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\*3370 WATER SUPPLY DISCONNECTION—Mr Richard Amery asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

- (1) How many persons in the past two years have had the water supply disconnected for the non payment of accounts in the following postcodes:
  - (a) 2270;
  - (b) 2766;
  - (c) 2761?
- (2) What action is being taken to improve the ability of persons in financial difficulty to pay their Sydney Water accounts?

Answer—

(1) Sydney Water does not generally disconnect water supply. Water flow is restricted to allow enough water for basic health and sanitation.

- (a) The postcode does not exist.
- (b) 192.
- (c) 75.

(2) Sydney Water provides a range of programs to assist customers in financial hardship including:

- Payment extensions
- Payment arrangements
- Emergency Payment Assistance Scheme
- BillAssist and PlumbAssist

\*3371 HOME INVASIONS IN CESSNOCK ELECTORATE—Mr Clayton Barr 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—

How many home invasions were recorded in the Cessnock electorate in:

- (1) 2009;
- (2) 2010;
- (3) 2011;
- (4) 2012?

Answer—

As previously advised in response to the Member's Written Question no 3158, the Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (BOCSAR) analyses NSW recorded crime statistics and can provide these for a range of offences.

\*3372 SYNTHETIC DRUGS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Healthy Lifestyles, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

With regard to synthetic drugs that are readily available through retail outlets:

- (1) Has there been an increase in patients presenting to Mental Health Units in NSW due to adverse reactions to synthetic drugs?
- (2) Are separate records being kept at all Mental Health Units in NSW to measure the effect of both illegal drugs and retail shop sold synthetic drugs?

Answer—

(1) and (2) While many drugs are synthetic, the Government recognises the recent phenomenon of synthesised drugs with street names such as 'Kronic' and 'Meow Meow' that attempt to mimic more traditionally recognised illicit substances such as marijuana or cocaine.

I am advised that when people present to health facilities, including mental health units, with symptoms related to drug use, coding of the drug type occurs in diagnoses recorded at discharge through ICD-10 coding. Identification of the use of newer synthetic drugs have not yet been formally coded and cannot be drug screened due to the complexity of the chemicals that make up some of these drugs. When patients self identify their use of these substances coding is entered into the closest appropriate group.

Given the difficulties in adequately screening for synthetic drugs, there is currently no formal centralised collection of data on synthetic drug use. The NSW Government awaits the findings of NSW Legislative Assembly Legal Affairs Committee's Inquiry into law reform issues regarding synthetic drugs.

\*3376 COMMUNITY TRANSPORT FACILITIES—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Ageing, and Minister for Disability Services—

With regard to community transport facilities utilised by the elderly within our communities:

- (1) How many facilities are there across NSW?
- (2) On average, how many community members use these facilities per annum?
- (3) What funding has been provided for these facilities for the financial years:
  - (a) 2009-2010;
  - (b) 2010-2011;
  - (c) 2011-2012?

Answer—

This question should be referred to the Minister for Transport who has responsibility for such matters.

\*3377 POLICE LOCAL AREA COMMAND AMALGAMATIONS—Mr Alex Greenwich 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—

With respect to the Government's announcement that the 80 Police Local Area Commands would be amalgamated into 50:

- (1) What does the Government propose for Sydney electorate commands?
- (2) What impact will these changes have on the number of:
  - (a) Uniformed police officers available for duty;
  - (b) Intelligence and Crime Management staff;
  - (c) Civilian support staff;
  - (d) Crime Prevention Officers;
  - (e) Ethnic Liaison Officers;
  - (f) Gay and Lesbian Liaison Officers;
  - (g) Aboriginal Community Liaison Officers;
  - (h) Traffic officers;
  - (i) Licensing Officers;
  - (j) Duty Officers, Crime Managers and Commanders?
- (3) What Police Stations in the Sydney electorate does the Government plan to close?
- (4) What Commands in the Sydney electorate does the Government plan to amalgamate and what criteria will be used to determine these?
- (5) When are these amalgamations to be implemented?
- (6) How does the Government plan to obtain community comment and advice about the impact of these proposals so they can be adjusted to meet local needs?

Answer—

Please refer to my answer to the question without notice on this subject from the Hon Scot MacDonald on 21 February 2013. The NSW Police Force has advised that it currently proposes to merge 20 Commands, reducing the total number of Commands from 80 to 70 over the next two years. No police stations will close as a result of the proposed mergers. Further public consultations will be undertaken on each of the proposed mergers.

\*3380 RECREATIONAL HUNTERS—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Small Business—

- (1) What information will recreational hunters provide to the NSW Parks and Wildlife Services before entering national parks to hunt?
- (2) What information will recreational hunters provide to the NSW Parks and Wildlife Services after hunting in a national park?
- (3) What pest management plans will the Game Council prepare before issuing hunting licences in particular national parks?
- (4) How will the NSW Game Council assess high, medium and low hunting priorities in national parks?

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- (5) How will recreational hunters report on biodiversity in response to recreational hunting to demonstrate the degree of impact of hunting programs and justify recreational hunting in a region as a pest control measure?
- (6) What oversight will the Government introduce to ensure monitoring and reporting is not biased in favour of hunters' needs?
- (7) How will the Government measure outcomes of recreational hunting in balance with animal welfare concerns?
- (8) How will the Government ensure recreational hunting takes a holistic approach to pest management, given the control of one pest may benefit other pests on site, such as reducing fox populations could impact on rabbit populations?
- (9) How will recreational hunters shooting in national parks be required to contribute to the Regional Pest Management Strategies developed by the NSW Parks and Wildlife Services?

Answer—

- (1) It is proposed that the persons assisting the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) with the Supplementary Pest Control on Parks program will be required to supply their name and address, Restricted Game Hunting Licence number, registration number and colour, make and model of the vehicle to be used to access the Park and hunting methods proposed to be used.
- (2) Final details are still being developed. It is however proposed that the persons who will be assisting NPWS with pest control will be required to complete and return NPWS Hunter Return Forms to the Game Council within 30 days expiry of their written permission.
- (3) All National Parks and Wildlife Service managed parks and reserves are covered by an approved Regional Pest Management Strategy. Activities carried out under the Supplementary Pest Control in Parks program will be undertaken in accordance with this Strategy. The preparation and approval of shooting plans and job safety analyses will also be mandatory for some areas.
- (4) Pest management programs are identified within the fourteen NPWS Regional Pest Management Strategies which were prepared in consultation with key stakeholders.
- (5) Mandatory Hunter Return Forms submitted either electronically onto the written permission system or by hard copy to the Game Council will form part of the evaluation undertaken for this program. Additional methods of measuring program effectiveness are under joint development.
- (6) Program monitoring and evaluation will be managed by NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service as part of the current NPWS pest and weeds information system.
- (7) Indicators for measuring both pest animal control outcomes and for animal welfare outcomes are under development.
- (8) The Regional Pest Strategies outline key pests for a region. The supplementary pest control in parks programs supports those strategies. These strategies and programs will be reviewed and amended to ensure goals are achieved.
- (9) Restricted licence holders will be able to register an interest in contributing to specifically targeted programs identified by the National Parks and Wildlife Service that are consistent with the priorities within Regional Pest Management Strategies.

\*3381 HEALTH BENEFITS OF CYCLING—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

Given the Australian Government draft report Active Travel: Walking, Riding and Access to Public Transport reports that health benefits make up about half of the economic benefits of a bike path, inactivity costs Australia \$13.8 billion a year, and cycling for travel is a highly effective way to increase daily activity:

- (1) What assessment has the Government made on the health benefits for NSW residents if more people took up cycling for transport?
- (2) What assessment has the Government made on how greater uptake of cycling for transport would reduce the health budget from fewer hospitalisations caused by obesity, and better air quality?
- (3) Given the World Health Organization suggests that cycling should be one of the main forms of physical activity that adults should do, what health promotion programs are planned to encourage cycling as a form of transport?
- (4) What engagement has the NSW Ministry of Health had with state and local road and transport authorities in support of cycling infrastructure that encourages greater uptake of cycling for transport?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) and (2) In general terms, the NSW Government has assessed that there is benefit to be gained from increased physical activity among the NSW population and that encouraging the uptake of active travel options, including cycling, is an important way to achieve this.

Specifically, the NSW Ministry of Health is a partner on an ARC Linkage Grant titled "The development and application of an evaluation framework to assess transport health and economic impacts of new urban cycling infrastructure". The findings of this study will provide NSW-relevant data on the transport, health, environmental and economic impacts of new cycling infrastructure in Sydney.

(3) and (4) NSW health promotion units have implemented and collaborated on a number of programs to encourage active travel in NSW, including the Liverpool Hospital Travel Plan, campaigns such as the Central Coast Community Cycling Challenge, and support of cycling events and local bicycle users groups. In addition, there are plans to support active travel by primary school-aged children and their parents through existing statewide programs, such as Live Life Well @ School.

The NSW Ministry of Health also actively collaborates with a range of partners and stakeholders to support increased active travel. These include Transport for NSW, the Department of Premier and Cabinet, the Healthy Built Environments Program of the University of NSW; and the Premier's Council for Active Living. The Ministry has provided policy advice for the development of Action for Bikes: BikePlan 2010, New South Wales, The NSW Long Term Transport Master Plan and The Draft Metropolitan Strategy for Sydney.

The Ministry is leading the development of the NSW Healthy Eating and Active Living Strategy: Preventing overweight and obesity in NSW 2013-2018. The Strategy provides a whole of Government framework to promote and support healthy eating and active living in NSW and recognises that the built environment influences the availability of and access to opportunities to be physically active.

\*3382 BOTANY BAY AND ST GEORGE LOCAL AREA COMMANDS—Mr Ron Hoenig 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—

In relation to the proposed merger of Botany and the St George local area commands:

- (1) Has the Minister consulted with Senior Police Officers, including the Local Area Commanders, as to how this proposed merger can be achieved without compromising effective policing of the local areas?
- (2) What are the cost savings associated with the proposed merger?
- (3) Which positions in the Local Area Commands will be abolished as a result of the proposed merger?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force has advised me that it does not intend to merge the Botany Bay and St George Local Area Commands.

As has been publicly announced, it is now proposed to merge St George and Hurstville Local Area Commands.

\*3384 NEWCASTLE STATION RAIL SERVICES—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

Given that research (Professor Peter Newman, Jacky Fristacky and Professor Graham Currie) supports maintaining rail lines into the heart of cities, why is the chairman of Infrastructure NSW urging the removal of rail services to Newcastle Station?

Answer—

This question has already been submitted (3319).

\*3389 LANSVALE EAST PUBLIC SCHOOL—FUNDING CUTS—Mr Nick Lalich asked the Minister for Education—

In light of the Government's \$1.7 billion funding cuts to the public education system, what services and how many staff will be cut from Lansvale East Public School?

Answer—

There will be no reduction in the financial allocations to NSW public schools for 2013.

In October 2010, the previous Government and the Public Service Association made an agreement that \$21 million in employee related savings by 2015-16, as a result of efficiencies from the Learning Management and Business Reform (LMBR) program, would be used to offset salary increases already

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paid to school administrative and support staff. This is equivalent to 400 full time school administrative officer positions. How this will be implemented in schools is yet to be determined.

\*3390 KING PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL—FUNDING CUTS—Mr Nick Lalich asked the Minister for Education—

In light of the Government's \$1.7 billion funding cuts to the public education system, what services and how many staff will be cut from King Park Public School?

Answer—

There will be no reduction in the financial allocations to NSW public schools for 2013.

In October 2010, the previous Government and the Public Service Association made an agreement that \$21 million in employee related savings by 2015-16, as a result of efficiencies from the Learning Management and Business Reform (LMBR) program, would be used to offset salary increases already paid to school administrative and support staff. This is equivalent to 400 full time school administrative officer positions. How this will be implemented in schools is yet to be determined.

\*3393 CARDIAC CATHETER LABORATORY—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

Will the Government provide a Cardiac Catheter Laboratory at Bankstown Hospital in order to assist South-Western Sydney cope with the rising occurrence of cardio-vascular disease?

Answer—

I am advised that:

A business proposal investigating private public partnership opportunities to fund the establishment and recurrent costs of a Cardiac Catheter Laboratory service at Bankstown Hospital is being reviewed by the South Western Sydney Local Health District.

\*3395 STRUCTURAL SAFETY AT BANKSTOWN RAILWAY STATION—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport—

- (1) What advice has the Minister received about the proximity of stanchions to rail tracks at Bankstown Railway Station?
- (2) Has RailCorp identified any immediate structural safety issues at Bankstown which pose a threat to commuters in Bankstown?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) I have not received advice from RailCorp concerning the proximity of stanchions to passing trains at Bankstown Railway Station.
- (2) No.

\*3396 INFRASTRUCTURE AT BANKSTOWN STATION—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport—

Will the Government address the following infrastructure issues identified by RailCorp in 2010 at Bankstown station:

- (1) Restricted accessibility;
- (2) Overcrowding on the station concourse;
- (3) Wayfinding unclear;
- (4) No 'front door' to the station;
- (5) Lack of security and limited casual surveillance; and
- (6) Poor concourse facilities?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) to (6) Regrettably, the previous Government did not take any action in response to the 2010 report referred to.

Funding for improvement to Bankstown Station was announced in August 2012 under the NSW Government's \$770 million Transport Access Program. Transport Access Program is designed to improve transport infrastructure and make public transport an attractive option for customers across the state.

Bankstown customers are set to benefit from new stairs and an access ramp to the station forecourt, widening of station entries and additional ticket gates to improve customer access. There will be new bicycle parking facilities for cyclists, upgraded lighting and CCTV within the concourse area and improved way finding signage to make the station easier for customers to navigate.

\*3397 IMPROVEMENTS TO BANKSTOWN RAILWAY STATION—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport—

- (1) What funding has been set aside for the improvements to Bankstown Railway Station proposed as part of the Transport Access Program?
- (2) Has the Government established a timeline for undertaking improvements arising from the ongoing review into Bankstown Station?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) to (2) On 23 April 2012, the NSW Government announced a new Transport Access Program which will deliver accessible, modern, secure and integrated transport infrastructure where it is needed most. This includes station upgrades, better interchanges, ferry wharf upgrades and commuter car parks. The Transport Access Program includes more than \$770 million over four years which are prioritised against specific criteria. An upgrade to Bankstown station is being delivered as part of TAP.

\*3401 SMOKING FINES—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

Since January 2013 how many fines have been issued by NSW Health Enforcement Officers for individuals smoking in the following areas:

- (1) within 10 metres of children's play equipment?
- (2) at swimming pool complexes?
- (3) at spectator areas of sports grounds or other recreational areas being use for organized sporting events?
- (4) at public transport stops and stations?
- (5) within four metres of pedestrian access point to a building?
- (6) at public health sites?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) to (6) I refer the Member to my response to Question No. 3352 in the Legislative Assembly.

\*3402 INFRINGEMENT NOTICES—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

How many infringement notices (not warning letters) have been issued to heavy vehicle drivers or to trucking companies (truck owners) for breaches under the Intelligent Access program?

Answer—

I am advised:

None.

The compliance approach adopted by Roads and Maritime Services is to allow a settling in period for this new technology and educating heavy vehicle operators enrolled in the Intelligent Access Program of their requirements.

As at 29 April 2011 there were 591 heavy vehicles (trucks) enrolled in the IAP in NSW. This compares to 827 as of 22 March 2013 (i.e. a 40 per cent increase in trucks enrolled in the IAP under the O'Farrell/Stoner Government).

\*3403 MEDICAL HELICOPTER RELOCATION—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) What justification was put forward to the Government for the re-location of the medical helicopter based in the Illawarra to Sydney?
- (2) When will the decision be made about whether or not the helicopter remains in the Illawarra?
- (3) What are the anticipated cost savings from the proposed relocation?



Answer—

I am advised that:

(1) to (3) The Ernst & Young review of aeromedical services recommends that Government further investigate the option of moving the Wollongong helicopter service and crew to the planned new Sydney Helicopter Base.

Ernst & Young's rationale for this recommendation is set out in their report which is available on the NSW Ministry of Health website. A summary of the recommendations and supporting rationale is also available at: <http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/about/nswhealth/Pages/asnw-aeromedical.aspx>.

The Ernst & Young Report suggests a feasibility study should be undertaken to assess the costs and benefits of this recommendation.

Stakeholder consultation on the Ernst & Young Report closed on 15 March 2013 following an extensive consultation period. Feedback will inform the Government's Response to the Ernst & Young recommendations.

