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- 3985 MOUNT DRUITT SWIMMING POOL—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Education—
- 3986 LETS TALK ABOUT TAFE—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Education—
- *3987 CHILD ABUSE VICTIMS COMPENSATION CLAIMS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—
 - (1) How much money will the Government save by requiring child abuse victims to lodge compensation claims within a decade of turning 18 or 10 years of the crime being committed?
 - (2) How much money would the Government save if it imposed a 20 year time limit as preferred by the Victims Compensation Tribunal?

Answer-

I am advised:

- (1) Under the Victims Support Scheme there are no time limits within which victims of child sexual assault must lodge applications for recognition payments; applications for out of pocket expenses up to \$5000; or applications for expenses of up to \$5000 associated with criminal proceedings relating to the act of violence. Victims of child sexual assault will be able to make such applications for victims support at any time regardless of how long ago the abuse took place.
 - The budget allocation of \$72 million per annum for the Victims Support Scheme will be the same as that under the previous Victims Compensation Scheme. This amount will not be reduced.
- (2) As mentioned above, the budget for the Victims Support Scheme will be maintained at the current levels of \$72 million per annum.
- 3988 MARYLAND FIRE STATION—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 3989 LAKE MACQUARIE LOCAL AREA COMMAND—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 3990 POLICE RESPONSE TIME—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 3991 PARAMEDICS ABUSED ON JOB—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 3992 NEWCASTLE AIRPORT EXPANSION—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW, Leader of the House—
- 3993 DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING RENT—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 3994 WORKERS COMPENSATION—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 3995 NSW SHERIFF OFFICE—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 3996 MAGEE LANE GLENFIELD—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 3997 CLINICAL NURSE CONSULTANTS VOLUNTARY REDUNDANCY—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 3998 PALLIATIVE CARE FUNDING—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 3999 YAMBA COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- 4000 PROSTATE BIOPSY SERVICE -WAGGA WAGGA BASE HOSPITAL—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 4001 PAEDIATRIC INTENSIVE CARE UNIT—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 4002 GULGONG MULTI-PURPOSE SERVICE—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 4003 NSW BUSINESSLINK VOLUNTARY REDUNDANCIES—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 4004 DEATHS ON OR IN RAILWAY PROPERTY—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 4005 COURTHOUSES UTILISATION—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 4006 AZZAM NABOULSI DEATH INQUEST—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 4007 ARMIDALE COURTHOUSE—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 4008 NUMBER OF INMATES AND DETAINEES—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

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- 4009 NUMBER OF SYDNEY DRUG COURT REFERRALS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 4010 NUMBER OF PARRAMATTA DRUG COURT REFERRALS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 4011 NUMBER OF TORONTO DRUG COURT REFERRALS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 4012 PERITONECTOMY PATIENTS AT ST GEORGE HOSPITAL—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 4014 CITYRAIL SERVICES SHELLHARBOUR ELECTORATE—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 4015 FLINDERS STATION NAME CHANGE—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 4016 FUNDING FOR MAINTENANCE OF PUBLIC HOUSING—Mr Robert Furolo to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 4017 MAINTENANCE WORKS FOR PUBLIC HOUSING—Mr Robert Furolo to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 4018 MOUNT DRUITT COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 4019 COMMISSIONER FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—
- *4020 SURVEILLANCE AND LIGHTING INITIATIVES—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—
 - Does the Government plan to match the Commonwealth Government's pledge to commit funding to surveillance and lighting initiatives in known crime hotspots?

Answer-

The Government supports local government utilising CCTV to prevent crime in public places and recently amended the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Regulation 2005 to exempt Councils using CCTV in public places from requirements relating to collection of personal information and disclosure to the NSW Police.

I am advised the Government has provided funding over the past three years to the Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design Graffiti Hotspot program. Under this program Councils have implemented increased public lighting in some instances.

As part of the NSW Government's \$40 million commitment to the Park and Travel Safety Fund, more than 30 locations across the transport network are being upgraded over the next two years. This includes CCTV cameras, lighting and other safety initiatives.

- 4021 MULTICULTURAL HUBS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—
- 4022 VOICES IN HARMONY CONCERT SONG COMPETITION—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—
- 4023 MULTICULTURAL MARCH BANNER COMPETITION—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—
- 4024 MENTORING PROGRAMS FOR MIGRANT COMMUNITIES—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—
- 4025 NSW MULTICULTURAL TOURISM STRATEGY—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—
- 4026 PROMOTING AUSTRALIA DAY—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—
- 4027 MULTICULTURAL MARCH POSTER COMPETITION—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—
- 4028 VOICES IN HARMONY CONCERT—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

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- 4029 FIRST HOME OWNER ASSISTANCE—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—
- *4030 EXPLORATION OF URANIUM IN NSW—Mr Jamie Parker asked the Minister for Resources and Energy, Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Central Coast—

In the period leading up to 13 November 2012 the Minister for Resources & Energy received 39 expressions of interest (EOIs) in the exploration of uranium in NSW:

- (1) Have any of these EOIs been granted approval?
- (2) If so:
 - (a) what dates were they granted;
 - (b) what public notification accompanied the approval;
 - (c) what is the next indicated deadline for companies to submit further information?
- (3) If no approvals have been granted:
 - (a) when does the Minister intend to make a decision on approvals?
 - (b) What is the expected timeframe in this process relating to:
 - (i) the granting of licenses;
 - (ii) the period of public consultation/submissions;
 - (iii) the beginning of exploration work?
- (4) Have the exploration companies provided information relating to the areas they intend to explore?

