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#### (Paper No. 85)

- 3865 INTEREST RATES PAID—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Finance, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Regulatory Reform, and Minister for Ports and Waterways representing the Treasurer—
- 3866 MEALS ON WHEELS SERVICE IN ALBURY—Mr Greg Aplin to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—
- 3867 MEN'S SHED-RAYMOND TERRACE-Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Minister for Community Services-
- 3868 F3 TO RAYMOND TERRACE—PROPOSED EXTENSION—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Minister for Roads—
- 3869 SCRUTINEERS—LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Minister for Local Government, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—
- 3871 SOLAR THERMAL ELECTRICITY GENERATION—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Premier, and Minister for the Arts—
- 3875 UPPER NEPEAN AQUIFERS—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Water, Minister for Rural Affairs, and Minister for Regional Development—
- 3876 COWRA SUPPORTED DISABILITY ACCOMMODATION—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—
- 3877 ROAD SAFETY ALPINE WAY—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Roads—
- 3878 MORRIS FAMILY—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- 3879 WET BERTHING CHANGES—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Finance, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Regulatory Reform, and Minister for Ports and Waterways—
- 3880 MENTAL HEALTH INTENSIVE CARE UNIT—HORNSBY HOSPITAL—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—
- 3881 ABORIGINAL HOUSING—BARWON ELECTORATE—Mr Kevin Humphries to ask the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—
- 3882 LAND AND WATER PURCHASING—BARWON ELECTORATE—Mr Kevin Humphries to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—
- 3883 COMMUNITY TRANSPORT PROGRAM—Mr Kevin Humphries to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 3884 WAGGA WAGGA TO TUMBARUMBA RAIL TRAIL—Mr Daryl Maguire to ask the Minister for Water, Minister for Rural Affairs, and Minister for Regional Development—
- 3885 WAGGA WAGGA POLICE COMMAND—Mr Daryl Maguire to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—
- 3886 PREVIOUS POSITIONS HELD—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Premier, and Minister for the Arts—
- \*3887 INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION—Mr Jonathan O'Dea asked the Premier, and Minister for the Arts—
  - (1) Is it strictly accurate to state that the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) has "cleared" a person of corruption when that person's behaviour is merely considered, but not formally investigated, in the context of a matter referred to the ICAC?

(2) Does the Premier support increasing resources for the ICAC to assist it to more effectively pursue corruption matters in NSW?

Answer-

- (1) The Independent Commission Against Corruption Act 1988 defines an "affected" person to be a person: described as such in a reference made by both Houses of Parliament; or against whom, in ICAC's opinion, substantial allegations have been made in the course of or in connection with an investigation.
- (2) Agency budgets are reviewed every year as part of the Budget process. Agencies can seek further funding if they believe it is necessary as part of this process.
- 3888 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTION COSTS—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Local Government, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—
- 3889 TILLEGRA DAM—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Minister for Water, Minister for Rural Affairs, and Minister for Regional Development—
- 3890 JOHN HUNTER HOSPITAL GYNAECOLOGY—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—
- 3891 TWEED COAST CROWN LAND—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—
- 3892 TWEED HOSPITAL—NEW WARD—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—
- 3893 STEPHEN HYND—CORRESPONDENCE—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—
- 3894 KOALA NUMBERS SURVEY—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—
- 3895 LORD HOWE ISLAND—AERIAL BAITING OF RATS—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—
- 3896 LORD HOWE ISLAND—SAFER ERADICATION OF RATS—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—
- 3897 NSW NURSES AND MIDWIVES BOARD—Mrs Jillian Skinner to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—
- 3898 OXLEY HIGHWAY AND KING CREEK ROAD INTERSECTION—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Minister for Roads—
- 3899 PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS—CONSTRUCTION OF GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women—
- 3900 CROWN LAND-RIVER STREET MACKSVILLE-Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Minister for Finance, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Regulatory Reform, and Minister for Ports and Waterways-
- 3901 CROWN ROAD AT BILPIN—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Minister for Roads—
- 3902 PITT TOWN BYPASS-Mr Ray Williams to ask the Minister for Roads-
- 3903 STATE INFRASTRUCTURE CHARGE—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo—

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#### (Paper No. 86)

- 3904 CANCER PREVENTION—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- 3905 CROSS-BORDER POLICING AGREEMENT—Mr Greg Aplin to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—
- 3906 RTA PROJECTS IN ALBURY ELECTORATE—Mr Greg Aplin to ask the Minister for Roads—
- 3907 OAKLANDS TO BENALLA RAILWAY—Mr Greg Aplin to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 3908 ROZELLE HOSPITAL—Mr Greg Aplin to ask the Minister for Local Government, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—
- 3909 SOUTH EASTERN SYDNEY ILLAWARRA AREA HEALTH SERVICE—Mr Greg Aplin to ask the Minister for Local Government, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—
- 3910 CONTACT WITH RTA MANAGEMENT-Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Minister for Roads-
- 3911 FITZGERALD BRIDGE—REPAIR OF RAILING—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Minister for Roads—
- 3912 HUNTER VALLEY RESEARCH FOUNDATION—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Minister for Water, Minister for Rural Affairs, and Minister for Regional Development—
- 3913 TREE DANGERS—MOSSY POINT—Mr Andrew Constance to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—
- 3914 PAT BRANCATISANO—FISHING LICENCE—Mr Andrew Constance to ask the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—
- 3915 DR YONG-XIN SHI—Mr Andrew Constance to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—
- 3916 GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE NUMBERS—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Finance, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Regulatory Reform, and Minister for Ports and Waterways representing the Treasurer—
- \*3917 STATE-OWNED PUBLIC AND COMMUNITY HOUSING—Mr Peter Debnam asked the Minister for Housing, and Minister for Western Sydney—

