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*2975 GLENDALE TRANSPORT INTERCHANGE—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Transport—

Why was the Glendale Transport Interchange not featured in the NSW Transport Masterplan?

Answer—

I am advised:

One of the first major commitments of this Government was a contribution of \$15 million towards the construction of a road bridge and associated roads at Glendale.

The planned road bridge at Pennant Street and associated road upgrades are proposed to improve access to the surrounding growth areas for all modes of transport, including buses, taxis and private vehicles.

Our significant commitment to this project recognises the importance of Glendale and Cardiff as an emerging major regional centre in the Lower Hunter.

We will continue to work with Council to support the development and delivery of this project, and to honour our commitment of \$15 million to improve infrastructure in this emerging regional centre.

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*2997 HUNTER INFRASTRUCTURE—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW, Leader of the House—

With regard to the Hunter Infrastructure and Investment Fund:

- (1) What are the criteria for submissions and applications to this funding source?
- (2) (a) Have the criteria changed or altered at any time since the inception of HIIIF?
(b) If so, when and how?
- (3) (a) Are the criteria publicly available?
(b) If yes, where?
- (4) What are the total funds available to be distributed through HIIIF?
- (5) (a) Will the NSW Government invest more than this amount in the HIIIF?
(b) If yes, how/when?
- (6) Since being established, what funding commitments have already been made from this source?
- (7) (a) Since being established, on how many occasions, and when, have applications been called for?
(b) When will these be decided and announced?
- (8) (a) On how many future occasions is it anticipated that applications will be called for?
(b) If any, are dates or timelines set for these future occasions?

Answer—

- (1) The criteria approved by the HIIIF Board is available on the Hunter Infrastructure and Investment Fund website:
<http://www.hunterinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au/ProjectCriteria.aspx>
- (2) (a) As this was the initial call process this is not applicable.
(b) N/A
- (3) (a) and (b) see answer to question (1).
- (4) \$350 million
- (5) (a) and (b) The Treasurer has indicated to the HIIIF Board that more funding may be provided but this will be subject to additional revenue most likely from asset sales.
- (6) The table below provides the funding allocations from the HIIIF. These allocations reflect election commitments.
- (7) (a) The HIIIF Board has only issued one call for projects, this being published on 4 July 2012 and closed on 22 August 2012.
(b) The HIIIF Board anticipates making recommendation/s to the Minister by December 2012. Subject to the Minister's endorsement, projects below \$5 million will go to the Treasurer for

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approval, and projects above \$5 million requiring Expenditure Review Committee approval. Following the outcome of the approvals process, projects will then be announced.

- (8) (a) The number and timing of calls will be determined by the HIF Board. In determining this, regard will be given to the funding utilised in the initial call process and the availability of any additional funding.
- (b) No future timetable has been set.

HUNTER INFRASTRUCTURE AND INVESTMENT FUND

	2011-12 \$000	2012-13 \$000	2013-14 \$000	2014-15 \$000	Total \$000
ALLOCATED FUNDS					
Transport NSW					
Grants to Local Councils ¹	6,150	19,000	18,000	19,350	62,500
Nelson Bay Rd, Bobs Farm to Anna Bay Stage 3 construction	-	10,000	35,000	18,000	63,000
Upgrade of the New England Highway through Maitland	-	9,000	17,500	17,000	43,500
Total, Transport	6,150	38,000	70,500	54,350	169,000
Health					
New Hunter Valley Hospital - planning & land acquisition	200	3,000	16,800	-	20,000
Waratah - land acquisition cancer treatment & research facilities	1,000	7,000	-	-	8,000
Maitland Hospital - refurb and expansion of Mental health unit	500	1,500	-	-	2,000
Cessnock Hospital - refurbishment of the Emergency Department	500	1,500	-	-	2,000
Cessnock and Kurri Kurri hospitals - purchase of 60 new electric beds	500	-	-	-	500
Wansey Dialysis centre - equipment upgrade	500	-	-	-	500
Total, Health	3,200	13,000	16,800	-	33,000
Hunter Development Corporation (HDC)					
Newcastle University - relocation	-	-	25,000	-	25,000

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HIIF Procurement & Administration costs	-	595	560	500	1,655
Total, HDC	-	595	25,560	500	26,655
Total, HIIF allocated funds	9,350	51,595	112,860	54,850	228,655

*2998 EXPANSION OF CONTAINER PORTS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

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

Answer—

These questions would be more appropriately directed to the Minister for Roads and Ports.

