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\*2198 ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY LIAISON OFFICER APPOINTMENT—Mr Greg Aplin asked the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—

Further to your written advice to me on 28 December 2007 concerning the appointment of an Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer to the Albury Local Command, has the Memorandum of Understanding to facilitate the appointment now been endorsed and when will the selection process commence?

Answer—

I am advised that the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) regarding the appointment of Aboriginal Community Liaison Officers has been delayed due to the Federal election and change of Government. The draft MoU was received by the NSW Police Force on 6 March 2008 and is being processed as a matter of urgency.

\*2199 BILLABONG CREEK SALT INTERCEPTION SITE—Mr Greg Aplin asked the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—

Further to undertakings by the previous Minister for Water in mid November 2007 to facilitate the recommencement of pumping at the Morgan's Lookout salt interception site on Billabong Creek, can you advise when this will occur and for what period?

Answer—

I am pleased to advise that pumping at the Salt Interception Site (SIS) was recommenced on the 18 March 2008. The SIS will pump up to 5 megalitres a day of fresh water from the deep groundwater aquifer into the upper Billabong Creek.

The Department of Water and Energy is working towards securing funding for the continued operation of the Billabong SIS beyond 30 June 2008.

\*2203 COMMONWEALTH STATE HOUSING AGREEMENT—Mr Thomas George asked the Minister for Housing, Minister for Tourism—

In relation to the Commonwealth State Housing Agreement [CSHA]:

- (1) How many units or items of public housing have been built in NSW with the grant monies provided through the CSHA since 1 July 2003?
- (2) Exactly where have these new homes and/or units been built?
- (3) How much of the CSHA grant money is spent on departmental and bureaucratic wages and salaries?
- (4) (a) Is the Government spending this money on public housing buy-back projects that strip property from the public housing stock and place that investment in the hands of private companies and investors?
- (b) If so, how much money is spent on this type of venture?

Answer—

(1) 1,755 new units were built or purchased in the period from 1 July 2003 to 30 June 2007.

(2) Central Sydney.

Greater Western Sydney.

Northern NSW.

Southern and Western NSW.

(3) 1.6% (2007-08) permissible under CSHA.

(4) (a) No.

(b) Nil.

\*2204 MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES—SOUTH COAST—Mrs Shelley Hancock asked the Minister for Health—

(1) Are there proposed imminent changes to community mental health services in the South Coast electorate?

(2) (a) Is the Nowra Community Mental Health Service currently providing an on-call 24-hour community service?

(b) Is this service to end?

- (3) Are there plans to reduce staff of the community team and make it a Monday to Friday/business hours only operation?
  - (a) Is it the intention to shift resources to a 24-hour mental health worker in the Shoalhaven Hospital, a roster requiring withdrawal of one-third of the community team?
  - (b) Is it the intention that the hospital based worker will not go out from the hospital anywhere?
- (4) Will this change bring an end to:
  - (a) the ability of staff to visit clients, carers and families in their homes at weekends and evenings;
  - (b) the ability to visit men's hostels;
  - (c) the ability to visit prison cells?
- (5) Have the Police Service, consumers, carers and other stakeholders been consulted?
- (6) Does any proposed action reflect state mental health policies?
- (7) Have cost savings been identified and have these been measured in terms of the cost-effectiveness or health outcomes?
- (8) Will mental health outcomes be enhanced by reducing personal contact and diminishing opportunities for healing and rehabilitation in home and community?

Answer—

For future reference, please submit questions regarding mental health to the Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health).

I am advised by the South Eastern Sydney Illawarra Area Health Service that:

- (1) and (3) to (8) There has been no decision to introduce changes to Community Mental Health Services in the South Coast and no changes are imminent.
- (2) (a) and (b) The Mental Health Service in Nowra provides on duty care until 10:00 pm and on-call between 10:00 pm and 8:30 am, seven days per week. There is no plan to end 24 hour mental health care provision at Nowra.

\*2210 BABY JOAN—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson asked the Minister for Community Services—

- (1) Will you confirm reports that Baby Joan, who was abandoned on the steps of a Haberfield Church in June 2007 and subsequently taken into the care of the Minister, cannot be issued with a Medicare number because her citizenship status cannot be determined?
- (2) What action have you taken to resolve this issue?
- (3) Has Baby Joan been placed in long-term foster care or has she been adopted?

Answer—

- (1) to (3) Matters concerning citizenship and Medicare are the responsibility of the Federal Government. The NSW Department of Community Services are working with the family to ensure all of Baby Joan's needs are met until this issue is resolved. Baby Joan is currently in the process of being adopted by her foster parents. When the adoption process is finalised, the child's adoptive parents will be able to apply for a Medicare card in the usual manner.

\*2211 PUBLIC LIBRARY FUNDING—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—

- (1) On what date was the Parry Review into Public Library Funding completed?
- (2) On what date is Dr Parry due to provide the report of this review to the NSW Government?
- (3) Will you make this report public?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The review report is in the process of being finalised for printing and release.
- (2) As above.
- (3) Yes.

\*2212 PUBLIC DENTAL WAITING LISTS—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson asked the Minister for Health—

- (1) As at 5 March 2008, how many patients are waiting for public dental treatment in the:
  - (a) Monaro health cluster?
  - (b) Bega Valley health cluster?
  - (c) Eurobodalla health cluster?
  - (d) Southern Tablelands health cluster?
  - (e) Southern Slopes health cluster?

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- (f) Murrumbidgee health cluster?
  - (g) Lower Western health cluster?
  - (h) Greater Albury health cluster?
  - (i) Wagga Wagga health cluster?
- (2) How many of these patients have been waiting for treatment for more than:
- (a) 3 months;
  - (b) 6 months?
- (3) How many public dentists are employed in each of these health clusters?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) to (3) The NSW Department of Health does not routinely collate data at a health cluster level and to provide the data in the level of detail requested would substantially and unjustifiably divert the resources of the NSW Department of Health from the exercise of its core functions.

However, I am advised that the NSW Oral Health Service Waiting List for Ambulatory Care is reported at an Area wide level and is published on the NSW website at

[http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/cohs/health\\_services.asp](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/cohs/health_services.asp)

The NSW Department of Health routinely provides statewide workforce data in its Annual Report. Similarly, all Area Health Services publish localised workforce data in their Annual Reports. The Member is referred to the publicly available annual reports.

- \*2213 BEROWRA RAILWAY STATION—TICKET MACHINE—Mrs Judy Hopwood asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

Regarding the details of the "new" ticket machine to be installed at Berowra Railway Station:

- (1) Where is the machine coming from?
- (2) How old is it?
- (3) Is it as efficient as the machine it is replacing?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) to (3) A booking office machine was transferred to Berowra Station on 17 February 2008.

Booking office machines have a high reliability record.

- \*2214 HORNSBY HOSPITAL GARDENERS—Mrs Judy Hopwood asked the Minister for Health—

How many gardeners and assistant gardeners are employed at Hornsby Hospital? Are there any vacancies in existence for the above positions?

Answer—

I am advised by the Chief Executive of the Northern Sydney and Central Coast Area Health Service:

There is one full time gardener employed at Hornsby Hospital. The Hospital does not employ assistant gardeners and there are no gardener or assistant gardener positions currently vacant at the Hospital.

- \*2215 SHORELINK PATRONAGE—Mrs Judy Hopwood asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

What is the total bus patronage for Shorelink, route by route, in:

- (a) 2003;
- (b) 2004;
- (c) 2005;
- (d) 2006;
- (e) 2007?

Answer—

I am advised:

(a) to (e) Passenger data for bus services operated by Shorelink (Transdev Australia Pty Limited) is not available prior to 1 June, 2005.

The data available from 1 June, 2005 relates to actual passenger boardings as reported by Shorelink. This does not include free travel undertaken by school students under the School Student Transport Scheme.

Passenger data for June to December, 2005, 2006 and 2007 is as follows:

June-December 2005	January-December 2006	January-December 2007
713,548	1,262,126	1,330,286

\*2216 PRIVATE PHONE NUMBERS—USE BY ORGANISATIONS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

- (1) Under what circumstances are organisations allowed to give private phone numbers to other organisations?
- (2) What are the penalties, if any, when these circumstances are breached?

Answer—

I am advised to refer the member to:

- (a) Commonwealth Privacy Act 1988 that governs the disclosure of personal information by organisations in the private sector (including unlisted telephone numbers)
- (b) The Privacy and Personal Information Act 1998 (NSW) (the PPIP Act) which covers NSW public sector agencies.

\*2217 SUTHERLAND HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS—Mr Malcolm Kerr asked the Minister for Health—

- (1) What is the total number of admissions to Sutherland Hospital during 2006/2007?
- (2) What is the number of day only admissions to Sutherland Hospital in 2006/2007?
- (3) What is the total number of non-admitted patient occasions of service in Sutherland Hospital in 2006/2007?
- (4) Is this information contained in the 2006/2007 South Eastern Sydney Illawarra Area Health Services Annual Report and if not, why not?

Answer—

- (1) to (4) The Member is referred to my response to Written Question 2174 – Admissions to Sutherland Hospital.

\*2218 OLDER DRIVERS—MANDATORY TEST—Mr Malcolm Kerr asked the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

- (1) How many people who undertook the mandatory 85 years and over driving test in 2007 at Miranda Motor Registry passed the test and maintained their licences?
- (2) What is the total number of people who failed the older drivers test in 2007 and lost their licences?

Answer—

- (1) I am advised 547 people passed the aged driving test within three allowable test attempts at Miranda Motor Registry in 2007.
- (2) I am further advised fourteen people were not able to pass the aged driving test after three test attempts at Miranda Motor Registry in 2007.

\*2219 WAGGA WAGGA BASE HOSPITAL CHILDREN'S WARD—Mr Daryl Maguire asked the Minister for Health—

- (1) Is the Wagga Wagga Base Hospital children's ward designed to minimise the risk of transmission of infection?
- (2) How is the Wagga Wagga Base Hospital children's ward designed to minimise the risk of transmission of infection?
- (3) What is the ratio of beds per room and per bath and shower room at Wagga Wagga Base Hospital children's ward?
- (4) For acute care, is there one single room for every five ward beds?
- (5) Is there one respiratory isolation room for every 100 beds in the children's ward?
- (6) Are waiting room patients with infectious conditions identified using a triage system and separated from other patients?
- (7) How are dedicated work areas designed in order to minimise the transmission of infection in the children's ward?
- (8) In Wagga Wagga Base Hospital children's ward, how are procedural and cleaning areas separated?
- (9) Do air conditioning cooling towers and water systems meet Australian standards in Wagga Wagga Base Hospital children's ward?

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- (10) Do handbasins have both hot and cold water, non-touch taps, supplies of liquid handwash and disposable paper towels or single-use, clean, cloth towels readily available in accordance with Australian standards in Wagga Wagga Base Hospital children's ward?
- (11) How are aspects of the physical environment monitored and maintained to ensure that the Wagga Wagga Base Hospital children's ward meets current standards, codes and regulations?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) and (2) Greater Southern Area Health Service has engaged an architectural/facility planning company to assess the current configuration of the ward, in consultation with Paediatricians and nursing staff. The proposal is due to the Area Health Service by mid 2008. The proposed upgrade will minimise infection risks and improve the overall operation of the Children's Ward.

(3) There are four beds for children under 1 year old to one bath. There are fifteen beds to one bath and one shower for children over 1 year old.

(4) No.

(5) There are 19 beds in the Children's Ward.

(6) Patients that are reviewed in the Children's Ward area are triaged by the nurses and placed in appropriate areas of the ward.

(7) There are specific isolation areas and appropriate infection control policies are used to minimise the risk of infection. There are also hand hygiene facilities throughout the ward.

(8) There are separate rooms for procedural and cleaning areas.

(9) Yes.

(10) Yes.

(11) The Greater Southern Area Health Service Asset Management Unit monitors and maintains the Wagga Wagga Base Hospital Children's Ward in accordance with the relevant Australian standards.

\*2220 RURAL FIRE SERVICE ASSOCIATION FUNDRAISING—Mr Daryl Maguire asked the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—

(1) How are funds raised by Rural Fire Service Association (RFS), a not for profit organisation, distributed to the Rural Fire Service?

(2) How much per year is raised?

(3) Do only members of the association benefit from fundraising?

(4) How much does it cost to operate the RFS per annum?

Answer—

The NSW Rural Fire Service Association is a private body which represents both salaried staff and volunteers of the NSW Rural Fire Service (RFS).

The RFS has no direct control over the Association, nor is the Association responsible to the RFS.

Any enquiries as to the operation, financing and fundraising of the Association should be made directly to the Association.

\*2222 BIKE BOXES—Ms Clover Moore asked the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

With regard to the introduction of "bike boxes" at 14 busy intersections in Portland, United States of America, where cars are required to stop at traffic lights behind bikes:

(1) To what extent will the NSW Government monitor the success of "bike boxes" in Portland in improving cyclist safety?

(2) To what extent will the NSW Government consider introducing "bike boxes" in NSW if the initiative is successful in Portland?

(3) (a) Has the NSW Government conducted any assessment to date on the viability of "bike boxes" for Sydney's busy intersections?

(b) If so, what is the outcome of the assessment?

(4) What action has the NSW Government taken to install Bicycle Boxes at traffic signals?