As at 30 June 2008, how many State-owned public housing properties and how many State-owned community housing properties are in each of the following electorates:

- (a) Vaucluse;
- (b) Coogee;
- (c) Heffron;
- (d) Maroubra;
- (e) Sydney?

Answer-

As at 30 June 2008, the number of state-owned public housing and community housing (known as social housing) properties for the following electorates were:

- (a) Vaucluse 193 social housing properties.
- (b) Coogee 842 social housing properties.
- (c) Heffron 5,972 social housing properties.
- (d) Maroubra 3,870 social housing properties.
- (e) Sydney 2,909 social housing properties.

- 3918 STATE-OWNED SUPPORTED ACCOMMODATION PROPERTIES—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—
- 3919 CHILDREN'S WARD—BOWRAL AND DISTRICT HOSPITAL—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—
- 3920 GREATER SOUTHERN AREA HEALTH SERVICE—MONIES OWED—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—
- 3921 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women—
- 3923 SPECIAL COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO CHILD PROTECTION—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- 3924 BRANCH LINES—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 3925 BLACK SPOT FUNDING MOUNT COLAH-Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Roads-
- 3926 EMERGENCY RESPITE BEDS FOR DISABLED PEOPLE—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—
- 3927 GALSTON HIGH SCHOOL—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women—
- 3928 FIREARMS—CRONULLA ELECTORATE—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—
- 3929 FUNDING FOR REMOVAL OF GRAFFITI—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—
- 3930 UNDERAGE DRINKING CHARGES—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—
- 3931 RTA POWERS-Mr Donald Page to ask the Minister for Roads-
- 3932 PROVISION OF LAPTOP COMPUTERS—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women—
- 3933 TWEED RIVER FIRE STATION—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—
- 3934 ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY LIAISON OFFICER—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—
- 3935 TWEED-BYRON LOCAL AREA COMMAND—DRUG SQUAD UNIT—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—
- 3936 PORTFOLIO RESPONSIBILITIES—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—
- 3937 NSW GREENHOUSE GAS REDUCTION SCHEME—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—

- 3939 DONALD WILLIAM MACKAY—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—
- 3940 RIVERBANK EROSION—NAMBUCCA RIVER—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—
- 3941 MELVILLE HIGH SCHOOL—FUNDING FOR NEW PURPOSE BUILT SUPPORT UNIT—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women—
- 3942 MANNING RURAL REFERRAL HOSPITAL—Mr John Turner to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—

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#### (Paper No. 87)

- 3943 CASES OF CANCER—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- 3944 MENTAL HEALTH INTENSIVE CARE UNIT—HORNSBY HOSPITAL—Mr Greg Aplin to ask the Minister for Local Government, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—
- 3945 MENTAL HEALTH NURSE PRACTITIONER—Mr Greg Aplin to ask the Minister for Local Government, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—
- 3946 LAKE CATHIE SKATE PARK AND PCYC FACILITY—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Juvenile Justice, Minister for Volunteering, and Minister for Youth—
- 3947 NORTH HEAD SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Water, Minister for Rural Affairs, and Minister for Regional Development—
- 3948 BIOSOLIDS ODOURS—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Premier, and Minister for the Arts—
- 3949 NSW MARITIME LEASES—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Finance, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Regulatory Reform, and Minister for Ports and Waterways—
- 3950 WORKERS COMPENSATION—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Finance, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Regulatory Reform, and Minister for Ports and Waterways—
- 3952 MOUNT PANORAMA FACILITY—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Gaming and Racing, and Minister for Sport and Recreation—
- 3953 DRUG DEALS—NEEDLE DISTRIBUTION CENTRE—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—
- 3954 NEEDLE DISTRIBUTION CENTRE—MANLY—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—
- 3955 ROAD ACCESS TO NEWCASTLE AIRPORT-Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Minister for Roads-
- 3956 PUBLIC TRANSPORT TO NEWCASTLE AIRPORT—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 3957 FUNDING TO EDUCATION CENTRES FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women—
- 3958 RESTRUCTURING OF THE NSW FISHING INDUSTRY—Mr Andrew Constance to ask the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—

