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*2500 DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING DWELLINGS—Mr Richard Amery asked the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

- (1) What is the number of dwellings owned by the Department of Housing in each of the following suburbs:
 - (a) Hebersham;
 - (b) Blakett;
 - (c) Dharruk;
 - (d) Emerton;
 - (e) Lethbridge Park;
 - (f) Shalvey;
 - (g) Willmot;
 - (h) Bidwill?
- (2) In percentage terms, what does each of the above mentioned figures represent in terms of the public/private housing mix for each of the suburbs?

Answer—

Public housing dwellings are largely owned by the Land and Housing Corporation.

*2501 HUNTER INFRASTRUCTURE AND INVESTMENT FUND—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW, Leader of the House—

With regards to the Hunter Infrastructure and Investment Fund:

- (1) Who are the members of this fund?
- (2) When were they appointed?
- (3) How were they chosen?
- (4) How often did they meet in 2011-12?
- (5) How often will they meet in 2012-13?
- (6) What minutes, motions, decisions, resolutions are available to public access?
- (7) What is the total 2011-2015 budget?
- (8) How much was allocated and deliberated in 2011-12?
- (9) How much is allocated and deliberated in 2012-13?
- (10) Which of the decisions in 2011-12 and or 2012-13 were a result of the decision making and deliberations of the members of this fund as per minutes and motions available in public access documents?

Answer—

(1) The HIIF Advisory Board has five directors and an ex-officio member: Chairman Peter Blackmore, Annette Carruthers, Kristen Keegan, David Evans and Robert Monteath with Hunter Development Corporation General Manager Bob Hawes acting as an ex-officio member.

(2) Chairman Peter Blackmore was appointed by the Premier when the HIIF was first established on 27 June 2011. The remaining members were appointed on 23 November 2011.

(3) The four appointees (other than Chairman Peter Blackmore) were selected from a field of 43 applicants after a public application process on recommendations from an independent evaluation panel.

(4) Six times.

(5) Generally monthly as determined by the Board.

(6) As an advisory board to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, all the Board's deliberations are for the consideration of the Minister. All public announcements, including the recent call for proposals, regarding the HIIF are made available on the HIIF website

www.hunterinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au

The website also lists the projects to which funding has been allocated to date. The Board also intends to publish a 20 year regional infrastructure plan when it is finalised.

(7) to (9) This information is available on the website and in the Budget Papers.

(10) All projects that have received allocations to date were identified as commitments in the document Funding Our Commitments published by the Coalition in the lead up to the 2011 NSW General Election. The HIIF Advisory Board subsequently endorsed these allocations, commenced work on drawing up a 20-year regional infrastructure plan and launched a Call for Submissions for funding applications for new infrastructure projects.

*2502 HUNTER INFRASTRUCTURE AND INVESTMENT FUND—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW, Leader of the House—

With regard to the Hunter Infrastructure and Investment Fund:

- (1) Who comprises that committee/board?
- (2) In 2011-12, how many times did the committee/board meet?
- (3) In 2011-12, how much money was allocated to the fund?
- (4) In 2011-12, how much money was actually spent?
- (5) In 2011-12, what was the funding allocated to and/or the money spent on?
- (6) In 2012-13, how many times will the committee/board meet?
- (7) In 2012-13, how much money has been allocated to the fund?
- (8) In 2012-13, how much of the money has already been allocated and how much will be at the discretion of the committee/board via application or consideration for the remainder of 2012-13?

Answer—

- (1) The HIIF Advisory Board has five directors and an ex-officio member: Chairman Peter Blackmore, Annette Carruthers, Kristen Keegan, David Evans and Robert Monteath with Hunter Development Corporation General Manager Bob Hawes acting as an ex-officio member.
- (2) Six times.
- (3) to (8) Refer to the Budget Papers.

*2503 PROGRAMS UNDERTAKEN ALONG COOKS RIVER—Ms Linda Burney asked the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

As Sydney Water is required to undertake monitoring and leakage programs under its environment protection licence on behalf of the Cooks River Valley Association, what programs will be undertaken along the Cooks River?

Answer—

Sydney Water's Leakage Reduction Program will continue to be undertaken along the Cooks River. Since 2005, the Program has made good progress in finding and fixing the cause of poor water quality.

*2504 CROWN LAND IN PRATTEN PARK—Ms Linda Burney asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Trade and Investment, and Minister for Regional Infrastructure and Services—

- (1) Will Crown land in Pratten Park be formally transferred into the ownership of Ashfield Council, given that Ashfield Council has provided substantial financial investment and maintenance of this land?
- (2) If so, what formalities need to take place for this transfer of ownership to eventuate?

Answer—

- (1) Not at this time.
- (2) Not applicable.

*2506 HOME CARE WORKERS—Ms Linda Burney asked the Minister for Ageing, and Minister for Disability Services—

- (1) Will the Minister give home care workers a fair wage increase beyond the 2.5 per cent cap, without giving up employee conditions?
- (2) Will the Minister assist those workers with the rising cost of care insurance?
- (3) Will the Minister provide an allowance for the use of personal vehicles for work-related travel?
- (4) Will the Minister provide those workers with free flu vaccines?

Answer—

- (1) No - Ageing, Disability and Home Care and the Union agreed to a consent application being forwarded to the Industrial Relations Commission for a 2.5% wage increase.

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(2) and (3) Home Care workers are currently, and will continue to be paid a travel allowance based upon the kilometers travelled during work time, which compensates for maintenance and running costs of their private vehicle, including the cost of third party property insurance.

(4) Yes - Ageing, Disability and Home Care provides free flu vaccinations for all staff.

*2507 DRILLING FOR M5 EAST TUNNEL—Ms Linda Burney asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

(1) Will exploratory drilling for the M5 East tunnel in the Wolli bushland be performed in an environmentally friendly manner?

(2) What precautions are being taken, if exploratory drilling is commenced in the Wolli bushland, to protect the two-hectare section of the bushland?

Answer—

I am advised:

There are no current plans to test drill for road tunnels in the Wolli Creek valley.

Infrastructure NSW is currently preparing the State Infrastructure Strategy, which will make recommendations to the Government on the next motorway project.

If the expansion of the M5 East is recommended to proceed, a preferred route will be determined and a drilling program prepared in consultation with the local communities and other stakeholders.

Before any exploratory drilling is undertaken a review of environmental factors will be prepared to identify potential environmental risks and appropriate mitigation measures.

*2508 FUNDING FOR DUTY ADVOCACY SERVICES—Ms Linda Burney asked the Minister for Fair Trading—

(1) Will funding be provided for duty advocacy services by the Tenants Advice and Advocacy Service?

(2) If not immediately, when will consideration by the Government take place on the funding of these services?

Answer—

The Tenants Advice and Advocacy Program (the Program) is currently funded at a level of more than \$9 million. The current funding round for the Program concludes on 30 June 2013.

It should be noted that duty advocacy is provided within the currently funded Program. Duty advocacy services are provided at larger metropolitan centres where the Consumer, Trader and Tenancy Tribunal hears high volumes of tenancy matters and in other areas around the State on a needs basis.

As with all Government services and funding programs, the Government is required to assess Program funding prior to the conclusion of the current funding round.

*2509 LAND FOR INCLUSION IN WOLLI CREEK REGIONAL PARK—Ms Linda Burney asked the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW, Leader of the House—

(1) When is the Government proceeding with the acquisition of seven privately owned blocks of land earmarked for inclusion in the Wolli Creek Regional Park?

(2) Do the current owners of these blocks of land know that their properties are earmarked for acquisition into the park?

(3) Was one of these blocks recently cleared of native vegetation that would have been of value to the future park?

Answer—

(1) The Government's open space acquisition program is based around landowner requests to acquire. At this stage, the owners of these sites have not asked for their land to be acquired. If the landowners request acquisition, the purchase will be considered in conjunction with other requests for acquisition that the Government has already received.

(2) I am advised that Canterbury City Council notified all landowners affected by the change in zoning and the placement of a reservation over part of their land.

(3) I am advised that an inspection by Canterbury Council's tree preservation officer has identified that no native vegetation was removed and that no tree preservation order breach occurred.

*2510 WINDSOR BRIDGE REPLACEMENT—Ms Linda Burney asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

- (1) Why is the Government committed to building a modern bridge through Thompson Square Windsor, the oldest civic square in Australia, that will damage heritage, tourism and business activity with very little traffic flow benefits, rather than pursuing a properly planned bypass option?
- (2) Does the brochure title "Windsor Bridge replacement project honouring the past and building the future" accurately reflect what Thompson Square will look like after the bridge is built?
- (3) (a) Will the Roads and Maritime Service provide traffic lights at the intersection of George and Bridge Streets, Windsor?
(b) If so, will pedestrian and no right hand turn lights be installed?
- (4) Is the Government fully committed to building a replacement bridge through Thompson Square without waiting for the Environmental Impact Study and resultant public comment?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Windsor Bridge, built in 1874 for horse-drawn vehicles and foot traffic, is the oldest existing crossing on the Hawkesbury River. Over the life of the bridge, it has undergone a number of modifications to its structure to keep up with changes in the evolution of transport. The bridge is now unavoidably deteriorating and needs to be replaced to avoid significant disruption to the community. The existing bridge no longer meets current road design and safety standards.

The former State Labor Government announced in 2008 that it would replace Windsor Bridge and promised that construction would commence in 2009. The then RTA undertook community consultation in 2009, which considered 9 options for the bridge's route.

Submissions were received, and where groups and community members indicated a preference for an option, Option 1 was nominated by 40% of respondents (more than twice the support of any other option).

Unfortunately the former State Labor Government broke its promise to replace Windsor bridge and no further progress was made by the then RTA, despite the former Roads Minister promising construction would commence in 2009.

Roads and Maritime Services is working with the community and stakeholders to plan a replacement bridge that honours the unique heritage and history of Windsor. The proposed replacement bridge will provide a reliable and safe crossing of the Hawkesbury River that meets future business, tourism and local community demand.

