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*3100 BLACKTOWN HOSPITAL MRI MACHINES—Mr Richard Amery asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) Does the Blacktown Hospital have two MRI machines licensed for use?
- (2) If so:
 - (a) Is one of these machines either not in use or underutilised?
 - (b) What is the reason for one MRI machine at this location not being put to full use?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) and (2) The Blacktown campus has one licensed machine to run a public MRI service.

*3101 HUNTER NEW ENGLAND HEALTH—STUDY ALLOWANCE—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

In light of criticism directed at Hunter New England Health regarding the allocation of \$7 million study allowance for senior doctors, and acknowledging that the state's great doctors need to learn new skills in order to keep up with the cutting edge of medicine and patient care, how can the government ensure that these funds are spent responsibly and fairly?

Answer—

I am advised:

Staff specialists have an industrial entitlement to training, education and study leave under the Staff Specialists Determination 2010. The availability of this entitlement recognises that the public health system has a responsibility to ensure that all staff specialists have appropriate and equitable access to training, education and study leave that is relevant to both the staff speciality and the public health organisation where they work. The availability of this industrial entitlement provides an incentive for highly qualified specialist doctors to work as salaried employees in the public health system.

Many Staff Specialists are renowned for being leaders in their field and their continued professional development through education and training to keep on top of the latest discoveries, research and treatment techniques, is important in the continued enhancement of patient care.

*3102 JOHN HUNTER HOSPITAL—SURGERY WAITING TIMES—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) Why has the average waiting time for surgery at John Hunter Hospital increased from 64 days to 79 days since March 2011?
- (2) What is the Government doing to decrease these unacceptable waiting times?
- (3) Why is 49-year-old Marina Edmends still waiting to receive hip replacement surgery when her case has been classified as urgent and she has been on the elective surgery list since 1 March 2012?
- (4) Can the Minister advise when Ms Edmends will undergo surgery?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) to (4) The NSW Government is committed to ensuring that all patients waiting for elective surgery are treated within clinically recommended timeframes. The National Partnership Agreement on Improving Public Hospital Services requires States to ensure that patients receive their surgery within the clinically recommended timeframe and has set progressive targets for all States.

The Hunter New England Local Health District received 3.2 per cent in growth funding this financial year.

Information regarding surgery waiting times is available from the Bureau of Health Information at www.bhi.nsw.gov.au.

It is inappropriate to comment on care of any individual patient to a third (unrelated) party.

*3103 JOHN HUNTER EYE CLINIC—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) Why is the eye clinic at John Hunter Hospital no longer taking routine patients referred by local

GPs?

- (2) Why is the eye clinic only seeing urgently referred patients and emergency patients who present to the Emergency Department?
- (3) What is the Government doing to rectify this situation and when will patients in the Hunter be able to access a specialist at the John Hunter eye clinic for ongoing treatment.

Answer—

- (1) to (3) I refer the Member to my response to a question without notice in the Legislative Assembly on this subject on Tuesday 20 November 2012.

*3104 WALLSEND AGED CARE FACILITY—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

Given the 3 billion dollar cutbacks to take effect in NSW Health, will the Minister be closing the Wallsend Aged Care Facility in this term of government?

Answer—

I am advised:

The future of Wallsend Aged Care Facility remains under the consideration of the Hunter New England Local Health District.

*3105 IDLING FREIGHT TRAINS AT SULPHIDE JUNCTION—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Transport—

Given that RailCorp is working with the freight operator on strategies to minimise idling times at Sulphide Junction (Question 1438), why are residents still reporting trains idling for up to two hours at Argenton?

Answer—

I am advised:

Transport for NSW and RailCorp are mindful of community concerns relating to freight trains idling for prolonged periods of time at Sulphide Junction. Under normal operating circumstances train operators will not place a freight train into Sulphide Junction to idle for excessive periods of time unless it is necessary. Transport for NSW and RailCorp will continue to closely monitor the situation and work with private freight operators and the community to manage the issue.

*3106 REMOVAL OF RAIL SERVICES TO NEWCASTLE STATION—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Transport—

Given that a plethora of research (Professor Peter Newman, Jacky Fristacky and Professor Graham Currie) supports maintaining rail lines into the heart of cities, why is the chairman of Infrastructure NSW urging the removal of rail services to Newcastle Station.

Answer—

I am advised:

This question should be referred to Infrastructure NSW.

*3107 ELERMORE VALE SEWERAGE REPAIRS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

- (1) Will funding be provided to repair the sewerage system in Elernmore Vale that is frequently inundated with flooding and sewage overflows after heavy downpours?
- (2) If not, why not?
- (3) If so:
 - (a) How much funding will be allocated?
 - (b) When will these necessary upgrades to the sewerage system occur?

Answer—

- (1) Yes.
- (2) N/A.
- (3) (a) Around \$1.7 million.
(b) Design work is expected to commence in 2013.

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*3108 REDUCTION IN PUBLIC SCHOOL REGIONS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) Why has the Minister reduced public school regions from 10 to five in NSW?
- (2) How will this affect students in the Hunter?
- (3) How many public school educators and office staff will lose their positions?
- (4) How will the Minister ensure schools will receive the same level of support?

Answer—

- (1) to (4) The process to develop a new model of support to schools to replace regions is currently underway. There are no regions in the new model. The model is a new way of working with and supporting schools. It is about local schools and local decisions, and about providing schools and school communities with the flexibility to make decisions that are in the best interest of their students.

The Department of Education and Communities will ensure that the support it continues to provide to schools is of the highest quality, relevant to the needs of schools and focussed on student outcomes.

*3109 ARGENTON PUBLIC SCHOOL—FUNDING CUTS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) How many staff, including those in administrative and support roles, will be cut from Argenton Public School as a result of the Government's \$1.7 billion education funding cuts?
- (2) What teaching and curriculum resources will no longer be produced and available to support students at this school?
- (3) Can the Minister guarantee that the \$1.7 billion funding cuts to education will have no impact on the day to day teaching and learning at Argenton Public School?

Answer—

- (1) In October 2010, the previous Government and the Public Service Association made an agreement that \$21 million in employee related savings by 2015-16, as a result of efficiencies from the Learning Management and Business Reform program, would be used to offset salary increases already paid to school administrative and support staff. This is equivalent to 400 full-time school administrative officer positions. The only cuts being made inside the school gate are those signed off by the previous Government, who have forgotten their agreement with the PSA.

The Local Schools, Local Decisions reform is designed to empower local schools to make local decisions to improve student outcomes. This includes more flexibility to make decisions about managing resources, the staff in their schools, maintenance and purchasing. There will be no reduction in the financial allocations to NSW public schools for 2013. The NSW Government trusts our principals, and knows that schools are best placed to make decisions about the best way of meeting the needs of their students.

- (2) There will be fewer and simpler policies organised around the work of schools, but support will continue to be available from the Department. The future of any resource lies with its relevance to the needs of students and schools.
- (3) Teachers in NSW public schools are quarantined from the Labor Expense Cap.

*3110 JUSTICE BLANCH—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

- (1) What is the salary of Justice Blanch as President of the Dust Disease Tribunal?
- (2) Does he retain a salary as Chief Justice of the District Court and is any salary paid to him as President of the Dust Disease Tribunal additional to that?

Answer—

- (1) and (2) I am advised:

The salary of Justice Blanch has not changed as his appointment as President of the Dust Diseases Tribunal is a dual commission. He retains his current salary as Chief Judge of the District Court and is not paid any additional salary.

*3111 CORRECTIVE SERVICES NSW—CONTRACTORS—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

- (1) What are the identities of the 46 contractors retained by Corrective Services NSW since 1 July 2011?
- (2) How much has each of those contractors cost?

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Answer—

I am advised:

(1) and (2)

Contractors retained (which includes those engaged) by Corrective Services NSW from 1 July 2011 – 30 September 2012:

No.	Contractor	Amount paid
1	Peoplebank	\$820,868.98
2	Julia Ross	\$231,684.59
3	Randstad Pty Limited	\$218,642.31
4	Workforce International	\$196,877.36
5	Hays Personnel Svcs (Aust) P/L	\$194,427.74
6	Finite Recruitment P/L	\$191,219.47
7	Quay Appointments P/L	\$155,585.28
8	Freebott P/L	\$78,590.91
9	Oxygen Business Solutions P/L	\$74,456.25
10	Australian Homecare P/L	\$53,304.59
11	Chefnet Staff NSW	\$48,376.68
12	Internal Audit Bureau (Iab)	\$40,291.92
13	Bob Sendt Consulting Pty Ltd	\$28,750.00
14	Datsky P/L	\$23,660.00
15	Stowe Australia Pl	\$19,840.00
16	Greythorn Pty Ltd	\$17,920.00
17	Safetyworks Group Pty Ltd	\$15,229.83
18	Taylor Transcription	\$15,175.83
19	The One Umbrella (Candle Aust)	\$14,343.00
20	Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu	\$14,150.00
21	Beatrice Hofmeyr	\$14,000.00
22	Pryor Consultants Pty Ltd	\$12,600.00
23	Advanced Information	\$9,200.00
24	Integrity Risk Solutions	\$7,825.00
25	Merrill Corporation	\$6,135.00
26	Macquarie University - Aries	\$6,000.00
27	Hudson Global Resources(A) P/L	\$5,996.82
28	Talent International	\$5,920.25
29	Jordan James Delaney	\$4,837.30
30	Centre For Corporate Health	\$4,795.00
31	Prue Foster	\$4,400.00
32	Futuresearch	\$4,090.92
33	Icmi Speakers & Entertainers	\$4,000.00
34	Integro Learning Company	\$4,000.00
35	In Consult Pty Ltd	\$3,000.00
36	Small & Associates P/L	\$2,900.34
37	Dr Astrid Birgden	\$2,625.00
38	June Crichton Lake	\$2,176.66
39	Pepe Newton	\$1,700.00
40	St Marks	\$1,700.00
41	Chris Trotter	\$1,500.00
42	Risk Assessment AND	\$1,440.00
43	A.L Peake & L.R Peake	\$1,140.00
44	Nsw Food Authority	\$1,020.00
45	Country Energy	\$900.00
46	The University Of Sydney	\$200.00
	Accrued Expenditure*	\$4,868.00

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	Total	\$2,572,365.03
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*The amount of \$4868.00 relates to adjustments, not separately itemised, on the contractors in the above table.

*3112 TENDER SUBMISSIONS FOR GRAFFITI REMOVAL DAY—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

What were the names of the three people on the panel who assessed the tender submissions for Graffiti Removal Day for 2012?

Answer—

I refer the Honourable Member to my answer to the question taken on notice during the 2012 Estimates Committee hearing. I can further advise that the tender assessment panel comprised of a Manager and Senior Project Officer from the Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design Unit within the Department of Attorney General and Justice (DAGJ), and a Detective Inspector from the NSW Police Force.

*3113 DETECTIVE SUPERINTENDENT—SPECIAL CRIME AND INTERNAL AFFAIRS UNIT—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

(1) Was any police officer who was a Detective Superintendent in the Special Crime and Internal Affairs Unit in August 2000 ever subsequently prosecuted for drink driving or a related offence?

(2) (a) Was a brief of evidence delivered to or advice sought at any time from the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutor concerning such offences against such an officer?

(b) What action was taken on advice provided by the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions in relation to (a) above?

Answer—

(1) and (2) I am advised:

The Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (ODPP) does not classify cases by occupation, including current or former serving police officers.

The member's question does not provide sufficient information for the ODPP to locate any information in relation to the question.

*3114 JUSTICELINK IT PROJECT—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

What is the progress with the JusticeLink IT Project?

Answer—

I am advised:

JusticeLink has been in use in the three main jurisdictions of NSW since June 2010 and continues to be refined and enhanced in order to meet changing business needs. It is now actively used by all staff involved in the case management of criminal, civil and coronial matters within the judiciary and the Department of the Attorney General and Justice.

*3115 RESPONSE TO LETTER—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

(1) Does the Attorney General propose to respond to the letter to him dated 8 October 2012 from Robert Flavel?

(2) If not, why not?

(3) If so, when?

Answer—

(1) to (3) I am advised:

Robert Flavel's wrote to the Attorney twice and Corrective Services NSW responded to Mr Flavel on 15 October 2012.

*3116 REPLY TO EMAIL—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

Does the Attorney General propose to reply to the email from Tania Garraway dated 16 October 2012 concerning NSW Victims Services Restitution?

Answer—

A response signed by the Parliamentary Secretary for Justice was emailed to Ms Garraway on 9

November 2012.

*3117 RESPONSE TO LETTER—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

Does the Minister propose to answer the letter dated 10 July 2012 from Michael Botfield addressed to the Premier but referred to you by letter from the Premier dated 27 July 2012 (2012-101081-BCU)?

Answer—

A response has been forwarded to Mr Michael Botfield.

*3118 INQUIRY INTO JUST TERMS COMPENSATION—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

(1) What progress has been made on the inquiry by David Russell SC into Just Terms Compensation?

(2) (a) Will a consultation paper be released?

(b) If so, when?

Answer—

(1) and (2) I am advised that Mr Russell SC has considered the broad range of issues raised by the Review and a consultation paper is being finalised.

*3120 NOISE CAMERA ON MOUNT OUSLEY ROAD—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

In relation to the noise camera located on Mount Ousley Road:

(1) What was the date when the camera commenced operation?

(2) How many warning notices have been issued from the date of commencement until 1 November 2012?

(3) How many fines have been issued from the date of commencement until 1 November 2012?

(4) What is the noise level that needs to be reached before warning notices or fines are issued?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) The camera commenced operation at Mount Ousley in November 2007. This site was used to trial and test different equipment. In October 2008 a new generation engine brake noise camera was installed.

(2) No warning notices have been issued. However, as part of the Mt Ousley noise camera trial an awareness and education program operated from late 2007 until early 2009 and more than 400 letters were sent to truck owners whose vehicles had exceeded the national engine brake noise in-service noise standard. These letters advised the vehicle owners of the new standard and what they could do to fix the problem.

(3) There is no legislative basis to issue fines for noise from engine compression brake use in any jurisdiction in Australia.

(4) The noise criteria for engine brakes is the standard contained in the National Transport Commission's Proposed Model Laws in relation to Engine Brake Noise Limits.

*3121 CRIME STATISTICS—ETHNIC GROUPS—Mr Nathan Rees asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

What is the break-up of NSW crime statistics by ethnic groups, including as a percentage of the population of each relevant ethnic group, in order for police to identify the issues affecting those communities and causing crime?

Answer—

I am advised that the NSW Police Force does not routinely collect data based on ethnicity. However, I can advise that Multicultural Liaison Officers and other police work with ethnic groups to identify and address issues in relation to crime and police continually monitor emerging crime trends.

*3122 ALBION PARK RAIL BYPASS—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

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- (1) Did the survey conducted by regional Development Australia Illawarra (RDA Illawarra) find that the Albion Park Rail bypass is the second highest priority for respondents after upgraded rail links to Sydney?
- (2) (a) Has the \$100,000 in the 2012-13 Budget for the study into the Albion Park Rail bypass been allocated?
(b) If so:
 - (i) on what date;
 - (ii) to which organisation?
- (3) (a) Has the Minister received the study or any briefings on the study?
(b) If so:
 - (i) on what date;
 - (ii) by which organisation?
- (4) Has the study determined whether the gazetted bypass route remains the best option for the bypass of Albion Park Rail?
- (5) Does the gazetted bypass route accommodate current road design standards?
- (6) What is the estimated cost of constructing the gazetted bypass?
- (7) Will the Minister release the study?
 - (a) If so, on what date?
 - (b) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Details of the survey can be obtained from Regional Development Australia Illawarra .
- (2) (a) Yes.
(b)(i) The funds were allocated for the 2012-13 financial year.
(ii) Roads and Maritime Services.
- (3) (a) No.
(b) (i) and (ii) Not applicable.
- (4) No.
- (5) Roads and Maritime Services' investigations are still underway into the gazetted bypass route.
- (6) No costings have been undertaken at this stage.
- (7) Not applicable - no study has been completed.

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*3123 EMERTON EDUCATION OFFICE—Mr Richard Amery asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) How many staff have been located to the Education office at Emerton?
- (2) What are the roles of the staff?
- (3) (a) Is this office being closed?
(b) If so, what plans are in place to have the work carried out at Emerton performed at other locations?
- (4) Is the proposed closure of this office as a result of the announced \$1.7 billion cut to the Education budget?

Answer—

- (1) There are currently 17 staff located at the Mount Druitt Regional Office.
- (2) The staff located at Mount Druitt Regional Office and their functions are as follows:

School Education Director	2
School Development Officer	1
Senior Education Officer 2, Leading and Connecting	2
Senior Education Officer 2, Consultant Indigenous Engagement	1

Senior Education Officer 1, Project Officer, Aboriginal Education	1
Senior Education Officer 1, Aboriginal Education Consultant	1
Principal Education Officer, Leading and Connecting	1
Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer	1
Reading Recovery Tutor	1
School Promotions Officer	1
Project Officer Portal at Western Sydney: develops and manages the Western Sydney Region interactive website	1
Administration Officer Clerk 5-6	1
Administration Officer Clerk 3-4	1
Administration Officer Clerk 1-2	1
Administration Officer Leading and Connecting	1

- (3) (a) The process to develop a new model of support to schools is currently underway. Until the model is finalised the Department is not in a position to determine the locations of services.(b) The Department will ensure that the support it provides is of the highest quality, relevant to the needs of schools and focussed on student outcomes.
- (4) See (3) (a) above.

*3125 TITANIUM DIOXIDE IN FOOD—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

Given titanium dioxide is used in food, confectionery, health supplements and cosmetics and the International Agency for Research on Cancer of the World Health Organization recently classified it as a possible carcinogen:

- (1) What long-term studies has the Government assessed on the health effects of titanium dioxide?
- (2) What studies were assessed since the latest classification by the International Agency for Research on Cancer?
- (3) What proportion of these studies were peer reviewed?
- (4) What action has the Government taken to date to prevent health impacts from titanium dioxide?
- (5) What further action will the Government take to ensure that people are not exposed to carcinogens such as titanium dioxide?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) to (5) The determination of chemical content in food, complementary medicines and cosmetics is coordinated at the federal level through Food Standards Australia New Zealand (FSANZ), Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA), and the National Industrial Chemicals Notification and Assessment Scheme (NICNAS).

These three entities fall within the portfolio of the Federal Minister for Health and Ageing. As such the Member is advised to direct his question to the responsible Federal Minister.

*3126 OXFORD STREET TRAFFIC—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

With regard to the impact Oxford Street traffic has on local businesses:

- (1) At the end of the 12-month trial of afternoon clearways commencing at 4.00 pm instead of 3.00 pm, will the Government consider the benefits of the trial to businesses as part of its assessment?
- (2) If the trial demonstrates positive outcomes, will the Government consider a trial of further reduced hours of operation of the clearway?
- (3) Given the Government has said that the Roads and Maritime Services is currently reviewing traffic conditions in response to the concerns of shop traders along Oxford Street Darlinghurst:
 - (a) To what extent will this review include consideration of reducing the speed limit to 40 kph given high pedestrian activity on the street?
 - (b) Does the review include traffic conditions of the Paddington side of Oxford Street?

Answer—

I am advised:

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- (1) The trial assessment will focus on traffic volume data and bus travel time analysis. As part of the periodic traffic monitoring inspections conducted during the trial, Roads and Maritime Services will observe the parking occupancy in Oxford Street, providing an indication of parking utilisation.
- (2) At the end of the trial, the traffic flow and bus travel time data will be analysed to determine the effect on bus travel times and general traffic flow. This will indicate the times of day when the bus lane is needed.
- (3) (a) A 40 kilometres per hour speed zoning requires a road environment that is self enforcing. Traffic calming devices such as speed humps would be needed. As Oxford Street is a major public transport corridor used by many buses, installation of traffic calming devices in Oxford Street is not supported.
(b) Data collection for the trial focuses on both sides of Oxford Street between Taylor Square and Queen Street.