- 3959 PAYMENT TO SUPPLIERS—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Finance, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Regulatory Reform, and Minister for Ports and Waterways representing the Treasurer—
- 3960 STAFF NUMBERS-Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Roads-
- 3962 COST OF FREE BUS TRAVEL SCHEME—Mr Thomas George to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 3963 ENERGY GENERATION—Mr Thomas George to ask the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—
- 3964 AMBULANCE PATIENT TRANSFERS—Mr Thomas George to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—
- 3965 BODIES AWAITING A CORONIAL AUTOPSY—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, Minister for Justice, and Minister for Industrial Relations—
- 3966 TRAINING TO SUPPORT VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—
- 3967 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE—DEATHS REPORTING—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—
- 3968 GUNDAROO PARK—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—
- 3969 DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- 3970 JOHNES DISEASE—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—
- 3971 BEROWRA PUBLIC SCHOOL—SCHOOL HALL—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women—
- 3972 MENTAL HEALTH UNITS—HORNSBY HOSPITAL—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Local Government, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—
- 3973 HORNSBY HOSPITAL MEALS—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—
- 3975 TOM UGLY'S BRIDGE—MOVABLE LANE MARKERS—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Roads—
- 3976 POLICE NUMBERS IN THE HILLS DISTRICT—Mr Wayne Merton to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—
- 3977 TRANSPORT REFORM—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 3978 GM FOOD LABELLING—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—

- 3979 DISCRIMINATION IN AGED CARE—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, Minister for Justice, and Minister for Industrial Relations—
- 3980 MOTOR CYCLE TOLLS—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Roads—
- 3981 PARKING ON FOOTPATHS—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Roads—
- 3984 MODIFIED VEHICLES—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Roads—
- 3986 CANCER CASES—WARRINGAH COUNCIL AREA—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—
- 3987 OVERSEAS TRAVEL FOR ORGAN TRANSPLANT—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—
- 3988 AGE AND BREAKDOWNS OF ROLLING STOCK—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 3989 LINDFIELD RAILWAY STATION—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 3990 NOXIOUS WEEDS ERADICATION—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—
- 3991 BREACHES OF OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY LEGISLATION—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—
- 3992 TRAFFIC BOTTLENECK—PYMBLE—Mr Barry O'Farrell to ask the Minister for Roads—
- 3994 RAIL TICKET SALES—Mr Barry O'Farrell to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 3995 DRUG REHABILITATION PROGRAMS—Mr Donald Page to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, Minister for Justice, and Minister for Industrial Relations—
- \*3996 NON-ISSUE OF FINES—ELDERLY PEOPLE—Mr Greg Piper asked the Premier, and Minister for the Arts—

What is the age limit beyond which the NSW Electoral Commission will not issue fines to elderly people who fail to vote in elections?

Answer—

The Electoral Commissioner advises that there is a longstanding practice in New South Wales not to issue fines to senior citizens for failing to vote.

- 3997 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OFFICER TWEED BYRON LOCAL AREA COMMAND—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—
- 3998 TOURISM FUNDING FOR THE NORTHERN RIVERS—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Tourism, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 3999 NSW DRUG STATE INCIDENTS REPORT—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—
- 4000 RENEWABLE ENERGY—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—
- 4001 TOORALE STATION—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—

- 4002 PURCHASE OF TOORALE STATION—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—
- 4003 MEDICAL ASSESSMENT UNITS—Mrs Jillian Skinner to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—
- 4004 INFECTION CONTROL PRACTITIONERS—Mrs Jillian Skinner to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—
- 4005 "COMMUNITY KILOMETRES"—SYDNEY BUSES—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 4006 PROPOSED NETWORK CHANGES—SYDNEY BUSES—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 4007 ENTRANCE CHANNEL—BROKEN BAY INTO BRISBANE WATER—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—
- 4008 SILTATION OF ENTRANCE CHANNEL—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Finance, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Regulatory Reform, and Minister for Ports and Waterways—
- 4009 TREE PRESERVATION OFFICERS—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Local Government, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—
- 4010 DEDICATED LAND AT CURRAWONG—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—
- 4011 COMPANION ANIMALS-Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra-
- 4014 PROTECTION OF FISH STOCKS—MID NORTH COAST—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—
- 4015 MOUNT COMBOYNE TRIG POINT AND LOOKOUT—Mr John Turner to ask the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—
- 4016 FUNDING FOR THE NORTH WEST RAIL LINE—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Minister for Finance, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Regulatory Reform, and Minister for Ports and Waterways representing the Treasurer—
- 4017 FATIGUE WORK DIARY-Mr Ray Williams to ask the Minister for Roads-
- 4018 CLOSURE OF WESTMEAD FORENSIC SERVICES—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—

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(Paper No. 89)

- 4019 VOLUNTEER RUN KIOSK AND GIFT SHOP—MOUNT DRUITT HOSPITAL—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—
- 4020 USE OF TRANSPORT TO THE NORTHERN BEACHES—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Premier, and Minister for the Arts—