Option 6 of the nine identified options is often described as the bypass option. This option requires both a bridge over the Hawkesbury River and an additional bridge over South Creek, with a 1.2 kilometre travel route cutting through the western edge of Governor Phillip Park. It is the least preferred of all the options by the Aboriginal community because of potential cultural heritage impacts, and it does not maintain an efficient connection to the town centre.

This bridge option also has the potential to impact on boat users' events in the area, including the Bridge to Bridge races, and does not perform well with respect to value for money. Local businesses also raised concerns that motorists using such a bypass would not bother to turn off to the Windsor town centre for shopping, resulting in a loss of business for Windsor town centre.

- (2) The brochure has a number of artist impressions of what the reserve may look like after the bridge is built and well into the future. For example the front cover was illustrated using a still image from Roads and Maritime Services' three-dimensional virtual model.

The virtual model is based on the current engineering model and can be viewed on the Roads and Maritime Services website.

The engineering plan on page 6 of the brochure is an accurate representation of engineering aspects of the proposal at the time it was developed. The details of this schematic are easily apparent to individuals who have a background in understanding these types of technical engineering drawings.

Some of the artistic representations in the document, such as the front cover and the diagrams on pages 3 and 4, or 9 and 10 of this brochure, are more interpretive and more readily understood by individuals who do not have a background in technical engineering drawing.

- (3) (a) New signals are proposed at the intersection of Bridge Street and George Street.

Traffic studies have shown that the existing roundabout experiences significant traffic delays and queue lengths. It is expected that the benefits of coordinating these new signals with the existing signals at the intersection of Bridge Street and Macquarie Street will improve traffic efficiency in the area, and discourage "rat running" through the local streets.

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(b) Pedestrian signals are currently planned at all four legs of this new arrangement to provide improved safety for pedestrians and other road users.

It is proposed that the northbound right turn from Bridge Street into George Street to head eastbound would be banned. All other right hand turn movements at the intersection are maintained under this proposal, including the southbound right turn from Bridge Street into George Street westbound.

Roads and Maritime Services is still investigating options to maintain all movements at the traffic signals without compromising traffic efficiency.

- (4) There is a statutory process for this project. Roads and Maritime Services will complete the concept design and environmental impact statement for the preferred option (option 1). This process takes into account input from the community and other stakeholders, as well as the requirements of the Director-General of the Department of Planning and Infrastructure, who has consulted with other government agencies regarding this project.

The Director-General's requirements guide the preparation of the environmental impact statement. It will include key issues such as heritage, urban design and visual impact, socio-economic impact, traffic, noise and vibration and will also take into account community comment.

The environmental impact statement will be placed on display for comment and the subsequent issues raised in submissions will be addressed by Roads and Maritime Services. An assessment report will then be prepared by the Director-General of the Department of Planning and Infrastructure for the Minister for Planning. The Minister for Planning will then determine whether or not to approve the project.

*2511 M5 EAST TUNNEL EMISSIONS—Ms Linda Burney asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) Following the release of a report by NSW Health on the M5 East tunnel emissions study (23 July 2012), does the Minister guarantee that emissions from the M5 East tunnel are not contributing to an increase in rates of cancer among nearby residents?
- (2) What measures will the Government take to warn motorists on the potential health hazards from emissions within the M5 East tunnel?
- (3) Can the Minister give details on the increase in cancer rates contained in the report?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) and (2) The Report (A review of cancer registry data in response to concerns about a possible excess of cancer associated with the emissions from the M5 East tunnel) is publically available, and found that there was no change in the rate of all cancers combined or leukaemia in the area surrounding the tunnel stacks and openings compared to the NSW average. Although there was an observed increase in the rate of lung cancer, this is unlikely to be related to the M5 tunnel because:

- There was an overall downward trend in air pollution in the six years following the opening of the tunnel.
- Lung cancer usually takes years to develop. Even if pollution levels had increased, it would be unusual for lung cancer incidence to increase so rapidly.
- Examination of lung cancer rates since 1981 reveals that the incidence of lung cancer in Turrella began to rise before the opening of the M5 East tunnel.

The NSW Health Air Pollution Expert Advisory Committee, which includes independent experts in cancer and public health epidemiology, has reviewed the Report and consider that the most likely explanations for the change in lung cancer rates in the area are changes in rates of smoking in the resident population. Chance may also be a factor, as the cancer rates for a small area may vary quite substantially from year to year. The Committee has recommended that no changes to the operation or management of the M5 East Motorway tunnel are indicated at this time.

(3) The Report is publically available at: http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/pubs/2012/m5_east_tunnel.html

*2512 REVENUE GENERATED FROM SAFETY CAMERAS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

How has the Government used the \$38 million revenue generated from safety cameras in the last financial year?

Answer—

I am advised:

All revenue generated from traffic fine cameras in the last financial year was directed to the Consolidated Fund and used to finance government programs. Information on government income and spending can be found on the NSW Treasury website.

On 1 June, this Government announced that revenue from speed, red-light and point-to-point camera offences will be used to directly fund road safety initiatives through the NSW Community Road Safety Fund. Legislation to establish the fund was passed by the Legislative Assembly on 13 September 2012 and will soon be considered by the Legislative Council.

Under this arrangement, fine revenue from camera-detected offences, including from fixed speed cameras, school zone cameras, mobile speed cameras, red-light and speed cameras, and point-to-point cameras will be used to fund road safety initiatives.

*2513 HUNTER SITES FOR DEVELOPMENT—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

- (1) Will the Minister implement changes to the State Budget so that Hunter sites are among those targeted for development?
- (2) If so, where will the development occur and when?

Answer—

It is unclear from the question which sites the Member is referring to.

*2514 FUNDING FOR HUNTER WOMEN'S CENTRE—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) Will funding be allocated to the Hunter Women's Centre so that their services can continue after 30 June 2012?
- (2) Will funding be provided for a case worker beyond 30 June 2012?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The Hunter Women's Centre has been allocated the amount of \$406,000 for the period 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013.
- (2) The funding amount includes funding towards a case worker position.

*2515 NEWCASTLE LOCAL AREA COMMAND—POLICE NUMBERS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) Have police numbers dropped by 21 in the Newcastle Local Area Command (Daily Telegraph 14 August 2012)?
- (2) If not, what is the exact figure that numbers have fallen to?
- (3) Why have police numbers fallen?

Answer—

Detailed information about NSW Police Force authorised and actual strength figures are available on the NSW Police Force website, www.police.nsw.gov.au

Operational capacity in the Newcastle City Local Area Command, as at 24 August 2012, was 98%. Any changes to authorised strength between May and June 2012 are as a result of the creation of standalone Traffic & Highway Patrol and Police Transport Commands.

Officers who were already performing highway patrol or commuter crime-related duties are no longer counted in individual Local Area Command numbers, rather they are counted under the respective of the two Commands and go towards the total number for Field Operations shown on the strength figures.

*2516 NEWCASTLE COURT HOUSE DEVELOPMENT—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW, Leader of the House—

- (1) How many car parking spaces are there at the Newcastle Court House development, approved by the Joint Regional Planning Panel on 10 August 2012?
- (2) How many staff will be based on the site?
- (3) How many on-site disabled parking spaces will be allocated?
- (4) How many on-site car parking spaces will be provided for jurors?
- (5) How many on-site car parking spaces will be provided for clients?

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Answer—

- (1) The Hunter & Central Coast Joint Regional Planning Panel approved a total of 25 basement car parking spaces as part of their approval of the Newcastle Court House development.
- (2) The new Court House is anticipated to accommodate up to 80 permanent staff.
- (3) A total of 2 car parking spaces have been allocated for disabled parking.
- (4) and (5) The 25 car parking spaces are for serving judges, magistrates and departmental vehicles. There are no car spaces allocated for jurors or clients.

*2517 EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT NURSES—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) As at July 2012, how many full-time equivalent Emergency Department nurses are employed at the:
 - (a) John Hunter Hospital;
 - (b) Calvary Mater Hospital?
- (2) How many positions are filled and how many are vacant?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) and (2) Staffing levels are determined and adjusted as required by local management in line with patient need and specific award and benchmark tools.

At any one time hospitals operate with a degree of staff vacancies. However, where vacancies exist, temporary qualified staff are employed where required pending recruitment to these positions.

*2518 EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT SPECIALISTS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) As at July 2012, how many full-time equivalent Emergency Department specialists are there at the:
 - (a) John Hunter Hospital;
 - (b) Calvary Mater Hospital?
- (2) How many positions are filled and how many are vacant?
- (3) What staffing enhancements are planned to increase full-time equivalent staff specialist Emergency Medicine Consultants for 2012-13?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) to (3) Staffing levels are determined and adjusted as required by local management in line with patient need and specific award and benchmark tools.

At any one time hospitals operate with a degree of staff vacancies. However, where vacancies exist, temporary qualified staff are employed where required pending recruitment to these positions.

*2519 EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT REGISTRARS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) As at July 2012, how many full-time equivalent Emergency Department registrars are employed at the:
 - (a) John Hunter Hospital;
 - (b) Calvary Mater Hospital?
- (2) How many positions are filled and how many are vacant?
- (3) What staffing enhancements are planned to increase full-time equivalent staff registrars in Emergency Medicine for 2012-13?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) to (3) Staffing levels are determined and adjusted as required by local management in line with patient need and specific award and benchmark tools.

At any one time hospitals operate with a degree of staff vacancies. However, where vacancies exist, temporary qualified staff are employed where required pending recruitment to these positions.

*2521 AUSTRALIAN REGISTRARS' NATIONAL ELECTRONIC CONVEYANCING COUNCIL—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

- (1) Does the Minister agree with proposals from the Australian Registrars' National Electronic Conveyancing Council to establish a national system of electronic conveyancing?
- (2) (a) What NSW specific requirements, if any, does the Minister propose for the national system?
(b) What additional costs will result from such requirements?