*2999 WORLDSKILLS NSW—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) How much funding was allocated to WorldSkills NSW in 2011-2012?
- (2) How much funding was allocated to WorldSkills NSW in 2012-2013?

Answer—

- (1) Funding allocated to WorldSkills NSW in 2011-2012 was \$280 000.
- (2) Funding allocated to WorldSkills NSW in 2012-2013 was \$280 000.

*3000 SOCIAL BENEFIT BONDS—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

Has the Joint Development Phase of the Trial for a Recidivism pilot of Social Benefit Bonds involving Social Finance and Mission Australia and the Department of Attorney General and Justice been completed?

Answer—

We are finalising the joint development phase of the Social Benefit Bonds with announcements to be made shortly.

*3002 ASBESTOS CONTAMINATION AT CALLAN PARK—Mr Jamie Parker asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

In relation to allegations of asbestos contamination at Callan Park, what steps has the Minister taken to ensure the safety of former patients and hospital workers at the Callan Park site?

Answer—

I refer the Member to the response to Question 2789 in the Legislative Assembly.

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3005 AIR-CONDITIONING IN SCHOOL CLASSROOMS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Education—

3006 SPECIAL EDUCATION FUNDING—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Education—

3007 REGISTERED TRAINING ORGANISATIONS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Education—

3008 HOSPITAL INFRASTRUCTURE—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

3009 CESSNOCK HOSPITAL EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

3010 SYNTHETIC DRUG INDUSTRY—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Healthy Lifestyles, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

3013 PORT BOTANY CONTAINER CAP—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

*3014 DRAFT BOARDING HOUSES BILL—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Ageing, and Minister for Disability Services—

In reference to the Minister's answer regarding the Draft Boarding Houses Bill (Question 2702):

Will the Government extend the protections offered by the Boarding Houses Bill to all marginal renters in NSW?

Answer—

The Boarding Houses Act 2012 does not intend to extend the occupancy principles to other occupancy types. For matters related to occupancy rights for "marginal renters" referred to in Question 2702 refer to the Minister for Fair Trading.

*3015 VIOLENT CRIME DETERRENCE—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

What strategies has the NSW Police Force put in place to prevent and deter violent crime in South-Western Sydney?

Answer—

This Government is ensuring the NSW Police Force has the right resources, in the right place and at the right time. On top of improving operational strength, we are maintaining dedicated resources that specifically target crime.

In Western and South Western Sydney there are Region Enforcement Squads, Metropolitan Robbery Units, Emergency Management Units, Region Strike Forces and Unsolved Homicide Teams in addition to resources at the Local Area Command level.

The Government is putting unprecedented resources into tackling gang crime and stopping drive-by shootings. The NSW Police Force is conducting a number of high visibility policing operations, including Operation Spartan and Strike Force Kinnarra to deal with gang crime and drive-by shootings in South West Sydney. Operation Spartan has made 556 arrests, laid 1046 charges and seized or located 50 firearms as at 6 November 2012. Police have also conducted 5727 person searches and 2172 vehicle searches as part of this Operation.

The Government has also given police enhanced powers and legislation to make it easier to put criminal gang members behind bars. This includes modernised consorting laws, the licensing of tattooists and parlour operators, and a new aggravated 'fire at dwelling' offence has been introduced.

*3018 GREATER BANKSTOWN AREA COMMUNITY FORUMS—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW, Leader of the House—

Will the Minister commit to holding community forums in the Greater Bankstown area to allow the community to air their concerns regarding the application by Bankstown Airport to acquire the lease of Georges River Golf Course?