- 4021 WIRELESS BROADBAND—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—
- 4022 CONFIRMATION OF STATEMENT-Mr Mike Baird to ask the Premier, and Minister for the Arts-
- 4023 BUS ROUTE 311-Ms Gladys Berejiklian to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra-
- 4024 BUS ROUTE 910—Ms Gladys Berejiklian to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 4025 URBAN TRANSPORT STATEMENT—Ms Gladys Berejiklian to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 4026 INSTALLATION OF SPEED CAMERA—Mr Steve Cansdell to ask the Minister for Roads—
- 4027 SERVICES FOR CANCER PATIENTS—Mr Andrew Constance to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—
- 4028 REVIEW OF MATERNITY SERVICES—BEGA AND PAMBULA HOSPITALS—Mr Andrew Constance to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—
- 4029 HEAVY VEHICLE PERMITS-Mr Andrew Constance to ask the Minister for Roads-
- 4030 PROGRAMS TO COMBAT BULLYING-Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women-
- 4031 EDGECLIFF INTERCHANGE REDEVELOPMENT—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 4032 BUS SERVICE CUTBACKS—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 4033 BOWRAL AND DISTRICT HOSPITAL EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—
- 4034 UPPER NEPEAN AQUIFERS—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Water, Minister for Rural Affairs, and Minister for Regional Development—
- 4035 REVIEWABLE DEATHS-Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Community Services-
- 4036 MURRUMBIDGEE RIVER—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Water, Minister for Rural Affairs, and Minister for Regional Development—
- 4037 COUNTRY AREA PROGRAM—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women—
- 4038 HORNSBY HOSPITAL RENAL OUTPATIENT CLINIC—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—
- 4039 HORNSBY SHIRE COUNCIL—LOSS ON INVESTMENTS—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Local Government, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—
- 4040 FAMILY VIOLENCE UNIT—POLICE OFFICERS NUMBER—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—
- 4041 SUTHERLAND HOSPITAL BIRTHS—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—

- 4042 CANCER PREVENTION—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
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- 4044 COST OF BY-ELECTIONS-Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Premier, and Minister for the Arts-
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- 4050 CONSUMABLE SUPPLIES—TWEED HOSPITAL—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—
- 4051 CROSS BORDER TRANSPORT TASKFORCE-Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Roads-
- 4052 GRAVEL TAKEN FROM MACLEAY RIVER-Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Minister for Roads-
- 4053 KEMPSEY DISTRICT HOSPITAL—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—
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- 4071 BROGO DAM—Mr Andrew Constance to ask the Minister for Water, Minister for Rural Affairs, and Minister for Regional Development—
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- 4080 REPAIR OF HOUSING NSW HOMES—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Housing, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 4081 CONSEQUENCES OF GROUP OFFENDING—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Juvenile Justice, Minister for Volunteering, and Minister for Youth—

- 4082 PENALTIES FOR GRAFFITI OFFENDERS—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, Minister for Justice, and Minister for Industrial Relations—
- 4083 ASBESTOS IN SCHOOLS-Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women-
- 4084 ENHANCEMENT FUNDING—BUSINESS ENTERPRISE CENTRES—Mr Daryl Maguire to ask the Minister for Finance, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Regulatory Reform, and Minister for Ports and Waterways representing the Treasurer—
- 4085 ENDOCRINOLOGIST AND NEPHROLOGIST SERVICES—Mr Daryl Maguire to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—
- 4086 BUS STOP INFRASTRUCTURE—ST IVES—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 4087 FEMALE RATES OF LEUKAEMIA—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- 4088 POLICE SERVICE BRANCH—DOSSIERS—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—
- 4089 RADIATION/ONCOLOGY SERVICE—CENTRAL COAST—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—
- 4090 HUNTER WATER CORPORATION—REDUCED YIELD FIGURES—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Minister for Water, Minister for Rural Affairs, and Minister for Regional Development—
- 4091 MORISSET STATION SECURITY—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 4092 CLIMATE CHANGE, POLICY AND PROGRAMS GROUP—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—
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- 4094 MACQUARIE MARSHES—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—
- 4095 ILLEGAL DIVERSIONS IN THE MACQUARIE MARSHES—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—
- 4096 BOTTLED DRINKING WATER—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—
- 4097 TRUEGAIN WASTE-OIL REFINERY—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—
- 4098 CONVICTION OF BRUCE MACKAY—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, Minister for Justice, and Minister for Industrial Relations—
- 4099 LAND TITLE INFORMATION SERVICE—Mr John Turner to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—
- 4100 NAMBUCCA HEADS ISLAND GOLF CLUB LIMITED—Mr John Turner to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—

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4101 EMERGENCY SURGERY AT MOUNT DRUITT HOSPITAL—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—

In relation to emergency surgery performed at the Mount Druitt Hospital in the 12 month period ending 30 September 2008:

- (1) What is the total number of emergency procedures performed at the hospital during this period?
- (2) How many of these procedures were performed on weekends?
- (3) How many were performed during daylight/ business hours?
- (4) How many of these procedures were performed in the category of after hours?
- (5) What times are used to determine an after hours procedure?
- 4102 CALLAN PARK SITE—Mr Greg Aplin to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo—
  - (1) Which buildings at Callan Park will be under the management of the Department of Health following the transfer of the site's management to Leichhardt Council?
  - (2) Which buildings at Callan Park will be under the management of Leichhardt Council following the transfer of the site's management to Leichhardt Council?
- 4103 MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AT CALLAN PARK—Mr Greg Aplin to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—
  - (1) What Government agencies and non-Government organisations providing mental health services are currently based at Callan Park?
  - (2) Are any other mental health providers moving to or being offered facilities at Callan Park?
  - (3) What lease periods are available to mental health organisations located on the Callan Park site?
  - (4) What assistance does the Department of Health provide to the mental health organisations located at Callan Park for refurbishment of existing buildings?
- 4104 CO-PLACEMENT OF SIBLINGS IN OUT OF HOME CARE—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Community Services—
  - (1) What is her department's policy on co-placement of siblings in Out of Home Care?
  - (2) Have any changes been made to this policy since she became Minister?
- 4105 MANLY JETCAT-Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra-
  - (1) What was the average monthly patronage of the Manly JetCat for each of the past five years?
  - (2) What is the breakdown of annual operating costs of the Manly JetCat for each of the past five years, including fuel, maintenance and wages?
- 4106 PREVENTION OF BIOSOLIDS ODOUR—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Water, Minister for Rural Affairs, and Minister for Regional Development—