*3127 311 BUS SERVICE—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Transport—

Noting the changes that return the 311 bus service to Circular Quay and then travels on to Millers Point, and continuing community calls for better bus services in the 2011 postcode area:

- (1) What are the monthly patronage numbers for this bus service since January 2012, and what are the trends in patronage since the March 2011 changes were introduced?
- (2) What are the monthly patronage numbers and trends for the Elizabeth Bay shopper service replacing 311 bus services, and does the Government intend to continue funding this service?
- (3) What assessment has the Government made of returning the Elizabeth Bay loop to the 311 route?
- (4) What assessment has the Government made of returning the 311 bus to a 20 minute service?
- (5) What plans does the Government have for improving the 311 bus service, including improving running times?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) Monthly patronage figures reported by the State Transit Authority for Route 311 during 2012 and 2011 are:

Month	2012	2011
January	48,358	44,700
February	55,099	49,218
March	59,195	55,800
April	48,310	46,694
May	55,378	49,951
June	48,641	46,504
July	51,349	47,966
August	55,000	50,488
September	49,570	48,928
October	55,818	49,557
Total	526,718	489,806

There has been an upward trend in usage for this route on a month by month basis.

Data for October 2011 (49,557) compared to October 2012 (55,818), for example, demonstrates a 13 per cent increase (6,261 additional customers). Year to date growth is in the order of 7.5 per cent (36,912 additional customers).

- (2) The Village to Village Shopper Service is operated by South East Sydney Community Transport and funded by the City of Sydney Council. Patronage data is not held by Transport for NSW.
- (3) 12.5 metre low floor wheelchair accessible buses cannot use the Elizabeth Bay loop due principally to street geometry constraints. There are no plans to return route 311 services to this loop.
- (4) The current off-peak weekday frequency (30 minute intervals) on route 311 is considered adequate for the demand experienced.
- (5) In October 2012, additional daytime Route 311 services were extended from Gresham Street to Millers Point which improves connections with rail and ferry services at Circular Quay.

*3128 FACTORY FARMING OF PIGS—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Small Business—

With regard to pig farming practices in New South Wales:

- (1) What data does the Government have on the number of pigs in New South Wales currently confined to sow stalls?
- (2) What proportion of pork products produced in New South Wales come from farms that use:
 - (a) sow stalls;
 - (b) farrowing crates;
 - (c) tail docking;
 - (d) teeth clipping; or
 - (e) castration?
- (3) What data does the Government have on the number of pigs raised for consumption indoors compared to pigs raised for consumption outdoors?
- (4) What assessment will the Government undertake on the ban on sow stalls to begin in Tasmania next year?
- (5) What assessment has the Government made on bans on intensive factory farming practices in the United Kingdom and Sweden, as well as phase outs in the European Union, Florida and New Zealand?

Answer—

- (1) None.
- (2) This data is not collected by the NSW Government.
- (3) None.
- (4) The Government will assess official agency reports.
- (5) Intensive farming has not been banned outright in any of those countries.

*3129 MARGINAL RENTERS—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Fair Trading—

With regard to marginal renters like lodgers, students in educational residences, persons in crisis accommodation and persons in shared houses who are not covered by the Residential Tenancies Act, the Boarding Houses Act or any other tenancy law:

- (1) What action will the Government take to ensure marginal renters are not evicted without notice?
- (2) What action will the Government take to ensure marginal renters are given reasonable notice before their rent is increased?
- (3) What action will the Government take to ensure marginal renters have the right to a written agreement and written receipts for any money paid?
- (4) What dispute resolution process does the Government intend to introduce for marginal renters and their landlords given disputes currently have to go through the Consumer Trader and Tenancy Tribunal?
- (5) What consideration is the Government giving to introducing occupancy agreements for marginal renters?

Answer—

The different types of occupancy referred to have different characteristics. Any proposal to regulate these occupancy types would need to be the subject of extensive consultation with affected groups and would require consideration of the differing purposes of these accommodation arrangements.

The Government has not to date been presented with compelling evidence to support specific regulation of these occupancy types. I would be happy to receive specific evidence detailing the concerns of any affected groups in order to consider what role Fair Trading may play.

*3132 COMMUNITY LANGUAGE SCHOOLS FUNDING—Mr Nick Lalich asked the Minister for Education—

What is the status of the doubling of funding introduced by the former Government for Community Language Schools announced in 2010?

Answer—

Up until 2010 Community Languages Schools received only a Commonwealth grant. In 2010 the former Government matched the Commonwealth's allocation of \$60 per student.

This Government has continued the matching of the Commonwealth's allocation in 2011 and 2012.

The NSW Government has a mandate to deliver the election commitments made by the NSW Liberals and Nationals.

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*3133 COMMUNITY LANGUAGE SCHOOLS FUNDING—CABRAMATTA—Mr Nick Lalich asked the Minister for Education—

What is the breakdown of funding for Community Language Schools that operate in the Cabramatta electorate?

Answer—

There are 48 community languages schools that offer 22 different languages to 4,244 students in the Cabramatta electorate. Languages include Arabic, Mandarin, Khmer and Vietnamese.

In 2012, \$516,919 was allocated to community languages schools operating in the Cabramatta electorate.

*3134 CABRAMATTA FIRE STATION LAND—Mr Nick Lalich 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) Has the land formerly used by NSW Fire and Rescue as the Cabramatta Fire Station on Cabramatta Road been sold?

(2) If so, to whom and at what price?

Answer—

(1) and (2) Fire and Rescue NSW has advised me :

No. The process for preparing the property for sale is underway.

*3135 INDICATING AT ROUND-ABOUTS—TRANSLATED MATERIAL—Mr Nick Lalich asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

Is there any translated education and awareness material explaining the new road rules regarding indicating at roundabouts?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Changes to Road Rules brochure has been translated into several community languages and these alternative language versions are available from the Roads and Maritime Services website. The languages include Arabic, Chinese, Greek, Italian, Turkish and Vietnamese.

Advertisements about the road rules changes appeared in key community language media with placements on 26 October 2012 in the Arabic El-Telegraph and the Vietnamese Viet Luan, on 27 October 2012 in the Chinese Community News and on 31 October 2012 in the Koori Mail.

*3136 INDICATING AT ROUND-ABOUTS—EDUCATION AND AWARENESS CAMPAIGNS—Mr Nick Lalich asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

What education and awareness campaigns are planned for the new road rules regarding indicating at roundabouts?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Changes to Road Rules brochure has been available on the Roads and Maritime Services and Transport for NSW websites since Friday 19 October, 2012.

There has been considerable print and radio media about the road rules changes, including the roundabout rules.

Transport for NSW is currently examining ways to improve the community's understanding of particular road rules, including the roundabout rules.

*3137 CHINESE MINISTERIAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE—Mr Nick Lalich asked the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

Under what criteria and selection process were members of the NSW Chinese Ministerial Consultative Committee selected and approved?

Answer—

Via consultation with the CRC and community leaders which included key representative bodies, cultural and religious groups, and businesses.

*3138 INDIAN MINISTERIAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE—Mr Nick Lalich asked the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

Under what criteria and selection process were members of the NSW Indian Ministerial Consultative Committee selected and approved?

Answer—

Via consultation with the CRC and community leaders which included key representative bodies, cultural and religious groups, and businesses.

*3139 KOREAN MINISTERIAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE—Mr Nick Lalich asked the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

Under what criteria and selection process were members of the NSW Korean Ministerial Consultative Committee selected and approved?

Answer—

Via consultation with the CRC and community leaders which included key representative bodies, cultural and religious groups, and businesses.

*3140 RUSSIAN MINISTERIAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE—Mr Nick Lalich asked the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

Under what criteria and selection process were members of the NSW Russian Ministerial Consultative Committee selected and approved?

Answer—

Via consultation with the CRC and community leaders which included key representative bodies, cultural and religious groups, and businesses.

*3141 CHILDREN'S COURT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

With regards to the Children's Court Assistance Program (CCAS) funding provided to the Macarthur Legal Centre (MLC):

- (1) What activities are undertaken by this program?
- (2) What funding was provided for the financial year 2011-12?
- (3) What funding is to be provided for the financial year 2012-13?
- (4) Are funding enhancements planned?
- (5) Will the funding for this program be continued at least at current levels?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) The Children's Court Assistance Schemes (CCAS) program operates out of five Community Legal Centres covering eight Children's Courts: Bidura (Glebe), Parramatta, Campbelltown, Port Kembla, Broadmeadow, Maitland, Woy Woy and Wyong.

The CCAS program provides a support service for children and young people attending for criminal and AVO matters listed at NSW Children's Courts. The program also provides support to the family, carers, friends and other support people who accompany the young person to court. Program staff do not provide legal advice. The CCAS program is available to all young people including defendants, victims and people in need of protection. Specifically, the program:

- provides information about court processes and outcomes;
- co-ordinates the registration and information function to contribute to the smooth operation of the court;
- provides informal counselling and conflict resolution;
- provides referral to welfare services such as drug and alcohol programs, counselling and accommodation; and
- advises people of their legal rights and the legal services available to them.

(2) Total funding was \$416,360 with \$56,571 allocated to Macarthur Legal Centre.

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(4) and (5) Legal Aid NSW will be seeking further triennial funding from the Public Purpose Fund (PPF) for the CCAS program for 2013-2016 as part of a broader Legal Aid NSW funding submission. The decision is a matter for consideration by PPF Trustees.

*3142 ABORIGINAL LEGAL ACCESS PROGRAM—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

With regards to the Macarthur Legal Centre and the Aboriginal Legal Access Program (ALAP):

- (1) What activities are undertaken by this program?
- (2) What funding was provided for the financial year 2011-12?
- (3) What funding is to be provided for the financial year 2012-13?
- (4) When is this funding due for review?
- (5) Will this funding be continued at least at current levels?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) The Aboriginal Legal Access Program (ALAP) seeks to improve and enhance the capacity of Community Legal Centres (CLCs) to provide effective and culturally appropriate services to Aboriginal people. Under the program, five part-time ALAP Workers are employed at five CLCs, including one at Macarthur Legal Centre.

Each ALAP Worker:

- assists Aboriginal clients with legal information and referrals;
 - co-ordinates outreach services and legal education workshops for Aboriginal clients and community workers; and
 - provides a link between CLCs and local Aboriginal community organisations.
- (2) Total funding was \$369,000 with \$51,250 allocated to Macarthur Legal Centre.
- (3) Total funding is \$378,225 with \$52,531 allocated to Macarthur Legal Centre.
- (4) and (5) The Trustees of the Public Purpose Fund have approved funding for the ALAP up to 30 June 2014.

*3143 HAY HOSPITAL—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

With regards to Hay Hospital:

- (1) What medical cover is currently provided?
- (2) What plans exist to increase this cover?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Hay Hospital Emergency Department remains open 24 hours per day. On weekdays medical support is provided from Griffith Base Hospital, with urgent cases transferred to Griffith Base Hospital for further treatment as required. Visiting GP medical locums provide weekend coverage at the hospital.
- (2) The Murrumbidgee Local Health District is investigating a number of options to improve medical coverage at Hay Hospital.

*3144 DRIVER REVIVER PROGRAM—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

What amount of funding was provided from the Minister's agency to the Driver Reviver program for the following financial years:

- (a) 2010-11;
- (b) 2011-12;
- (c) 2012-13?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (a) \$0.35 million.
- (b) \$0.35 million.
- (c) \$0.35 million.

*3145 MOBILE SPEED CAMERAS—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

- (1) Are there any incentives currently in place for the private operators of mobile speed cameras to increase the number of infringement notices issued?
- (2) (a) In relation to the recent tender for the rollout of Mobile Speed Cameras Stage II, are there any incentives for private operators to increase the number of infringement notices issued?
- (3) If so, how do these incentives operate?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) No.
- (2) No.
- (3) Not applicable.

*3146 SPEED CAMERA LOCATIONS—ASSESSMENTS AND REVIEWS—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

- (1) What specific actions, such as field reviews and other assessments, have commenced for the following speed camera locations:
 - (a) Memorial Drive, Corrimal;
 - (b) New South Head Road, Edgecliff;
 - (c) Pacific Highway, Hungry Head;
 - (d) New England Highway, Kootingal;
 - (e) New England Highway, Lochinvar?
- (2) When did these assessments and reviews commence?
- (3) When will they be completed?
- (4) For the ones already completed, what were the findings?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) In depth crash analysis and community consultation have commenced for all of the fixed speed cameras identified in the annual speed camera review. The locations will all be inspected by the review team, which will include representatives from the Centre for Road Safety, Roads and Maritime Services, the NSW Police Force, NRMA Motoring and Services, the local council, an independent road safety auditor, and school principals and P&C representatives where the location is adjacent to a school zone.
- (2) In depth crash analysis commenced in October. Community consultation has commenced and will continue until 14 December 2012. The field inspections will occur in December.
- (3) and (4) The reviews, including reports, will be completed in 2013.

*3147 ROADS AND MARITIME SERVICE CENTRE—CORRIMAL—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

In relation to the Roads and Maritime Service Centre in Corrimal:

- (1) How many positions in the office are currently vacant?
- (2) Are these positions to be filled?
 - (a) If so, when?
 - (b) If not, why?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Two positions are currently filled by relief staff.
- (2) A Customer Service Centre Manager is being recruited and a Customer Service Officer—20 hours—Long Term Relief is in place until March 2013.
 - (a) It is anticipated that the Customer Service Centre Manager position will be permanently filled in early 2013.
 - (b) Not applicable.

*3148 CENTRE FOR ROAD SAFETY—ROAD TOLL RESPONSE PACKAGE—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

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- (1) How many positions were in the Centre for Road Safety, Road Toll Response Package program area as at 18 November 2011?
- (2) How many positions were allocated to the Centre for Road Safety, Road Toll Response Package program area as at 25 October 2012?
- (3) Of the \$170 million allocated to the Road Toll Response Package program, how much was allocated over the following years:
 - (a) 2010-11;
 - (b) 2011-12;
 - (c) 2012-13?
- (4) How much will be allocated in the following years:
 - (a) 2013-14;
 - (b) 2014-15?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) and (2) On 18 November 2011 and 25 October 2012 there were five positions in the Road Toll Response Package team in the Centre for Road Safety.

(3) (a) \$36.2 million.

(b) \$36.9 million.

(c) \$32.3 million.

(4) (a) \$30.1 million.

(b) \$30.1 million.

An additional \$4 million was allocated to public education campaigns supporting the reintroduction of the mobile speed camera program. In the 2009-10 year \$0.4 million was allocated, bringing the total allocation to the Road Toll Response Package to \$170 million.

*3149 RURAL ROADS—WIDER CENTRE LINE—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

Given the Centre for Road Safety recommended that rural roads would benefit from a wider centre line, similar to that trialled on the Newell Highway, will the Minister provide a list of roads that have received this road safety upgrade?

Answer—

I am advised:

Widely spaced centreline markings were trialled on the Newell Highway, with positive outcomes.

This type of line marking has not yet been extended to other roads. Preparatory work is underway to enable more general application of these new line markings in New South Wales.

*3150 SPEED CAMERAS—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

In relation to speed cameras in New South Wales:

- (1) For each fixed speed camera, how often do they get audited?
- (2) For each camera, how many times have faults or errors been found?
- (3) For each camera, how many people have had fines revoked due to errors?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Roads and Maritime Services continuously monitors and administers quality management systems to ensure camera sites are operational and calibrated in accordance with NSW legislation. Camera sites are tested within each 30 day period to ensure accuracy and reliability. In addition, regular site inspections are scheduled to maintain the physical site. This strict testing regime ensures the camera is working accurately in detecting vehicles exceeding the speed limit.
- (2) Data relevant to this issue is held by the State Debt Recovery Office.
- (3) Data relevant to this issue is held by the State Debt Recovery Office.

*3151 FLINDERS RAILWAY STATION—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Transport—

- (1) (a) Can the Minister provide an update on progress to construct the new Flinders Railway Station?
(b) If not, why not?
- (2) What is the estimated cost of construction for this railway station?
- (3) (a) Are there plans to change the name of the railway station from the Flinders Railway Station to the Shell Cove Railway Station?
(b) If so, what is the reasoning for the name change?

Answer—

Transport for NSW is currently undertaking work to progress the design, land acquisition and planning approval process for the project. Planning documents are anticipated to be on public display mid-2013 and the new station is expected to open in 2014.

*3152 OAK FLATS RAILWAY STATION—CAR PARKING—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Transport—

- (1) Can the Minister provide an update on progress towards the construction of new parking places at Oak Flats Railway Station?
- (2) How many car parking places will be available?
- (3) When is construction expected to:
 - (a) commence;
 - (b) be finalised?
- (4) What is the estimated cost of this work?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) to (4) On 23 April 2012 the NSW Government announced a new Transport Access Program (TAP) which will deliver accessible, modern, secure and integrated transport infrastructure where it is needed most. This includes station upgrades, better interchanges, ferry wharf upgrades and commuter car parks. The TAP includes more than \$770 million over four years.

As part of the TAP, on 29 May 2012 the Government announced a \$170 million commitment to build nine new commuter car parks, providing more than 1,200 additional car spaces at train stations across the CityRail network.

Detailed design is currently underway for 203 new parking spaces at Oat Flats Railway Station, and construction is anticipated to commence in mid-2013.

*3153 AMBULANCE SERVICE OF NSW—CHANGES TO ROSTER—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) (a) Have there been changes to the Ambulance Service of NSW roster system?
(b) If so:
 - (i) what are those changes;
 - (ii) when do the changes commence?
- (2) (a) Was there consultation with the workforce of the Ambulance Services of NSW?
(b) If so:
 - (i) what was the consultation process;
 - (ii) on what date(s) did consultation occur;
 - (iii) who was consulted?
- (3) (a) Is the new roster system subject to review?
(b) If so, on what date is the review proposed?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) to (3) After a review of current regional and metropolitan rosters and staffing arrangements, the Ambulance Service of NSW has introduced new rosters to better match paramedic duty hours to identified periods of high demand, and to better manage paramedic fatigue.

The changes mean more on duty paramedics will be available to respond at the times of the day they are needed most by the community. The changes will also mean that the number of incidents

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required to be responded to by on-call crews during the night will decrease and paramedics will have more opportunity to rest and recover between their shifts.

Changes to the rosters commenced in October 2012 through a multi-phased approach.

Consultation on the proposed rosters commenced in January 2012. The issue has also been the subject of conciliation by the Industrial Relations Commission, including visits by the Commission to ambulance stations on the North Coast. The Ambulance Service is continuing to consult with the Health Services Union and Ambulance staff on the new rosters.

The Ambulance Service will review the rosters and the Industrial Relations Commission will also review the workability of the rosters as part of arbitration proceedings set down for 17 to 18 December 2012.

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*3154 SCHOOL TRUANCY—Mr Richard Amery asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) What programs exist in the Mount Druitt and surrounding areas to address the issue of students not attending school because of various social problems?
- (2) What has been the level of funding for these programs in the past three years?
- (3) What is the name of each program receiving Government funding to address the issue of students not attending mainstream schools?
- (4) What impact will the announced \$1.7 billion cutback to the Education budget have on the funding of these programs?

Answer—

- (1) The Home School Liaison Program is used to assist schools in addressing individual student needs in relation to non-attendance concerns.

Home School Liaison Officers work with schools, that have below State average attendance rates, to develop an Attendance Action Plan. This plan involves the whole school community, is data driven and provides schools with a platform to refine current practices.

The Mount Druitt Local Area Command of Police NSW works with the Home School Liaison Officers to conduct anti-truancy operations once per term.

Individual schools may also adopt or create programs to suit their community's needs; these programs are independent of the Home School Liaison Program.

- (2) The Home School Liaison Program includes two Aboriginal Student Liaison Officer (ASLO) positions and one Home School Liaison Officer position. Funding for the two ASLO positions for the three years between 2010 and 2012 was approximately \$596,500. Funding for the Home School Liaison Officer position varies, as these positions are filled by classroom teachers, and funding is dependent upon the level the teacher has reached on the current salary scale.

The funding or grants obtained by individual schools to address social problems inhibiting school attendance is specific to each individual setting. This information is held at the school level where decisions are made about learning and support programs and interventions to meet the specific needs of individual students.

- (3) It is not possible to name all of the programs that use Government funding to address the issue of students not attending mainstream schools, as all programs and activities that focus on student engagement do this to some degree. This information is held locally and not by State or Regional offices.

Schools also access an extensive and diverse range of programs that are on offer by non-government organisations and a number of interagencies which work directly with the principal and local community.

- (4) The process to develop a new model of support to schools is currently underway and seeking consultation. Positions that support student engagement, including attendance at school, are included in the proposed model. The Department will ensure that the support it provides is of the highest quality, relevant to the needs of schools and focussed on student outcomes.

*3155 PRIORITY SCHOOLS PROGRAM—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Education—

What assistance will the State Government be providing to the public schools that previously received funding under the Priority Schools Program?