\*3404 SOCIAL IMPACT BONDS—Mrs Barbara Perry asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

- (1) With regards to the Social Impact Bond run in conjunction with the Benevolent Society:
  - (a) What selection criteria are used for a family to be eligible for inclusion in the Benevolent Society program?
  - (b) On which age group will the Benevolent Society program focus?
  - (c) How long will the Benevolent Society SIB program run?
  - (d) Will there be a screening process to choose which families will partake in the SIB program?
- (2) With regards to the Social Impact Bond run in partnership with UnitingCare Burnside
  - (a) How many families will be part of the OOHC Social Impact Bond program with UnitingCare Burnside?
  - (b) On which age group will the UnitingCare Burnside program focus?
  - (c) How long will the program run?
  - (d) Will there be a screening process to choose which families will partake in the SIB program?
- (3) How will the \$10 million budgeted for Social Impact Bonds be spent and what is the breakdown?
- (4) What sort of reporting will be available to the public about the Social Impact Bonds and how regular will this reporting be?
- (5) When will the pre-defined targets/outcomes for the OOHC Social Impact Bonds be made public?
- (6) Will the same targets/outcomes be set for Barnardo's and UnitingCare Burnside programs?
- (7) When will comparison between cost of these programs and current OOHC programs be reported on?
- (8) What will occur if/when family restoration is not possible?
- (9) When will the OOHC Social Impact Bonds programs begin?
- (10) What perverse incentives have been identified and what is being done to mitigate them?
- (11) Who is on the Social Investment Expert Advisory Group?
- (12) Are members of the Social Investment Expert Advisory Group being paid?

Answer—

(1) The consortium of the Benevolent Society, Westpac Banking Corporation and the Commonwealth Bank of Australia has proposed a bond of approximately \$10 million to support 550 families over five years. Further details of the Social Benefit Bond (SBB) pilot are confidential while negotiations are ongoing.

(2) The Newpin Social Benefit Bond (SBB) pilot with UnitingCare Burnside will provide services directly to children aged 0-5 years and their parents across 10 locations over seven years. It is anticipated that approximately 365 families will be referred to the Newpin program provided by UnitingCare Burnside over the seven years of the pilot. Referrals will be made in consultation with UnitingCare Burnside and each family will need to meet the criteria for the program.

(3) To be determined once the SBB pilots are finalised.

(4) Each of the SBB pilots will be regularly reviewed. Exact details of these reviews are yet to be determined but are being considered as each SBB pilot is developed.

(5) The performance levels/outcomes required for differing investor returns will be made available when the Bonds are marketed.

(6) The programs for each of the SBB pilots in the child protection area are quite different family

restoration and family preservation. Hence the targets will not be the same.

(7) An extensive evaluation of the Social Benefit Bond Pilots will be undertaken on completion of each of the pilots.

(8) If family restoration is not possible, then a child cannot return to his/her family. A permanent placement for the child will then need to be considered.

(9) Each will begin once arrangements are in place for the services to be provided. These include that final terms have been agreed, contracts are completed and the bonds are fully subscribed.

(10) The SBB pilots have been designed to ensure appropriate incentives are in place to maximise social outcomes. Close monitoring will be in place.

(11) The Expert Advisory Group is Chaired by Peter Shergold, Chancellor, University of Western Sydney. The other members of the group are:

- Gary Sturgess Professor, Australia and New Zealand School of Government
- Rosemary Addis Social Innovation Strategist, Commonwealth Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations
- Trevor Danos Lawyer
- Stephen Fitzgerald Future Fund Board of Guardians
- Alison Peters Director, Council of Social Service of New South Wales
- Kevin Cosgriff Associate Secretary, NSW Treasury

(12) Positions on the Expert Advisory Group are voluntary and members are not paid.

\*3405 STATE AND REGIONAL OFFICES RESTRUCTURE—Ms Carmel Tebbutt asked the Minister for Education—

How many teachers working in the State or Regional offices have been transferred back into schools as nominated transfers as a result of the State and Regional offices' restructure?

Answer—

Eight teachers in a temporary appointment to a non school based teaching service position which extended beyond 28 January 2013 have transferred back to a school based position as a result of the functional realignment of the Schools Portfolio in State Office.

\*3406 NEW CLASSROOM PROVISION FOR PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS—Ms Carmel Tebbutt asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) How many new classrooms were provided at primary schools across NSW for the start of the 2013 school year?
- (2) How many new classrooms were provided at secondary schools across NSW for the start of the 2013 school year?

Answer—

- (1) 267.
- (2) 40.

\*3407 CLASS SIZES—Ms Carmel Tebbutt asked the Minister for Education—

How many classes in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 were above the average class size of 20, 22, and 24 respectively in 2012 and at which schools?

Answer—

Gathering information on class sizes in all primary schools would require an unreasonable and unnecessary diversion of resources.

Once teachers are allocated to schools, principals arrange class groups to meet the learning needs of all students at the school.

The Department of Education and Communities and the Teachers Federation have entered into a new Staffing agreement which will remain in place until Term 2, 2016. Under the Staffing Agreement class size policies have been maintained.

\*3408 SALARY PROGRESSION—Ms Carmel Tebbutt asked the Minister for Education—

What progress has been made with the policy for aligning salary progression with professional teaching

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standards referred to in Question 1963?

Answer—

Planning for salary progression based on the attainment of professional standards is underway and is dependent on Award negotiations due later this year.

\*3409 BEST START PROGRAM CONSULTANTS—Ms Carmel Tebbutt asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) As at 30 June 2012, how many consultants supporting the implementation of the Best Start Program were employed in each Department of Education and Communities Region?
- (2) As at the commencement of the school year 2013, how many consultants supporting the implementation of the Best Start Program were employed in each Department of Education and Communities Region?

Answer—

- (1) As at 30 June 2012, there was one consultant supporting the implementation of the Best Start Program employed in each of the ten Department of Education and Communities regions.
- (2) In 2013 there is one consultant supporting the implementation of the Best Start Program employed in each of the ten Department of Education and Communities regions.

\*3410 INTERNAL BUDGET ALLOCATION 2012-13—Ms Carmel Tebbutt asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) Has the Department of Education and Communities finalised its internal budget allocations for 2012-13, and if so:
  - (a) What is the allocation for the transition to Year 7 initiative for 2012-13?
  - (b) What new funding has been allocated to implement the Rural Education Action Plan?

Answer—

- (1) Yes.
  - (a) and (b) The delivery of programs such as Transition to Year 7 and the Rural Education Action plan are part of the Department of Education and Communities' core operations. Funding is provided as part of the Department's total resourcing for school support.

\*3411 SYDNEY REGION MINOR SCHOOL INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS—Ms Carmel Tebbutt asked the Minister for Education—

What minor school infrastructure projects were put forward in 2012 from the following schools to be included in the Sydney Region's highest priority needs, and how many of those projects received funding in the 2012-13 minor capital works program:

- (1) Australia Street Infants School;
- (2) Bridge Road School;
- (3) Camdenville Public School;
- (4) Darlington Public School;
- (5) Dulwich High School of Visual Arts and Design;
- (6) Dulwich Hill Public School;
- (7) Ferncourt Public School;
- (8) Fort Street High School;
- (9) Lewisham Public School;
- (10) Marrickville High School;
- (11) Marrickville Public School;
- (12) Marrickville West Public School;
- (13) Newtown High School of Performing Arts;
- (14) Newtown North Public School;
- (15) Newtown Public School;
- (16) Petersham Public School;
- (17) Stanmore Public School;
- (18) Taverners Hill Infants School; and
- (19) Wilkins Public School?

Answer—

A number of projects were nominated by schools in the Marrickville Electorate. Two projects were funded from the 2012-13 Minor Capital Works Program. The projects are at Fort Street High School

(structural repairs) and Newtown High School of Performing Arts (balustrade upgrade). In addition to these, Newtown North Public School received funding for ground works from the Joint Funding Program.

\*3412 FUNDING FOR SHELLHARBOUR ELECTORATE—Ms Anna Watson asked the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) Since the Government came to office in 2011, what funding has been provided to the Shellharbour electorate by Ministerial Portfolio?
- (2) For each program funded:
  - (a) What are the names of the organisations who received the funds;
  - (b) What was the amount of funding; and
  - (c) What year?

Answer—

Each Member of Parliament received a 'Capital Program Report' for the 2011-12 and 2012-13 budgets that detail infrastructure funding in their electorate.

In relation to organisations, this information is usually held by the local Member of Parliament who works with their local community groups.

\*3413 PRESCHOOLS IN SHELLHARBOUR ELECTORATE—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) What is the average fee for preschools in the electorate of Shellharbour in:
  - (a) 2009-10
  - (b) 2010-11
  - (c) 2011-12
  - (d) 2012-13?
- (2) How many preschool services operate in the electorate of Shellharbour and what is the location of these services?
- (3) How many preschool services are:
  - (a) government; or
  - (b) privately operated?
- (4) (a) When will the Minister release the review into the funding of early childhood services completed by Professor Deborah Brennan?  
(b) If not, why not?
- (5) What are the key recommendations of the review and when will the Government respond?

Answer—

- (1) The average fee for Government preschools is:

2009-10 - Nil

2010- 11 - Nil

2011-12 - \$15 per day (2012 only)

2012-13 - \$15 per day

Fee relief is available for all families with a Commonwealth Health Care Card. Low income and disadvantaged families may be eligible for fee exemption or relief. No data is available for average fees of NSW Government preschools prior to 2012. Compulsory fees were introduced to government preschools at the beginning of 2012. Prior to this, schools requested a voluntary contribution from families and the only compulsory fees were for those preschools that provided a meal program.

In 2009 and 2010, Mount Warrigal Public School preschool charged a compulsory fee of \$18 per day for each child to be provided with a cooked meal.

In 2010 and 2011, Mount Warrigal Public School preschool charged a compulsory fee of \$20 per day for each child to be provided with a cooked meal.

The average fee for non-DEC preschools is:

2009-10 - \$30.34\*

2010-11 - \$22.73

2011-12 - \$25.81

2012-13 - \$26.79

\*This is the average of the maximum daily fee charged at each service.

In Term 2, 2013, eligible community preschools will receive a one-off payment to reduce preschool fees for parents of 4 and 5 year old children for the remainder of 2013. It is expected that this initiative will provide, on average, daily fee reductions of up to 26 per cent for families across New South Wales.

For example, in Western Sydney, the average reduction will be up to 28 per cent, in Blacktown the average reduction will be up to 31 per cent and Campbelltown up to 36 per cent.

The reductions will be greater in more disadvantaged Local Government Areas, and in the most disadvantaged areas of New South Wales, fees will be reduced to zero.

- (2) There are seven preschools in the electorate of Shellharbour:
- All Saints Pre-School Tongarra Road, Albion Park 2527
  - Koninderie Community Based Pre-School Princes Highway, Albion Park Rail 2527
  - Koonawarra Public School, Byamee St, Dapto NSW 2530
  - Mount Warrigal Public School preschool, Hogarth Ave, Warilla NSW 2528.
  - Oak Flats Public School preschool, Griffith St, Oak Flats NSW 2529
  - Tongarra Preschool PO Box 80, Albion Park 2527
  - Warilla Baptist Pre-School William Ave, Warilla 2528
- (3) (a) and (b)
- Four preschools are privately operated and three are government operated.
- (4) (a) The report of the Review of NSW Government Funding for Early Childhood Education and the Government's response was released on 21 March 2013.
- (b) Not applicable.
- (5) Professor Brennan's report recommended a number of directions and principles to underpin a new funding model for early childhood education that will support NSW's goal of providing affordable, universal access to preschool, particularly for children in the year before starting school. Key recommendations of the report include prioritising preschool access for four and five year old children, providing two years of subsidised preschool for disadvantaged children and developing a new preschool Resource Allocation model that is more closely aligned with families' circumstances and child disadvantage. The Government has accepted virtually all Professor Brennan's recommendations. The report and the Government's response are available on the website of the Department of Education and Communities at [www.dec.nsw.gov.au](http://www.dec.nsw.gov.au)

\*3414 ELECTRICITY AND GAS SERVICE DISCONNECTION IN SHELLHARBOUR ELECTORATE—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Resources and Energy, Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Central Coast—

- (1) How many households in the electorate of Shellharbour have had electricity and gas services disconnected because bills have not been paid during:
- (a) 2009-10;
  - (b) 2010-11;
  - (c) 2011-12; and
  - (d) 2012-13?
- (2) What are the options for households finding it difficult to pay both electricity and gas bills?

Answer—

- (1) Information regarding residential disconnections is available in the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal report "Customer service performance of electricity retail suppliers: 1 July 2007 30 July 2012."
- (2) The NSW Government has increased the 2012-13 funding allocation for the emergency Energy Accounts Payment Assistance scheme as part of a \$210 million package of assistance measures to help households struggling with rising energy costs.

Households that are finding it difficult to pay both their electricity and gas bills can:

- contact their local EAPA scheme provider for EAPA vouchers. Those requiring assistance may apply to a community welfare organisation such as St Vincent de Paul, The Salvation Army and Anglicare which will consider their claim and if appropriate, provide assistance. Customers can phone the Energy Information Line on 1300 136 888 to find out who their local EAPA provider is;

- contact their electricity or gas retailer to arrange to pay their electricity and/or gas bills over an agreed period of time;
- enrol in their retailer's hardship program for assistance to better manage their energy bills; and
- where eligible, apply for the NSW Government's Low Income Household Rebate, Medical Energy Rebate, Life Support Rebate and Family Energy Rebate.

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

\*3415 ILLAWARRA SHOALHAVEN LOCAL HEALTH DISTRICT FUNDING LEVELS—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

What is the level of funding provided to the Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District during the financial year:

- (1) 2009-10;
- (2) 2010-11;
- (3) 2011-12; and
- (4) 2012-13?

Answer—

(1) to (4) The Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District was formed on 1 July 2011. Local Health Districts have been empowered to take greater responsibility in delivering health care, including managing their own budgets.

In meeting this requirement, the Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District received an additional \$30,507,000, or 4.5 per cent, in additional funding this financial year to allow them to treat more patients.

Budget allocations for Local Health Districts are available online.

\*3416 DEMOUNTABLE CLASSROOMS IN SHELLHARBOUR ELECTORATE—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) How many demountable classrooms are there in:
  - (a) Government; and
  - (b) Non-government schools in the Shellharbour electorate?
- (2) What are the names of the:
  - (a) Government; and
  - (b) Non-government schools in which demountable classrooms are located in the Shellharbour electorate?
- (3) How long have the demountable classrooms been located in the:
  - (a) Government; and
  - (b) Non-government schools?
- (4) Will the Minister confirm that the Demountable Replacement Program has been abolished?
  - (a) Why was this program abolished?
  - (b) Has this program been replaced?
- (5) Under what program can schools seek to have demountable classrooms replaced?

Answer—

- (1) (a) Twenty four.
  - (b) The Department of Education and Communities does not collect information on demountable classrooms or provide demountable classrooms to non-government schools.
- (2) (a) Dapto Public School, Warilla Public School, Balarang Public School, Mount Brown Public School, Flinders Public School, Dapto High School, Warilla High School, Oak Flats High School.
  - (b) The Department of Education and Communities does not collect information on demountable classrooms or provide demountable classrooms to non-government schools.
- (3) (a)

School	Date placed on site
Dapto Public School	Between 2003 and 2007
Warilla Public School	February 2003

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Balarang Public School	February 2006
Mount Brown Public School	Prior to 1995
Flinders Public School	Between 2005 and 2007
Dapto High School	January 2011
Warilla High School	January 2012
Oak Flats High School	Prior to 1995 and between January 2012 and November 2012

(b) The Department of Education and Communities does not collect information on demountable classrooms or provide demountable classrooms to non-government schools.

- (4) (a) and (b) The Demountable Replacement Program was set up by the previous government and that government had scheduled the program to end in the 2010-11 financial year with no future funding provisions.
- (5) Demountables are now being replaced through the Government's capital works programs.

\*3417 WEST DAPTO HOUSING ACCELERATION FUND—Ms Anna Watson asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

- (1) What is the progress of the Housing Acceleration Fund project at West Dapto?  
 (2) What is the estimated time-frame for completing the project?  
 (3) What is the estimated cost of the project?

Answer—

This Question does not pertain to Finance and Services and should be directed to Minister Hazzard, Minister for Planning and Infrastructure.

\*3418 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANTS—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

- (1) What are the 40 community events that received funding under the Community Development Grants in 2012?  
 (2) How much funding did each group receive?

Answer—

This information is available in the Community Relations Commission Annual Report.

\*3419 MINISTERIAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEES MEETINGS IN 2012—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

How many meetings did each of the Ministerial Consultative Committees conduct in 2012:

- (1) Chinese
- (2) Egyptian
- (3) Filipino
- (4) Greek
- (5) Indian
- (6) Italian
- (7) Jewish
- (8) Korean
- (9) Lebanese
- (10) Macedonian
- (11) Maori and Pacific Island Communities
- (12) Russian
- (13) Sri Lankan
- (14) Vietnamese
- (15) Croatian?

Answer—

Meetings with individual Ministerial Consultative Committees are organised and conducted by the respective Chairs.

\*3420 MINISTERIAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEES MEETINGS IN 2011—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

How many meetings did each of the Ministerial Consultative Committees conduct in 2011:

- (1) Chinese
- (2) Egyptian
- (3) Filipino
- (4) Greek
- (5) Indian
- (6) Italian
- (7) Jewish
- (8) Korean
- (9) Lebanese
- (10) Macedonian
- (11) Maori and Pacific Island Communities
- (12) Russian
- (13) Sri Lankan
- (14) Vietnamese
- (15) Croatian?

Answer—

Meetings with individual Ministerial Consultative Committees are organised and conducted by their respective Chairs.