Answer—

- (1) The proposal for a national system for electronic conveyancing is an initiative of the Council of Australian Governments (COAG). It is one of seventeen business reforms included in COAG's National Partnership to Deliver a Seamless National Economy, to which NSW became a signatory in December 2008. The NSW government continues to support the initiative.
- (2) (a) I am advised that only one NSW specific rule is currently proposed. The proposed rule will state that only solicitors and licensed conveyancers are eligible to represent a client in electronic conveyancing. The proposed rule will make it clear that existing legal restrictions on the conduct of legal work continue to apply in electronic conveyancing. The proposed rule has the support of both the Law Society of NSW and the Australian Institute of Conveyancers.
(b) No additional cost will result from the proposed rule as it merely clarifies that an existing NSW legal requirement continues to apply.

*2522 PROVISIONAL APPREHENDED DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ORDERS—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

What is the Attorney General's response to requests by the NSW Police for amendments to the Crimes (Domestic and Personal Violence) Act for police to issue provisional Apprehended Domestic Violence Orders?

Answer—

I am advised:

My Department is currently in discussions with the NSW Police Force to examine details as to how a system of police issued orders may operate across NSW.

My Department is also involved in work that is taking place at the national level through the Standing Committee on Law and Justice.

*2524 EFFECTIVENESS OF OFFENDER MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

- (1) What is the status of the review being conducted by the Department of Attorney General and Justice to evaluate the effectiveness of offender management programs?
- (2) Has the review been completed?
 - (a) If so, when and where is it available?
 - (b) If not, when will it be completed?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The NSW Commission of Audit recommended that the Department of Attorney General and Justice conduct a review of offender management programs.
- (2) The Department is currently conducting a number of reviews of offender management programs to assess the effectiveness of these programs. Following the completion of this review, the Government will invest funds in interventions to reduce crime and will discontinue those offender management programs that have not proved effective.

*2528 COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

As a result of the reduction in funding in the 2012-13 Budget in the category Community Based Services, what:

- (a) programs will be reduced, altered or discontinued;
- (b) staff positions will be reduced;
- (c) services will not be provided?

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Answer—

The Youth Drug and Alcohol Court closed on 1 July 2012. The YDAC program was costly, with funding in excess of \$4 million per year and an average of 17 graduates annually. Consistent with the Government's aim to divert people away from the criminal justice system, young offenders appearing before the Children's Court will continue to receive drug and alcohol treatment and appropriate supervision where directed by the Court.

The reduced budget allocation will be managed through organisational efficiencies. Service delivery will not be affected. Staff have been, and will continue to be, managed in accordance with the Public Sector guidelines for managing excess employees. However, to minimise the impact on staff, vacant positions have been targeted for deletion wherever possible.

*2529 JUVENILE CUSTODIAL SERVICES—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

As a result of the reduction in funding in the 2012-13 Budget in the category Juvenile Custodial Services, what:

- (a) programs will be reduced, altered or discontinued;
- (b) staff positions will be reduced;
- (c) services will not be provided?

Answer—

I am advised:

The full scope of programs and services will continue to be offered, just to a smaller number of young people due to a decline in the numbers of young people in custody.

Staff numbers will be reduced in line with the reduced numbers of young people in custody at Juvenile Justice Centres. Staff have been, and will continue to be, managed in accordance with the Public Sector guidelines for managing excess employees. However, to minimise the impact on staff, vacant positions have been targeted for deletion wherever possible.

*2530 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FRAMEWORK—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

- (1) Which non-Government organisations have been involved in the development of the Government's Domestic Violence Framework?
- (2) Has the framework been completed?
 - (a) If so, where is it available?
 - (b) If not, when will it be completed?

Answer—

- (1) Consultations are planned for September 2012 and non-government stakeholder organisations that have been invited to attend include: Women's Refuges, Legal Services, Specialist Domestic Violence Services; Charitable organisations; Women's Health and Welfare Agencies; Family Support and Child Support Services; Aboriginal and CALD agencies and Housing Providers/Support services.
- (2) No.
 - (a) N/A
 - (b) Elements will become available in 2012 with the final Framework released in early 2013.

*2531 UPGRADE OF STACEY STREET, BANKSTOWN—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

- (1) Will the 2012-13 budget provide funding to upgrade Stacey Street, Bankstown?
- (2) If so, will funding be provided to cover the open drain between McCauley Avenue and Stanley Street?
- (3) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) There is no current funding for upgrading Stacey Street, Bankstown.
- (2) The drain between McCauley Avenue and Stanley Street is the responsibility of Sydney Water.
- (3) Funding, as with the delivery of all road infrastructure improvements in NSW, is subject to a process of careful evaluation in line with state wide priorities.

*2532 IMPROVEMENTS TO HENRY LAWSON DRIVE—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

- (1) Will the 2012-13 budget provide funding to improve Henry Lawson Drive?
- (2) If not, why not?

Answer—

Please refer to response to Written Question 2400.

*2533 M5 EAST DUPLICATION—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

- (1) Will the 2012-13 budget provide funding to the M5 East duplication?
- (2) If not, why not?

Answer—

The NSW Government has committed to commencing one of Sydney's major motorways in our first term of Government with the appropriate project to be identified by Infrastructure NSW.

Infrastructure NSW is currently preparing the State Infrastructure Strategy which will make a recommendation to the Government on whether the M5 East duplication, the M4 extension, the F3-M2 link, or the F6 extension should be prioritised.

The NSW Government has set aside \$30 million to commence preparations for the missing link as soon as the priority project is identified by Infrastructure NSW.

*2534 LIFT INSTALLATIONS AT YAGOONA AND PUNCHBOWL TRAIN STATIONS—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport—

- (1) Will the 2012-13 budget provide funding to install lifts at Yagoona and Punchbowl train stations?
- (2) If not, why not?

Answer—

The NSW Government is committed to improving public transport services and providing a world-class transport system people want to use.

On the 23 April the NSW Government announced a new Transport Access Program 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 Transport Access Program includes more than \$770 million over four years.

Over \$100 million was allocated in the first round of the Transport Access Program, which will see improvements at over 35 locations in coming months.

More planning and design work will now occur to see which projects will come next. Yagoona and Punchbowl stations will be considered as part of this process.

*2535 BANKSTOWN TRAIN STATION UPGRADE—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport—

- (1) Will the 2012-13 budget provide funding to upgrade Bankstown train station in recognition of Bankstown as a major transport hub?
- (2) If not, why not?

Answer—

The NSW Government is committed to improving public transport services and providing a world-class transport system people want to use.

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Over \$100 million was allocated in the first round of the Transport Access Program, which will see improvements at over 35 locations in coming months.

On 29 May 2012 the NSW Government announced an additional \$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.

More planning and design work will now occur to see which projects will come next. Bankstown station will be considered as part of this process.

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*2536 BUDGET FUNDING FOR BASS SCHOOL FOR SPECIAL PURPOSES—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Education—

In reference to the NSW Budget 2012-13 Infrastructure Statement:

- (1) Why have no funds been allocated to complete the Bass School for Special Purposes in the 2012-13 financial year?
- (2) (a) Has funding been set aside for this important project?
(b) If not, why not?

Answer—

- (1) Funds have been allocated to the capital project being undertaken at the Bass School for Special Purposes in the 2012-13 financial year. The allocation was not shown in the 2012-13 Infrastructure Statement (Budget Paper No.4) due to the commercially sensitive nature of this information when the budget was published.
- (2) (a) Yes.
(b) N/A

*2537 ENERGY ACCOUNTS PAYMENT ASSISTANCE SCHEME—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Resources and Energy, Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Central Coast—

Will the Government cut struggling Bankstown families' bills by investing \$55 million over 5 years to the Energy Accounts Payment Assistance Scheme?

Answer—

The former Labor Government announced in 2009 an additional \$55 million in funding over five years to expand the Energy Accounts Payment Assistance scheme yet never delivered on this promise.

In 2010, then Energy Minister John Robertson dumped the scheme's announced expansion, reduced the budget allocation and subsequently froze the scheme's budget.

This Government has markedly increased the amount of assistance for energy consumers. The 2012-13 Budget contains a \$210 million assistance package to help households with energy rising costs which will deliver rebates to over 940,000 eligible households.

The Government has also increased the 2012-13 funding allocation for the EAPA scheme.

The Member is encouraged to note that the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal has confirmed that Labor's carbon tax is responsible for rising electricity prices from 1 July.

The best way to alleviate the pressure on NSW households is to stop the carbon tax - a policy which has the full support of the NSW Labor Party.

*2538 WOOLLOOMOOLOO HOUSING SECURITY—Ms Clover Moore 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 Woolloomooloo public tenants' reports of break and enter offences and noting that many properties in this area are heritage terraced homes built on the footpath or close to the roadway:

- (1) How many reports have been made of break and enters to Housing NSW properties in Woolloomooloo in 2012?
- (2) What advice has the Government obtained from Crime Prevention Officers about target hardening and preventing break-ins in Woolloomooloo?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force has advised me:

- (1) Its database does not record statistics in the terms requested.
- (2) Crime Prevention Officers do not provide advice directly to Government, rather to local residents through a number of initiatives including property safety audits and community meetings. Community safety audits are conducted in conjunction with City of Sydney Council and NSW Housing. Crime prevention packs are forwarded to all victims of break and enter offences with advice on how to better secure their home and protect personal belongings.

*2539 FUNDING FOR REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE—Mr Ryan Park asked the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

In relation to the recent budget announcement regarding public housing:

- (1) How much of the \$210.2 million for repairs and maintenance in public and community housing will be spent on housing projects located in the electorate of Keira?
- (2) Will the Minister provide a list of these projects?

Answer—

- (1) \$2.848 million is the estimated expenditure within the electorate.
- (2) Repairs and maintenance projects are prioritised and re-prioritised on an ongoing basis.

Repairs are undertaken immediately if they are urgent or constitute a health or safety issue. The estimated expenditure is based on the age, condition and number of properties in an area, however, the actual spend may vary from year to year.