As Sydney Water's tender for the "Collection, Transportation and Beneficial Use of Biosolids" has closed, how will the Minister ensure that Sydney Water fulfils the commitment made by the previous Minister that the new trucks leaving the North Head Sewage Treatment Plant are "effective in preventing biosolids odours escaping" (Question 2939)?

4107 COPY OF SIGNED COMMISSIONING FORM—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, Minister for Justice, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

In light of his response to Question 3744 that "the Department of Corrective Services head office is fully secure, with systems fully commissioned and operational", will he provide a copy of the signed commissioning form for the security system?

- 4108 NORTHERN BEACHES STORAGE PROJECT—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Water, Minister for Rural Affairs, and Minister for Regional Development—
  - (1) What is the estimated start date for building the Northern Beaches Storage Project (NBSP)?

- (2) What is the anticipated duration of the project?
- 4109 ELECTRICITY COSTS—PENSIONERS IN RETIREMENT VILLAGES—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—
  - (1) Why do pensioners in retirement villages have to pay the full commercial rate for electricity that's billed to management when they receive a pensioner discount for their personal electricity costs?
  - (2) How is a "K factor" multiplier used to calculate electricity costs?
- 4110 INSPECTION OF PUBLIC HOUSING PROPERTIES—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Minister for Housing, and Minister for Western Sydney—
  - (1) How often does the Department of Housing carry out inspections of public housing properties?
  - (2) How often does the Department of Housing carry out inspections on the tenants of public housing?
  - (3) (a) Is the Department of Housing entitled to enter a public housing property for an inspection if the tenant is not at home at the time?

(b) If not, why not?

- (4) What documentation can the Department of Housing provide to prove these inspections are taking place?
- (5) Is it Department of Housing policy to relocate a tenant if his/her living arrangements change e.g. if a mother's two children move out of home, would the Department of Housing relocate the mother into a smaller home?
- 4111 HUNTER WATER CORPORATION—NEW PREMISES—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Minister for Water, Minister for Rural Affairs, and Minister for Regional Development—
  - (1) When did the Hunter Water Corporation move into the premises at 36 Honeysuckle Drive, Newcastle?
  - (2) Why did the Hunter Water Corporation move into the premises at 36 Honeysuckle Drive, Newcastle?
  - (3) What was the cost of relocation from the Hunter Water Corporation's previous premises at Hunter Street, Newcastle to its new premises at 36 Honeysuckle Drive, Newcastle?
  - (4) How much rent did the Hunter Water Corporation pay at its previous premises at Hunter Street, Newcastle?
  - (5) How much rent does the Hunter Water Corporation pay at its new premises at 36 Honeysuckle Drive, Newcastle?
- 4112 BUILDING AND ACTIVE COMMUNITY GRANTS—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Minister for Gaming and Racing, and Minister for Sport and Recreation—
  - (1) What is the reasoning behind the NSW Government's decision to cease the Building and Active Community grants, effectively cutting funding to the NSW Regional Academy of Sport network by 33 per cent, or \$500,000?
  - (2) Is the Minister aware this will result in the abandonment of several services at the Hunter Academy of Sport?
  - (3) Is this funding cut in contradiction to the NSW Government's State Plan?
  - (4) Will the Minister consider a review of his funding cut?
- 4113 ETHANOL FUEL AND HYBRID VEHICLES—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Premier, and Minister for the Arts—

In relation to use of ethanol fuel and hybrid vehicles:

- (1) How many executive officers and public service staff have consistently used E10 blends in Government vehicles?
- (2) What is the Government doing to promote the use of E10 and hybrid vehicles within the public sector?
- (3) What is the Government doing to promote the use of E10 and hybrid vehicles to the NSW public?
- 4114 FUNDING FOR SCHOOL MAINTENANCE—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women—

In relation to school maintenance:

(1) What funding has been allocated for school maintenance in the current financial year at the following schools:

- (a) Bellevue Hill Public School;
- (b) Bondi Beach Public School;
- (c) Bondi Public School;
- (d) Double Bay Public School;
- (e) Rose Bay Public School;
- (f) Rose Bay Secondary College;
- (g) Vaucluse Primary School;
- (h) Woollahra Public School?
- (2) What school maintenance projects remain backlogged at each of the schools?
- 4115 MURWILLUMBAH PROBATION AND PAROLE SERVICE OFFICE—Mr Thomas George to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, Minister for Justice, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

In relation to my Private Member's Statement on 27 June 2008 about the Murwillumbah Probation and Parole Service Office and the response from The Hon Virginia Judge MP where she stated "I am advised that the Minister for Justice has directed that certain matters that apply to the previous operation at Murwillumbah office be referred to the Independent Commission Against Corruption":

What is the outcome of this ICAC inquiry?