\*3421 AIMS, OBJECTIVES AND ACHIEVED OUTCOMES OF MINISTERIAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEES—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

What are the aims, objectives and achieved outcomes of each of the Ministerial Consultative Committees:

- (1) Chinese
- (2) Egyptian
- (3) Filipino
- (4) Greek
- (5) Indian
- (6) Italian
- (7) Jewish
- (8) Korean
- (9) Lebanese
- (10) Macedonian
- (11) Maori and Pacific Island Communities
- (12) Russian
- (13) Sri Lankan
- (14) Vietnamese
- (15) Croatian?

Answer—

The Ministerial Consultative Committees are representative of the local community and aim to work with the Government on the needs, interests and concerns of the multicultural community in NSW.

\*3422 MINISTERIAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE COMMUNITY MEMBERS—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

Who are the community members of each of the Ministerial Consultative Committees:

- (1) Chinese
- (2) Egyptian
- (3) Filipino
- (4) Greek
- (5) Indian
- (6) Italian
- (7) Jewish
- (8) Korean



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- (9) Lebanese
- (10) Macedonian
- (11) Maori and Pacific Island Communities
- (12) Russian
- (13) Sri Lankan
- (14) Vietnamese
- (15) Croatian?

Answer—

The Ministerial Consultative Committees are representative of the local community. Members include community leaders, key representative bodies, cultural and religious groups, and multicultural business leaders. Members of the Ministerial Consultative Committees are not publicly listed.

- \*3423 LISTING OF MINISTERIAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

Why are members of each Ministerial Consultative Committee not publicly listed?

Answer—

The Ministerial Consultative Committees include more than 300 people in a voluntary capacity, therefore, it is not publically listed.

- \*3424 FAIRFIELD INTERCHANGE UPGRADE—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Transport—

When will construction on the upgrade of the Fairfield Interchange begin?

Answer—

I am advised:

Upgrade works at Fairfield Interchange will commence in June 2013.

- \*3425 POLDING STREET ROUNDABOUT UPGRADE—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

- (1) What is the progress of the Polding Street roundabout upgrade?
- (2) When will construction commence?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) to (2) The intersection of Polding Street and Smithfield Road is a local road and the responsibility of Fairfield City Council.

- \*3426 NUMBER OF COMMUNITY MEMBERS IN MINISTERIAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEES—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

How many community members are in each of the Ministerial Consultative Committees:

- (1) Chinese
- (2) Egyptian
- (3) Filipino
- (4) Greek
- (5) Indian
- (6) Italian
- (7) Jewish
- (8) Korean
- (9) Lebanese
- (10) Macedonian
- (11) Maori and Pacific Island Communities
- (12) Russian
- (13) Sri Lankan
- (14) Vietnamese
- (15) Croatian?

Answer—

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\*3428 SOUTH SYDNEY POLICE CITIZENS YOUTH CLUB—Mr Ron Hoenig asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) Can the Minister provide an assurance to the South Sydney Police Citizens Youth Club in relation to its tenure at its current site, in order that the premises can be urgently renovated?
- (2) Is the Minister aware whether Housing NSW in any capacity has any proposed use of the PCYC site at Redfern, other than its current use as at PCYC?
- (3) If yes, what are the proposals?

Answer—

I am advised:

There is a clear delineation of responsibilities between NSW Police and the PCYC. PCYC is a public charitable company that is independent of the Government and the NSW Police Force.

PCYC has sole responsibility for the management and operation of PCYC facilities, whereas the NSW Police Force is responsible for the provision of police officers to support the activities of PCYC.

\*3429 CARDIFF NORTH PUBLIC SCHOOL FLASHING LIGHTS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

- (1) When will 40 kilometre per hour speed zone flashing lights be erected at Cardiff North Public School?
- (2) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

Schools with flashing lights, or identified for flashing lights, are published on the Roads and Maritime Services website.

\*3431 COMMUTER SATISFACTION ON HUNTER TRAINS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Transport—

In relation to complaints about the cleanliness and efficiency of NSW trains, what steps are the Minister taking to improve commuter satisfaction on Hunter trains?

Answer—

I am advised:

From 1 July this year, Sydney Trains and NSW Trains will operate our rail network to service the different needs of Sydney and intercity/regional customers.

Sydney Trains and NSW Trains will work closely with the new specialised cleaning unit Transport Cleaning Services to deliver a new set of standards for cleanliness on trains and stations.

\*3433 JOHN HUNTER HOSPITAL WAITING TIMES—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

How many people are waiting longer than their original clinically recommended waiting time to see an orthopaedic specialist at John Hunter Hospital?

Answer—

I am advised:

Appointments to orthopaedic services are made according to clinical urgency and people with the greatest degree of urgency are given priority for appointments.

Orthopaedic surgery wait times at John Hunter Hospital are managed according to clinical priority categories as assigned by a patient's treating clinician.

\*3434 WICKHAM PARK AND RIDE FACILITIES—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Transport—

- (1) What provision is there for park and ride facilities at Wickham?
- (2) What consultation has occurred with bus companies, servicing the wider Hunter, who will be affected by the cutting of the rail?

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(3) Can the Minister advise the date of completion of these amenities?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Work is underway to develop concept designs and plans for a new Wickham Station, which will include provision for car parking.
- (2) Consultation with the Bus companies will occur as part of bus planning processes following completion of the Department of Planning & Infrastructure scoping study for the area.
- (3) Initial planning work is currently underway with more detailed project plans and costings to be developed during 2013.

\*3435 DISABILITY SECTOR NURSES—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Ageing, and Minister for Disability Services—

- (1) Will the Minister provide pay parity for nurses in the disability sector, with nurses in the public sector?
- (2) If so, when?
- (3) If not, can the Minister explain why nurses in the disability sector are not entitled to the same pay as their public sector counterparts?

Answer—

- (1) As was the case under the previous Government industrial matters and working conditions are matters appropriate for Award negotiations between the Agency and the appropriate union.

Under the provisions of the NSW Government's public sector wages policy, nurses employed in Ageing, Disability and Home Care were offered a 2.5 per cent wage increase from July 2012. The NSW Nurses and Midwives' Association rejected this offer.

The NSW Government's public sector wages policy aims to achieve a balance between maintaining the real value of wages for public sector employees and the obligations of government to manage the State budget and to live within our means.

- (2) The NSW Industrial Relations Commission has recommended the NSW Nurses and Midwives' Association and Ageing, Disability and Home Care, Department of Family and Community Services continue discussions in accordance with the NSW Government wages policy.

Ageing, Disability and Home Care is committed to continuing to work with representatives of the NSW Nurses and Midwives' Association to negotiate an outcome and develop a new Award within the parameters of the NSW Government Public Sector wages policy.

- (3) Nurses employed in Ageing, Disability and Home Care have their own Award providing for specific employment conditions and salary rates, separate to the Public Hospital Nurses' (State) Award. This has been the case under the Carr, Iemma, Rees and Keneally Governments.

\*3437 REPLACEMENT OF TRAINS WITH BUSES—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Transport—

Given that increased bus numbers negatively impact on traffic and motorists:

Why is the Government replacing trains with buses from Wickham station to Newcastle?

Answer—

I am advised:

Replacing trains with buses from Wickham Station into Newcastle will efficiently transfer passengers from the rail network to key destinations in the Newcastle CBD.

\*3438 AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION REPORT—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

- (1) Did the report recently released by the Australian Institute of Judicial Administration include surveys, interviews and court observations of judicial officers and courts in NSW?
- (2) What initiatives will the Minister take flowing from the report?

Answer—

- (1) Yes.
- (2) This research report is based on data across all Australian jurisdictions and does not identify data specifically relating to NSW judicial officers or courts. The report examines the working patterns of judges and magistrates and their attitudes towards judicial duties. Regarding workload measures, the

report's findings suggest possible changes to the current processes of work allocation. However, it notes that any change is a policy matter for individual courts and or jurisdictions.

My Department and I work with the heads of jurisdiction and courts to identify ways to improve processes and outcomes for judicial officers. A number of initiatives are in place or being implemented to reduce the burdens on judicial officers. This includes increased technology such as providing iPads for magistrates, pre-loaded with frequently used documents.

In NSW a judicial assistance program is in place for judicial officers, providing a 24 hour counselling service and annual health assessments. Magistrates are also able to apply to work on a part time basis to achieve greater work-life balance.

NSW has introduced the Criminal Procedure Amendment (Mandatory Pre-trial Defence Disclosure) Act 2013. One of the purposes of this Act is to require parties to identify the issues in dispute. This will assist judicial officers in managing trials and counsel appearing before them.

The heads of jurisdiction constantly work to improve their courts for their judicial colleagues. At the recent Opening of Law Term dinner, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court spoke positively about plans for more flexible allocation of work to Judges according to their expertise and interests, clear and concise written judgments, clear and concise written submissions by parties and short form judgments in the Court of Appeal.

These initiatives will address some of the concerns raised in the report about work allocation practices and the length of judgments. They will also improve the already high degree of satisfaction among the judiciary, which the report found across Australia.

\*3440 BUSBY FIRE STATION—Mr Paul Lynch 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—

On which dates and for how long since 1 July 2012 has Busby Fire Station been closed?

Answer—

Fire & Rescue NSW has advised me:

Busby Fire Station was temporarily taken off line for short durations (maximum two and a half hours) on seven occasions since 1 July 2012 while 'back fill' fire stations and crews were in transit to and from Busby. The area was protected during these short periods by other fire crews located at Liverpool, Horningsea Park and Macquarie Fields.

\*3441 BONNYRIGG HEIGHTS FIRE STATION—Mr Paul Lynch 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—

On which dates and for how long since 1 July 2012 has Bonnyrigg Heights Fire Station been closed?

Answer—

Fire & Rescue NSW has advised me:

Bonnyrigg Fire Station was temporarily taken off line on Monday 2 October 2012 for approximately 30 minutes. Nevertheless, these arrangements have minimal impact on the response times or fire services to the community and are no different to arrangements that have been standard practice for over 100 years.

\*3442 PUBLIC DEFENDERS POSITIONS—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

In reference to page 4 of the Annual Review:

- (1) Which positions were delayed in being filled in the Public Defenders in the period 2011-12?
- (2) For how long did those delays last?
- (3) What was the amount saved by the delays?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) and (2) Four positions were unfilled for the following periods during the 2011-2012 financial year:

- Public Defender (Full Time) 29 weeks.
- Public Defender (Part Time, three days per week) 28 weeks.
- Public Defender (Part Time, 2.5 days per week) 30 weeks.

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- Deputy Senior Public Defender 14 days (up to 30 June 2012).  
These periods include the time involved in reviewing the placement of regional Public Defenders, recruitment action to fill the vacant positions and the approval process for the appointment of statutory officers.

(3) The total amount saved through reduced salary costs was approximately \$327,725.78.

\*3443 OFFICE OF THE LEGAL SERVICES COMMISSIONER POSITIONS—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

In reference to page 35 of the Office of the Legal Services Commissioner Annual Review:

- (1) Which positions were delayed in being filled in the Office of the Legal Services Commissioner in the period 2011-12?
- (2) For how long did those delays last?
- (3) What was the amount saved by the delays?

Answer—

I am advised:

Two Legal and Investigation Officer positions were vacant for one month each during the reporting year while recruitment action was being undertaken. This resulted in a salary saving of approximately \$15,000.

\*3444 LIVERPOOL POLICE STATION—Mr Paul Lynch 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 progress has the Minister made on refurbishing Liverpool Police station?

Answer—

I am advised that the NSW Police Force is reviewing the current status of the Liverpool capital works program and examining the ongoing forward costs of this project.

The Government is committed to an appropriate level of new and refurbished police stations for the NSW Police Force, including in Liverpool.

\*3445 LIVERPOOL HOSPITAL ULTRASOUNDS—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) Are ultrasounds performed at Liverpool Hospital outside of standard business hours?
- (2) If not, why not?
- (3) If so:
  - (a) How often;
  - (b) How many; and
  - (c) At what cost?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) to (3) Liverpool Hospital's Emergency Department conducts ultrasounds 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for trauma patients. Ultrasounds are performed as required, and, on average, 10-15 ultrasounds are performed after hours per day. This costs approximately \$40,000 per year.

\*3446 HORNINGSEA PARK FIRE STATION—Mr Paul Lynch 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—

On which dates and for how long since 1 July 2012 has Horningsea Park Fire Station been closed?

Answer—

Fire & Rescue NSW has advised me:

Horningsea Park Fire Station was temporarily taken off line for short durations (maximum two and a half hours) on five occasions since 1 July 2012 while 'back fill' fire stations and crews were in transit to and from Horningsea Park. During these times the area remained protected by other fire crews from Busby, Bonnyrigg Heights and Cabramatta.

\*3447 REDIRECTION OF AIRCRAFT TO BANKSTOWN—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport—

- (1) Will the Government rule out the redirection of any passenger or freight aircraft servicing rural or remote areas from Sydney's Kingsford Smith Airport to Bankstown?
- (2) If not, why not?

Answer—

- (1) to (2) The NSW Government does not support the forced relocation of regional airlines from Kingsford Smith Airport to Bankstown Airport.

\*3450 LIFETIME CARE AND SUPPORT AUTHORITY—DISABILITY SPORTS CENTRE—Mr Jamie Parker asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

- (1) (a) Did the Motor Accidents Authority (MAA) in 2011 allocate \$10 million in funds to the Lifetime Care and Support Authority (LTCSA) in order to build a stadium for a disability sports centre?  
(b) If yes, was this disability sports stadium announced by the former member for Balmain to be located at the old tram sheds at Harold Park, Glebe?
- (2) Will the Minister commit the \$10 million funding from the MAA to remain with the LTCSA?  
(a) If yes, will the Minister commit that the LTCSA funding will be used for a disability sports centre?  
(b) If no, why not?
- (3) Will the Minister commit to using the LTCSA funds as announced to fund the building of a disability sports centre at the old tram sheds at Harold Park, Glebe?  
(a) If yes, what are the next steps in this process?  
(b) If no, why not?

Answer—

I refer to my answer when you previously asked me this Question.

\*3451 AUSTRROADS BREAKDOWN LANE STANDARDS COMPLIANCE—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

- (1) What are the locations and lengths of NSW roads that are non-compliant with the Austroads breakdown lane standards?
- (2) What roads are a priority to make compliant over the next 2 years?
- (3) What roads will be compliant by 2015?
- (4) How much funding has been allocated to upgrade roads to be compliant with the breakdown lane standards:  
(a) in 2013 and 2014; and  
(b) in the forward estimates by each year?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) to (4) A comprehensive electronic data analysis of the existing rural state road network is currently being undertaken, where the extent of non-compliant roads will be identified.

Funding is currently allocated through a number of program areas but until the analysis of the network is completed and the extent of required works is estimated a funding scenario cannot be determined.

\*3452 WEED CONTROL PROGRAMS—Mr Richard Torbay asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Small Business—

- (1) What impacts will the restructure of Local Land Services (LLS) have on the stability and management structure Local Government is providing in managing the delivery of weed control programs?
- (2) What will be the consequences on the partnership that the Local Government and the Department of Primary Industries (DPI) have developed for the New South Wales Weed Action program?
- (3) Will there be an impact on regional strategic planning at the local level?
- (4) If the responsibility for weeds is transferred to LLS, how will the financial shortfall of over \$25 million dollars in cash plus the significant in kind contribution made by Local Government to weed control in NSW be funded?
- (5) Can any evidence be provided that the transfer of responsibilities would be beneficial?

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- (6) Are there any plans to transfer weed management in NSW from Local Government to LLS?  
Would the Minister be prepared to meet with representatives of Local Government to further discuss this important issue?

Answer—

- (1) The creation of the LLS will improve the management of weeds in NSW through improved coordination between the new LLS and Local Government, Landholders and other stakeholders.
- (2) The NSW Weeds Action Program aims to manage weeds on a regional basis and will continue to do so. The creation of the LLS will strengthen the management of weeds in NSW through improved coordination and communication at a regional level.
- (3) Yes. Regional strategic planning will be improved through better communication and coordination.
- (4) Weeds management in NSW is undertaken by individuals as well as a number of different groups and agencies. The important contribution made to the control of weeds in NSW by Local Government is recognised and will form part of considerations in resolving regional service delivery outcomes.

New arrangements are not yet in place. Ongoing engagement with stakeholders is aimed to resolving performance in regional service delivery arrangements.

- (5) Local Government will continue to have a role in the management of weeds in NSW.
- (6) There are no plans in place to transfer weed management in NSW from local government to Local Land Services. However, it will be raised as a matter for discussion with the LLS Reference Panel later in 2013.

\*3453 SUPPORTED ACCOMMODATION FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES—Mr Richard Torbay asked the Minister for Ageing, and Minister for Disability Services—

- (1) (a) As at 31 December 2012 how many people with a disability were seeking supported accommodation in New South Wales?  
(b) For the years ending 30 June 2012 what are the comparative numbers?
- (2) How many of this group currently reside in the Northern Region of Ageing, Disability and Home Care (ADHC)?
- (3) Specifically, how many reside in the New England Local Planning Area (LPA)?
- (4) What are the vacancies within the Boarding House Program in Inverell in homes managed by Kirinari Community Services Ltd?
- (5) In 2011 and 2012 how many persons have been placed in supported accommodation in the New England LPA in the Local Government area of Inverell?
- (6) (a) How many persons from the Boarding House program have been assessed for placement in these homes in Inverell for 2011-12; and  
(b) Of this group, how many have been placed in homes managed by Kirinari in Inverell?
- (7) Would the Minister consider publishing data on waiting lists such as published by the Victorian Government on its Disability Support Register?