Answer—

In 2013, funds for the Priority Action Schools (PAS) Program and the Priority Schools Funding Program (PSFP) will be distributed to schools as Transitional Equity Funding for socio-economic background. There has been no change in the budget allocation overall.

Budgets and expenditure for the Priority Action Schools Program and the Priority Schools Funding Program for 2012 and 2013 are provided below.

2011-12

Program	Budget	Expenditure
PAS	\$22.7 million	\$22.7 million
PSFP	\$21.5 million	\$21.5 million

2012-13

PAS	\$22.7 million
PSFP	\$21.5 million

*3156 CESSNOCK AND KURRI KURRI TAFE CAMPUSES—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Education—

What courses and programs have been cut from the Cessnock and Kurri Kurri TAFE campuses as a result of the \$1.7 billion cut to education funding?

Answer—

No courses or programs have been cut at Cessnock Campus or Kurri Kurri Campus as a result of the \$1.7 billion cut to education funding.

TAFE NSW Institutes continually review the courses that they offer in consultation with staff and other key stakeholders to ensure delivery is aligned to the State's economic and social priorities.

*3157 SECURITY FENCING—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) How many schools in New South Wales presently have security fencing installed?
- (2) How many schools in New South Wales do not presently have security fencing installed?

Answer—

- (1) There are 826 public schools which have security fencing.
- (2) The remaining schools either have partial security fencing or other types of fencing.

*3158 HOME INVASION INCIDENTS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

How many home invasion incidents were recorded in the Cessnock electorate during:

- (a) 2011-12;
- (b) 2010-11;
- (c) 2009-10?

Answer—

The Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (BOCSAR) analyses NSW recorded crime statistics and can provide these for a range of offences.

*3159 SPEED CAMERAS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

With regard to traffic speed cameras located in the Cessnock electorate:

- (1) Where are they located?
- (2) How many speeding motorists have been detected by the camera/s during the past twelve months?
- (3) When were the camera/s first installed?
- (4) What was the annual accident rate at each location just prior to the installation of the camera/s?
- (5) What impact on the accident rate has occurred as a result of placing a speed camera at each location?

Answer—

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- (1) I am advised that there are no fixed speed, red-light speed or point-to-point enforcement lengths in the Cessnock electorate. There are a number of mobile speed camera enforcement locations in the Cessnock electorate which are listed below.

Camera type: High risk mobile speed camera locations announced on 1 June 2012

Road	Suburb(s)
Cessnock Road	Aberdare, Cessnock, Neath
Cessnock Road/Maitland Road	Cessnock
John Renshaw Drive	Beresfield, Black Hill
Leggetts Drive/Toronto-Branxton Road	Mount Vincent, Mulbring
Main Road	Cameron Park, Edgeworth, Holmesville, West Wallsend
Main Road	Edgeworth
Mimmi Road	Cameron Park, Edgeworth
New England Highway	Branxton, Greeta
New England Hwy	Beresfield, Thornton
Victoria Street/Tarro Street/John Renshaw Drive	Kurri Kurri, Pelaw Main, Stanford Merthyr
Wollombi Road	Bellbird, Greta Main, Millfield, Pelton

Camera type: Mobile speed camera locations

John Renshaw Drive	Beresfield
New England Highway	Belford, Branxton, East Branxton, Lower Belford
New England Highway	Belford, Singleton, Whittingham

- (2) I am advised that the total number of infringement notices issued for mobile speed camera enforcement in Cessnock from November 2011 to October 2012 was 184.
- (3) I am advised that mobile speed cameras commenced operating in July 2010. Since the program commenced, the number of sites available for use has increased over time as ongoing assessments to identify suitable enforcement sites are completed.
- (4) I am advised that prior to selecting mobile speed camera locations, the frequency and severity of crashes is assessed. The crash history for the locations over the five year period 2006-2010 is listed in the table below.

Road	Suburb(s)	Crashes	Killed	Injured	Location length (kilometres)
Cessnock Road	Aberdare, Cessnock, Neath	41	1	28	2.5
Cessnock Road/Maitland Road	Cessnock	70	0	50	3.6
John Renshaw Drive	Beresfield, Black Hill	34	2	25	5.2
Leggetts Drive/Toronto-Branxton Road	Mount Vincent, Mulbring	25	1	18	4.1
Main Road	Cameron Park, Edgeworth, Holmesville, West Wallsend	31	1	24	4.4
Main Road	Edgeworth	94	3	46	2.6
Mimmi Road	Cameron Park, Edgeworth	27	2	15	2.3
New England Highway	Branxton, Greeta	38	0	30	4.5
New England Hwy	Beresfield, Thornton	65	0	35	3.4
Victoria Street/Tarro Street/John Renshaw Drive	Kurri Kurri, Pelaw Main, Stanford Merthyr	28	1	18	1.5

Wollombi Road	Bellbird, Greta Main, Millfield, Pelton	20	3	14	5.4
John Renshaw Drive	Beresfield	56	0	27	1.9
New England Highway	Belford, Branxton, East Branxton, Lower Belford	74	1	46	9.1
New England Highway	Belford, Singleton, Whittingham	53	4	32	12.2

- (5) Results from the first 12 months of operation show they contributed to a 19 per cent drop in fatalities and a general decrease of six per cent in speeding through most speed zones. These results continued in 2011.

*3160 HUNTER TRANSPORT PLAN—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Transport—

With regard to a Hunter Transport Plan:

- (1) When will this plan be developed?
- (2) When will it be exhibited for public comment?
- (3) Will public and community forums be held as a means for community feedback?

Answer—

- (1) to (3) Following the release of the final NSW Long Term Transport Master Plan this month, Transport for NSW is developing detailed regional transport plans.

Further engagement with customers at the local level in each region will determine specific requirements.

*3161 DESTINATION NSW—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Hospitality and Racing, and Minister for the Arts—

With regard to the activities and/or priorities of Destination NSW:

- (1) How are priorities and projects for funding determined?
- (2) Is there a publicly accessible process and report to this effect?
- (3) Are there any specific timelines used for the consideration and determination of projects?

Answer—

- (1) By the Board of Destination NSW. The key focus is on activities that will achieve the Government's goal of doubling overnight visitor expenditure to NSW by the year 2020.
- (2) Yes.
- (3) Yes.

*3162 REPATRIATION WORKS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Local Government, and Minister for the North Coast—

With regard repatriation works that are required in a Local Government Area:

- (1) Is there a maximum number of studies the council can commission before the repatriation work must be commenced?
- (2) Is there a history or capacity for a council to be sued for negligence when long-term failures to address repatriation result in injury or damage to persons or equipment?

Answer—

- (1) to (2) I provide the following details in response to your questions:

"Repatriation works" is not a term that appears in the Local Government Act 1993. The Minister for Planning and Infrastructure or the Minister for the Environment might be able to assist in answering this question.

*3163 CESSNOCK DISTRICT HOSPITAL DENTAL CLINIC—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Healthy Lifestyles, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

- (1) How many procedures have been carried out at the Cessnock District Hospital Dental Clinic for the twelve month period ending 30 October 2012?

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- (2) How do these figures compare to the same period in:
(a) 2011;
(b) 2010?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) and (2) The new Cessnock District Dental Clinic opened on 18 July 2011.

The number of attended appointments increased by 37.3 per cent and procedures performed by approximately 60.5 per cent in 2012, as a result of increased recruitment and an increase in the number of dental chairs.

*3164 CONTAINER DEPOSIT SCHEME—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) What assessment has the Government made on beverage container recycling rates, which are 42 per cent in New South Wales compared to over 80 per cent in South Australia?
- (2) What assessment has the Government made on beverage container recycling rates in New South Wales compared to other countries and cities which, on average, achieve rates of 80 per cent?
- (3) Who has the Government consulted with about container deposit schemes?
- (4) Which of the seven options proposed by the Council of Australian Governments Standing Council on Environment and Water, in its Packaging Impact Consultation Regulation Impact Statement (CRIS), does the Government support?
- (5) What action will the Government take to push for a national container deposit scheme through the Council of Australian Governments?
- (6) What action will the Government take to introduce a container deposit scheme in New South Wales if a national model is not achieved?

Answer—

I am advised as follows:

- (1) The NSW beverage container recycling rate cited of 42 per cent recycling is incorrect. An assessment of NSW household recycling rates indicates an average beverage container recovery rate of over 83 per cent through kerbside collection for 2010-11. Households represent 70 per cent of beverage container consumption in Australia. Average beverage container recycling is currently around 49 per cent nationally.
- (2) An analysis of different international packaging recovery systems, including container deposit legislation, was developed as part of the work on the national Packaging Impacts Consultation Regulation Impact Statement (CRIS) that was released for public consultation in December 2011.
- (3) The consultation on managing packaging waste, including container deposit schemes is being conducted at the national level. There was extensive consultation on the Consultation Regulation Impact Statement (CRIS) commencing in December 2011.
- (4) The NSW Government remains open to all the options as long as they are cost effective and do not increase the cost of living burden on the community.
- (5) The NSW Government is committed to making an evidence-based decision on this issue. We are waiting to see the outcomes of the national process before determining what action is appropriate.
- (6) NSW will assess the options as part of the national process. NSW is committed to continuing efforts in partnership with the community to increase recycling, reduce littering and avoid waste.

*3165 COAL SEAM GAS MINING—HEALTH EFFECTS—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

With regards to the State Significant Development assessment for the Camden gas project (Stage III Northern Expansion - Application 09_0448), for which submissions are now open but closing 18 December:

- (1) (a) Will NSW Health be providing a submission, as per answer to Written Question 2002?
(b) What independent research will be used as the basis for this submission?
- (2) (a) Will NSW Health consider facilitating further independent research, if necessary, to clarify the situation regarding possible health effects of coal seam gas mining in the Camden project, if the research which forms the basis of the NSW Health submission is found to be equivocal or insufficient to make a definitive judgement re possible health effects?
(b) When will the submission be made publicly available?

Answer—

- (1) and (2) I refer the Member to the response to the question asked on 15 November 2012 by the Hon. Jeremy Buckingham MLC in the Legislative Council concerning coal seam gas production in western Sydney.

*3166 BANKSTOWN AIRPORT FLIGHT NUMBERS—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

Given that the NSW Government does not support a second major airport in the Sydney Basin (Question 3017), will the Premier commit to oppose any move by a future Federal Government to expand the number of passenger flights at Bankstown Airport?

Answer—

I am advised:

Bankstown Airport, like Kingsford Smith and Camden Airports, is located on Commonwealth land and is leased to its operator by the Commonwealth Government. The NSW Government does not support a second major airport in the Sydney Basin.

*3167 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND COMMUNITIES OFFICES—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) Why does the Government intend to remove 25 positions from the Department of Education and Communities office at Bankstown?
- (2) Why does the Government plan to increase the number of positions at the Riverwood office of the Department of Education and Communities from 15 to 17?
- (3) Will the Riverwood office be responsible for schools and TAFE colleges previously captured by the Bankstown office?

Answer—

- (1) The Department of Education and Communities has recently completed a functional realignment of the Schools Portfolio at the State Office level. The realignment is about logically arranging the functions needed to enable schools to more effectively meet the personalised learning needs of all students.

By streamlining the functions and minimising duplication, the Department is ensuring that it is easier for schools to access the advice and support they need. As a result a number of positions will be relocated from the Bankstown Office.

- (2) and (3) The process to develop a new model of support to schools to replace regions is currently underway. Until the model is finalised the Department is not in a position to determine the locations of services.

*3168 BUDGET ESTIMATES QUESTION ON NOTICE NO 28—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Fair Trading—

In reference to the answer to Budget Estimates Question on Notice No 28 in which the Minister stated:

"Fair Trading will continue to have a physical presence in all regional areas it currently services."

- (1) What is meant by a "physical presence"?
- (2) Can the Minister rule out any office closures in NSW regional areas?

Answer—

The NSW Government is progressing the creation of Service NSW, which will deliver a range of Government services through a 24/7 telephone service, a new website, and one-stop-shops across the state.

The Government has stated publicly that it is committed to ensuring ongoing service delivery in regional NSW and Service NSW is an integral part of this process.

Regional locations which currently enjoy a NSW Fair Trading presence will continue to receive dispute resolution and compliance services, as well as community engagement activities, from the Fair Trading staff stationed in those locations. Over the counter services currently delivered in regional Fair Trading Centres will be performed in Service NSW shopfronts to be introduced progressively from 2013.

*3169 FINES ISSUED BY PRIVATE COMPANIES—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Fair Trading—

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Given that the Victorian Court ruling deeming the issue of similar "fines" as unlawful cannot be linked to private car park operators in NSW (Question 2857), why has the Minister's department provided advice to motorists throughout NSW that the Victorian Supreme Court Ruling is relevant to fines issued in NSW?

Answer—

The Supreme Court of Victoria judgement related to pay and display car park operators in Victoria. The Court found that car park operators had breached the Victorian Fair Trading Act 1999 by engaging in misleading and deceptive conduct. The conduct in question concerned the issuing of documents of a similar design and layout to parking tickets issued by government authorities.

The Victorian Court ruling deeming the issue of similar "fines" as unlawful cannot be linked to private car park operators in NSW, which issue payment notices that comply with the Australian Consumer Law.

*3173 RESIDENTIAL PARKS ACT 1988—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Fair Trading—

In reference to the ongoing review of the Residential Parks Act 1988, can the Minister commit to maintaining all existing rights and protections for residents of NSW residential parks in the upcoming Exposure Draft Bill?

Answer—

The review of the Residential Parks Act 1998 has involved an exhaustive consultation process, incorporating the release of a discussion paper and a series of roundtable and individual discussions with industry and residents' groups.

Representatives from the Affiliated Residential Park Residents Association, the Park and Village Service and the Tenants' Union have played key roles in developing the reform proposals. This comprehensive approach to consultation means the Government is well positioned to finalise a balanced package of reforms that meet the current and future needs of park residents.

The reforms will continue to provide appropriate protections for residents and will also recognise the needs of park operators to develop and sustain efficient business operations. The proposals are designed to improve the operation of residential parks by simplifying the legislation, enabling disputes to be resolved with less acrimony and providing greater certainty and clarity for the benefit of operators and residents. Enhanced sanctions and conduct requirements will build confidence in the industry and ensure operators meet acceptable standards.

There will be ongoing consultation with residents and operators over the coming months during which the community will have the opportunity to have their say on the final shape of the reforms.

*3174 BANKSTOWN CHILD SEXUAL ASSAULT SERVICE—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Healthy Lifestyles, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

- (1) Will you commit to maintaining funding for Bankstown Child Sexual Assault Service?
- (2) If not, why not?

Answer—

This question should have been directed to the Minister for Health and Minister for Medical Research.

I am advised:

- (1) and (2) Funding levels for the Bankstown Child Sexual Assault Service have been maintained. There are no plans to reduce service levels.

*3175 ART GALLERY OF NSW—GALLERY OFFICERS—Mr Nathan Rees asked the Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Hospitality and Racing, and Minister for the Arts—

Which officials at the Art Gallery of NSW proposed the outsourcing of the role of gallery officers?

Answer—

The outsourcing of guarding services was one of a number of strategies identified by the Gallery's executive to meet the shortfall in the Gallery's budget. The decision was made by the Gallery's executive based on an independent review of the Gallery's guarding services and endorsed by the Board of Trustees of the Art Gallery of NSW.

*3176 ART GALLERY OF NSW—SECURITY SERVICES—Mr Nathan Rees asked the Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Hospitality and Racing, and Minister for the Arts—

Why is there no opportunity for an in-house bid to provide security services at the Art Gallery of NSW?

Answer—

The provision of guarding services by the Gallery is being undertaken in alignment with the NSW Government's procurement framework under Contract No 2682 Security Guard Services. This is to ensure the Gallery achieves value for money through a fair, ethical and transparent process that will include payment of Security Industry Award Wages to contract staff.

*3177 ART GALLERY OF NSW—WESTFIELD PERSONNEL—Mr Nathan Rees asked the Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Hospitality and Racing, and Minister for the Arts—

- (1) How many former employees/consultants/contractors of Westfield have been used/employed by the Art Gallery of NSW in the last two years?
- (2) How many are in current employ?

Answer—

- (1) The Gallery can only comment about its employees. The Gallery is aware of 3 current staff members who were previously employed by Westfield.
- (2) The Gallery is aware of 3 staff members.

*3178 ANTI-BULLYING POSITIONS—Ms Carmel Tebbutt asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) Will the specialist position focusing on anti-bullying be retained under the new State Office structure at the Department of Education and Communities?
- (2) How many positions will be created by the establishment of a social inclusion team and what will their job titles be?
- (3) What resources are currently being directed towards addressing cyber-bullying specifically?

Answer—

- (1) The Department of Education and Communities takes the issue of bullying, including cyber-bullying, seriously and addresses these issues with strong policies and procedures. In the current schools portfolio structure there is a specialist position that focuses on anti-bullying initiatives. Under the new structure support in this area has been strengthened. The Social Inclusion team will focus on the development of pro-social behaviour and responses to the full range of student behaviour needs, which includes bullying.

- (2) The Social Inclusion team will have nine positions. The position titles are:

Leader Social Inclusion, Complex Behaviour Coordinator, Specialist Behaviour Settings and Alternate Programs Coordinator, Student Behaviour Early intervention Advisor, Pro-social Behaviour Advisor, Social Inclusion Advisor, NSW Child Development Study Manager, NSW Australian Early Development Index Advisor and NSW Australian Early Development Index Officer.

- (3) Cyber-bullying is addressed in a range of ways. First and foremost, all schools are required to have an anti-bullying plan that includes specific strategies to counter bullying, including cyberbullying. An extensive range of material has been developed and published on the Department's website to support schools in their work to prevent and respond to bullying and cyber-bullying. This includes information for parents about cyber-bullying.

In addition, an important new resource under the Government's Supporting Students Plan has seen the establishment of 50 student support officer positions at a cost of \$13 million over four years.

These student support officers are working alongside school counsellors and with members of their school welfare and support teams to provide support to secondary students in managing contemporary wellbeing issues including those that relate to cyber-safety and cyber-bullying.

*3179 RELIEF TEACHER BUDGET—Ms Carmel Tebbutt asked the Minister for Education—

From 2013 onwards, will schools that exceed their relief teacher budget continue to receive supplementation as requested?

Answer—

Schools will continue to be able to apply for supplementation in 2013. Any school experiencing financial difficulty will continue to be provided with assistance by the Department of Education and Communities.

*3180 DISCUSSIONS WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF SHOOTERS AND FISHERS PARTY—Ms Carmel Tebbutt asked the Minister for Education—

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- (1) Has the Minister, or a member of the Minister's office, had any discussions with representatives of the Shooters and Fishers Party regarding the expansion of shooting as a school sport or classes involving firearms for schools in NSW since the 2011 Budget Estimates hearing?
- (2) Has any representative of the Government held any discussions with representatives of the Shooters and Fishers Party regarding the expansion of shooting as a school sport or classes involving firearms for schools in NSW since the 2011 Budget Estimates hearing?

Answer—

- (1) Neither my staff nor I have met with the Shooters and Fishers regarding the expansion of shooting as a school sport.
- (2) I cannot account for meetings that "representatives of the Government" may or may not have held with crossbenchers regarding issues since the 2011 Budget Estimates hearing. To ascertain this information would be a diversion of resources.

*3181 ILLAWARRA INSTITUTE OF TAFE—DAPTO AND SHELLHARBOUR CAMPUSES—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) What courses currently available from the Dapto (including Yallah) and Shellharbour campuses of the Illawarra Institute of TAFE will no longer be available from 2014 in light of the Government's "Smart and Skilled" initiative?
- (2) What courses currently available at both campuses will be subject to a fee increase?
- (3) What courses currently available at both campuses will be subject to open competition?
- (4) (a) Will staff levels at both campuses remain unaffected?
(b) If not, why not?
- (5) What is the level of funding provided to the Illawarra Institute of TAFE Dapto (including Yallah) and Shellharbour campuses for the financial years:
 - (a) 2010-11;
 - (b) 2011-12;
 - (c) 2012-13?

Answer—

- (1) Details of the "Smart and Skilled" skills list will be made available in 2013.
- (2) From 1 January 2013, TAFE fees for Government supported courses will increase by 9.5 per cent. Concessions and exemptions from fees for Government supported places will still be available for eligible students.
- (3) From 2014, eligible individuals will be able to undertake select foundation courses and qualifications up to and including Certificate III at TAFE NSW or at approved private or community training organisations.
- (4) (a) Over the next four years, TAFE NSW will be required to achieve efficiency savings which may result in a reduction of around 800 positions. Changes will be introduced after a period of engagement and consultation with relevant staff and other stakeholders.
(b) The Government's Labour Expense Cap applies to all TAFE NSW staff, including teachers.
- (5) TAFE Institutes are funded globally through State recurrent funds on an Institute by Institute basis. Allocations are not made to individual campuses or colleges in this process. Institutes direct these funds to faculties which operate across their campuses.