*2540 ILLAWARRA GOVERNMENT COORDINATION GROUP—Mr Ryan Park asked the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

- (1) What topics and issues have been discussed at the Illawarra Government Coordination Group meetings?
- (2) What will the Government deliver in terms of specific actions, projects and initiatives as a result of the meetings of the Illawarra Government Coordination Group to date?

Answer—

The Illawarra Government Coordination Group and the Illawarra Community Advisory Panel have discussed various issues including the development of new models to assist small and medium enterprises, funding for key community groups, building the ICT industry in the Illawarra, Coastal Zone Management Plans and the Illawarra Regional Information Service.

*2541 MOUNT OUSLEY ROAD LINE MARKING—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

- (1) When will the line marking on Mount Ousley Road be completed now that the paving of the surface is complete?
- (2) Why has the line marking and reflective markers taken so long to finish?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The line marking on Mount Ousley Road was completed on 8 August 2012.
- (2) Completion of the work was delayed by wet weather.

*2542 BAYS PRECINCT TRANSPORT OPTIONS—Mr Jamie Parker asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

- (1) What provisions are being considered for separate (internal) road access for the use of maritime and ports in the Bays Precinct to ensure that traffic impacts on local roads are minimised?
- (2) (a) Is the Government considering introducing regular ferry services to Rozelle Bay and White Bay?
(b) If yes, when are these services planned to start?
- (3) (a) Is the government considering an extension of the light rail to Rozelle Bay and White Bay?
(b) If yes, when are works estimated to start?
- (4) (a) Is the Roads and Maritime Service (RMS) proceeding to approve its own proposal for the slip road at the head of Rozelle Bay?
(b) If yes, why is the RMS doing so before the Bays Precinct Master Plan has been finalised?
- (5) Are any provisions being made to quarantine land for any M4 East extension?
- (6) Will the Bays Precinct Master Plan require that any M4 East must cross the bays by tunnel, rather than the Anzac Bridge?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) to (6) The Government is currently considering the Bays Precinct Taskforce Report which addresses the issues raised in your questions. The Government will respond to the Taskforce Report soon.

*2543 FERAL ANIMAL CONTROL—Mr Richard Torbay asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Small Business—

- (1) Can Game Council NSW demonstrate any evidence of the reduction of the impacts of feral animals on ecosystems in declared state forests?

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- (2) Given that most Government agencies involved in feral animal control identify deer as a potential pest species, is Ecological Deer Management, as promoted by Game Council NSW, an appropriate management tool on public land?
- (3) Given that ground shooting at night is the most common and effective method of deer population control used by Government agencies, why does the Game and Feral Animal Control Regulation apply conditions to game hunting licences prohibiting licensed hunters from hunting at night, using artificial light and using a vehicle when hunting deer?
- (4) Have any additional costs been incurred by Forests NSW in managing forests declared under the Game and Feral Animal Control Act?
- (5) What savings have been generated by Forests NSW through the use of conservation hunting as a method of feral animal control?

Answer—

- (1) Empirical evidence of the reduction of the impacts of feral animals on ecosystems in State forests will become available after research programs are conducted.
- (2) Deer are listed as a game animal under the Game and Feral Animal Control Act 2002. Ecological Deer Management promotes best practice management of wild deer in NSW.
- (3) Daylight hunting and hunting on foot are the safest methods of hunting.
- (4) Yes. Set-up costs (e.g. signage, risk assessment and training) were met from normal operating budgets.
- (5) I am advised the opportunity cost of removing the number and types of feral animals taken from State forests by conservation hunters indicates a potential saving of \$2.4 million in 2011-12.

*2544 WORKING CONDITIONS OF PARAMEDICS—Mr Richard Torbay asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) What is considered a reasonable amount of overnight relief for paramedics to perform their duties and what protection policy does the Ambulance Service of NSW provide for paramedics in regional NSW and their families against the rostering of excessive overnight relief shifts per month, including kilometres travelled?
- (2) (a) Is the Ambulance Service of NSW operating at appropriate paramedic levels in regional areas?
(b) If not, what action is being taken to address this issue?
- (3) What are the starting, finishing and assessment dates for the satellite station project at Mungindi Ambulance Station?
- (4) What prevention measures does the Ambulance Service of NSW provide for NSW paramedics to protect them from single on call duties?
- (5) What affective policies and strategies does the Ambulance Service of NSW have in place for NSW paramedics and their families to adequately maintain their fitness, health and wellbeing?
- (6) (a) Does a consultation process occur between the Ambulance Service of NSW and its employees in regard to major work condition changes?
(b) If not, when will this be addressed?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1), (2) and (4) The amount of overnight relief required of paramedics is determined by the demand for on call working required by the roster and the staff available to cover it.

The Operational Ambulance Officers (State) Award allows paramedics to perform 14 on call periods in each 28 days. By mutual agreement with the Ambulance Service, paramedics are able to undertake additional on call periods.

Relief is sourced from stations with the capacity to provide it and generally within the same Zone. The Ambulance Service attempts to minimise travel in all situations.

(3) The satellite project for Mungindi will not be progressing. The proposal was examined and determined not to be an appropriate rostering practice at this time.

(5) Under the Health and Wellness Program, the Ambulance Service is implementing a Health Assessment Program and a Health Support Program.

The Health Assessment Program provides for three yearly health assessments for paramedics to assist them to monitor their health and wellbeing. More frequent assessments can be undertaken if a health condition is identified that requires monitoring in relation to fitness to perform required duties.

The Health Support Program assists paramedics to improve their personal health and wellbeing through community campaigns and health strategies such as access to psychologists, smoking cessation, weight loss and a fitness program.

The Service also provides training programs to assist paramedics to deal with grief through peer support, managing stress and dealing with conflict, and has a comprehensive range of staff support services. The Service has trained staff as "Grievance Contact Officers" to assist staff in the workplace. Staff also have access to an Employee Assistance Program facilitated by an external provider and a Chaplaincy Program.

(6) (a) and (b) The Health Services Union, the industrial body with coverage of Ambulance Service paramedics, are consulted about any major changes to working conditions. These consultations occur at both a State level with HSU officials and at a local level with union delegates. The Ambulance Service also consults with local paramedics where changes may have an impact on them.

*2545 ASSISTANCE FOR FAMILIES—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

Given the Government's appeals to the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal for Sydney Water to increase prices by 30%, what State assistance will be given to large sole income families to aid in meeting these rising costs of living?

Answer—

Sydney Water supports those who are experiencing financial hardship, and has developed a new Payment Assistance Strategy. This strategy has a focus on proactive assistance and early identification to help customers.

Programs that Sydney Water is supporting include:

- The No Interest Loans Scheme (NILS), which helps low income households, reduce water bills by buying water efficient appliances such as washing machines.
- The Special Plumbing Assistance service that subsidises plumbing repairs for people in financial difficulty.
- Flexible billing options.

*2546 COMMUNITY BUILDING PARTNERSHIP GRANTS—REPLACEMENT—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

(1) What alternative means of providing future funding assistance for community groups and organisations are being considered to replace the current Community Building Partnership Grants?

(2) What are the details of how each of the alternate programs being considered will be administered?

Answer—

The Community Building Partnership Program is administered by the NSW Department of Premier and Cabinet, therefore this matter should be redirected to the Premier.

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2547 NON-GOVERNMENT HOUSING SOCIETIES—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

2548 PARKING SPACES AT HORNSBY HOSPITAL—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

2549 ST GEORGE HOSPITAL PERITONECTOMY SURGERY UNIT—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

2550 REVIEW OF SPECIAL PURPOSE TRUST FUNDS—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

2551 LONG OUTSTANDING RECONCILING ITEMS—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

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- 2552 SETTLING INTRA HEALTH TRANSACTIONS—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 2553 MASTER SERVICES AGREEMENTS—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 2554 DISPUTED OR ON HOLD INVOICES—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 2555 HIRING AND USE OF CONTRACTORS—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- *2558 SYDNEY CRICKET AND SPORTS GROUND TRUST MASTER PLAN—Ms Clover Moore asked the Minister for Sport and Recreation—

With regard to the SCG Trust precinct long-term master plan:

- (1) Will a draft be published on line?
- (2) How will community input be sought?
- (3) How will adjacent residents be consulted with?
- (4) What consultation has occurred so far?
- (5) What approval processes are required before the master plan is finalised?
- (6) When will the master plan be finalised?
- (7) To what extent does the master plan involve development, tree removal or loss of grasslands on land under the Centennial Park and Moore Park Trust?
- (8) How will the Centennial Park and Moore Park Trust be consulted?

Answer—

- (1) to (8) The master plan is a document developed by the Sydney Cricket and Sports Ground Trust. The master plan developed by the Trust has not been considered by the Government. It is not a Government endorsed plan.

I am advised:

- Preliminary information has been published on the Trust website.
- Consultation has been undertaken with current Trust tenants, users, Centennial Park & Moore Park Trust and Fox Studios. The Trust looks forward to engaging with the wider community at the appropriate time.
- The Trust will follow the required statutory process in relation to delivery of its plan which will be undertaken on a project by project basis to any agreed staging program.
- Like all master plans it is a working document. As part of an ongoing process, improvements to the plan will be made.
- As the master plan is currently a concept it is not yet known what impacts there might be on local flora.

- 2559 STYX RIVER LOGGING—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Small Business—

- *2560 PRODUCTS WITH BATTERY CHARGERS—Ms Clover Moore asked the Minister for Fair Trading—

Following reports of links between a drill battery left charging and a fire that destroyed a Gold Coast home in May:

- (1) What risks exist from leaving power tool and electronic battery chargers on?
- (2) What checks are carried out for fire safety before products with battery chargers are allowed for sale?
- (3) Have there been any reports of fires or near fires associated with products with battery chargers being left on?
- (4) What action will the Government take on this issue?

