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\*2542 BREAK, ENTER AND STEAL OFFENCES—Mr Richard Amery asked the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

- (1) What is the maximum penalty that can be imposed for a person charged with break, enter and steal from a dwelling?
- (2) What is the latest information available from the Bureau of Crime Statistics NSW as to the number of persons detected by police for this crime?
- (3) Of the persons mentioned in (2) above, how many were:
  - (a) Sentenced to a custodial sentence;
  - (b) Given a suspended sentence;
  - (c) Dealt with by way of a good behaviour bond;
  - (d) Dealt with by way of a fine;
  - (e) Dealt with by way of a 'caution'?
- (4) Does the Bureau of Crime Statistics NSW record information on the number of persons arrested by police for break, enter and steal who are cautioned as an alternative to being charged?
- (5) If so, what is this information?

Answer—

I am advised:

Penalties for the offence breaking and entering any dwelling-house or other building, and committing a serious indictable offence (such as larceny) are outlined in section 112 of the Crimes Act.

Comprehensive statistics relating to the number of people appearing before the courts and the penalties imposed for the principal offence of unlawful entry with intent/burglary, break and enter are published in BOCSAR's NSW Criminal Court Statistics.

BOCSAR does not maintain separate statistics relating to the offence of break enter and steal from dwelling, or statistics relating to arrests for such offences.

\*2544 TYNAN ROAD CROSSING—Mr Greg Aplin asked the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

What progress is being made with plans to eliminate the level crossing on Tynan Road, Table Top and construct an overpass of the Hume Highway?

Answer—

I am advised:

Funding for the Federal Government's \$800M accelerated duplication of the Hume Highway has been allocated specifically for the duplication of the single carriageway sections of the existing Highway between Table Top and the Sturt Highway. Tynan Road is on a section of the Highway with existing dual carriageways and the proposal is currently outside the scope of works for the upgrade.

The Tynan Road level crossing is fitted with safety features including lights and bells.

The RTA has commenced preliminary investigations to identify possible options and associated costs for the level crossing on Tynan Road.

\*2545 CONSTRUCTION OF NEW POLICE STATION AT MANLY—Mr Mike Baird asked the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—

What progress has been made on the Government's election policy to construct a new Police Station at Manly?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force has advised me that the business case for this project has been completed and construction will commence within the current term of Government, as per our election commitment.

\*2547 WIRREANDA PUBLIC SCHOOL—DEMOUNTABLES—Mr Craig Baumann asked 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 replacement of demountable classrooms at Wirreanda Public School:

- (1) Is the Minister aware of a 2007 election commitment to replace four demountable classrooms at Wirreanda Public School with permanent structures by the recommencement of school in 2008?
- (2) Is the Minister aware that at the time of this question being placed upon notice, no capital works at Wirreanda Public School have commenced?
- (3) What planning stage has the construction of the new classrooms reached?

Answer—

The Government is meeting its commitment to replace four demountable classrooms at Wirreanda Public School. Following discussions between the Principal and the Regional Asset Management Unit regarding the location of the new buildings on the school site, two new modular design range buildings, which will replace four demountable classrooms, were delivered to the school on 2 April 2008. It is anticipated that the new buildings will be handed over to the school during Term 2, 2008.

\*2548 PATIENTS FROM TOMAREE PENINSULA—Mr Craig Baumann asked the Minister for Health—

Regarding patient transfers of Tomaree Peninsula residents to the John Hunter Hospital and the Calvary Mater Hospital:

- (1) What is the number of patients whose primary place of residence is the Tomaree Peninsula who required treatment at the John Hunter Hospital or the Calvary Mater Hospital in the 2007/2008 reporting period?
- (2) How many Tomaree Peninsula residents reported to the Tomaree Community Hospital were subsequently transferred to the John Hunter Hospital or the Calvary Mater Hospital?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) and (2) The 2007-08 reporting period is still on-going. Therefore it is not possible to provide data in response to this question at this time.

\*2552 ENDANGERED WILDLIFE—Ms Pru Goward 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)—

In light of the recent report release on 31 March 2008 for the CSIRO entitled "Implications of Climate Change for the National Reserve System", what role will the Government have in addressing the issue of endangered wildlife in New South Wales throughout New South Wales national parks and reserves?

Answer—

The CSIRO report confirms the importance of a comprehensive, adequate and representative reserve system in protecting biodiversity from the impacts of climate change. The NSW Government has a strong record in reserve establishment. Under State Plan Priority E4, the Government remains committed to the continued development of such a reserve system.

NSW is well-placed to access new National Reserve System funding of \$180 million, recently announced by the Federal Government, which will further contribute to building the comprehensive, adequate and representative system.

In addition to public reserve establishment, the Department of Environment and Climate Change has a spectrum of complementary measures for conservation on private and other public lands. The establishment of natural corridors is recognised as a key part of protecting biodiversity from the impacts of climate change, and the Alps to Atherton and Kosciuszko to Coast corridors are key examples that will greatly assist in allowing native plants and animals to adapt.

Research into the impacts of climate change on our wildlife is continuing under the Climate Change Impacts and Adaptation Research Program, which is part of the NSW Greenhouse Plan. This will help determine appropriate responses to climate change threats to endangered wildlife. Projects within this program include:

- monitoring programs to examine the impacts of climate change on ecological processes that are critical to species' survival and ability to move to new habitats; and
- research to understand the effects of climate change on the distribution of weeds and pests, and their impacts on biodiversity.

The NSW Government has released the NSW Biodiversity and Climate Change Adaptation Framework (2007-08) and the Department of Environment and Climate Change has released the DECC Adaptation

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Strategy for Climate Change Impacts on Biodiversity (2007-08). Both documents outline actions that NSW Government agencies are undertaking, both in conservation reserves and other areas, to implement the National Biodiversity and Climate Change Action Plan (2004-07) in NSW.

- \*2554 TRADING HOURS FOR RETAIL OUTLETS IN GOULBURN—Ms Pru Goward asked 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—

On what basis has the department amended the regulations concerning trading hours for retail outlets in Goulburn to allow them to trade on public holidays including Boxing Day?

Answer—

The NSW Office of Industrial Relations has not amended regulations allowing retail outlets in Goulburn to trade on public holidays, including Boxing Day.

In support of the local tourism industry, Goulburn-Mulwaree Council submitted an application under the Shops and Industries Act 1962 seeking an Order exempting particular types of shops from that part of the Act that limits when they may trade. The application was approved in accordance with the requirements of the Act. The Order describing the periods of the year that the exemption operates was published in New South Wales Government Gazette No.132 on 28 September 2007.

- \*2556 BLUESCOPE STEEL GREENHOUSE GAS CREDITS—Ms Pru Goward 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)—

As BlueScope Steel has been granted greenhouse gas credits by the Government in exchange for considerable investment in cogeneration and the Government has agreed to underwrite those credits in the advent of a national scheme:

- (1) Who initiated the contract which led to the negotiating of an agreement between BlueScope Steel and the State Government regarding the granting of greenhouse gas credits?
- (2) What was the monetary value of the credits granted to BlueScope Steel in that agreement?
- (3) What role did the Minister, the Minister's office and the Minister's department have in the development of this compensation arrangement with BlueScope Steel?

Answer—

The NSW Government negotiated an agreement with BlueScope Steel Ltd to secure the deployment of world leading low emissions technology at its Port Kembla plant. The agreement will deliver both greenhouse gas emission reductions, as well as a cleaner and more competitive steel industry in the Illawarra.

The agreement does not grant greenhouse gas credits to BlueScope Steel, or impose compensation obligations on the NSW Government in respect of the implementation of a national emissions trading scheme by the Commonwealth Government.

The details of the agreement with BlueScope Steel have been publicly available since the agreement was announced on 16 November 2006. A copy of the agreement can be viewed on the BlueScope website, [www.bluescopesteel.com](http://www.bluescopesteel.com).

As the Commonwealth Government will be introducing a national emissions trading scheme, it will be responsible for decisions on how individual companies, such as BlueScope Steel, are to be dealt with under that scheme.

- \*2557 CORRECTIVE SERVICES ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF—Ms Pru Goward asked the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

- (1) What was the number of Corrective Services' administrative staff in Goulburn at the time of the 2003 announcement made by the then Premier Bob Carr to transfer 105 administrative positions to Goulburn?
- (2) What is the current number of Corrective Services' administrative staff in Goulburn?

Answer—

I refer the member to my previous answer.

- \*2558 DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING TENANTS—Mr Chris Hartcher asked the Minister for Housing, Minister for Tourism—

- (1) How many tenants of the Department of Housing were detected in 2006 and 2007 who were subleasing their Department of Housing homes?  
 (2) How many tenants of the Department of Housing were detected in 2006 and 2007 who occupied Department of Housing premises in contravention of income test requirements?

Answer—

- (1) 10.  
 (2) For the period 1 January 2006 to 31 December 2007, there were approximately 30 tenants with matters detected relating to undeclared incomes such as pensions or benefits, cash or investments, wages or salaries and investment properties.

\*2561 STUDENT TRANSPORT—WAKEHURST—Mr Brad Hazzard asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

Given many schools in the Wakehurst electorate have had increased enrolments in 2008, what steps will the Minister take to ensure students at schools in the Wakehurst electorate are able to take public transport to and from government and non-government schools?

Answer—

I am advised:

The bus operator in the Wakehurst area, Forest Coach Lines, is required to monitor school student travel in the initial eight weeks of each new school year.

During this time, Forest Coach Lines may provide additional services until the demand on each bus route and school service has been determined.

If Forest Coach Lines considers that additional services may be required for the remainder of the school year, the operator may submit an application to the Ministry of Transport. Provided the demand for an additional service is appropriately demonstrated by Forest Coach Lines, such a request will generally be approved by the Ministry of Transport.

\*2562 CLINICAL SERVICES PLAN—NORTHERN BEACHES HOSPITALS—Mr Brad Hazzard asked the Minister for Health—

What funds have been applied to facilitate the clinical services plan for the Northern Beaches Hospitals in each of the last 2 years?

Answer—

I am advised by the Chief Executive of the Northern Sydney and Central Coast Area Health Service that funding for the redevelopment of health services on the Northern Beaches, including the Northern Beaches Hospital, has included the costs of developing the Health Service Plan and the Service Procurement Plan.

Expenditure for the past two years has totalled:

2005-06 - \$519,000  
 2006-07 - \$379,000

\*2563 OUTSTANDING MAINTENANCE—Mr Brad Hazzard asked 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—

What is the value of maintenance outstanding in each school in the Wakehurst electorate?

Answer—

I refer the Honourable Member to my previous answer, provided in Written Question 2264.

\*2564 AGE OF BUSES—BROOKVALE DEPOT—Mr Brad Hazzard asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

- (1) What is:  
 (a) The average age of the bus fleet at Brookvale depot;  
 (b) The age of the oldest bus at Brookvale depot?

Answer—

I am advised:

State Transit reports on the average age of its bus fleet as required in its Annual Report.

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The average age of the fleet will continue to fall as new buses arrive under the 505 buses supply contract and older buses are retired.

\*2565 STUDENT TRANSPORT—FOREST HIGH SCHOOL—Mr Brad Hazzard asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

Given that students at Forest High School are regularly unable to get transport on school buses to and from school, what steps will the Minister take to ensure the Government provides an adequate number of buses, and buses of adequate size?

Answer—

I am advised:

Under a Metropolitan Bus System Contract, bus operators are required to monitor school student travel demand during the initial 8 weeks of each new school year.

During this time, bus operators may provide additional services until the demand on each bus route and school service has been determined. If an operator can demonstrate that additional services are required for the remainder of the school year, an application can be submitted to the Ministry of Transport.

Bus services to and from Forest High School are provided by Forest Coach Lines and the State Transit Authority.

Forest Coach Lines has advised the Ministry of Transport that it is not aware of students unable to board school buses to and from Forest High School.

Notwithstanding, State Transit has advised the Ministry of Transport that further loading checks are being undertaken at Forest High School after school early in Term 2.

\*2566 READING RECOVERY PROGRAMS—Mr Brad Hazzard asked 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 reading recovery programs operate in the primary schools in the Wakehurst electorate?
- (2) What is the budget for these programs?