Answer—

- (1) As at 31 January 2013, 974 people were registered in 2012-13 whilst 888 were registered in 2011-12.
- (2) 146.
- (3) 23.
- (4) There are six vacancies in Inverell in homes managed by Kirinari Community Services.
- (5) In 2011-12, 10 were placed in supported accommodation in the New England Local Planning Area and three in the Local Government Area of Inverell.
- (6) Nil.
- (7) Ageing, Disability and Home Care is currently reviewing its Allocation policy, which includes the Register of Requests for Supported Accommodation. This process will consider making the register publicly available when the review process is complete.

\*3454 LAKE ILLAWARRA AND WOLLONGONG LOCAL AREA COMMANDS—Ms Anna Watson asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) (a) Does the Government have any plans to amalgamate the Lake Illawarra and Wollongong Local Area Commands?  
(b) If so, when will such plans be announced?
- (2) As at today's date, what is the:

- (a) authorised;
  - (b) actual; and
  - (c) operational strength at the Lake Illawarra Command?
- (3) What is the authorised strength of the Lake Illawarra Command for the period:
- (a) 1988-1995;
  - (b) 1995-2011; and
  - (c) 2011-2013?

Answer—

I am advised by the NSW Police Force that it has no plans to merge the Lake Illawarra and Wollongong Local Area Commands at this time. Authorised, actual, and operational strength is now regularly reported on the police website: [www.police.nsw.gov.au](http://www.police.nsw.gov.au).

\*3455 ILLAWARRA COMMUNITY ADVISORY PANEL FEEDBACK—Ms Anna Watson asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

- (1) Can the Minister provide details on what the direct feedback to the Government of the Illawarra Community Advisory Panel has been to:
- (a) The long term lease of the port of Port Kembla;
  - (b) The development of a holistic model for assisting small and medium enterprises in the Illawarra;
  - (c) Coastal zone management plans;
  - (d) Illawarra information service;
  - (e) Trial of Treasury's social benefit bonds;
  - (f) Walking track for the Illawarra;
  - (g) Protection against insolvency of contractors in the construction industry;
  - (h) The use of public resources;
  - (i) Preparation of a healthy living and fitness strategy; and
  - (j) The NSW Planning System?

- (2) If not, why not?

Answer—

(1) The Illawarra Community Advisory Panel was established to seek grassroots feedback from the community on ways the NSW Government can work with the community to improve services and infrastructure in the region. The Panel consists of 12 members who were appointed to the Panel in April 2012.

At Panel meetings members have the opportunity to raise regional priority issues for discussion with the Panel. Panel members have expressed a variety of view points on the issues raised, which I have noted.

Key senior NSW Government regional managers and directors attend each Panel meeting to provide technical advice and information to the Panel. In addition, the Small Business Commissioner attended the 11 October 2012 Panel meeting at my invitation to give an overview of her role and to discuss ways to assist the development of small and medium enterprises in the region with the Panel. Fact sheets developed by NSW Government agencies have also been provided to Panel members to inform discussion at meetings.

For further information on the Panel I refer the member to my answer during Question Time on 24 October, 2012 Illawarra Community Advisory Panel.

\*3456 FUNDING FOR ILLAWARRA INSTITUTE OF TAFE—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Education—

What is the level of funding provided to the Illawarra Institute of TAFE for the financial year:

- (1) 2009-10;
- (2) 2010-11;
- (3) 2011-12; and
- (4) 2012-13?

Answer—

The TAFE budget is published within Budget Paper 3. This information is not available at the Institute level.



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\*3457 SYDNEY WATER METER REPLACEMENT PROGRAM—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

Will residents in Fairfield be affected by funding cuts to the Sydney Water meter replacement program?

Answer—

Sydney Water has funding to replace water meters as they become due for replacement including those in the Fairfield area.

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\*3458 WESTERN SYDNEY TRAVEL TIMES—Mr Richard Amery asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

(1) Has the Auditor General reported an increase in travel times on roads from Western Sydney to the Sydney Central Business District (CBD)?

(2) What is the Government doing to improve travelling times from the Mount Druitt electorate to the Sydney CBD?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) and (2) The Auditor General's comments on travel times are publicly available at [www.audit.nsw.gov.au](http://www.audit.nsw.gov.au).

The Government is improving travel times from Western Sydney to the Sydney CBD with various measures and technologies, including the use of roadside electronic signs to display the estimated length of travel times between points. Also, the WestConnex project will include a 33km link between Sydney's west with the airport and the Port Botany precinct.

\*3459 PUNCHBOWL STATION EASY ACCESS—Mr Robert Furolo asked the Minister for Transport—

Why has Punchbowl station not received funding for an Easy Access upgrade despite its barrier count being significantly higher than Oatley and Waterfall stations, both of which have planning approval and funding for Easy Access upgrades?

Answer—

I am advised:

On 23 April 2012, the NSW Government announced a new Transport Access Program which will deliver accessible, modern, secure and integrated transport infrastructure where it is needed most. This includes station upgrades, better interchanges, ferry wharf upgrades and commuter car parks. The Transport Access Program includes more than \$770 million over four years which are prioritised against specific criteria.

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

\*3460 INNER CITY SELECTIVE SCHOOL STUDENTS—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Education—

With respect to inner city students attending Sydney Girls High School and Sydney Boys High School:

(1) What percentage of students attending these selective schools live in the inner city?

(2) Is any extra weighting given to local students in allocating places to these schools?

(3) What options has the Department of Education and Communities investigated for increasing access to these schools for local students?

(4) Has the Department of Education and Communities considered using local resident status as an additional criterion to give priority at local selective schools in order to improve access to public high schools?

(5) What plans does the Government have to increase local students' access to inner city high selective schools?

Answer—

- (1) Sydney Girls High School has approximately 24 per cent of the current school population residing in the Eastern Suburbs, City and Inner West, including Leichhardt, Lilyfield, Annandale and Balmain. Sydney Boys High School has approximately 2.5 per cent of student population living in the city and Pyrmont. A further 10 per cent live in suburbs neighbouring the school.
- (2) Year 6 students are offered the opportunity to attend each school based on school based assessments and their results from academic tests administered state-wide by the High Performing Students Unit. Spaces that become available in other years are filled by judgements regarding outstanding academic achievement as the prime focus. Few places become available each year. Both schools use similar processes to other selective schools to select students for Years 8-11 as places arise. Sydney Boys High School also takes into account proximity to the school as one of the criteria on which to select these students. State-wide each selective school's selection panel determines the additional criteria to be used to discriminate between students of similar academic ability.
- (3) The Department of Education and Communities uses the academic test as the measure to select students from Year 6 for placement in Year 7 at each academically selective government school in NSW. Local selective school selection panels have the capacity to use proximity to the school as one of the additional criteria to select students for other years as vacancies arise.
- (4) The Department of Education and Communities is committed to the Year 7 state-wide selection process on academic merit. Each selective high school has a selection panel which determines the criteria in addition to academic merit on which to select additional students for Years 8-11 as places become available.
- (5) As above.

\*3463 PEDESTRIAN CROSSING TRAFFIC SIGNALS—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

- (1) Does the Government require pedestrian crossings across all new legs of traffic signal installations?
- (2) If not, what is the policy for pedestrian crossings at new legs of traffic signal installations?
- (3) To what extent will the Government assess existing traffic signals in the Sydney Electorate and install pedestrian crossings at legs which do not have them?
- (4) What is the Government's policy for automatically activating the pedestrian walk signal at crossings without the need for pedestrians to push a button?
- (5) What assessment has the Government made on expanding the times and locations where pedestrians are not required to push a button to activate the pedestrian walk signal?
- (6) To what extent will the Government assess existing pedestrian crossings in the Sydney electorate which require a pedestrian to push a button to activate the pedestrian walk signal and consider making pedestrian walk signals automatic?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) to (6) This information is publically available on Roads and Maritime Services website at: [www.rms.nsw.gov.au/doingbusinesswithus/downloads/technicalmanuals/trafficsignaldesign](http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/doingbusinesswithus/downloads/technicalmanuals/trafficsignaldesign).

\*3465 MILLERS POINT SOCIAL HOUSING PROPERTIES—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

With respect to the Millers Point social housing properties:

- (1) How many properties in the first program of sales were sold?
- (2) (a) Did these sales raise more than \$18 million?  
(b) If not what funds were realised?
- (3) What housing projects were funded from these sales and how many additional social housing homes were developed with these funds?
- (4) Were these funds used for units in Lilyfield?
- (5) How many properties in the second program of sales have been sold?
- (6) (a) Have these sales realised more than \$22 million as at 28 February 2013?  
(b) If not what funds were realised?
- (7) What housing projects were funded from these sales and how many additional social housing homes were developed with these funds?
- (8) Were these funds allocated for Glebe housing redevelopment?
- (9) How many commercial properties and properties not identified as social housing in Millers Point

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have been sold and what funds were realised from these sales?

- (10) How many residential Lands and Housing Corporation properties in Millers Point and Dawes Point are vacant?
- (11) How many non-residential Lands and Housing Corporation properties in Millers Point and Dawes Point are vacant?
- (12) What funds have been allocated to maintain and repair remaining tenants' homes in Millers Point and Dawes Point?

Answer—

- (1) 16.
- (2) (a) Yes. (b) More than \$18 million of sales proceeds were realised.
- (3) Sales proceeds are pooled and projects are funded from that pool. Sales proceeds realised from Stage 1 contributed to funding of new social housing units.
- (4) Yes.
- (5) 15.
- (6) (a) No.  
(b) LAHC expects to realise approximately \$21 million of sales proceeds from the current Stage 2 sales.
- (7) Sales proceeds realised from Stage 2 contributed to progressing the development at Glebe, and construction of 192 new social housing units.
- (8) See response to Question 7.
- (9) Since 2002, six commercial properties have been sold, generating approximately \$16 million in sales proceeds.
- (10) 28 properties are vacant.
- (11) None.
- (12) Responsive maintenance and maintenance relating to any health and safety issues that may arise is being undertaken as necessary.

\*3466 LOW INCOME HOUSEHOLD REBATE—Mr Ron Hoenig asked the Minister for Resources and Energy, Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Central Coast—

- (1) How many applications were received for the Low Income Household Rebate in 2011-2012?
- (2) How many NSW households received the Low Income Household Rebate in 2011-12?
- (3) What was the Government's total expenditure on the Low Income Household Rebate Program in 2011-12?
- (4) How many households received both the Low Income Household Rebate and the Family Energy Rebate in 2011-12?

Answer—

- (1) to (4) I am surprised the Shadow Minister is not aware that the Family Energy Rebate commenced from 1 July 2012.

\*3467 FAMILY ENERGY REBATE—Mr Ron Hoenig asked the Minister for Resources and Energy, Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Central Coast—

- (1) How many applications did NSW Trade and Investment receive for the Family Energy Rebate in 2011-12?
- (2) How many NSW households received the Family Energy Rebate in 2011-12?
- (3) What was the Government's total expenditure on the Family Energy Rebate program in 2011-12?
- (4) What is the budget for Family Energy Rebates in 2012-13?

Answer—

- (1) to (3) As the Member should be aware, the Family Energy Rebate commenced from 1 July 2012.
- (4) Last year the NSW Government announced a \$210 million assistance package to assist families and households with rising electricity prices. The breakdown of assistance programs is available in the 2012-13 Budget Papers.

\*3468 ENERGY INFORMATION HOTLINE VOUCHERS—Mr Ron Hoenig asked the Minister for Resources and Energy, Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Central Coast—

- (1) How many calls were received on the Energy Information Hotline in 2011-12?
- (2) What community welfare organisations were involved in the distribution of Energy Accounts Payment Assistance in 2011-12?

- (3) How many Energy Vouchers were issued in the period:
  - (a) June 2011 to December 2011?
  - (b) January 2012 to June 2012?
- (4) How many vouchers were redeemed in 2011-12?
- (5) How many requests for additional vouchers were received from Community Welfare Organisations or other groups?
- (6) When did vouchers available to Community Welfare Organisations run out?
- (7) How many vouchers were unused at the end of June 2012?
- (8) How many unissued vouchers are currently available in the Energy Accounts Payment assistance scheme?

Answer—

- (1) 2,747.
- (2) to (8) The previous Government announced in 2009 an additional \$55 million in funding over five years to expand the Energy Accounts Payment Assistance (EAPA) scheme yet never delivered on this promise.

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

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

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

Contrary to the Member's claim, vouchers available to Community Welfare Organisations have not run out.

Further information on the EAPA scheme is available on the Division of Energy's website.

\*3469 PREVENTION OF SMOKING ON RAILWAY PLATFORMS—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Transport—

With regards to the enactment of the Tobacco Legislation Amendment Act 2012:

- (1) What Act covers smoking on railway platforms?
- (2) What penalties may apply and under which Acts?
- (3) What new signage has been erected on railway platforms since the legislation was introduced to inform commuters that smoking is now not permitted on platforms?
- (4) How often are non smoking announcements made?
- (5) Is there a time of day restriction to such announcements?
- (6) Do railway staff have the designated authority to order a commuter to:
  - (a) Extinguish the offending cigarette;
  - (b) Leave the platform?
- (7) What instructions have been given to staff with regards to their powers under the various Acts involved?
- (8) When were these instructions given?
- (9) Have any commuters been fined or charged under any Act for smoking on a railway platform or train since July 1, 2012?
- (10) If so, how many?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Smoking on railway platforms is covered by the Passenger Transport Regulation Act 2007, and also by the Smoke Free Environment Act 2000 which is administered by Health.
- (2) Under Section 51(1) of the Passenger Transport Regulation Act 2007, the on-the-spot penalty is \$300. A penalty of up to \$550 plus court costs can be imposed by a Local Court Magistrate. The same penalty amount can be imposed by a Local Court Magistrate for an offence raised under Section 6A of the Smoke Free Environment Act 2000.
- (3) As the current signage regarding non smoking complies with the legislation, no new signs have been erected.
- (4) Announcements are made frequently and as required by station staff on platforms and concourse areas.
- (5) Some stations on the network in proximity to residential and community areas have restrictions on

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when announcements can be made due to noise pollution issues.

- (6) The Police Transport Command is able to issue an on-the-spot fine.
- (7) Staff receive appropriate training to enable them to fulfil the requirements of their role.
- (8) The instructions were given on 14 February 2013.
- (9) and (10) These questions should be asked of the Minister responsible for the State Debt Recovery Office. RailCorp cannot advise any details of penalty notices issued by NSW Police, or by officers of the Department of Health.

\*3470 PRINCE OF WALES HOSPITAL HYDROTHERAPY POOL—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

With regard to the hydrotherapy pool at Prince of Wales Hospital:

- (1) Has a new charge been introduced for this pool?
- (2) What is the cost of this charge?
- (3) How much of this is claimable on Medicare or private health funds?
- (4) Will you rule out any privatisation of this hydrotherapy facility in the future?

Answer—

I am advised that:

(1) to (4) Prince of Wales Hospital's hydrotherapy pool is used for inpatient and outpatient services at no cost to patients. Community groups also access the pool at no or minimal cost.

Self-management patient classes are held for \$60 for 10 sessions. The charge for single patient classes is \$6. Staff classes are \$7 per session. Staff have the option of purchasing classes in bulk which reduces the cost per session.

No rebate is claimable from Medicare for hydrotherapy services. The amount claimable by a private health fund is determined by the fund and is dependent on a patient's level of cover.

No decision has been made to privatise the hydrotherapy pool, nor is there any current active consideration of a proposal to privatise the hydrotherapy pool.

\*3471 CANTERBURY HOSPITAL STAFFING AND BEDS—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) With regards to staffing and beds at the Telopea Ward at Canterbury Hospital:
- (2) What is the total number of beds available in this ward?
- (3) How many nursing positions as of 20 February 2013 are:
  - (a) established; and
  - (b) filled?
- (4) How many of this number are rostered on;
  - (a) day shift;
  - (b) evening shift; and
  - (c) night shift at any given time?
- (5) Is the Telopea Ward included in the current nurse-to-patient ratio agreements?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) to (2) Telopea Ward has 26 beds available, 24 hours per day, seven days per week.

(3) to (5) The Telopea Ward has an establishment of nursing positions sufficient to support rosters of six nurses on eight hour day shifts, six nurses on eight hour evening shifts, and four nurses on 10 hour night shifts, seven days per week.

\*3472 WAITING TIME FOR KNEE REPLACEMENT—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

Can the Minister provide information on when Mrs Angela Catania, aged 75, who has been on the waiting list at Concord Hospital for a right knee replacement since 28 December 2011, will be getting her knee replacement?

Answer—

I am advised:

Due to an administrative error at the outpatient clinic, the patient was not placed on the hospital waiting

list on 28 December 2011.

The patient's surgery was performed on 25 March 2013.