- (a) If so:
 - (i) is this information publicly available;
 - (ii) where is this information available;
 - (iii) what specific areas have been targeted for exploration?
- (5) What is the process for public consultation regarding the approval of exploration applications?
- (6) Will the Minister or representatives of either the Minister or the Department of Trade and Investment Division of Resources and Energy travel to areas where exploration is proposed in order to hold public information or consultation sessions?

Answer—

- (1) to (6) The Member will be pleased to know that I anticipate being in a position to invite successful companies to apply for an exploration licence by early next month, and expect licences will be granted by the end of the year.
- 4031 FUNDING FOR BUILDING FENCES AT SCHOOLS—Mr Jamie Parker to ask the Minister for Education—
- 4032 WESTLAKES HEALTH CENTRE—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Healthy Lifestyles, and Minister for Western New South Wales—
- 4033 ILLAWARRA COMMUNITY ADVISORY PANEL—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 4034 REPORT BY NSW STATE CORONER—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 4035 SECURITY FENCES AT SCHOOLS—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—
- 4036 SCHOOL SAFETY AND SECURITY DIRECTORATE—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—
- 4037 NSW PUBLIC SCHOOL UPGRADE FUND—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—
- 4038 NUMBER OF APPRENTICES IN NSW GOVERNMENT—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—
- 4039 SECURITY FENCE AT BANKSTOWN SOUTH INFANTS SCHOOL—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Education—
- 4040 NUMBER OF PATIENTS AT BANKSTOWN-LIDCOMBE HOSPITAL—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 4041 BANKSTOWN-LIDCOMBE HOSPITAL BUDGET—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 4042 REGIONAL RELOCATION GRANT—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—
- 4043 FAIR TRADING EXPERTS AT SERVICENSW—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Fair Trading—
- 4044 CHILDREN AND WINDOW SAFETY—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Fair Trading—
- 4045 REDUCTION ON BANKSTOWN TRAIN LINE—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 4048 HUNTER LINE TRAIN SERVICE—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 4049 CESSNOCK EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT UPGRADE—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 4050 CESSNOCK EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT UPGRADE FUNDING—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

4051 STAFFED BED NUMBERS AT CESSNOCK HOSPITAL-Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for

- Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- SUB ACUTE BEDS AT KURRI KURRI HOSPITAL—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Health. 4052 and Minister for Medical Research-
- ALLOCATION OF COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL HOUSING-Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- BERESFIELD POLICE STATION-Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for 4054 Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 4055 NEWCASTLE CBD TRAFFIC DATA—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports-
- 4056 DRAINAGE WORKS ADJACENT TO JOHN RENSHAW DRIVE-Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 4057 PACIFIC HIGHWAY UPGRADE—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports-
- ROADS AND MARITIME SERVICES COMPLIANCE WITH GIPA-Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the 4058 Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- SAFE OVERTAKING OF BICYCLE RIDERS-Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Transport 4059 representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 4060 SUNDAY STREETS PROGRAMS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports-
- 4061 SMOKING BANS-Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research-
- DRUG DETOXIFICATION AND TREATMENT SERVICES—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister 4062 for Health, and Minister for Medical Research-
- OCCUPY SYDNEY PROTEST-Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council-
- *4064 SOLAR PANELS IN NSW—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Resources and Energy, Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Central Coast—
 - (1) How many homes in New South Wales are currently connected to solar photovoltaic panels?
 - (2) How does this compare to other states and territories?
 - (3) What assessment has been made on the reduction to summer peak demand on existing network infrastructure caused by these solar connections?
 - (4) How has this reduced the need to build new infrastructure and the associated costs?
 - (5) With regard to power use, what comparisons have been made between homes only connected to the network and homes with solar photovoltaic panels?
 - (6) To what extent have solar panels been shown to reduce power use?
 - (7) What incentives does the Government intend to introduce to encourage the uptake of solar photovoltaic panels?

Answer—

- (1) Connections data can be found on the Division of Energy's website.
- (2) This information is available from the Clean Energy Council.
- (3) and (4) The Australian Energy Market Operator has done work in this area.
- (5) and (6) Information regarding power use is available in the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal's Review of Regulated Electricity Retail Prices 2013-2016.
- (7) Unlike the previous Government, the NSW Government does not support schemes that deliver subsidies to industry at the expense of the broader community.