*3182 SHELLHARBOUR HOSPITAL—PROPOSED EXPANSION AND UPGRADE—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

With respect to the major expansion and upgrade proposed by the Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District in its 2012-2022 Health Care Services Plan for Shellharbour Hospital:

- (1) What is the level of funding provided to Shellharbour Hospital for the financial years:
 - (a) 2010-11;
 - (b) 2011-12;
 - (c) 2012-13?
- (2) What is the estimate for the increase in funding that would be required for the expanded services and upgrades proposed for Shellharbour Hospital by the Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District in its 2012-2022 Health Care Services Plan?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) and (2) NSW Health provides budgets to Local Health Districts, not to individual hospitals. The Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District's budget and service agreement can be found at www.islhd.health.nsw.gov.au.

The Illawarra Healthcare Services Plan does not estimate funding increases.

*3183 ALBION PARK AD DAPTO RAILWAY STATIONS UPGRADE—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Transport—

(1) Can the Minister provide an update on progress towards the upgrade of Albion Park and Dapto railway stations?

(2) When is the upgrade of Albion Park and Dapto railway stations expected to:

(a) commence;

(b) be finalised?

(3) What is the estimated cost of the upgrade for Albion Park and Dapto railway stations?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) to (3) Construction has already commenced at Albion Park and will commence at Dapto by mid-2013. These projects are included in the record \$770 million budget allocated to the Transport Access Program.

*3184 MINISTERIAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEES—NUMBER OF COMMITTEES—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

How many Ministerial Consultative Committees are there?

Answer—

15.

*3185 MINISTERIAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEES—ETHNIC GROUPS REPRESENTED—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

What ethnic groups do the Ministerial Consultative Committees represent?

Answer—

The 15 Ministerial Consultative Committees include; Chinese, Egyptian, Filipino, Greek, Indian, Italian, Jewish, Korean, Lebanese, Macedonian, Maori and Pacific Island Communities, Russian, Sri Lankan, Vietnamese and Croatian.

*3186 MINISTERIAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEES—CHAIRS AND MEMBERS—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

(1) Who are the chairs of the Ministerial Consultative Committees?

(2) What are the names of the members of each Ministerial Consultative Committee?

Answer—

(1) The Ministerial Consultative Committees are chaired by members of the Government.

(2) Members of the Ministerial Consultative Committees are not publicly listed

*3187 MINISTERIAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEES—ESTABLISHMENT DATES—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

When were the Ministerial Consultative Committees established?

Answer—

The Ministerial Consultative Committees were launched in November 2011.

*3188 MINISTERIAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEES—SELECTION OF CHAIRS—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

What is the selection process of the Chairs of the Ministerial Consultative Committees?

Answer—

The Ministerial Consultative Committees are chaired by members of the Government.

*3189 MINISTERIAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEES—NUMBER OF MEMBERS—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

How many members are associated with each Ministerial Consultative Committee?

Answer—

Numbers vary between Ministerial Consultative Committees.

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*3190 CHIFLEY SENIOR CAMPUS (MOUNT DRUITT) YEAR 12 SUBJECTS—Mr Richard Amery asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) What subjects are available to Year 12 students attending the Chifley Senior Campus (Mount Druitt) for the year 2013?
- (2) How does this list of subjects compare to Year 12 students attending the Bidwill High School in 2013?

Answer—

- (1) The following Year 12 subjects are offered at Chifley College Senior Campus in 2013:

English:

- English Standard
- English Advanced
- HSC English Extension 1
- English as a Second Language
- English Life Skills

Mathematics:

- Mathematics
- General Mathematics
- Mathematics Extension 1
- Mathematics Applied
- Mathematics Life Skills

Science:

- Biology
- Chemistry
- Physics
- Senior Science
- Science Life Skills

HSIE (Human Society and Its Environment):

- Aboriginal Studies
- Ancient History
- Business Studies
- Geography
- HSC History Extension
- Human Society and Its Environment Life Skills
- Legal Studies
- Modern History
- Work and the Community Life Skills

PDHPE:

- Community and Family Studies
- Personal Development, Health and Physical Education
- Personal Development, Health and Physical Education Life Skills

Creative Arts:

- Dance
- Dance Life Skills
- Drama
- Drama Life Skills

- Music 1
- Music Life Skills
- Visual Arts
- Visual Arts Life skills

Technology:

- Design and Technology
- Engineering Studies
- Food Technology Life Skills
- Industrial Technology
- Industrial Technology Life Skills
- Information Processes and Technology

Languages:

- French Beginners
- French Continuers
- Italian Beginners

VET Curriculum Frameworks:

- Business Services
- Construction
- Hospitality
- Metal and Engineering
- Retail Services

Content Endorsed Courses:

- Ceramics
- English Studies - pilot study
- Computing Application
- Exploring Early Childhood
- Photography
- Video and Digital Imaging
- Sport, Lifestyle and Recreation Studies
- Visual Design and Work Studies

(2) The following Year 12 subjects are offered at Chifley College Bidwill Campus for 2013

English:

- English Standard
- English Advanced
- HSC English Extension 1
- HSC English Extension 2

Mathematics:

- Mathematics
- General Mathematics
- Mathematics Extension 1
- Mathematics Life Skills

Science:

- Biology
- Chemistry
- Physics
- Senior Science

HSIE (Human Society and Its Environment):

- Ancient History
- Business Studies
- Legal Studies
- Modern History

PDHPE:

- Community and Family Studies

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- Personal Development
- Health and Physical Education

Creative Arts:

- Dance
- Drama
- Music 1
- Visual Arts

Technology:

- Agriculture
- Food Technology
- Industrial Technology
- Information Processes and Technology

VET Curriculum Frameworks:

- Business Services
- Construction
- Hospitality
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Content Endorsed Courses:

- English Studies - pilot study
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*3191 WARATAH WEST PUBLIC SCHOOL—FUNDING CUTS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) How many staff, including those in administrative and support roles, will be cut from Waratah West Public School as a result of the Government's \$1.7 billion education funding cuts?
- (2) What teaching and curriculum resources will no longer be produced and available to support students at this school?
- (3) Can the Minister guarantee that the \$1.7 billion funding cuts to education will have no impact on the day to day teaching and learning at Waratah West Public School?

Answer—

- (1) In October 2010, the previous Government and the Public Service Association made an agreement that \$21 million in employee related savings by 2015-16, as a result of efficiencies from the Learning Management and Business Reform program, would be used to offset salary increases already paid to school administrative and support staff. This is equivalent to 400 full-time school administrative officer positions. The only cuts being made inside the school gate are those signed off by the previous Government, who have forgotten their agreement with the PSA.

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- (2) There will be fewer and simpler policies organised around the work of schools, but support will continue to be available from the Department. The future of any resource lies with its relevance to the needs of students and schools.
- (3) Teachers in NSW public schools are quarantined from the Labour Expense Cap.

*3192 HEATON PUBLIC SCHOOL—FUNDING CUTS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) How many staff, including those in administrative and support roles, will be cut from Heaton Public School as a result of the Government's \$1.7 billion education funding cuts?
- (2) What teaching and curriculum resources will no longer be produced and available to support students at this school?
- (3) Can the Minister guarantee that the \$1.7 billion funding cuts to education will have no impact on the

day to day teaching and learning at Heaton Public School?

Answer—

- (1) In October 2010, the previous Government and the Public Service Association made an agreement that \$21 million in employee related savings by 2015-16, as a result of efficiencies from the Learning Management and Business Reform program, would be used to offset salary increases already paid to school administrative and support staff. This is equivalent to 400 full-time school administrative officer positions. The only cuts being made inside the school gate are those signed off by the previous Government, who have forgotten their agreement with the PSA.

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*3193 GLENDALE EAST PUBLIC SCHOOL—FUNDING CUTS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) How many staff, including those in administrative and support roles, will be cut from Glendale East Public School as a result of the Government's \$1.7 billion education funding cuts?
- (2) What teaching and curriculum resources will no longer be produced and available to support students at this school?
- (3) Can the Minister guarantee that the \$1.7 billion funding cuts to education will have no impact on the day to day teaching and learning at Glendale East Public School?

Answer—

- (1) In October 2010, the previous Government and the Public Service Association made an agreement that \$21 million in employee related savings by 2015-16, as a result of efficiencies from the Learning Management and Business Reform program, would be used to offset salary increases already paid to school administrative and support staff. This is equivalent to 400 full-time school administrative officer positions. The only cuts being made inside the school gate are those signed off by the previous Government, who have forgotten their agreement with the PSA.

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- (3) Teachers in NSW public schools are quarantined from the Labour Expense Cap.

*3194 NEWCASTLE TRAIN LINE—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Transport—

In regards to the reduction of the Newcastle train line, how is the Minister ensuring that all stakeholders are being properly, fairly and adequately consulted?

Answer—

Extensive consultation was undertaken across NSW in the development of the NSW Long Term Transport Master Plan.

The regional forum held in Newcastle in April 2012 was attended by over 100 participants from the local community.

Transport for NSW received over 1,200 submissions on the Discussion Paper, and over 480 comments on the draft Long Term Transport Master Plan following its release in September 2012. Of these, approximately 400 submissions referred to the Hunter, demonstrating the importance of transport issues to people in the region.

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- *3195 PROTECTION FROM ARMED ROBBERIES—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

Given that Hexham Bowling Club has hosted a free seminar to assist businesses protect themselves from armed robberies, what is the Minister doing to combat these crimes in the Hunter?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force has advised me :

Significant resources are being deployed in response to robbery offences across several Local Area Commands (LACs) in the Hunter region.

Operation Latitude involves a range of strategies including target hardening; safety audits; proactive tasking of officers around relevant businesses at key times; increased business inspections; daily rapid response deployments to key areas; targeting of local robbery suspects; and Vikings high visibility operations.

Strike Force Heinze is a joint State Crime Command (SCC), Lake Macquarie LAC and Newcastle City LAC investigation targeting robbery offenders committing offences across a number of Commands. Additionally, Strike Forces Bulmer and Monterra, led by the SCC and involving Central Hunter LAC investigators, has resulted in significant arrests.

- *3196 GENERAL DUTIES POLICE VEHICLES—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

What is the maximum number of general duties police vehicles attached to the Newcastle City Local Area Command that are available to respond to call outs on any one shift?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force has advised me :

Newcastle City Local Area Command has a first response agreement based on calls for service. As part of this agreement, there is a minimum of four rostered car crews/vehicles available for general duties response on any one shift. The Command has a total of 33 vehicles, 13 of which are used primarily for general duties policing and the remainder are regularly used for operational responses. Additional officers and vehicles are regularly rostered based on intelligence and community needs.

- *3197 ROLES OF COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION AND MINISTERIAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEES—Mr Nick Lalich asked the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

How does the role of the NSW Community Relations Commission differ to the NSW Ministerial Consultative Committees?

Answer—

The Ministerial Consultative Committees are representative of the local community. Members include community leaders, key representative bodies, cultural and religious groups, and multicultural business leaders.

- *3198 OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL, BONNYRIGG—FUNDING CUTS—Mr Nick Lalich asked the Minister for Education—

In light of the Government's \$1.7 billion funding cuts to the public education system, what services and how many staff will be cut from Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Bonnyrigg?

Answer—

The Board of Studies NSW will continue to produce syllabuses and support documents for all subjects for all schools in New South Wales. Decisions about other teaching and curriculum resources are the responsibility of non-government schools and systems. Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Bonnyrigg is under the control of the Catholic Education Office, Sydney, which is responsible for the school's employment policies and decisions.

- *3199 BONNYRIGG HIGH SCHOOL—FUNDING CUTS—Mr Nick Lalich asked the Minister for Education—

In light of the Government's \$1.7 billion funding cuts to the public education system, what services and

how many staff will be cut from Bonnyrigg High School?

Answer—

In October 2010, the previous Government and the Public Service Association made an agreement that \$21 million in employee related savings by 2015-16, as a result of efficiencies from the Learning Management and Business Reform (LMBR) program, would be used to offset salary increases already paid to school administrative and support staff. This is equivalent to 400 full-time school administrative officer positions.

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*3200 BONNYRIGG PUBLIC SCHOOL—FUNDING CUTS—Mr Nick Lalich asked the Minister for Education—

In light of the Government's \$1.7 billion funding cuts to the public education system, what services and how many staff will be cut from Bonnyrigg Public School?

Answer—

In October 2010, the previous Government and the Public Service Association made an agreement that \$21 million in employee related savings by 2015-16, as a result of efficiencies from the Learning Management and Business Reform (LMBR) program, would be used to offset salary increases already paid to school administrative and support staff. This is equivalent to 400 full-time school administrative officer positions.

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*3201 CANLEY VALE HIGH SCHOOL—FUNDING CUTS—Mr Nick Lalich asked the Minister for Education—

In light of the Government's \$1.7 billion funding cuts to the public education system, what services and how many staff will be cut from Canley Vale High School?

Answer—

In October 2010, the previous Government and the Public Service Association made an agreement that \$21 million in employee related savings by 2015-16, as a result of efficiencies from the Learning Management and Business Reform (LMBR) program, would be used to offset salary increases already paid to school administrative and support staff. This is equivalent to 400 full-time school administrative officer positions.

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In light of the Government's \$1.7 billion funding cuts to the public education system, what services and how many staff will be cut from Canley Vale Public School?

Answer—

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In light of the Government's \$1.7 billion funding cuts to the public education system, what services and how many staff will be cut from Canley Heights Public School?

Answer—

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*3204 CABRAMATTA HIGH SCHOOL—FUNDING CUTS—Mr Nick Lalich asked the Minister for Education—

In light of the Government's \$1.7 billion funding cuts to the public education system, what services and how many staff will be cut from Cabramatta High School?

Answer—

In October 2010, the previous Government and the Public Service Association made an agreement that \$21 million in employee related savings by 2015-16, as a result of efficiencies from the Learning Management and Business Reform (LMBR) program, would be used to offset salary increases already paid to school administrative and support staff. This is equivalent to 400 full-time school administrative officer positions.

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- *3205 CABRAMATTA PUBLIC SCHOOL—FUNDING CUTS—Mr Nick Lalich asked the Minister for Education—

In light of the Government's \$1.7 billion funding cuts to the public education system, what services and how many staff will be cut from Cabramatta Public School?

Answer—

In October 2010, the previous Government and the Public Service Association made an agreement that \$21 million in employee related savings by 2015-16, as a result of efficiencies from the Learning Management and Business Reform (LMBR) program, would be used to offset salary increases already paid to school administrative and support staff. This is equivalent to 400 full-time school administrative officer positions.

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- *3206 MAGISTRATE IPADS—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

How many magistrates utilise the iPads that were issued to them in May and June 2012?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Department of Attorney General and Justice does not keep statistics on the use of iPads by individual magistrates.

However, to date the feedback from magistrates has been positive. The use of this technology allows magistrates to quickly access the latest developments in law and practice online.

- *3207 STAFF EMPLOYED IN NSW PUBLIC HEALTH FACILITIES—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

How many staff are employed and where in NSW Public Health facilities to provide sexual assault and forensic medical services?

Answer—

I am advised:

The total number of health professionals that provide counselling, medical and forensic services to victims of sexual assault is not monitored at a state-wide level, as victims may access a wide range of health services, as well as specialist sexual assault services.

All Local Health Districts employ sexual assault counsellors and have an on-call roster of sexual assault counsellors to provide a 24 hour response.

NSW Health also funds a non-Government organisation, the NSW Rape Crisis Centre, to provide specialist counselling and support to adult survivors of sexual assault and adult survivors of childhood sexual abuse which includes 24 hour telephone and online counselling services.

- *3208 SEXUAL ASSAULT CONSELLORS IN NON-METROPOLITAN AREAS—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

How many sexual assault counsellors are employed and where in NSW Public Health facilities in non-

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metropolitan areas?

Answer—

I refer the Member to my response to question number 3207 in the Legislative Assembly.

*3209 EMAIL REPLY—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

Does the Minister or his Department propose to reply to the email from Col and Shirley Ford dated 29 October 2012?

Answer—

I am advised:

There is no record of an email from Col and Shirley Ford dated 29 October 2012 that was addressed to my Office or the Department of Attorney General and Justice.

*3210 NSW TRUSTEE AND GUARDIAN FINANCIAL ESTATES—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

Which recommendations from the Ombudsman arising from his investigation into a number of issues in relation to the administration of financial estates by NSW Trustee and Guardian have been adopted by that Agency and which have not?

Answer—

I am advised:

All of the NSW Ombudsman's recommendations about the administration of financial estates by the NSW Trustee and Guardian (NSWTG) have been accepted and have either been implemented or are in the process of being implemented.

The NSWTG is due to provide a final report to the NSW Ombudsman in February 2013.

*3211 JUDICIAL OFFICERS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

Which Judicial Officers in NSW did not meet the national standard of attending professional development activities of five days a year in 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012?

Answer—

The National Standard for Professional Development for Australian Judicial Officers (the Standard) provides that judicial officers should be able to spend at least five days each calendar year participating in professional development activities, including self-directed professional training. The Standard is not mandatory and there is no requirement for detailed attendance records to be kept.

The Judicial Commission of NSW is one of only two independent statutory corporations established in Australia to organise and supervise professional development activities and training for NSW judicial officers to assist them in meeting the Standard.

I am aware that the heads of jurisdiction encourage judicial officers to meet the Standard. Annual conferences are held in each jurisdiction and the majority of judicial officers attend, except for those unable to do so because of pressing personal reasons. They may also attend training offered by other bodies including the National Judicial College of Australia, universities, the NSW Bar Association and the NSW Law Society.

*3212 ANTI-DISCRIMINATION BOARD VACANCIES—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

Which positions were held vacant at the Anti-Discrimination Board in the 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012 year to contribute to budget savings and for how long?

Answer—

I am advised:

The following Anti-Discrimination Board positions were held vacant to contribute to budget savings in the period 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012:

Conciliation Officer 85 days;

Assistant Conciliation Officer 90 days;

Assistant Conciliation Officer 177 days; and

Enquiry Officer 120 days.

These periods include the time involved in recruitment action to fill the vacant positions.

*3213 COMMERCIAL CREMATORIA—Mr Paul Lynch 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) Have drugs, exhibits no longer required, and other material been delivered from Green Valley and Liverpool police stations to commercial crematoria?

(2) If so:

(a) what materials have been treated;

(b) when did the practice commence;

(c) what legal arrangements have been entered into between the police and the crematoria concerned;

(d) which are the crematoriums involved?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force has advised me that following advice from the NSW Environment Protection Authority, all precursor chemicals and illicit drugs in powder or tablet form such as amphetamines, cocaine and heroin, classified as "special (clinical) waste", are destroyed at an approved clinical furnace in Silverwater. Previous arrangements for the destruction of prohibited drugs in storage packaging, at a local crematorium have ceased.

*3214 REPORT OF THE OMBUDSMAN RECOMMENDATIONS—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

What is the Government's response to the recommendations of the Report of the Ombudsman under s. 31 of the Ombudsman Act entitled "How are Taser weapons used by the NSW Police Force?"

Answer—

I am advised :

The NSW Police Force's detailed response to the Ombudsman's recommendations will be provided two months from the date of the report's publication (by 23 December 2012). A schedule and timeframe for the implementation of the recommendations will then be provided within three months of the report being published. The response will include careful consideration of the recommendations arising from the coronial inquiry into the death of Mr Roberto Laudisio Curti.

*3215 SPECIALIST AIRCRAFT—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

With regards to the tender process for State-wide paediatric/neonatal retrieval services:

Will the new operator have the specialist aircraft available to avoid delay in service delivery to ensure that no baby or child will have their transfer delayed during the transition of this service?

Answer—

I am advised:

CareFlight have advised they will be mission ready at the start of the contract on 1 January 2013.

*3216 CHILDFLIGHT ASSISTANCE—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

With regards to the tender process for State-wide paediatric/neonatal retrieval services:

What assistance will the Government give to Childflight to meet their present and future commitments?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Ministry of Health will continue to work with Child Flight and the incoming service provider as part of the contract transition arrangements.