\*3473 HEALTH WORKER OVERTIME—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

Given that the NSW Auditor General recommends (Volume 11, 2012, page 37) that all Health entities should identify the top 1 per cent overtime earners in 2011-12 and investigate if reliance on these employees is value for money or if patient safety is compromised:

- (1) What directive, if any, to make this happen, has been released by:
  - (a) The Minister's office;
  - (b) NSW Health?
- (2) When was this directive released?
- (3) In what way?
- (4) Will the Minister direct each Local Health District to ensure that all Health workers in NSW follow the AMA safe-hours guidelines?

Answer—

(1) to (3) The Board of each Local Health District, through its independently chaired Audit and Risk Management Committee, is responsible for monitoring implementation of recommendations by external and internal auditors and monitoring the organisation's system of internal control.

Chief Executives are responsible for ensuring that audit recommendations are implemented.

(4) Local Health Districts are required to identify areas where work related fatigue is potentially an issue and then, in consultation with staff, implement strategies to address this risk such as shift and roster design; effective leave management; changes to the working environment; and the provision of staff support.

\*3474 MACQUARIE FIELDS FIRE DANGER—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) What was the fire danger for Macquarie Fields on 14 Jan 2013?
  - (a) Was Macquarie Fields Fire station closed at any time on 14 January 2013?
  - (b) If yes, for how long?
  - (c) For what reason?
  - (d) What alternative measures were used during this time?
- (2) What was the fire danger for Macquarie Fields on 15 Jan 2013?
  - (a) Was Macquarie Fields Fire station closed at any time on 15 January 2013?
  - (b) If yes, for how long?
  - (c) For what reason?
  - (d) What alternative measures were used during this time?

Answer—

Fire & Rescue NSW has advised me:

- (1) Macquarie Fields Fire Station was not closed on 14 January 2013. The station was temporarily taken off line for approximately one hour. A fire engine and crew from Silverwater Fire Station were redeployed to Macquarie Fields. The fire danger on that day was high.
- (2) Macquarie Fields Fire Station was not closed on 15 January 2013. The station was temporarily taken off line for approximately ninety minutes. Fire engine and crews from Liverpool and St Andrews Fire Stations were available to respond to Macquarie Fields if required. The fire danger on that day was low to moderate.

Nevertheless, these arrangements have minimal impact on the response times or fire services to the community and are no different to arrangements that have been standard practice for over 100 years.

\*3475 LIVERPOOL HOSPITAL OPHTHALMOLOGY CLINIC—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

With regards to the Ophthalmology Clinic at Liverpool Hospital:

- (1) How many hours per month is it open?
- (2) How many of the following work in this clinic:

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- (a) registrars;
- (b) consultants?
- (3) How are referrals made?
- (4) Is there a lower age limit to referrals?
- (5) How long is the wait for new patients to be seen?
- (6) How many as yet unseen new patients have waited more than three months for an appointment?
- (7) How many patients were seen in this clinic in
  - (a) October 2012;
  - (b) November 2012;
  - (c) December 2012; and
  - (d) January 2013?

Answer—

(1) to (3) The Liverpool Hospital Ophthalmology Clinic is available 92 hours per month with staffing of three registrars and 11 consultants. Referrals to the Ophthalmology Clinic are made by either a private ophthalmologist or a medical officer within Liverpool Hospital. If deemed urgent a General Practitioner may contact the Liverpool Hospital Eye Registrar directly for a Clinic appointment.

(4) There is no lower age limit for referrals to the Clinic.

(5) to (6) Appointments are made according to clinical urgency and people with the greatest degree of urgency are given priority. The average wait for new patients is two and a half years. 918 patients have been waiting more than three months for an appointment at the Clinic.

(7) The number of patients seen in the Ophthalmology Clinic is as follows:

- (a) October 2012 = 679 patients;
- (b) November 2012 = 1235 patients;
- (c) December 2012 = 1195 patients; and
- (d) January 2013 = 1085 patients.

\*3476 IN HOSPITAL FOOD CHALLENGES—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) Which NSW public hospitals provide in hospital 'food challenges' for children with suspected food allergies?
- (2) What is the average current waiting time for each hospital from date of recommendation from the treating doctor to the date of the in hospital challenge?
- (3) What measures are being taken to reduce this waiting time in each hospital?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) to (3) The Sydney Children's Hospital Network, John Hunter Children's Hospital and Campbelltown Hospital undertake food challenges for paediatric patients.

Hospitals triage patients to ensure the most urgent cases receive the highest priority.

A range of measures are being undertaken to reduce any waiting time. These include streamlining booking processes for patients, improving communication with families, and the exploration of different models of care to support food challenges such as low-risk, nurse-led challenges.

\*3477 AUSTRALIAN VACCINATION NETWORK—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) How many complaints to the Department have been received this year concerning the Australian Vaccination Network?
- (2) How many of those complaints have led to some form of enquiry?
- (3) When can we expect these enquiries to be completed?

Answer—

(1) to (3) The NSW Ministry of Health has received no complaints this year concerning the Australian Vaccination Network.

NSW Health has a strong interest in promoting the public health benefits of immunisation and in ensuring that the community can make informed decisions about immunisation based on the evidence.

In 2013, NSW Health will begin a new immunisation awareness campaign to further educate and inform the community about the importance of ensuring that children are fully immunised on time to prevent vaccine-preventable diseases.

\*3478 MAJOR CAPITAL WORKS PROJECTS FOR SCHOOL REGIONS—Ms Carmel Tebbutt asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) In relation to the Hunter Central Coast region of schools, what projects were nominated for funding under the Major Capital Works process in the 2012-13 year and which projects were successful?
- (2) In relation to the Illawarra and South East region of schools, what projects were nominated for funding under the Major Capital Works process in the 2012-13 year and which projects were successful?
- (3) In relation to the New England region of schools, what projects were nominated for funding under the Major Capital Works process in the 2012-13 year and which projects were successful?
- (4) In relation to the North Coast region of schools, what projects were nominated for funding under the Major Capital Works process in the 2012-13 year and which projects were successful?
- (5) In relation to the Northern Sydney region of schools, what projects were nominated for funding under the Major Capital Works process in the 2012-13 year and which projects were successful?
- (6) In relation to the Riverina region of schools, what projects were nominated for funding under the Major Capital Works process in the 2012-13 year and which projects were successful?
- (7) In relation to the South Western Sydney region of schools, what projects were nominated for funding under the Major Capital Works process in the 2012-13 year and which projects were successful?
- (8) In relation to the Sydney region of schools, what projects were nominated for funding under the Major Capital Works process in the 2012-13 year and which projects were successful?
- (9) In relation to the Western NSW region of schools, what projects were nominated for funding under the Major Capital Works process in the 2012-13 year and which projects were successful?
- (10) In relation to the Western Sydney region of schools, what projects were nominated for funding under the Major Capital Works process in the 2012-13 year and which projects were successful?

Answer—

- (1) to (10) All regions submit numerous nominations for major capital works projects. The following projects were successful:
  - an upgrade project at Collarenebri Central School
  - A project for a new primary school at Lake Cathie
  - An upgrade project for Killara High School
  - A new school in the Canada Bay LGA, the relocation of Wangee Park School and a new primary school in Wentworth Point
  - A project to replace the binidome with a gymnasium with a stage at Georges River College, Peakhurst Campus
  - Projects at Dulwich Hill High School, Newtown Performing Arts High School and Leichhardt Public School received funding under the Sydney Heritage Restoration Program 1
  - An upgrade project for Denison College Bathurst High Campus
  - Projects for a new High School and new School for Specific Purpose at The Ponds were approved in the 2012-13 Budget

\*3479 OVER ESTABLISHMENT TEACHERS IN 2013—Ms Carmel Tebbutt asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) As at the end of February 2013, how many over establishment teachers were there in NSW schools?
- (2) As at the end of February 2013, which schools had over establishment teachers?

Answer—

(1) and (2) Teachers, executive staff and principals are granted nominated transfer status if they are excess to a school's requirements following changing school enrolments or curriculum patterns. Such teaching service staff are appointed to suitable vacancies as soon as possible as they arise throughout the year. Whilst awaiting appointment, nominated transfer applicants may be utilised in schools to offset leave or other vacancies. In these circumstances, these staff are not considered to be over establishment.

As at 29 February 2013, 60 teaching service staff in primary schools (51.1 full time equivalent positions) and 147 teaching service staff in secondary schools (136.9 full time equivalent positions) in 172 NSW public schools were over establishment as they had nominated transfer status but were not offset against leave or other vacancies.



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\*3480 PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM—Ms Carmel Tebbutt asked the Minister for Education—

How many teachers were placed on a Performance Improvement Program in the 2012 calendar year?

Answer—

Seventy eight.

\*3481 PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHER VACANCIES—Ms Carmel Tebbutt asked the Minister for Education—

(1) How many vacant primary school teacher positions are there in NSW schools?

(2) Which primary schools have vacant teacher positions filled by a temporary appointment?

Answer—

Vacancies in schools are filled on an ongoing basis. As at 5 March 2013, the method of filling 119 vacant teaching positions in primary schools was being determined.

If a position in a school does not yet have a permanent occupant, the principal will generally engage a suitably qualified casual or temporary employee.

\*3482 VACANT PRINCIPAL POSITIONS—Ms Carmel Tebbutt asked the Minister for Education—

(1) How many vacant principal positions are there in NSW schools?

(2) Which schools do not have a permanent principal?

Answer—

Any vacant principal positions in government schools are in the process of being filled through merit selection with the exception of a small number of positions that are still to have the method of recruitment determined.

If a principal position in a school does not have a permanent occupant, the school education director arranges for a suitably qualified person to relieve in that position.

\*3483 SPECIAL CLASSES FOR STUDENTS WITH A DISABILITY—Ms Carmel Tebbutt asked the Minister for Education—

For each region:

(1) As at July 2012 how many special classes for students with a disability and/or special needs were there in regular government schools?

(2) How many special classes for students with a disability and/or special needs were there in special schools?

Answer—

Region	Special Classes in Regular Schools	Special classes in special schools
Hunter, Central Coast	212	93
Illawarra and South East	209	58
New England	54	16
North Coast	152	16
North Sydney	60	85
Riverina	51	36
South Western Sydney	303	211
Sydney	113	100
Western NSW	165	34
Western Sydney	258	147

\*3484 VACANT HIGH SCHOOL TEACHING POSITIONS—Ms Carmel Tebbutt asked the Minister for Education—

(1) How many vacant high school teacher positions are there in NSW ?

(2) For each high school which has a vacant teacher position filled by a temporary appointment, what are the number, the subject area and whether the vacancy is for a head teacher or regular teacher position?

Answer—

(1) Vacancies in schools are filled on an ongoing basis. As at 5 March 2013, the method of filling 95

vacant teaching positions in secondary schools was being determined.

- (2) Of the 95 vacant teaching positions, there were 72 classroom teacher positions and 23 head teacher positions.

Where a classroom teacher position is not yet permanently filled, the principal will generally engage a suitably qualified casual or temporary employee. For vacant executive staff and principal positions, the principal or school education director arranges for a suitably qualified person to relieve in that position.

\*3485 SCHOOL INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS—Ms Carmel Tebbutt asked the Minister for Education—

For each Department of Education and Communities Region, what proportion of the highest priority minor school infrastructure projects put forward in 2012 were provided with funding?

Answer—

All of the Department of Education and Communities Regions' highest priority minor capital works in 2012-13 were funded.

\*3486 ILLAWARRA REGIONAL TRANSPORT PLAN—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Transport—

- (1) On what date will the process commence to develop a Regional Transport Plan for the Illawarra?
- (2) How long will the process take to develop the plan?
- (3) What stakeholders will be involved in developing the plan?
- (4) Which department or agency will drive the development of the plan?
- (5) Will a draft of the plan be released for further consultations during the development stage?
- (6) On what date will the plan be finalised and released?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Work on the Illawarra Regional Transport Plan is already underway.
- (2) All 10 Regional Transport Plans are expected for release in 2013.
- (3) Transport for NSW is working closely with the Department of Planning and Infrastructure to develop the Regional Transport Plans, and to ensure alignment with Regional Strategies. Other Stakeholders involved include:
  - Southern Councils Group
  - TfNSW Regional Transport Coordinator (Illawarra)
  - RMS Illawarra Regional Manager
  - TfNSW Regional Manager South
  - Illawarra Regional Development Australia
  - DPC Illawarra/South East Senior Regional Coordinator.
- (4) Transport for NSW.
- (5) There has been considerable consultation during the development of the NSW Long Term Transport Master Plan and the Regional Transport Plan will draw on information gathered as part of that process.
- (6) All 10 Regional Transport Plans are expected for release in 2013.

\*3487 LOCAL GOVERNMENT AMALGAMATIONS—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Local Government, and Minister for the North Coast—

What plans does the Government have to amalgamate the local government areas of Wollongong, Shellharbour and Kiama?

Answer—

At the request of the then Local Government and Shires Associations of NSW (now Local Government NSW), I established the Independent Local Government Review Panel to investigate and identify options for governance models, structural arrangements and boundary changes for local government in NSW.

In identifying options, the Panel has been asked to take into account the Liberal-National's 2011 election policy of no forced amalgamations and consider barriers and incentives to encourage voluntary boundary changes.

My position on the issue of forced amalgamations was recently outlined in my media release of 21 March 2013.

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\*3488 HEALTH PLANS FOR ILLAWARRA AND SOUTH COAST—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) Why is the upgrade of Shellharbour Hospital not listed under the health initiatives outlined in the Illawarra and South Coast Regional Action Plan?
- (2) On what date is the Minister expected to receive the clinician and Asset Management Plan from the Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District?
- (3) On what date will the Minister announce the Government's decisions on the Health Care Services Plan published by the Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District?

Answer—

(1) to (3) One of the NSW Government's first decisions was to devolve authority to the local level through the establishment of fifteen Local Health Districts and three Specialty Health Networks with governing boards so that decisions about health care are made close to patients by local representatives who know and understand their communities, and have control of their budgets.

When the Regional Action Plan was being developed, consultation around the Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District's Health Care Services plan had not yet been completed. Under the Regional Action Plan, the Local Health District was to produce a District-wide health care services plan, which has now been delivered, and in which Shellharbour Hospital has an important role into the future.

Implementation of the District's 10-year health care services plan, "Working Together Building Healthy Futures", will be through a range of issue-specific and enabling plans that will provide the service level details on the action required to achieve the District's vision over the next decade. Development of these plans, including an aged care services plan and an asset strategic plan, has commenced.

\*3489 LAKE ILLAWARRA AUTHORITY—Ms Anna Watson asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Trade and Investment, and Minister for Regional Infrastructure and Services—

- (1) When will the Minister release the report and recommendations into the review of the Lake Illawarra Authority?
- (2) (a) Will the Minister also release the submissions received by the review?  
(b) If not, why not?
- (3) How many individuals and organisations provided submissions to the review?
- (4) (a) Will the report's recommendations be subject to further public consultations?  
(b) If not, why not?

Answer—

(1) to (4) I have not yet received the report and recommendations into the review of the Lake Illawarra Authority.

\*3490 ILLAWARRA AND SOUTH COAST BUS AND CITYRAIL TIMETABLES—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Transport—

- (1) On what date will the process to review the bus and CityRail timetables across the Illawarra and South Coast commence?
- (2) How long will the process take?
- (3) What consultations will take place as part of this review?
- (4) On what date will the review be finalised?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) to (4)The timetable review process is an ongoing exercise, taking into account customer feedback, patronage, operational data and other activities such as the extensive Long Term Transport Master Plan consultations. The process will be completed in time for implementation of a new transport timetable in late 2013.

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\*3492 COAL TRANSPORTATION IN NSW AND THE HUNTER—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Resources and Energy, Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Central Coast—

With regard to the transportation of coal in NSW and the Hunter:

- (1) What percentage of coal in NSW is transported by rail?
- (2) What percentage of coal in NSW is transported by road?
- (3) What percentage of coal in the Hunter is transported by rail?
- (4) What percentage of coal in the Hunter is transported by road?

Answer—

- (1) to (4) This information is publically available in the NSW Coal Industry Profile.

\*3493 COAL SEAM GAS LICENCE PEL 267—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Resources and Energy, Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Central Coast—

With regard to Coal Seam Gas Exploration Licence known as PEL 267 with an expiry date of 19 January 2012:

- (1) Was the coal seam gas exploration licence known as PEL 267 renewed?
- (2) If PEL 267 was renewed, what is the new expiry date?
- (3) Were there any condition changes applied to licence PEL 267 at renewal in 2012?
- (4) What percentage of the licence granted in 1984 remains under licence?
- (5) What areas are covered by PEL 267?
- (6) What areas have been relinquished from PEL 267 since the licence was granted in 1984?

Answer—

- (1) to (6) PEL 267 was granted in 1984.

In September last year, the NSW Government announced an offer of renewal would be extended to the licence holder of PEL 267. This licence is yet to be renewed.

\*3494 CELLAR DOOR SUBSIDY—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Hospitality and Racing, and Minister for the Arts—

With regard to the Cellar Door Subsidy that has been removed from the 2012-13 NSW Budget:

- (1) What was the total cost of this program in 2011-12?
- (2) How many cellar doors in NSW are affected by and received the Cellar Door Subsidy in 2011-12?
- (3) How many of these affected cellar doors are located in the Hunter Valley?
- (4) What was the total value of the Cellar Door Subsidy directly forwarded to wineries in the Hunter Valley?
- (5) When were the wineries, affected by the removal of the Cellar Door Subsidy, notified that the program would no longer be funded?