- 4065 DEPARTMENT OF LANDS BUILDING—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 4066 GREYHOUND WELFARE—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Hospitality and Racing, and Minister for the Arts—

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- 4067 NUMBER OF GOLDEN STAPH INFECTIONS—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 4068 YARALLA ESTATE—Mrs Barbara Perry to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 4069 FUNDING ALLOCATION—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 4070 INQUIRY INTO TRACY BRANNIGAN'S DEATH—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 4071 RESPONSE TO DNA REVIEW PANEL RECOMMENDATIONS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 4072 FUNDING ALLOCATION—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 4073 MATTERS RAISED BY ROBERT LIPARI—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 4074 CORRECTIVE SERVICES VAN—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 4075 DNA REVIEW PANEL ANNUAL REPORT—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 4076 NUMBER OF INTENSIVE CORRECTION ORDERS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 4077 DNA REVIEW PANEL RECOMMENDATIONS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 4078 NUMBER OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE COMPENSATION CLAIMS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 4079 ENERGY SUPPLEMENT PAYMENT—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 4080 DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING PRIORITY LIST—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 4081 PARTICLE POLLUTION IN HUNTER REGION COAL CORRIDOR—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—
- 4082 ZONING AREAS FOR NSW POLICE—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 4083 PUBLIC HOUSING IN HUNTER REGION—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 4084 GLENDALE ROAD/RAIL INTERCHANGE—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW, Leader of the House—

- 4085 MINMI ROAD—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW, Leader of the House—
- 4086 SUBMISSIONS TO DISCUSSION PAPER—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW, Leader of the House—
- 4087 REPORT ON STAFF DEPARTURE—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 4088 NUMBER OF REGISTERED NURSES—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 4089 AUSTRALIAN VACCINATION NETWORK—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Hospitality and Racing, and Minister for the Arts—
- 4090 CRIMINAL INCIDENTS RECORDED BY NSW POLICE FORCE—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 4091 SHELLHARBOUR ELECTORATE FIRE STATIONS—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 4092 SECURITY FENCING FOR SCHOOLS IN SHELLHARBOUR—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Education—
- 4093 ILLAWARRA REGIONAL EDUCATION OFFICE—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Education—
- 4094 VISIT TO SHELLHARBOUR ELECTORATE—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 4095 PET SCANNER—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 4096 PAYROLL TAX REBATE—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 4098 REFUNDS FOR FAULTY CAMERAS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

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- 4099 MOTORING OFFENCES DETECTED BY POLICE—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 4100 NUMBER OF MOTORING OFFENCES SINCE JULY 2012—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 4101 PEDESTRIAN CROSSING—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 4102 ZOUCH AND MCDONALD ROAD DENHAM COURT—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 4103 SCENIC HILLS ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION AREA PLANNING—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW, Leader of the House—
- 4104 SCENIC HILL ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AREA DENHAM COURT—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

- 4105 CAMPBELLTOWN ROAD FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 4106 CAMPBELLTOWN ROAD WIDENING DENHAM COURT RESIDENTS—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 4107 CAPACITY IN BALMAIN SCHOOLS—Mr Jamie Parker to ask the Minister for Education—
- 4108 NUMBER OF DEATHS IN NSW MINING INDUSTRY—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Resources and Energy, Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Central Coast—

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- 4109 MOUNT DRUITT HOSPITAL OPERATIONS—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 4110 ALTERNATIVE VENUES FOR COMMUNITY EVENTS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Ageing, and Minister for Disability Services—
- 4111 RELOCATION OF CONVENTION CENTRE—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Trade and Investment, and Minister for Regional Infrastructure and Services—
- VICTIMS OF HEARING LOSS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 4113 ILLEGAL USE OF TRAIL BIKES—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 4114 LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE RENEWAL SCHEME—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW, Leader of the House—
- 4115 BILLBOARD ADVERTISING SIGNAGE WITHIN ROAD CORRIDORS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 4116 RAIL ROLLING STOCK—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 4117 BILLBOARD ADVERTISING SIGNAGE WITHIN RAIL CORRIDORS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 4118 NEW BUSES—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 4119 THIRROUL RAILWAY STATION—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 4120 RAIL SERVICES IN THE FAIRFIELD ELECTORATE—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 4121 POLICE TRANSPORT COMMAND STAFF—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 4122 TRANSPORT PROJECTS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 4126 ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE TEACHERS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Education—
- 4127 LOCAL SCHOOLS LOCAL DECISIONS—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—
- 4128 PRESCHOOL EDUCATION FUNDING—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—
- 4129 FOUNDATION SKILLS COURSES—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—
- 4130 BEN CHIFLEY SCHOLARSHIPS—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—

- 4131 NUMBER OF LITERACY AND NUMERACY TEACHERS—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—
- 4132 FINE ARTS COURSE—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—
- 4133 RETROFITTING SCHOOLS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Education—
- 4134 WOOD SMOKE—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—
- 4135 PESTICIDE RESIDUE ON FRUIT AND VEGETABLES—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Small Business—
- 4136 DEATHS IN CUSTODY—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 4137 352 BUS SERVICES—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 4138 WOOLLOOMOOLOO TRIPARTITE AGREEMENT—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 4139 TOM UREN SQUARE—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 4140 MOBILE ADVERTISING VEHICLES—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- NUMBER OF INTERSECTIONS BANKSTOWN ELECTORATE—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 4142 SPEED CAMERAS IN THE BANKSTOWN ELECTORATE—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 4143 DEMOUNTABLES AT BANKSTOWN NORTH PUBLIC SCHOOL—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Education—
- 4144 COUNSELLING SERVICES AT BANKSTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOL—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Education—
- 4145 HOUSING NSW MAINTENANCE—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 4146 BANKSTOWN ELECTORATE PUBLIC HOUSING—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 4147 BANKSTOWN TRAIN STATION—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 4148 ASSETS ACQUIRED BY A CO-OPERATIVE—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Fair Trading—
- 4149 BANKSTOWN SHUTTLE BUS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport—