Answer—

I am advised:

There has been no monitoring of the success of bicycle boxes in Portland, USA. However the Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA) is already aware of the benefit of bicycle boxes in improving cyclist safety and has conducted research on those installed in Europe and in the United Kingdom.

I am informed that bicycle boxes could not be introduced in NSW until the relevant Australian Road Rules were amended to support the installation of such a facility. This will occur on 1 July 2008 when appropriate rules commence in NSW.

\*2224 PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AT ST GEORGE SAILING CLUB—Mr Jonathan O'Dea asked the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Minister for Ports and Waterways—

- (1) What involvement, if any, has the Minister, his staff or his department had in the proposed development, now the subject of a development application lodged with Rockdale Council, involving Doltone House and building a second story on the St George Sailing Club?
- (2) Why has the DA been lodged in the name of Doltone House and not in the name of the licensee, St George Sailing Club?
- (3) Did the owner of the land, NSW Maritime, give consent to the DA before it was lodged with Rockdale Council?
- (4) Was the St George Sailing Club aware of the full contents of the DA before it was lodged?
- (5) If not, would his department be concerned given that the St George Sailing Club is the legal entity to whom NSW Maritime has issued the lease for the property?
- (6) What makes this particular DA so special that normal lodgement and consent arrangements might not be followed?
- (7) Is NSW Maritime considering issuing or allowing Doltone House a sub-lease to allow this DA to progress legally?
- (8) Is there any reason why the proposed development should receive preferential treatment from NSW Maritime?
- (9) What concessional treatment, if any, has been provided by Doltone House or associated entities for functions with which the Minister has been involved?

Answer—

- (1) NSW Maritime's involvement in the proposed development is to provide permission to proceed to lodge a Development Application with Rockdale Council, pursuant to NSW Maritime's 2007 "Obtaining Permission to Lodge a Development Application" policy, and to ensure a lease and sub lease if appropriate, is established.

Neither I nor my staff have had any involvement in this or any other Permission to Lodge (PTL) processes, or in the establishment of a lease or sub lease or any conditions or proposed conditions.

The PTL policy is published on NSW Maritime's website. When deciding whether to grant its permission under the policy NSW Maritime considers factors such as whether an agreement (for example a lease, agreement to lease, or licence) is in place, whether there is any danger or obstruction to the safe navigation of vessels, particularly in navigation channels, fairways and mooring areas, or a significant risk of a marine accident, or whether the proposed development constitutes a potential hazard to navigation in terms of obstruction, visibility or lighting, and whether the wind, wave and current regime and water depth suitability may impact on the safety of any moored vessel and any person using the proposed development.

- (2) This is a matter for St George Sailing Club.
- (3) NSW Maritime does not give consent to Development Applications either before or after they are lodged with Council. NSW Maritime's role in giving permission to proceed to lodge a Development Application is limited to ensuring its interests are satisfied, in accordance with the PTL policy.
- (4) This is a matter for St George Sailing Club.
- (5) This is a matter between the proponent and Rockdale Council.
- (6) Under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 Rockdale Council is the consent authority for this proposed development and lodgement and consent arrangements are therefore matters for Rockdale Council.
- (7) This Development Application can progress legally without a sub lease in place and it is a matter for Rockdale Council whether it accepts a Development Application. NSW Maritime has a lease with St George Sailing Club. All lease discussions and negotiations occur in accordance with NSW Maritime's 2007 Commercial Lease Policy which is available on the NSW Maritime website. Under this policy a lessee can grant a sub lease with the approval of NSW Maritime.
- (8) This proposal has not received preferential treatment by NSW Maritime.
- (9) None.



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\*2225 PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AT ST GEORGE SAILING CLUB—Mr Jonathan O'Dea asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—

- (1) What involvement, if any, has the Minister, his ministerial staff or his department had in the proposed development, now the subject of a development application lodged with Rockdale Council, involving Doltone House and building a second storey at the St George Sailing Club?
- (2) Has the Minister directly or indirectly given any indication to Rockdale Council officers, councillors or anyone else that the development should be approved?
- (3) If so, what makes this particular development so special it warrants his ministerial attention?

Answer—

- (1) I have met the General Manager and a Director of St George Sailing Club in my capacity as local member for Rockdale. I have been advised that the club is looking to improve their facilities. I am not familiar with specific detail of any proposal to Rockdale City Council.
- (2) N/A
- (3) N/A

\*2226 ILL TRAIN PASSENGERS—Mr Jonathan O'Dea asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

- (1) Are CityRail employees instructed not to move ill passengers from trains regardless of the nature of their illness, and to wait for an ambulance, thus causing delay until an ambulance arrives?
- (2) If so, why?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) and (2) CityRail staff have not been instructed to wait for an ambulance unless necessary.

Staff have been instructed to assess a situation where a passenger has become sick or is injured, and take appropriate action for the circumstances.

A sick or injured passenger will normally be attended to by station staff or the train guard. The passenger will be removed from the service where possible to receive or await treatment. Where appropriate, basic first aid may be administered. If the injury or illness is of a serious nature, or the customer requests further assistance, a call is made for an ambulance to attend, treat the patient, and if required, transport them to a medical facility.

There are a number of instances an ill passenger cannot automatically be removed from a train. These include instances where:

- the passenger is unconscious or has a suspected spinal injury;
- the passenger is unwilling to leave the train; or
- there may be any risk or danger posed to staff or passengers to move the passenger.

Under these circumstances the only option is to await an ambulance, which may result in service delays.

RailCorp makes all attempts to minimise disruptions to services. Some initiatives RailCorp is taking to assist with situations involving ill passengers include:

- providing frontline staff with first aid training so that they might assess a passenger's moveability and administer basic first aid;
- advising the Rail Management Centre promptly of situations involving ill or injured passengers, so that other services may be diverted to avoid the affected service where possible;
- the development of a centralised call out for ambulances via the Rail Management Centre, which aims to minimise and monitor ambulance response times;
- working closely with the NSW Ambulance Service to familiarise officers with the station environment and providing station maps to improve response time;
- working with the NSW Ambulance Service on a new concept to establish standby ambulance officers at stations during peak periods at four major locations – Strathfield, Central, Redfern and Town Hall Stations. This initiative is expected to be piloted by July, 2008 in time for World Youth Day; and
- a comprehensive rollout of defibrillators across 40 CityRail stations, all country trains and regional country stations, to be implemented by September, 2008. This follows the success of the defibrillator trial.

In all circumstances RailCorp endeavours to provide excellent customer service, ensuring that customers' needs are attended to, whilst striving to minimise delays and disruption to the network.

\*2227 FIREARMS LICENCE RENEWALS—Mr Adrian Piccoli asked the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—

Given that in 2003 the then Minister for Police announced that 42 new jobs would be created under an expansion of the NSW Firearms Registry and that these positions would allow for the Firearms Registry to improve the level of service it provides to licensed shooters:

- (1) Why is there currently a 2 to 3 month delay in the processing of licence renewals?
- (2) What is the budget for the Firearms Registry for the 2007-08 financial year?
- (3) How many staff are currently employed at the registry?
- (4) How many of these staff actually work on licence renewals?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force has advised me:

- (1) As at 25 March 2008, the Firearms Registry was processing licence applications received on 3 March 2008. These applications are being determined within the 28 day 'cooling off' period, following the expiration of which they are immediately referred to the RTA for issue.
- (2) The NSW Police Force budget for 2007/08 is almost \$2.3 billion dollars which represents a 4.1% increase over the 2006-07 Police budget, or an increase of \$90 million. The Firearms Registry is allocated a proportion of the global police budget.
- (3) The Firearms Registry has an authorised strength of 94 staff.
- (4) All staff have a component of work which relates to licence applications.

\*2228 REPRESENTATIONS—TRACY CALABRO—Mr Adrian Piccoli asked the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

- (1) When will a response be issued in relation to the representations on behalf of Tracy Calabro regarding an urgent request on behalf of her son Daniel, Ministerial reference M07/9132, your acknowledgment dated 18 December 2007?
- (2) Have several requests for a response been made in relation to this matter?
- (3) In a call to his office on Friday 29 February, was a member of my staff told that "it was not coming up on the system" and that someone would call back?
- (4) Is the Minister aware of the financial and emotional trauma being suffered by this family whilst waiting for a response?
- (5) When can a response be expected?

Answer—

I appreciate the difficulties faced by families in regional areas and asked the Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA) to reconsider its previous decision to refuse Daniel's application for an underage licence.

I am advised:

The Road Transport (Driver Licensing) Regulation 1999 provides that the minimum age to obtain a provisional car licence is 17 years. There are no other age criteria to drive a car under this age, but there is provision in the law that enables the RTA the discretion to issue a restricted underage licence in cases of extreme hardship.

I understand that arrangements have been made for Daniel to be interviewed at Leeton Motor Registry, in the company of one or both of his parents, to reconsider his eligibility for a restricted underage licence.

I am advised that a response to correspondence reference number M07 9132 has been issued.

\*2229 REPRESENTATIONS—SHANNON IRVIN—Mr Adrian Piccoli asked the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

- (1) When will a response be issued in relation to the urgent representations originally made in October on behalf of Shannon Irvin, Ministerial reference M07/7741?
- (2) Have many requests for a response been made in relation to this matter?
- (3) In a call to his office on Friday 29 February, was a member of my staff told that "it was not coming up on the system" and that someone would call back?
- (4) Is the Minister aware of the financial and emotional trauma being suffered by Mr Irvin whilst waiting for a response?
- (5) When can a response be expected?

Answer—

A response to correspondence reference number M07 7741 has been issued.

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\*2230 GRIFFITH BASE HOSPITAL PUBLIC DENTAL CLINIC—Mr Adrian Piccoli asked the Minister for Health—

- (1) As at 1 January 2005, how many positions for full-time dentists were attached to the Griffith Base Hospital Public Dental Clinic?
- (2) As at 1 January 2008, how many positions for full-time dentists were attached to the Griffith Base Hospital Public Dental Clinic?
- (3) How many of these positions remain vacant on 1 January 2008?
- (4) If there were vacancies on 1 January 2008, will these positions be filled?
- (5) What recruitment action has been taken to fill the positions?

Answer—

I am advised by the Chief Executive of the Greater Southern Area Health Service:

- (1) Two.
- (2) Two.
- (3) Two.
- (4) Yes.
- (5) The positions have been advertised several times and have been included on overseas recruitment campaigns. The most recent recruitment action was in December 2007 and one applicant is being considered for a position.

A private dentist employed by GSAHS as a casual has provided some services to adults in a locum capacity and some locum relief has been provided by Justice Health.

\*2232 ELECTRICITY SUBSIDY FOR ALUMINIUM INDUSTRY—Mr Greg Piper asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

- (1) Under the Government's plans for privatisation, will the subsidising of electricity for the aluminium industry continue?
- (2) If so, how will it be funded?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) and (2) This matter does not fall under the Minister for Transport and Minister for Finance and should be referred to the Minister for Energy.

\*2234 BORDER PARK RACEWAY—Mr Geoff Provest asked the Minister for Gaming and Racing, Minister for Sport and Recreation—

Given that Greyhound Racing NSW has advised that the participation of Queensland residents at the Border Park Raceway was not a factor in determining the proposed decrease in race days at the track and that the Gold Coast's Parklands greyhound track has been earmarked as the site for the new Gold Coast University Hospital:

- (1) Will this lead to a substantial increase in Queensland residents using Border Park Raceway?
- (2) Will the Minister ensure that no racing days are lost at Border Park Raceway?

Answer—

- (1) I am advised by the Board of Greyhound Racing NSW that it does not expect an increase in entries at Border Park Raceway.
- (2) The Board of Greyhound Racing NSW is an industry Board which is independent of Government. Section 7 of the Greyhound Racing Act 2002 stipulates that Greyhound Racing NSW does not represent the Crown and is not subject to direction or control by or on behalf of the Government. In regard to race dates, section 9(2)(d) of the Act specifically provides that the Board allocates race dates to greyhound racing clubs.

\*2235 POLICE STAFFING—TWEED-BYRON LOCAL AREA COMMAND—Mr Geoff Provest asked the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—

- (1) (a) Are police in the Tweed-Byron LAC unable to attend incidents in outlying areas of the LAC after 1.00 a.m. on weeknights due to a lack of car crews operating in the region?  
(b) If yes, when will more car crews be provided to the LAC to ensure that all incidents will be able to be responded to?
- (2) Can the Tweed-Byron LAC expect to receive its own drug squad, given that the area is one of the top three areas in NSW for drug detection and it vital for monitoring cross-border drug trade?

- (3) Given that the Tweed-Byron LAC has 34 officers on long-term leave or restricted duties reducing the total number of officers to 153 (below the authorised strength of 159 officers), when can the LAC expect an increase in officers so that it is operating at maximum authorised strength?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force has advised me:

- (1) No.
- (2) The Drug Squad is a specialised squad within the State Crime Command.
- (3) Details of police numbers at Local Area Commands are posted on the NSW Police Force internet site, [www.police.nsw.gov.au](http://www.police.nsw.gov.au)

\*2237 IRON COVE BRIDGE—Mr Michael Richardson asked the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

- (1) Why is the Iron Cove Bridge over the Parramatta River being widened, when the number of lanes on Victoria Road leading into and away from the bridge will stay the same?
- (2) How will this help traffic flow?
- (3) How will the Government deal with the bottleneck that will be created at the end of the bridge when traffic has to merge back into the narrower Victoria Road?