Answer—

- (1) and (2) In 2008 there are seven primary schools in the Wakehurst electorate implementing the Reading Recovery program. The total allocation of teaching positions for that program in these schools in 2008 is 3.1 Full Time Equivalent positions. The total Reading Recovery budget for the Wakehurst electorate in 2008 is \$179,986.

\*2567 MAINTENANCE WORK AND CAPITAL WORKS—WAKEHURST SCHOOLS—Mr Brad Hazzard asked 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 many principals have asked the department's asset management section to provide maintenance work and capital works identified as needed in the 2007 audit of Wakehurst schools?
- (2) How many principals have had all work requested actually completed?

Answer—

The Department of Education and Training is not aware of a 2007 audit of Wakehurst schools. However, if the question relates to the 2006/2007 Maintenance Program:

- 16 schools in the Wakehurst Electorate had Programmed Maintenance scheduled.
- All of the work is complete.

If the question relates to the 2007/2008 Maintenance Program, most requests were recorded in 2008:

- Programmed Maintenance was recorded in 2007 for 3 schools.
- All work is programmed to be completed by 30 June 2008.

\*2569 MAINTENANCE OF AMBULANCE STATIONS—NORTHERN BEACHES—Mr Brad Hazzard asked the Minister for Health—

- (1) What was the total cost of maintenance at each of the ambulance stations on the Northern Beaches for the following financial years?
  - (a) 2005/2006;

- (b) 2006/2007;
- (c) 2007 to date?
- (2) For each of the ambulance stations, what is the total cost outstanding for:
  - (a) Maintenance;
  - (b) Capital works?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Department of Health and the Ambulance Service of NSW do not routinely report expenditure on the basis of individual health facilities.

However, the Ambulance Service uses a standard proforma when preparing their financial statements. Information on Maintenance is detailed under Note 5, Other Operating Expenses, of their publicly available Annual Reports. I refer the Member to the Ambulance Service's Annual Reports.

\*2570 STUART NEAL AND SHARON GUEST—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson asked the Minister for Community Services—

- (1) Given that the Minister has received several items of correspondence from Mr Neal and Ms Guest in which they complain of bullying by DoCS caseworkers involved with their terminally ill daughter, why does the Minister refuse to accept that their concerns about this treatment are valid?
- (2) Has the Minister spoken directly to Mr Neal and Ms Guest to listen to their concerns?
- (3) Will the Minister undertake to meet with them to resolve this situation?

Answer—

- (1) I am advised the Department of Community Services has involved Mr Neal and Ms Guest in all key decision making processes in relation to their daughter, and has dealt with them in a respectful manner.
- (2) No.
- (3) The Minister has not received a request to meet with Mr Neal and Ms Guest.

\*2573 NUTRITION OF HOSPITAL PATIENTS—Mrs Judy Hopwood asked the Minister for Health—

- (1) Where does the accountability rest in relation to the nutrition of patients in NSW hospitals?
- (2) Is there a specific policy for the nutrition and dietary needs of patients in this State?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) and (2) Accountability for the provision of appropriate nutrition for patients in NSW hospitals is multifaceted with a number of disciplines having input to the patient's dietary needs to ensure they receive adequate nutrition whilst in hospital.

There are over 400 dietitians in NSW Health to ensure that nutrition and dietary standards are in place for patients.

Work continues to be undertaken with clinical representatives from across NSW Health to standardise governance arrangements for patient food services. This will ensure consistent practices are in place to appropriately manage a patient's nutrition and dietary needs.

\*2574 ROAD CONVERTED TO MALL—Mrs Judy Hopwood asked the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

When a council road is converted to a mall but still remains a 'legal' road:

- (1) Can councils restrict vehicular movement on the road?
- (2) Can councils book vehicles?
- (3) Can councils stop vehicular deliveries to business on the mall?

Answer—

I am advised:

Councils can restrict the movement of traffic on any Local Road in their area.

Councils can only enforce road rules related to certain parking offences.

Land holders are entitled to access roads adjoining their property. Any restrictions by councils on the movements of traffic to businesses in Malls need to maintain this right. This may mean restrictions on traffic movements at certain times of the day or night.



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\*2575 HAEMODIALYSIS UNIT—HORNSBY HOSPITAL—Mrs Judy Hopwood asked the Minister for Health—

- (1) Does Hornsby Hospital have a haemodialysis unit available for use for units such as the intensive care unit?
- (2) If so, how many staff are trained in its use and what is the designation of these staff?

Answer—

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

- (1) The Intensive Care Unit (ICU) at Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Hospital is equipped to provide a range of dialysis therapies to critically ill patients should they develop significant renal dysfunction.
- (2) Training in the principles and application of dialysis therapies utilised within the ICU is undertaken by all medical and nursing staff within the ICU at Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Hospital.

\*2576 POLICE RECRUITS—WARATAH COMMAND—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—

- (1) How many recruits will go through the Police College in 2008?
- (2) When will the new recruits graduate from the College?
- (3) How many of these graduates will be allocated to the Waratah Command?
- (4) What is the total number of police, including probationary officers, at the Waratah Command?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force has advised me:

- (1) There are three student intakes at the NSW Police College during 2008. Final figures for the year are not known at this stage.
- (2) The three classes graduate on 9 May, 29 August and 19 December 2008.
- (3) The allocation of Probationary Constables has not yet been determined.
- (4) 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)

\*2578 MILITARY ROAD WORKING GROUP—Mr Jonathan O'Dea asked the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

- (1) Did the Military Road working group established by the Government report by the end of 2007, as the Member for Maroubra indicated it would when he spoke on 6 December 2007 on a motion regarding Northern Peninsula transport?
- (2) When will this report addressing integrated transport options for the corridor be made public?

Answer—

I am advised the working group's report for improving traffic flow on the Spit-Military Road corridor is currently being finalised by the Chief Executive of the RTA.

\*2579 TAFE SITE AT BELROSE—Mr Jonathan O'Dea asked 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 answer to Question 0427 in 2007, will part of the TAFE site at Belrose be made available for new netball courts, especially the area that has been cleared?

Answer—

There has been no recent clearing of the site.

TAFE NSW has no plan to develop the Belrose Annexe for "new netball courts", and is not aware of any proposal to this effect.

\*2580 EMPLOYEE NUMBERS OUTSIDE NEW SOUTH WALES—Mr Barry O'Farrell asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

- (1) How many employees within your department/s work outside New South Wales borders?
- (2) What is the total annual cost of these employees?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) and (2) I am advised that no employees in the Transport or Finance portfolios are permanently stationed outside NSW borders.

\*2581 NORTH WEST RAIL LINK EXPENDITURE—Mr Barry O'Farrell asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

What was the total expenditure on the North West Rail Link prior to 18 March 2008, including but not limited to any planning, media and environmental impact statement costs?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Iemma Government is committed to delivering a world class transport system for Sydney.

The North West Metro is a \$12 billion European-style metro rail line which will service growth areas from the CBD to the city's North West. The project will provide fast, high capacity rail services – independent to the CityRail network.

The work already undertaken as part of the North West Rail Link project is providing a foundation for the North West Metro.

We have invested around \$65 million to undertake land acquisitions as well as planning and various studies since this project was announced in 2005. This work will be used in the next stages of the North West planning process.

Further information regarding the North West Metro is available on the Sydney Link website at [www.symlink.com.au](http://www.symlink.com.au)

\*2582 GRAFFITI TASKFORCE—Mr Barry O'Farrell asked the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—

(1) What was the total expenditure on the Graffiti Taskforce for the 2006-07 financial year?

(2) What is the total expenditure on the Graffiti Taskforce to date?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force has advised me:

The Attorney General's Department is the lead agency in tackling graffiti. Police participate in the Anti-Graffiti Action Team, established by AG's, as well as working with RailCorp on the Rail Vandalism Task Force. Graffiti is also tackled at a local level by Local Area Commands with funding from overall Command budgets.

\*2584 NORTH SHORE LINE TRACKWORK—Mr Barry O'Farrell asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

(1) What number of days planned trackwork was undertaken on the North Shore Line in the 2005-06 financial year?

(2) What number of days of planned trackwork was undertaken on the North Shore Line in the 2006-07?

(3) What number of days of planned trackwork was undertaken on the North Shore Line in the 2007-08 financial year to date?

Answer—

I am advised:

RailCorp makes every effort to ensure that planned service interruptions cause minimal problems to its customers.

Any planned service disruptions are listed on CityRail's website [www.cityrail.info/trackwork](http://www.cityrail.info/trackwork). This site lists all current trackwork up to two weeks ahead and all future trackwork up to 6 months ahead.

Trackwork information can also be found in RailCorp's Annual Report.

\*2587 GRAFFITI CLEANING COSTS—Mr Barry O'Farrell asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

(1) How much has been spent on cleaning graffiti from State Government owned properties in the 2006-07 financial year?

(2) How much has been spent on cleaning graffiti from State Government owned properties in the 2007-08 financial year to date?

Answer—

I am advised:

Cleaning of graffiti is included within State Property Authority's cleaning contracts.

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Information relating to the State Property Authority's expenditure is publicly available in the NSW Budget Papers. Further information relating to the State Property Authority's activities is included in the Annual Report, which is publicly available at [www.spa.nsw.gov.au](http://www.spa.nsw.gov.au)

\*2588 REQUEST FOR POLICE PRESENCE—Mr Greg Piper asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

Why were passengers who phoned Cityrail on 29 March when the 7.15 pm from Central reached Tuggerah and requested police presence regarding consumption of alcohol, foul language and hooliganism, told police would not be available until Broadmeadow or Newcastle?

Answer—

I am advised:

It is a disappointing fact that some people using public transport do not respect the wellbeing of other travellers and engage in anti-social behaviour.

The security resources of RailCorp are deployed across the rail network based on security intelligence. The ongoing objective of the RailCorp Security Division is to place its 600 strong transit officer workforce where and when they will do the most good for the travelling public in terms of preventing crime and anti social behaviour.

I am advised that intelligence and deployment plans are constantly reviewed to ensure that resources are utilised optimally and in a way that is commensurate with prevailing security conditions. Consistent with this approach, transit officer deployments in the Central Coast area are reviewed and adjusted in light of available intelligence.

The security resources deployed on the rail network are coordinated in real time by RailCorp through its 24 hour Security Control Centre. The centre has direct contact with Police communication centres, direct radio contact with transit officers in the field and can also communicate with train crew and station staff.

These resources can be redirected to handle emerging security incidents including response to customer requests for assistance made via help points located at every CityRail station, the RailCorp security hotline and rail staff.

I am advised by RailCorp that the report referred to by Mr Piper was received by the RailCorp Security Control Centre shortly after the incident occurred. I understand that transit officers were patrolling the Central Coast line that evening however the train service had already left Wyong Station, where transit officers had been patrolling, when RailCorp Security was notified of the report.

The operator took steps to arrange for the train guard to conduct an inspection of the service based on information provided by passengers and monitored the situation, seeking assistance if required.

Central Coast services continue to be patrolled by both uniformed and plain clothes officers, in the context of the intelligence based deployment system. It should also be noted that transit officers are not the only security resource which is allocated by the Government in regional areas to protect the transport network.

In particular there are police commuter crime units permanently operating in the Central Coast area and transit officers work closely with these officers to provide an integrated security system for the rail network.

\*2589 TUTOR DEEMED UNSUITABLE—Mr Greg Piper asked 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) Why is a tutor assigned to a disabled Hunter Institute horticulture student for two years now deemed to be unsuitable to tutor the final year of the course on the basis he does not have any horticultural training?

(2) Does this refusal contravene the educationally sound policy of continuity?

Answer—

The final year of study in this course involves independent learning, industry specific research and practical application of this research within the horticulture field.

To maximise the student's learning a qualified horticulture teacher has been assigned to the student this year to provide tutorial support.

This approach does not contravene any TAFE NSW educational policy.

\*2592 FTE NURSES AT TWEED HOSPITAL—Mr Geoff Provost asked the Minister for Health—

- (1) What was the average number of FTE nurses employed at the Tweed Hospital:
  - (a) during the 2005/2006 financial year;
  - (b) during the 2006/2007 financial year?
- (2) What is the present number of FTE nurses employed at the Tweed Hospital?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) and (2) The Department of Health routinely provides state-wide workforce data in its Annual Report. Similarly, all Area Health Services publish localised workforce data in their Annual Reports. To answer this question in the level of detail requested would unjustifiably divert the resources of the Department and the Area Health Service away from the exercise of their core functions.