Answer—

- (1) NSW Fair Trading advises that the risk is minimal, provided that the battery charger is being used in the normal manner in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions, and taking into account normal wear and tear.
- (2) Battery chargers of a household type are 'Declared Articles' (Power Supply or Charger) under the Electricity (Consumer Safety) Act 2004 and as such must be approved before they may be offered

for sale. Approval is based on the presentation of a test report from a recognised test laboratory verifying compliance with the relevant requirements of a gazetted safety standard.

(3) Fires in battery chargers occasionally occur, however reported incidences with battery chargers associated with cordless tools are extremely rare in NSW.

(4) The NSW Government continues to monitor safety issues and acts to recall products as appropriate.

*2561 ENERGY PRICING AND NETWORK INVESTMENT—Ms Clover Moore asked the Minister for Resources and Energy, Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Central Coast—

With regard to concerns raised by the Australian Energy Regulator about over-investment in energy infrastructure associated with rising power costs:

(1) What plans will the Government consider to inform consumers about:

- (a) peak power rates;
- (b) ways to manage electricity use to lower costs?

(2) What plans does the Government have to make the network more efficient to reduce the need for infrastructure investment?

(3) To what extent will the NSW Government work with the Australian Energy Regulator to create new rules for price setting that focus on efficiency of network management to curb rising electricity prices?

(4) What consideration has the Government given to the regulator's proposal to the Australian Energy Market Commission for new price setting rules?

Answer—

(1) The websites of the Division of Resources and Energy and the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal provide information services to assist consumers in managing their power bills and to assist them in comparing energy offers.

(2) Following the 2011 election, the NSW Government called for an immediate review of the electricity network reliability licence conditions to prevent over-spending which may be forcing up power prices. All scenarios in the AEMC's final report will be considered with the implications for all customers in mind, including those already receiving less than average reliability.

(3) and (4) The new rules for economic regulation of energy network service providers proposed by the AER are currently before the AEMC. The NSW Government has written to the Commission as part of the consultation process.

*2562 RENT IT KEEP IT PROGRAM—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

In relation to the "Rent it Keep it" program:

(1) How many client service officers in the Illawarra region are trained in the provision of this program?

(2) Are there other services that provide this program in the Illawarra region?

(3) Are there plans to increase the number of housing staff trained in this program?

- (a) If so, what is the timeline?
- (b) If not, why not?

Answer—

(1) The Illawarra region has two Client Service Officers trained to provide the 'Rent it Keep it' program.

(2) Yes - There is one non-Government community housing provider who facilitates the 'Rent it Keep it' program.

(3) No - These services are already provided by Housing NSW staff and by a local community housing provider.

*2563 DIVIDEND PAYMENTS—Mr Ryan Park asked the Treasurer—

(1) (a) Did the Government make a commitment to freeze dividend payments from State electricity companies before the last election?

(b) If so, why has that not occurred?

(2) When will the Government honour this commitment to help reduce the cost of living for Illawarra families?

Answer—

(1) The Government is delivering on its election commitment not to increase electricity dividends above currently budgeted levels in our first term of government.

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Year	2010-11 Budget Dividend Forecast	2012-13 NSW Budget
2011-12	\$903 million	\$820 million (decrease of 9%)
2012-13	\$1,144 million	\$999 million (decrease of 13%)

(Source: 2012-13 Budget Paper No. 2 page 5-18)

Total electricity dividends comply with the election commitment and are below the total forecast by the prior Government.

(2) The commitment has been met.

2564 CYCLEWAYS FUNDING—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

*2565 CASEWORKER NUMBERS—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

(1) How many caseworkers does the Minister's agency employ across NSW to support and protect children and families?

(2) Has this number increased or decreased over the last two years?

(3) Are there any current caseworker positions that have not been filled by new staff?

(a) If so, how many?

(b) If not, why?

Answer—

(1) and (2) Data on the number of caseworkers employed for 2011-12 will be available in the Department of Family and Community Services 2011-12 Annual Report which will be released later in 2012, in accordance with the Auditor General's requirements. Information about caseworker numbers in previous years is available in previous annual reports.

(3) Community Services undertakes rolling recruitment of caseworkers and continues to make permanent appointments to caseworker positions in line with its budget and service delivery requirements.

2566 CONSERVATORIUMS OF MUSIC FUNDING—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Hospitality and Racing, and Minister for the Arts—

2567 CONSERVATORIUMS OF MUSIC FUNDING—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Education—

*2568 SPONSORED OVERSEAS EMPLOYEES—Mr Jamie Parker asked the Minister for Transport—

(1) Is the Leichhardt Bus Depot hiring sponsored overseas employees?

(a) If yes, which country/s are the sponsored employees coming from?

(b) If yes, are the overseas sponsored employees being paid non-unionised wages?

(c) If yes, in which roles are the overseas sponsored employees being placed?

(2) Is Sydney Buses being prepared for privatisation?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) No.

(2) The Government has no plans to privatise Sydney Buses.

2569 PROPOSED SALE OF METRO RESIDENCES RYDALMERE AND WESTMEAD—Mrs Barbara Perry to ask the Minister for Ageing, and Minister for Disability Services—

2570 RESIDENTS FROM METRO RESIDENCES RYDALMERE AND WESTMEAD—Mrs Barbara Perry to ask the Minister for Ageing, and Minister for Disability Services—

*2571 COMPULSORY FIRE LEVIES—Mr Greg Piper asked the Treasurer—

How much revenue does the Government receive annually from compulsory fire levies imposed on fire insurance policies?

Answer—

73.7 per cent of the annual funding needs of Fire and Rescue NSW, the NSW Rural Fire Service and the NSW State Emergency Service are collected from insurance companies operating in NSW. The total amount collected from insurance companies is around \$700 million per year, as outlined in the following table:

2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
\$672 million	\$711 million	\$695 million

Because insurance policies may cover multiple risks, it is not possible to estimate the amount paid solely in respect of fire insurance policies.

- 2572 NSW FIRE BRIGADE BUDGET—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 2573 INCIDENTS OF CRUELTY TO HORSES AT NSW RACECOURSES—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 2574 PREMIER'S SPORTING CHALLENGE—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—
- 2575 TRANSITION TO YEAR 7 INITIATIVE—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—
- 2576 BUDGET FUNDING FOR STUDENTS FROM A NON-ENGLISH SPEAKING BACKGROUND—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—
- 2577 BUDGET FUNDING FOR ABORIGINAL EDUCATION—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—
- 2578 CHILD WELLBEING UNIT—STAFF—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—
- 2579 CHILD WELLBEING UNIT—REPORTS MADE—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—
- 2580 SIGNIFICANT RISK OF HARM REPORTS 2010-11—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 2581 SIGNIFICANT RISK OF HARM REPORTS 2011-12—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- *2583 YENNORA RAILWAY STATION EASY ACCESS PROGRAM—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Transport—
- (1) Can the Minister advise whether Yennora Railway Station has been included for upgrade under the recent \$30 million injection of funds to the easy access program?
 - (2) Will an additional ticket machine be installed at Yennora Railway Station?
- Answer—
- (1) The NSW Government is committed to improving public transport services and providing a world-class transport system people want to use.
On the 23 April the NSW Government announced a new Transport Access Program 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 Transport Access Program includes more than \$770 million over four years.
Over \$100 million was allocated in the first round of the Transport Access Program, which will see improvements at over 35 locations in coming months.
More planning and design work will now occur to see which projects will come next. Yennora Station will be considered as part of this process.
 - (2) Based on existing ticket sales figures at Yennora Railway Station, there are no plans to install an additional ticket machine.
- 2584 KNIFE CRIME IN WESTERN SYDNEY—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

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*2586 DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING DWELLINGS—Mr Richard Amery asked the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

- (1) What is the number of dwellings owned by the Department of Housing in each of the following suburbs:
 - (a) Rooty Hill;
 - (b) Eastern Creek;
 - (c) Plumpton;
 - (d) Glendenning;
 - (e) Hassall Grove?
- (2) In percentage terms, what does each of the abovementioned figures represent in terms of the public/private housing mix for each of the suburbs?

Answer—

Public housing dwellings are largely owned by the Land and Housing Corporation.

2587 HEALTH SERVICES—NEW SOUTH WALES RANKING—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

2588 CESSNOCK AMBULANCE STATION—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

2589 CESSNOCK AMBULANCE STATION—RESPONSE ZONES—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

2590 INTENSIVE CARE UNIT BEDS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

2592 MAINTENANCE AND UPKEEP OF LINE MARKINGS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

*2593 WORKERS COMPENSATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2012—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

With regards to the Workers Compensation Legislation Amendment Bill 2012:

- (1) When did the Government first seek to have the legislation drafted?
- (2) Will persons injured between 1 July 2012 and 1 October 2012 be covered by the previous workers compensation legislation or the new?

Answer—

- (1) The Government began preliminary consideration of workers compensation reforms in the first quarter of 2012.
- (2) Workers with claims lodged between 1 July 2012 and 1 October 2012 will continue to be covered under the previous arrangement until they are transitioned to the new Scheme from 1 January 2013.

Seriously injured workers will receive their increased benefits under the new legislation from 17 September 2012.

Injured workers who are currently receiving benefits, will be contacted by their insurer before anything changes as a result of the new laws.

Exemptions have been provided to some occupations, which will not be administered under the amended legislation, these include:

- police officers, paramedics and fire fighters
- workers injured while working in or around a coal mine
- emergency service volunteers (Rural Fire Service, Surf Life Savers, SES volunteers)
- people with a dust disease claim under the Workers Compensation (Dust Diseases) Act 1942.