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- 4150 EASY ACCESS AT ROOTY HILL RAILWAY STATION—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 4151 RUNNING OF 413 BUS SERVICE—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 4152 ADDITIONAL 413 BUS SERVICE—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 4153 CYCLISTS ROAD SAFETY—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

- 4154 PEDESTRIAN OVERHEAD BRIDGE CANTERBURY—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 4155 LEGAL AID COMMISSION LEGAL ASSISTANCE STATE MATTERS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 4156 INMATE POPULATION—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
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- 4158 LEGAL ASSISTANCE FROM LEGAL AID COMMISSION—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
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- 4163 IMPROVING SERVICE DELIVERY AND ACCOUNTABILITY IN ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—
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- 4165 EASTLAKES SHOPPING CENTRE—Mr Ron Hoenig to ask the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW, Leader of the House—
- 4166 RENT ASSESSMENT INCLUDING CLEAN ENERGY SUPPLEMENT—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 4167 JOINT REGIONAL PLANNING PANEL—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW, Leader of the House—
- 4168 MINING ROYALTY REVENUE—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Trade and Investment, and Minister for Regional Infrastructure and Services—
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- 4201 WESTERN SYDNEY LOCAL HEALTH DISTRICT BOARD—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
 - (1) How many members are there on the Western Sydney Local Health District Board?
 - (2) What is the postcode for each of the member's residential address?
- 4202 CARDIAC UNIT AT MOUNT DRUITT HOSPITAL—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

Now that the Mount Druitt Community has caused a petition of over 10,000 signatures to be tabled in the State Parliament, opposing the closure of the Cardiac Unit of the Mount Druitt Hospital, will the Minister intervene to stop the District Health Board from closing this unit?

4203 NEEDLE AND SYRINGE PROGRAMS IN PRISONS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

Noting that the rate of infectious blood borne diseases of Australian prisoners is several times higher than the general population and the 2009 Health Inmate Survey found that 43 per cent of prisoners had used illicit drugs and nearly all those who injected reported sharing needles:

- (1) What programs and initiatives does the Government provide to prevent the spread of blood borne diseases between injecting drug users in prisons?
- (2) What progress has the Government made on considering a trial of a needle and syringe program in prisons?
- (3) Is the Government aware of the ACT Alexander Maconochie Correctional Centre needle and syringe program trial?
- (4) What assessment has the Government made of the ACT Alexander Maconochie Correctional Centre needle and syringe program trial?
- (5) What plans does the Government have to provide needle and syringe programs in prisons?
- (6) What further action will the Government take to prevent the spread of HIV, Hepatitis B or Hepatitis C or other health conditions?
- 4204 OMBUDSMAN RESOURCES—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

Noting that NSW Police have re-opened investigation into the death of Scott Johnson and claim more than 50 other suspicious deaths during the 1980 and 1990 that could also have been gay hate crimes, but may not have been identified as such:

- (1) What resources does the Government provide to the Ombudsman to carry out inquiries into the investigation of these deaths?
- (2) How many staff does the Ombudsman have available for significant investigations of systemic problems?
- (3) How many major reviews does the Ombudsman have awaiting investigation?
- (4) How many staff does the Ombudsman have available for investigation of individual complaints?
- (5) How many individual complaints does the Ombudsman have awaiting investigation?
- (6) Will the Government provide additional resources for a full review of unexplained deaths or other cases that could have been gay hate crimes?

4205 MOTOR CYCLE NOISE STANDARDS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

With regard to the offensive noise disturbance from motor cycles, particularly in densely populated inner city areas:

- (1) What advocacy has the NSW Government carried out with other States/ Territories and the Commonwealth Government to provide better noise standards for motor cycles?
- (2) What action is the NSW Government undertaking with the National Transport Commission to reduce noise emissions from motor cycles?
- (3) What current plans does the NSW Government have underway to prevent offensive noise impacts from motor cycles?
- (4) What further action will the NSW Government take to better protect inner city residents from motorcycle noise impacts?
- 4206 VACANT INNER CITY SOCIAL HOUSING PROPERTIES—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

Noting that the Committee of Residents Elected (CORE) has identified 39 vacant social housing properties in Millers Point, Dawes Point and The Rocks:

- (1) As of 20 June 2013, are there:
 - (a) four vacant properties in Dalgety Terrace;
 - (b) one vacant property in Merriman Street;
 - (c) 14 vacant properties in High Street:
 - (d) four vacant properties in Kent Street;
 - (e) four vacant properties in Argyle Street;
 - (f) six vacant properties in Lower Fort Street;
 - (g) three vacant properties in Trinity Avenue;
 - (h) two vacant properties in Cumberland Street?
- (2) How many properties has the Government identified as vacant, and on which streets are they located?
- (3) How many of these properties:
 - (a) are considered suitable for letting;
 - (b) need minor repairs in order to be suitable for letting;
 - (c) are included in the review of public housing?
- (4) How does the Government ensure that properties do not fall in to further disrepair or suffer vandalism, unauthorised occupation or theft of heritage fixtures while vacant?
- (5) What is the annual cost to the Land and Housing Corporation for securing and maintaining vacant properties in this area?
- (6) What is the estimated loss of rent in this area as a result of leaving properties untenanted?
- (7) When will liveable properties be allocated to people from the estimated 57,000 people waiting for a home?
- 4207 INNER CITY SOCIAL HOUSING ALLOCATION—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