Answer—

Any decision on the future of Bankstown Airport and the Georges River Golf Course will be made in an open and transparent manner.

*3019 LEASE ACQUISITION DISCUSSIONS WITH BANKSTOWN AIRPORT—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW, Leader of the House—

What discussions has the Minister had with Bankstown Airport and what commitments has the Minister made, if any, regarding the proposal by Bankstown Airport to acquire the lease of Georges River Golf Course?

Answer—

I have had no meetings with anyone from Bankstown Airport.

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- 3020 GEORGES RIVER GOLF COURSE LEASE APPLICATION—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW, Leader of the House—
- *3021 LEASE ACQUISITION DISCUSSIONS WITH FEDERAL OPPOSITION—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW, Leader of the House—
- What discussions has the Minister had with the Federal Opposition about the application by Bankstown Airport to acquire the lease of Georges River Golf Course?
- Answer—
- I have had no meetings with the Federal Opposition regarding Bankstown Airport.
- 3022 FAIRFIELD HOSPITAL TRANSIT LOUNGES—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 3023 FAIRFIELD HOSPITAL BEDS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 3024 DEMOUNTABLE CLASSROOMS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Education—
- 3025 FAIRFIELD HOSPITAL NURSE NUMBERS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 3027 SYDNEY WATER METER REPLACEMENT PROGRAM—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Small Business—
- *3030 FAIRFIELD ELECTORATE DISABILITY SERVICES—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Ageing, and Minister for Disability Services—
- How will the Government's \$25 million funding cuts impact on the provision of disability services in the Fairfield electorate?
- Answer—
- There have been no funding cuts to the \$2.7 billion disability services budget. Indeed it increased in 2012-13 by \$178 million from the 2011-12 budget.

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- 3031 LAND AND HOUSING CORPORATION DWELLINGS—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 3032 PUBLIC HOUSING—CESSNOCK ELECTORATE—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 3033 UNDERCLIFFE PUBLIC SCHOOL—FUNDING CUTS—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Minister for Education—
- *3036 CAMPSIE FIRE STATION—Ms Linda Burney asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- Has there been any staffing or operational reductions imposed on Campsie Fire Station services?
- Answer—
- Fire & Rescue NSW has advised me:
- No.

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- 3037 RESPONSE ON THE MINISTERIAL AUDIT OF POLICING RESOURCES—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 3039 MONITORING OF SCHOOL ATTENDANCE—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Education—
- 3040 TOURISM AND HOSPITALITY COURSES—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Education—
- 3041 SALE OF GOVERNMENT ASSETS IN THE HUNTER—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 3042 HOSPITAL BED WAITING TIMES—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 3043 HUNTER MEDICAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- *3044 POLICE VEHICLE NUMBERS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- What is the maximum number of general duties police vehicles attached to the Lake Macquarie Local Area Command that are available to respond to call-outs on any one shift?
- Answer—
- The NSW Police Force has advised:
- Lake Macquarie Local Area Command has a first response agreement based on calls for service. During the busiest period a minimum of seven rostered car crews/vehicles are available. While operations are being run, more vehicles may be available.
- 3045 WATER REBATES FOR HUNTER PENSIONERS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 3046 STATE HERITAGE REGISTER—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—
- 3047 HUNTER MENTAL HEALTH STAFF—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Healthy Lifestyles, and Minister for Western New South Wales—
- 3048 POLICE INTEGRITY COMMISSION—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 3049 STRIKE FORCE EMBLEM INVESTIGATION—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 3050 POLICE INTEGRITY COMMISSION—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 3051 IMPACT OF SOCIAL MEDIA ON CRIMINAL TRIAL PROCESS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 3052 NSW TRUSTEE AND GUARDIAN—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 3053 EARLY INTERVENTION SYSTEM—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 3054 CORRECTIVE SERVICES MOTOR VEHICLES—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 3055 24 AND 26 SPEED STREET LIVERPOOL—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