Answer—

- (1) \$6,020,510.
- (2) 23.
- (3) 15.
- (4) \$5,272,972.
- (5) April 2012.

\*3495 WINE EQUALISATION TAX—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Hospitality and Racing, and Minister for the Arts—

With regard to the Wine Equalisation Tax (WET) that affects the Wine Industry of NSW:

- (1) Before the WET was introduced, did the Government levy a 15% tax on alcohol sales through State Business Franchise fees and were cellar doors subject to these fees?
- (2) In what year were these fees deemed unconstitutional by the High Court?
- (3) By agreement between the Government and the Federal Government of the time, what impact did this High Court Ruling have on the federal sales tax applied to alcohol sales?
- (4) (a) Did the Federal Government of the time return a portion of the sales tax collected, back to NSW, with the intent of this funding being forwarded to cellar door retailers?  
(b) If so, why was this arrangement reached and at what rate/value was the funding returned to NSW?
- (5) (a) When did this sales tax arrangement between the Government and the Federal Government cease?  
(b) Why did this cease?

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- (6) In what year was the WET introduced?
- (7) (a) Does the WET have a built in component that allows specific funds to be channeled back to the NSW and then on to cellar doors by agreement between the Government and the Federal Government?
- (b) If not, what source of funding has been used by the Government to fulfill the Cellar Door Subsidy?
- (8) What change in process or taxation, that would affect the source of funding used by the governments of the past decade to deliver the Cellar Door Subsidy, has there been to make the Cellar Door Subsidy un-deliverable in 2012-13?

Answer—

- (1) Up until 1997, liquor purchases made by liquor licensees were subject to liquor licence fees based upon 15 per cent of the value of the purchases. Cellar door sales made by winemakers were not subject to liquor licence fees.
- (2) 1997.
- (3) Changes were made in 1997 to increase wholesale sales taxes imposed by the Commonwealth on liquor (from 26 per cent to 41 per cent) to offset the abolition of State based liquor licence fees.
- (4) (a) Under safety net arrangements implemented in 1997, the increased wholesale sales tax was returned to the States to offset revenue foregone due to the abolition of liquor licence fees. Given the time that has passed since then, it is not possible to be certain of the intent of the then Federal Government when forwarding this funding to NSW.
- (b) See above.
- (5) (a) Wholesale sales tax was abolished with the introduction of the Commonwealth's A New Tax System in 2000, which also introduced the Goods and Services Tax.
- (b) See above.
- (6) 2000.
- (7) (a) No.
- (b) Funding for the cellar door subsidy scheme was provided by NSW Treasury.
- (8) The decision to abolish the cellar door subsidy scheme was informed by a range of considerations, including the transitional nature of the scheme that had been in place for 15 years, the limited scope of the scheme which only applied to large winemakers, and the context of the Government's budget.

\*3496 ECONOMIC ASSESSMENT OF MINING AFFECTED COMMUNITIES ROYALTIES FIGURES—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Trade and Investment, and Minister for Regional Infrastructure and Services—

With reference to the Economic Assessment of Mining Affected Communities, dated February 2013 and the Economic Assessment of Mining Affected Communities, dated December 2011:

Can the Minister explain the inconsistencies in the figures of royalties received between the 2011 and the 2013 reports at Figure 1 in both reports, being the royalties received for the 2010-11 period for each of the local areas below:

- (1) Cessnock: Royalties received reported in the 2011 report \$25 million, in 2013 \$1 million;
- (2) Lake Macquarie: Royalties received reported in the 2011 report \$50 million, in 2013 \$1 million;
- (3) Wollongong: Royalties received reported in the 2011 report \$40 million, in 2013 \$2 million;
- (4) Wollondilly: Royalties received reported in the 2011 report \$40 million, in 2013 \$60 million;
- (5) Cobar: Royalties received reported in the 2011 report \$15 million, in 2013 \$48 million;
- (6) Bland: Royalties received reported in the 2011 report \$10 million, in 2013 \$50 million?

Answer—

(1) to (6) The 2011 royalties figure for these Local Government Areas were not displayed correctly in Figure 1 of the 2012 Assessment and documents are being amended accordingly. However, actual calculations in both the 2011 and 2012 assessments were based on the correct data in these LGAs, as under:

Cessnock \$28.0 million

Lake Macquarie \$55.3 million

Wollongong \$45.8 million

Wollondilly \$38.5 million

Cobar \$17.9 million

Bland \$12.2 million

\*3497 COAL SEAM GAS EXPLORATION LICENCE PEL 267—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 coal seam gas exploration licence known as PEL 267:

- (1) Will PEL 267 be affected in any way by The Strategic Regional Land Use Policy which was released 11 September 2012?
- (2) Will PEL 267 be affected in any way by measures to further strengthen the regulation of the Coal Seam Gas industry in NSW announced by the Premier and Deputy Premier on 19 February 2013?

Answer—

This question should be directed to the Minister for Resources and Energy.

\*3498 ECONOMIC ASSESSMENT OF MINING AFFECTED COMMUNITIES SURVEY—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Trade and Investment, and Minister for Regional Infrastructure and Services—

With regard to Economic Assessment of Mining Affected Communities (February 2013), pages 4 and 5, under the heading Redefinition of Mining Affected:

- (1) When was the Minister informed that the Local Government and Shires Association would be used to disperse a survey to assist the Working Group to categorise LGA's for the purpose of the 2012 assessment?
- (2) Did the Minister subsequently approve this approach?
- (3) What factors did the Minister consider as to whether it was appropriate for the Working Party to outsource the survey process to the LGSA?
- (4) Was every council in NSW approached and provided with a survey?
- (5) On what date(s) was information and the survey sent out to councils and on what date(s) was it due back for consideration by the Working Party?
- (6) How does Newcastle satisfy the criteria listed that "(i) LGAs that neighbour active mining areas and provide dormitory services and/or are used as transport thoroughfares" when neighbouring LGA's have been classified as Tier 3, Tier 4 and two non-Mining Affected, which means none of the surrounding LGAs qualify?
- (7) What percentage of coal in NSW is transported by truck?
- (8) What percentage of coal in NSW is transported by rail?

Answer—

- (1) The mechanics of the survey were operational decisions of the Working Group of Senior Officials charged with undertaking the assessment.
- (2) See answer to (1).
- (3) See answer to (1).
- (4) The Local Government & Shires Association was approached by the Working Group to distribute the survey to all local government authorities in NSW.
- (5) The survey was distributed electronically on 27 September 2012. Completed surveys were accepted until 19 October 2012.
- (6) The Working Group determined that mining related truck movements in a particular Local Government Area (LGA) was the best proxy measure for the indirect impact of mining activity.
- (7) and (8) Please refer to the response by Minister Hartcher to Question on Notice 3492.

\*3499 CONTROL AND AUTHORITY OF CELLAR DOOR SUBSIDY—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Hospitality and Racing, and Minister for the Arts—

With regard to control and authority of the budget allocated to fund the Cellar Door Subsidy:

- (1) Does your Ministry have the authority and control over the funding of Cellar Door Subsidy?
- (2) In 2011-12 was the Cellar Door Subsidy funded from within your portfolio budget?
- (3) If the authority and funding for the Cellar Door Subsidy is not within your portfolio, in which Ministry does it sit?
- (4) If the authority and funding for the Cellar Door Subsidy is not within your portfolio, as Minister for Tourism and Hospitality, were you consulted prior to the removal of the Cellar Door Subsidy?
- (5) If the authority and funding for the Cellar Door Subsidy is not within your portfolio, as Minister for Tourism and Hospitality, were you provided with any impact statements to demonstrate that the

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removal of the Cellar Door Subsidy would not have a negative impact on the tourism and hospitality industries of NSW?

Answer—

- (1) The Department of Trade and Investment, Regional Infrastructure and Services was responsible for administering the Cellar Door Subsidy scheme before it was wound up on 30 June 2012.
- (2) The Department of Trade and Investment, Regional Infrastructure and Services was responsible for paying subsidies, with amounts subsequently recouped from NSW Treasury.
- (3) Not applicable.
- (4) Not applicable.
- (5) Not applicable.

\*3500 CONTROL AND AUTHORITY OF CELLAR DOOR SUBSIDY—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Trade and Investment, and Minister for Regional Infrastructure and Services—

With regard to control and authority of the budget allocated to fund the Cellar Door Subsidy:

- (1) Does the Ministry have the authority and control over the funding of Cellar Door Subsidy?
- (2) In 2011-12 was the Cellar Door Subsidy funded from within your portfolio budget?
- (3) If the authority and funding for the Cellar Door Subsidy is not within the Minister's portfolio, in which Ministry does it sit?
- (4) If the authority and funding for the Cellar Door Subsidy is not within the Minister's portfolio, as Minister for Trade and Investment, and Regional Infrastructure and Services, was the Minister consulted prior to the removal of the Cellar Door Subsidy?
- (5) If the authority and funding for the Cellar Door Subsidy is not within the Minister's portfolio, as Minister for Trade and Investment, and Regional Infrastructure and Services, was the Minister provided with any impact statements to demonstrate that the removal of the Cellar Door Subsidy would not have a negative impact on the regional industries of NSW?

Answer—

- (1) The Department of Trade and Investment, Regional Infrastructure and Services was responsible for administering the Cellar Door Subsidy scheme before it was wound up on 30 June 2012.
- (2) The Department of Trade and Investment, Regional Infrastructure and Services was responsible for paying subsidies for this Federal taxation impost, with amounts subsequently recouped from NSW Treasury.
- (3) Not applicable.
- (4) Not applicable.
- (5) Not applicable.

\*3501 KIDS SYSTEM—Ms Linda Burney asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

With the cessation of the \$9 million Assist program:

- (1) Does the Minister plan to undertake a new project to address the ongoing problems with the KiDS system?
- (2) What funding has been allocated for this project?
- (3) When will it begin?
- (4) When will it be completed?

Answer—

The KIDS system is being improved, with caseworkers' input, to reduce the administrative burden so caseworkers can spend more time visiting children.

\*3503 VACANT CASEWORKER POSITIONS—Ms Linda Burney asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

- (1) Does Family and Community Services fill vacant caseworker positions when they are caused by a caseworker taking maternity leave?
- (2) Does Family and Community Services fill vacant caseworker positions when they are caused by a caseworker being seconded or deployed to another role in the department?

Answer—

Community Services' backfilling is unchanged from what it was under the previous Government.

\*3504 RAINBOW CROSSING AT TAYLOR SQUARE—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

With regard to the rainbow crossing at Taylor Square on a one month trial:

- (1) How many people have contacted the Government in support of making the crossing permanent?
- (2) How will the Government consider the tourism benefits of the rainbow crossing as part of its decision?
- (3) What other issues will the Government assess as part of its decision?
- (4) If there are no negative safety impacts, does the Government support keeping the rainbow crossing?

Answer—

I am advised:

City of Sydney Council agreed to a one month trial of a rainbow crossing on Oxford Street, as part of the 2013 Sydney Mardi Gras celebrations. Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) approved a trial of the rainbow crossing under the condition it was removed at the end of March.

Further, City of Sydney Council carried out a safety evaluation of the trial, and identified unsafe pedestrian behaviour including people lying on the road to take photographs. This behaviour warrants removal of the markings as per the current approval which was valid until 31 March 2013.

RMS has offered to work with City of Sydney to design a suitable rainbow style scheme along Oxford Street that recognises its cultural significance without compromising road safety, including the use of footpaths and/or street furniture, such as smart poles, seating and traffic light control boxes.

\*3505 INFORMATION COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Small Business—

- (1) What action has the Small Business Commissioner taken to help small businesses use information communication technology to access global business opportunities?
- (2) How does the Small Biz Connect ensure that small businesses it works with are maximising use of information communication technology to expand their market?
- (3) What other action in the last two years has the Government taken to help small businesses embrace the digital economy?

Answer—

- (1) Almost 60 full time equivalent Small Biz Connect experts are delivering practical face-to-face support to small businesses across NSW, tailored to meet their particular local needs. This may include advice on exporting and the use of Information Communication Technology. Business advisors have strong local networks and can connect small business owners with ICT experts in their local area.
- (2) Business advisors sit down with a small business owner to establish priorities for the business. Advisors provide expert advice and ongoing support and can assist small businesses to establish or enhance an online presence, or to introduce new technologies and systems.
- (3) The NSW Government has developed a Digital Economy Action Plan, which outlines a vision and strategy for the NSW digital economy over the next decade. More information on the Digital Economy Strategy can be found at: <http://www.business.nsw.gov.au/doing-business-in-nsw/industry-action-plans/digital-economy>.

\*3507 BOTANY BAY LOCAL AREA COMMAND—Mr Ron Hoenig 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—

Does the Minister or the Government have any intention to merge or amalgamate the Botany Bay Local Area Command with any other Local Area Command?

Answer—

I am advised by the NSW Police Force that it has no plans for the merger of the Botany Bay Local Area Command at this time.

\*3508 AIRPORT RESERVE CONNECTING ROAD—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

- (1) Is the Minister aware of plans to construct a connecting road through the Airport Reserve at Bankstown Airport to Milperra Road?
- (2) Will the Government act to prevent the construction of such a road to prevent a potential increase in



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congestion on Milperra Road?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) and (2) The land is owned by the Department of Primary Industries and under the care and control of Bankstown City Council. Roads and Maritime Services raises no technical objections for the new road connection.

\*3509 STRATA AND COMMUNITY TITLE LAW REVIEW—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Fair Trading—

- (1) What is the current status of the Strata and Community Title Law Review being undertaken by NSW Fair Trading?
- (2) When does the Government expect to introduce legislation to amend Strata and Community Title Laws in NSW?

Answer—

The NSW Government's strata and community title law review is the largest consultation process ever conducted by Fair Trading. It covers five separate Acts and five associated Regulations, with more than 1,500 provisions covering 926 pages. As part of the public engagement with this important reform, a discussion paper was released on 15 September 2012 identifying a broad range of issues and possible options for legislative reform. More than 1,900 submissions have been received from a broad cross section of stakeholders, including owners, managing agents and tenants.

I have continued to receive regular correspondence about matters raised in the discussion paper, and all submissions and comments are being taken into consideration as part of the review process.

To ensure that the Government is in a position to finalise a package of legislative reforms that will meet the current and future needs of the strata sector, we have also consulted closely with key strata stakeholder organisations and strata industry experts through a series of roundtable discussions held in February and March this year.

The current Government reform process has already progressed further than the two previous reviews on strata and community title, both of which were commenced by the previous Government, but were never delivered upon.

\*3510 LOCAL AREA COMMAND MERGERS—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—

Given that the Government has decided not to proceed with its plans to merge Botany Bay Local Area Command and St George Local Area Command, will the Government now rule out merging Bankstown and Campsie Local Area Commands?

Answer—

I am advised by the NSW Police Force that it has no plans to merge the Bankstown and Campsie Local Area Commands at this time.

\*3511 RECOGNITION OF THE RIGHTS OF VOLUNTEERS REPORT—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

- (1) When will the Government release the Recognition of the Rights of Volunteers report received by the Government last year?
- (2) Will the Government commit to make all of the findings contained within this report public?
- (3) Will the Government commit to implement a formal system of protection for the rights of volunteers in NSW?

Answer—

(1) I released the Recognition of the Rights of Volunteers report on 20 March 2013.

(2) Yes, the report is identical to the one that I received on 5 December 2012, Volunteer Day.

(3) The NSW Government will respond in due course.

\*3512 BOARDING HOUSE REGISTRATION—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Fair Trading—

How many boarding houses and boarding house operators have registered with the Government since January 2013?

Answer—

The details of boarding houses and operators that have registered since 1 January 2013 are publicly available on the NSW Fair Trading website.

\*3513 PROPERTY DAMAGE EXPLOITATION PREVENTION—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Fair Trading—

What action will NSW Fair Trading take to prevent unlicensed tradesman and fraudsters taking advantage of those who suffered property damage during the recent bush fire season?

Answer—

NSW Fair Trading conducts regular targeted compliance and education programs in communities affected by natural disasters. These operations may be initiated by Fair Trading staff acting proactively, in response to complaints and tip offs from the public, or based on information received from other organisations.

It is widely known that residents affected by extreme weather events and experiencing significant damage to their property are at greater risk of being targeted by scammers and unlicensed tradespeople offering repair services. Homeowners are often unaware of their rights and the protections and safeguards available, such as ensuring that contractors are licensed, enactment of written contracts, maximum deposit amounts that can be requested and understanding of the occurrence of scams.

NSW Fair Trading responds quickly to such weather events and works cooperatively with other state services to monitor the situation and determine the need and timing of media warnings, publications and education campaigns. The traditional mainstream media – TV, radio and print – are the channels of choice for such messaging. Where possible, Fair Trading will also have people on the ground, working with communities and emergency services to ensure people know where to turn for assistance. All messages delivered stress the importance of checking trade licences and product safety warnings.