With regard to the social housing allocations in Millers Point, Dawes Point and The Rocks:

- (1) Is Housing NSW not allocating empty homes in this precinct, including homes that are in letting condition?
- (2) What assessment has the Government given to providing homes that are in letting condition to those on the waiting list such as:
 - (a) temporary accommodation for homeless people;
 - (b) emergency accommodation for those at risk in their current home;
 - (c) rehousing local tenants whose homes are unsafe and need major repairs?
- (3) Over the past five years, how many tenants in this precinct have been asked to relocate temporarily or permanently because their home is unsafe or unliveable?
- (4) How many tenants in this precinct are currently being asked to relocate because their home is deemed unsafe or unliveable?
- (5) What action will the Government take to increase the effective use of vacant properties and allow current tenants to remain in this precinct?

4208 KINGS CROSS ADOLESCENT UNIT—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

Noting that there has been coordinated action to prevent young people at risk from living rough in Kings Cross where they are at risk of drug use and drug dealing, street sex work and exploitation:

- (1) How long has the Kings Cross Adolescent Unit been operating?
- (2) How many caseworkers work from this centre?
- (3) How many clients are recorded for this service in the past five years?
- (4) What plans does the Government have for the future of this service?
- (5) How does the Government intend to provide these services in future?
- (6) What further action will the Government take to prevent young people ending up on the street in Kings Cross?
- 4209 HOUSING NSW RENT ARREARS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

With regard to the constituents' reports of increasing problems with incorrect rent calculations and intrusive eviction notices:

- (1) How many tenants have been assessed with rent arrears in the last 12 months?
- (2) How many are in the Sydney electorate?
- (3) How many of these cases have been disputed or appealed?
 - (a) How many of these were the result of incorrect rent calculations?
- (4) How many tenants in the Sydney electorate have been taken to the Consumer, Trader and Tenancy Tribunal (CTTT) for rent arrears?
 - (a) How many tenants have been evicted in the last 12 months?
- (5) How does Housing NSW:
 - (a) ensure rent calculations are accurate;
 - (b) inform tenants about dispute and appeal processes;
 - (c) provide early notice of potential rent problems and advise tenants of problems before formal action is taken;
 - (d) ensure prompt cancellation of eviction notices and CTTT action for rent arrears when disputes are resolved;
 - (e) ensure prompt suspension of eviction notices and CTTT action until appeals of decisions have been processed and outcomes notified to tenants in writing;
 - (f) ensure that rent and arrears payments do not exceed 30 per cent of gross income?
- (6) Do tenants who agree on arrears repayments in order to stop eviction proceedings forfeit their right to appeal the decision?
- (7) Does Housing NSW use the threat of CTTT proceedings to pressure tenants into making payments rather than disputing arrears?
- (8) What action will the Government take to ensure that tenants with alleged rent arrears are treated fairly?
- 4210 JUNK MAIL—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

Noting continuing levels of junk mail being distributed to residents, including large amounts dumped at apartment buildings:

- (1) What data does the Government have about levels of junk mail and unwanted advertising material?
- (2) What action has the Government taken to prevent unwanted junk mail?
- (3) How can junk mail breaches be reported to the Environment Protection Authority?
 - (a) What action is taken following reports?
- (4) What liaison/advocacy has the Government carried out with the Commonwealth and State/Territory Governments to prevent junk mail?
- (5) What liaison/advocacy has the Government carried out with the Distribution Standards Board to ensure compliance with the industry's Code of Practice?
- (6) What further action will the Government take in response to ongoing problems with junk mail?
- 4211 WOOLLOOMOOLOO SAFETY AUDIT—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

Noting the response to Question 3595, the submission in December of the 2012 Safety Audit and that the Government owns many of the streets, walkways, footpaths and homes in Woolloomooloo:

- (1) What action has been taken on the recommendations for action on Government property including:
 - (a) upgrading and repairing street lighting;
 - (b) improving safety in laneways;
 - (c) improving parking and waste dumping signage;
 - (d) making electricity meters secure and accessible to meter readers;
 - (e) repairing storm water and sewage grates and covers;
 - (f) repairing footpaths and walkways;
 - (g) improving ongoing maintenance of footpaths and walkways;
 - (h) improving maintenance of trees and landscaping;
 - (i) installing sharps disposal bins for multi-unit dwellings and public areas where there is a history of dumping;
 - (j) enforcing parking conditions with bollards, line markings, linking parking spaces to individual tenancies and signage;
 - (k) improving recycling, reducing waste and preventing waste dumping;
 - (l) Land & Housing Corporation officers attending Woolloomooloo Neighbourhood Advisory Board and Safety Audit Working Group meetings;
 - (m) providing rapid graffiti removal?
- (2) What further action will the Government take to complete implementation of the 2012 Safety Audit recommendations?
- 4212 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
 - How does the Government plan to combat high rates of domestic violence in South Western Sydney?
- 4213 SUPPORT FOR LANGUAGE SERVICES—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—
 - Which community groups have been affected by a reduction in the number of employees providing support for language services?
- 4214 COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION FUNDING—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—
 - Why has the Community Relations Commission had their Community Support Services budget cut from \$11.4 million to \$10.5 million, a 7.6 per cent cut in funding, as reported in the 2013-2014 Budget?
- 4215 REDUCTION IN GRANT APPLICATIONS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—
 - In light of a reduction in grant applications by Community Support Services from 710 with 85 per cent being successful in 2010-2011 to 450 applications with only 33 per cent being successful in 2012-2013, what is the Government doing to support community groups?
- 4216 WAITING TIME IN EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
 - What is the Government doing to improve waiting times in public hospitals for patients requiring treatment in emergency departments?
- 4217 CARRAMAR RAILWAY STATION—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Transport—
 - (1) Will Carramar Railway Station be included in this year's Transport Access Program to assist the elderly, disabled and parents with prams?
 - (2) If so, when will the lifts be installed?
- 4218 LEGAL ASSISTANCE FOR CHILDREN AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—
 - How will the Government help children and people with disabilities to secure legal assistance in compensation matters in light of funding cuts to Legal Aid NSW?
- 4219 SCHOOL UPGRADES IN FAIRFIELD ELECTORATE—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Education—
 - (1) What upgrades to local schools will take place in the electorate of Fairfield over the 2013-2014 financial year?

- (2) What is the timeline from start to completion of these projects?
- (3) What is the value of each of these projects?
- 4220 REVISED BUDGET FOR TAFE—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—

Given the decline in Full Time Equivalent staff of 190, what are the reasons for the \$43.8 million increase between the allocated and revised budget for TAFE in 2012-2013?

4221 NUMBER OF FULL TIME EQUIVALENT EMPLOYEES—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—

What is the number of Full Time Equivalent employees for each of the following service groups within the Department of Education and Communities for 2012-2013?

- (a) Teachers (schools);
- (b) Educational Support (schools);
- (c) Educational Support (State and Regional Offices);
- (d) Corporate Services;
- (e) Educational Support (TAFE);
- (f) Teachers (TAFE);
- (g) Adult Migrant English Services;
- (h) National Art School;
- (i) Office of Communities;
- (i) Early Childhood Education and Care?
- 4222 STAFFING IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—
 - (1) Why has staffing in secondary schools declined by 665 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) in 2012-2013?
 - (2) How many of the 665 FTE are:
 - (a) teaching positions;
 - (b) non teaching positions?
 - (3) Given the number of secondary students is forecast to increase in 2013, why is FTE staffing forecast to decline in 2013-2014?
 - (4) What impact will a further forecast decline of 315 FTE staff have on commitments to increase high school completion rates?
- 4223 EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT STAFF—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—
 - (1) How many Full Time Equivalent (FTE) educational support staff were employed by the Department of Education and Communities state office at the end of:
 - (a) June 2012:
 - (b) June 2013?
 - (2) How many FTE educational support staff were employed by Department of Education and Communities regional offices at the end of:
 - (a) June 2012;
 - (b) June 2013?
- 4224 READING RECOVERY TEACHERS—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—

How many Reading Recovery teachers were there in NSW at 30 June 2013?

4225 SCHOOL VANDALISM IN CESSNOCK ELECTORATE—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Education—

With regard to public schools located in the electorate of Cessnock:

- (1) How many incidents of vandalism have been reported for the period 1 July 2012 to 20 June 2013?
- (2) What percentage of incidents has been at schools:
 - (a) with the new security fencing;
 - (b) without the new security fencing?
- (3) Are there any schools in the Cessnock Electorate scheduled to be fenced in the period 2012-2013?
- 4226 LOWER HUNTER HOSPITAL—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

With regard to the new Lower Hunter Hospital that is proposed for the electorates of Cessnock or Maitland and for which Hunter New England Health called for expressions of available land in both locations:

- (1) Has a location been decided on?
 - (a) If so:
 - (i) when was the decision made:
 - (ii) where will the hospital be located?
 - (b) If not, when will a decision be made?
- (2) Does the Minister classify, categorise or refer to the potential new hospital as the new Maitland Hospital or the new Lower Hunter Hospital?
- 4227 ECONOMIC ASSESSMENT OF MINING AFFECTED COMMUNITIES—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Trade and Investment, and Minister for Regional Infrastructure and Services—

With regard to the Economic Assessment of Mining Affected Communities (February 2013):

- (1) Did Lithgow City Council return the Local Government survey?
- (2) Did this impact on their ability to be considered as a mining affected community?
- (3) Was the Association of Mining Related Councils approached or consulted during this assessment?
 - (a) If so:
 - (i) when;
 - (ii) what did that consultation process include?
- 4228 HUNTER LINE TRAIN PASSENGERS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Transport—

With regard to the train users along the Hunter Line:

- (1) How many passengers are carried during peak periods in the morning and what is this as a percentage of available seats?
- (2) How many passengers are carried during peak times in the afternoon and what is this as a percentage of available seats?
- (3) What is the daily total of passengers carried mid-week and what is this as a percentage of available seats?
- (4) What is the daily total of passengers carried on weekends and what is this as a percentage of available seats?
- (5) Do any of the midweek figures cited above include train use by school students travelling via a school pass as opposed to a paid ticket?
- 4229 MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

With regard to the changes introduced in January 2013 regarding registered owners of motor vehicles no longer being provided with or required to display a registration sticker on their vehicle:

- (1) Does Roads and Maritime Services send reminder notices to motorists if the registration has not been paid by the due date?
- (2) If not, why not?
- (3) If so, how long after the registration has expired?
- 4230 POLICE STATIONS IN CENTRAL HUNTER LOCAL AREA COMMAND—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

The following Police Stations in Central Hunter Local Area Command are listed on NSW Police Force website as 'Not open 24 hours'. What are the hours that they are open every day?