The Member is referred to North Coast Area Health Service's publicly available 2005/06 annual report. The 2006/07 annual report will be available shortly.

\*2600 MEDICARE FUNDING FOR EMERGENCY SERVICE DEPARTMENTS—Mr John Turner asked the Minister for Health—

- (1) Are payments made from Medicare to Area Health Services for treatment in emergency service departments of hospitals?
- (2) If so, what formula is used?
- (3) If so, is it on an hourly basis?
- (4) If so, is any allowance made for delays in emergency service procedures?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) to (4) Public hospitals are funded by both the NSW and Australian Governments. The funding contributed by the NSW Government is provided via the Australian Health Care Agreement. The NSW Government then allocates funding to each Area Health Service, in accordance with a population based Resource Distribution Formula. The Area Health Services in turn determines the budget for each of their public hospitals.

Under the Australian Health Care Agreement, all eligible people presenting to public hospital Emergency Departments receive care free of charge.

\*2604 WORKERS COMPENSATION SPECIALISED INSURANCE SCHEME LICENCES—Mr Ray Williams asked 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—

Why is the Government not issuing further Workers Compensation Specialised Insurance Scheme Licences when it is claimed that competition in this area results in lower premiums, better service and improved OH&S outcomes?

Answer—

- (1) The WorkCover Scheme experienced a major improvement in efficiency and performance. Following a deficit of more than \$3 billion in December 2002 the Scheme returned to surplus in less than four years due to the 2001 reforms. This strong performance has allowed workers compensation premium rates to be reduced by an average of 30 per cent and statutory benefits to be increased twice since December 2005, with further increases already announced by the Premier.
- (2) The Scheme's managed fund structure has been pivotal to this remarkable turn around. The Government has repeatedly committed to retaining this structure, which provides the best opportunity for offering innovation and value in the delivery of services to employers and injured workers alike. The closure of the specialised insurance licence class is consistent with this policy position, as it prevents an extension of what is effectively private underwriting within the WorkCover Scheme.
- (3) A proliferation of specialised insurers would undermine the WorkCover Scheme's premium stability by reducing the size and industry mix in the Scheme and exposing it to the risk of insurer insolvency.
- (4) The success of the reform program for the WorkCover Scheme has reduced business costs, making the New South Wales economy more competitive. It has also delivered improved health and social outcomes for injured workers and paved the way for a significant increase in compensation benefits.

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In the public interest, the benefits of a managed fund structure far outweigh the risks posed by the entry of new specialised insurers to the workers compensation system.

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2605 TOW TRUCK AUTHORITY—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

\*2606 RETAIL COMPETITION IN RURAL NSW—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 Australian Energy Regulator's "State of the Energy Market 2007":

- (1) What is the Minister's response to the statement that "Country Energy has retained a market share of about 97 per cent in its local supply areas. IPART considered that this most likely indicates there are barriers to entry in that market" (pg. 175)?
- (2) Has the Minister received advice as to what are the "barriers to entry" into the retail market in rural and regional New South Wales?
- (3) What is the Minister doing to ensure adequate retail competition in the interests of consumers in rural and regional New South Wales?

Answer—

- (1) Lower levels of customer 'switching' between retailers in non-metropolitan markets relative to metropolitan markets is not exclusive to the electricity sector in NSW. Similar patterns exist in rural and regional areas of other States, both in regard to electricity and other services such as telecommunications.
- (2) The Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) has made observations on this issue in its 2007-2010 determination of regulated electricity retail tariffs and charges.
- (3) The NSW Government was the first in Australia to implement full retail contestability (FRC) for all consumers in both electricity and gas. In addition to introducing FRC for households in 2002, and to support customers exercising choice in the competitive retail energy market, the NSW Government has established a strong consumer protection framework for small electricity and gas customers.

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—

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 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) Why has the Hornsby electorate been an area where public lighting has recently been poor along many streets and roads and in large neighbourhood blocks?
- (2) Does EnergyAustralia have a reason for this and when will public lighting be improved?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) and (2) EnergyAustralia provides dedicated street lighting crews to the area, including the Hornsby electorate. EnergyAustralia's target for street lighting repairs is eight working days. The average response time for the North region, which includes Hornsby, is within two days. EnergyAustralia has also commenced night patrols focussing on major traffic route lighting. EnergyAustralia invests about \$26 million in maintaining existing streetlight infrastructure each year.
- 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 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 reference to responses to Questions 1716:

- (1) Does the NSW Government's acknowledgement of the pork industry's definition for free-range pork refer to the definition of "free-range pork" provided on the Australian Pork Limited website (<http://www.australianpork.com.au/index.cfm?menuid=3C083573-9027-E533-1F7B6354FC1EB3E5>)?
- (2) If not, which pork industry definition of free-range pork does the NSW Government acknowledge?
- (3) To what extent does the NSW Government consider this definition to be a nationally adopted industry standard definition?
- (4) What plans does the NSW Government have to regulate use of its acknowledged definition of free-range pork?
- (5) Is the NSW Government aware of the Free Range Pork Farmers Association recent survey where 98 per cent of respondents believe that free-range pork means pork from pigs raised in paddocks?
- (6) What consideration has the NSW Government given to banning use of the term "bred free range" which includes pork from pigs raised indoors including in sow stalls?

Answer—

- (1) The NSW Government has noted the pork industry's definition for free-range pork, as provided on the Australian Pork Limited (APL) website.
  - (2) Currently, food legislation in NSW is consistent with legislation in other jurisdictions and refers to the national food standards code in terms of labelling requirements. At present, the code does not contain any provisions in relation to labelling of products as being "free range".
  - (3) See (2) above.
  - (4) I understand that Food Standards Australia & New Zealand (FSANZ) is in the initial stages of developing a national standard for red meat, which will also include pork. This process may provide an opportunity for the Free Range Pork Farmers' Association to raise the need for a standard national definition of 'free range' pork at the appropriate level. Any nationally adopted industry standard definition for 'free range' pork would be accepted as the standard terminology in New South Wales.
  - (5) The NSW Government would welcome access to this survey to assist with appropriate policy development.
  - (6) See (4) above.
- 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—

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- 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)—
- 2629 NARRABEEN AMBULANCE STATION—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Health—
- 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—
- 2633 PROPOSED TOMAGO INDUSTRIAL SITE RAIL CORRIDOR—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- 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—
- 2636 RENEWAL OF BOAT LICENCES—Mr Steve Cansdell to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Minister for Ports and Waterways—
- 2637 YAMBA POLICE STATION—NIGHT SHIFT—Mr Steve Cansdell to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 2638 CORAKI POLICE STATION—Mr Steve Cansdell to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 2639 CORAKI POLICE STATION—NIGHT SHIFT—Mr Steve Cansdell to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 2640 CASINO POLICE STATION—Mr Steve Cansdell to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 2641 CASINO POLICE STATION—NIGHT SHIFT—Mr Steve Cansdell to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 2642 FLUORIDATION—Mr Andrew Constance to ask the Minister for Health—

\*2643 EXERCISE CATALYST 2008—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 "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?

Answer—

The Department of Energy, Utilities and Sustainability was abolished on 27 April 2007.

I am advised:

- (1) The Department of Water and Energy is the NSW representative on the National Oil Supplies Emergency Committee (NOSEC) and will participate in the high-level exercise.
- (2) The Exercise will be take place in stages over April and May 2008. Key dates for NSW are 21 and 24 April 2008. Other jurisdictions participate on different dates.
- (3) The National Oil Supplies Emergency Committee will sponsor the exercise.
- (4) The Department of Water and Energy, representatives of the Minister for Energy, representatives of the State Emergency Management Committee (representing the Minister for Emergency Services) are invited to take part in the exercise.
- (5) No supply disruptions will take place.
- (6) The vulnerability of particular liquid fuels sites in NSW is a security in confidence matter managed by security agencies and site owners.
- (7) The "Liquid Fuel Vulnerability Assessment" is a NOSEC sponsored, nation wide research project undertaken by consultancy. The research will be finalised in mid 2008.

\*2644 SMART METERS—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 "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"?

Answer—

- (1) This analysis was not jurisdiction specific.
- (2) No separate analysis has been conducted nor is it required.
- (3) The Ministerial Council on Energy will consider this at their next meeting.
- (4) The National Smart Meter Cost Benefit Analysis has evaluated various options for the national rollout of smart meters. These options include involvement of both public and private sector organisations.

2645 SCHOOL MAINTENANCE—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—



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- 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)—
- 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)—
- 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)—
- \*2649 PUBLIC HOUSING—WINDMILL STREET, MILLERS POINT—Mr Chris Hartcher asked 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?

Answer—

- (1) 46.
  - (2) One.
  - (3) None.
  - (4) n/a.
  - (5) (a) Housing NSW regularly updates the income and household details of tenants to determine the amount of rent they need to pay. Tenants not eligible for rental subsidy pay full market rent.  
(b) n/a.
  - (6) (a) n/a.  
(b) n/a.
  - (7) Housing NSW valuation process is undertaken on a representative benchmark not individual property basis, which means that various benchmarks and reference points are considered and utilised by Housing NSW's qualified valuers in establishing market rents, property values and land values. The valuation system has been reviewed and is scrutinised each year by the Audit Office.
- 2650 STATE TRANSIT "RUNAWAYS"—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- \*2651 PRIMO INVESTIGATION—Mr Chris Hartcher 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) 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?

Answer—

The question relates to the investigative functions of the NSW Food Authority. As a consequence, it is not appropriate to comment on any investigations that the Authority may or may not be involved in.

- 2652 STATE WARDS—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Community Services—

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- 2653 BELLS LINE OF ROAD—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2654 AIR AMBULANCE COSTS—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Health—
- 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—
- 2656 ALCOHOL RELATED BREACHES—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 2657 DAME EDITH FACILITY—CONCORD HOSPITAL—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Health—
- 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—
- 2661 EXPRESS TRAINS—CRONULLA RAILWAY LINE—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 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—
- \*2664 GENETICALLY MODIFIED (GM) CANOLA—Ms Clover Moore 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—
- 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?
- Answer—
- (1) No.
  - (2) The earliest anticipated harvest of GM canola in NSW would be in late October 2008.
  - (3) Dependent on the progress of harvest, the level of stocks, and crushing of GM canola, this could occur from November 2008.
  - (4) Segregation demanded by the supply chain will be managed in accordance with comprehensive industry protocols, which formed part of the application for the approval for commercial cultivation of GM canola in NSW.
  - (5) Standard 1.5.2 of the Food Standards Code requires food that is, or contains as an ingredient, a food produced using gene technology, to include a statement 'genetically modified' in conjunction with the name of the food or ingredient.
  - (6) In New South Wales, compliance with the Food Standards is required by the Food Act 2003, which is administered and enforced by the NSW Food Authority.
- 2666 CHATSWOOD TO EPPING RAIL LINE—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2667 POPULATION GROWTH FOR SYDNEY—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Premier, Minister for Citizenship—
- 2668 CHATSWOOD TO EPPING RAIL LINE—EMERGENCY PLANS—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2669 IPART RECOMMENDATIONS—Mr Donald Page to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Minister for Ports and Waterways—

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- 2670 PLATFORM AWNINGS—MORISSET—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2671 MORISSET STATION—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 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—
- 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—
- 2674 DRIVERS OVER 85—TWEED ELECTORATE—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- \*2675 SUPPLY OF IMIZOL CATTLE TICK FEVER VACCINATION—Mr Geoff Provest 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—

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?