Answer—

I am advised:

Victoria Road consists of six lanes through Drummoyne and Rozelle. Iron Cove Bridge consists of five traffic lanes and is a known choke point on Victoria Road.

The RTA proposes to implement a continuous city-bound bus lane through Drummoyne and Rozelle during morning and afternoon peak times without reducing the number of lanes for general through traffic and without widening Victoria Road.

To achieve this, the RTA will implement a tidal flow scheme in Drummoyne, construct a new bridge over Iron Cove and make changes to the operation of Victoria Road in Rozelle.

The new bridge is essential to enable the RTA to separate buses from traffic to optimise the use of this 3.5km long section of Victoria Road and improve public transport (buses) without reducing the number of lanes for general traffic or the need to acquire property along the corridor.

The primary objective of the Victoria Road upgrade is to improve the reliability and efficiency of bus services.

\*2239 PARRAMATTA-EPPING RAIL LINK—Mr Michael Richardson asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

Does the Government have any intention of ever building the Parramatta-Epping rail link and if so, when?

Answer—

I am advised:

The decision to defer the rail line between Epping and Parramatta followed a review of options for delivering the line, and consideration of ways to best improve the reliability, safety and cleanliness of the existing rail network.

While the previously proposed section of the rail line from Epping to Parramatta has been deferred, the rail corridor to Parramatta is being preserved.

The deferral of this project has allowed the Government to direct funds to the \$1.8 billion Clearways program to untangle the CityRail network – a program that benefits all commuters across the network.

\*2240 BAYVIEW BUSES—Mr Rob Stokes asked the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

Are there any restrictions relating to the use of buses along Cabbage Tree Road, between Samuel Street and Minkara Road, Bayview?

Answer—

I am advised the roads in question are Local Roads under the responsibility of Pittwater Council.

The question concerning bus restrictions should be directed to the Minister for Transport.

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\*2241 MANDATORY DRIVING TESTS—WARRIEWOOD RTA—Mr Rob Stokes asked the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

How many people took the mandatory driving test for persons 85 years and over at the Warriewood RTA in 2006-2007?

Answer—

I am advised 407 people took an aged driving test at Warriewood Motor Registry in 2006-2007.

\*2242 MANDATORY DRIVING TESTS—PITTWATER RESIDENTS—Mr Rob Stokes asked the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

How many Pittwater residents took the mandatory annual driving test for persons aged 85 years and over in 2006-2007? Of the above how many failed?

Answer—

I am advised:

The nearest registry serving Pittwater residents is at Warriewood.

At Warriewood, 407 people undertook the aged driving test in 2006-2007 and thirteen were not successful after three allowable test attempts.

Residents of Pittwater may have also undertaken the aged driving test at other registries in neighbouring electorates.

\*2243 PACIFIC HIGHWAY UPGRADE—WARRELL CREEK—Mr Andrew Stoner asked the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

In relation to the Warrell Creek section of the planned Pacific Highway upgrade:

- (1) Why was it decided to change the previously decided upgrade route for this section and to include it as part of the Macksville to Urunga project?
- (2) When was this decision made?
- (3) Are you aware that a number of residents who will be affected by the new route decision bought property and built residences, based on information from the Government that the original route would not affect these properties?
- (4) Will just terms compensation be approved for those residents, including those whose properties are not physically traversed but will be adversely affected by noise and pollution, under hardship provisions?
- (5) When will the final, detailed route decision be made?

Answer—

I am advised:

Information regarding the Pacific Highway at Warrell Creek is available at [www.rta.nsw.gov.au](http://www.rta.nsw.gov.au)

The RTA acquires land required for road works in accordance with the Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991. The Act provides for compensation for the acquisition of land for a public purpose. While the RTA does not seek to acquire properties that are not required for a project, it is required to minimise impacts to amenity (including visual, noise and access) on adjoining properties as part of the environmental assessment for a project.

\*2244 APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATORS—Mr John Turner asked the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Lands, Minister for Rural Affairs, Minister for Regional Development—

- (1) Has the Minister for Lands appointed an administrator to the land occupied by the Kempsey Showground?
- (2) If so, who is that administrator?
- (3) If so, how much will such administration cost?
- (4) If so, who will pay such costs of administration?
- (5) Has the Minister for Lands appointed other administrators to Crown Land in New South Wales?
- (6) If so, for what parcels of land?
- (7) If so, who are the administrators of each parcel of such land?
- (8) If so, what is the anticipated cost of each administration of each parcel of land and who will pay such costs?

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Answer—

- (1) Yes.
- (2) Ms Janet Hayes.
- (3) Ms Hayes will be paid \$40.00 per hour.
- (4) The Public Reserve Management Fund.
- (5) Yes.
- (6) 33 Crown reserves throughout New South Wales are currently managed by 17 administrators as indicated in the following table:

Reserve No	Location	Management Name	Administrator
84236	Cudgegong	Cudgegong River Park Trust	Lester Lynch
520071	Gulgong	Gulgong Racecourse Reserve Trust	Lester Lynch
24495	Broken Head	Byron Shire Holiday Parks Reserve Trust	Geoff Firkin
49122	Byron Bay	Byron Shire Holiday Parks Reserve Trust	Geoff Firkin
74701	Brunswick	Byron Shire Holiday Parks Reserve Trust	Geoff Firkin
82999	Brunswick Heads	Byron Shire Holiday Parks Reserve Trust	Geoff Firkin
91536	Brunswick Heads	Byron Shire Holiday Parks Reserve Trust	Geoff Firkin
1013529	Byron	Byron Shire Holiday Parks Reserve Trust	Geoff Firkin
540030	Coffs Harbour	Coffs Harbour Showground & Public Recreation Trust	Kathryn Young
140012	South Evans Head	Dirawong Reserve Trust	Ronald Doyle
81967	Maclean	MacLean Rainforest Reserve Trust	Charles Micali
64746	Red Rock	Red Rock Public Recreation Reserve Trust	Robert Fish
86054	Red Rock	Red Rock Public Recreation Reserve Trust	Robert Fish
97655	Red Rock	Red Rock Public Recreation Reserve Trust	Robert Fish
8920	Yamba	Yamba Pilot Station (R8920) Reserve Trust	Geoff Firkin
75324	Taloumbi	Yamba Pilot Station (R8920) Reserve Trust	Geoff Firkin
89602	Grafton South	Yamba Pilot Station (R8920) Reserve Trust	Geoff Firkin
140026	Yamba	Yamba Pilot Station (R8920) Reserve Trust	Geoff Firkin
170143	Mangrove Mountain	Mangrove Mountain Homeless Or Needy Young Persons (R170143) Reserve Trust	Rodney David Blackmore
700037	Swansea	Swansea Memorial Hall Trust	Brian Davies
160035	Moree	Moree Showground Trust	Terence Bone
560029	Moree	Moree Showground Trust	Terence Bone
67711	Bulli Pass	Bulli Pass Scenic Reserve Trust	Peter Houghton
81412	Junctions Reefs	Central Tablelands Heritage Lands Trust	Ian Neist
97960	Sofala	Central Tablelands Heritage Lands Trust	Ian Neist

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190027	Greater Lithgow	Central Tablelands Heritage Lands Trust	Ian Neist
1001056	Six Foot Track	Six Foot Track Heritage Trust	Jon Guyver
610008	Bulahdelah	Bulahdelah War Memorial Trust	Donald Houston
610019	West Kempsey	Kempsey Showground Trust	Janet Hayes
50557	Lansdowne	Lansdowne (Sandy Point) Recreation & Flora Reserve Trust	Kevin Carter
65963	Scotts Head	Scotts Head Reserve Trust	Geoff Firkin
4	Hillston	Hillston Common Trust	Sharon Hawke
83184	Menindee	Menindee Lakes Park Trust	Geoffrey Cullenward

(7) Administrators include members of the local community, specialist managers with particular expertise and departmental officers.

(8) The anticipated cost of each administration is not known. The cost will depend on the length of the tenure. Funding is provided by the reserve trust itself or from the Public Reserves Management Fund. Notwithstanding these payments, administrators are expected to improve the financial viability of the reserve trust they manage as part of their brief.

\*2245 CORRESPONDENCE—LINDSAY ROUND—Mr Ray Williams asked the Minister for Health—

- (1) After receiving the correspondence dated 16 June 2004 from Mr Lindsay Round by fax, on what date did the Northern Sydney Area Health Service determine that errors of fact existed in the internal review written by Patricia O'Farrell in May 2004?
- (2) On what date did the Northern Sydney Area Health Service forward to the Minister for Health the correspondence addressed to the Minister dated 16 June 2004 written by Mr Lindsay Round and entrusted to the Northern Sydney Area Health Service on 16 June 2004?
- (3) Who is the author of Northern Sydney Area Health Service document M04/6345?
- (4) When was the Northern Sydney Area Health Service document M04/6345 written and when was it forwarded to the Minister for Health?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) From October 2004.
- (2) This correspondence was forwarded to the Department of Health on 21 June 2004.
- (3) Patricia O'Farrell, the then In-house Legal Counsel for the Northern Sydney Area Health Service.
- (4) It was written and forwarded to the then Minister for Health in October/November 2004.

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2246 TAFE FEES—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—

\*2247 FIRE SERVICES LEVY—Mr Greg Aplin asked the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—

With reference to the recommendations made in the Review of Fire Services Funding by the Public Accounts Committee in 2004:

- (1) What efforts have been taken to improve the monitoring of Fire Service Levy remissions from offshore insurance holders to enhance compliance with legislative requirements?
- (2) What further research has been conducted by the Government into the impacts of introducing a property-based levy for funding fire services on the commercial property sector?
- (3) What action has the Government taken to extend the Fire Service Levy to motor vehicle registration while reducing the levy on insurance-based collections by the same amount without increasing the total amount of funds raised in order to make the scheme more equitable?

Answer—

- (1) The Taxation Administration Act was amended to allow the Office of State Revenue to share information with the Fire Services relating to offshore insurance arranged by registered insurance brokers. This will be compared to the returns provided by building owners in accordance with the Fire Brigades Act and the Rural Fires Act and appropriate follow up action taken.
- (2) The Government accepted the primary recommendation of the Public Accounts Committee – that the current funding arrangements be retained.
- (3) The Public Accounts Committee made no recommendation in relation to extending the fire service levy to apply to motor vehicle registration.

2248 ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY LIAISON OFFICERS—Mr Greg Aplin to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—

2249 PATIENTS TRAVELLING ON PUBLIC TRANSPORT—Ms Gladys Berejiklian to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

2250 COMMUTER SURVEY CONSULTANCY—Ms Gladys Berejiklian to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

2251 CHATSWOOD HIGH SCHOOL UPGRADE—Ms Gladys Berejiklian to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—

2252 CHATSWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL UPGRADE—Ms Gladys Berejiklian to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—

\*2253 REVIEW OF RETAIL FLOOR SPACE CAP—MERIMBULA—Mr Andrew Constance asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—

- (1) What led to the review of the 1,000 square metre retail floor space cap in Merimbula?
- (2) Who approached the Minister in relation to this review and was the Minister approached by any one individual councillor to lift this planning policy restriction?
- (3) How long will it be before this review is complete?

Answer—

- (1) I commissioned the review in order to provide an independent analysis of Council's and the Department of Planning's differing positions on a floor space cap and establish the potential impacts of a cap on current and future development in Merimbula, Tura Beach and Pambula. This was in the context of the finalisation of an LEP.
- (2) No individual or organisation asked me to undertake the review, although I have received representations from a range of parties on both sides of the argument.
- (3) The consultant's report is completed and I will make a decision on its recommendations in the near future.

\*2254 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION—SURF BEACH—Mr Andrew Constance asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—

- (1) Why did the Minister fail to assess the submission presented by the "Friends of Our Beaches" in relation to the bulky goods store at Surf Beach?
- (2) What led to the referral of the matter to the Director-General of the Premier's Department?
- (3) What involvement will the Minister have in assessing the development application for the Walker's proposal and the concept plan at Surf Beach?
- (4) Is the Minister aware of the consultant's reports undertaken on this site on behalf of the Eurobodalla Shire Council?

Answer—

- (1) and (2) I did not fail to assess the submission but took the appropriate steps.

The submission was referred to the Director-General of the Premier's Department as it raised probity issues with Eurobodalla Shire Council's handling of the development. As my office takes all allegations such as these very seriously, and in accordance with standard procedures, a copy of the submission was



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forwarded to the Department of Premier and Cabinet for assessment and determination of whether the claims should be referred for further investigation.

(3) None as the development proposal does not meet the criteria for assessment under Part 3A.

(4) All correspondence from "Friends of Our Beaches" were forwarded to the Department of Planning for consideration and appropriate action.