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- 3056 EX SCIA OFFICER—Mr Paul Lynch 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—
- 3057 ARMIDALE HOSPITAL STAFFING SHORTAGES—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 3058 LOCUM DOCTORS—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 3059 NALTREXONE IMPLANTS FOR TREATMENT OF OPIOID DEPENDENCE—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 3060 NALTREXONE IMPLANTS FOR TREATMENT OF OPIOID DEPENDENCE—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Healthy Lifestyles, and Minister for Western New South Wales—
- 3061 LAND AT ELLIOTT STREET BALMAIN—Mr Jamie Parker to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 3062 ELIGIBILITY FOR PUBLIC HOUSING—Mr Jamie Parker to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

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- 3064 BETTER FUTURES PROGRAMS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—
- 3065 PUBLIC HOUSING BUDGET FOR REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 3066 F6 EXTENSION—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 3067 INCIDENT CLEARING TIMES—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 3068 WINDSOR BRIDGE LOAD RATING—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 3069 WESTCONNEX PROJECT—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 3070 MOUNT OUSLEY ROAD REST STOP—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 3071 FIXED SPEED CAMERA LOCATIONS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 3072 REPEAT OFFENDER STRATEGY—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 3073 VARIATIONS IN LICENCE TEST PASS RATES—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 3074 IMPROVEMENTS TO APPIN ROAD—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

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- 3075 AIR-CONDITIONING FOR SCHOOLS—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Education—
- 3076 RESTART NSW—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—
- 3077 CALLS TO 000—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—
- 3078 TRAFFIC LIGHTS PHASES—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 3079 COMMUNITY BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS GRANTS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—
- 3080 RESIDENT AND VISITING MEDICAL OFFICERS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- *3081 PROPOSED NEW SUBSTATION—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Resources and Energy, Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Central Coast—
- With regard to the proposed new substation located at South Avenue, Cessnock:
- (1) Has funding been approved for the construction of the new substation?
 - (2) If funding has been approved, when will construction of the substation commence?
 - (3) When is completion of construction anticipated?
 - (4) When will the substation become operational?
- Answer—
- I am advised that:
- (1) to (4) Funding approval is scheduled for April 2013 and, subject there to, construction is expected to commence in the third quarter of 2013.
- The substation is expected to become operational by the end of 2015.
- 3082 STAFF PARKING AT BLACKTOWN HOSPITAL—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 3083 WESTMEAD HOSPITAL—SENIOR MEDICAL STAFF ACCRUED ANNUAL LEAVE—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 3084 WESTMEAD HOSPITAL BUDGET—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 3085 WESTMEAD HOSPITAL—SAVINGS TARGETS—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 3086 HIGH-RISE APARTMENT BUILDING FIRE—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 3087 HIGH-RISE APARTMENT BUILDING FIRE—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 3088 BANKSTOWN LOCAL AREA COMMAND—EXTRA RESOURCES—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 3089 BANKSTOWN LOCAL AREA COMMAND—AUTHORISED NUMBERS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

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- 3090 TATTOO PARLOUR AMENDMENT BILL 2012—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 3091 HIGH-RISE APARTMENT BUILDING FIRE—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- *3092 BANKSTOWN WOMEN'S HEALTH CENTRE—CHILD SEXUAL ASSAULT COUNSELLING SERVICES—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- In reference to the Bankstown Women's Health Centre—Child Sexual Assault Counselling Services (Question 2942):
- When will the Government make a decision on the findings of the review and the funding for this vital service for the Bankstown community?
- Answer—
- The Bankstown Women's Health Centre Child Sexual Assault Counselling Service has been advised of the outcome of the "Preserved Services" review for its Community Services-funded service.
- The Chief Executive of Community Services will meet with the management of the Bankstown Women's Health Centre, and other community-run child sexual assault services, to discuss how Community Services and these non-government organisations can continue to work together to improve services and lives for vulnerable children and families.
- 3093 SALE OF SOCIAL HOUSING PROPERTIES—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 3094 SALE OF OFFICE SPACE—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 3095 PUBLIC AND COMMUNITY HOUSING MAINTENANCE—Mr Jamie Parker to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 3097 SKILLS LIST FOR GOVERNMENT SUBSIDISED TRAINING—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—
- 3098 COMMUNITY SERVICE OBLIGATION PAYMENTS—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—
- 3099 REFORMS TO EMPLOYMENT MODEL—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—