- 4116 EATING DISORDERS—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—
  - (1) Does the department have figures on the numbers of people in NSW suffering eating disorders such as Anorexia Nervosa and Bulimia?
  - (2) Does the department have figures on the numbers of young people admitted to NSW State hospitals for self-harm, especially considering self-harm has recently been acknowledged by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare as the largest cause of hospital admissions?
  - (3) (a) Can the Minister provide any calculations on the cost to the health system of treatment for eating disorders, self-harm and related conditions that are on the rise in the State?

(b) If so, what are the details?

- (4) What is the total number of hospital beds designated for the treatment of eating disorders in NSW?
- (5) (a) Is the number of beds adequate for patients with eating disorders?
  - (b) If not, does the department have information on waiting lists?
- (6) (a) Does the department fund any State organisations caring for sufferers of eating disorders?
  - (b) If so, what is the breakdown of programs and funds?
- (7) (a) Is the department funding any education programs in NSW which cover issues such as body image, and which empower and equip young people especially to critically assess the negative messages they receive from the media and popular culture more broadly, about how they should look?

(b) If so, please provide a breakdown of every program funded, cost, and how many schools are implementing these programs?

(8) (a) Does the department agree that a preventative approach is warranted if eating disorders, body image dissatisfaction, and related conditions such as anxiety, depression, low self-esteem and self-harm are to be addressed and reduced?

(b) If so, what is the department doing to ensure such an approach is implemented?

4117 HILLTOP RIFLE RANGE—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Gaming and Racing, and Minister for Sport and Recreation—

Does the Government's financial commitment to building the Hilltop Rifle Range include the funding of roads, bridges and other necessary infrastructure this development now requires?

- 4118 PROBITY CHECKS—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Community Services—
  - (1) Given that staff who work at non-government organisations that provide out of home care services to DoCS are required to undergo probity checks such as "working with children" and "police background" checks, at what frequency are these clearances audited by DoCS staff?
  - (2) In the past 12 months, how many organisations have been found to be employing staff that were not fully cleared?

- (3) What action was taken against these organisations?
- 4119 QUANDIALLA COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICE—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—

Why will the Greater Western Area Health Service not pay for the purchase of, nor supply I.N.R. strips, for use by patients at the Quandialla Community Health Centre?

- 4120 GULLEN RANGE WIND FARM—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo—
  - (1) Given the close proximity of several of the proposed wind turbines to the landing circuit at the Crookwell Airfield will civil aviation regulations or State planning legislation take precedence in the approval of the wind farm?
  - (2) Given that aviation experts have stated that the approval of the Gullen Range Wind Farm in its existing proposed configuration will lead to the automatic closure of the Crookwell Airfield, because of safety considerations, will the Minister consult with the Rural Fire Service and the Minister for Emergency Services on the impact that this will have on bushfire fighting operations in this area in the future?
- 4121 HAEMODIALYSIS PATIENTS—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—

How many people attend at regular times per week haemodialysis at central Sydney haemodialysis units from the following postcodes:

- (a) 2083;
- (b) 2082;
- (c) 2081;
- (d) 2080;
- (e) 2079;
- (f) 2077;
- (g) 2120;
- (h) 2076;
- (i) 2158;
- (j) 2159?
- 4122 DEATHS FROM DOMESTIC VIOLENCE—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women—

On advice that 20 deaths have been recorded as a result of domestic violence in NSW from January 2008 to date, what has been done to reduce this number?

- 4123 MENTAL HEALTH LIAISON OFFICER—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Local Government, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—
  - (1) (a) Is the Mental Health Court Liaison Officer still present at Manly Court?
    - (b) If no, why was this position removed?
  - (2) Are there any plans to install a similar position at Hornsby Court?
- 4124 HOUSING NSW WATER SAVING INITIATIVES—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Housing, and Minister for Western Sydney—
  - (1) What initiatives have been implemented in the Wallsend electorate to encourage Housing NSW tenants to save water?
  - (2) How successful have these initiatives been?
- 4125 BUS SERVICES—SUTHERLAND SHIRE—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—

What changes are planned for bus services in the Sutherland Shire?

- 4126 MONEY RAISED BY VOLUNTEER KIOSK—SUTHERLAND HOSPITAL—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—
  - (1) How much money has been raised by Sutherland Hospital volunteers from their operation of a kiosk at the hospital for each of the last five years?
  - (2) What items of equipment have been purchased by these funds for use in the hospital?
- 4127 PROPOSALS FOR EASTERN SUBURBS (REGION 9) BUSES—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—

With regard to State Transit Authority (STA) proposals for Eastern Suburbs (Region 9) buses released in June:

- (1) When will the final approved Eastern Region Integrated Network Plan be released to the community?
- (2) What information can the Minister provide about final decisions for the 311 service, given an STA spokesperson has publicly stated that "some of the proposed changes for the route 311 will not take effect"?
- (3) What is the response to my request for the Minister to meet with me to discuss a cooperative approach to reviewing the 311 bus service, working with the community to achieve a better outcome for all stakeholders?
- 4128 ALCOHOL FREE ZONE EVALUATION—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Local Government, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—