- 2255 DR REEVES—Mr Andrew Constance to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2256 "CLEANER NSW GOVERNMENT FLEET"—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2257 PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS AND PEDESTRIAN REFUGES—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2258 SYDNEY FERRIES—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2259 PUBLIC RESERVE MANAGEMENT FUND—Mr Andrew Fraser to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Lands, Minister for Rural Affairs, Minister for Regional Development—
- 2260 SPEED CAMERA—EWINGSDALE—Mr Andrew Fraser to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2261 UNANSWERED REPRESENTATIONS—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 2262 UNANSWERED REPRESENTATIONS—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- \*2263 PUBLIC HOUSING IN GOSFORD—Mr Chris Hartcher asked the Minister for Housing, Minister for Tourism—
- (1) How many public housing properties are located in the Gosford electorate?
  - (2) How many people are housed in public housing properties in the Gosford electorate?
  - (3) How many of the public housing properties located in the Gosford electorate are:
    - (a) 1-bedroom units;
    - (b) 2-bedroom unit;
    - (c) 3 or more bedroom units;
    - (d) 1 or 2-bedroom houses;
    - (e) 3 or more bedroom houses?
  - (4) Of the public housing properties located in the Gosford electorate, how many tenants are paying market rent?
  - (5) How long is the expected waiting list for maintenance for public housing properties in the Gosford electorate?
  - (6) Of the public housing properties located in the Gosford electorate, how many are:
    - (a) valued at over \$200,000;
    - (b) valued at over \$300,000;
    - (c) valued at over \$400,000;
    - (d) valued at over \$500,000?
  - (7) Of the properties valued at over \$500,000, what is the address of each of these properties in the Gosford electorate and their individual market value?

Answer—

- (1) 1,342
- (2) 2,083
- (3) (a) 444
  - (b) 220
  - (c) 17
  - (d) 81

- (e) 399  
 (4) 120  
 (5) Urgent maintenance issues of a health and safety nature are carried out within four hours.  
 Non-Urgent maintenance that is required is carried out within 21 days.  
 All other work is placed on a Planned Works Program.  
 (6) (a) 462  
 (b) 100  
 (c) 6  
 (d) Nil  
 (7) Nil

Note: The above figures are as at December 2007.

- 2264 MAINTENANCE OF SCHOOLS—WAKEHURST ELECTORATE—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- 2265 MANLY HOSPITAL—EAST WING—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—
- 2267 NORTHERN BEACHES LOCAL AREA COMMAND—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- \*2268 MEETINGS WITH DEVELOPERS—Mr Brad Hazzard asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- (1) In the last 2 years which Labor Members of Parliament have lobbied the Minister on behalf of developer(s)?
  - (2) In the last 2 years on what dates did the Minister have meetings with developers to discuss their own development applications?
  - (3) In the last 2 years at how many meetings with developers were there Labor backbenchers present?
- Answer—
- As I have previously indicated, as a Minister of the Crown I meet with, and liaise with, a large number of people from a cross section of the government and the community on a daily basis. To research my diary for the past 2 years to look for the abovementioned information would constitute an inordinate amount of time and unnecessary resources.
- 2269 SCHOOL COUNSELLORS—WAKERHURST ELECTORATE—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- \*2270 DOUGLAS GRAEME MCCOY—Mr Brad Hazzard asked the Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Youth, Minister for Volunteering—

Since I raised the issue of fraudulent activities of Douglas Graeme McCoy in a Private Members' Statement on 26 February 2008, what action has the department taken to warn consumers of the dangers of dealing with him?

Answer—

All complaints received by the Office of Fair Trading are carefully assessed to determine suitability of further investigation.

This process was followed on receipt of the complaint sent to the Minister for Fair Trading by the Member for Wakehurst on 14 June 2007. This, the last known complaint received against Douglas Graeme McCoy, involved conduct that occurred three years ago.

Following extensive inquiries, including an interview with Mr McCoy, it was determined that an investigation by Fair Trading was not suitable and that instead a more appropriate action was to refer the matter to the Australian Securities and Investments Commission, which was done on 2 August 2007.

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In addition, Fair Trading's complaints and enquiries staff have been alerted to the conduct of Mr McCoy and have been instructed to promptly refer any reported information from the public to the Department's Investigations and Enforcement Division for further investigation.

On 27 February 2008, the day following the Member for Wakehurst's Private Members' Statement, the Office of Fair Trading contacted the Australian Securities and Investments Commission and informed it that the McCoy matter had again been raised in Parliament.

As there is no evidence of current conduct, the Office of Fair Trading has not issued any recent warnings to consumers.

2271 ROADWORKS—WAKEHURST ELECTORATE—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

2272 SPEECH THERAPIST AT YASS—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Health—

2273 CORPORATE SERVICES EFFICIENCY REVIEW—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—

2274 DOCS STAFFING—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Community Services—

2275 HORNSBY HOSPITAL CLEANERS—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Health—

2276 SCHOOL CROSSING SUPERVISORS—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

\*2277 DELIBERATELY LIT BUSHFIRES—Mrs Judy Hopwood asked the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—

(1) How many bushfires have been discovered to be deliberately lit in the Hornsby Shire in:

- (a) 2002;
- (b) 2003;
- (c) 2004;
- (d) 2005;
- (e) 2006;
- (f) 2007?

(2) What has been achieved in relation to apprehending the perpetrators?

Answer—

Issues relating to arson are matters for the Police and the courts.

2278 SCHOOL BUS PASSES—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

2279 SCHOOL ZONE FLASHING LIGHTS—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

2280 ISOLATED PATIENTS TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION ASSISTANCE SCHEME—Mr Daryl Maguire to ask the Minister for Health—

2281 PEDESTRIAN PRIORITY FOR TRAFFIC LIGHTS—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

2283 NATIONAL ART SCHOOL—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—

2285 GOVERNMENT FUNDED INSURANCE SCHEME—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Community Services—

\*2286 SPECIALISED EQUIPMENT FOR DISABLED CHILDREN—Mr Jonathan O'Dea asked the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services—

- (1) Does geographic region play a part in the policy covering what percentage contribution PADP expects from families needing specialised equipment for disabled children?
- (2) What are the actual average percentage rates that families have contributed for each of the regions over the past year?

Answer—

The Program of Appliances for Disabled People (PADP) is administered by NSW Health through outlets in each of its Area Health Services and funds are allocated directly to NSW Health for the program.

PADP provides a range of aids and appliances to assist people with a disability to live and participate in the community.

Specific questions regarding the program are best directed to the Minister for Health.

- 2287 ASSISTANCE FOR PARENTS WITH ADULT DISABLED CHILDREN—Mr Donald Page to ask the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services—
- 2288 JUSTICE OF THE PEACE—ONLINE REGISTER—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2290 CITYRAIL SURVEY—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2291 YOUTH CRIME PREVENTION INITIATIVES—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Juvenile Justice, Minister for Western Sydney, Minister Assisting the Premier on Citizenship—
- 2292 SURGE BED STRATEGY—TWEED HOSPITAL—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2294 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- \*2295 IMPACT OF SEA LEVEL RISES—Mr Michael Richardson asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—

- (1) What progress has the Government made in mapping the State's new coastlines should global warming lead to sea level rises?
- (2) When will these maps be made public?
- (3) Given the recent Land and Environment Court decision on Sandon Point, will the Government in future use these maps to rule out developing land that may be impacted by sea level rises?

Answer—

- (1) The impact of sea level rise on coastlines is within the jurisdiction of my colleague the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment.
  - (2) As per question (1).
  - (3) The Government has released Regional Strategies for all coastal growth areas. The Regional Strategies require councils to undertake coastal hazard assessments prior to identifying new release areas. Councils are also required to undertake Local Environmental Plans consistent with the Regional Strategies and consistent with the Standard Instrument, which requires councils to consider and accommodate climate change, including sea level rise.
- \*2296 CASTLEREAGH LIQUID WASTE DISPOSAL DEPOT—Mr Michael Richardson asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- (1) What type of inert waste does clause 122 of the new Infrastructure State Environmental Planning Policy allow to be disposed of at Castlereagh Liquid Waste Disposal Depot?
  - (2) Does the SEPP allow waste from a remediation site to be disposed of at Castlereagh?

Answer—

- (1) Waste that satisfies the definition of inert waste in the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997 may be disposed of at the Castlereagh Liquid Waste Disposal Depot site with development consent.
  - (2) Waste from a remediation site that is inert waste may be disposed of at the Castlereagh Liquid Waste Disposal Depot site with development consent.
- 2297 PARKING FINES—“OVERALL PARKING SECTOR”—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 2298 PARKING FINES—“OVERALL PARKING SECTOR”—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

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- 2300 SCHOOL BUS PASSES—Mr Anthony Roberts to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2301 FERRY TRAVEL PASSES—Mr Anthony Roberts to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2302 FERRY TRAVEL PASSES—Mr Anthony Roberts to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2303 COMMUNITY TRANSPORT SERVICE TYPE REVIEW—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2304 TRAVELLING TIMES TO SYDNEY CBD—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2305 MONITORING OF BUS TRAVELLING TIMES—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2306 FAMILY-SCHOOLS PARTNERSHIP FRAMEWORK—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- 2307 REPORT INTO TVET CHARGES—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- 2308 RURAL COUNCILS ACCESS TO CROWN LAND—Mr John Turner to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Lands, Minister for Rural Affairs, Minister for Regional Development—
- 2309 ADMINISTRATOR FOR COFFS HARBOUR SHOWGROUND TRUST—Mr John Turner to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Lands, Minister for Rural Affairs, Minister for Regional Development—

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- 2310 TUBERCULOSIS—WESTERN SUBURBS—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2311 COMMISSION FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- 2312 COMMUNITY ANGER MANAGEMENT—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- 2313 NSW COUNCILS INVESTMENT PORTFOLIOS—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health) —
- 2314 MINISTERIAL INVESTMENT ORDER—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—
- 2315 MANLY VALE PUBLIC SCHOOL—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- 2316 LICENSING LAW BREACHES—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Gaming and Racing, Minister for Sport and Recreation—
- 2317 YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH FUNDING—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Health—

\*2318 AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF POLICE MANAGEMENT—Mr Mike Baird asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—

- (1) Will the Minister make himself or his staff available for community consultation before a decision is made on the proposed redevelopment of the Australian Institute of Police Management at Spring Cove?
- (2) What is the timeline for a decision on this development application?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The proposal was exhibited for community consultation and comment from 12 December 2007 until 15 February 2008, which is a period in excess of the statutory requirement. A number of submissions were received that raised heritage and biodiversity issues.

The Department of Planning has advised that there are no special circumstances calling for either myself or my staff to meet with the community.

An on-site meeting took place which was attended by the Commonwealth Department of Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts, Australian Federal Police, Manly Council Members/senior officers, Community Group representatives and several consultants.

- (2) In accordance with the applicable statutory time-frames however the proponent is yet to submit a Preferred Project Report with the Department of Planning. Until that occurs a decision cannot be made.

2319 SEAFORTH TRAFFIC LIGHTS PROJECT—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

\*2320 SEAFORTH TAFE—Mr Mike Baird asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—

In relation to the plebiscite on the proposed development of the Seaforth TAFE site, how will the Minister deal with the trade union picket line?

Answer—

The plebiscite is a matter for Manly Council, but to my knowledge it does not propose a trade union picket line.

\*2321 STATE HERITAGE OFFICE—Mr Mike Baird asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—

- (1) How will community concerns with heritage matters be satisfied with the closure of the State Heritage Office?
- (2) What were the total costs of the State Heritage Office for each of the last three years?
- (3) Will a similar level of resources be applied to ensuring heritage values are considered in future budgets?

Answer—

- (1) There is no closure of the Heritage Office. Community interest with heritage matters will continue to be addressed by appropriate resources, the Heritage Council and the Department of Planning.
- (2) Total expenses for the Heritage Office were: \$7.7m for 2004-05, \$8.8m for 2005-06 and \$9.0m for 2006-07.
- (3) Appropriate resources will be allocated to ensure that all policy, statutory, administrative and related obligations are efficiently met.

2322 TAFE QUALIFICATIONS—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—

\*2324 ENERGY REDUCTION TARGETS—Mr Peter Debnam asked the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—

In relation to the "Government Energy Management Policy" and "Energy Reduction Targets":

- (1) Is the Minister aware that the "Report on Government Energy Reduction Targets" produced by the "Standing Committee on Public Works" (May 2002) reported, "it is fair to say that progress towards

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the targets [Energy Reduction Targets], measured on a aggregated statewide basis, has not been good. Energy consumption in 1999/00 increased by 0.2 per cent from 1995/6. The Ministry for Energy and Utilities has conceded that the 2001/2 target will not be met and that it will be difficult, but not impossible, to meet the 2005/6 targets" (p. iii)?

- (2) What reduction in "state-wide total energy consumption in Government buildings" has the Government achieved against its stated target reduction of "25% by 2005/06 (from 1995/96 levels)"?

Answer—

- (1) and (2) These matters fall under the portfolio responsibilities of the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment.

- \*2325 GOVERNMENT ENERGY POLICIES—Mr Peter Debnam asked the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—

In relation to the "NSW Government Energy Policies" ("NSW Government Energy Policies Overview", February 2007):

- (1) Have "all Schedule 1 government agencies" that "are required to buy a minimum of 6% of annual electricity from GreenPower accredited by the NSW Department of Energy, Utilities and Sustainability" purchased the required minimum of GreenPower?
- (2) Have all "businesses and Government agencies in NSW with sites which use more than 10 gigawatt hours of energy a year and local councils with populations of more than 50,000 people" submitted "Energy Savings Actions Plans" to the "Department of Energy, Utilities and Sustainability" "by the date specified by DEUS" ("NSW Government Energy Policies - Overview", February 2007)?

Answer—

- (1) and (2) These matters fall under the portfolio responsibilities of the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment.