Answer—

- (1) NSW DPI does not maintain stocks of Imidocarb (Imizol), which is the antiprotozoan agent used to treat tick fever cases, as it is very rarely needed in NSW, has a limited shelf life and is readily available through normal veterinary supply channels.
  - (2) As above.
  - (3) The most effective method of preventing cattle tick fever outbreaks is by controlling cattle tick and there are a range of methods available to achieve this.
  - (4) NSW DPI has an outstanding record in managing cattle ticks and correctly identifying cattle tick fever on the rare occasions it occurs. In view of the effective management of cattle ticks with the current system, NSW DPI has declined Mr Blissett's offer.
- 2676 HOSPITAL FOOD SERVICES—Mrs Jillian Skinner to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2677 RAIL TUNNEL ARDGLLEN—Mr George Souris to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 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—
- 2679 WAKEHURST PARKWAY—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 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—
- 2682 HOSPITAL TV RECEPTION—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Minister for Health—

- 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)—
- 2685 POKER MACHINE REVENUE—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Minister for Gaming and Racing, Minister for Sport and Recreation—
- 2686 UNANSWERED CORRESPONDENCE—Mr John Turner to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 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—

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- 2688 SCHOOL UNIFORMS—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—
- 2689 REVESBY COMMUTER PARKING—Mr Alan Ashton to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2690 REVESBY TURNBACK FACILITY—Mr Alan Ashton to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2691 RTA'S BICYCLE MASTERPLAN 2010—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2692 BEAR COTTAGE—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2693 MANLY JETCAT SERVICES—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2694 HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATION—MANLY—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—
- 2695 CYCLEWAYS—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2696 141 BUS SERVICE—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2697 BALGOWLAH PIONEER CLUBHOUSE—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2698 INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2699 NSW MARITIME RENTS—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Minister for Ports and Waterways—
- 2700 CHATSWOOD-EPPING RAIL LINE OPENING—Ms Gladys Berejiklian to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2701 CHATSWOOD-EPPING RAIL LINE DELAY—Ms Gladys Berejiklian to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2702 EPPING ROAD BUS SERVICES—Ms Gladys Berejiklian to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

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- 2703 272 BUS SERVICE—Ms Gladys Berejiklian to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2704 272 BUS SERVICE—APRIL 2007—Ms Gladys Berejiklian to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2705 273 BUS SERVICE—Ms Gladys Berejiklian to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2706 273 BUS SERVICE—APRIL 2007—Ms Gladys Berejiklian to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2707 ROADS FUNDING—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- \*2709 GAS PEAKING CAPACITY—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 Australian Energy Regulator's "State of the Energy Market 2007":
- (1) Why did gas peaking capacity in New South Wales reduce by 110 MW from 1999 to 2006 (Table 1.3, p. 71), when over the same period Queensland commissioned 352 MW extra peaking capacity, Victoria commissioned 583 MW and South Australia commissioned 373 MW?
  - (2) What effect has that capacity reduction had on electricity consumers in New South Wales?
- Answer—
- (1) I am advised that the reduction in gas peaking capacity in New South Wales was primarily due to the formal decommissioning of two diesel/gas fired power stations, Koolkhan Power Station and Northern Power Station, which were inactive in New South Wales.  
Three new gas plants have been committed at Tallawarra, Uranquinty and Colongra, with a total capacity of about 1700 megawatts.
  - (2) The National Electricity Market (NEM) linking New South Wales with Qld, ACT, Victoria, Tasmania and SA electricity systems was designed to allow States needing more generation to take advantage of cheaper and/or a more plentiful generation in another State. The NEM is working well in ensuring sufficient generation is available for consumers across the NEM.
- 2710 FARMER EXIT ASSISTANCE—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)—
- 2711 RAINWATER TANK SUBSIDIES—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)—
- 2713 MARULAN TOWNSHIP—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- 2714 MEDWAY DEVELOPMENT—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- 2715 COMPENSATION TO MARULAN LANDOWNERS—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- 2716 FUTURE OF MINING IN THE MARULAN REGION—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- 2717 ZONING BY GOULBURN MULWAREE COUNCIL—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- 2718 ZONING OF PENROSE MINING OPERATIONS—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- 2719 ZONING FOR EXTRACTIVE OPERATIONS—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—

- 2720 CLASSIFICATION OF EXTRACTIVE AND MINING OPERATIONS—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- 2721 SYDNEY CANBERRA CORRIDOR—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- 2722 COURT COSTS—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- \*2723 HOSPITAL FOOD—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson 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) With reference to the Minister for Health's response of 3 April 2008 to my question number 2137, which hospitals in the Burrinjuck electorate were part of the recent safety audit conducted by the NSW Food Authority?
  - (2) If no hospitals in the Burrinjuck electorate took part in this audit, why were they excluded?
  - (3) Which of the hospitals participating in the audit met all of the standards covered in the audit?
- Answer—
- (1) Standard 3.3.1 of the Food Standards Code – Food Safety Programs for Food Service to Vulnerable Persons is intended to commence in all jurisdictions on 5 October 2008. New South Wales is working towards an earlier commencement date for the Standard.
  - (2) Once commenced, facilities listed in the Schedule to the Standard, which include acute care hospitals and nursing homes for the aged, will be required to develop, implement and maintain a food safety program in accordance with the requirements of Standard 3.2.1 of the Code. Their food safety programs will also be subject to compulsory audit by the NSW Food Authority.
  - (3) To assist hospitals comply with the Standard, the NSW Food Authority has been conducting voluntary advisory audits in hospitals and aged care facilities.
  - (4) The following hospitals in the Burrinjuck electorate participated in the voluntary food safety audits conducted by the NSW Food Authority: Mercy Care Centre (Young), Grenfell Hospital (Weddin), Gundagai Hospital (Gundagai), Cowra District Hospital (Cowra), Cootamundra Hospital (Cootamundra), Boorowa Hospital (Boorowa), Harden Hospital (Harden), Yass District Hospital (Yass) and Crookwell District Hospital (Upper Lachlin).
  - (5) All participating hospitals in the Burrinjuck electorate passed their audits.
- 2724 COWRA HOSPITAL—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2725 CONFUSED AND DISTURBED ELDERLY—LONG JETTY—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2726 TUBERCULOSIS—HORNSBY HOSPITAL—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2727 HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS—UPPER NORTH SHORE—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- 2728 TRANSFER SYSTEM FOR TEACHERS—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—
- 2729 ROADSIDE MAINTENANCE—CRONULLA—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2730 WAGGA WAGGA BASE HOSPITAL CHILDREN'S WARD—Mr Daryl Maguire to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2731 SYDNEY TO MELBOURNE RAIL LINE UPGRADE—Mr Daryl Maguire to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2732 PARRAMATTA TO EPPING RAIL LINK—Mr Wayne Merton to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2733 APPLICATIONS FOR ADDITIONAL BUSES—Mr Wayne Merton to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

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- 2735 ENVIRONMENT EDUCATION—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—
- 2736 PRISONER REHABILITATION—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 2737 DRUG TREATMENT—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2742 GLASSHOUSE PROJECT FUNDING—Mr Robert Oakeshott to ask the Premier, Minister for Citizenship—
- 2743 SPORTING BODIES LOANS—Mr Robert Oakeshott 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—
- 2745 PATIENT TRANSFER BUDGET—Mr Robert Oakeshott to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2746 RESOURCE DISTRIBUTION FORMULA—Mr Robert Oakeshott to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2747 PORT MACQUARIE BASE HOSPITAL PATIENT TREATMENT COSTS—Mr Robert Oakeshott to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2748 KOOMPAHTOO LOCAL ABORIGINAL LAND COUNCIL—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 2749 REGISTRATION OF MODIFIED VEHICLE—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- \*2750 CROSS BORDER CO-OPERATION MEETINGS—Mr Geoff Provest asked the Premier, Minister for Citizenship—

Given that the Premier has advised that Cross Border Co-operation meetings "will occur as required" and that Queensland authorities are fining Tweed residents with NSW disability permits on their vehicles for using disabled parking in Queensland because their permits are not deemed to be valid in that state:

- (1) Does the Premier agree that a Cross Border Co-operation meeting is urgently required between the NSW and Queensland Governments to fix anomalies between the two states?
  - (a) If yes, on what date will a Cross Border Co-operation meeting be held?
  - (b) If not, why not?
- (2) Why is the Premier yet to honour on his 2007 election promise to regularly meet with his Queensland counterpart to resolve interstate anomalies such as health, transport, police and daylight saving time, despite being a quarter of the way through his term in Government?

Answer—

NSW disability permits are valid in Queensland for NSW residents holidaying in that State, and for NSW residents living in border regions. NSW permit holders need to adhere to the Queensland requirements in relation to which parking spaces may be used by permit holders and for how long.

The Premier meets regularly with his State and Territory counterparts.

- \*2751 CATTLE TICK FEVER—TWEED—Mr Geoff Provest 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—

Given that the Minister advised in a media release on 5 February 2008 that the Government's cattle tick vaccination policy would be "extended to allow the restricted use of the vaccine in a tick fever outbreak with Chief Veterinary Officer approval":

- (1) Why were Department of Primary Industry (DPI) veterinarians and officers unable to issue Tweed graziers suffering from outbreaks of cattle tick fever with Imizol as they advised that the DPI did not have any stocks of the vaccination?
- (2) Are statements made by DPI officers alleging that the DPI has no quantities of cattle tick fever vaccination correct?
  - (a) If yes, why are there no stocks of the vaccination and when does the DPI intend to acquire some?

- (b) If no, how much of the vaccination does the DPI hold and why were DPI veterinarians and officers not issued with the vaccination to administer to graziers in the Tweed suffering from cattle tick fever outbreaks?

Answer—

- (1) NSW DPI does not maintain stocks of Imidocarb (Imizol), which is the antiprotozoan agent used to treat tick fever cases, as it is very rarely needed in NSW, has a limited shelf life and is readily available through normal veterinary supply channels.
- (2) Tick fever vaccine can be used in NSW with Chief Veterinary Officer approval. Tick fever vaccine is manufactured at the cattle tick research centre in Queensland. As the vaccine contains a mild strain of live tick fever organisms in whole blood cells, the vaccine has only a four day shelf life and is only made to order. Therefore, no stocks of tick fever vaccine are held by NSW DPI.

\*2752 TICK FEVER INQUIRY—Mr Geoff Provest 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 2005 tick fever inquiry, commissioned by the Minister for Primary Industries and conducted by the Hon. Garry West, which made four recommendations concerning cattle ticks:

- (1) Given the inquiry recommended the "use of electronic surveillance to enhance existing border control", why has the Department of Primary Industries (DPI) only installed one set of surveillance cameras, at Sexton Hill on the Pacific Highway?
- (2) Given the inquiry recommended the introduction of a Cattle Tick Industry Fund under the key recommendation of "Advisory mechanisms into State Government", will the Minister act on this recommendation and immediately establish this fund?
  - (a) If yes, will this fund compensate Tweed graziers for the loss of livestock as a result of cattle tick fever outbreaks?
  - (b) If not, why has the Government failed to act on this recommendation?

Answer—

- (1) I refer to my answer for the previous question on this matter (2089) asked specifically about surveillance sites on the Pacific Highway.
- (2) The recommendation in the West report to establish a Cattle Tick Industry Fund has been referred to the newly established Cattle Tick Ministerial Advisory Committee for consideration.