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- 3100 BLACKTOWN HOSPITAL MRI MACHINES—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 3101 HUNTER NEW ENGLAND HEALTH—STUDY ALLOWANCE—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 3102 JOHN HUNTER HOSPITAL—SURGERY WAITING TIMES—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 3103 JOHN HUNTER EYE CLINIC—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 3104 WALLSEND AGED CARE FACILITY—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

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- 3105 IDLING FREIGHT TRAINS AT SULPHIDE JUNCTION—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 3106 REMOVAL OF RAIL SERVICES TO NEWCASTLE STATION—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 3107 ELERMORE VALE SEWERAGE REPAIRS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 3108 REDUCTION IN PUBLIC SCHOOL REGIONS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Education—
- 3109 ARGENTON PUBLIC SCHOOL—FUNDING CUTS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Education—
- 3110 JUSTICE BLANCH—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 3111 CORRECTIVE SERVICES NSW—CONTRACTORS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 3112 TENDER SUBMISSIONS FOR GRAFFITI REMOVAL DAY—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 3113 DETECTIVE SUPERINTENDENT—SPECIAL CRIME AND INTERNAL AFFAIRS UNIT—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 3114 JUSTICELINK IT PROJECT—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
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- 3116 REPLY TO EMAIL—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 3117 RESPONSE TO LETTER—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 3118 INQUIRY INTO JUST TERMS COMPENSATION—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 3119 GAME AND FERAL ANIMAL CONTROL AMENDMENT BILL 2012—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—
- 3120 NOISE CAMERA ON MOUNT OUSLEY ROAD—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 3121 CRIME STATISTICS—ETHNIC GROUPS—Mr Nathan Rees 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—
- 3122 ALBION PARK RAIL BYPASS—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

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- 3123 EMERTON EDUCATION OFFICE—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Education—
- 3124 IVOTE—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 3125 TITANIUM DIOXIDE IN FOOD—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 3126 OXFORD STREET TRAFFIC—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

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- 3130 DRIFT SMOKE IN APARTMENTS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Fair Trading—
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- 3225 BUS SERVICES TO SHALVEY AND BIDWILL—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Transport—
- (1) Under the new contract arrangements, which bus company, or companies, will provide bus services to the suburbs of Shalvey and Bidwill?
 - (2) How will these bus services differ from the service now in place for these suburbs?
 - (3) Will any such changes improve the late evening bus services to Chestnut Crescent, Bidwill?
 - (4) What extra services will be provided on weekends?
 - (5) What changes to the bus route in Shalvey will occur as a result of these new changes?
- 3226 FIREFIGHTERS UNIFORMS—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- In light of the Premier's comments on firefighters and their concerns over faulty zippers on their uniforms:
- Given that the zippers on the uniforms of firefighters are of great concern in terms of safety, can the Premier guarantee that the safety of firefighters will not be compromised due to the faulty zippers?
- 3227 USE OF PEPPER SPRAY—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- To ensure the safety of women in NSW, does the Government intend to legalise the use of pepper spray by women for their personal protection?
- 3228 HIGH SCHOOL COURSE ON SAFETY FOR GIRLS—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Minister for Education—
- To ensure the safety of girls in NSW, does the Government intend to include in the current school curriculum in high schools, a course to further educate young women about how best to protect themselves?

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

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

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

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

With respect to social housing properties in Woolloomooloo:

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

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

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

- (1) How many properties are being reviewed for potential sale?
- (2) How many social housing properties are being reviewed for potential sale?
- (3) Who is carrying out the review and what process is being used?
- (4) What are the terms of reference or guidelines for this review?
- (5) What social impacts are being assessed in this review?
- (6) What heritage impacts are being assessed in this review?
- (7) What timeframe has been set for the review outcome?
- (8) What consultation has been carried out with the Millers Point community about this project?
- (9) What consultation has been carried out with other stakeholders?
- (10) What options are being considered for the future of Millers Point homes owned by the Housing and Lands Corporation?
- (11) What assessment has been made of the social impacts of the previous sales of Millers Point social housing homes?
- (12) How many homes in Millers Point have been left vacant during the previous sales programs and

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this review?