2594 FUNDING FOR STATE TRAINING SERVICES IN THE HUNTER REGION—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Education—

*2595 NATIONAL SPECIFIC PURPOSE PAYMENTS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Treasurer—

With regards to the 2012-13 Budget Paper No. 2, pages 5-14, 6-14 and 6-15, National Specific Purpose Payments of \$7.2 billion:

- (1) What specific programs will be funded under the National Health reform funding (\$4.381 billion)?
- (2) What specific programs will be funded under the Education (\$1.312 billion)?
- (3) What specific programs will be funded under the Skills & Workforce Development funding (\$453 million)?
- (4) What specific projects will be funded under the Affordable Housing funding (\$404 million)?
- (5) What specific programs will be funded under the Disability program (\$416 million)?
- (6) What specific programs will be funded under the "other" funding (\$237 million)?

Answer—

These questions would be more appropriately directed to the relevant portfolio Minister.

- 2596 INTERNSHIPS FOR LOCALLY-TRAINED DOCTORS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 2597 WAITING TIME TARGETS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 2599 REGISTRATION OF SOCIAL WORKERS—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 2600 BASS HILL SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Education—
- 2601 REMOVAL OF POWER TO DETERMINE APPLICATIONS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW, Leader of the House—
- *2602 REMOVAL OF POWER TO DETERMINE APPLICATIONS—CONSULTATION—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW, Leader of the House—

In reference to the Minister's recent policy announcement that he intends to remove the power to determine applications from local councils (media release 14 July 2012):

- (1) What action has the Minister taken to consult with the Local Government and Shires Association (LGSA) and local councils throughout NSW about this proposed policy?
- (2) What response have you received from the LGSA and other councils?

Answer—

- (1) The Green Paper includes a suggestion that all councils follow the lead of more than a quarter of metropolitan councils in using independent hearing and assessment panels of experts in determining in determining development applications. There is no suggestion of a compulsory approach. The Green Paper is the subject of submissions by all interested parties.
- (2) As at 30 August 2012, the Department of Planning and Infrastructure has received interim and comprehensive submissions from: Campbelltown City Council, Goulburn Mulwaree Council, Fairfield City Council and Kempsey Shire Council. The Department's records indicate the LGSA is yet to make a submission.

- 2603 REMOVAL OF POWER TO DETERMINE APPLICATIONS—CORRESPONDENCE AND MEETINGS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW, Leader of the House—

- *2604 RESPONSE TO PARSON'S REPORT—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—

When will the Government's response to the Ministerial Audit of the NSW Police Force (Parson's Report) be finalised?

Answer—

The NSW Government's response will be finalised following due consideration by the Government.

- 2605 CAMPSIE AND BANKSTOWN LOCAL AREA COMMANDS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

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- 2606 SMOKING RESTRICTIONS IN PUBLIC PLACES—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- *2607 BANKSTOWN FREE SHUTTLE BUS TO BANKSTOWN HOSPITAL—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport—
- (1) Given the lack of public transport directly to Bankstown Hospital and the lack of parking at the hospital will the Minister support extending the Bankstown Free Shuttle Bus so that it provides direct access to Bankstown Hospital?
 - (2) If not, why not?
- Answer—
I am advised:
- (1) and (2) The route of the Bankstown shuttle service was determined by the previous Government just before the last election.
- 2608 REMOVAL OF DEVELOPMENT CONSENTS FROM INDIVIDUAL COUNCILS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW, Leader of the House—
- 2609 NSW PLANNING REVIEW—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW, Leader of the House—
- *2610 PAYROLL TAX REBATE SCHEME—Mrs Barbara Perry asked the Minister for Ageing, and Minister for Disability Services—
- (1) How has the Payroll Tax Rebate Scheme been publicised?
 - (2) How much money has been spent on publicising the Payroll Tax Rebate Scheme?
 - (3) What information has been sent to employer groups?
- Answer—
- (1) The Payroll Tax Rebate Scheme has been promoted through a number of mechanisms including:
 - web-based advertisement and messages broadcast through Ageing, Disability and Home Care's (ADHC) Service Provider portal;
 - media releases;
 - non-governmental organisations, which have included information regarding the rebate in their newsletters; and
 - ADHC and the Office of State Revenue's websites.
 - (2) Nil. Work undertaken to promote the Payroll Tax Rebate Scheme has been cost neutral.
 - (3) Information regarding the Payroll Tax Rebate Scheme has been provided to employer groups indirectly through Transition to Work (TTW) program service providers. ADHC has provided information on the Scheme to all TTW providers via broadcast messages on the Service Provider Portal. Providers have been encouraged to share this information amongst their employer networks.
- 2611 EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION SERVICES BUDGET—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—
- *2612 YOUTH DRUG AND ALCOHOL COURT—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- Why did the Government axe the Youth Drug and Alcohol Court which aims to divert young offenders into specialist treating programs?
- Answer—
I am advised:
- The YDAC program was costly, with funding in excess of \$4 million per year and an average of 17 graduates annually. Consistent with the Government's aim to divert people away from the criminal justice system, young offenders appearing before the Children's Court will continue to receive drug and alcohol treatment and appropriate supervision where directed by the Court.
- 2613 ELECTIVE SURGERY WAITING LISTS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- *2614 JOBS FOR NSW—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) What action has the Premier taken to create his promised 100,000 new jobs in NSW?
(2) Have 7,000 jobs actually been lost since March 2011?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Government is committed to growing an economy that delivers jobs. The NSW Jobs Action Plan provides a payroll tax rebate of up to \$4,000 per employee for the first 100,000 new payroll tax paying jobs created in NSW on or after July 2011. Since the election, the NSW Government has created an additional 30,600 jobs.

- 2615 FRONTLINE STAFF—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—
2616 EDUCATION STANDARDS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Education—

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- 2617 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT PAYMENTS—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Treasurer—
2618 FORMER BALMAIN LEAGUES CLUB SITE—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—
*2619 NSW INSTITUTE OF SPORT SAILING PROGRAM—FUNDING—Ms Linda Burney asked the Minister for Sport and Recreation—
In light of Australia's incredible success in Olympic sailing, will the Minister retain the current funding for the NSW Institute of Sport sailing program next year?
Answer—
NSW Government funding to the NSW Institute of Sport is indexed and increased annually, and for the financial year 2012-13 is \$10.587 million.
There have been no cuts to the NSWIS budget.
NSWIS has a Board of independent experts charged with developing elite athletes and programs. NSWIS regularly reviews of all programs to determine how best to utilise its funding resources.
2621 CANTERBURY CHILD AND FAMILY INTERAGENCY—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
*2622 DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING PROPERTY—LEAK REPAIR—Ms Linda Burney asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
What is the maximum time a tenant needs to wait to repair a leak in a Department of Housing property?
Answer—
As the Minister for Finance and Services has responsibility for public housing assets, this question should be redirected for his attention.
2623 IMMIGRATION SETTLEMENT PLANNING COMMITTEE—Mr Robert Furolo to ask the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—
2624 MOBILITY PARKING SCHEME—PENALTY NOTICES ISSUED—Mr Robert Furolo to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
2625 SURPLUS LAND ADJOINING M4 VIADUCT—Mr Robert Furolo to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
2626 MOTOR REGISTRIES—Mr Robert Furolo to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
2627 MARITIME OFFICES—Mr Robert Furolo to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

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- 2628 BETTER BOATING PROGRAM—Mr Robert Furolo to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 2629 PHYSICAL ACTIVITY IN PRIMARY SCHOOLS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Education—
- 2630 TAFE HUNTER AND GLENDALE INSTITUTE—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Education—
- 2631 ELECTIVE SURGERY WAITING TIMES—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 2632 CRIME PREVENTION—EXTRA RESOURCES AND STAFF—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- *2633 ENERGY PRICES—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Resources and Energy, Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Central Coast—

- (1) How much have energy prices risen since January 2011?
- (2) What is the justification for these on-going increases, excluding carbon pricing?

Answer—

- (1) and (2) The annual review of regulated retail electricity prices is available on the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal's website.
 - (2) The former Labor Government, under then Energy Minister Frank Sartor, issued 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.
- 2634 ORTHOPAEDIC SPECIALISTS WAITING TIMES—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 2635 DEMOUNTABLE BUILDINGS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Education—
- 2636 PLASTIC SURGERY FOR TRAUMA OR EMERGENCY PATIENTS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 2637 NATIONAL ENERGY CUSTOMER FRAMEWORK—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Resources and Energy, Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Central Coast—
- *2639 MENTAL HEALTH (FORENSIC PROVISION) ACT 1990—SECTION 32—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

What was the result of the outcome of the joint project between Legal Aid NSW and the Intellectual Disability Rights Service to foster greater use of s. 32 of the Mental Health (Forensic Provision) Act 1990?

Answer—

I am advised:

The project resulted in the publication of guide titled Step by Step Guide to Making A Section 32 Application for Person with an Intellectual Disability under the Mental Health (Forensic Provisions) Act 1990 (NSW). The Guide is a resource for solicitors representing clients with intellectual disability who are charged with a criminal offence. The Guide has been widely circulated and is to be published in a second print run.

Using the Guide as a base, the Intellectual Disability Rights Service and the Department of Family and Community Services jointly provided 14 training sessions to disability workers and a further 16 training sessions to legal practitioners.

The project also funded an additional position in the Client Assessment and Referrals Unit within Legal Aid NSW focussing on providing case work assistance to solicitors, clients with an intellectual disability and their carers or support workers.

A report evaluating the project is due this financial year.