- (a) Beresfield;
- (b) East Gresford;
- (c) Kurri Kurri;
- (d) Lochinvar;
- (e) Morpeth;
- (f) Paterson;
- (g) Wollombi?

4231 NSW NOW: WELCOME TO THE NEW STATE OF BUSINESS CAMPAIGN—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

With regard to the 'NSW NOW: Welcome to the new state of business' campaign:

- (1) What businesses is the campaign being aimed at?
- (2) Are there incentives being offered to entice businesses to NSW?
 - (a) If so, will these incentives be available to existing businesses?
- (3) What is being done to retain businesses in NSW who are offered opportunities interstate and overseas?
- (4) Are you aware that previous decisions, such as the removal of the cellar door subsidy, led directly to the interstate move of Cellar Masters from Sydney to South Australia, costing 300 NSW jobs?
- 4232 PLANNING PANEL MEMBERS AND COMMUNITY FORUMS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW, Leader of the House—

With regard to the members of panels who make recommendations and decisions to the Department of Planning:

- (1) Are panel members required to research and know about the location they are discussing prior to attending Community Forums?
- (2) Are panel members accountable for comments and information they impart at Community Forums?
- 4233 UNPAID STAFF ENTITLEMENTS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

With regard to business proprietors and/or company directors not paying staff entitlements including superannuation and long service leave:

- (1) Is there a state register where their names are listed?
 - (a) If so, can the register be accessed by the general public?
- (2) Are there avenues available to employees to seek their owed funds and entitlements that do not include expensive litigation or the Australian Taxation Office?
- (3) Does the Government have mechanisms in place to stop offenders from commencing new businesses?
- 4234 FAIR TRADING COMPLAINT FINALISATION—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Fair Trading—

Why has the expected percentage of complaints finalised within 30 days decreased from 90 per cent in the 2011-2012 budget papers to 85 per cent in the 2013-2014 budget papers?

4235 FAIR TRADING EMPLOYEES—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Fair Trading—

Will you guarantee that all employees at Fair Trading shop fronts at the following locations receive an employment position at Service NSW:

- (1) Newcastle?
- (2) Orange?
- (3) Tweed Heads?
- (4) City South?
- (5) Liverpool?
- (6) Queanbeyan?
- (7) Port Macquarie?
- (8) Gosford?
- (9) Dubbo?
- (10) Lismore?
- (11) Wollongong?
- (12) Tamworth?
- (13) Parramatta?
- (14) Wagga Wagga?
- 4236 LANDLORD AND TENANT (AMENDMENT) ACT—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Fair Trading—
 - (1) Does the Minister intend to repeal the Landlord and Tenant (Amendment) Act 1948?

- (2) If so, what protections will the Government provide to the 600 to 1400 protected tenants who fall under this Act?
- 4237 DECREASE IN FAIR TRADING EMPLOYEES—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Fair Trading—
 - What are the reasons for Fair Trading employing over 120 fewer staff now than since the 2011-2012 Budget?
- 4238 ROADS AND MARITIME SERVICES OFFICE AT BANKSTOWN—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—
 - In light of Service NSW shop fronts opening up across NSW, will the Government commit to keeping the Roads and Maritime Services office at Bankstown?
- 4239 BANKSTOWN RAILWAY STATION UPGRADE FUNDING—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport—
 - Does the 2013-2014 Budget provide funding for the proposed upgrades to the Bankstown Railway Station?
- 4240 UPGRADES TO SCHOOLS IN BANKSTOWN ELECTORATE—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Education—
 - (1) What upgrades to local schools will take place in the electorate of Bankstown over the 2013-2014 financial year?
 - (2) What is the timeline from start to completion of these projects?
 - (3) What is the value of each of these projects?
- 4241 CAPITAL EXPENDITURE FOR BANKSTOWN ELECTORATE—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—
 - What specific capital expenditure is there in the 2013-2014 Budget for the electorate of Bankstown?
- 4242 BANKSTOWN-LIDCOMBE HOSPITAL—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
 - (1) Does the 2013-2014 Budget re-instate the \$1.49 million to Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital that was cut in the 2012-2013 budget?
 - (2) If not, why not?
- 4243 AEROMEDICAL (ROTARY WING) REVIEW—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
 - With regard to the recent Ernst and Young review of NSW Aeromedical (Rotary Wing) Retrieval Services:
 - (1) Does the Minister agree with the recommendation number 5.4 that NSW Health "increase the operating hours for the Orange service to 24x7 (On Base 10x7 Off Base after hours) by 2014"?
 - (a) If so, where in the 2013-2014 budget papers are the funds for this service?
 - (b) If not, why not?
 - (2) When will the NSW Health response to this report be completed?
 - (3) Will the NSW Health response be made publically available?
 - (a) If so, where?
- 4244 PARKES AND FORBES HOSPITAL PROJECT—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
 - (1) Will the Parkes and Forbes Hospital project be completed as a Public-Private Partnership?
 - (2) If so, when will the Government advertise for expressions of interest from private tenders?
 - (3) If not, when will this project have its total budget allocated?
- 4245 BYRON SHIRE HOSPITAL PROJECT—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
 - (1) Will the Byron Shire Hospital project be completed as a Public-Private Partnership?
 - (2) If so, when will the Government advertise for expressions of interest from private tenders?
 - (3) If not, when will this project have its total budget allocated?

