?
- 1417 FUNDING TO REDUCE GRAFFITI—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- (1) What funds were allocated to Wollongong City Council in the last financial year to help reduce graffiti?
- (2) What funds have been allocated this financial year?
- 1418 PATIENT LIAISON OFFICERS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- (1) How many Patient Liaison Officers are there at Bulli Hospital?
- (2) Are there any plans to increase this number?
- 1419 FUNDS TO WOLLONGONG CITY COUNCIL—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- What funds were allocated to Wollongong City Council over the last five financial years?

- 1420 INTERSECTION OF PRINCES HIGHWAY AND MT OUSLEY ROAD—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- (1) Is the Minister and his agency aware of the congestion at the intersection of the Princess Highway and Mount Ousley Road in the electorate of Keira?
  - (2) Will the Minister and his agency undertake an investigation into the suitability of roundabout traffic lights being constructed at this intersection to improve traffic flow like those on the Highway at Albion Park?
  - (3) If yes, when this will take place?
- 1421 INQUIRY INTO LYSAGHT OVAL—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- (1) What are the specific terms of reference for the inquiry into Lysaght Oval?
  - (2) When will this inquiry be completed?
  - (3) How much will the inquiry cost?
- 1422 IPADS IN SCHOOLS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Education—
- (1) Will the Minister and the Department of Education look at increasing the use of iPads in schools by ensuring the costs to procure them are reduced?
  - (2) What plans are there to increase the amount of these devices in schools to enhance teaching and learning across the curriculum?
- 1423 APPROVAL OF BOREHOLE DRILLING BY APEX DRILLING PROJECT—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW—
- Why did the Planning Assessment Commission approve the additional drilling of a borehole by Apex Drilling Project (APEX) in the Sydney Water Catchment Area when a parliamentary inquiry is still underway?
- 1424 DEDICATED SPEECH PATHOLOGISTS IN SCHOOLS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Education—
- (1) How many schools in the Kiera electorate have dedicated speech pathologists?
  - (2) How many children do they currently support?
  - (3) Does the Government have any plans to increase this number particularly in areas of low socio-economic status?
- 1425 FREE TRAIN TRAVEL TO WESTERN PLAINS ZOO—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—
- (1) How much funding has been allocated in the 2011-12 financial year to provide free train travel to the Western Plains Zoo Dubbo, and zoo entry, and an allowance worth \$50 for Penrith students?
  - (2) Which schools will be eligible for the program?
  - (3) How many students in total are potentially eligible for the program?
  - (4) Has the Government advised eligible schools that they can apply for the program?
  - (5) What are the expected start dates and completion dates for the program?
- 1426 GOVERNMENT PRESCHOOL FEES—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—
- In relation to fees at Government preschools:
- (1) What guidelines are available to principals to support them in exercising their discretionary role to assess the eligibility of families for fee relief or exemption?
  - (2) If families owe outstanding preschool fees, what action will the school or the Department take to recover these fees and will families be subject to repayment orders or any legal order to pay their preschool fees?
  - (3) What is the definition of "financial hardship" in relation to assessing an application for fee relief or exemption?
  - (4) Will any of the revenue raised from preschool fees be directed into Government preschools, and if so, how much?
  - (5) How much additional funding does each of the 100 Government schools receive as a result of having a preschool attached to the public school?
  - (6) What advice did the Government receive that the imposition of preschool fees would increase the proportion of children attending preschool, and who provided this advice?
  - (7) Given that on 9 November 2011 the Minister noted that at 90% of preschools, enrolment is "on



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track":

- (a) What data was this figure based on?
- (b) What preschools make up the 10% who are not "on track"?
- (c) Has the Government requested enrolment statistics from Government preschools in previous years?
- (d) To be designated as "on track", what proportion or number of places need to be filled in a Government preschool?

1427 ADULT MIGRANT ENGLISH SERVICE—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—

- (1) How many full-time equivalent teaching positions are delivering:
  - (a) the Adult Migrant English Program in the three regions (Hunter/Newcastle, Illawarra/Wollongong, and Northern Metropolitan/Rural NSW) retained by the Adult Migrant English Service (AMES);
  - (b) the Skillmax program;
  - (c) taxi driver assessments?
- (2) What is the employment status of the teachers delivering the Adult Migrant English Program in the Hunter, Illawarra and Northern Sydney?
- (3) Why are AMES teachers no longer delivering the Adult Migrant English Program in the Hunter, Illawarra and Northern Sydney?
- (4) How many AMES teachers are employed in permanent teaching positions:
  - (a) as at 31 October 2011;
  - (b) at 30 June 2011;
  - (c) at 30 June 2010?
- (5) How many AMES teachers are employed in temporary/casual teaching positions:
  - (a) as at 31 October 2011;
  - (b) at 30 June 2011;
  - (c) at 30 June 2010?
- (6) In 2011, how much notice did affected AMES teachers receive of the determination that their position status would change from permanent to excess?
- (7) In 2011, how much notice did affected AMES teachers receive of the determination that their position status would change from permanent to temporary/casual?
- (8) What consultation occurred with AMES teaching staff prior to any change in their employment status?

1428 DEVOLUTION PILOT—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—

In relation to the recent devolution pilot in NSW public schools:

- (1) How much additional funding was provided to each of the 47 schools participating in the program specifically to participate in the pilot?
- (2) Will the same level of additional funding be provided to any additional schools who undertake the program if it is expanded?

1429 ESTABLISHMENT OF "TRANSPORT FOR NSW"—Mr Richard Torbay to ask the Minister for Transport—

- (1) Will the Minister provide details of all costs associated with the establishment of the new transport agency "Transport for NSW"?
- (2) What impact will the creation of this agency have on employment opportunities and services in country areas, particularly in the Northern Tablelands electorate?

1430 ASSESSMENT LEASE APPLICATION 19—Mr Richard Torbay to ask the Minister for Resources and Energy, Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Central Coast—

- (1) Why has Assessment Lease Application 19 not been dealt with given that the application was made in 1999?
- (2) If the application has failed to comply with Government guidelines, why has it not been declined?
- (3) Can the Minister clarify whether different arrangements exist for "non-miners" compared to "mining families" providing employment opportunities in their community?

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