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- 2640 SHARING OF INFORMATION—WORKING GROUP—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 2641 VICTIMS COMPENSATION SCHEME—REVIEW—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 2644 SAVINGS IDENTIFIED IN HAMBURGER REVIEW—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 2645 RESTRICTION TO COMPUTER RESOURCES—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Healthy Lifestyles, and Minister for Western New South Wales—
- 2646 INSULIN INFUSION PUMPS—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 2647 OBESITY AND METABOLISM CLINIC—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 2648 ADDITIONAL NURSES APPOINTED—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 2649 EDMUND BLACKET CAR PARK—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 2650 OPERATING THEATRES—RANDWICK HOSPITALS CAMPUS—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 2651 ADDITIONAL NURSES EMPLOYED—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 2652 CLINICAL NURSE EDUCATORS AND CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALISTS—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 2653 PRINCES HIGHWAY BULLI—CLEARWAYS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 2654 PRINCES HIGHWAY FIGTREE—UPGRADE—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 2655 ABILITY LINKS TENDER—Mrs Barbara Perry to ask the Minister for Ageing, and Minister for Disability Services—

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- 2656 ROOTY HILL RAILWAY STATION—EASY ACCESS FACILITIES—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 2657 COMMENTS IN COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEAL—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 2658 AUSTRALIAN VACCINATION NETWORK—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 2659 REVIEW OF PATHOLOGY TESTS—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 2660 SHARK FINNING—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Small Business—
- *2661 SHARPS IN HOUSING NSW PROPERTIES—Ms Clover Moore asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

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Noting the success of the trial installation of sharps bins in social housing buildings in Surry Hills, and the increased use of syringes for medication through "hospital in the home" and early discharge programs:

- (1) Did the level of use in these locations show the need for safe receptacles for used syringes?
- (2) What data was collected about the sharps bins and their value?
- (3) What community response was found to the trial?
- (4) What plans does the Government have to extend this program to other Housing NSW buildings?
- (5) What further action will the Government take to expand the provision of safe sharps collection in social housing buildings?

Answer—

- (1) Yes.
- (2) Data was collected and provided by the City of Sydney Council.
- (3) The response from the community has been positive.
- (4) and (5) Housing NSW will await data from the City of Sydney Council prior to making a decision on the future of the project.

2662 HOMOPHOBIA—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

2663 PIG DOG HUNTING—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Small Business—

2664 POLICE NUMBERS—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

2665 SHOOTINGS—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

2666 LITERACY AND NUMERACY TEACHERS—ILLAWARRA—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Education—

2667 TIME PENALTY SYSTEM—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

2668 PROPOSED CEOS GROUP—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW, Leader of the House—

*2669 PUBLIC HOUSING TENANTS—ADDITIONAL RENT—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

- (1) Are public housing tenants required to pay additional rent from the moment they are employed or receive additional income but that when this income is no longer being paid to the tenant their rent is not decreased but rather averaged out over a 6-month period?
- (2) If so, is this a fair system?

Answer—

- (1) and (2) The majority of public housing tenants pay rent based on 25 per cent of their assessable income. Tenants should advise Housing NSW if their income changes so their rent can be adjusted accordingly.

Tenants receiving variable income can elect to have their income assessed, and subsidy determined, over a 26 week period, or according to their current pay with a reassessment after two months.

*2670 LYSAGHT OVAL PROJECT—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Sport and Recreation—

- (1) (a) Has the report into Lysaght Oval been sent to the ICAC?
(b) If so, when?
- (2) (a) Has the Minister received a Business Case from Football South Coast about a new home for soccer in the Illawarra?
(b) If so, when?
- (3) When will the minister be making a decision about Government funding for this project?

Answer—

- (1) (a) and (b) This part of the question should be directed to the Premier.
 (2) (a) No.
 (b) N/A.
 (3) There is currently no project before government to consider.
- 2671 LITERACY AND NUMERACY PERFORMANCE—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Education—
- 2672 RENTS FOR DOMESTIC WATERFRONT TENANCIES—Mr Jamie Parker to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 2673 COMPANION ANIMALS TASKFORCE—Mr Jamie Parker to ask the Minister for Local Government, and Minister for the North Coast—
- 2674 COMPANION ANIMALS TASKFORCE—Mr Jamie Parker to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Small Business—
- 2675 CONCORD HOSPITAL CENTRE FOR MENTAL HEALTH—Mr Jamie Parker to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 2678 NEW K-10 SYLLABUSES—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—
- 2679 UNIVERSAL ACCESS TO PRESCHOOL EDUCATION—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—
- 2680 TEACHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—
- 2681 CONNECTED COMMUNITIES STRATEGY—PERFORMANCE MEASURES—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—
- 2682 CONNECTED COMMUNITIES STRATEGY—FUNDING—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—
- 2683 CITY CAMPUS FOR UNIVERSITY OF NEWCASTLE—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—

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- 2684 MOUNT DRUITT HOSPITAL UPGRADE—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 2685 PUBLIC SCHOOL UPGRADE FUND—UNSUCCESSFUL SCHOOLS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Education—
- 2686 PUBLIC SCHOOL UPGRADE FUND—SUCCESSFUL SCHOOLS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Education—
- 2687 SECURITY FENCING FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Education—
- 2688 COMPLETION TIMES FOR REPAIRS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- *2689 BUS ROUTES 267 AND 268—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Transport—
- (1) What progress has been made to improve the bus service for the people of West Wallsend, Barnsley and Edgeworth on routes 267 and 268 in 2012 and beyond?
 (2) Will services to these locations be more frequent?
 (3) Will services operate to these locations on Sundays and public holidays?

Answer—

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- (1) to (3) Transport for NSW and Hunter Valley Buses will conduct a timetable review of bus services in the Edgeworth, Barnsley and West Wallsend areas in early 2013. This review will include routes 267 and 268.
- 2690 CONCRETE STATE ROADS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 2691 STATE ROADS MAINTENANCE WORK—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 2692 NEUROLOGICAL SURGERY—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 2693 DESTINATION NSW—FUNDING FOR LISTED AREAS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Hospitality and Racing, and Minister for the Arts—
- 2694 PANANIA STATION—EASY ACCESS UPGRADE—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport—
- *2695 BANKSTOWN SHUTTLE—EXTENSION TO BANKSTOWN HOSPITAL—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport—
- Given the lack of public transport options to Bankstown Hospital and that parking at Bankstown Hospital is often at capacity, will the Minister consider extending the Bankstown Shuttle to Bankstown Hospital?
- Answer—
- (1) and (2) The route of the Bankstown shuttle bus was determined by the previous Labor government just before the last election.
- 2696 CAMPSIE LOCAL AREA COMMAND—AUTHORISED STRENGTH—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 2697 PRIVATE CAR PARKS—FINES ISSUED—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Fair Trading—
- 2698 PRIVATE CAR PARKS—COMPLAINTS RECEIVED—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Fair Trading—
- 2699 NEW REQUIREMENTS FOR PETROL SIGNS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Fair Trading—
- 2700 REPLACEMENT OF SERVICE STATION SIGNAGE—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Fair Trading—
- 2701 REPLACEMENT OF SERVICE STATION SIGNAGE—COSTS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Fair Trading—
- 2702 DRAFT BOARDING HOUSES BILL—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Ageing, and Minister for Disability Services—
- 2703 OXFORD STREET CLEARWAY—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 2704 MOTOR REGISTRY CLOSURES—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 2705 CASEWORKER RECRUITMENT AND EMPLOYMENT—COMMUNITY SERVICES—Mrs Barbara Perry to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 2706 COMMUNITY SERVICES—OUT-OF-HOME CARE CAPACITY—Mrs Barbara Perry to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 2707 CONISTON COMMUNITY SERVICE CENTRE STAFFING—Mrs Barbara Perry to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

- 2708 TRANSFER TO OUT-OF-HOME CARE FUNDING—Mrs Barbara Perry to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 2709 COMMUNITY SERVICES STAFFING—Mrs Barbara Perry to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 2710 CASEWORKER NUMBERS ACROSS NSW—Mrs Barbara Perry to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 2711 CASEWORKER VACANCIES ACROSS NSW—Mrs Barbara Perry to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 2712 CLOSURE OF MOTOR REGISTRIES—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 2713 CUTS TO COMMUNITY SERVICE PROVIDERS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Ageing, and Minister for Disability Services—
- 2714 CUTS TO DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 2715 FUNDING FOR VITAL SERVICES—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- *2718 CITYRAIL NETWORK—ON-TIME RUNNING—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Transport—
What strategies are being implemented to improve on-time running on the CityRail network?

Answer—

The Government is implementing a range of initiatives to improve the performance of the rail network, reversing the poor legacy left by the former Labor government. Transport for NSW is undertaking a major re-write of the train timetable to deliver more services. This will improve the customer experience by easing crowding, reducing travel times and improving connections to other modes.

In addition, a number of initiatives are designed to assist passenger flows at stations and along platforms, and help passenger board and alight trains faster. They include:

- Better customer service from staff at CBD stations during peak periods;
- Providing automated station announcements and countdown clocks on indicator boards;
- Marking no standing zones on busier City platforms;
- Better operational supervision and incident response staff during peak periods;
- Undertaking routine trackwork and rolling stock upgrades to minimise failures;
- Introducing new faster and more reliable Waratah trains into service; and
- Upgrading six carriage trains to eight carriages to provide more capacity.

- *2719 COMMUNITY BUILDING PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM—ADDITIONAL FUNDING—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

Will Fairfield electorate receive an additional \$100,000 under the 2012 Community Building Partnership Program in light of high unemployment levels in the area?

Answer—

I am advised:

In the 2012 Community Building Partnership Program (CBP), and as published on the official CBP website, grant funding of \$200,000 will be made available for every electoral district with an additional \$100,000 for electorates identified as having higher unemployment rates.

The identification of those electoral districts with relatively higher unemployment rates is done using officially published data from the 2011 ABS Census data which are scheduled for release on 30 October 2012. This data has the benefit of being accurate, independent, transparent and reliable both statistically and at the geographic scale of the electoral district.

Once the official information becomes available and the unemployment rates at an electoral district assessed, every Member will be advised whether the additional funds are available for their communities. This is expected in November 2012.