- \*2326 CATTLE TICK MINISTERIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE—Mr Thomas George asked the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—

What criteria were used to appoint the two former members of the Board of Tick Control to the newly formed Cattle Tick Ministerial Advisory Committee?

Answer—

The decision to appoint two previous members of the former Board of Tick Control, as beef industry representatives on the new committee was based on the need to retain the corporate knowledge of the former Board.

These representatives are experienced beef producers who will play a vital role in assisting in the strategic deliberations of the new committee.

- 2328 RECYCLING AND STORMWATER HARVESTING PROGRAM—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

- 2331 NSW GREEN BUSINESS PROGRAM—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

- 2333 SISTASPEAK PROGRAMME—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

- 2334 MOTORSPORT SCHOLARSHIP—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

- 2335 ASIAN WOMEN WORKERS' FORUM—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

- 2336 HIGHWAY PATROL OFFICERS—BRISBANE WATER COMMAND—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 2337 HIGHWAY PATROL OFFICERS—TUGGERAH LAKES COMMAND—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 2338 FLASHING LIGHTS FOR SCHOOL CROSSINGS—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- \*2339 PROPOSED EPURON WIND FARM AT GULLEN RANGE—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- (1) With reference to your answer to my question 1893, given that the Director-General's requirements for this environmental assessment states that it must address aviation issues, has the Department of Planning sought an explanation from Epuron as to why the project application for the Gullen Range wind farm does not address aviation issues?
  - (2) If the Department of Planning has not sought an explanation from Epuron, what action will the department take to ensure that aviation issues are addressed when this wind farm is considered for approval?
- Answer—
- (1) Based on the preliminary information provided in the project application, the Department of Planning has identified that aviation issues will be a key consideration and have therefore required Epuron to address these issues as part of a future Environmental Assessment document.
  - (2) The Department of Planning will review the Environmental Assessment once it is submitted by Epuron to determine whether the document adequately addresses aviation issues. The Environmental Assessment will also be referred to relevant aviation authorities for comment.
- 2340 CORPORATE SERVICES EFFICIENCY REVIEW—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 2341 BULLYING AND HARASSMENT—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- 2342 PEAT ISLAND—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services—
- 2343 RESPITE CARE—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services—
- 2344 SHORELINK PERFORMANCE BASED CONTRACT—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- \*2345 RAINWATER TANKS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—
- (1) What is the State Government doing in collaboration with Federal and local governments to reduce water usage and encourage the installation of rainwater tanks?
  - (2) How many households in the Wallsend electorate have applied for the rainwater tank rebate?
- Answer—
- (1) and (2) The question is a matter for my colleague the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment.
- 2346 TERMITE INFESTATION—WAGGA WAGGA BASE HOSPITAL—Mr Daryl Maguire to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2350 OUTPATIENT FACILITY—TWEED HOSPITAL—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health—
- \*2351 AMENDMENTS TO LEGISLATION GOVERNING THE FINANCING INDUSTRY—Mr Geoff Provest asked the Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Youth, Minister for Volunteering—
- Given that the Minister has advised that a number of alternatives for non-deposit taking lending industry clients exists including "NILS & LILS as well as government and charitable assistance":
- (1) Do all the NILS & LILS facilities in NSW combined only have the ability to service 1% of the financial and administrative demand of non-deposit taking lending industry clients?
  - (2) Given the demographic and financial profiles of non-deposit taking lending industry clients deems them ineligible for NILS & LILS and charitable assistance, and that the smallest short-term loan



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offered by commercial banks is \$3,000 (without interest), how does the NSW Government intend to cater for the remaining 99% of industry clients?

- (3) Will the Minister meet personally with the National Financial Services Federation and other industry representatives to discuss the effects of these proposed amendments?
- (4) Will the Minister commission an independent review to ascertain the viability of NSW non-deposit taking lending institutions under these proposed amendments?

Answer—

The Office of Fair Trading advises me that:

- (1) The Office of Fair Trading does not monitor demand for non-government services.
- (2) It is not the Government's business to cater for credit industry clients. It is the Government's business to protect consumers from exploitation.
- (3) The effects of the amendments have already been the subject of discussion with Ministerial advisers. It is not necessary for there to be further discussions on these issues.
- (4) No.

\*2352 AMENDMENTS TO LEGISLATION GOVERNING THE FINANCING INDUSTRY—Mr Geoff Provest asked the Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Youth, Minister for Volunteering—

Given that the Minister has advised that "whether financial institutions continue their operations will depend on the efficiency of their operations and viability of their customers":

- (1) Is the Minister aware that finance industry leaders have publicly stated that under these proposed amendments, non-deposit taking lenders will be unable to operate under the 48% inclusive cap and will be forced to cease operations?
- (2) What concessions will be made by the NSW Government to ensure that non-deposit taking lending industry operators are not forced to shut down due to these proposed legislation amendments?
- (3) Is it a fact that no other Australian state or territory has adopted the December 2005 UCCC changes (as implemented by the NSW Government in March 2006) due to the detrimental effects that these changes would have on the non-deposit taking lending industry?

Answer—

- (1) Yes.
- (2) It is industry's responsibility to operate within the laws of this jurisdiction.
- (3) No. The ACT has adopted the NSW requirements and two other jurisdictions have stated their intention to do so.

\*2353 STREET LIGHTING—Mr Anthony Roberts asked the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—

- (1) When will the hazardous, long-term absence of street lightening in Mark Street, Hunters Hill be addressed by Energy Australia?
- (2) What are the technical and other details as to why it has taken over 6 months to fix the faulty street lights mention in (1)?
- (3) What is being done to ensure that these street lights will be repaired?
- (4) What is being done to ensure that delays of this nature are not incurred again?

Answer—

I am advised by EnergyAustralia:

- (1) The street lights on Mark Street were reported faulty on 25 February. Different faults have been repaired on these lights on various occasions between August and November 2007. All lights were repaired on 6 March. An audit on 1 April 2008 has confirmed the lights are still in working condition.
- (2) EnergyAustralia repaired different street light circuit faults shortly after they were reported each time. It has not taken six months to repair a fault.
- (3) The street lights have been working since 6 March 2008.
- (4) EnergyAustralia is improving the street lights in the area of Mark Street, Hunters Hill. EnergyAustralia is replacing 380 meters of low voltage cable in Mary and John Streets. This work is due to be completed in May 2008.

2354 BUS SERVICES ALONG EPPING ROAD AT LANE COVE—Mr Anthony Roberts to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

- 2355 OVERCROWDED BUS SERVICES—Mr Anthony Roberts to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- \*2356 ROYAL REHABILITATION CENTRE SYDNEY SITE—PUTNEY—Mr Anthony Roberts asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- (1) Who is the successful developer/s for the Royal Rehabilitation Centre Sydney site at Putney?
  - (2) What is the estimated cost of the development, excluding the hospital on the Royal Rehabilitation Centre Sydney site at Putney?
  - (3) (a) Has the Minister or any department staff met with the successful developers at Putney?  
(b) If so, how many times and on what dates?
- Answer—
- (1) I am unaware of the name of the successful developer/s for the Royal Rehabilitation site at Putney and suggest the honourable member contact the site's owner.
  - (2) I am advised that the estimated cost is \$250 million.
  - (3) See answer (1).
- 2357 MONA VALE HOSPITAL—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Health—
- \*2358 NARRABEEN LAGOON FORESHORE WALKWAY—Mr Rob Stokes asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- What are the funding opportunities that may be relevant to the development of a foreshore walkway on public land around Narrabeen Lagoon?
- Answer—
- The Department of Planning is promoting Regional Recreation Trails through the Metropolitan Strategy. Pedestrian links around Narrabeen Lagoon are included. The Metropolitan Greenspace Program is a funding opportunity for the embellishment of open space, based on matching funding with local government.
- In 1994, Warringah Council was granted \$69,000 and in 1995 Pittwater Council was granted \$50,000 to undertake works relating to the Narrabeen Lagoon Foreshore.
- Applications to apply for funding under the Metropolitan Greenspace Program are now open. The closing date for applications is 24 April 2008.
- 2359 SPEED CAMERA—NARRABEEN—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- \*2360 CONSUMER, TRADER AND TENANCY TRIBUNAL—Mr Andrew Stoner asked the Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Youth, Minister for Volunteering—
- (1) Are Consumer, Trader and Tenancy Tribunal hearings recorded?
  - (2) If so, are transcripts available to parties of those hearings?
  - (3) If not, why not?
- Answer—
- The Chairperson of the Consumer, Trader and Tenancy Tribunal advises me that:
- (1) The Tribunal's eight registries and four permanent hearing venues have sound recording facilities. At a number of other venues sound recording may be arranged, where facilities are available, in complex or lengthy matters. The Tribunal is not legally obliged to record all matters before it and not all hearings are recorded.
  - (2) Where a hearing has been sound recorded the parties can purchase a transcript on a full cost recovery basis.
  - (3) N/A.
- 2361 REPRESENTATION—MR JOHN GREENTREE—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

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- 2362 ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2363 WYMAH FERRY—Mr Greg Aplin to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2364 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS FROM ELECTRICITY GENERATION—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—
- 2365 ELECTICITY PRIVATISATION—INDEMNITIES—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts representing the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 2366 JEFF ANGEL'S REPORT TO THE ENERGY CONSULTATIVE REFERENCE COMMITTEE—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—
- 2367 TRANSMISSION LINES ON BEAUFORT RD AND HASTINGS RD TERRIGAL—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—
- 2368 MINISTERIAL TRAVEL—ORKOPOULOS—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Premier, Minister for Citizenship—
- 2369 REFUND FROM PURCHASE OF PERPETUAL LEASE—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Lands, Minister for Rural Affairs, Minister for Regional Development—
- 2370 SCHOOL ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAM—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- 2371 OURGUNYA WOMEN'S INCORPORATION SAFE HOUSE FUNDING—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- 2372 DIETICIANS AND OTHER NUTRITION WORKERS—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2373 HORNSBY COURT—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 2374 UNITING CARE HOUSING AND SUPPORT INITIATIVE—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—
- 2375 SUSPENSION CENTRES—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- 2376 ROAD SAFETY ON FOREST WAY—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2377 ELECTRICITY OUTAGES—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—
- 2378 SECTION 94 REFORMS—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—
- 2379 VISITORS TO SYDNEY—Mr Donald Page to ask the Minister for Housing, Minister for Tourism—

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- 2380 SPEEDING INFRINGEMENTS—Mr Donald Page to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2381 REDUCED TARGETS FOR CARBON EMISSIONS—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts representing the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 2382 TAXI TRANSPORT SUBSIDY SCHEME—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2383 HUNTER INSTITUTE OF TAFE—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- 2384 CATTLE TICK FEVER—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—
- 2385 CLOSURE OF LAKESIDE CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- 2386 CANCER PATIENTS—NSW NORTH COAST—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- 2387 BROUGHTONS PASS WEIR—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—
- 2388 RADIOACTIVE STORAGE SITES—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- 2389 LORD HOWE ISLAND - BAITING—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- 2390 ELECTRICITY PRIVATISATION—Mr George Souris to ask the Premier, Minister for Citizenship—
- 2391 DEMOUNTABLE CLASSROOMS—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- 2392 MONA VALE HOSPITAL—FOOD SAFETY AUDIT—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2393 SPEEDING FINES IN 40 KPH SCHOOL ZONES—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2394 BUS SAFETY MODELLING—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2395 MID NORTH COAST STRATEGY – LATE APPLICATIONS—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- 2396 NSW COMMUNITY COLLEGES – FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- 2397 NEW STAFFING PROPOSALS—Mr Richard Torbay to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—

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- 2399 FREEHOLD TITLE OF LAND—MR MARTIN TEBBUTT—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Lands, Minister for Rural Affairs, Minister for Regional Development—
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- 2404 POST STEPHENS LOCAL AREA COMMAND—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 2405 ILUKA POLICE STATION—Mr Steve Cansdell to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
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- 2411 MUNMORAH POWER STATION—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—
- 2412 DOOR TO DOOR SALES OF RETAIL ENERGY—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—
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- 2415 NSW RIVERBANK ENVIRONMENTAL FUND—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- 2416 CORRESPONDENCE FROM MRS K CUBBON—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Community Services—

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- 2417 ABORIGINAL HOUSING—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—
- 2418 BRANCH LINE CLOSURES—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
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- 2427 RTA DATABASE—Mr Daryl Maguire to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2428 TOY POKER MACHINES—Mr Daryl Maguire to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 2429 TOY POKER MACHINES—Mr Daryl Maguire to ask the Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Youth, Minister for Volunteering—
- 2430 RIVER RED GUM FORESTS—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—
- 2431 CLIENT SERVICE OFFICERS—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Housing, Minister for Tourism—
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- 2433 KINGSWAY FINANCIAL ASSESSMENT PTY LTD—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2434 FIXED SPEED CAMERAS—Mr Donald Page to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2435 REVIEW OF TOURISM IN NSW REPORT—Mr Donald Page to ask the Minister for Housing, Minister for Tourism—
- 2436 ALLEGED ASSAULT— TORONTO HIGH SCHOOL—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- 2437 FAST SERVICE FROM NEWCASTLE—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