4246 MENTAL HEALTH BEDS IN PARKSIDE CLINIC—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Healthy Lifestyles, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

With regard to the eight publicly funded mental health beds located at the privately run Parkside clinic in Campbelltown Private Hospital:

- (1) Is the Minister aware that this unit is soon to close on 12 July 2013?
- (2) What arrangements have been made for these mental health beds to be re-opened elsewhere?
- 4247 UPGRADE TO CAMPBELLTOWN ROAD—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

With regard to the \$3 million spent in the 2012-2013 budget and \$2 million allocated in the 2013-2014 budget for the Campbelltown Road, Camden Valley Way to Denham Court upgrade (budget paper 4, page 4-49):

- (1) What is the expected total cost of this project?
- (2) What is the expected time of completion for this project?
- (3) Did Roads and Maritime Services conduct a cost benefit analysis of this project?
 - (a) If so:
 - (i) when:
 - (ii) where will it be publically available?
 - (b) If not, why not?
- 4248 EAST LEPPINGTON URBAN DEVELOPMENT—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW, Leader of the House—

With regard to the release of East Leppington as urban development and the rezoning of the surrounding area (Government Gazette, no. 108, 4 November 2011):

- (1) What is the time frame for future development of this area, stages 1A-1F and 1I?
- (2) Where does the development boundary end?
- (3) Is the planned upgrade of Campbelltown Road, Denham Court required for any of the stages 1A-1F of the East Leppington development to proceed?
- 4249 NSW POLICE—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
 - (1) What is the ratio of police to population in NSW?
 - (2) How does this ratio compare with other Australian states?
 - (3) How many NSW police have been hurt in the line of duty so far this year?
 - (4) How does this compare with the past five years?
- 4250 REVISED HEALTH BUDGET LONG SERVICE LEAVE 1—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

With regard to the 2012-2013 Health Budget and the \$178 Million removed from the revised 2012-2013 Budget for long service leave provision responsibilities due to the change in 10 year Commonwealth bond rates (page 6-16, 2013-2014 Budget Paper 3):

Will the \$241 million projection for the same reason in 2013-2014 be removed from the \$17,871 million 2013-2014 Budget as part of the revised budget in next year's budget papers?

4251 REVISED HEALTH BUDGET - LONG SERVICE LEAVE—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

With regard to the 2012-2013 Health Budget and the \$178 million removed from the revised 2012-2013 Budget for long service leave provision responsibilities due to the change in 10 year Commonwealth bond rates (page 6-16 Budget paper 3):

- (1) Was this money ever received by Health from the Treasury?
- (2) When was the decision taken to remove this money from the revised budget?
- 4252 REVISED HEALTH BUDGET CANCER INSTITUTE—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

With regard to the 2012-2013 Health Budget and the \$70 million removed from the revised 2012-2013

Budget due to the establishment of the cancer institute as a pillar within NSW Health:

- (1) Was this money ever received by Health from the Treasury?
- (2) When was the decision taken to remove this money from the revised budget?
- 4253 TRANSFER TO SMALLER PUBLIC HOUSING ACCOMMODATION—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
 - (1) How many residents of public housing in the Mount Druitt area have requested a transfer to smaller accommodation in the 12 month period ending 30 June 2013?
 - (2) How does this figure compare with each of the past three years?
 - (3) In relation to question (1) and (2) above, how many residents were approved and housed in their requested smaller accommodation?
- 4254 AUSTRALIAN NATIVE LANDSCAPES COMPLAINTS—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—
 - (1) How many complaints, by phone or writing, has the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) received about the Australian Native Landscapes (ANL) bulk waste composting site at Deaves Road, Cooranbong, regarding odour, dust, noise emission or heavy-vehicle movements?
 - (2) Has the EPA undertaken point-of-complaint emissions monitoring?
 - (3) If so, what were the:
 - (a) dates of the monitoring;
 - (b) results of the monitoring?
 - (4) Has ANL been fined for emissions of breach of licence conditions?
 - (5) If so, what were the:
 - (a) reasons of the fines;
 - (b) dates of the fines;
 - (c) amounts of the fines?
- 4255 PARKING FOR MOTORCYCLISTS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport—

Given that the removal of the monorail will reduce the ability for motorcyclists to park:

- (1) What steps is the Government taking to increase spaces for motorcyclists to park?
- (2) How many additional spaces will be provided?
- (3) When will these new spaces be available?

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