2753 SYDNEY CATCHMENT AUTHORITY—FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS—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)—

2754 SYDNEY CATCHMENT AUTHORITY—MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING—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)—

2755 SYDNEY CATCHMENT AUTHORITY—INTERNAL CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES—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)—

2756 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)—

2757 SYDNEY CATCHMENT SPECIAL AREAS—NATIVE TITLE CLAIMS—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)—

2758 SYDNEY CATCHMENT AUTHORITY—BORROWINGS—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)—

2759 DELAYS IN OBTAINING DEATH CERTIFICATES—Mr Greg Smith to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—



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- 2760 BURDEKIN PARK SINGLETON—Mr George Souris 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)—
- 2761 AIR COOLING PROGRAM—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—
- 2762 PATIENTS AT ROYAL NORTH SHORE HOSPITAL—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2763 CURRAWONG DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- 2764 SCHOOL BUS INTERCHANGE—SOUTH WEST ROCKS ROAD—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—
- 2765 ROAD BRIDGES OVER THE NORTH COAST RAIL LINE—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2766 TUNCURRY AMBULANCE SERVICE—Mr John Turner to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2767 WENTWORTH NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH - PETITION—Mr John Williams to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2768 OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PRIMARY SCHOOL IN KELLYVILLE—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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- 2769 GOVERNMENT SUPPORT FOR LAWN BOWLS—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Gaming and Racing, Minister for Sport and Recreation—
- 2770 ROOF REPAIRS—WESTERN SYDNEY—Mr Greg Aplin to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—
- 2771 MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM—Mr Greg Aplin to ask the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—
- 2772 PATHOLOGY SERVICES—ALBURY—Mr Greg Aplin to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2773 SPIT-MILITARY ROAD WORKING GROUP—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2774 SPIT-MILITARY ROAD WORKING GROUP—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2775 LIFETIME SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE CLAIMS—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, and 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—
- 2776 JESSIE NEAL—Mr Andrew Constance to ask the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services—
- 2777 JESSIE NEAL—Mr Andrew Constance to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- 2778 JESSIE NEAL—PLACEMENT OF—Mr Andrew Constance to ask the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services—

- 2779 JESSIE NEAL—PLACEMENT OF—Mr Andrew Constance to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- 2780 JESSIE NEAL—TEMPORARY CARE AGREEMENT—Mr Andrew Constance to ask the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services—
- 2781 JESSIE NEAL—TEMPORARY CARE AGREEMENT—Mr Andrew Constance to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- 2782 JESSIE NEAL—COSTS AND DIFFICULTIES WITH PLACEMENT—Mr Andrew Constance to ask the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services—
- 2783 JESSIE NEAL—COSTS AND DIFFICULTIES WITH PLACEMENT—Mr Andrew Constance to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- 2784 NON-INVESTIGATION BY POLICE—Mr Andrew Constance to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 2785 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS—EUROBODALLA SHIRE—Mr Andrew Constance to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- \*2786 CARBON GEOSEQUESTRATION IN NSW WATERS—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 carbon geosequestration in New South Wales waters:

- (1) Has the Minister commissioned research into the geosequestration potential of geological formations in New South Wales waters?
- (2) If so, what geological formations in New South Wales waters have geosequestration potential?

Answer—

No.

- \*2788 DERELICT BUILDING—NORTH BONDI—Mr Peter Debnam asked the Minister for Housing, Minister for Tourism—

In relation to the derelict building at 6 Hastings Parade, North Bondi and the Minister's response to Question 0953:

- (1) Given that the Minister previous stated, "the property is structurally unsound and is to be redeveloped in keeping with its heritage listing in collaboration with Waverley Council" (Question 0953), what is the status of the redevelopment proposal?
- (2) When will the redevelopment be complete?

Answer—

- (1) Housing NSW has prepared preliminary sketch plan options for consideration by Waverley Council, prior to submission of a Development Application.
- (2) The time frame will be determined by the outcome of the Development Application.

- 2789 COFFS HARBOUR HEALTH CAMPUS—Mr Andrew Fraser to ask the Minister for Health—

- \*2790 FRUIT FLY OUTBREAKS AND PREVENTION—Mr Andrew Fraser 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) (a) Will the Minister advise when he was made aware of the recent outbreak of fruit fly in Griffith?  
(b) If not, why not?
- (2) (a) Is the Minister satisfied that the current fruit fly detection, treatment and prevention methods for the Fruit Fly Exclusion Zone (FFEZ) are sufficient?  
(b) If so, why?
- (3) Considering that the insect cannot fly very far, meaning the only way the outbreak could occur in Griffith was by being introduced, is the Minister satisfied that fruit is properly treated prior to entry in the FFEZ?
- (4) Will the Minister outline how many outbreaks have occurred in the last five years?
- (5) Where have these outbreaks occurred?

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- (6) What are the estimated costs of these outbreaks to farmers?
- (7) What are the estimated costs of these outbreaks to the Department?
- (8) Will the Minister outline how much the Department spends on fruit fly prevention each year?
- (9) How often are the inspection stations manned?
- (10) Are these inspection stations manned full-time?
- (11) What are the costs to the Department for manning these inspection stations?
- (12) (a) Will the Government provide compensation to these farmers for the treatment for export fruit, loss of future earnings and for ongoing costs related to quarantine?  
(b) If not, why not?

Answer—

- (1) (a) The outbreak at Griffith was declared on the 20 March 2008. Both myself and industry were advised of developments.  
(b) Not applicable.
- (2) (a) Yes.  
(b) All procedures used to maintain the Fruit Fly Exclusion Zone are internationally recognised and this delivers access to key national and international markets. There is overwhelming Industry support for the program.
- (3) I am satisfied that commercial fruit is properly treated prior to entry and meets the necessary certification requirements. There is also an active and ongoing media and inspection campaign to prevent incursions through fruit carried in private vehicles.
- (4) I am advised that there have been 16 proclaimed outbreaks in fruit production zones of the NSW FFEZ since 2004.
- (5) I am advised that these have been in or near Jerilderie, Broken Hill, Barellan, Rankins Springs, Mulwala, Mathoura, Goolgowi, Tocomwal, Darlington Point, Berrigan, Barooga, Barham, Yenda, Narrandera and Griffith.
- (6) In order to maintain market access for those producers that are exporting fruit, the cost of treatment is estimated at \$3 - \$4 per case.
- (7) Within the Fruit Fly Exclusion Zone, NSW DPI spends approximately \$2m per annum on monitoring, prevention and control of Queensland Fruit Flies. The amount spent on the different aspects of the program varies according to operational needs.
- (8) See above.
- (9) Road block stations are manned for approximately 40 days per year during high risk periods.
- (10) To permanently staff all entry points to the Fruit Fly Exclusion zone would be prohibitively expensive and unnecessary as there are periods when the risk of incursion is negligible.
- (11) NSW DPI and industry work together on a joint program for road blocks with the NSW DPI contribution being funded from the approximately \$2 million total funding. The exact amount varies according to operational requirements.
- (12) (a) and (b) Within the Fruit Fly Exclusion Zone, the NSW Government spends approximately \$2m per annum on monitoring, prevention and control of Queensland Fruit Flies. This program is supported by Industry and is recognised as delivering considerable benefit by maintaining access to export markets. Industry understands that the FFEZ is surrounded by fruit fly endemic areas and that incursions can occur from time to time.

\*2791 TICK OUTBREAK AND PREVENTION—Mr Andrew Fraser 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 was the Minister made aware of the tick outbreak during Easter in the Northern Rivers?
- (2) (a) Considering that the diagnosis of the affected stock owned by the Harnett family took nine days to accurately identify tick fever, is the Minister and/or the department satisfied with the management strategies of the tick outbreak?  
(b) If so, why?
- (3) (a) Is the Minister satisfied that the current tick prevention measures, including replacing tick inspectors with fixed cameras on border crossings, are sufficient?  
(b) If so, why?
- (4) (a) Has the department located the Burringbar cattle, originally brought in from Queensland, which infected the herd of the neighbouring Harnett family?  
(b) If not, why?

- (c) If yes, has the department fined the owners for breaching cattle movement conditions, and also ascertained how the cattle evaded the fixed cameras on the border crossings?
- (5) (a) Are all border-crossing cameras working?
- (b) If not, what are the Minister and/or the department doing to fix this issue?
- (6) (a) Are all border crossing cameras operative 24 hours a day?
- (b) If not, why?
- (7) (a) As tick fever is now present in NSW on a regular basis and vets in Queensland are sent to the Queensland Department of Primary Industries to complete a course to ensure accurate diagnosis of tick fever, would the Minister and/or his department consider providing extra training for vets in NSW to ensure that all diagnostic procedures are undertaken in a timely manner?
- (b) If not, why not?
- (8) (a) As the department claims that \$4 million is spent every year controlling cattle ticks in NSW, would the Minister and/or his department outline the complete costings of the tick prevention, management and treatment strategy?
- (b) If not, why not?
- (9) (a) Is the Minister aware that the Chief Vet of the department has claimed that tighter controls on cross border cattle movement to prevent further outbreaks is not worth the extra cost?
- (b) If so, does the Minister and/or his department support the statements made by the Chief Vet of the department?
- (c) If so, why?

Answer—

- (1) 27 March 2008.
- (2) (a) Yes.
- (b) Once tick fever was confirmed, NSW DPI staff acted promptly to identify all at risk properties. All at risk stock have been given the anti-tick fever drug Imizol and programs to eradicate cattle tick have commenced.
- (3) (a) Yes.
- (b) The NSW Government has the balance right when it comes to the regulation of livestock movements and other controls for cattle ticks and tick fever. Decisions are based on good science and risk management, taking into account economic, social and environmental outcomes.
- (4) (a) All cattle have been traced.
- (b) Not applicable.
- (c) NSW DPI has no evidence to indicate that any breach of movement conditions has occurred.
- (5) (a) Yes.
- (b) Not applicable.
- (6) (a) The cameras are designed to operate 24 hours a day.
- (b) Not applicable.
- (7) (a) Departmental and RLPB staff have participated in tick fever training courses and will continue to do so.
- (b) Not applicable.
- (8) (a) In round figures the expenditure on the cattle tick program in NSW exceeds \$4 million per annum. In 2006-2007 this amount included expenditure of:
- \$1.98 million on cattle tick surveillance and response activities including purchase of tickicide,
  - \$2.49 million on Queensland border programs and follow up of suspect illegal movements, and
  - \$480,000 on management of environmental issues related to current and former cattle tick dip sites.
- (b) Not applicable.
- (9) (a) Yes.
- (b) Yes.
- (c) All possible strategies to reduce tick fever outbreaks in NSW were addressed in detail in the 2005 Tick Fever Inquiry headed by former Minister and Member for Orange Garry West. The West Report recognised there is a need for a balance between tighter controls on the movement of cattle and the risk of a tick fever outbreak in NSW. I believe we have the balance right.

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- Sterilising cattle moving from tick infested Queensland with Imizol – and the process of certifying that treatment - would place an onerous cost on a large number of livestock producers at a time when other sections of the cattle industry are calling for reduced movement restrictions.
- 2792 DETAILS OF GRANT TO COROWA FEEDLOT—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)—
- 2793 COMPOSTING AND USE OF AQUATIC WEED—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)—
- 2794 REFURBISHMENT OF CHILDREN’S WARD AT BOWRAL AND DISTRICT HOSPITAL—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2795 AWARENESS OF UNSAFE DRUG USE AMONG YOUNG WOMEN—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2796 HAIRDRESSING COURSES IN TAFE REGIONAL COLLEGES—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—
- 2797 WORKERS COMPENSATION PAYMENTS—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—
- 2799 SCHOOL MAINTENANCE—CENTRAL COAST—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2800 ZONING OF RURAL AREA IN GOULBURN-MULWAREE—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- 2801 MUNCHAUSEN SYNDROME BY PROXY CHILD PROTECTION ISSUES—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- 2802 DISABILITY ACCOMMODATION—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services—
- 2803 FIREARMS VIOLATIONS—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 2804 SOUND BARRIERS—F3—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2806 RENAL PHYSICIAN – HORNSBY HOSPITAL—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2807 "CLOSE THE GAP"—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—
- 2808 FUNDING FOR SCHOOL MAINTENANCE—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2809 ALCOHOL RELATED BREACHES—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 2810 WORDING ON IPTAAS APPLICATION FORM—Mr Daryl Maguire to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2811 ROAD USAGE—BAULKHAM HILLS—Mr Wayne Merton to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2812 ROAD USAGE—BAULKHAM HILLS—Mr Wayne Merton to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2813 ROAD USAGE—BAULKHAM HILLS—Mr Wayne Merton to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

- 2814 PATRONAGE—NORTH WEST BUS TRANSITWAY—Mr Wayne Merton to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2815 CONSTRUCTION OF WEST FACING RAMP—M2 MOTORWAY—Mr Wayne Merton to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2816 ADDITIONAL DISABILITY FACILITIES—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services—
- 2817 PERMISSION TO LODGE—REQUIREMENT—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Minister for Ports and Waterways—
- 2818 ASSISTANCE TO MEN'S SHEDS PROJECTS—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- 2819 PACIFIC HIGHWAY UPGRADE—Mr Donald Page to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- \*2820 NSW-QUEENSLAND CROSS BORDER TASK FORCE—Mr Geoff Provest asked the Premier, Minister for Citizenship—

Given that a press release issued by the Premier on 26 February 2007 advised that the Cross Border task Force would include the planning for a rail link from Northern NSW into South-East Queensland as well as a study into the partnership between NSW Health and QLD Health:

- (1) Have discussions regarding these two issues been undertaken between the NSW and Queensland Governments since the issue of the press release?
- (2) If yes, what are the details of the decisions made from these discussions and when will they be released to the public?
- (3) If no, when does the Premier intend to discuss these issues with his Queensland counterpart?