*3217 TENDER PROCESS—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

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With regards to the tender process for State-wide paediatric/neonatal retrieval services:

- (1) To whom was this tender awarded?
- (2) When was the final decision made on the awarding of this tender?
- (3) When will any new operator be required to take over the existing service?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) to (3) The contract was awarded to CareFlight Ltd with services to commence on 1 January 2013.

*3218 TENDER PROCESS DISCUSSION—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

With regards to the tender process for State-wide paediatric/neonatal retrieval services:

- (1) Have you, or anyone from your office, been in contact with the Ministry of Health to discuss this tender prior to it being awarded?
- (2) If yes, on what dates was contact made:
 - (a) by letter/email;
 - (b) by phone;
 - (c) in person?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) and (2) No, the Ministry submitted a brief recommending awarding the contract to CareFlight Ltd.

*3219 CAMDEN GAS PROJECT—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW, Leader of the House—

With regards to the State Significant Development assessment for the Camden gas project (Stage III Northern Expansion - Application 09_0448) and the Planning Assessment Commission's terms of reference, the document suggests only that the commission: 1 (c) recommend appropriate measures to avoid, minimise-and/or offset these impacts.

Does this limit the Commission's ability to deny the application outright?

Answer—

No. The PAC can recommend refusal.

*3220 SAFER DRIVER COURSE—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

In relation to the safer driver course that was announced in March 2012 and the board of independent road safety experts advisory panel:

- (1) How many times has the board met?
- (2) (a) Has a final course outline been finalised?
 - (b) Has this course now been introduced?
- (3) (a) What options will be made available for remote licence holders to meet learner driver log book hours?
 - (b) When will they be finalised?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The Board of independent road safety experts met five times. There has also been a regional community visit and two workshops with the supporting Advisory Panel.
- (2) (a) A draft curriculum framework has been developed.
 - (b) No.
- (3) (a) Planning is underway to develop programs to help disadvantaged learner drivers in remote areas meet learner driver log book requirements. Details have not been finalised but this will likely include a range of programs.
 - (b) These programs are likely to be finalised in the second half of 2013.

*3221 STANWELL PARK VIADUCT—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport—

- (1) (a) Have there been any discussions, proposals or plans to conduct any work on the Stanwell Park Viaduct?
(b) If so, can the Minister outline what these are and the outcomes of such proposals?
(2) Are there any timelines for these proposals to be finalised?

Answer—

- (1) to (2) RailCorp performs routine maintenance inspections on the viaduct and completes repair work on an "as needed" basis.

*3222 MINISTERIAL VISITS TO SHELLHARBOUR ELECTORATE—Ms Anna Watson asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

- (1) How many times has the Minister for the Illawarra personally visited the Shellharbour electorate since his appointment?
(2) On each of these occasions:
(a) what was the date of the visit;
(b) which organisations did the Minister meet with;
(c) what was the nature of the meeting; and
(d) what was the outcome of the representation(s) made?

Answer—

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

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

*3223 SCHOOL ZONE FLASHING LIGHTS IN SHELLHARBOUR ELECTORATE—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

- (1) How many schools in the Shellharbour electorate have flashing lights as part of their school zones?
(2) Which schools in the Shellharbour electorate will be receiving these lights as part of the commitment to increase the number of these sites to 1,000 by 2015?

Answer—

I am advised:

Schools with flashing lights, or identified for flashing lights, are published on the Roads and Maritime Services website.

*3224 INTERSECTIONS IN SHELLHARBOUR ELECTORATE—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

- (1) What are the busiest intersections in the Shellharbour electorate?
(2) (a) Are there any plans to reduce congestion and accidents at these intersections?
(b) If so, what are they and what is the timeline for completion?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The busiest intersections in the Shellharbour Electorate are those on the Princes Highway at Albion Park Rail, particularly the Princes Highway/Illawarra Highway roundabout.
(2) (a) Roads and Maritime Services is currently investigating a possible future upgrade of the Princes Highway between Yallah and Oak Flats.
(b) In the 2012-13 NSW Government budget, \$100,000 was committed to commence planning for a possible future upgrade of the Princes Highway between Yallah and Oak Flats.

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*3225 BUS SERVICES TO SHALVEY AND BIDWILL—Mr Richard Amery asked the Minister for Transport—

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- (1) Under the new contract arrangements, which bus company, or companies, will provide bus services to the suburbs of Shalvey and Bidwill?
- (2) How will these bus services differ from the service now in place for these suburbs?
- (3) Will any such changes improve the late evening bus services to Chestnut Crescent, Bidwill?
- (4) What extra services will be provided on weekends?
- (5) What changes to the bus route in Shalvey will occur as a result of these new changes?

Answer—

- (1) Contract 1 (Penrith, Mt Druitt, St Marys, Richmond and Windsor region) has been awarded to Busways Blacktown Pty Ltd, a current operator in the area. Busways has provided services in this area for the past eight years.
- (2) to (4) In October 2013, the introduction of the new rail timetable requires all bus operators to review current services. Adjustments may be made at this time to ensure rail/bus connections are maintained or improved.

*3226 FIREFIGHTERS UNIFORMS—Ms Linda Burney asked the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

In light of the Premier's comments on firefighters and their concerns over faulty zippers on their uniforms:

Given that the zippers on the uniforms of firefighters are of great concern in terms of safety, can the Premier guarantee that the safety of firefighters will not be compromised due to the faulty zippers?

Answer—

I am advised:

Concerns about the new firefighting uniforms led to Fire and Rescue NSW Commissioner Greg Mullins ordering a recall of the uniforms in October 2012. The Commissioner formed an expert advisory panel to review the problem. The panel will make firm recommendations to the Commissioner once they are confident that necessary evaluations and testing of the solutions has occurred.

*3227 USE OF PEPPER SPRAY—Ms Linda Burney 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—

To ensure the safety of women in NSW, does the Government intend to legalise the use of pepper spray by women for their personal protection?

Answer—

There are no plans to legalise the use of pepper spray.

*3228 HIGH SCHOOL COURSE ON SAFETY FOR GIRLS—Ms Linda Burney asked the Minister for Education—

To ensure the safety of girls in NSW, does the Government intend to include in the current school curriculum in high schools, a course to further educate young women about how best to protect themselves?

Answer—

In NSW schools a comprehensive and sequential curriculum addressing personal safety and wellbeing is included in the Personal Development, Health and Physical Education (PDHPE) curriculum. The PDHPE curriculum is mandatory for all students in Kindergarten to Year 10.

The PDHPE curriculum teaches students how to protect themselves in a range of real-life contexts. In high school, these include specific situations where young women may feel unsafe, such as when experiencing sexual harassment; as a passenger in a motor vehicle; travelling alone at night and when going out.

The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority is currently developing the detailed content for the national curriculum in Health and physical education.

The Board of Studies NSW will ensure that the current comprehensive approach to personal safety in the NSW curriculum is maintained or strengthened in the national curriculum for Health and physical education.

*3229 ELECTRICITY COSTS—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Resources and Energy, Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Central Coast—

Noting that the Energy and Water Ombudsman dealt with nearly 6,000 complaints about energy payment and debts in 2011-12, an increase of 43 per cent over the previous year, and identified underlying long-term affordability problems:

- (1) What action has the Government taken to increase the value of Energy Accounts Payment Assistance (EAPA) vouchers for low income consumers unable to afford energy bills?
- (2) What new programs will the Government provide or fund to help them pay one-off energy bills?
- (3) What new programs will the Government provide or fund for low income consumers to reduce energy use and cost long-term?
- (4) What new programs will the Government provide or fund to help consumers replace energy-intensive appliances and equipment?
- (5) What education programs does the Government provide or fund for low income consumers to reduce their energy costs?
- (6) What plans does the Government have to address the problem of underlying affordability of energy costs as identified by the Ombudsman?

Answer—

- (1) to (6) The NSW Government has delivered a \$210 million assistance package to help NSW customers with rising energy costs.

From 1 July 2012, more than 540,000 families have been eligible to receive the NSW Government's new \$75 Family Energy Rebate, rising to \$150 by 2014.

More than 700,000 families are also eligible to receive increased assistance through the NSW Government's Low Income Household Rebate which rises to \$215 from 1 July, increasing to \$235 by 2014.

The NSW Government has increased the 2012-13 funding allocation for the EAPA scheme, rising to \$14.5 million.

The NSW Government is also supporting a national round table discussion on energy affordability that will be run by the Energy and Water Ombudsman of NSW.

The best way to stop electricity prices from rising is to scrap the carbon tax and federal green schemes which would save the average NSW household approximately \$270 on its annual household bill.

*3230 WOOLLOOMOOLOO PUBLIC HOUSING—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

With respect to social housing properties in Woolloomooloo:

- (1) How many social housing homes does the Government own in Woolloomooloo?
- (2) How many empty properties does the Government own in Woolloomooloo?
- (3) What action is being taken to repair 4 Dowling Street Woolloomooloo so that this building continues to provide homes?
- (4) When will a Development Application be submitted for development of 174 Dowling Street, which was to be developed several years ago, and how many new homes will be provided on this site?
- (5) How many Woolloomooloo maintenance requests have been received this year to date and how many remain outstanding?
- (6) How does the Government ensure that heritage properties in Woolloomooloo are maintained as homes and for their heritage value?
- (7) What is the value of planned maintenance program for Woolloomooloo properties and how many homes are listed on this program?
- (8) How many reports has the Housing Contact Centre received about cleansing from Woolloomooloo this year to date?
- (9) How many of these reports relate to common area cleansing and removal of dumped waste/large items, and have these been resolved?
- (10) How many of these reports relate to graffiti, and have these been resolved?
- (11) What action will the Government take to ensure a long term solution to ongoing problems with street cleaning and dumped waste?

Answer—

- (1) to (2) NSW Land and Housing Corporation is the owner of 526 residential dwellings in the Woolloomooloo precinct. As of 26 November 2012, there are currently 5 vacant properties.
- (3) Dowling St, Woolloomooloo is fully occupied. Bridge Housing manages the property and is

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responsible for maintenance at the property.

(4) Planning approval has not been sought from the City of Sydney at this stage as funds have not been identified to progress this redevelopment. The site was originally planned for development under the Nation Building and Economic Stimulus Program but was not progressed at that time due to issues with the site.

(5) 168 maintenance requests have been received through the Housing Contact Centre from January 2012, and 44 are outstanding.

(6) Heritage assets in Woolloomooloo are recognised on the Department's Heritage and Conservation Register as required under S170 of the Heritage Act 1977. For maintenance purposes they are also identified for their heritage value and are subject to specific heritage trades and materials as provided under the multi trade Maintenance Contract.

(7) The 2012-13 program of works for properties in the Inner City, including Woolloomooloo, has identified 38 properties for priority works totalling \$252,844.

(8) No maintenance or inspection requests recorded as requests for cleaning in Woolloomooloo.

(9) No reports related to common area cleansing and removal of dumped waste/large items have been recorded.

(10) To date, there is one inspection request for common area graffiti removal which is in progress.

(11) Currently the head contractor engaged to undertake the common area cleaning, has implemented new procedures. Since this change there has been an improvement in common area cleaning in the Woolloomooloo precinct. Long term, LAHC proposes to work closely with City of Sydney Council to develop appropriate solutions.

*3231 MILLERS POINT HOUSING SALES—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

With respect to media reports that the Government is reviewing properties in the Millers Point precinct and intends to sell up to 250 properties:

- (1) How many properties are being reviewed for potential sale?
- (2) How many social housing properties are being reviewed for potential sale?
- (3) Who is carrying out the review and what process is being used?
- (4) What are the terms of reference or guidelines for this review?
- (5) What social impacts are being assessed in this review?
- (6) What heritage impacts are being assessed in this review?
- (7) What timeframe has been set for the review outcome?
- (8) What consultation has been carried out with the Millers Point community about this project?
- (9) What consultation has been carried out with other stakeholders?
- (10) What options are being considered for the future of Millers Point homes owned by the Housing and Lands Corporation?
- (11) What assessment has been made of the social impacts of the previous sales of Millers Point social housing homes?
- (12) How many homes in Millers Point have been left vacant during the previous sales programs and this review?
- (13) How many of these homes have been determined to be fit for residents in their current condition?
- (14) How many of those fit properties have been allocated for tenants needing temporary accommodation?
- (15) What consultation is planned for social housing tenants, the Millers Point, Dawes Point, The Rocks and Walsh Bay Resident Action Group, the National Trust the City of Sydney Council and the local MP?
- (16) How will the Government protect the social and cultural heritage of Millers Point embodied in residents and the history of low cost housing, and recognised by the Office of Environment and Heritage as a Conservation Area of State significance?

Answer—

(1) to (2) Up to 208 properties are being considered. All 208 properties are social housing properties.

(3) to (7) The review is being undertaken by NSW Land and Housing Corporation and advice is being provided by specialists including external legal, real-estate and heritage consultants. The review will report on the feasibility of offering the properties for sale and will consider all relevant factors including

social impacts, the preservation of heritage values and maintaining properties to this standard. There is no specific timeframe for completion of the review.

(8) to (9) There has been preliminary dialogue with a number of stakeholders. Further engagement will be carried out during the course of the evaluation. An appropriate community engagement and stakeholder consultation process will be implemented once the current review has been completed and there are firm proposals or options to be considered.

(10) Either sale or retention.

(11) Social impact assessments were carried out as part of the change of use approval process. Social impacts will be considered as part of the review process.

(12) to (14) 20 properties are currently vacant. These properties have significant heritage restoration issues and associated ongoing maintenance costs. The properties are also significantly mismatched to the needs of current and future social housing tenants. None have been made available as temporary housing.

(15) See the response to Question (8) and (9) above.

(16) Social and heritage impacts will be considered as part of the review process. It is anticipated that the Office of Environment and Heritage will continue to exercise its statutory functions in relation to Millers Point.

*3232 BAYS PRECINCT FUTURE—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW, Leader of the House—

Following community alarm over proposals by the Urban Taskforce for a 60-storey skyscraper at the point of Glebe Island or a row of eight 20 to 30-storey towers for the Bays Precinct:

(1) To what extent is the Government committed to the principles of the Bays Precinct Community Reference Group?

(2) (a) Will the Government release the Bays Precinct Task Force report on the potential of the Bays Precinct for community comment?

(b) If not, why not?

(3) Does the Government remain committed to temporary use of Glebe Island as an exhibition space during the redevelopment of the Darling Harbour convention centre?

(4) (a) Will the Government rule out consideration and approval of permanent development proposals on Glebe Island until an integrated long-term strategic framework or master plan for the whole Bays Precinct area has been finalised?

(b) If not, why not?

Answer—

(1) The Bays Precinct Taskforce report is currently being considered by the Government.

(2) The report will be made public in due course.

(3) Yes.

(4) The future of the Bays Precinct is subject to consideration through the Bays Precinct Taskforce Report.

*3233 WORLD AIDS DAY—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

Given Australia's successful partnership response to HIV/AIDS has resulted in major success preventing the spread of HIV and illness and deaths from AIDS-related illnesses, and the changing circumstances of this disease:

(1) What programs does the Government fund or provide to prevent the spread of HIV/AIDS?

(2) What programs does the Government fund or provide to promote and maintain public awareness and support for people with HIV?

(3) What programs does the Government fund or provide to help international efforts to prevent the spread of HIV/AIDS and support people who have the virus?

(4) What programs has the Government funded or provided to support annual World AIDS Day activities in NSW?

(5) What plans does the Government have to support and promote future World AIDS Day activities?

Answer—

I am advised:

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- (1) The NSW Government has a strong track record of achievement in preventing the spread of HIV and reducing AIDS related deaths. NSW Health provides HIV education to the public and to communities at highest risk of HIV infection, including through non-government organisations, such as ACON (formerly the AIDS Council of NSW), ACON's Sex Workers Outreach Project and the NSW Users and AIDS Association. In 2012-13 more than \$16.1 million was invested in HIV education activities. An additional \$17.2 million was invested in the Needle Syringe Program, an effective public health measure for the prevention of HIV and hepatitis C.

This year on World AIDS Day, I was proud to launch the NSW HIV Strategy 2012-2015: A New Era. The Strategy emphasises recent scientific and technological advances in HIV prevention, testing, and treatment, and identifies how these advances together with current prevention strategies will be used to enhance the NSW HIV response. The Strategy sets bold new targets for HIV prevention, testing and treatment.

- (2) In NSW, Local Health Districts and non-government organisations such as ACON and Positive Life NSW are funded to coordinate HIV awareness campaigns and to improve the health and well-being of people with HIV. HIV awareness campaigns are developed in consultation with affected communities. The campaigns aim to educate the community about HIV transmission, promote safe sex and injecting behaviours, and promote well-being for people with HIV.
- (3) NSW Health and non-government organisations provide regional leadership for the development of responses to the HIV epidemic in our region, with a particular focus on South-East Asia and South-West Pacific. The Kirby Institute for Infection and Immunity in Society, based at the University of NSW, and community organisations have been active in leading capacity building among HIV organisations internationally. The Albion Centre at South Eastern Sydney Local Health District has been designated as a World Health Organisation (WHO) Collaborating Centre for Capacity Building and Health Care Worker Training in HIV Care, Treatment and Support.
- (4) World AIDS Day is a time to remember those who have died with AIDS, and to honour the courage of people living with HIV both in Australia and overseas. People with HIV have the right to participate in a community free from stigma and discrimination.

The NSW Government supports World AIDS Day through the NSW World AIDS Day Project. The Project coordinates a public awareness campaign, workforce development initiatives for health care workers and community development activities across NSW.

UNAIDS has proclaimed the international World AIDS Day theme for 2011 through to 2015 as: Getting to Zero, Zero New HIV Infections, Zero Discrimination and Zero AIDS Related Deaths. In 2012, the NSW Government again supported the Pacific Friends of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria in its World AIDS Day activities. This included the launch of the "Access to Life" HIV photo exhibition at the Powerhouse museum in Sydney, and lighting of the Sydney Opera House sails red as part of the global (RED) campaign in which iconic international landmarks are lit for World AIDS Day.

- (5) NSW Health supports the ongoing work of the NSW World AIDS Day Project in raising awareness of HIV in NSW and in combating HIV stigma and discrimination. NSW Health will continue to look at opportunities to partner with Pacific Friends of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria for future World AIDS Day events.

The NSW HIV Strategy 2012-2015: A New Era demonstrates the NSW Government's commitment and leadership in responding to HIV. The Strategy will be implemented through the NSW HIV partnership of government, clinicians, researchers and affected communities.

*3234 HARRIS STREET SAFETY—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

Given Harris Street has high accident rates involving pedestrians and that residents report pedestrian safety risks due to large volumes of fast-moving through traffic:

- (1) What action will the Government take to prevent speeding on Harris Street?
- (2) What consideration will the Government give to reducing the speed limit on Harris Street from 50 kilometres per hour to 40 kilometres per hour?
- (3) What other action does the Government plan to improve pedestrian safety and reduce traffic speed on Harris Street?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The responsibility for enforcing road rules lies with the NSW Police Force.

- (2) Under the revised NSW Speed Zoning Guidelines, 40 kilometres per hour speed limits are only installed for school zones, high pedestrian activity areas, local traffic areas or toll plazas. Harris Street does not fall within any of these categories as it is a major state route linking Pyrmont to Chippendale. Harris Street, Ultimo is consistent with the default urban speed limit of 50 kilometres per hour.
- (3) Roads and Maritime Services recently inspected the speed limit signs on Harris Street and has installed additional 50 kilometres per hour speed limit signs to further emphasise the speed limit. These signs were installed on 22 November 2012.

*3235 SYDNEY HARBOUR FLOATING HELIPORT—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

With regard to the Sydney Harbour Floating Heliport approved by the Roads and Maritime Services, which is reported to be operating in early December:

- (1) What consultation did the Government undertake with harbour side communities impacted by the heliport before approval was given?
- (2) What conditions have been placed on the operators to protect local residents in terms of:
 - (a) noise limits;
 - (b) times of operation;
 - (c) number of flights per hour;
 - (d) number of flights per day;
 - (e) flight paths to and from;
 - (f) new or additional sites?
- (3) What conditions have been placed on the heliport to ensure that helicopter use does not interfere with harbour events such as New Years?
- (4) What process is available to residents to raise and get action on concerns about noise when the heliport is operating?
- (5) How will residents know what flight routes will be used?
- (6) How will residents know the times that helicopters will be flying close to their homes?
- (7) Where are application and approval documents publicly available for residents to view?
- (8) To what extent will the Government assess operations before allowing operations beyond 12 months in terms of:
 - (a) noise impacts on residents;
 - (b) noise impacts on tourists in the harbour;
 - (c) environmental impacts on water quality in the harbour?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) to (8) Roads and Maritime Services considered the application by Newcastle Helicopters for an aquatic licence in accordance with the Marine Safety Act 1998 and Marine Safety (General Regulation) 2009.