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- 2440 LEASING OF CROWN LAND—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Lands, Minister for Rural Affairs, Minister for Regional Development—
- 2441 POTTSVILLE COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2442 ACCELERATED SEWERAGE PROGRAM—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- 2443 RECYCLED WATER—SOUTH WEST—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—
- 2444 SYDNEY CATCHMENT AUTHORITY—ACCOUNTS—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- 2445 BOTTLED OR SPRING WATER—Mr Anthony Roberts to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—
- 2446 OVERSEAS TRAVEL—Mr Anthony Roberts to ask the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—
- 2447 TUBERCULOSIS—Mr Anthony Roberts to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2448 F3 FREEWAY—Mr George Souris to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2449 TILLEGRA DAM—Mr George Souris to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—
- 2450 TAXIS—NORTHERN BEACHES—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2451 TAXIS—NORTHERN BEACHES—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2452 BIRTHS AT MONA VALE HOSPITAL—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2453 COMMUNITY USE OF SCHOOLS—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- 2454 COMMUNITY COLLEGES – FUNDING AGREEMENTS—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- 2455 MELVILLE HIGH SCHOOL—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- 2456 MIKE BAILEY—Mr John Turner to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Lands, Minister for Rural Affairs, Minister for Regional Development—

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- 2457 CAPE HAWKE COMMUNITY PRIVATE HOSPITAL—Mr John Turner to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2458 REPRESENTATIONS—MR PHIL BAKER—Mr John Turner to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- 2459 XPT SERVICE TO DUBBO—Mr Russell Turner to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2460 TRAFFIC SURROUNDING SCHOOLS—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
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- 2464 POLLUTION REDUCTION PROGRAM—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- 2465 NORTH HEAD SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—
- 2466 NORTH HEAD SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT—LICENCE CONDITIONS—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—
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- 2468 PRUNING OF TREES NEAR POWER LINES—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—
- 2469 ALCOHOL RELATED OFFENCES—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 2470 YOUTH SUICIDE—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Health—
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- 2472 MANLY WHARF—SALE OF COMMUTER TICKETS—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2473 REFERENCES FOR HOUSING DEPARTMENT TENANTS—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Minister for Housing, Minister for Tourism—
- 2474 PUBLIC TRANSPORT IN PORT STEPHENS—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2475 PROPOSED HIGH SCHOOL AT MEDOWIE—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—



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- 2477 OPERATING STANDARDS FOR SCHOOLS—REVIEWS—Ms Gladys Berejiklian to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- 2478 HYDROTHERAPY POOL—ROYAL NORTH SHORE HOSPITAL—Ms Gladys Berejiklian to ask the Minister for Health—
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- 2480 FORESHORE RENTAL INCREASES—MIDDLE HARBOUR—Ms Gladys Berejiklian to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Minister for Ports and Waterways—
- 2481 MACLEAN POLICE STATION—Mr Steve Cansdell to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 2482 MACLEAN POLICE STATION—NIGHT SHIFT—Mr Steve Cansdell to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 2483 GRAFTON POLICE STATION—Mr Steve Cansdell to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 2484 GRAFTON POLICE STATION—NIGHT SHIFT—Mr Steve Cansdell to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 2485 PRINCES HIGHWAY—NAROOMA—Mr Andrew Constance to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2486 FISHERIES—RESTRICTION ON COMMUNICATION—Mr Andrew Constance to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—
- 2487 JOHN MARCHEFF SOLAR PROJECT—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—
- 2488 NRET SCHEME—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—
- 2489 COMPENSATION FOR GENERATORS—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts representing the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 2490 JENOLAN CAVES RESERVE TRUST—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- 2491 OMBUDSMAN RECOMMENDATIONS—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 2492 LONGWALL MINING—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—
- 2493 TRANSIT OFFICERS—SOUTH COAST RAIL LINE—Mrs Shelley Hancock to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

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- 2494 GARAGE DOOR FITTERS—Mrs Shelley Hancock to ask the Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Youth, Minister for Volunteering—
- 2495 40 KM ZONE AT SOUTH NOWRA—Mrs Shelley Hancock to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2496 ROADWORKS—JERVIS BAY ROAD—Mrs Shelley Hancock to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2497 PENSIONER EXCURSION TICKET SCHEME—Mrs Shelley Hancock to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2498 SECURITY FENCES—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- 2499 FALSIFICATION OF WAITING TIMES—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2500 SPEEDING OFFENCES—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2501 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CRISIS ACCOMMODATION—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- 2502 KOSCIUSZKO NATIONAL PARK—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- 2503 YASS FISHING INSPECTOR—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—
- 2504 PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP PROJECTS—HORNSBY COUNCIL—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—
- 2505 DADHC ACCOMMODATION—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services—
- 2506 HORNSBY HOSPITAL—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2507 FIRE SAFETY PROGRAMS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—
- 2508 STANWELL PARK VIADUCT—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2509 CRONULLA RAILWAY LINE—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2510 PORT HACKING—CAULERPA TAXIFOLIA—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—
- 2511 COMMUTER PARKING—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
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- 2514 OLD NORTHERN ROAD CONSTRUCTION WORK—Mr Wayne Merton to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

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- 2517 KINGS CROSS YOUTH AT RISK PROJECT—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Premier, Minister for Citizenship—
- 2518 RESTRUCTURE OF THE HERITAGE OFFICE WITHIN DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- 2519 BASS AND FLINDERS—LEASE AGREEMENT—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Minister for Ports and Waterways—
- 2520 COAL BUNKER WHARF—EOI PROCESS—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Minister for Ports and Waterways—
- 2521 BELL FAMILY JETTY AT FRANCE BAY—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Minister for Ports and Waterways—
- 2522 ROZELLE BAY SUPERYACHT MARINA—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Minister for Ports and Waterways—
- 2523 WORKPLACE DRUG TESTING—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Minister for Ports and Waterways—
- 2524 DATA ON RECIDIVISM LEVELS—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 2525 CARBON TAXATION—EXEMPTIONS—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts representing the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 2526 MORISSET STATION—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2527 TWEED HEADS SOUTH SKATE PARK—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Gaming and Racing, Minister for Sport and Recreation—
- 2528 BLACK SPOT FUNDING—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2529 WOMMIN ROAD AND PHILLIP STREET INTERSECTION—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2530 HELICOPTER FLIGHTS—Mr Anthony Roberts to ask the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—
- 2531 COMMUTER PARKING—Mr Anthony Roberts to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2532 LICENSING PROPOSALS FOR OLDER DRIVERS - SUBMISSIONS—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2533 MAINTENANCE WORK—PITTWATER—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- 2534 CAULERPA TAXIFOLIA—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—
- 2535 STUDENT TRANSPORT—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—

- 2536 MARTIN BRIDGE—Mr John Turner to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2537 PLANNING—MID NORTH COAST—Mr John Turner to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- 2538 FUNDING OF CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITIES—Mr John Turner to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—
- 2539 MIDDLE DURAL PUBLIC SCHOOL—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- 2540 DANGEROUS DOGS – TYRA’S LAW—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—
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- 2543 REPRESENTATIONS—MR GRAHAM WILSON—Mr Greg Aplin to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—
- 2544 TYNAN ROAD CROSSING—Mr Greg Aplin to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2545 CONSTRUCTION OF NEW POLICE STATION AT MANLY—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 2546 SEAFORTH TAFE SITE—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- 2547 WIRREANDA PUBLIC SCHOOL—DEMOUNTABLES—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- 2548 PATIENTS FROM TOMAREE PENINSULA—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2549 MINISTERIAL COUNCIL ON ENERGY—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—
- 2550 SOLAR ENERGY—SYDNEY AIRPORT—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—
- 2551 FEED-IN TARIFFS AND REBATES—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—
- 2552 ENDANGERED WILDLIFE—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

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- 2554 TRADING HOURS FOR RETAIL OUTLETS IN GOULBURN—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- 2555 WATER PIPELINE TENDER—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—
- 2556 BLUESCOPE STEEL GREENHOUSE GAS CREDITS—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- 2557 CORRECTIVE SERVICES ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 2558 DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING TENANTS—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Minister for Housing, Minister for Tourism—
- 2559 UNLAWFUL DIVERSION OF WATER—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—
- 2560 COLLATERAL DEBT OBLIGATIONS—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—
- 2561 STUDENT TRANSPORT—WAKEHURST—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2562 CLINICAL SERVICES PLAN—NORTHERN BEACHES HOSPITALS—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2563 OUTSTANDING MAINTENANCE—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- 2564 AGE OF BUSES—BROOKVALE DEPOT—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2565 STUDENT TRANSPORT—FOREST HIGH SCHOOL—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2566 READING RECOVERY PROGRAMS—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- 2567 MAINTENANCE WORK AND CAPITAL WORKS—WAKEHURST SCHOOLS—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- 2568 PUBLIC HOUSING MAINTENANCE—WAKEHURST—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Minister for Housing, Minister for Tourism—
- 2569 MAINTENANCE OF AMBULANCE STATIONS—NORTHERN BEACHES—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2570 STUART NEAL AND SHARON GUEST—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- 2571 PUBLIC HOUSING IN YOUNG—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Housing, Minister for Tourism—

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- 2572 PURCHASE OF CROWN LAND—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Lands, Minister for Rural Affairs, Minister for Regional Development—
- 2573 NUTRITION OF HOSPITAL PATIENTS—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2574 ROAD CONVERTED TO MALL—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2575 HAEMODIALYSIS UNIT—HORNSBY HOSPITAL—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2576 POLICE RECRUITS—WARATAH COMMAND—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 2577 STAFF MOBILITY RATES—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Premier, Minister for Citizenship—
- 2578 MILITARY ROAD WORKING GROUP—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2579 TAFE SITE AT BELROSE—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- 2580 EMPLOYEE NUMBERS OUTSIDE NEW SOUTH WALES—Mr Barry O'Farrell to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2581 NORTH WEST RAIL LINK EXPENDITURE—Mr Barry O'Farrell to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2582 GRAFFITI TASKFORCE—Mr Barry O'Farrell to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 2583 WATER FIX PROGRAM—Mr Barry O'Farrell to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—
- 2584 NORTH SHORE LINE TRACKWORK—Mr Barry O'Farrell to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2585 EMPLOYEE NUMBERS OUTSIDE NEW SOUTH WALES—Mr Barry O'Farrell to ask the Premier, Minister for Citizenship—
- 2586 WATER RESTRICTION FINES—Mr Barry O'Farrell to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—
- 2587 GRAFFITI CLEANING COSTS—Mr Barry O'Farrell to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2588 REQUEST FOR POLICE PRESENCE—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2589 TUTOR DEEMED UNSUITABLE—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- 2590 SEWERAGE TREATMENT AT BURRENBAR-MOOBALL—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—
- 2591 NSW DISABILITY PERMITS—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services—
- 2592 FTE NURSES AT TWEED HOSPITAL—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2593 SYDNEY WATER—VACANT POSITIONS—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—

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- 2595 SPEED CAMERA REVENUE—Mr Anthony Roberts to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts representing the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 2596 SINGLETON FIRE STATION—Mr George Souris to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—
- 2597 TREE PRUNING POLICY—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—
- 2598 SCHOOLS FUNDED FOR WATER SAVING DEVICES—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—
- 2599 SCHOOL FUNDING FOR WATER SAVING DEVICES—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—
- 2600 MEDICARE FUNDING FOR EMERGENCY SERVICE DEPARTMENTS—Mr John Turner to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2601 THE TOWRANG STOCKADE RESERVE TRUST—Mr John Turner to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Lands, Minister for Rural Affairs, Minister for Regional Development—
- 2602 OLD BAR BEACH COMMUNITY TECHNOLOGY CENTRE INC—REPRESENTATIONS—Mr John Turner to ask the Premier, Minister for Citizenship—
- 2603 REPRESENTATIONS—RESIDENTS OF GUNJULA DRIVE—Mr John Turner to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts representing the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 2604 WORKERS COMPENSATION SPECIALISED INSURANCE SCHEME LICENCES—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—

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- 2606 RETAIL COMPETITION IN RURAL NSW—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—
- 2607 BUS SERVICES—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2608 CLEANER GOVERNMENT FLEET—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2609 DOCS CASEWORKER STAFFING—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- 2610 SPEECH THERAPIST AT COWRA—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Health—

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- 2611 SALE OF ILLABO SCHOOL RESIDENCE—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- 2612 HAEMODIALYSIS BED NUMBERS—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2613 HAEMODIALYSIS WAITING LISTS—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2614 PUBLIC LIGHTING—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—
- 2615 SOLAR IN SCHOOLS PROGRAM—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- 2616 TOLKIEN II REPORT—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2617 NOISY VEHICLES—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- 2618 FREE RANGE PIGS—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—
- 2619 COST ASSESSMENT DEPARTMENT OF THE SUPREME COURT—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts representing the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 2620 REFERRAL OF MATTERS TO THE LEGAL SERVICES COMMISSIONER—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 2621 BELROSE SPACE CORRIDOR—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- 2622 TWEED SHIRE COUNCIL'S EXPOSURE TO THE SUBPRIME MORTGAGE MARKET—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts representing the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 2623 SUBSIDISED SCHOOL GROUP TRAVEL—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- 2624 MAINTENANCE OF STATE-OWNED ROADS—TWEED ELECTORATE—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2625 PLANNING STAFF—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- 2626 VACANT POSITIONS—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- 2627 WARRAGAMBA DAM AUXILIARY SPILLWAY PROJECT—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- 2628 PROMOTION OF NATURE TOURISM—PITTWATER ELECTORATE—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Housing, Minister for Tourism—
- 2629 NARRABEEN AMBULANCE STATION—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Health—