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2720 SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC GROWTH—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

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2721 MOTOR REGISTRIES IN WESTERN SYDNEY—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

2722 POSITIONS AT NSW CENTRE FOR ROAD SAFETY—Mr Robert Furolo to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

2723 CENTRE FOR ROAD SAFETY—Mr Robert Furolo to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

2724 WIRE ROPES SAFETY BARRIERS—Mr Robert Furolo to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

2725 TRAFFIC COUNTS—Mr Robert Furolo to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

2726 SAFETY BARRIERS—Mr Robert Furolo to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

2727 ROAD SAFETY EDUCATION CAMPAIGNS—Mr Robert Furolo to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

2728 M9 MOTORWAY CORRIDOR—Mr Robert Furolo to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

2729 M5 EAST TRAFFIC VOLUMES—Mr Robert Furolo to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

2730 NUMERACY AND LITERACY LEVELS—ABORIGINAL CHILDREN—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Education—

2731 SAFETY STANDARDS FOR CONSTRUCTION WORKERS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

2732 MOTOR REGISTRY CLOSURES—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

2733 NEWCASTLE LOCAL AREA COMMAND—AUTHORIZED STRENGTH—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

2734 EXPANSION OF CONTAINER PORTS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

2735 ACE SERVICE CLOSURE—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

2736 EXTRA LITERACY AND NUMERACY TEACHERS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Education—

2737 WORKERS ENTITLEMENTS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

2738 JOBS FOR THE HUNTER—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport—

2739 BROTHEL LICENSING AUTHORITY—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Resources and Energy, Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Central Coast—

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- 2740 CANCELLATION OF TRAIN SERVICES—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 2741 SOCIAL BENEFIT BONDS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 2742 NSW LAW REFORM COMMISSION REPORT NO 135—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 2743 NSW LAW REFORM COMMISSION REPORT NO 134—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 2744 CORRECTIVE SERVICES CENTRES—FOOD FOR INMATES—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 2745 SUPERANNUATION ENTITLEMENTS—FORMER PARTNERS OF JUDICIAL OFFICERS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 2746 HAMBURGER REVIEW—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 2747 CONTRACT WITH ATMAAC INTERNATIONAL—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 2748 FUNDING FROM DESTINATION NSW—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Hospitality and Racing, and Minister for the Arts—
- 2749 RAIL PASSENGER SAFETY—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport—

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- 2750 MOUNT DRUITT MOTOR REGISTRY—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 2751 BANKSTOWN AND CAMPSIE LOCAL AREA COMMANDS—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 2752 GOSFORD HOSPITAL—STAFF CAFETERIA—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 2753 AGE AT ADMISSION TO CHILDREN'S WARDS—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
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- 2868 FRESH START RECOVERY PROGRAM—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- (1) What assessments have been made by the NSW Government of the naltrexone program known as the Fresh Start Recovery Program?
 - (2) Are there any plans to match the actions of the Western Australian Government to grant funding for this program?
- 2869 RESPONSIBILITY FOR COMMUNITY FACILITIES—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW, Leader of the House—
- (1) Why is the Government proposing for developers to be no longer responsible for the work and cost required for parks, sports fields and associated community buildings?
 - (2) Why is Lake Macquarie City Council concerned they will encounter a \$244 million shortfall over the following 20 years?
 - (3) How will the Government support councils who may be forced to pass these costs on to ratepayers?
- 2870 CUTBACKS TO EDUCATION FUNDING—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Education—
- (1) Will any school in the electorate of Wallsend have resources to special needs students cut as a result of the Minister's recent announcement of cutbacks to the education funding for public and private schools?
 - (2) If so, what schools and what positions will be affected?
- 2871 FUNDING FOR NON-GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Education—
- (1) How many non-Government schools in the electorate of Wallsend receive State Government funding?
 - (2) What are the names of the schools?
 - (3) How will the funding of these schools be affected by proposed alterations to funding of non-Government schools?
 - (4) (a) Has the Government carried out an assessment on the impact that these changed funding arrangements will have on the fees parents will have to pay for students attending these schools?
(b) If so, what are the findings of this assessment?
- 2872 LOSS OF SPECIALIST FUNDING—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Education—
- In relation to the Hunter Region of schools:
Which 69 public schools in the Hunter will lose specialist funding under State Government changes and the abolition of the Priority Schools Program?
- 2873 JOINT GROUP TRAINING SCHEME—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Education—
- (1) Why has the Minister abolished the Joint Group Training Scheme under the Government's \$1.7 billion education cuts?
 - (2) How much does this scheme cost per year?
 - (3) (a) Will the Minister prevent any increase in apprentice fees for small businesses?
(b) If so, how?

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- (4) How will the Minister ensure apprentice uptake in skills shortage areas will not decrease as a result of these cuts?
- 2874 CUTS TO EDUCATION FUNDING—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Education—
- (1) Will class sizes increase as a result of the Government's \$1.7 billion cuts to the State's education system?
 - (2) Will the reduced operating budget result in students having diminished access to essential resources?
 - (3) How will the Minister attract students to undertake TAFE courses after he has increased course fees, increased student concessions fees and cut funding from courses?
 - (4) How will the Minister address the State's skills shortage?
- 2875 JOINT GROUP TRAINING SCHEME—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Education—
- (1) Now that the Government has abolished the Joint Group Training Scheme, and therefore discontinued the \$150 incentive to training groups to administer and manage apprentices at the end of this year, how will training groups afford to provide training to apprentices ?
 - (2) (a) Will this mean an increase in fees for apprentices to undertake training?
(b) If so, how much?
- 2876 MANDATORY SEATBELTS ON SCHOOL BUSES—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport—
- (1) When will the findings of the advisory committee on bus safety, established 18 months ago, be released?
 - (2) Will the Minister implement mandatory seatbelts on school buses in response to the tragedy that occurred in Singleton on 10 September 2012?
 - (3) Why has industrial traffic been permitted to take over Singleton's road network?
- 2877 COST OF TRANSPORT MASTERPLAN—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport—
Can the Minister confirm the cost of the transport masterplan?
- 2878 LIVERPOOL COUNCIL ROAD RULES ENFORCEMENT—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- (1) Does Liverpool Council have a discretion in determining whether to enforce the NSW road rules, especially relating to motor vehicles parking on footpaths and nature strips?
 - (2) Does the council in such instances have discretion to issue a warning, or must it proceed to the issuing of a notice in every case?
- 2879 CUBIT PROGRAM—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- (1) Is the Attorney General still running and funding the CUBIT Program in NSW Corrective Services?
 - (2) How many participants are there currently in the scheme?
 - (3) How many participants were there in the scheme as at the following dates?
 - (a) 1 May 2011;
 - (b) 1 September 2011;
 - (c) 1 December 2011;
 - (d) 1 May 2012;
 - (e) 1 September 2012?
- 2880 CLASSIFICATION (PUBLICATIONS FILMS AND COMPUTER GAMES) ENFORCEMENT AMENDMENT ACT 2010—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
Since the introduction of the Classification (Publication Films and Computer Games) Enforcement Amendment Act 2010, how many prosecutions have been instituted and against what categories of defendants?
- 2881 CORRECTIVE SERVICES NSW—EMPLOYEE CONCERNS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- (1) When were concerns relating to Corrective Services employee Pene Te Hira referred by Corrective Services NSW to ICAC?
 - (2) When did Corrective Services NSW first become aware of those concerns?

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- 2882 TELEPHONE ADVICE LINE TRIAL—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- (1) When will the trial of the telephone advice line referred to by the Attorney General in answer to a Question on 12 September commence?
 - (2) How many solicitors will be retained as part of the trial and for what hours?
 - (3) From which police stations will the trial be able to be accessed?
 - (4) How much funding has been provided for this trial?
- 2883 GAS BOTTLES AT HOXTON PARK ROAD—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- (1) Have the gas bottles recently reinstated at the BP Service station in Hoxton Park Road, Liverpool near the intersection with Flowerdale Road been inspected by Workcover?
 - (2) Do the gas bottles comply with relevant regulations, rules and standards?
 - (3) Does their proximity to each other comply with relevant regulations, rules and standards?
- 2884 M5 SPEED LIMITS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- (1) Who made the determination to alter the speed limits on the M5 near the Toll Plaza in the vicinity of Moorebank?
 - (2) What was the basis for this determination?
- 2885 TENDER FOR NSW TRUSTEE AND GUARDIAN FUNDS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- (1) When and in what manner was the tender called to manage funds held by the NSW Trustee and Guardian?
 - (2) Who made the decision to award the tender?
- 2886 MINISTERIAL LIAISON UNITS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- How many staff are employed in the Ministerial Liaison Unit of:
- (a) Corrective Services;
 - (b) Department of Attorney General and Justice?
- 2887 CITYRAIL ELECTRONIC TICKETING—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Transport—
- With regards to electronic ticketing for the Cityrail network:
- (1) When will trials of this start?
 - (2) When is electronic ticketing due to be rolled out across the Cityrail network?
- 2888 MIDWIFERY COURSE AT UNIVERSITY OF WOLLONGONG—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- (1) Is the Minister aware that University of Wollongong has suspended the 2013 Midwifery course?
 - (2) If this has occurred, why was the course terminated?
 - (3) What alternative actions has the Minister taken to train midwives in the Illawarra if this course is no longer available?
- 2889 AUBURN HOSPITAL GRADUATE NURSING PROGRAM—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- (1) Is the Minister aware of the new graduate program for nursing at Auburn Hospital for 2013?
 - (2) How many positions are available?
 - (3) How many applications were received?
 - (4) Were interviews for these positions held on 20 August?
 - (5) How many positions were filled?
 - (6) Are these positions due to start in January 2013, as originally planned?
- 2890 CEDAR COTTAGE—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- With regards to Cedar Cottage at Westmead:
- (1) Is the Minister aware of this facility?

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- (2) (a) Has the Minister visited this facility?
- (b) If so, when?
- (3) What services are provided?
- (4) How many FTE staff are employed?
- (5) How long has this program being running?
- (6) Is this service still accepting referrals?
- (7) What was the total operating budget for the 2011-12 financial year?
- (8) Will this budget be maintained?
- (9) (a) Are there any changes planned for this service?
- (b) If so, when will these changes occur?

2891 CAFE PLATYPUS—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Education—

- (1) Is the Minister aware of the Cafe Platypus at Lurnea High School?
- (2) Will the Minister guarantee that this cafe is safe from any planned funding cuts?