The operation and regulation of the airspace is a matter for the Civil Aviation Safety Authority.

*3236 COMMERCIAL FISHERIES POLICY—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Small Business—

With the NSW Government support for a number of recommendations to the Independent Report in to NSW Commercial Fisheries Policy:

- (1) Will the newly established Ministerial Fisheries Advisory Council, which will provide cross-sectoral advice on strategic policy issues, include representatives from the conservation sector?
 - (a) If so, how will conservation representatives be selected?
 - (b) If not, why not?
- (2) Given the report states that the exploitation status of around 50 per cent of key species taken by NSW commercial fishers are considered "uncertain" or "undefined", what plans does the Government have to improve fisheries data collection?
- (3) What additional funds will be allocated for fisheries management in response to the report?

Answer—

- (1) Yes.
 - (a) The necessary Regulations will be developed shortly, but the intention is to seek nominations

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from the public and key conservation organisations.

(b) N/A.

- (2) A new strategic research plan will be prepared which will set the future priorities for research.
- (3) Three additional positions are being created within the NSW Department of Primary Industries dedicated to implementing the Commercial Fisheries Reform Program. Relevant operating costs for the program will be drawn from the Commercial Fishing Trust Fund.

*3237 ECONOMIC BENEFITS OF MARRIAGE EQUALITY—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Hospitality and Racing, and Minister for the Arts—

Given weddings often involve hospitality spending on venues, catering, cake-makers, celebrants, wedding planners and florists, as well as tourist spending such as holidays:

- (1) Is the Government aware of research by Lee Badgett, professor at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst which shows significant economic benefits in states of the United States of America where marriage equality exists?
- (2) Is the Government aware of estimates by Lee Badgett showing that if, using the example of Tasmania, a state introduced marriage equality ahead of other Australian states, it would have an economic benefit of \$96 million on weddings expenditure alone from interstate couples?
- (3) What assessment will the Government make on the economic benefits to the hospitality industry if NSW introduced marriage equality?
- (4) What consultation has the Government had with the NSW hospitality industry about potential benefits of marriage equality?
- (5) What assessment will the Government make on the benefits on tourism if NSW introduces marriage equality ahead of most other states given same sex couples and their friends and families will travel to NSW from abroad to get married?

Answer—

- (1) Yes.
- (2) Yes.
- (3) It is not part of my agencies' roles or responsibilities.
- (4) No consultation has been undertaken.
- (5) Destination NSW is the statutory body for the NSW Government responsible for Tourism and Major Events in the State. Marketing activities are determined on a yearly basis and take into account environmental, social and economic conditions.

*3238 REGIONAL RELOCATION GRANT—Mr Ryan Park asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

- (1) Was approximately \$8.5 million in unspent funds from the Regional Relocation Grant redirected towards GST for the Star Casino?
- (2) If so:
 - (a) What was the justification for this decision?
 - (b) Is the Government prepared to redirect this unspent amount to improving regional infrastructure and services?

Answer—

The NSW Government has provided GST offsets to the Casino since the GST was introduced, as per the Casino Agreement in place under the former Government.

*3239 ROUTE OF M5 EAST—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

- (1) When will the proposals for the exact route of the M5 East be made public?
- (2) Is the route proposed by the then Roads and Maritime Services in 2009 still the currently preferred option?
- (3) (a) Is the Minister aware that that route would involve the destruction of several hundred trees that meet the criteria of the Tree Preservation Order of the Canterbury Local Government Area within which they lie?
 - (b) If so, does the Minister have plans on how to manage this environmental impact?
- (4) (a) Is the Minister aware that this proposed route would involve the irreplaceable loss of 11 per cent of the priority bushland recognised in the bush restoration plan developed for National Parks and Wildlife Service in 2000 for the Wolli Creek Regional Park?

(b) If so, does the Minister have plans on how to manage this environmental impact?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) and (2) Subject to the Government's approval of the business case for WestConnex, the preferred route for the M5 East duplication would be determined through the environmental assessment process after mid 2013.

(3) and (4) Subject to the approval of the WestConnex business case in 2013, the future development of a preferred option for the M5 East duplication would include the preparation of an environmental impact assessment.

*3240 WOLLI CREEK REGIONAL PARK—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

(1) What is the timetable for the completion of the Wolli Creek Regional Park?

(2) When will lands within the accepted bounds of the park, currently held by Sydney Water, Roads and Maritime Services and private owners, be transferred to National Parks and Wildlife Service estate?

(3) Has the Minister written to the Minister for Roads in relation to the potential impact that the proposed M5 East tunnel duplication will have on the bushland committed to the Wolli Creek Regional Park by the previous Government?

Answer—

I am advised as follows:

(1) Planned additions to Wolli Creek Regional Park will be completed when these additions become available for transfer and reservation. The timeframe will be determined in conjunction with the relevant landholders.

(2) All remaining lands will be transferred when issues with the subject lands have been resolved by the relevant landholders.

(3) No.

*3241 TRAFFIC VOLUMES ON MOUNT OUSLEY ROAD—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

In relation to traffic volumes on Mount Ousley Road:

(1) What is the current average daily traffic volume for Mount Ousley Road?

(2) What is the current average daily traffic volume of heavy vehicles using Mount Ousley Road?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) and (2) As at June 2011, average daily traffic volume on Mount Ousley Road was 42,993 vehicles, with 11.8 per cent being heavy vehicles.

*3242 SCHOOL RISK SCHOOL PEDESTRIAN RISK MODEL—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

In relation to the School Risk School Pedestrian Risk model:

(1) Which schools in the Keira electorate have been assessed under this model?

(2) Of those schools that have been assessed, what is the rating of each school?

(3) Is there a time line on when the remainder of schools in the Keira electorate will be assessed?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) All school zones are considered for flashing lights.

(2) The rankings of school zones for flashing lights are dynamic and are affected by changes in the environment, such as changes in school access points, changes to normal speed limits and vehicle and pedestrian numbers.

(3) School zones that have not yet received flashing lights will be reassessed for future rollouts, with the next round of school zones being assessed in the next financial year.

*3243 INTERSECTION OF BULLI PASS AND LAWRENCE HARGRAVE DRIVE—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

In relation to the intersection of Bulli Pass with Lawrence Hargrave Drive at the bottom of Bulli Pass:

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- (1) How many accidents have occurred at this intersection since 1 January 2011?
- (2) Are there any plans to improve the safety of this intersection, particularly for motorists turning right onto Bulli Pass?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Between 1 January 2011 and 31 March 2012 (the latest validated data) there have been 17 reported crashes at the intersection of the Princes Highway and Lawrence Hargrave Drive.
- (2) Roads and Maritime Services has completed works to improve signposting, road markings and delineation, and will continue to monitor the intersection.

*3244 HOME CARE BUDGET—Mrs Barbara Perry asked the Minister for Ageing, and Minister for Disability Services—

- (1) What efficiency dividends have been agreed for the Home Care budget?
- (2) (a) Has there been any reductions or cuts to Home Care grant funding this year?
(b) If so, by how much?
- (3) (a) Have Home Care general services been reduced or cut this year?
(b) If so by how much?
- (4) (a) Have Home Care subcontracting hours been reduced or cut this year?
(b) If so by how many hours?
- (5) Have any Home Care programs been capped?
- (6) Has the budget for the Referral and Assessment Centre been cut this year?
- (7) What is the unmet need for Home Care for 2012-13 by region and by service type?

Answer—

- (1) In the year 2012-13 the Home Care budget is \$230 million and will deliver services to approximately 50,000 clients. In previous Government's last year of office 2010-11 the Home Care budget was \$219.1 million. Our focus is increasing front line services and as a result we have agreed to back office efficiencies.
- (2) The Commonwealth only provided 2.1 per cent indexation on its grants this year. As wage indexation is 2.5 per cent and the inflation of other costs is also likely to be at least 2.5 per cent the Commonwealth grants represents an effective reduction of approximately \$400,000 to the 2011-12 level. Also, as required of all NSW Government agencies Home Care Service has been requested to contribute its share of the Government's employee and annual leave expense saving measures.
- (3) I am advised that in 2012-13, the Home Care budget of \$230 million was realigned to deliver in line with contracted output hours. Home Care is delivering an estimated 3.9 million hours of service to approximately 50,000 clients. Additionally, whilst the overall Home Care budget has a reduction of service hours, Aboriginal Home Care branches were given increased budgets which total to over 30,000 service hours.
- (4) I am advised that Home Care has increased staffing to cover high cost associated with subcontracting arrangements. This efficiency measure resulted in a reduction and reliance on subcontractors by 39,470 hours.
- (5) Due to the new arrangements in which the Commonwealth now has responsibility for the administration for HACC services to over 65s, it now means that the contracted arrangements with the Commonwealth require Home Care to operate under similar circumstances to funded NGOs.
- (6) As a result of lower service demand and usage, the Referral and Assessment Centre (RAC) budget was reduced by \$717,000. The main reasons for this were that:
 - (a) Intake and assessment services for Home Care branches in the Hunter Region were provided by the Community Care Access Point; and
 - (b) An overall reduction in workload deriving from new referrals or assessments than previous years.

I am advised action was taken to adjust staffing levels to reflect the expected workload. The \$717,000 that derived from this budget reduction were redirected to client service delivery.

- (7) People seeking Community Care services such as domestic assistance or personal care often start with an enquiry to Home Care even though multiple local providers can meet their needs. As a result, requests to Home Care are often met by other providers. Home Care cannot always know if the service need has been met by another provider and so their request may remain outstanding at Home Care despite their need being met.

Further some clients will prefer to wait for Home Care services, even though other services have the capacity to immediately assist them.

Accordingly it is not possible or practicable to describe "unmet" need for Home Care services in the way asked.

*3245 CHARGES ARISING FROM OPERATION SPARTAN—Mr Nathan Rees asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

With respect to the hundreds of charges arising from Operation Spartan early in 2012:

- (1) How many convictions have been recorded?
- (2) How many gaol sentences have been passed?

Answer—

- (1) and (2) I am advised:

The NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research does not receive data from the NSW Police Force database that enables it to identify charges arising from particular police operations.

*3246 RESTRICTIONS ON AMMUNITION PURCHASE—Mr Nathan Rees 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 new restrictions on ammunition purchase, foreshadowed by the Government in February 2012, commence?
- (2) When will the Government convene the "sobering up centres" promised before the 2011 election?

Answer—

I am advised :

- (1) The NSW Police Force is currently working on the system changes they need to make to support the new legislation. Consultation is also taking place with stakeholders. The new restrictions will come into effect when this process is complete.
- (2) An announcement concerning the trial of three sobering up centres will be made shortly.

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*3247 SAME SEX MARRIAGES—CONSCIENCE VOTE—Mr Richard Amery asked the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) Has the Premier announced that Government members will have a conscience vote on the Bill to legalise same sex marriages in New South Wales?
- (2) If so, will the Premier allow the general public to have a conscience vote on this subject by having a referendum or plebiscite conducted to determine public support for this proposal?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Yes.
- (2) As the Hon. Michael Gallacher MLC, Leader of the Government in the Legislative Council, responded to a Question Without Notice on 21 November 2012: "The Premier has decided that it is appropriate for these issues to be properly considered prior to members of the Parliament being asked to vote on any bill. The Premier has recognised that there are significant issues to be considered and therefore has decided to refer this matter to the Standing Committee on Social Issues for consideration. The terms of reference will be that the Standing Committee on Social Issues inquires into and reports on the appropriateness of passing a same sex marriage law in New South Wales, and in particular:
 - (a) Any legal issues surrounding the passing of marriage laws at a State level, including but not limited to:
 - i. the impact of interaction of such law with the Commonwealth Marriage Act 1961;
 - ii. the rights of any party married under such a law in other States' and Federal jurisdiction;
 - iii. the rights of the parties married under such a law upon dissolution of the marriage.

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- (b) the response of other jurisdictions both in Australia and overseas to demands for marriage equality;
- (c) any alternative models of legislation including civil unions;
- (d) changes in social attitudes (if any) to marriage in Australia.

The reporting date for the inquiry will be 9 May 2013. The inquiry will give the public and the members of this Parliament an opportunity to give proper consideration to all the issues".

*3248 TEACHERS-AIDES—ELECTORATE OF CESSNOCK—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Education—

With regard to teachers-aides in the electorate of Cessnock:

- (1) Have funding models for 2013 been developed?
- (2) How many teachers-aides will be funded in 2013?
- (3) How many teachers-aides were funded in 2012?
- (4) How many teachers-aides were funded in 2011?

Answer—

- (1) The Every Student, Every School initiative is being implemented to provide sustained high quality learning experiences and outcomes for all students with disability and additional learning and support needs in NSW public schools. It has increased the state's total funding allocated directly to regular schools by \$69 million. It brings the total annual spend in NSW public schools on learning and support to more than \$219 million in 2012.

In the Cessnock Electorate, there has been an increase in resource allocations to schools equating to more than \$3.7 million in 2012; an increase of more than \$1 million from 2011 resource allocations.

Schools have been advised of allocations for 2013, based upon student enrolments and student learning need. More than \$990,000 has been added to the state wide resource allocation pool.

Support for students with additional learning and support needs is, as it has been in the past, determined by the principal and school, in consultation with parents or carers, and provided through the employment of additional teachers or school learning support officers (previously known as teachers' aides) depending upon the specific learning and support needs of individual students.

- (2) to (4) Principals and schools in consultation with parents or carers have the flexibility to make decisions on the basis of the changing needs of individual students as to the type of support provided for the student at any given time. This could be either additional teacher or school learning support officer time. These are school decisions and it is not possible to provide specific information about the employment of school learning support officers.

*3249 HUNTER TRANSPORT MASTERPLAN—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Transport—

Given that the Hunter Regional Transport Plan will address the transport infrastructure and service needs of the Hunter region (Question 3012):

Does the Minister have a timetable or schedule or expected date of release, consultation and completion for the Hunter Transport Masterplan?

Answer—

Following the release of the final NSW Long Term Transport Master Plan this month, Transport for NSW is developing detailed regional transport plans.

Further engagement with commuters at the local level in each region will determine specific requirements.

*3250 FIXING THE TRAINS PROGRAM—GRAFFITI CLEANING—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Transport—

With regard the Fixing the Trains program which was announced on 15 May 2012:

- (1) What is the benchmark timeframe to clean graffiti from toilets, walls and windows at stations?
- (2) What is the benchmark timeframe to clean graffiti from walls, seats and windows inside the trains?
- (3) What is the benchmark timeframe to clean graffiti from the outside of trains?
- (4) (a) Are these benchmarks currently being met?
- (b) If not, what is the current timeframe being taken?
- (5) How much money is spent annually on graffiti removal?

Answer—

- (1) to (5) Customer satisfaction surveys show only 46 per cent of people are happy with the cleanliness of trains. To fix this problem, the Government has transferred RailCorp's 870 cleaning staff to a specialist unit, with professional management to attack graffiti and rubbish on the trains.

*3251 HUNTER TRAIN TIMETABLE—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Transport—

Given that the Hunter Line is serviced by diesel multiple units (Question 2772) and that there has been no reduction in trains for services on the Hunter Line (Question 3011), can the Minister confirm:

- (a) at 1 January 2012 the Hunter train timetable had 10 diesel multiple units to fulfil its timetable obligations;
- (b) at 15 November 2012 the Hunter train timetable had only 9 diesel multiple units to fulfil its timetable commitments?

Answer—

No, I am advised the same number of diesel multiple units were operating on both 1 January and 15 November 2012.

*3252 IMPACT OF HUNTER EXPRESSWAY—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

With regards to planning for the impact of the impending opening of the Hunter Expressway on local, regional and state roads:

- (1) Have there been meetings between the local councils and RMS (Roads and Maritime Services)?
- (2) Has any funding been allocated to assist councils meet road maintenance needs due to increased traffic?
- (3) Will there be additional funding available to councils to assist with regional roads?
- (4) Will there be funding available to councils to assist with local roads?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) A meeting was held on 8 November 2012 with representatives from the Hunter Expressway Council Liaison Group. The meeting included representatives from Cessnock Council, Maitland Council, Lake Macquarie Council and Singleton Council, the four local government areas through which the expressway runs.
- (2) to (4) Roads and Maritime Services is currently working with affected councils regarding the financial impacts of proposed changes to state, regional and local road classifications. Roads and Maritime Services and councils will negotiate arrangements where specific road works are required prior to the handover of roads.

After handover, councils have access to the regional roads funding assistance grants program and Commonwealth Government funding assistance for local roads.

*3253 ACCIDENT-PRONE INTERSECTIONS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

- (1) Does Road and Maritime Services (RMS) keep records of the most accident-prone intersections in the State?
- (2) What are the five intersections with the most recorded accidents in the electorate of Cessnock?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Roads and Maritime Services website provides information on crash data across the State. The data is not ranked by location.

*3254 MAINTENANCE WORK ALLOCATED TO CONTRACTORS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

With regards to maintenance work allocated by Housing NSW to contractors:

- (1) Does Housing NSW have checking mechanisms in place to ensure the allotted work has been performed and completed?
- (2) If yes, what is the timeframe from work allocation?
- (3) If no, what is the escalation procedure for tenants other than continually notifying the Maintenance

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Answer—

- (1) to (3) NSW Land and Housing Corporation has a performance management framework to monitor contractor work performance and completion. Desktop audits and site inspections are completed according to an audit regime based on risk management principles, and contractors are required to obtain tenant sign-off at completion of work.

Inspections are scheduled to be undertaken by LAHC within 10 days of completion of the work. Tenants with concerns about contractor attendance or standard of work may call the Housing Contact Centre, who will normally resolve the issue or refer it to a local team, if necessary.

*3255 LORD MAYOR'S CHIEF OF STAFF—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Local Government, and Minister for the North Coast—

With regard to Newcastle City Council and the recruitment and appointment of the Mayor's Chief of Staff:

- (1) Is the Minister aware that concerns have been raised about the ability of the Lord Mayor to delegate authority to his Chief of Staff?
- (2) Has the Minister asked the Division of Local Government to intervene?
- (3) Has the Minister seen or read the criteria for the Chief of Staff position?
- (4) Is the Minister concerned that the Lord Mayor is delegating his responsibility to operate and act as the elected representative of the people?

Answer—

I provide the following details in response to your questions:

I am advised:

- (1) No.
- (2) No.
- (3) Yes.
- (4) My Office has not received correspondence regarding the delegation of responsibilities by the Mayor.

*3256 CONSUMER, TRADER AND TENANCY TRIBUNAL—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Fair Trading—

With regards to residents of the electorate of Cessnock and the CTTT (Consumer, Trader and Tenancy Tribunal):

- (1) How many applications were heard in the years 2009, 2010 and 2011 in relation to:
 - (a) home Building disputes;
 - (b) social Housing disputes;
 - (c) motor Vehicle disputes;
 - (d) travel Agency disputes?
- (2) How many applications were lodged in the years 2009, 2010 and 2011 in relation to:
 - (a) home Building disputes;
 - (b) social Housing disputes;
 - (c) motor Vehicle disputes;
 - (d) travel Agency disputes?

Answer—

I am advised that the Tribunal is not able to provide specific data on the number of cases it addressed that involved residents from the Cessnock electorate. However, the following information is provided on the number of cases where the place of dispute was located in a postcode that comprises the Cessnock electorate:

(1)	Hearings held	2009	2010	2011
	Home Building Division	221	198	318
	Social Housing Division	356	374	561
	Motor Vehicles Division	49	78	86

	Travel/tourism disputes*	3	9	17
(2)	Applications lodged	2009	2010	2011
	Home Building Division	102	113	111
	Social Housing Division	273	279	414
	Motor Vehicles Division	31	44	51
	Travel/tourism disputes*	1	6	10

*The Tribunal does not collect specific data on disputes by consumers with travel agents, however data is compiled on applications brought to the Tribunal's General Division about travel/tourism disputes in more general terms

*3257 M5 EAST ROUTE—Ms Linda Burney asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

- (1) What is the timetable for determining the route of WestConnex?
- (2) In particular, when will the proposals for the exact route of the M5 East be made public?
- (3) Is the route proposed by the then Roads and Traffic Authority in 2009 still the currently preferred option?
- (4) Is the Minister aware that that route would involve the destruction of several hundred trees that meet the criteria of the Tree Preservation Order of the Canterbury Local Government Area within which they lie?
- (5) Is the Minister aware that this proposed route would involve the irreplaceable loss of 11 per cent of the priority bushland recognised in the bush restoration plan developed for National Parks and Wildlife Service in 2000 for the Wolli Creek Regional Park?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) to (3) Subject to the Government's approval of the business case for WestConnex, the preferred route for the M5 East duplication would be determined through the environmental assessment process after mid 2013.