Answer—

- (1) Yes.
- (2) NSW and QLD have formed a Cross Border Transport Taskforce to examine the question of a rail link between Northern NSW and South-East Queensland. The taskforce received an overwhelming number of public submissions, the majority of which indicated that the greatest concern in border communities is for bolstering local transport needs, such as public transport to and from people's places of work. The report is currently being considered by the NSW Minister for Transport.

In relation to Health, the NSW/QLD Health Joint Planning Study which began in February 2007 has now been completed. The Study's findings will be presented in a series of four papers and an overarching position paper. These papers are currently being reviewed by NSW Health.

- \*2821 CATTLE TICK FEVER—TWEED—Mr Geoff Provest 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 recent outbreaks of cattle tick fever in the Tweed:

- (1) Is it possible for cattle tick fever to be contracted and transmitted by animals other than cattle that are regularly transported across NSW borders, such as goats, horses and pigs?
- (2) Have there been any past outbreaks of cattle tick fever in species other than cattle in NSW?

Answer—

- (1) I am advised by Department of Primary Industries that contraction and transmission of tick fever by these species cannot occur.
- (2) No.

- 2822 NOT FOR PROFIT CHILDCARE FACILITIES—TWEED—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- 2823 RADIOACTIVE CONTAMINATION—NELSON PARADE, HUNTERS HILL—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)—
- 2824 RADIOACTIVE CONTAMINATION—NELSON PARADE, HUNTERS HILL—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Health—

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- 2825 POLICE OFFICER ACTIONS FOR COMPENSATION—Mr Greg Smith to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 2826 GUIDELINES FOR CLAIMS BY POLICE OFFICERS—Mr Greg Smith to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 2827 RENAL DIALYSIS UNIT AT MONA VALE HOSPITAL—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2828 APPLICATIONS FOR BIRTH, DEATH AND MARRIAGE CERTIFICATES—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 2829 PROTECTION OF LOW-LYING COASTAL REGIONS—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- 2831 EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT—KEMPSEY DISTRICT HOSPITAL—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2832 RENAL DIALYSIS SERVICES—MID NORTH COAST—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2833 EQUIPMENT FOR KEMPSEY DISTRICT HOSPITAL—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2834 MAINTENANCE WORK—TINONEE PUBLIC SCHOOL—Mr John Turner 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—
- 2835 REPAINTING OF MARTIN BRIDGE, TAREE—Mr John Turner to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

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- 2836 READYMIX REGIONAL DISTRIBUTION CENTRE – ROOTY HILL—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- 2837 YARRAWONGA-MULWALA BRIDGE—Mr Greg Aplin to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2838 MUDGEES CSC—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- 2839 YOUNG HOSPITAL MAMMOGRAM X-RAYS—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2840 HARNESS RACING IN THE RIVERINA—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Gaming and Racing, Minister for Sport and Recreation—
- 2841 SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 2842 HORNSBY HOSPITAL MENTAL HEALTH INTENSIVE CARE UNIT—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2843 DEMOUNTABLE CLASSROOMS—Mrs Judy Hopwood 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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- 2844 ST IVES SHOWGROUND—Mr Jonathan O'Dea 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—
- 2845 ROAD LINK BETWEEN THE F3 AND M2—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2846 COST PLUS RESIDENTIAL CONTRACTS—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Youth, Minister for Volunteering—
- 2847 ILLEGAL CATTLE MOVEMENTS ON THE NSW NORTH COAST—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—
- 2848 CROSS-BORDER HEALTH AGREEMENT—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2849 RESURFACING OF THE PACIFIC HIGHWAY AT SEXTON HILL—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2850 NATIONAL PARKS AND WILDLIFE SERVICE—ROTARY WING HELICOPTER—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)—
- 2851 NATIONAL PARKS AND WILDLIFE SERVICE—ROTARY WING TENDER—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)—
- 2852 NATIONAL PARKS AND WILDLIFE SERVICE—ROTARY WING TENDER—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)—
- 2853 INCIDENTS OF ASSAULT IN JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTRES—Mr Greg Smith to ask the Minister for Juvenile Justice, Minister for Western Sydney, Minister Assisting the Premier on Citizenship—
- 2854 INCIDENTS OF CONTRABAND IN JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTRES—Mr Greg Smith to ask the Minister for Juvenile Justice, Minister for Western Sydney, Minister Assisting the Premier on Citizenship—
- 2855 INCIDENTS OF ASSAULT ON STAFF IN JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTRES—Mr Greg Smith to ask the Minister for Juvenile Justice, Minister for Western Sydney, Minister Assisting the Premier on Citizenship—
- 2856 DAWN SERVICE AT GALLIPOLI—Mr George Souris to ask the Premier, Minister for Citizenship—
- 2857 COMMUNITY TRANSPORT SERVICE TYPE REVIEW—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2858 BUS TRAVELLING TIMES—E88 SERVICE—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2859 COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT MANUAL—Mr Rob Stokes 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)—
- 2860 PACIFIC HIGHWAY UPGRADE NEAR WARRELL CREEK—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2861 EDITH COWAN UNIVERSITY—APPOINTMENT OF PRINCIPAL—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—
- 2862 REPRESENTATIONS—MR ROHIT PATHIK—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services—



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- 2863 SYDNEY CATCHMENT AUTHORITY—ROTARY WING AIRCRAFT—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)—
- 2864 NATIONAL PARKS AND WILDLIFE SERVICE—HELICOPTERS—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)—

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- 2865 NATURAL DISASTER MITIGATION PROGRAM—Mr Greg Aplin to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—
- 2866 CROSS-BORDER POLICING AGREEMENT—Mr Greg Aplin to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 2867 GLENREAGH POLICE STATION NIGHT SHIFT—Mr Steve Cansdell to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 2868 RENEWAL OF BOAT LICENCES—Mr Steve Cansdell to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Minister for Ports and Waterways—
- 2869 YAMBA POLICE STATION—Mr Steve Cansdell to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 2870 GLENREAGH POLICE STATION—Mr Steve Cansdell to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 2871 DADHC FUNDED RESPITE CARE—Mr Andrew Constance to ask the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services—
- 2872 EOI TENDERS—Mr Andrew Constance to ask the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services—
- 2873 LEASE ARRANGEMENTS FOR PARKS—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)—
- 2874 NEGLIGENCE SETTLEMENTS—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2875 AWARENESS OF UNSAFE DRUG USE—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Youth, Minister for Volunteering—
- 2876 TREATMENT IN ACT HOSPITALS—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2877 MOTORCYCLE GREEN SLIPS—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2878 MATERNITY PROCEDURES—GOULBURN BASE HOSPITAL AND BOWRAL HOSPITAL—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2879 FERRY/ZOO PASS FOR SENIORS—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Youth, Minister for Volunteering—
- 2880 KURNELL DESALINATION PLANT—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—
- 2881 CENTRAL COAST ROADWORKS—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2882 RADIOTHERAPY TREATMENT—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Minister for Health—

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- 2883 TERRIGAL BEACHFRONT/CBD CRIME—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 2884 PUBLIC HOUSING IN THE ENTRANCE—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Minister for Housing, Minister for Tourism—
- 2885 DAUGHTER OF JULIE BROWN—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- 2886 COMMISSION FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Youth, Minister for Volunteering—
- 2887 PLAN-IT YOUTH PROGRAM—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—
- 2888 WATER QUALITY MONITORING—Mrs Judy Hopwood 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)—
- 2889 KURING-GAI AND EASTWOOD LOCAL AREA COMMANDS—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 2890 HORNSBY SHIRE COUNCIL INVESTMENTS—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health) —
- 2891 EARLY STARTERS PROGRAM—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—
- 2892 CRONULLA STATION PARKING—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2893 HOUSING MAINTENANCE—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Housing, Minister for Tourism—
- 2894 HIGHWAY PATROL OFFICERS—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 2895 MAN: A COURSE OF STUDY (MACOS)—Mr Malcolm Kerr 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—
- 2896 DISCOVERY CENTRE—CAPTAIN COOK'S LANDING PLACE—Mr Malcolm Kerr 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)—
- 2897 CAPTAIN COOK AND SIR JOSEPH BANKS COLLECTION—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Premier, Minister for Citizenship—
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- 2899 COUNSELLORS—Mr Daryl Maguire to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2900 COMMITTEE MEMBERS—Mr Daryl Maguire 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—
- 2901 BUS ROUTES 613 AND 614—Mr Wayne Merton to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
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- 2905 DEVELOPMENT PROFITS—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Premier, Minister for Citizenship—
- 2906 DEVELOPMENT PROFITS—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—
- 2907 MINISTERIAL OFFICES—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Premier, Minister for Citizenship—
- 2908 FIRE SERVICES LEVY—Mr Donald Page to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Minister for Ports and Waterways—
- 2909 INSURANCE TAXES—Mr Donald Page to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Minister for Ports and Waterways—
- 2910 TAFE TEACHER QUALIFICATIONS—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—
- 2911 RAIL SERVICES—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
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- 2914 SPECIAL COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO ACUTE CARE SERVICES—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2915 SCRIM TESTING OF THE PACIFIC HIGHWAY AT SEXTON HILL—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2916 GRAIN HAULAGE—Mr George Souris to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
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- 2918 AFFORDABILITY OF ENERGY FOR PENSIONERS—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—
- 2919 CHILD PROTECTION REGISTER—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 2920 RESTRICTIONS ON BUSES—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2921 FORSTER POLICE STATION—Mr John Turner to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 2922 ACCOMMODATION ARRANGEMENTS FOR PATIENTS AT CALVARY MATER NEWCASTLE—Mr John Turner to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2923 ADMINISTRATION OF CROWN RESERVES—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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- 2924 APPLICATIONS FOR WORKS—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—
- 2925 HERITAGE GRANT FUNDING—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- 2926 NATIONAL PARKS AND WILDLIFE SERVICE SUPPLY OF HELICOPTERS—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)—

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- 2927 WESTERN SYDNEY GROWTH—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- 2928 CHARGES RECORDED—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 2929 PROPERTIES IN EAST HILLS—Mr Alan Ashton to ask the Minister for Housing, Minister for Tourism—
- 2930 QUADRUPLICATION WORK—Mr Alan Ashton to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
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- 2932 STATE PROPERTY AUTHORITY PROPERTIES—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
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- 2935 MANLY TO CIRCULAR QUAY ROUTE—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
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- 2945 GREATER HUNTER WORKFORCE PLANNING PROJECT—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 2946 RAILWAY CLEARWAYS PROGRAM—Ms Gladys Berejiklian to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2947 NAREMBURN SCHOOLS—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—
- 2948 REGIONAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION SPECIALIST POSITIONS—Ms Gladys Berejiklian to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 2949 PENSIONER EXCURSION TICKET—Ms Gladys Berejiklian to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2950 AIR-CONDITIONING UNITS ON TRAINS—Ms Gladys Berejiklian to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2951 TRAIN BREAKDOWNS—Ms Gladys Berejiklian to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2952 TRAUMA COUNSELLING—Mr Andrew Constance to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2953 DRIVER AGED SERVICES—Mr Andrew Constance to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2954 BATEMANS BAY HIGH SCHOOL—Mr Andrew Constance 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—
- 2955 SURF BEACH CROSSING—Mr Andrew Constance to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2956 ASSISTANCE TO IRRIGATORS—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)—
- 2957 ASSISTANCE TO IRRIGATORS—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—
- 2958 REPRESENTATION OF NESB AND DISABLED WOMEN IN NSW PUBLIC SECTOR—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Premier, Minister for Citizenship—
- 2959 PUBLIC HOUSING IN WYONG ELECTORATE—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Minister for Housing, Minister for Tourism—
- 2960 PUBLIC HOUSING IN TERRIGAL—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Minister for Housing, Minister for Tourism—
- 2961 ERECTION OF 132 KV LINES WAMBERAL—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—
- 2962 YOUTH REFUGES—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- 2963 AIR-COOLING OF SCHOOLS—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—