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- 2630 HIGHWAY PATROL OFFICERS—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 2631 DRAFT RURAL RESIDENTIAL LAND RELEASE STRATEGY—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—

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- 2632 TRAVELLING TIMES TO THE SYDNEY CBD—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- (1) Does the Roads and Traffic Authority monitor travelling times into the Sydney Central Business District from various locations in the Sydney Metropolitan area?
  - (2) From the junction of the M4 and M7 Motorways, situated in the Mount Druitt Electorate, how does the travelling time from this location into the CBD compare between the following routes:
    - (a) To the Sydney CBD via the M7/M2/Harbour Bridge;
    - (b) To the Sydney CBD via the M4 and Anzac Bridge?
  - (3) As this current information is not available in the Department's Annual Report, how have these travelling times changed in recent years?
- 2633 PROPOSED TOMAGO INDUSTRIAL SITE RAIL CORRIDOR—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- Regarding the proposed Tomago Industrial Site Rail Corridor:
- (1) Can the Minister provide an update regarding the future plans for the Tomago Industrial Rail Corridor?
  - (2) Has any planning toward creating rail infrastructure to and from the Tomago Industrial Site been undertaken?
  - (3) Has any planning toward rail services in the broader Port Stephens region been undertaken, given that the prosperous Newcastle Airport operates nearby the Tomago Industrial Site and has zero access to public transport facilities?
- 2634 CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAMS AT SOLDIERS POINT PUBLIC SCHOOL—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- Regarding the capital works programs at Soldiers Point Public School:
- (1) Can the Minister provide an update from the Department of Education and Training on the consideration being given to Stage 2 of the facilities upgrade at Soldiers Point Public School, given that the multi-stage program has left capital works on-site unfinished?
  - (2) Is the Minister aware that the Hunter/Central Coast Region School Education Director Graeme Valler indicated the project has been nominated as a "very high regional priority"?
  - (3) Is the Minister aware that the second stage of the capital works program was pledged seven years ago?
- 2635 PRESENTATION OF JUNE 2007 FLOOD AND STORM MEDALLIONS—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—
- Regarding the presentation of June 2007 Flood and Storm Medallions:
- (1) Is the Minister aware of an email signed by Mr Greg Perry, Hunter Region Controller, NSW State Emergency Service that states, "Presentations will be subject to the availability of your local MP, and their work schedule in relation to attending Parliament...In areas where there is no Labor Government local MP, the same process will be adopted as was carried out in relation to the presentation of the SES Long Service Award. That is, either the Director General or the Deputy Director General will present the medallion"?
  - (2) Did the Minister direct the Hunter Region Controller to issue this memorandum?
  - (3) Is it the policy of the Minister's Department to exclude Members of Parliament who are not members of the Government from non-political events such as awards ceremonies?

- 2636 RENEWAL OF BOAT LICENCES—Mr Steve Cansdell to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Minister for Ports and Waterways—
- (1) Why does Maritime Services not send out renewal notices for boat licences?
  - (2) Why is the cost of 'reinstating' a boat licence once the renewal date is passed more than double the cost of the annual licence fee?
- 2637 YAMBA POLICE STATION—NIGHT SHIFT—Mr Steve Cansdell to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- (1) How many general duties police officers are on duty night shift Friday and Saturdays at Yamba police station?
  - (2) How many general duties police officers are on night shift other nights of the week, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday?
  - (3) What surrounding communities are these officers expected to respond to and patrol?
- 2638 CORAKI POLICE STATION—Mr Steve Cansdell to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- (1) How many general duties police officers are assigned to Coraki police station?
  - (2) Are they exclusively assigned to the Coraki police station?
  - (3) If not, what other police stations or precincts are these officers expected to patrol?
- 2639 CORAKI POLICE STATION—NIGHT SHIFT—Mr Steve Cansdell to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- (1) How many general duties police officers are on duty night shift Friday and Saturdays at Coraki police station?
  - (2) How many general duties police officers are on night shift other nights of the week, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday?
  - (3) What surrounding communities are these officers expected to respond to and patrol?
- 2640 CASINO POLICE STATION—Mr Steve Cansdell to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- (1) How many general duties police officers are assigned to Casino police station?
  - (2) Are they exclusively assigned to the Casino police station?
  - (3) If not, what other police stations or precincts are these officers expected to patrol?
- 2641 CASINO POLICE STATION—NIGHT SHIFT—Mr Steve Cansdell to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- (1) How many general duties police officers are on duty night shift Friday and Saturdays at Casino police station?
  - (2) How many general duties police officers are on night shift other nights of the week, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday?
  - (3) What surrounding communities are these officers expected to respond to and patrol?
- 2642 FLUORIDATION—Mr Andrew Constance to ask the Minister for Health—
- (1) Is there evidence that citizens ingesting fluoridated water may suffer both joint pain and bone damage?
  - (2) Why does New South Wales disperse fluoride in the water supply when there are concerns that fluoride is toxic when ingested?
  - (3) Since fluoride primarily prevents cavities while bathing teeth surfaces in the mouth does the Government have any intention to cease fluoridation that leads to the ingestion of fluoride throughout the entire body?
  - (4) Does fluoridated water increase the absorption of toxic aluminium from aluminium cookware?
  - (5) What Australian States and Territories use fluoride in their water supplies?
  - (6) Will NSW Health indemnify and reimburse water districts in New South Wales for legal, health effects and other costs that may be incurred by water districts that fluoridate?
  - (7) Does NSW Health have biologically tested evidence that silicofluorides disassociate completely when used in water fluoridation?
  - (8) (a) Does NSW Health subscribe to the generally accepted environmental management practice that if large numbers of people are exposed to a chemical substance, the substance should be adequately tested for acute and chronic toxicity?

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- (b) If not, why not?
- (9) (a) Is NSW Health keeping a registry of bone fluoride levels so that data can be gathered for use in epidemiology studies on the practice of fluoridation?
- (b) If not, why not?
- (10) (a) Can fluoride tablets, supplement pills or drops be bought over the counter in NSW?
- (b) If not, why not?
- (11) How much money has NSW Health received in the last 10 years from sources other than State revenues for the promotion of fluoridation?
- (12) How much money in the last 10 years has NSW spent on the study of the efficacy and safety of fluoridation?
- (13) What scientific and medical research does NSW Health rely upon to prove that the chemically manufactured fluoride used to fluoridate water supplies is safe for human consumption and is effective in the control of dental caries?
- 2643 EXERCISE CATALYST 2008—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—
- In relation to "Exercise Catalyst 2008":
- (1) Given that the Department of Energy, Utilities and Sustainability has responsibility for ensuring the "safety and integrity of licensed pipelines - oil, gas and petroleum" (<http://www.deus.nsw.gov.au/energy/Pipelines/Pipelines.asp>), what involvement will the NSW Government have with "the National Liquid Fuel Emergency Simulation", also known as "Exercise Catalyst 2008" (December 2007 "Ministerial Council on Energy Communiqué", p. 6)?
- (2) When will "Exercise Catalyst 2008" be held?
- (3) Which national agency has overall responsibility for co-ordinating the "Exercise Catalyst 2008"?
- (4) What NSW agencies or departments are involved in "Exercise Catalyst 2008"?
- (5) Will "Exercise Catalyst 2008" involve supply disruptions and, if so, what disruptions will occur?
- (6) What sites of "liquid fuel" in NSW are regarded as potentially vulnerable, as part of the "Liquid Fuel Vulnerability Assessment" (December 2007 "Ministerial Council on Energy Communiqué", p. 6)?
- (7) When will the "Liquid Fuel Vulnerability Assessment" take place?
- 2644 SMART METERS—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—
- In relation to "smart meters" and the December "Ministerial Council on Energy Communiqué":
- (1) Given that "COAG has committed to a national mandated roll-out of electricity smart meters to areas where benefits outweigh costs" (p. 4), which areas in New South Wales have been assessed as beneficial for rolling-out smart meters?
- (2) Has the New South Wales Government performed its own "cost-benefit analysis" (p. 4) into which areas are appropriate for the "roll-out of electricity smart meters"?
- (3) When will the COAG-led "roll-out of electricity smart meters" commence?
- (4) Will any New South Wales Government agency or "public trading enterprise" be responsible for issuing and installing the "smart meters", as part of the COAG-led plan, and if so, which agency or "public trading enterprise"?
- 2645 SCHOOL MAINTENANCE—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- In relation to school maintenance:
- (1) What funding has been allocated to school maintenance at the following schools:
- (a) Bellevue Hill Public School;
- (b) Bondi Beach Public School;
- (c) Bondi Public School;
- (d) Double Bay Public School;
- (e) Rose Bay Public School;
- (f) Rose Bay Secondary College;
- (g) Vaucluse Primary School;
- (h) Woollahra Public School?
- (2) What school maintenance projects remain backlogged at each of the schools?

- 2646 THREATENED SPECIES PROTECTION—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- Given that the former Minister advised Budget Estimates of approximate expenditure attributable to threatened species protection:
- (1) What are the details of each project and program that received funding for threatened species protection?
  - (2) What are the performance indicators used?
  - (3) What are the results?
- 2647 LAKE BURRAGORANG WATER SUPPLY—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- (1) How much money was spent on the collaborative blue-green algae project between the former Department of Land and Water Conservation and Dr Nielan (UNSW) in 2002, which then failed to be developed to a stage where the Department could apply the testing techniques at its Wolli Creek laboratory?
  - (2) Given the Minister previously advised Budget Estimates (2007) that Dr Nielan's test results for Lake Burragorang found that over 99% of the algal cells within the lake did not have the toxicity gene, does this mean that water containing these algae blooms is therefore safe to drink?
  - (3) If water is still considered to be unsafe then what is the source of its danger to humans?
- 2648 VEGETATION MONITORING—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- (1) What are the results of the Department of Environment and Climate Change's satellite monitoring on the extent of illegal land clearing, especially the \$5 million of Treasury capital funds on satellite-based woody vegetation extent monitoring?
  - (2) When will the new Vegetation Monitoring Program under development be implemented?
- 2649 PUBLIC HOUSING—WINDMILL STREET, MILLERS POINT—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Minister for Housing, Minister for Tourism—
- (1) How many Department of Housing tenants are living in public housing located in Windmill Street, Millers Point, Sydney?
  - (2) Of these tenants, how many are in full-time employment?
  - (3) How many of these tenants have been transferred from other areas of public housing?
  - (4) How many of these tenants transferred had full-time employment at the time they were transferred?
  - (5) (a) Are the tenants with full-time employment living in Windmill Street paying full market rent?  
(b) If so, what is the full market rent?
  - (6) (a) Were they paying full market rent at their properties before being re-located to Windmill Street, Millers Point?  
(b) If so, what were the market rents?
  - (7) What are the estimated values of Department of Housing properties located in Windmill Street, Millers Point, by specific address?
- 2650 STATE TRANSIT "RUNAWAYS"—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- (1) How many unattended State Transit buses moving by themselves called, "runaways" have occurred in 2006-07?
  - (2) (a) Were any of these incidents reported to WorkCover?  
(b) If so, which ones?  
(c) If not, why not?
  - (3) How does State Transit investigate these incidents?
  - (4) Do State Transit employ Accident Prevention Officers to investigate such and other incidents?
  - (5) Are reports into such incidents compiled for management?
  - (6) Are recommendations contained in those reports to management?
  - (7) What actions have State Transit taken since 2006 to prevent 'runaways' from occurring again?

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- 2651 PRIMO INVESTIGATION—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—
- (1) What progress has the NSW Food Authority made on the Primo investigation into the imported products being sold as 'Products of Australia'?
  - (2) When is the investigation expected to be completed?
  - (3) (a) Are there any state or federal bodies or departments involved in investigating Primo Small Goods?  
(b) If so, who are they?
- 2652 STATE WARDS—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- (1) Given that the Mulligan Inquiry into the treatment of Children In State Care in SA has now been tabled in the South Australian Parliament, will you undertake to hold a similar inquiry into the treatment of children in State care in NSW?
  - (2) If not, why do you consider that such an inquiry is not warranted?
- 2653 BELLS LINE OF ROAD—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- (1) What is the current status of the upgrade of the Bells Line of Road to a major freight route across the Blue Mountains?
  - (2) Given that the RTA released the Bells Line of Road Corridor Study Summary in November 2005, when will the NSW Government provide a response to this study?
  - (3) Which Councils along the route of the proposed upgrade have expressed support for this upgrade?
  - (4) Which Councils along the route of the proposed upgrade have refused to support this upgrade or have expressed reservations about the proposal?
- 2654 AIR AMBULANCE COSTS—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Health—
- (1) With reference to the reply by the Parliamentary Secretary for Health, to my representations on behalf of Mr C Brown of Young (your reference M08/531 dated 29 March 2008 refers), why have you not investigated the incorrect advice given to Mr Brown by the NSW Ambulance Service before the cost referred to in my representations was incurred?
  - (2) As this cost was incurred, based on incorrect advice from the NSW Ambulance Service, what action are you going to take to address Mr Brown's concerns?
- 2655 INQUIRY FOR OUT OF HOME CARE OF CHILDREN—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- Given that South Australia has just completed the Children in State Care Inquiry, Queensland has held the Forde Inquiry, Western Australia, Queensland and Tasmania have all established redress schemes and that the NSW Government did not make a submission to the Senate Inquiry into Child in Institutional Care:
- (1) When is the Government going to conduct an inquiry into children who grew up in out-of-home care in NSW during the last century?
  - (2) When is the Government going to establish a redress scheme for these people?
- 2656 ALCOHOL RELATED BREACHES—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- (1) How many breaches of liquor licences have occurred in the Hornsby electorate in:
    - (a) 2003;
    - (b) 2004;
    - (c) 2005;
    - (d) 2006;
    - (e) 2007?
  - (2) How many "move-ons", cautions and/or charges have been made for consuming alcohol in "Alcohol Free Areas" within:
    - (a) the Hornsby electorate (Kuring-gai LAC);
    - (b) other areas?