(4) to (5) Subject to the approval of the WestConnex business case in 2013, the future development of a preferred option for the M5 East duplication would include the preparation of an environmental impact assessment.

*3258 WOLLI CREEK REGIONAL PARK—Ms Linda Burney asked the Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) What is the timetable for the completion of the Wolli Creek Regional Park?
- (2) In particular, when will lands within the accepted bounds of the park, currently held by Sydney Water, Roads and Maritime Services and private owners, be transferred to National Parks and Wildlife Service estate?
- (3) Is the Minister aware that the Wolli Creek Regional Park is the most extensive bushland remaining between the fringes of the Parramatta and Georges Rivers and between the coast and Bankstown?
- (4) Has the Minister written to the Minister for Roads in relation to the impact of the proposed M5 East tunnel duplication on the bushland committed to the Wolli Creek Regional Park by the previous Government?

Answer—

I am advised as follows:

- (1) Planned additions to Wolli Creek Regional Park will be completed when these additions become available for transfer and reservation. The timeframe will be determined in conjunction with the relevant landholders.
- (2) All remaining lands will be transferred when issues with the subject lands have been resolved by the relevant landholders.
- (3) Yes, I am aware that Wolli Creek Regional Park is a regionally significant wildlife corridor.
- (4) No.

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*3259 EXPANSION OF CONTAINER PORTS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

- (1) Why has the Government chosen to expand Port Botany and Port Kembla and not the Hunter region as a site for a full-scale container port?
- (2) Why has the Government chosen to expand ports that do not have sufficient resources to support their expansion?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) At Port Botany about 85 per cent of containers either originate from, or are destined for, locations within 40 kilometres. Companies in Western Sydney are major users of these containers.

Port Kembla has been identified as the next container port once capacity at Port Botany is reached. Port Kembla is significantly closer to Western Sydney and is less subject to congestion from the growth in bulk commodity exports than the Port of Newcastle. This approach also minimises the cartage of port containers on the Main Northern Railway and the Pacific Highway.

Faced with the expected doubling of the NSW freight task by 2031, Transport for NSW is developing the first NSW Freight and Ports Strategy. Port planning is a feature of the strategy and will provide the impetus for detailed analysis of the future freight task. The NSW Freight and Ports Strategy will identify the actions needed to facilitate the transport of port freight across NSW. The draft NSW Freight and Ports Strategy is on public exhibition and remains open for comment until February 2013.

(2) The long-term lease of Port Botany and Port Kembla will ensure private sector investment in the ongoing development of the ports, while allowing the Government to focus on delivering critical services and infrastructure, including roads, school and hospital projects, across NSW.

Improved coordination of port landside logistics and freight corridors, coupled with planned strategic intermodal developments, are part of the suite of initiatives outlined in the draft NSW Freight and Ports Strategy. These will enhance the capacity of ports by maximising the efficiency of related transport infrastructure, delivering real savings to industry and minimising environmental and community impacts.

A private sector lessee will bring a range of benefits to the ports including:

- Greater access to capital to support the development and growth of the ports over time.
- Specialist infrastructure expertise and experience in developing maritime facilities and services.

The NSW Government has established the Bureau of Freight Statistics, as part of Transport for NSW, for expanded freight data collection and analysis. This analysis will inform the ongoing development of the NSW Freight and Ports Strategy, ensuring implications of port developments are assessed along the relevant supply chains.

*3260 COMPULSORY SWIMMING LESSONS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) Will the Minister consider introducing compulsory swimming lessons into the school curriculum, given that there has been a 25 per cent increase in drowning deaths among Australians aged 15 to 24 years in the past year?
- (2) If not, why not?

Answer—

- (1) The NSW Department of Education and Communities runs the largest learn-to-swim program in the Southern Hemisphere, with 100,000 public school students enrolled to participate each year.

This free program, the Schools Swimming Scheme (<http://www.sports.det.nsw.edu.au/swimming/index.htm>), is for students in Years 2 to 6, with students with disabilities and students in Intensive English Centres encouraged to participate. It is an intensive two-week program to develop water confidence and provide students with basic skills in water safety and survival.

Schools are also able to use swimming and water safety programs offered by other community providers as part of their sports programs and extra-curricular activities such as school camps and excursions.

The school curriculum also plays a vital role in the safety and wellbeing of children in and around water. All students learn about aquatics and water safety as part of the mandatory Personal Development, Health and Physical Education (PDHPE) curriculum.

Given the size of the Department's program, it is clear there is almost universal access to swimming lessons through public schools, but it is ultimately a parent's choice whether their child accesses this opportunity.

- (2) The current provisions for swimming and water safety education provide schools with the flexibility to deliver quality swimming and water safety programs that are manageable and take into account their local circumstances, resource availability and overall curriculum demands.

*3261 ELECTRICITY PRICE RISES—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Resources and Energy, Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Central Coast—

- (1) Why have electricity prices risen by 80 per cent over five years?
(2) How will the Government use the \$240 million dividend from Ausgrid, given the company doubled its profit to \$351 million in the past year?

Answer—

- (1) and (2) The Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal has confirmed that Labor's carbon tax has had a significant impact on rising power bills from 1 July.

Increased network charges are a result of the previous Government, under then Energy Minister Frank Sartor, issuing licence conditions that locked in increased network charges for the period 2009-2014. This increased expenditure is directly reflected in rising network charges for NSW electricity customers across all distribution networks.

The previous Government also received \$14.2 billion in dividends and tax equivalent payments from the electricity businesses while watching electricity prices rise by over 70 per cent in its last five years in office.

By comparison the Government has capped electricity company dividends at forecast levels and is requiring electricity company directors to personally certify that dividend payments place no additional pressure on prices or reliability of supply.

The best way to stop electricity prices from rising is to scrap the carbon tax and federal green schemes and policies which have the full support of the NSW Labor Party. Scrapping the carbon tax and federal green schemes would save the average NSW household approximately \$270 on its annual household bill.

*3262 ELECTRICITY GENERATORS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Resources and Energy, Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Central Coast—

- (1) How much debt is associated with the State's electricity generators?
(2) How much money is the Government expecting to raise once the debt, transaction and legal costs have been settled?

Answer—

This question should be directed to the Treasurer.

*3263 SECOND STATE OF ORIGIN GAME—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

With regards to the Premier's recent announcement of a second State of Origin game to Sydney in 2013:

- (1) What role did (a) the Premier or (b) his office take in negotiations with the games governing bodies?
(2) (a) Has the Government agreed to pay the Australian Rugby League Commission for this game?
(b) If yes, how much has the Government agreed to pay the Australian Rugby League Commission for this game?

Answer—

- (1) As announced on 20 November 2012, the NSW Government, with Destination NSW and ANZ Stadium, fought hard to ensure the Blues played more often at home not only for NSW fans, but for the economic boost major events like the State of Origin bring to our state.

Destination NSW, which was established with the election of the NSW Liberals & Nationals Government, had a winning bid strategy that contributes to achieving our NSW 2021 target to double overnight visitor expenditure by 2020.

- (2) (a) Destination NSW responded to a request for proposals document issued by the Australian Rugby League Commission for State of Origin hosting rights over a five-year cycle (2013-2017). The support package includes a financial investment.

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(b) Destination NSW does not disclose the level of funds committed to commercial event investment. This information is commercial-in-confidence.

*3264 SHOALHAVEN HOSPITAL MATERNITY UNIT—CHILD REPORT—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

With regards to the role designation for special care of newborn babies born in the Maternity Unit of Shoalhaven Hospital and answer to Written Question 2459 which stated that "The Nursery at Shoalhaven Hospital currently operates within a Level 3 Role delineation in accordance with NSW Health Policy Directive PD2010_032" and "There are no current plans to alter this service":

- (1) Was the board (a) made aware of and/or (b) given a copy of the Child report into this unit prior to making any decision of the role delineation of this unit?
- (2) Was the board made aware of the serious concerns of local clinicians about the validity of the Child report and its recommendations?
- (3) Did the board discuss or address these concerns prior to any decision?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) to (3) As part of development of the Health Care Services Plan for the Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District, a review to advise on clinical function of the maternity unit a Shoalhaven was undertaken. The review recommendations were discussed with Shoalhaven clinicians, including the paediatricians, and were debated as part of the development of the Health Care Services Plan.

The Board were made aware that this review was occurring. They were not involved in the consultation or endorsement process for the review, and were provided with a copy of the final review report.

*3265 SHOALHAVEN HOSPITAL MATERNITY UNIT—DESIGNATION OF UNIT—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

With regards to the role designation for special care of newborn babies born in the Maternity Unit of Shoalhaven Hospital and answer to Written Question 2459 which stated that "The Nursery at Shoalhaven Hospital currently operates within a Level 3 Role delineation in accordance with NSW Health Policy Directive PD2010_032" and "There are no current plans to alter this service":

- (1) Was the unit designated at level three in the draft area strategic plan?
- (2) Was the unit designated at level two in the final area strategic plan?
- (3) If there was a change of designation, why did this change occur?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) to (3) A recent review of maternity services at Shoalhaven Hospital recommended that the management of high-risk pregnancies is undertaken at the region's tertiary referral centre (Wollongong Hospital). The need for special care nursery services at Shoalhaven is therefore equivalent to a Level 2 designation. The Local Health District's Health Care Services Plan (released at the end of October 2012) reflects this need.

*3266 PMP LIMITED CLOSURE—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Trade and Investment, and Minister for Regional Infrastructure and Services—

- (1) Is the Government aware of reports that PMP Limited plans to close its printing plant located at Chullora?
- (2) What action, if any, did the Government take to prevent this closure from taking place?

Answer—

- (1) The NSW Government is aware of reports that PMP plans to close its Chullora printing plant on 30 June 2013.
- (2) The NSW Government is committed to supporting the manufacturing industry in NSW and has released its response to Industry Action Plans developed by industry-led Taskforces, including for the Manufacturing sector. The response includes key actions for manufacturing including simplified requirements and streamlined processes to make it easier for all businesses to compete for NSW Government contracts, as part of the Review of Government Procurement. In addition, the NSW Government will implement the Quality Regulatory Services Initiative to ease further the regulatory and compliance burden on businesses.

*3267 MANUFACTURING IN SOUTH WESTERN SYDNEY—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Trade and Investment, and Minister for Regional Infrastructure and Services—

Given the decision by PMP Limited to close its printing plant at Chullora follows similar planned closures announced by Fairfax and News Limited media in June, what action will the Government take to preserve manufacturing jobs in South Western Sydney?

Answer—

The NSW Government released its response to Industry Action Plans developed by industry-led Taskforces, including for the Manufacturing sector. The response includes key actions for manufacturing including simplified requirements and streamlined processes to make it easier for all businesses to compete for NSW Government contracts, as part of the Review of Government Procurement. In addition, the NSW Government will implement the Quality Regulatory Services Initiative to ease further the regulatory and compliance burden on businesses.

The manufacturing industry will also benefit from the newly announced Innovate NSW program which will provide targeted assistance to promote collaboration between innovative SMEs and global corporate partners to bring new products and services to market, and open up new high growth business and export opportunities. Manufacturing companies are also targeted in initiatives to link NSW companies into supply chains for major projects, as delivered in partnership with the Industry Capability Network (ICN).

The Government response to the Manufacturing Industry Action Plan can be found at www.business.nsw.gov.au/iap.

*3268 VICTIMS COMPENSATION FUND—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

What action will the Attorney General take to address the backlog of claims to the Victims Compensation Fund?

Answer—

I am advised:

As a result of new revenue strategies introduced in recent years, Victims Services has achieved a steady increase in the number of compensation claims being finalised. In the 2011-2012 financial year, 5,729 claims were finalised compared to 4,973 claims in 2010-11. The Government continues to look at ways of funding victims' support and improving service delivery to victims of violent crime, including the recent PricewaterhouseCooper review of the victims compensation scheme.

Victims Services has continued to increase the number of claims being finalised in this financial year compared to previous years. From 1 July 2012 to 30 November 2012, 2,106 claims were finalised compared to 1,684 in the same period in 2011.

*3269 BIRTH NAME CHANGES—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) What safeguards are in place to prevent individuals from hiding their criminal history by changing their birth names?

(2) What action will the Government take to prevent those with a criminal history from possessing multiple identify documents issued in different names?

Answer—

I am advised :

(1) The Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Amendment (Change of Name) Act 2012 commenced in April 2012. This Act amended the Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Act 1995, which is administered by the Attorney General. The amendment strengthened change-of-name restrictions in relation to inmates, parolees, remandees, forensic patients and serious sex offenders, who are now required to obtain the approval of their supervisory authority prior to applying to the Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages to change their name. If they fail to obtain approval first, it is a criminal offence. The restrictions aim to prevent improper name changes by offenders, facilitate the effective supervision of offenders in custody and in the community, and protect the interests of victims of crime. The Act extended the change-of-name restrictions to any serious offender for at least 10 years after they finish their prison and parole term.

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- (2) The Government has in place a number of means to ensure that those with a criminal history cannot possess multiple identity documents issued in different names. There are stringent laws regarding changing one's name, including the requirement to disclose a criminal record.

NSW supports and participates in the national Document Verification Service. This Service is a secure, electronic, on-line system that can be used to check, in real time, whether a particular proof-of-identity document that has been presented by a person is authentic, accurate and up-to-date.

NSW is also working with the Commonwealth and other States and Territories on the development and update of the National Identity Security Strategy.

- *3270 COMMUNITY-BASED CRIME PREVENTION PROGRAMS—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—

Noting that after 25 years of successful operation Neighbourhood Watch BK 3/5 will be closing down next month, what action will the Minister take to support community-based crime prevention programs?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force has advised me :

The Bankstown Local Area Command has an active Eyewatch group which uses social media to communicate with the public and conduct online meetings. The Command's Crime Prevention Officer (CPO) provides assistance and advice to community groups, local government and the local Chamber of Commerce. The CPO advises on a range of community grant programs that may be available to address local issues and conducts safety audits of local premises on request. Other Commands provide similar services to their local communities.

- *3271 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

- (1) What action will the Government take to protect women and children who are experiencing domestic violence?
- (2) What services are available in South Western Sydney to assist women and children experiencing domestic violence?
- (3) Does the Government's strategy on domestic violence incorporate targeting different cultural groups, such as providing information regarding domestic violence in languages other than English?

Answer—

- (1) Following the Auditor-General's confirmation in his 2011 report that domestic violence services under the previous Government were uncoordinated and ineffective, the NSW Government is developing an integrated domestic violence framework in consultation with key stakeholders to improve services and lives.
- (2) There are a number of specialist domestic violence services available in South Western Sydney. Additionally, women experiencing domestic violence can call the NSW Domestic Violence Line to be referred to refuges in the area.
- (3) Yes.

- *3272 LANDLORD AND TENANT (AMENDMENT) ACT 1948—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Fair Trading—

- (1) Approximately how many "protected tenants" remain under the Landlord and Tenant (Amendment) Act 1948?
- (2) What advice has the Minister received as to the likely outcome of the Government's proposal to repeal this Act?
- (3) Will the Minister act to ensure that elderly residents, many of whom are veterans, are not evicted from their homes as a result of the repeal of this legislation?

Answer—

NSW Fair Trading does not have reliable or confirmed information about how many protected tenancies may still be in place under the Landlord and Tenant (Amendment) Act 1948 (the Act). When this question was considered in 2011, the information provided by stakeholders was inconclusive and heavily qualified.

The Government will carefully consider all submissions received before making any decisions about repealing the Act, to ensure the likely impacts of any legislative changes are known and addressed appropriately.

*3273 PROPOSED CHANGES TO STRATA LAW—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Fair Trading—

Will the Minister commit that no apartment owner will be forced out of their home as a result of the Government's proposed changes to strata law?

Answer—

The process for terminating strata schemes is one of the matters examined in the Government's strata and community title law review discussion paper, Making NSW No. 1 Again: Shaping Future Communities, which was released on 15 September 2012. The paper sets out a number of possible options to deal with this issue and asks the community for their views.

The Government has not yet made any policy decisions on the issues discussed in the paper. The Government is committed to consulting widely to ensure that any new approach is shaped by the community's input and meets their needs. All submissions received will be carefully considered before any decisions are made on the issues raised in the discussion paper.

*3274 PHONE SCAM—REFUNDS BY BANKS—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Fair Trading—

(1) Is NSW Fair Trading aware of a scam facilitated by phone call where consumers are informed that the Government has refunds for people overcharged by banks however in order to claim the \$5,000 a processing fee of \$199 is required to be sent through Australia Post?

(2) If so, what action has the Government taken to counter this scam?

Answer—

I refer the Member for Bankstown to my response to Written Question 2778, which detailed Fair Trading's activities in this area.

*3275 CBD METRO—COMPENSATION CLAIMS—Mr Jamie Parker asked the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

(1) Regarding the 80 compensation claims in relation to the cancelled CBD Metro totalling \$12 million as at 30 June 2012 (as outlined in the Transport for NSW Annual Report 2011-2012):

(a) Which entities or individuals were awarded this compensation?

(b) What are the separate amounts of compensation to each entity or individual?

(2) Regarding the 11 compensation claims finalised in 2010 at a cost of \$1 million:

(a) Which entities or individuals were awarded this compensation?

(b) What are the separate amounts of compensation to each entity or individual?

(3) The Transport for NSW Annual Report 2011-2012 notes a further 3 outstanding compensation claims. Which entities or individuals have lodged those claims?

(4) Have any claims been made or finalised by Rozelle Village Pty Ltd or any related entities?

Answer—

I am advised:

Please refer to the answer provided by the Minister for Transport to the Question on Notice LA 3283.

*3276 STAGE TWO ASSESSMENT PANEL—CROWN LIMITED PROPOSAL, BARANGAROO—Mr Jamie Parker asked the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

(1) Who will be on the Stage Two assessment panel for the Crown Limited proposal at Barangaroo, aside from chair person Mr David Murray?

(2) (a) Will the panel include representatives of various community interests?

(b) If yes, which interests will be represented?

(3) Will the assessment panel's deliberations be open to the public?

(a) If yes, how can they be accessed?

(b) If no, what steps will be taken to ensure that the assessment panel's deliberations are transparent?

(4) Does the Government plan to keep the information and deliberations of the assessment panel confidential on the basis that the report will be a cabinet document?

(5) Will the public be invited to make submissions to the Stage Two assessment panel?

(6) Will the assessment panel be limited to only considering whether or not the proposed casino is

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- financially worthwhile for the state of NSW?
- (7) (a) Will the assessment panel consider the impact of a second casino on the community?
(b) If yes, what metrics will be used to measure the impact?
- (8) Will the assessment panel consider whether or not the changes to the Barangaroo plan to accommodate the hotel conflict with the findings of the Government's Barangaroo Review?
- (9) (a) Will the assessment panel be limited to considering a hotel/casino of the same gross floor area and height as the original Lend Lease hotel in the harbour?
(b) If no, will the assessment panel be open to considering hotel/casino of greater gross floor area and height in assessing whether the hotel/casino is viable for NSW?
- (10) What other submissions or tenders have been made to Lend Lease and/or the Barangaroo Delivery Authority (BDA) by entities wishing to operate a hotel?
- (11) (a) Will the proposed casino be the same floor area and height as the disallowed hotel in the harbour?
(b) If no, what is the proposed gross floor area and height of the casino?
- (12) Is the casino to be situated inside the current Lend lease precinct at Barangaroo South?
- (13) (a) Is the ratio of open space to buildings in Barangaroo South going to be maintained?
(b) If no, will consideration be given to allowing greater density of development in Barangaroo South?
- (14) (a) Will the existing limitations on height and gross floor space at Barangaroo South remain in force?
(b) If no, will consideration be given to allowing the casino an increase beyond the current concept plan approvals?
- (15) What criteria will be used to assess the proposal for a casino at Barangaroo?
- (16) How will the proposal for a casino be assessed for its financial return to the NSW economy?
- (17) (a) Once the casino is fully operational, what is the projected net financial benefit for the state?
(b) On what basis has the net financial benefit for NSW been calculated (what assumptions, tax rates and other relevant measures have been used to calculate the financial benefit)?
- (18) In its unsolicited proposal to the government, Crown estimates it will pay the NSW Government \$114 million a year once the casino is fully operational - what tax rate is this figure based on?
(a) Does the Government accept this figure as accurate?
(b) Does the Government accept the assumptions and tax rates used to arrive at this figure?
- (19) When will the assessment panel report back on its examinations of the net financial benefit to NSW of a second casino?
- (20) What will the panel consider in order to assess the net financial benefit to NSW of a second casino (assumptions, tax rates and other relevant measures)?
- (21) Will the NSW Government consider reimbursing Crown Ltd for the GST it pays to the Federal Government on its VIP operations, in line with the Victorian Government's similar reimbursement to Echo?
- (22) Has consideration been given to the rate at which the casino will be taxed?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Government announced the Stage Two assessment process for the Crown Limited proposal at Barangaroo on 3 November 2012.