\*3514 CONSUMER COMPLAINT INCREASES—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Fair Trading—

In reference to the recent announcement by NSW Fair Trading of the Top Ten Consumer Complaints 2012:

- (1) What action will the Minister take to address the significant increase in the instance of consumer complaints in the category "Electrical, electronic, white goods and gas appliances" from 2,611 in 2011 to 4,253 in 2012?
- (2) (a) Has the Minister sought advice as to the likely reasons for this increase?  
(b) If so, what are the reasons reported?

Answer—

NSW Fair Trading advises me that this is the second year these products have topped the list of the most complained about product or service. Fair Trading remains concerned that many retailers in this sector are not fulfilling their obligations under the Australian Consumer Law.

Over and above responding to identified concerns through its regular compliance operations and trader education activities, Fair Trading is involved in a national project to develop the Australian Consumer Law Guide for Electrical and Whitegoods. This Guide will cover key aspects of the law such as refunds, replacements and repairs and has been developed in consultation with industry and consumer stakeholders. The Guide will be released shortly and is expected to be an effective tool in improving industry participants' understanding of their obligations under the Australian Consumer Law.

\*3515 SECOND HAND DRIFT SMOKE—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Fair Trading—

In reference to the campaign Stop the Smoke:

- (1) How many inquiries and items of correspondence have been received by NSW Fair Trading since March 2011 regarding the issue of second hand drift smoke in strata residences?
- (2) What is the total number of submissions received at each stage of the ongoing review of Strata and Community Title Laws which addressed the issue of second hand drift smoke in strata residences?

Answer—

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options for legislative reform. More than 1,900 submissions have been received from a broad cross section of stakeholders, including owners, managing agents and tenants.

Since March 2011, letters received by Fair Trading concerning smoking in strata schemes have been accepted as submissions to inform the strata and community title law review.

\*3516 BUILDER SHORTAGES—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Fair Trading—

In regard to Master Builders Association estimates that 80,000 builders throughout Australia will retire by the end of the decade, what action will the Government take to address the possible shortage of builders in NSW?

Answer—

NSW Fair Trading is responsible for the regulation of the home building industry, including licensing as covered by the Home Building Act 1989. A comprehensive review of the Act is currently underway.

The Department of Education and Communities is responsible for builder workforce development and education in NSW. As such, the question should be directed to my colleague, the Hon Adrian Piccoli MP, Minister for Education.

\*3517 MOTORCYCLIST E-TAGS—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

- (1) Can the Minister provide a timeline for implementing a better e-tag solution for motorcyclists?
- (2) What specific solutions are the Government considering?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) and (2) In November 2012, Roads and Maritime Services introduced a new tagless product specifically designed for motorcyclists called ERider.

\*3518 WHOLE OF TRANSPORT BRANDING STRATEGY—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

How much funding has been allocated to develop a "whole of transport" branding strategy?

Answer—

I am advised:

The approved budget for developing a whole of transport brand strategy is \$35,000.

\*3519 DUNMORE STATION SHARED BICYCLE AND PREDESTRIAN CROSSING—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport—

In relation to the recent NSW Shell Cove Station Review of environmental factors:

- (1) Does the Government plan to close the shared bicycle and pedestrian crossing at Dunmore Station?
- (2) If so, when was this decision made?
- (3) What were the factors determining this decision?
- (4) Will the Government provide an alternative crossing in this area?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) to (4) No.

\*3520 ROADS AND MARITIME SERVICES EXTERNAL REVENUE TARGETS—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

Given that Roads and Maritime Services external revenue targets for 2012-13 have been set at \$690 million, up from \$514 million in the previous year:

What increases have occurred in the following areas to lead to this new target:

- (1) Harbour Bridge toll receipts;
- (2) Tunnel toll receipts;
- (3) Rental income;
- (4) External commercial services;
- (5) Advertising; and
- (6) E-tag revenue?

Answer—

I am advised:

Revenue figures can be found in Roads and Maritime Services annual reports.

\*3521 AUBURN RAILWAY STATION UPGRADES—Mrs Barbara Perry asked the Minister for Transport—

- (1) Since March 2011 what upgrades have been undertaken at Auburn Railway station?
- (2) What was the cost for each project of work undertaken?

Answer—

I am advised:

An announcement was made in 2012 that Auburn Station under the Transport Access Program would have an Interchange upgrade which includes a new awning, upgraded kiss and ride facilities and better pedestrian access. Construction is scheduled to commence in the second quarter of 2013.

\*3522 AMY STREET OVERBRIDGE—Mrs Barbara Perry asked the Minister for Transport—

In reference to Auburn City council's decision regarding the upgrade of the Amy St overbridge:

- (1) Will the \$600,000 allocated for this bridge in the 2010-11 State budget be spent?
- (2) Will this money go to Auburn City Council?
- (3) What works are the council required to undertake with the money?
- (4) Is any additional money being given for this project?
  - (a) If so, how much?
  - (b) If so, for what purpose or specific works?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) and (2) This is a matter for Auburn City Council.
- (3) Council is responsible for funding and constructing the new 4-lane bridge.
- (4) (a) to (b) In February 2013, RailCorp advised Council that it would provide a funding contribution for this project.

In addition to the funding contribution, RailCorp will also support the project by undertaking the enabling works, such as services relocation.

\*3523 AGEING, DISABILITY AND HOME CARE HOURS—Mrs Barbara Perry asked the Minister for Ageing, and Minister for Disability Services—

- (1) How many Ageing, Disability and Home Care attendant care hours were not delivered in the last financial year?
- (2) What savings does this represent?

Answer—

I am advised by the department that all hours, places and funds under Ageing, Disability and Home Care Attendant Care were allocated to clients in 2011-12.

\*3524 BERALA RAILWAY STATION—Mrs Barbara Perry asked the Minister for Transport—

- (1) When will a full easy upgrade access for Berala Railway Station be provided?
- (2) When will Berala Station be upgraded?
- (3) What priority do the above upgrades have against other stations?
- (4) Will any upgrade comply with the relevant disability legislation?

Answer—

I am advised:

On 23 April 2012, the NSW Government announced a new Transport Access Program which will deliver accessible, modern, secure and integrated transport infrastructure where it is needed most. This includes station upgrades, better interchanges, ferry wharf upgrades and commuter car parks. The Transport Access Program includes a commitment of more than \$770 million which are prioritised against specific criteria.

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

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\*3525 CENTRAL COAST MENTAL HEALTH THERAPY TEAM—Mrs Barbara Perry asked the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Healthy Lifestyles, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

In relation to the success of the Central Coast Mental Health Therapy Team and the waiting lists for its services:

- (1) Why is the Minister allowing the recent changes which will effectively disperse the team?
- (2) What consultation was undertaken with the professionals on the team before the decision was made?
- (3) Has the Minister spoken to any of the professionals on the team about their opinion of the impact of any changes on their work?
- (4) Who made the decision to disperse the team and on what basis?
- (5) What steps are being taken to address the concerns of the professionals in the team or those in the community about the disbandment of the team?

Answer—

I am advised that:

(1) to (5)

In August/September 2012, the Central Coast Local Health District commissioned an independent review of the organisational structure, models of services delivery and governance systems of the Local Health District's Mental Health Services.

Recommendations from the review were favourable towards amalgamating the Therapy Team with other components of the Central Coast Mental Health Service, and a number of other changes resulting in more clinically focused positions in community mental health, within a new organisational structure.

Current workforce levels will not be reduced as a result of the proposed restructure and there will be no reduction in services provided to the community on the Central Coast.

Extensive consultation has occurred with the District Executive, mental health staff, consumer consultants, NSW Nurses and Midwives' Association, Health Services Union and the Australian Salaried Medical Officers Federation.

The decision to amalgamate the services was made to improve the multidisciplinary mental health services provided to the Central Coast community.

The amalgamation is yet to be finalised however it has been approved by the Central Coast Local Health District Board.

\*3526 DISABILITY ORGANISATION PROCUREMENT—Mrs Barbara Perry asked the Minister for Local Government, and Minister for the North Coast—

In relation to Government policy that encourages public sector agencies to procure goods and services from disability employment organisations:

- (1) What goods and services have been procured from disability organisations from June 2011 to April 2012 for each department or agency under the Minister's administration?
- (2) Which disability organisations have been procured from?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Division of Local Government sent a circular to all Councils in NSW encouraging them to procure goods and services from disability employment organisations in January 2012.

A copy of the circular is available on the DLG website at <http://www.dlg.nsw.gov.au/>.

\*3528 COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

Which members of the Community Relations Commission were appointed in 2012?

Answer—

In 2012 Mr Felice Montrone, Ms Angelique Ristweij, and Ms Dai Le were appointed, and Mr Jihad Dib was re-appointed.

\*3529 COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION MEMBERS—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

Which members of the Community Relations Commission are also members of the NSW Liberal Party?

Answer—

Membership of a political party is not a criterion for appointment.

\*3530 COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION MEMBER DONATIONS—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

- (1) Which members of the Community Relations Commission made political donations to the NSW Liberal Party and Liberal Parliamentary Members in 2011?
- (2) Which members of the Community Relations Commission made political donations to the NSW Liberal Party and Liberal Parliamentary Members in 2012?

Answer—

Any political donations made by members of the Community Relations Commission is a private matter and does not require disclosure to the Commission.

\*3531 2011 MULTICULTURAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEES MEMBER DONATIONS—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

Which members of the following Multicultural Consultative Committees made political donations to the NSW Liberal Party and Liberal Parliamentary Members in 2011:

- (1) Chinese;
- (2) Egyptian;
- (3) Filipino;
- (4) Greek;
- (5) Indian;
- (6) Italian;
- (7) Jewish;
- (8) Korean;
- (9) Lebanese;
- (10) Macedonian;
- (11) Maori and Pacific Island Communities;
- (12) Russian;
- (13) Sri Lankan;
- (14) Vietnamese; and
- (15) Croatian?

Answer—

Any political donations made by members of the Ministerial Consultative Committee is a private matter and does not require disclosure, further, membership of a political party is not a criterion for appointment.

\*3532 2012 MULTICULTURAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER DONATIONS—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

Which members of the following Multicultural Consultative Committees made political donations to the NSW Liberal Party and Liberal Parliamentary Members in 2012:

- (1) Chinese;
- (2) Egyptian;
- (3) Filipino;
- (4) Greek;
- (5) Indian;
- (6) Italian;
- (7) Jewish;
- (8) Korean;
- (9) Lebanese;
- (10) Macedonian;
- (11) Maori and Pacific Island Communities;
- (12) Russian;
- (13) Sri Lankan;
- (14) Vietnamese; and
- (15) Croatian?

Answer—

Any political donations made by members of the Ministerial Consultative Committee is a private matter

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and does not require disclosure, further, membership of a political party is not a criterion for appointment.

\*3533 MULTICULTURAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE PROGRAM BUDGET—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

- (1) What was the budget allocated to the Multicultural Consultative Committee program in 2011-2012?
- (2) What was the total cost of administrating the Multicultural Consultative Committee program in 2011-2012?
- (3) How much is allocated to the Multicultural Consultative Committee program for the 2012-2013 period?

Answer—

Funding for the Ministerial Consultative Committees has been and will be met within existing resources.

\*3535 CHESTER HILL NORTH PUBLIC SCHOOL FLASHING LIGHTS—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

- (1) When will the next allocation of flashing lights in school zones be announced?
- (2) Will Chester Hill North Public School receive flashing lights this financial year?

Answer—

I am advised:

Schools with flashing lights, or identified for flashing lights, are published on the Roads and Maritime Services website.

\*3536 HOSPITAL INTERPRETERS—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) How many interpreters were employed in the following hospitals in 2011-2012:

- (a) Westmead;
- (b) Blacktown;
- (c) Bankstown;
- (d) Fairfield;
- (e) Auburn;
- (f) Campbelltown;
- (g) Ryde;
- (h) Concord;
- (i) Nepean;
- (j) St George;
- (k) Royal Prince Alfred;
- (l) Prince of Wales; and
- (m) Royal North Shore?

- (2) How many interpreters are employed in the same hospitals in 2012-13?

Answer—

- (1) and (2)

Local Health Districts employ interpreters to work across their services, and hence they are not employed by individual hospitals. Interpreters are employed by Local Health Districts on a fulltime or sessional contract basis and service a range of hospitals and health facilities within their immediate or other Local Health Districts depending on the origin of requests for service and languages needed. Data about the number of interpreters used by individual hospitals is not available.

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3537 MOUNT DRUITT HOSPITAL ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE PATIENTS—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

3538 STOCKTON CENTRE NURSE TO PATIENT RATIO—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

3539 WICKHAM RAIL TERMINAL—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport—

- 3540 WICKHAM SHELTER AND AMENITIES—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 3541 ROADS AND MARITIME SERVICES OUTSOURCING—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 3542 WALLSEND DEMOUNTABLE BUILDINGS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Education—
- 3543 SCHOOL LAPTOP FUNDING—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Education—
- 3544 PRESCHOOL EDUCATION FUNDING—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Education—
- 3545 ELECTORATE POLICE STATIONS—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—
- \*3546 PEST AND WEED CONTROL—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—
- (1) What is the Government doing to combat the rise of pests and weeds in NSW?
  - (2) Will the Government increase vegetation deemed as "close to natural condition" from its current rate of 9 per cent?
- Answer—
- I am advised as follows:
- (1) The NSW Invasive Species Plan outlines the NSW Government's approach to the management of invasive species in NSW. The Department of Primary Industries leads the implementation of this plan.  
The Office of Environment and Heritage is responsible for managing the impacts of pests and weeds on biodiversity through threat abatement plans, the Threatened Species Priorities Action Statement and other strategies.  
The National Parks and Wildlife Service is responsible for managing pests and weeds on national parks and reserves. In 2011-12, the National Parks and Wildlife Service spent approximately \$34 million managing the impacts of invasive species on biodiversity and park neighbours.
  - (2) The NSW Government will continue to work with the community, private landholders, as well as across its own agencies to increase the extent and improve the condition of native vegetation.  
The NSW Government has set targets in NSW 2021 to protect and conserve land, biodiversity and native vegetation.  
In the 2011-2012 fiscal year, the NSW Government facilitated the establishment of over 176,000 hectares of new conservation areas and the restoration and revegetation of over 239,000 hectares of native vegetation.
- 3547 HUNTER PUBLIC HOUSING PROPERTIES—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 3548 CONTINUING DETENTION ORDERS APPLICATIONS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 3549 LIVERPOOL COURT HOUSE—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 3550 CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION SEMINAR—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 3551 COLLECTION AGENCY RESTRICTIONS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 3552 IMPLEMENTATION OF ICAC REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 3553 WORKCOVER PROSECUTIONS IN LIVERPOOL—Mr Paul Lynch 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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- 3554 REPORT AND SURVEY COSTS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 3555 EVANS HIGH SCHOOL AMBULANCE ARRIVALS—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 3556 MERRIWA MULTI PURPOSE SERVICE—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 3557 GLENFIELD RAILWAY STATION SECURITY—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 3559 DEPARTMENT AND OFFICE WORK—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

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- 3560 ROOTY HILL RAILWAY STATION COMMUTER NUMBERS—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 3561 HACC PROGRAM GARDEN MAINTENANCE—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Minister for Ageing, and Minister for Disability Services—
- 3562 PUBLIC LIBRARY FUNDING—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Hospitality and Racing, and Minister for the Arts—
- 3563 FRANS AFTER SCHOOL CARE PILOT PROGRAM—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Minister for Ageing, and Minister for Disability Services—
- 3564 SUPPORTED ACCOMMODATION WAITING TIME—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Minister for Ageing, and Minister for Disability Services—
- 3565 HOUSE WITH NO STEPS—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Minister for Ageing, and Minister for Disability Services—
- 3566 WOLLONGONG CASEWORKER POSITIONS—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 3567 COMMUNITY BUILDING PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- \*3568 PLASTIC BAGS—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—
- (1) What proportion of people in NSW take reusable bags shopping most of the time?
  - (2) What comparison has been made with the proportion in jurisdictions where lightweight plastic bag bans exist including the Northern Territory, the Australian Capital Territory and South Australia?
  - (3) What assessment has the Government made on the change in the proportion of people who bring reusable bags to the shop before and after the bans were introduced in these jurisdictions?
  - (4) What assessment has the Government made on the increase in people bringing reusable bags expected if a ban on lightweight plastic bags was introduced in NSW?
  - (5) What assessment has the Government made on the expected reduction in plastic bag litter if a ban on lightweight plastic bags was introduced in NSW?
  - (6) What assessment has the Government made on the expected reduction of harm to wildlife if a ban on lightweight plastic bags was introduced in NSW?
  - (7) What consideration will the Government give to introducing a ban on lightweight plastic bags in NSW?

Answer—

I am advised as follows:

The NSW Government monitors and assesses options in relation to lightweight plastic bags. A number of

options exist, of which a ban is just one.

A recent review of the ban legislation in SA reports a high uptake in the use of reusable bags and a decrease in litter from lightweight bags. It also shows a five fold increase in households buying plastic bin liners, and consumer confusion about how to recycle their reusable and other plastic bags.

Notably Victoria, which does not have a ban on lightweight plastic bags, has a lower rate of litter of lightweight bags than South Australia.