- 2657 DAME EDITH FACILITY—CONCORD HOSPITAL—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Health—  
What are the details of the Dame Edith Facility at Concord Hospital that is alleged to be changing from a nursing home to a palliative care facility?
- 2658 LOCK DOWN POLICY—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—  
(1) What are the details of the successful lock down policy used at Merrylands High School?  
(2) Is this the model for all public schools in New South Wales?
- 2659 MAINTENANCE OF PUBLIC HOUSING—CRONULLA—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Housing, Minister for Tourism—  
What is the value of outstanding maintenance in public housing in the Cronulla electorate?
- 2660 WATER SAVING DEVICES—CRONULLA SCHOOLS—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—  
How many schools in the Cronulla electorate have been provided with funding by the Government to install water saving devices?
- 2661 EXPRESS TRAINS—CRONULLA RAILWAY LINE—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—  
Will commuters between Cronulla and Kirrawee receive any express trains to and from the City on completion of the duplication of the Cronulla railway line?
- 2662 PROBATION OFFICES—SUTHERLAND SHIRE—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—  
(1) Is there a probation office in Caringbah?  
(2) What are the locations of the probation offices in the Sutherland Shire?
- 2663 SINGLE SUPPLEMENT—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Housing, Minister for Tourism—  
With respect to the recent Sydney Morning Herald article "Singled Out" (29 March 2008, Travel Section), in which Conrad Walters argued that the 'single supplement' makes it difficult for many people to travel on their own:  
(1) What is the Government's assessment of the extra costs involved when people travel alone?  
(2) What action has the Government taken to encourage the tourism industry to accommodate single travellers?  
(3) What assessment has the Government made of the impact of the 'single supplement' on older people and their ability to travel alone?  
(4) What strategies can the Government suggest for people travelling alone to help reduce their costs, particularly for older people?
- 2664 GENETICALLY MODIFIED (GM) CANOLA—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—  
Given that the moratorium on GM canola has been lifted in NSW:  
(1) Has harvesting of GM canola crops commenced in NSW?  
(2) If not, when is it due to commence?  
(3) When are products containing GM canola crops harvested in NSW expected to be available for sale to consumers in NSW?  
(4) What protocol is being issued by the Department of Primary Industries to GM farmers to guarantee segregation of GM canola from non-GM canola?  
(5) What labelling requirements of food products will be in place to ensure that NSW consumers know whether products available to them contain GM food components?
- 2665 HICKSON ROAD CAR ENTHUSIASTS—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Premier, Minister for Citizenship—

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With regard to trial closure of Hickson Road in order to prevent the congregation of groups of motorists with "hotted up" cars and exhaust systems, with resulting noise and safety impacts on residents of Millers Point and Walsh Bay:

- (1) What is the outcome of the trial of the closure of Hickson Road in terms of residential impacts?
- (2) What complaints have been received from local residents since the closure was removed?
- (3) What is the outcome of the evaluation of this trial and the removal of road closures and other treatments?
- (4) What evidence is there that those involved in this activity have been displaced to other areas such as Cowper Wharf Road Woolloomooloo and Macleay Street Potts Point?
- (5) What action will the Department of Premier and Cabinet take or coordinate following this evaluation, and when will this occur?
- (6) What action will the Government take to provide venues where car enthusiasts can legally carry out their activities?

2666 CHATSWOOD TO EPPING RAIL LINE—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

Regarding the new Chatswood to Epping rail line:

- (1) When will the new line now open to the public and with what rolling stock?
- (2) Will the opening result in any further reduction in the number of peak hour trains travelling through Chatswood from Roseville?

2667 POPULATION GROWTH FOR SYDNEY—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Premier, Minister for Citizenship—

What is the planned population growth for Sydney and for NSW over the next:

- (a) 20 years;
- (b) 50 years;
- (c) 100 years?

2668 CHATSWOOD TO EPPING RAIL LINE—EMERGENCY PLANS—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

Regarding the new Chatswood to Epping rail line:

- (1) Is the Minister satisfied with the emergency plans for passengers to be evacuated from relevant train tunnels, particularly given constraints on the type of rolling stock that can be used?
- (2) Will the relevant tunnel width properly allow evacuation from the side of trains?

2669 IPART RECOMMENDATIONS—Mr Donald Page to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Minister for Ports and Waterways—

With respect to the 16 key recommendations made by the IPART investigation into the burden of regulation in NSW and improving regulatory efficiency:

- (1) Which recommendation between 1 and 16 has the NSW Government implemented?
- (2) Which recommendations has the NSW Government not implemented?
- (3) Of those not yet implemented, which recommendations does the Government propose to implement?
- (4) Of those not yet implemented, which recommendations does the Government propose not to implement?
- (5) What briefly are the reasons for not implementing those recommendations identified in question 4?

2670 PLATFORM AWNINGS—MORISSET—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

Are there any plans for provision of additional platform awnings for Morisset Cityrail customers, in consideration of the minimal coverage that is currently provided?

2671 MORISSET STATION—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

Why are public toilets not provided on both platforms at Morisset station, given that it is a transport interchange servicing localities as distant as Belmont and Cessnock and there is commonly a 30 minute interval between trains and there is a minimum journey time of 2 hours to Sydney?

2672 PENALTIES FOR CHILD HOMICIDE AND INJURY—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

- (1) Is the Attorney General aware of the Victorian Crimes Amendment Child Homicide Bill 2007 which increases penalties for child homicide and injury?
- (2) Is a review of current penalties in NSW planned?

2673 MAINTENANCE OF STATE-OWNED ROADS IN THE TWEED—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

Given that the condition of roadside areas along state-owned roads in the Tweed has deteriorated to the extent that weeds are now in excess of 2 metres high and rubbish lies along the road:

- (1) Will the current weed and maintenance problem be addressed immediately?
- (2) What are the intervals for which roadside maintenance is planned to be conducted for the rest of the year?
- (3) Will rubbish collectors not only empty rubbish bins but also collect the large amounts of rubbish strewn along the roadside?

2674 DRIVERS OVER 85—TWEED ELECTORATE—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

In relation to drivers aged over 85 in the Tweed:

- (1) How many people in the Tweed electorate were required to undertake the mandatory 85 years and over driving test?
- (2) How many people in the Tweed electorate:
  - (a) took the test;
  - (b) passed the test?
- (3) How many people in the Tweed electorate failed the driving test after:
  - (a) one attempt;
  - (b) two attempts;
  - (c) three or more attempts?
- (4) What is the State average failure rate of older drivers in NSW after:
  - (a) one attempt;
  - (b) two attempts;
  - (c) three or more attempts?

2675 SUPPLY OF IMIZOL CATTLE TICK FEVER VACCINATION—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—

Given that Tweed graziers have advised that during previous cattle tick fever outbreaks, the DPI was unable to supply any Imizol vaccinations to farmers, forcing them to have to source the drug themselves:

- (1) Why was the DPI unable to supply Imizol to a Tweed grazier in Carool, who suffered from a cattle tick fever outbreak in December 2007?
- (2) Can the Minister confirm reports that the DPI still does not possess quantities of Imizol and that the latest victim of cattle tick fever outbreak in the Tweed was forced to source the drug himself from Queensland?
- (3) Does the Minister agree with the opinions of several Tweed graziers that the most effective method for preventing cattle tick fever outbreaks is by utilising a cattle dip?
- (4) Given the DPI's shortfall in supply of Imizol and the continual failure of DPI veterinarians to correctly diagnose illnesses with cattle, will the Minister consider an offer made from the Blissett family to re-establish a cattle dip facility on their land for use by surrounding properties?

2676 HOSPITAL FOOD SERVICES—Mrs Jillian Skinner to ask the Minister for Health—

With respect to the Special Commission of Inquiry into acute care services, which heard on April 2 that patients are starving in NSW public hospitals and that many patients develop malnutrition whilst in hospital:

- (1) What steps are being taken to ensure that patients admitted into NSW hospitals have their nutritional care needs met throughout their hospital stay?
- (2) With the transition of food service responsibility away from hospitals and into the business unit HealthSupport, which person or what section within Health will have the responsibility or



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- accountability to provide the appropriate menu and nutrition care standards that will inform HealthSupport to enable the delivery of quality patient food services?
- (3) What checks and balances will be put in place to reassure the public that patient care will not suffer and that patient nutritional needs can be met when food services are contracted out to private providers as will occur in current and future PPP hospital redevelopments such as that for Royal North Shore Hospital?
- 2677 RAIL TUNNEL ARDGLLEN—Mr George Souris to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- (1) What is the status of the proposed project to construct a new railway tunnel through the Liverpool Range at Ardglenn between Willow Tree and Murrurundi?
- (2) What is the current estimated cost of the project and what are its specifications such as number of rail paths, length, gradient etc? Are there any alternative proposals currently under consideration?
- 2678 FUNDING FOR MAINTENANCE—PITTWATER SCHOOLS—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- (1) How much money has been allocated for maintenance works and the upgrading of school buildings in the Pittwater electorate during 2007/08?
- (2) What are the details of the expenditure, if any?
- 2679 WAKEHURST PARKWAY—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- How many times was the Wakehurst Parkway closed due to flooding in 2007?
- 2680 MAJOR TOURISM EVENTS—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Housing, Minister for Tourism—
- What major tourism events has Sydney lost to Melbourne in the last decade?
- 2681 TEACHERS WORKER'S COMPENSATION CLAIMS—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- For NSW teachers away from work on worker's compensation claims:
- (1) Do they receive a salary from the Department of Education and Training during the school holiday period?
- (2) Do they receive financial compensation equivalent to their salary from the Government insurer (GIO) during the school holiday period?
- 2682 HOSPITAL TV RECEPTION—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Minister for Health—
- When will work commence on improving television reception for patients at Macksville District Hospital?
- 2683 SAVE THE BRUMBIES INC—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- When will you respond to the letters sent to you and the Deputy Director General, Parks and Wildlife, DECC by 'Save the Brumbies Inc' on December 14 2007?
- 2684 CHANGES TO GARBAGE SERVICES—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—
- In relation to the rates charged for garbage services under the Local Government Act:
- (1) Is it acceptable for a Council to charge a resident a continuing fee for the 'provision' of a waste management depot, as well as an access fee when the facility is used, even if the resident never uses the facility?
- (2) If so, is it acceptable that charges for the capital component of the provision of such a facility be levied on a continuing rather than a finite basis?
- (3) If so, on what basis should such charges be apportioned to individual residents e.g. on the basis of extent of use?

2685 POKER MACHINE REVENUE—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Minister for Gaming and Racing, Minister for Sport and Recreation—

Can the Minister confirm that the latest data for daily gross revenue per poker machine by location on the Mid North Coast includes the following:

- (1) Port Macquarie - \$680;
- (2) Kempsey - \$860;
- (3) Bellbrook - \$1,200?

2686 UNANSWERED CORRESPONDENCE—Mr John Turner to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

When will the Minister reply to my letter to him dated 9 October 2007 (your ref: M07/7164) and further follow up letters dated 12 December 2007 and 11 January 2008 concerning legislative requirements involving braking systems of off road transport?

2687 MULLER PARK RESERVE—Mr John Turner to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Lands, Minister for Rural Affairs, Minister for Regional Development—

- (1) (a) Was Dubbo City Council the trust manager for Crown Land known as Muller Park Reserve?  
(b) If so, what activities took place at that reserve?
- (2) (a) Has the Minister terminated the arrangement for the Council to be trust manager?  
(b) If so, why?
- (3) (a) If the Dubbo City Council was the trust manager, did they, prior to any sacking that may have occurred, issue a dual licence agreement to Muller Park Tennis Club and North Dubbo Family Tennis Club to allow equal usage of the Reserve tennis courts?  
(b) If so, did the Minister sack the Dubbo City Council as a result of the issue of such a licence agreement?  
(c) If so, why?
- (4) If the Minister has sacked the Dubbo City Council as trust manager, who now are the managers of the reserve and what are the terms of any appointment and usage for the reserve?
- (5) If the Minister has not appointed a new manager, why not?
- (6) (a) Does the usage of the reserve provide for general public access to the reserve and tennis courts?  
(b) If not, why not?  
(c) If so, has general access been denied in any instance?  
(d) If so, why?
- (7) (a) If the Dubbo City Council has been sacked as trust manager for the reserve, did the Minister take advice from any person prior to taking such action?  
(b) If so, which person or persons did the Minister take advice from?  
(c) If so, why did he take such advice?
- (8) (a) Did the Minister speak specifically to Councillor Allan Smith in relation to this matter?  
(b) If so, what advice did Councillor Smith offer to the Minister?