A Steering Committee has been established to oversight the Stage Two assessment process. Other than the Chairperson, Mr David Murray, the Steering Committee comprises the Director General of the Department of Premier and Cabinet (DPC), the Director General of the Department of Trade and Investment, Regional Infrastructure and Services (DTIRIS) and the Secretary of NSW Treasury. The assessment panel, which reports to the Steering Committee, comprises senior officials nominated by the three Department heads.

Details regarding unsolicited proposals, including the Assessment Process and the Guide for Submission and Assessment, can be found at <http://www.nsw.gov.au/unsolicitedproposals>.

*3277 COWPER STREET GLEBE HOUSING PROJECT—Mr Jamie Parker asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

Has the Department of Finance and Services set aside finance for the full development of Cowper Street

Glebe Housing Project?

- (a) If yes, how much?
- (b) If no, when does the Department plan to do so?

Answer—

- (1) and (2) The total project cost of the Cowper Street Glebe Redevelopment Project is expected to be \$170 million.

The social and affordable housing components of the project, expected to cost \$87 million, will be funded from a range of sources including Land and Housing Corporation budget allocation, Commonwealth Housing Affordability Fund, sale of part of the site to the private sector and contributions from Bridge Housing Limited and City West Housing Corporation.

Construction of the private housing component of the project, expected to cost \$83 million, will be funded by the private sector.

*3278 LIFETIME CARE AND SUPPORT AUTHORITY—DISABILITY SPORTS CENTRE—Mr Jamie Parker asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

- (1) (a) Did the Motor Accidents Authority (MAA) in 2011 allocate \$10 million in funds to the Lifetime Care and Support Authority (LTCSA) in order to build a stadium for a disability sports centre?
 - (b) If yes, was this disability sports stadium announced by the former member for Balmain to be located at the old tram sheds at Harold Park, Glebe?
- (2) Will the Minister commit the \$10 million funding from the MAA will remain with the LTCSA?
 - (a) If yes, will the Minister commit that the LTCSA funding will be used for a disability sports centre?
 - (b) If no, why not?
- (3) Will the Minister commit to using the LTCSA funds as announced to fund the building of a disability sports centre at the old tram sheds at Harold Park, Glebe?
 - (a) If yes, what are the next steps in this process?
 - (b) If no, why not?

Answer—

There has previously been an in principle commitment to build a disability sports centre at Harold Park, Glebe subject to a number of conditions being met.

However, the proposed Tramsheds Project will not progress as anticipated. The principal reason being the sale of the associated land at the Harold Park development site to a private developer rather than to Sydney University as envisaged.

It should be noted that the LTCSA recently committed \$880,000 to the refurbishment of the Kevin Betts Stadium at Mount Druitt. This facility provides a range of activities for people who play sport in wheelchairs and to the broader community of the Western Suburbs.

In addition, the LTCSA has partnered with the Police and Community Youth Club and Agency for Clinical Innovation to establish four sites in Sydney which provide affordable, accessible and high quality gymnasium programs for people with neurological disabilities, primarily spinal cord injury. The Burn Rubber Burn program is now sustained by the PCYC in part through Government funding.

At the 29 May 2012 joint LTCSA and MAA Board meeting, in principle support was given to the LTCSA to use funding previously set aside for the Tramsheds project to develop a business case to use all or part of the funds for a broader Community Participation Grant Program.

The proposed Program, subject to further approvals, would provide a broader range of opportunities such as, participation in higher education, the arts, supported employment or capital grants for the built environment and technical aids to support and promote community participation after injury.

The Government remains committed to improving rehabilitation and community participation after injury through a broad range of activities such as, the arts, education, sport, and meaning employment.

*3279 SUN PROTECTION GUIDELINES FOR PRIMARY SCHOOLS—Mr Jamie Parker asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) Will revised sun protection guidelines for primary schools be implemented in 2013?
- (2) What will be the process for consulting with principals and school stakeholders?

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- (b) When will this process conclude?
(3) Will Cancer Council NSW be consulted prior to finalising the new guidelines?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) to (3) The specific issue of guidelines for sun protection in schools is a matter for the Minister for Education.

*3280 LIFETIME CARE AND SUPPORT AUTHORITY—DISABILITY SPORTS CENTRE—Mr Jamie Parker asked the Minister for Ageing, and Minister for Disability Services—

- (1) (a) Did the Motor Accidents Authority (MAA) in 2011 allocate \$10 million in funds to the Lifetime Care and Support Authority (LTCSA) in order to build a stadium for a disability sports centre?
(b) If yes, was this disability sports stadium announced by the former member for Balmain to be located at the old tram sheds at Harold Park, Glebe?
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(a) If yes, what are the next steps in this process?
(b) If no, why not?

Answer—

Please refer to Written Questions 2354 regarding sports facilities. This funding sits outside of my portfolio and the question should be directed to the Minister for Finance and Services.

*3281 PLANS FOR BAYS PRECINCT—Mr Jamie Parker asked the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW, Leader of the House—

When will the Minister release the full details of the Government's plans for the Bays Precinct?

Answer—

The Government is considering the Bays Precinct Report and will release all details in the future.

*3282 PART A OF CROWN LAND RESERVE TRUST NO. 1011588—Mr Jamie Parker asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Trade and Investment, and Minister for Regional Infrastructure and Services—

- (1) In regard to the CoAsIt Lease on part A of Crown Land Reserve Trust No. 1011588, otherwise known as Yasmar, can the Minister confirm when the Sunset Clause on the lease will expire?
(2) Have there been any requests for this lease to be extended?
(a) If yes, where did these requests come from?
(b) If yes, has consideration been given to extending the lease, and if so, by how long?
(3) Is the current Lessee claiming a rent rebate?
(a) If yes, on what basis?
(b) If yes, when will the basis for this rebate cease to be valid?
(4) When considering eligibility for Rent Rebates, what procedures are in place to ensure compliance with the Crown Lands Act?
(5) In regard to the future management of this Yasmar Lease, what procedures are in place to ensure that any further consideration of Rent Rebates in regard to this Leaser be managed in strict compliance with the Crown Lands Act, with particular regard to the provisions as set out in the document titled "Rent Concessions and hardship relief for Crown land tenure holders" April 2012?
(6) (a) In determining eligibility for a rent rebate, does the organisation have to be actively using the Crown land holding for the specified purpose (i.e. not just holding it)?
(b) If yes, was the CoAsIt lease deemed eligible under this criterion, and if so on what basis?
(7) Is eligibility for a rent rebate assessed on a case-by-case basis?
(8) Is the maximum level of rebate to non-profit or charitable organisations 50 per cent of the market rent?
(9) What was the level of rebate given to CoAsIt as part of that organisation's Lease on part A of Crown Land Reserve Trust No. 1011588 (Yasmar)?
(10) (a) What are the eligibility requirements for claims of eligibility relief?

- (b) Did CoAsIt meet these eligibility requirements and if so, how?
- (11) (a) What supporting documentation is required for an application of hardship relief?
(b) What such documentation was supplied in CoAsIt's hardship relief claim for Yasmar?
- (12) When was the lease for Yasmar signed by CoAsIt?
- (13) When did CoAsIt first pay rent on this lease?
- (14) What is the annual rent paid by CoAsIt for its lease of Yasmar?
(a) Is this the minimum rent allowed in the Crown Lands?
(b) Does this rent rate usually only apply to "eligible pensioners whose holding is their sole place of residence?"
- (15) In its original Expression of Interest dated 8 December 2006, what was the amount of rent offered by CoAsIt for the lease of Yasmar?
- (16) (a) Has consideration been given to establishment a Reserve Trust Board of Management for Yasmar?
(b) If yes:
(i) How would this board be appointed?
(ii) Would the board include community representatives?
(iii) Would the board include local Council representatives?
(iv) Would the board include relevant specialists in heritage, landscaping and restoration?
(v) Would the Board also be tasked with property and project management, business development and financial governance?
- (17) Has consideration been given to bringing the leasing of Yasmar Estate into a single integrated site?

Answer—

- (1) The existing sunset clause will expire on 31 December 2012.
- (2) No.
(a) and (b) Not applicable.
- (3) The current rent is set at the statutory minimum rent. This will apply until expiration of the current sunset clause.
- (4) Rebating of rents is discretionary under the Crown Lands Act 1989 with Ministerial approval.
- (5) Hardship is one consideration in determining rent rebates. Future rent for this lease will be determined consistent with the Crown Lands Act 1989.
- (6) (a) No. However, all tenure holders are expected to comply with lease conditions.
(b) See (6)(a).
- (7) Yes.
- (8) No.
- (9) Refer to answer to (3).
- (10) (a) and (b) Refer to answer to (7).
- (11) (a) Claims for financial hardship generally require the last three years of audited financial accounts, as well as any other documentation as required by Crown Lands.
(b) Co.As.It. did not request hardship relief. Co.As.It. sought relief as a result of their failure to gain development approval for a bilingual school, to assist them whilst they were procuring development consent.
- (12) November 2007.
- (13) 2011.
- (14) and 14. (a) Co.As.It. pays the Statutory minimum rent.
(b) No.
- (15) \$120,000 per annum.
- (16) (a) No. The affairs of Yasmar Reserve Trust are managed by the Lands Administration Ministerial Corporation.
(b) Not applicable.
- (17) See (16)(a).

*3283 CBD METRO—COMPENSATION CLAIMS—Mr Jamie Parker asked the Minister for Transport—

- (1) Regarding the 80 compensation claims in relation to the cancelled CBD Metro totalling \$12 million as at 30 June 2012 (as outlined in the Transport for NSW Annual Report 2011-2012):
(a) Which entities or individuals were awarded this compensation?
(b) What are the separate amounts of compensation to each entity or individual?

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- (2) Regarding the 11 compensation claims finalised in 2010 at a cost of \$1 million:
 (a) Which entities or individuals were awarded this compensation?
 (b) What are the separate amounts of compensation to each entity or individual?
- (3) The Transport for NSW Annual Report 2011-2012 notes a further 3 outstanding compensation claims. Which entities or individuals have lodged those claims?
- (4) Have any claims been made or finalised by Rozelle Village Pty Ltd or any related entities?

Answer—

I am advised:

For privacy reasons, information about individuals or entities either compensated or seeking compensation cannot be disclosed.

*3284 SMART AND SKILLED REFORMS—CRITERIA—Ms Carmel Tebbutt asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) What criteria will private registered training organisations need to meet to access public funds under the Smart and Skilled reforms?
 (2) How will these criteria be developed and how will they be monitored?

Answer—

- (1) The Smart and Skilled eligibility and assessment criteria for providers are currently being developed and will be published in 2013.
 (2) The criteria are being developed as part of a Smart and Skilled Quality Framework. The Framework will include measures to promote more effective and regular quality monitoring including working closely with the national regulator, the Australian Skills Quality Authority, and sanctions for non-performance.

*3285 SMART AND SKILLED REFORMS—VOCATIONAL TRAINING—Ms Carmel Tebbutt asked the Minister for Education—

How will the government ensure vocational training is delivered in regional and rural communities under the Smart and Skilled reforms?

Answer—

Smart and Skilled will deliver government subsidised training across the State. Approved training organisations will receive additional funding for training in regional locations. TAFE NSW and approved Adult and Community Education providers will also receive community service obligation payments to guarantee access to training in rural and remote areas.

The skills list to define what courses are subsidised will also be based on regional labour market analysis and regional industry consultation.

*3286 SMART AND SKILLED REFORMS—CONSUMER PROTECTIONS—Ms Carmel Tebbutt asked the Minister for Education—

What consumer protections will be in place for students under the Smart and Skilled reforms?

Answer—

Under a Smart and Skilled Quality Framework consumers will have a clear avenue for receiving advice on their rights and for lodging complaints. The process is currently being developed, and will be published in 2013.

*3287 SMART AND SKILLED REFORMS—TAFE FEES—Ms Carmel Tebbutt asked the Minister for Education—

Will the Minister guarantee that TAFE fees will not increase under the new system of calculating TAFE student fees announced in the Smart and Skilled reforms?

Answer—

Smart and Skilled will be implemented in 2014 with regulated fees and subsidies. Fee exemptions and concessions will be retained for disadvantaged students.

Student fees for Smart and Skilled will be published in 2013.

*3288 ALLOCATION OF LITERACY AND NUMERACY TEACHERS—Ms Carmel Tebbutt asked the Minister for Education—

Given your previous advice to General Purpose Standing Committee No 2 that 50 Government schools have received a share of the 120 literacy and numeracy teachers or equivalent FTE, what are the names of the remaining 70 Government schools that will be allocated teachers by the end of 2012?

Answer—

Funds to the equivalent to 70 full-time teaching positions will be progressively distributed by the end of December 2012, to the 50 schools that have had an Instructional Leader, Literacy and Numeracy appointed.

The funds are to be used to support:

- training of teachers in diagnostic assessment of literacy and numeracy needs of students
- tier 2 (small groups) and tier 3 (individual) interventions in literacy and numeracy. This allocation can be used to access specialised services such as speech pathology, or personnel to deliver literacy and numeracy intervention programs for K-2.

*3289 SERVICE GROUP STATEMENTS—Ms Carmel Tebbutt asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

- (1) Why do the 2012-13 Budget Papers for the Department of Education and Communities no longer include employees FTE, and a breakdown of employee-related expenses and grants and subsidies in the Service Group Statements, as was provided in the 2011-12 Budget Papers?
- (2) What are the employees FTE, employee-related expenses and grants and subsidies for each of the Service Groups for the Department of Education and Communities in 2012-13?

Answer—

- (1) Immediately prior to the NSW 2012-13 Budget, the Commonwealth Budget revealed a fall of \$5.2 billion in GST revenue for NSW over the forward estimates.

The Government subsequently gave Directors General as much flexibility as possible to achieve savings in the most appropriate way to meet the service requirements of their agencies. These savings have been identified post Budget.

- (2) It is intended that these will be provided in the 2013-14 Budget.

*3290 SCHOOL SECURITY FENCING—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) What schools in the Shellharbour electorate have (a) security fencing and (b) when was it installed?
- (2) (a) Which specific schools in the Shellharbour electorate are being considered for additional fencing?
(b) If not, why not?
- (3) Is there a timeframe for when these works will commence?

Answer—

- (1) (a) and (b) Barrack Heights Public School, Dapto High School, Dapto Public School, Kanahooka High School, Koonawarra Public School, Lake Illawarra South Public School, Lakelands Public School, Mount Brown Public School, Mount Warrigal Public School, Oak Flats Public School, Peterborough School, Warilla High School, Warilla North Public School and Warilla Public School have full perimeter security fencing that was installed during the period from 2000 to 2011.

Partial security fencing was installed at Balarang Public School and Oak Flats High School in 2003. Lake Illawarra High School received partial security fencing in 2006.

- (2) (a) All schools without security fencing are available to be considered for security fencing.
(b) Security fencing is one component of a wide range of security strategies that are provided to schools. Those strategies including alarm systems, video surveillance systems and security guard services that respond to alarm activations and patrol schools act as an effective deterrent to security incidents. The effectiveness of these and other strategies obviates the need for additional security fencing at schools in the Shellharbour electorate.
- (3) Not applicable.

*3291 MAJOR CAPITAL WORKS PROJECTS—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Education—

n relation to schools in the Shellharbour electorate:

- (1) What projects were nominated for funding under the Major Capital Works process in the financial years:
 - (a) (a) 2010-11;
 - (b) (b) 2011-12;

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(c) (c) 2012-13?

(2) What projects in which schools were successful for each of those years?

Answer—

(1) Projects that were nominated for funding under the Major Capital Works process are contained in the Total Asset Management (TAM) Plan, which was and continues to be subject to Cabinet-in-Confidence for both the previous Government and current Government.

(2) No major capital works projects were approved for the Shellharbour electorate in the 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13 financial years.

*3292 ILLAWARRA GOVERNMENT COORDINATION GROUP AND ILLAWARRA COMMUNITY ADVISORY PANEL—MEETINGS—Ms Anna Watson asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

(1) How many times has the Illawarra Government Coordination Group and Illawarra Community Advisory Panel met?

(2) What were the dates of these meetings and the location?

(3) What topics have been discussed at those meetings?

(4) Which members of the (a) Illawarra Government Coordination Group and (b) Illawarra Community Advisory Panel were (i) present and (ii) absent for these meetings?

(5) What Illawarra organisations have the (a) Illawarra Government Coordination Group and (b) Illawarra Community Advisory Panel met with and what topics were discussed at these meetings?

Answer—

I refer the member to my answer during Question Time on 24 October, 2012 Illawarra Community Advisory Panel.

*3293 PARRAMASALA FESTIVAL 2011 AND 2012—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

(1) What was the level of funding to the Parramasala Festival in 2011?

(2) What was the level of funding to the Parramasala Festival in 2012?

Answer—

(1) This question should be directed to the Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Hospitality and Racing, and Minister for the Arts.

(2) This question should be directed to the Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Hospitality and Racing, and Minister for the Arts.

*3294 PARRAMASALA FESTIVAL 2013—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

What will the level of funding to the Parramasala Festival be in 2013?

Answer—

This question should be directed to the Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Hospitality and Racing, and Minister for the Arts.

*3295 AFRICULTURES FESTIVAL 2013—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

Does the Government plan on maintaining the current level of funding for the 2013 Africultures Festival?

Answer—

The Community Relations Commission does not currently provide funding for the Africultures festival.

*3296 BANKSTOWN BITES FESTIVAL 2013—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

Does the Government plan on reducing funding for the Bankstown Bites Festival in 2013?

Answer—

The Community Relations Commission does not provide funding for the Bankstown Bites festival.

*3297 HOLROYD CITYFEST 2011 TO 2013—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

- (1) What was the level of funding for Holroyd CityFest in 2011?
- (2) What was the level of funding for Holroyd CityFest in 2012?
- (3) What is the projected level of funding for Holroyd CityFest in 2013?

Answer—

- (1) The Community Relations Commission did not provide funding for Holroyd CityFest in 2011.
- (2) The Community Relations Commission did not provide funding for Holroyd CityFest in 2012.
- (3) The Community Relations Commission has not, to date, provided funding for Holroyd CityFest in 2013.

*3298 EID FESTIVAL AND FAIR 2013—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

- (1) Does the Government plan to increase funding for the Eid Festival and Fair in 2013?
- (2) What was the funding allocation for the Eid Festival and Fair in 2011?

Answer—

- (1) The Community Relations Commission has not to date proposed funding for any Eid festivals in 2013.
- (2) The Community Relations Commission did not provide any funding in 2011 for an Eid Festival and Fair.

*3299 COMMUNITY FESTIVALS 2012—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

How many community festivals did the Government fund in 2012?

Answer—

The Community Relations Commission provided funding or sponsorship for 40 community events and festivals in 2012 under the Community Development Grants Program.

*3300 COMMUNITY FESTIVALS 2013—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

How many community festivals will the Government be funding in 2013?

Answer—

To date 28 community events and festivals have been provided funding or sponsorship under the Multicultural Advantage Grants Program (Sponsorship) in the 2012-13 financial year.

*3301 CULTURAL GROUPS—FUNDING FOR FESTIVALS 2013—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

Which cultural groups will receive funding for community based festivals in 2013?

Answer—

To date 28 community events and festivals have been provided funding or sponsorship under the Multicultural Advantage Grants Program (Sponsorship) in the 2012-13 financial year.

The majority of funds provided by the Commission have been provided for projects defined as "multicultural", that is working across communities. Sponsorship funds may also have been provided from other Government agencies.