- (13) How many of these homes have been determined to be fit for residents in their current condition?
- (14) How many of those fit properties have been allocated for tenants needing temporary accommodation?
- (15) What consultation is planned for social housing tenants, the Millers Point, Dawes Point, The Rocks and Walsh Bay Resident Action Group, the National Trust the City of Sydney Council and the local MP?
- (16) How will the Government protect the social and cultural heritage of Millers Point embodied in residents and the history of low cost housing, and recognised by the Office of Environment and Heritage as a Conservation Area of State significance?

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

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

- (1) To what extent is the Government committed to the principles of the Bays Precinct Community Reference Group?
- (2) (a) Will the Government release the Bays Precinct Task Force report on the potential of the Bays Precinct for community comment?
(b) If not, why not?
- (3) Does the Government remain committed to temporary use of Glebe Island as an exhibition space during the redevelopment of the Darling Harbour convention centre?
- (4) (a) Will the Government rule out consideration and approval of permanent development proposals on Glebe Island until an integrated long-term strategic framework or master plan for the whole Bays Precinct area has been finalised?
(b) If not, why not?

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

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

- (1) What programs does the Government fund or provide to prevent the spread of HIV/AIDS?
- (2) What programs does the Government fund or provide to promote and maintain public awareness and support for people with HIV?
- (3) What programs does the Government fund or provide to help international efforts to prevent the spread of HIV/AIDS and support people who have the virus?
- (4) What programs has the Government funded or provided to support annual World AIDS Day activities in NSW?
- (5) What plans does the Government have to support and promote future World AIDS Day activities?

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

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

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

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

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

- (1) What consultation did the Government undertake with harbour side communities impacted by the heliport before approval was given?
- (2) What conditions have been placed on the operators to protect local residents in terms of:

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- (a) noise limits;
 - (b) times of operation;
 - (c) number of flights per hour;
 - (d) number of flights per day;
 - (e) flight paths to and from;
 - (f) new or additional sites?
- (3) What conditions have been placed on the heliport to ensure that helicopter use does not interfere with harbour events such as New Years?
- (4) What process is available to residents to raise and get action on concerns about noise when the heliport is operating?
- (5) How will residents know what flight routes will be used?
- (6) How will residents know the times that helicopters will be flying close to their homes?
- (7) Where are application and approval documents publicly available for residents to view?
- (8) To what extent will the Government assess operations before allowing operations beyond 12 months in terms of:
- (a) noise impacts on residents;
 - (b) noise impacts on tourists in the harbour;
 - (c) environmental impacts on water quality in the harbour?
- 3236 COMMERCIAL FISHERIES POLICY—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Small Business—
- With the NSW Government support for a number of recommendations to the Independent Report in to NSW Commercial Fisheries Policy:
- (1) Will the newly established Ministerial Fisheries Advisory Council, which will provide cross-sectoral advice on strategic policy issues, include representatives from the conservation sector?
 - (a) If so, how will conservation representatives be selected?
 - (b) If not, why not?
 - (2) Given the report states that the exploitation status of around 50 per cent of key species taken by NSW commercial fishers are considered "uncertain" or "undefined", what plans does the Government have to improve fisheries data collection?
 - (3) What additional funds will be allocated for fisheries management in response to the report?
- 3237 ECONOMIC BENEFITS OF MARRIAGE EQUALITY—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Hospitality and Racing, and Minister for the Arts—
- Given weddings often involve hospitality spending on venues, catering, cake-makers, celebrants, wedding planners and florists, as well as tourist spending such as holidays:
- (1) Is the Government aware of research by Lee Badgett, professor at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst which shows significant economic benefits in states of the United States of America where marriage equality exists?
 - (2) Is the Government aware of estimates by Lee Badgett showing that if, using the example of Tasmania, a state introduced marriage equality ahead of other Australian states, it would have an economic benefit of \$96 million on weddings expenditure alone from interstate couples?
 - (3) What assessment will the Government make on the economic benefits to the hospitality industry if NSW introduced marriage equality?
 - (4) What consultation has the Government had with the NSW hospitality industry about potential benefits of marriage equality?
 - (5) What assessment will the Government make on the benefits on tourism if NSW introduces marriage equality ahead of most other states given same sex couples and their friends and families will travel to NSW from abroad to get married?
- 3238 REGIONAL RELOCATION GRANT—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—
- (1) Was approximately \$8.5 million in unspent funds from the Regional Relocation Grant redirected towards GST for the Star Casino?
 - (2) If so:
 - (a) What was the justification for this decision?
 - (b) Is the Government prepared to redirect this unspent amount to improving regional infrastructure and services?