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- 2964 P-PLATE EXEMPTIONS—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2965 MENTAL ILLNESS PATIENTS IN EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Health—
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- 2971 SEXUAL ASSAULT SUPPORT SERVICES—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2972 BANK STREET PARK PYRMONT—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Minister for Ports and Waterways—
- 2973 GLEBE CRIME AND ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Premier, Minister for Citizenship—
- 2974 LATE NIGHT TRANSPORT—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2975 HOUSING LOWER FORT STREET—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Housing, Minister for Tourism—
- 2976 DRYING WASHING IN APARTMENTS—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Youth, Minister for Volunteering—
- 2977 CONSUMER SAFETY IN THE ENERGY SECTOR—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—
- 2978 MULTI-LINGUISTIC EDUCATION—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—
- 2979 DIABETES IN NSW—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2980 LUCY OSBURN-NIGHTINGALE MUSEUM SYDNEY HOSPITAL—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2981 PRIVATE INVESTIGATORS—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 2982 HERITAGE LISTING OF URBAN CONSERVATION AREAS—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- 2983 FOREST WAY—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2984 APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATORS—Mr Donald Page 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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- 2989 SPECIAL COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO ACUTE CARE SERVICES - TWEED VALLEY CLINIC—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2990 SPECIAL COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO ACUTE CARE SERVICES - ICU BEDS—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2991 SPECIAL COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO ACUTE CARE SERVICES - DEMENTIA CARE UNIT—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2992 SIGHTINGS OF EASTERN QUOLLS—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)—
- 2993 ZINC LEVELS IN DALPURA CREEK—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)—
- 2994 KOALA POPULATION IN HAWKS NEST/TEA GARDENS—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)—
- 2995 NATIONAL PARKS AND WILDLIFE SERVICE ROTARY WING TENDER—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)—
- 2996 ALEXANDRA CANAL—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)—
- 2997 PROTECTION OF THE LONG-NOSED POTOROO COLONY—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)—
- 2998 DEMOUNTABLE CLASSROOMS—DRUMMOYNE—Mr Anthony Roberts 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—
- 2999 DEMOUNTABLE CLASSROOMS—RYDE—Mr Anthony Roberts 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—
- 3000 DEMOUNTABLE CLASSROOMS—LANE COVE—Mr Anthony Roberts 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—
- 3001 REPLACEMENT OF DEMOUNTABLE CLASSROOMS—DRUMMOYNE—Mr Anthony Roberts 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—

- 3002 REPLACEMENT OF DEMOUNTABLE CLASSROOMS—LANE COVE—Mr Anthony Roberts 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—
- 3003 REPLACEMENT OF DEMOUNTABLE CLASSROOMS—RYDE—Mr Anthony Roberts 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—
- 3004 GAP PARK MASTERPLAN SELF HARM PREVENTION WORKS—Mrs Jillian Skinner to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- 3005 AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER—Mrs Jillian Skinner to ask the Minister for Health—
- 3006 TARONGA ZOO FERRY—Mrs Jillian Skinner to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 3007 RADIOTHERAPY MACHINES—Mrs Jillian Skinner 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)—
- 3008 SHIFT HOURS—MONA VALE HOSPITAL—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Health—
- 3009 MINISTERIAL REVIEW PANEL ON CURRAWONG—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- 3010 NSW SHERIFF'S OFFICE OPENING HOURS—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 3011 TRANSPORT FOR HEALTH PROGRAM—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Minister for Health—
- 3012 MANNING RIVER—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—
- 3013 COUNTRY ATHLETES SCHEME—Mr John Turner to ask the Minister for Gaming and Racing, Minister for Sport and Recreation—
- 3014 CARETAKER MODE—Mr John Williams to ask the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—

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- 3015 LOAN SCHEMES—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Youth, Minister for Volunteering—
- (1) What role does the Department of Fair Trading play in the administration of the Low Interest Loans Scheme (LILS) and the No Interest Loans Scheme (NILS)?
  - (2) (a) Is money for these loans provided by banks?  
(b) If so, which banks provide this funding?
  - (3) (a) Does the Government provide funding to organisations that administer these schemes?  
(b) If so, what organisations receive such funding?
  - (4) Over the last three years, how many persons were approved for loans from the:
    - (a) Low Interest Loans Scheme;
    - (b) No Interest Loans Scheme?
- 3016 SPIT BRIDGE-MILITARY ROAD WORKING GROUP - RECOMMENDATIONS—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—



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- Has the Minister seen the recommendations from the Government's Spit Bridge – Military Road Working Group?
- 3017 NEW EQUIPMENT—MANLY HOSPITAL—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Health—
- (1) Is Manly Hospital provided with funds in its budget to pay for new equipment?
  - (2) How many pieces of new equipment has it paid for from its budget each year for the past five years?
- 3018 FLASHING LIGHTS IN SCHOOL ZONES—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- (1) Has the Minister considered installing flashing lights technology at the school zone on Condamine Street in Manly Vale?
  - (2) When will the Minister respond to all correspondence on this matter?
- 3019 CARINGBAH HIGH SCHOOL—Mr Barry Collier 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 is the nature of improvements and upgrades to facilities at Caringbah High School completed or underway in each of the years 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008?
  - (2) What is the value of each improvement and upgrade referred to in question (1)?
- 3020 ENDEAVOUR, WOOLLOOWARE, CARINGBAH AND CRONULLA HIGH SCHOOLS—Mr Barry Collier 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 is the total number of students at the following schools:
    - (a) Endeavour High School;
    - (b) Woollooware High School;
    - (c) Caringbah High School;
    - (d) Cronulla High School?
  - (2) What number of male and female students attend each of the high schools in question (1)?
  - (3) What is the total number of teachers and staff at each of the high schools in question (1)?
- 3021 AWARENESS OF UNSAFE DRUG USE—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- What efforts is the New South Wales Government making to promote awareness of the fertility, child bearing and infant health consequences of unsafe drug use among young women?
- 3022 GUN LICENCES—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Gaming and Racing, Minister for Sport and Recreation—
- (1) How many people that reside in the seat of Goulburn have registered gun licences?
  - (2) How many licensed guns are registered to addresses in the electorate of Goulburn?
- 3023 BIOBANKING—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) Will the Minister be releasing all submissions made to the Department of Environment and Climate Change in relation to the proposed biobanking scheme?
  - (2) Will the Minister review the Department of Environment and Climate Change's proposed biobanking scheme in light of the submissions made?
- 3024 SALE OF KINCUMBER POLICE STATION—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- (1) Why is Kincumber Police Station being sold?
  - (2) How much is the sale expected to raise?
  - (3) How will the process of sale be disbursed?
- 3025 ROAD WORKS—AVOCA DRIVE—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- (1) When will all road works scheduled along Avoca Drive be completed?

- (2) What is the cost of the outstanding works?  
(3) What are the outstanding works?
- 3026 REDEVELOPMENT OF 'THE BLOCK'—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—  
Why will the Minister not assist the Aboriginal Housing Company at Redfern to achieve its housing redevelopment project for the area known as 'The Block'?
- 3027 DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES OFFICES—NORTHERN BEACHES—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Minister for Community Services—  
(1) Are there any Department of Community Services offices on the Northern Beaches?  
(2) If so, where?  
(3) If not, why not?
- 3028 EXPOSURE DRAFT BILL OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING AND ASSESSMENT ACT—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—  
Will the Minister agree to meet with representatives from 'The Block' in Redfern to discuss the repercussions of Part 9A of the exposure draft Bill of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act?
- 3029 EXPOSURE DRAFT BILL OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING AND ASSESSMENT ACT—SUBMISSIONS—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—  
(1) Will the Minister release any of the submissions into your draft exposure Bill on the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act?  
(2) If so, when?  
(3) If not, why not?
- 3030 EXPOSURE DRAFT BILL OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING AND ASSESSMENT ACT—SUBMISSIONS—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—  
(1) On what basis did the Minister determine that 21 days was adequate time for the community to present the Department of Planning with submissions on the draft exposure Bill of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act?  
(2) How many submissions were received?
- 3031 EXPOSURE DRAFT BILL OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING AND ASSESSMENT ACT—CONSULTATION—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—  
(1) What peak representative groups did the Minister meet with to discuss your draft exposure Bill on the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act after it was made public?  
(2) Which individuals did the Minister meet with to discuss the draft exposure Bill?
- 3032 CANCELLED BUS SERVICES—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—  
What number of bus services were cancelled in the years ended:(a) 31 December 2006;(b) 31 December 2007;(c) 2008 to date?
- 3033 NURSING STAFF AT MANLY HOSPITAL—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Minister for Health—  
(1) How many FTE nursing staff were employed from nursing agencies at Manly Hospital during each of the following years:  
(a) 2008 to date;  
(b) 2006-2007;  
(c) 2005-2006;  
(d) 2004-2005;  
(e) 2003-2004?  
(2) For the same periods what were the total hours of agency nurses engaged at the hospital?  
(3) What was the total cost of engaging agency nurses in each of the above years?

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- 3034 NURSING STAFF AT MONA VALE HOSPITAL—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Minister for Health—
- (1) How many FTE nursing staff were employed from nursing agencies at Mona Vale Hospital during each of the following years:
    - (a) 2008 to date;
    - (b) 2006-2007;
    - (c) 2005-2006;
    - (d) 2004-2005;
    - (e) 2003-2004?
  - (2) For the same periods what were the total hours of agency nurses engaged at the hospital?
  - (3) What was the total cost of engaging agency nurses in each of the above years?
- 3035 OURGUNYA WOMEN'S INCORPORATION SAFE HOUSE FUNDING—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- (1) What was the amount of base funding that the Ourgunya Women's Safe House in Brewarrina received from DoCS during:
    - 2004/05;
    - 2005/06;
    - 2006/07;
    - 2007/08?
  - (2) Did this service receive any additional funding from DoCS during these periods?
  - (3) How many women did this service provide refuge for during each of these years?
  - (4) How many women were unable to be given refuge during each of these years?
- 3036 DEATH OF CHRISTINE HODDER—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Health—
- (1) Given that Station Officer P Roxburgh has stated in an email sent on 16 April 2008 that the suicide death of NSW Ambulance officer Christine Hodder occurred as a direct result of workplace harassment and bullying by officers of the Ambulance Service of NSW, has this allegation been investigated?
  - (2) If so, who conducted the investigation?
  - (3) Has the investigation been completed?
  - (4) If so, what was the result of this investigation?
  - (5) If the investigation has been completed, what were the findings?
  - (6) Has any action been taken as a result of these findings, if so what action?
- 3037 CIVILIAN POLICE STAFF—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- (1) With response to your 10 April answer to my question 2273, on what date will the duties of General Support Officers be combined with those of Court Process Officers and Clerical Officers to form the new multi-skilled General Administrative Support Officer positions?
  - (2) How many (a) General Support Officers (b) Court Process Officers and (c) Clerical Officers were employed in the Canobolas Local Area Command as of 7 May 2007?
  - (3) How many (a) General Support Officers (b) Court Process Officers and (c) Clerical Officers were employed in the Cootamundra Local Area Command as of 7 March 2007?
  - (4) How many (a) General Support Officers (b) Court Process Officers and (c) Clerical Officers were employed in the Goulburn Local Area Command as of 7 March 2007?
  - (5) If the change referred to in point one has occurred, as of 7 May 2008, how many General Administrative Support Officers are employed in:
    - (a) Canobolas Local Area Command;
    - (b) Cootamundra Local Area Command;
    - (c) Goulburn Local Area Command?
- 3038 MENTAL HEALTH INTENSIVE CARE UNIT—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health) —

In relation to the Mental Health Intensive Care Unit at Hornsby Hospital:

- (1) When will more nursing staff be employed and what category of nurses will they be?  
 (2) When will the entire 12 beds be occupied with intensive care patients with a mental health issue?
- 3039 NURSES AND BUREAUCRATS—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Health—
- (1) How many nurses are employed:  
 (a) in the Northern Sydney Central Coast Area Health Service;  
 (b) at Hornsby Hospital?  
 (2) How many bureaucratic positions are there:  
 (a) in the Northern Sydney Central Coast Area Health Service;  
 (b) at Hornsby Hospital?  
 (3) What is the yearly salary costs for:  
 (a) Northern Sydney Central Coast Area Health Service nurses and bureaucrats;  
 (b) Hornsby Hospital nurses and bureaucrats?
- 3040 85 YEARS AND OVER DRIVING TEST—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- (1) How many people in the Hornsby electorate were required to undertake the mandatory 85 years and over driving test?  
 (2) How many people actually took the test?  
 (3) How many people took the test and failed:  
 (a) On the first occasion;  
 (b) On the second occasion;  
 (c) On the third occasion?  
 (4) How many driving instructors are employed in the Hornsby electorate?  
 (5) What is the average waiting time for older drivers who wish to be tested?  
 (6) (a) Has the waiting time increased in the past 12 months?  
 (b) If so, why?  
 (7) What measures have been taken to reduce the waiting times?  
 (8) What are the top 10 reasons for drivers over 85 failing their initial test and subsequent second and third attempt if taken?
- 3041 POLICE STATIONS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—  
 What are the number and names of the electorates that have zero police stations within their boundaries?
- 3042 NEGLIGENCE CLAIMS—SUTHERLAND HOSPITAL—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Health—  
 How many patients in Sutherland Hospital have had claims of negligence settled with monetary payments and been required to sign confidentiality clauses in order to receive the settlement?
- 3043 APPOINTMENT OF MR DUNN—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Minister for Ports and Waterways—  
 Further to question and answer 2046 Question 1 and while acknowledging Mr Dunn's appointment was made in accordance with s87 of the Public Sector Employment and Management Act 1972:  
 (1) Was the position advertised or subject to a competitive merit selection process?  
 (2) Were there any other applicants for the position?  
 (3) Did NSW Parliamentarians Obeid or Sartor express any view to you on the suitability of this appointment before it was formalised?
- 3044 BOAT LICENSES—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Minister for Ports and Waterways—  
 Given that in March 2008 the OTSI Maritime Safety Investigation into the collision, a year before, between Sydney Ferries' Harbourcat Pam Burrige and Motor Launch Merinda said "OTSI considers that it is not appropriate for any type of vessel, including rowing boats, kayaks, dragon boats and dinghies (be they powered or otherwise) to be operated at night in NSW by a person who does not hold a boating licence":

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What did the Minister do prior to 1 May 2008 to act on this finding and introduce a more effective licensing regime that requires a licence to drive ANY type of vessel at night?

3045 BASS AND FLINDERS OH&S—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Minister for Ports and Waterways—

- (1) What Occupational Health and Safety (OH & S) non-compliance issues have been identified in the past year with the Bass and Flinders operation at Blackwattle Bay?
- (2) What action has been taken to correct any OH & S compliance issues that have arisen, including action by NSW Maritime?
- (3) How has the public been put at risk because of inadequate OH & S management?

3046 CATTLE TICK RECOMMENDATIONS—Mr Donald Page 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 at a meeting held in Casino on 28 April 2008, to discuss cattle tick issues, the following seven recommendations were supported:

- No cattle originating from tick endemic areas of Queensland be allowed onto properties in NSW, where there is a realistic risk of them coming into contact with cattle ticks, unless accompanied by a compulsory health certificate indicating that such cattle have been treated with Imizol to destroy any tick fever organisms in the blood. The cost of treatment to be paid for by the vendor and/or buyer. No cost to the Government.
  - No tick fever vaccine to be used in NSW except for cattle going into tick endemic areas of Queensland.
  - Tick fever to be tested for first in any suspicious deaths or cases of sickness in cattle herds, on properties in cattle tick susceptible areas. Such testing to be by a blood smear to be taken from the tail.
  - The Queensland border to be maintained as the line of defence for NSW with an effective buffer zone to be negotiated for the Tweed.
  - The West Report recommendation that on-property inspections be maintained, to be implemented.
  - An effective education programme needs to be put in place for both producers and DPI and RLPB staff.
  - Penalties for the deliberate movement of livestock from tick infested areas needs to realistically reflect the seriousness of the offence.
- (1) Will the Minister be implementing any or all of the seven recommendations listed above?
  - (2) If only some recommendations are to be implemented, which will they be?
  - (3) If recommendations are not to be implemented by the Minister what are the reasons?

3047 SPECIAL COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO ACUTE CARE SERVICES—MIDWIVES—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health—

Given the Inquiry heard from a midwife that the Tweed Hospital maternity unit has doubled its birth rate since 2002 to the present figure of 1,200 births each year:

- (1) (a) Does the Minister agree that more FTE midwife training places are needed at the Tweed Hospital maternity unit than the two 0.5 FTE positions currently being funded, to cope with the growing number of child births in the Tweed?
  - (b) If yes, will funding be provided in the 2008-09 for additional positions, and if so, for how many?
  - (c) If not, how does the Minister intend to alleviate the demand on Tweed Hospital maternity unit midwives?
- (2) (a) Is the Minister aware that recently-graduated midwives have had applications rejected from the Tweed Hospital maternity unit due to insufficient training positions being available?
  - (b) If yes, why have no additional training positions been created?

3048 SPECIAL COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO ACUTE CARE SERVICES—RADIATION FACILITIES—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)—

Given that the Minister has previously advised "The total projected number of cancer cases for the Lismore Integrated Cancer Unit catchment area are estimated to be approximately 1165 cases by 2011" and that a medical oncologist from the Tweed Hospital stated to the Inquiry that "We have nearly 5,600

patients per year with cancer. Lismore had 3,300 patients with cancer, so our patient numbers are much, much greater than they are for Lismore":

- (1) Why is Lismore set to receive radiation facilities before the Tweed Hospital?
- (2) (a) Given these cancer patient figures, does the Minister agree with the medical oncologist's opinion that the Tweed Hospital has "a stronger case to have a radiation facility available here [rather than in Lismore]"?  
(b) If yes, when can the Tweed Hospital expect funding and approval for radiation facilities?  
(c) If no, why not?
- (3) Given the Minister has previously advised that "Recent major studies conducted by both the Commonwealth and NSW Governments have assessed the need for additional radiotherapy services on the State's North Coast", what are the names of these studies and are they available for viewing by the public?

3049 SPECIAL COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO ACUTE CARE SERVICES—CANCER SCREENING FACILITIES—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)—

Given that the Manager of Oncology and a Professor of Medical Oncology stated at the Inquiry that Tweed Hospital presently has breast cancer screening facilities, but no assessment facilities and that many patients who require further assessment deliberately choose to bypass Lismore because its too far to travel:

- (1) (a) Does the Minister agree that the Tweed Hospital requires assessment facilities to complement its screening facilities?  
(b) If yes, will funding be provided in the 2008/09 budget for these facilities?  
(c) If no, why not?
- (2) Given that the Tweed Hospital has specialist breast cancer surgeons, does the Minister agree that the Tweed Hospital requires assessment facilities so that the expertise of these surgeons can be taken advantage of, rather than sending patients to Queensland for assessment by general surgeons?

3050 SYDNEY CATCHMENT AUTHORITY BORROWINGS—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—

- (1) What capital projects were funded with the Sydney Catchment Authority's (SCA) increased borrowings of \$64 million in 2007?
- (2) What institution was this money borrowed from?
- (3) What are the total borrowings for the SCA?
- (4) How much interest does the SCA pay on this debt annually?
- (5) In the Abridged Consolidated Income Statement, what forms of income are included under "Other Income"?

3051 ACCELERATED SEWERAGE PROGRAM—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—

- (1) What towns are serviced by the eight sewerage projects under the Accelerated Sewerage Program?
- (2) Which catchments do those towns currently discharge sewerage into?
- (3) When will the last of these projects be completed?

3052 MOUNTAIN PYGMY POSSUMS—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)—

- (1) What has the Department done to protect Mountain Pygmy possums in alpine areas since the Recovery Plan was adopted in 2002?
- (2) What is the estimated number of Mountain Pygmy possums in NSW?

3053 BOTTLED DRINKING WATER—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—

How much money was spent by Government Departments and agencies on bottled drinking water for the financial years:

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- (a) 2000-2001;  
(b) 2001-2002;  
(c) 2002-2003;  
(d) 2003-2004;  
(e) 2004-2005;  
(f) 2006-2007;  
(g) 2007-2008 to date?
- 3054 HELICOPTER FLYING HOURS—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—
- How many flying hours by helicopter were used by NSW Government Departments and agencies for non-emergency purposes for the years:
- (a) 2003-2004;  
(b) 2004-2005;  
(c) 2005-2006;  
(d) 2006-2007;  
(e) 2007-2008 to date?
- 3055 REMUNERATION OF DICK PERSSON—Mr Anthony Roberts to ask the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health) —
- What is the weekly remuneration of Mr Dick Persson, Administrator of the Port Macquarie-Hastings Shire Council?
- 3056 PEAK TRAFFIC VOLUMES—GLADESVILLE BRIDGE—Mr Anthony Roberts to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- What are the morning and afternoon peak traffic volumes across the Gladesville Bridge?
- 3057 MAJOR TOURISM EVENTS—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Premier, Minister for Citizenship—
- What major tourism events has Sydney lost to Melbourne in the last decade?
- 3058 SAFETY AUDIT BY NSW FOOD AUTHORITY—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—
- (1) Was Mona Vale Hospital part of the recent safety audit conducted by the NSW Food Authority?  
(2) If Mona Vale Hospital did not take part in this audit why was it excluded?  
(3) Did Mona Vale Hospital meet all the standards covered in the audit?
- 3059 TAFE COURSES—NORTHERN BEACHES—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—
- What plans does the Minister have to increase access to, and the variety of, TAFE courses for residents of the Northern Beaches?
- 3060 FUNDING TO NSW FEDERATION OF COMMUNITY LANGUAGE 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—
- (1) Does the NSW Government provide funding to the NSW Federation of Community Language Schools?  
(2) If so, how much funding has been provided for each of the last five years?  
(3) Is this funding indexed?
- 3061 RURAL HEALTH SERVICES—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Minister for Health—
- (1) Is the Minister aware that last week the Federal Health Minister, The Hon. Nicola Roxon, announced the immediate establishment of an Office of Rural Health in the Department of Health and Ageing to drive reform in the rural health sector?

- (2) Does the Minister have any plans to establish a dedicated office or directorate of rural health in New South Wales given the obvious dire problems in hospitals and health services across country and coastal NSW?
- (3) If not, why not?
- 3062 MRI APPOINTMENTS AT PORT MACQUARIE HOSPITAL—Mr John Turner to ask the Minister for Health—
- (1) Does the Port Macquarie Hospital insist that patients requiring an appointment for a MRI make the appointment in person or by faxing a copy of a referral?
- (2) If so, why?
- (3) If so, why does the hospital refuse to arrange appointments over the phone?
- (4) If so, what provision in this procedure is there for assisting patients with chronic illness and limited or no access to a facsimile machine?
- (5) If so, what provision in this procedure is there for assisting patients who live outside the Port Macquarie district?
- (6) If so, is this standard procedure for all hospitals when patients wish to make an appointment for an MRI or is the procedure only adopted at the Port Macquarie Hospital?
- 3063 IPTAAS APPLICATIONS—Mr John Turner to ask the Minister for Health—
- (1) (a) Is there now a ten week turn around for the processing of IPTAAS applications through the Hunter New England Health Service?
- (b) If so, why?
- (c) If so, what will the Minister do to assist patients with economic hardship who have to wait ten weeks to have part of their costs reimbursed?
- (2) (a) Will the Minister put in a process to streamline the application processing so that it has a reasonable turn around time so that applicants will not be out of pocket for long periods of time?
- (b) If so, when?
- (c) If so, what would be a reasonable time in the Minister's view?
- (d) If not, why not?
- 3064 LARGE BLACK CAT—HAWKESBURY ELECTORATE—Mr Ray Williams 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 there have now been over 320 confirmed and documented sightings by residents of a large black cat referred to as either a panther or a jaguar in the areas of the Hawkesbury electorate from Kenthurst to Maraylya, Kurrajong and Colo and that tracks of a large cat surround sites where several animals such as lambs, deer and goats have been killed and that the most recent sighting involved two small children:
- What measures are currently being undertaken to remove the risk of a person or small child being attacked by these animals?