Rather than focus on a single issue, the Government has a broader vision for waste and litter. In February, the Government announced funding of \$465.7 million over five years for Waste Less Recycle More a package of initiatives including new recycling infrastructure, drop-off centres for household wastes and householder behaviour change to reduce waste and increase recycling. Action on plastic bags will be part of this work. The initiative includes \$20 million to tackle litter (including plastic bags) and \$58 million to combat illegal dumping. This level of funding commitment is a first for NSW.

\*3569 HOME POWER SAVINGS SCHEME—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Resources and Energy, Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Central Coast—

With respect to the Office of Environment and Heritage's Home Power Savings Scheme:

- (1) What feedback has the Government received about this program?
- (2) How many households have received assistance?
- (3) When is the program due to end?
- (4) What evaluation has been carried out on the program?
- (5) What plans do the Government have to extend and expand this program?

Answer—

- (1) to (5) This question should be directed to the Minister for the Environment and Minister for Heritage.

3570 SCHOOL HATCHING PROGRAMS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Education—

3571 CAR SHARE SCHEMES—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

3572 ASBESTOS AT BARANGAROO—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

3573 COUNCIL VOTES ON COMMERCIAL NEGOTIATIONS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Local Government, and Minister for the North Coast—

3574 CLINICAL NURSE EDUCATORS AND CONSULTANTS—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

3575 HOSPITAL BED AND TREATMENT SPACE NUMBERS—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

3576 PROSTHETIC LIMB TENDERING PROCESS—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

3577 CODE OF PRACTICE FOR COMPUTERISED CHECKOUT SYSTEMS IN SUPERMARKETS—Mr Jamie Parker to ask the Minister for Fair Trading—

3578 IPART CALCULATION OF WETLAND RENTS—Mr Jamie Parker to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

3579 WOLLONGONG HOSPITAL ORAL SURGEONS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

3580 SPEED ZONE CHANGES—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

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- 3581 EASTERN CREEK PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHING POSITION—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Education—
- 3582 CESSNOCK HOSPITAL—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 3583 KURRI KURRI HOSPITAL—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 3585 KURRI KURRI POLICE STATION—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—
- 3586 ECONOMIC ASSESSMENT OF MINING AFFECTED COMMUNITIES FOR CESSNOCK—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Trade and Investment, and Minister for Regional Infrastructure and Services—
- 3587 WICKHAM STATION—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 3588 NEWCASTLE RAIL LINE SERVICE TO GUNS AND ROSES CONCERT—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 3589 NEWCASTLE CBD TRAFFIC FLOW—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 3590 SCHOOL AND SPORTING VENUE PARKING RESTRICTIONS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 3591 REDFERN AUTOMATIC NEEDLE DISPENSING MACHINE—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- \*3592 NOISY VEHICLES—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

With respect to Office of Environment action noisy vehicle enforcement in inner city areas and ongoing complaints about these impacts:

- (1) How many infringements have been issued for noisy vehicles over the past 12 months?
- (2) How many of these infringements relate to reports for the inner city?
- (3) How many of these infringements relate to the monthly "Elvis" operations coordinated by Kings Cross Police?
- (4) What are the trends in Government data on reports and complaints about noisy vehicles?
- (5) How many officers does the Office of Environment and Heritage allocate to enforce noisy vehicles for:
  - (a) NSW; and
  - (b) the inner city?
- (6) What plans does the Government have to increase resources and enforcement?
- (7) What action has been taken to increase the effectiveness of Office of Environment and Heritage noisy vehicle enforcement?
- (8) What action has the Government taken with other States and Territories and the Commonwealth Government to address these concerns?
- (9) What further action will the Government take to address these concerns?

Answer—

The Government's rigorous noisy vehicle program has led to a steady decrease in the number of noisy vehicles reported by NSW Police and the community over the last three years.

The EPA has developed a strong compliance and assurance program with dedicated Motor Vehicle Compliance Officers to help reduce the impact of noisy vehicles on the community, having issued 223 penalty notices for noisy vehicle offences between 1 March 2012 and 28 February 2013. Regular noisy vehicle operations are held with NSW Police in the Kings Cross area.

In addition (as at 26 March 2013), there were approximately 260 officers authorised in the Sydney metropolitan area and across the State to enforce environmental legislation including motor vehicles.

The EPA will continue to work closely with NSW Police and City of Sydney on motor vehicle operations in the inner city area, and with Police in other areas where noisy vehicles are known to impact on local communities. The EPA will also continue to actively encourage members of the community to report noisy vehicles.

- 3593 PYRMONT AND ULTIMO BUS SERVICES—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 3594 WOOLLOOMOOLOO SOCIAL 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—
- 3595 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—
- 3596 BEDS, NURSES AND DOCTORS INFORMATION—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 3597 HOUSING NSW TENANT FRAUD UNIT SURPLUS FUNDS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 3598 BANKSTOWN AUBURN COMMUNITY RADIO—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Fair Trading—
- 3599 CHILDREN AND WINDOW SAFETY CONSULTATION PAPER IMPLEMENTATION PERIOD—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Fair Trading—
- 3600 RELEASE OF CHILDREN- AND WINDOW SAFETY CONSULTATION PAPER—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Fair Trading—
- 3601 WINDOW SAFETY DEVICES—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Fair Trading—
- 3602 AUTOMOTIVE REPAIRS AND SERVICING COMPLAINTS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Fair Trading—
- 3603 IMPACT OF INSURANCE PRACTICES ON PANEL BEATERS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Fair Trading—
- 3604 INSURANCE CLAIM DIRECTIONS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Fair Trading—
- 3605 INSURANCE PAYMENT DELAYS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Fair Trading—
- 3606 WYEE SEWERAGE SERVICES—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- \*3607 AIR POLLUTION MONITORS—Mr Greg Piper asked the Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) Why was Wyong considered a better site for a the new departmental comprehensive air quality monitor installed in December, 2012 than Lake Macquarie, which is in close proximity to a number of coal mines and two coal-fired power stations that consistently record emissions of nitrogen oxides, sulphur dioxides and particulate matter that are among the state's highest?
- (2) Why does Newcastle warrant having three independent governmental air pollution monitors within a radius of about 20 kilometres when Lake Macquarie has none?
- (3) What action is the Government taking to reduce the high levels of emissions of nitrogen oxides, sulphur dioxides and particulates recorded in the air over Lake Macquarie by the National Pollution Inventory?

Answer—

I am advised as follows:

- (1) The location for the new monitoring station at Wyong was thoroughly investigated and chosen for its strategic location in a developing area of the Central Coast. Air quality measured at Wyong is representative of the air quality likely to be experienced by the general population of the Central Coast region as a whole, including Lake Macquarie.
- (2) The monitoring stations north of Lake Macquarie (Newcastle and Wallsend) together with the new Central Coast station south of Lake Macquarie at Wyong, provide information on the air quality likely to be experienced by the general population of the Lake Macquarie region.

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- (3) There are rigorous environmental controls regulating air emissions from coal-fired power stations in NSW, including those at Lake Macquarie. Control measures are included in regulations and in environment protection licences issued by the Environment Protection Authority (EPA).

Over the period 2009 to 2012, the ambient monitoring undertaken by the power stations indicates that ambient air quality is well within the National Environment Protection (Ambient Air Quality) Measure standards and goals.

\*3608 FUTURE REGIONAL AIRPORT—Mr Greg Piper asked the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW, Leader of the House—

- (1) Is the Minister aware of the inclusion of a provision for a future regional airport with a 2600-metre runway on land at Bushells Ridge in the Draft Wyong Local Environmental Plan 2012?
- (2) Is a Local Environmental Plan a suitable planning instrument for a future regional airport when no prior consultation has taken place with the community or between different levels of government that would have an interest in the operation of this airport?
- (3) Given that senior council staff refer to the proposed airport as a possible site for a "second Sydney airport", reported in The Daily Telegraph on February 20, 2013, can the Minister rule out Bushells Ridge as a site for either a type 3 regional airport or a second international airport for the Greater Sydney area?

Answer—

- (1) Yes.
- (2) It is appropriate for local planning instruments and strategies to identify major land use issues, and for local communities to be consulted on these matters.

In allowing the draft Wyong Local Environmental Plan to be placed on public exhibition, Wyong Council was advised that there is no current State or Federal Government commitment or proposal for an airport in Bushells Ridge, and the proposal requires further justification and consultation, including with the community, Lake Macquarie Council and State and Federal Governments.

Submissions received on this issue will be carefully considered by the Department of Planning and Infrastructure.

- (3) The NSW Government does not support a second Sydney airport on the Central Coast.

3609 ECONOMIC ASSESSMENT OF MINING AFFECTED COMMUNITIES—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Trade and Investment, and Minister for Regional Infrastructure and Services—

3610 EDUCATION AND TRAINING INFORMATION SERVICE—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—

3611 PARTNERSHIP OFFICERS—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—

3612 FULL TIME TEACHER EMPLOYMENT—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—

3613 GLENWOOD HIGH SCHOOL CATCHMENT BOUNDARY—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—

3614 HOME SCHOOL AND ABORIGINAL LIAISON OFFICERS—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—

3615 SETTLEMENT SERVICES—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

3616 COMMUNITY BUILDERS PROGRAM—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

3617 COMMUNITY BUILDERS FIXED TERM PROGRAM—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

3618 COMPULSORY THIRD PARTY INSURANCE SCHEME—Mr Guy Zangari 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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- 3619 NSW HEALTH VISA HOLDERS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
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- 3626 OPAL TICKETING SYSTEM—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Minister for Transport—
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- 3628 CARDIFF RAIL CAR PARK UPGRADE—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport—
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- 3630 NEWCASTLE DISABLED ACCESS BUSES—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 3631 MEDOWIE SCHOOL STUDENT BUS TRAVEL—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 3632 SCHOOL LAPTOP FUNDING—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Education—
- 3633 JOHN HUNTER HOSPITAL CAR PARKING REVENUE—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 3634 WALLSEND HOME INVASIONS—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—
- 3635 HUNTER POLICE STATION STAFFING—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—
- 3636 POLICE TRANSPORT 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—
- 3637 LETTER FROM KAYE REID—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
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- 3650 MOUNT KEIRA ROAD CLOSURE—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 3651 GONG SHUTTLE PATRONAGE—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport—
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- \*3654 ILLAWARRA REGIONAL GROWTH PLAN DISCUSSION PAPERS—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW, Leader of the House—
- (1) On what date will the Regional Growth Plan discussion papers for the Illawarra region be released?
  - (2) How does the Government plan to work with Wollongong City Council to resolve the West Dapto Access Strategy?
- Answer—
- I am advised that:
- (1) The release of the Discussion Paper for the review of the Illawarra Regional Strategy will this year.
  - (2) As identified in the Illawarra/South Coast Regional Action Plan, the Department of Planning and Infrastructure is leading an inter-agency working group, including Transport for NSW, Roads and Maritime Services, as well as Wollongong City Council to resolve access issues for West Dapto. The group has already agreed on the required road network for the area. As part of this process, the Department has also offered Wollongong City Council \$600,000 to enable detailed design and planning work for Fowlers Road bridge.
- 3655 ALBION PARK RAIL BYPASS—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
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3657 SHELLHARBOUR CITY SHUTTLE BUS—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Transport—

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3658 MOUNT DRUITT HOSPITAL CORONARY HEART UNIT—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

3659 DIGNAMS CREEK PRINCES HIGHWAY—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

3660 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS REVIEW—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Trade and Investment, and Minister for Regional Infrastructure and Services—

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3662 SHALVEY HUB PRECINCT REGENERATION PLAN—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

3663 SCHOOL PUBLIC TRANSPORT LATE ARRIVALS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Education—

3664 PUBLIC HOSPITAL WORKFORCE—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

3665 CESSNOCK AND KURRI KURRI HOSPITAL BEDS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

3666 EDGEWORTH, BARNESLEY AND WEST WALLSEND BUS SERVICES—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Transport—

\*3667 MAIN ROAD 195 FLOOD MITIGATION MEASURES—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 area surrounding Main Road 195 (formerly known as State Road 135) at Testers Hollow between Clifleigh and Gillieston Heights:

- (1) (a) Have any previous governments commissioned flood mitigation measures for the flooding area?  
(b) If yes, when?
- (2) Has either Cessnock City Council or Maitland City Council requested previous governments to explore flood mitigation measures for the flooding area?
- (3) If yes:
  - (a) When?
  - (b) Which Council?
  - (c) On how many occasions were the requests received?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) This question should be referred to the Minister for Roads and Ports.
- (2) and (3) This question should be referred to the Minister for the Environment.

3668 MAIN ROAD 195 FLOOD MITIGATION MEASURES—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—



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- 3670 CENTRAL HUNTER COMMAND RESPONSE TIME—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—
- 3671 BERESFIELD POLICE STATION—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—
- 3672 WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECKS—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—
- 3673 PARENT RESPONSIBILITY CONTRACTS—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 3674 HORSE RIDING TRIALS IN WILDERNESS AREAS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—
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- 3676 WARRAGAMBA DAM WALL—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 3677 VESSEL EMERGENCIES—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—
- 3678 MARDIS GRAS DRUG DOG DETECTION OPERATIONS—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—
- 3679 BARANGAROO SOCIAL HOUSING—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW, Leader of the House—
- 3680 DRUG DOG DETECTION OPERATIONS—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—
- 3681 LICENCE APPROVAL AND CONDITIONS DOCUMENTS ONLINE—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Resources and Energy, Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Central Coast—
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- 3683 MOTORCYCLE GANGS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
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- 3685 REGULATORY BURDEN REVIEW—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Fair Trading—
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- 3689 BANKSTOWN HOSPITAL MAINTENANCE WORKS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

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- 3690 BANKSTOWN HOSPITAL INFRASTRUCTURE—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 3691 NURSE TO PATIENT RATIOS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 3692 HARBOUR TUNNEL TRAFFIC DELAYS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
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- 3694 FAIRFIELD FIRE STATION—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
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- 3696 ROAD AND ROAD SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
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- 3698 MAJOR ARTERIAL ROAD CONGESTION—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
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- 3701 NURSE STAFFING LEVELS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 3702 SWANSEA POLICE 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—
- 3703 NEWCASTLE INNER CITY BYPASS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 3704 HOUSING AFFORDABILITY IN FAIRFIELD—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
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- 3717 STROKE UNITS—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
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- 3719 MENTAL HEALTH AND SUICIDE PREVENTION REPORT—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Healthy Lifestyles, and Minister for Western New South Wales—
- 3720 CYCLING INDUCTION LOOPS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 3721 SOCIAL HOUSING GRAFFITI REMOVAL—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 3722 HOUSING NSW TENANCY SUCCESSION—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 3723 CHILDCARE FACILITIES—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 3724 OFFICE OF VETERANS AFFAIRS STAFFING NUMBERS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—
- 3725 ANZAC MEMORIAL BUILDING ANNUAL REPORT—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—
- 3726 NEWCASTLE DISTRICT CENTENARY OF ANZAC AND CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—
- \*3727 VETERANS AFFAIRS MINISTRY—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- (1) Who is the Minister for Veterans Affairs?
  - (2) If there is no Minister for Veterans Affairs, why has this position been removed from the Government's Ministry?

Answer—

- (1) The Minister responsible for Veterans Affairs is Hon Victor Dominello MP, Minister for Citizenship and Communities and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs. The Office of Veterans Affairs is comprised in the Office of Communities.
- (2) Not applicable.

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- 3728 ANZAC MEMORIAL BUILDING—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 3729 HOUSING NSW HANDYMAN PROJECT—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—
- 3730 MOUNT KEIRA DEMONSTRATION SCHOOL FLASHING LIGHTS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

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- 3738 GRAFTON AND CESSNOCK GAOL PRISON NUMBERS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 3739 NEWCASTLE CBD RESIDENTIAL UNITS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW, Leader of the House—
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- 3746 TAYLOR SQUARE RAINBOW CROSSING—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
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- 3750 INSHORE WATER RESCUE—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 3751 ARMIDALE HOSPITAL FUNDING—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 3752 ARMIDALE HOSPITAL EMERGENCY PHYSICIAN POSITIONS—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 3753 ARMIDALE HOSPITAL GENERAL SURGICAL POSITIONS—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 3754 ARMIDALE HOSPITAL GENERAL MEDICAL ROSTER—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
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- 3756 FAIR TRADING EMPLOYEE RECRUITMENT—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Fair Trading—
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- 3758 FAIR TRADING RESTRUCTURE—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Fair Trading—
- 3759 BANKSTOWN PUBLIC LAND SALES—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 3760 GEORGES HALL PUBLIC SCHOOL SECURITY FENCING—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Education—
- 3761 PLANNING WHITE PAPER—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW, Leader of the House—
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- 3765 TREE MUTILATION—Mr Jamie Parker to ask the Minister for Local Government, and Minister for the North Coast—
- 3766 RESOURCES FOR REGIONS PROGRAM—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Trade and Investment, and Minister for Regional Infrastructure and Services—
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- 3773 MARRICKVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL SAFETY—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
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- 3779 FAIRFIELD HOSPITAL MEDICAL EQUIPMENT—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
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- 3781 A-LEAGUE AND WESTERN SYDNEY WANDERERS GAMES—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 3782 SYDNEY FC SPONSORSHIP—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Hospitality and Racing, and Minister for the Arts—