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- 3239 ROUTE OF M5 EAST—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- (1) When will the proposals for the exact route of the M5 East be made public?
 - (2) Is the route proposed by the then Roads and Maritime Services in 2009 still the currently preferred option?
 - (3) (a) Is the Minister aware that that route would involve the destruction of several hundred trees that meet the criteria of the Tree Preservation Order of the Canterbury Local Government Area within which they lie?
(b) If so, does the Minister have plans on how to manage this environmental impact?
 - (4) (a) Is the Minister aware that this proposed route would involve the irreplaceable loss of 11 per cent of the priority bushland recognised in the bush restoration plan developed for National Parks and Wildlife Service in 2000 for the Wolli Creek Regional Park?
(b) If so, does the Minister have plans on how to manage this environmental impact?
- 3240 WOLLI CREEK REGIONAL PARK—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—
- (1) What is the timetable for the completion of the Wolli Creek Regional Park?
 - (2) When will lands within the accepted bounds of the park, currently held by Sydney Water, Roads and Maritime Services and private owners, be transferred to National Parks and Wildlife Service estate?
 - (3) Has the Minister written to the Minister for Roads in relation to the potential impact that the proposed M5 East tunnel duplication will have on the bushland committed to the Wolli Creek Regional Park by the previous Government?
- 3241 TRAFFIC VOLUMES ON MOUNT OUSLEY ROAD—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- In relation to traffic volumes on Mount Ousley Road:
- (1) What is the current average daily traffic volume for Mount Ousley Road?
 - (2) What is the current average daily traffic volume of heavy vehicles using Mount Ousley Road?
- 3242 SCHOOL RISK SCHOOL PEDESTRIAN RISK MODEL—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- In relation to the School Risk School Pedestrian Risk model:
- (1) Which schools in the Keira electorate have been assessed under this model?
 - (2) Of those schools that have been assessed, what is the rating of each school?
 - (3) Is there a time line on when the remainder of schools in the Keira electorate will be assessed?
- 3243 INTERSECTION OF BULLI PASS AND LAWRENCE HARGRAVE DRIVE—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- In relation to the intersection of Bulli Pass with Lawrence Hargrave Drive at the bottom of Bulli Pass:
- (1) How many accidents have occurred at this intersection since 1 January 2011?
 - (2) Are there any plans to improve the safety of this intersection, particularly for motorists turning right onto Bulli Pass?
- 3244 HOME CARE BUDGET—Mrs Barbara Perry to ask the Minister for Ageing, and Minister for Disability Services—
- (1) What efficiency dividends have been agreed for the Home Care budget?
 - (2) (a) Has there been any reductions or cuts to Home Care grant funding this year?
(b) If so, by how much?
 - (3) (a) Have Home Care general services been reduced or cut this year?
(b) If so by how much?
 - (4) (a) Have Home Care subcontracting hours been reduced or cut this year?
(b) If so by how many hours?
 - (5) Have any Home Care programs been capped?
 - (6) Has the budget for the Referral and Assessment Centre been cut this year?
 - (7) What is the unmet need for Home Care for 2012-13 by region and by service type?

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

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

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

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