With respect to the Department of Local Government evaluation of Alcohol Free Zones, which began in March 2006, and the 2007 report on this evaluation and survey of Councils:

- (1) What is the outcome of this evaluation, and what recommendations were made for the future of the Alcohol Free Zone program?
- (2) When will the Government make the evaluation report public?
- (3) What assessment has the NSW Government made of this evaluation report and its recommendations?
- (4) What recommendations were made about the cost of fines imposed for breaches of Alcohol Free Zones, and will the Government take to increase the penalties that apply?
- (5) What is the Government's response to this evaluation and report?
- (6) What action has been taken to date and what action is planned following this evaluation?
- 4129 BOARDING HOUSES—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Citizenship, and Minister Assisting the Premier on the Arts—

With respect to the unregulated tenancies in boarding houses, which require residents to take action in the Local Court to recover rent paid in advance or assess evictions:

- (1) What progress has been made in assessing options for regulating tenancy rights in boarding houses?
- (2) Has the NSW Government assessed the model of Occupancy Agreements proposed as an alternative to regulation through residential tenancies?
- (3) When will the Government provide tenancy protection for boarding house residents?
- 4130 NOISY VEHICLE SUMMER OPERATIONS—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—

Given that people are more inclined to sleep with their windows open on warmer nights and are therefore more likely to suffer disturbances from noisy vehicles:

- (1) To what extent will the NSW Government increase joint vehicle compliance operations between the Department of Environment and Climate Change and NSW police to enforce regulations that limit noise emissions from vehicles?
- (2) In November 2008, December 2008, January 2009 and February 2009, how many joint vehicle compliance operations are planned in:
  - (a) Millers Point, Dawes Point and The Rocks;
  - (b) George Street and the CBD;
  - (c) Woolloomooloo;
  - (d) Potts Point and Kings Cross; and
  - (e) Darlinghurst and Surry Hills?

4131 PARTY BUSES—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—

With respect to "party buses" that convey groups of people around the inner city and entertainment zones, particularly late at night:

- (1) What assessment/review has been made of the scale and impacts of party buses, as previously advised by the Minister for Transport?
- (2) In what areas do party buses operate?
- (3) How does the Government accredit and monitor these bus services?
- (4) How does the Government enforce Responsible Service of Alcohol requirements on these bus operators?
- (5) How does the Government ensure that these bus operators provide toilets or toilet breaks at places where toilets are available?
- (6) How does the Government ensure that these bus operators do not cause noise impacts from amplified music?
- 4132 RIVER RED GUM FORESTS—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—

With regard to logging on Crown Land in the River Red Gum Forests of the Murray region:

- (1) What is the gross annual investment by the NSW Government for logging operations and activities on Crown Land in the NSW River Red Gum Forests of the Murray region?
- (2) How is this figure derived?
- (3) Is the NSW Government aware that a recent report "Seeing the Value for the Trees", from Economists at Large, estimates that Forestry NSW's (FNSW) operating costs are 88 per cent lower than the operating costs of loggers on private land?
- (4) How does the Minister explain this difference?
- (5) What is the net annual profit to the NSW Government from River Red Gum timber operations on Crown Land in the Murray Region?
- (6) How is this figure derived?
- (7) It is suggested in the report "Seeing the Value for the Trees" by Economists at Large that once costs not born by FNSW are factored in, FNSW actually operates at a loss of \$1.8 million per annum: can the you explain why FNSW is managing these forests at a loss?
- (8) Does the NSW Government agree with Economists at Large's estimation of 136 jobs supported by logging on Crown Land in the NSW River Red Gum Forests of the Murray region?
- 4133 TOURISM OPPORTUNITIES OF THE RIVER RED GUM FORESTS—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Tourism, and Minister for the Hunter—
  - (1) How many tourism related jobs are currently supported in NSW within the Murray region that includes the River Red Gum Forests?
  - (2) What is the annual worth of the tourism industry within the Murray region that includes the River Red Gum Forests?
  - (3) What assessment has the NSW Government made on the economic benefits of increased tourist activities if the River Red Gum Forests of the Murray region in NSW were converted to National Parks?
  - (4) Is the Minister aware of the recent report "Seeing the Value for the Trees", prepared by Economists at Large, which estimates that converting the River Red Gum State Forests of the Murray region to National Parks would generate \$101 million in economic activity for the Riverina economy, five times the estimated value of the current timber industry?
  - (5) Given the poor economic returns from logging River Red Gum forests, the relatively small number of jobs supported by the industry, and the much greater opportunities offered by tourism, why doesn't the NSW Government not remove logging from the forests and create new National Parks across all River Red Gum State Forests?
- 4134 TYPE 1 DIABETES—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—

With respect to Australian Institute of Health and Welfare data showing that the incidence of Type 1 Diabetes is increasing particularly in children aged up to 14 years:

- (1) What programs does the NSW Government provide or fund to help prevent Type 1 Diabetes?
- (2) What programs does the NSW Government provide or fund to educate parents on the environmental factors that can lead to Type 1 Diabetes, and how have these been adapted in response to these latest trends?
- (3) What programs does the NSW Government provide or fund to educate the wider community about environmental factors that can lead to the onset of Type 1 Diabetes and how have these been adapted in response to these latest trends?
- (4) What programs does the NSW Government provide or fund to support people living with Type 1 Diabetes and how have these been adapted in response to these latest trends?
- (5) What plans does the Government have to arrest the increase in number of people living with Type 1 Diabetes?
- 4135 PROTECTING CONSUMERS FROM GREENWASH—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Citizenship, and Minister Assisting the Premier on the Arts—

Given increased consumer concerns about environmental sustainability issues has led to a reported increase in environmental credential product claims:

- (1) What investigations is the NSW Government conducting into false advertising claims about product environmental credentials?
- (2) What education campaigns is the NSW Government initiating to inform consumers about false environmental sustainability claims for products?
- (3) What education campaigns is the NSW Government initiating to inform producers and retailers about the need to substantiate environmental sustainability claims of products?
- 4136 SCULPTURE BY THE SEA—FUNDING—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Premier, and Minister for the Arts—
  - (1) How much total NSW Government funding has gone towards the Sculpture by the Sea annual event over the last 12 years?
  - (2) What support is being offered to Sculpture by the Sea as part of the proposed new festival activities for Sydney in October 2009?
- 4137 CORRECTION OF ERROR IN DETERMINATION—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, Minister for Justice, and Minister for Industrial Relations—
  - (1) Does Section 371 of the Legal Professional Act 2004 regarding Correction of Error in Determination extend to cover the correction of a mathematical error?
  - (2) If not, is correction of a mathematical error covered elsewhere in the legislation?
  - (3) If not, why not?
- 4138 PURCHASING OF SCHOOL STATIONERY—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women—
  - (1) (a) Has the Department of Education issued a directive that all school stationery purchases must go through either Office Max / Q Stores or Corporate Express?(b) If so, why?
  - (2) Does the Minister believe it is appropriate to force schools to purchase supplies from American companies at the expense of local suppliers?
- 4139 ACUTE CARE BEDS AT COOLAMON/ GANMAIN HOSPITAL—Mr Adrian Piccoli to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—
  - (1) How many acute care beds are located in the Coolamon/Ganmain Hospital?
  - (2) How many long stay patients are occupying those beds designated as acute care beds?
  - (3) Have GSAHS staff been instructed not to talk to anyone about this matter?
  - (4) By whom were staff issued with this instruction?
  - (5) Is this a standard practice?
  - (6) If not, was it implemented on just one occasion?
  - (7) Were all inquiries in relation to this matter to be directed to Dr Joe McGirr?
  - (8) When will the designated acute care beds again be available for patients that need "acute" care?

4140 DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING UNITS—COHEN STREET SPEERS POINT—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Minister for Housing, and Minister for Western Sydney—

With problems associated with the block of 46 Department of Housing units at Cohen Street Speers Point having apparently "fallen through the cracks", what actions will be taken to restore an acceptable standard of accommodation and amenity for residents?

4141 HUNTER WATER CORPORATION—BASE CASE SUPPLY FORECAST—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Minister for Water, Minister for Rural Affairs, and Minister for Regional Development—

Why does the Hunter Water Corporation's current Base Case Supply Forecast exclude potential benefits attainable under BASIX or demand management options and will the Minister ensure that further modelling will be done to include these factors?

4142 DOMESTIC ELECTRICITY CHARGES—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—

Why have NSW Domestic electricity charges increased by more than double the consumer price index and what is being done to attenuate any price increases for the 2009 year?

- 4143 RESURFACING OF PACIFIC HIGHWAY—SEXTON HILL—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Roads—
  - (1) What was the cost of resurfacing the road surface on Sexton Hill over the last six months in the Tweed on the Pacific Highway?
  - (2) What future maintenance is planned over the next 12 months including:
    - (a) the timing of this maintenance; and
    - (b) the cost of any programs?
- 4144 PART 3A DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS—TWEED ELECTORATE—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo—

How many Part 3A development proposals are currently before the Minister that are contained within the Tweed electorate and what are these proposals?

4145 CAMP WOLLUMBIN—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—

In relation to Camp Wollumbin, a riverside camp located on the shore of Lake Cudgen that operated as a scout and youth fitness camp before it was shut down:

(1) (a) Does the Department of Lands still perform periodic maintenance on the facilities at Camp Wollumbin?

(b) If yes, how often does the Department carry out maintenance and what was the date of the last maintenance works completed?

- (2) (a) Does the Department of Lands plan to reopen Camp Wollumbin as a scout and youth fitness camp?
  - (b) If not, what plans does the Department of Lands have for Camp Wollumbin?
- 4146 COST OF ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORT FOR RENAL DIALYSIS PATIENTS—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—

In relation to the cost of alternative transport cost for renal dialysis patients at the Tweed Hospital referred to in the answer to question 3160:

- (1) What is the cost of ambulance transport for these patients for:
  - (a) 2006-07 financial year;
  - (b) 2007-08 financial year; and

(c) the current financial year to date?

(2) What is the cost of taxi fares for transporting these patients when an ambulance is not available for:

- (a) 2006-07 financial year;
- (b) 2007-08 financial year; and

(c) the current financial year to date?

4147 JOINT POLICE OPERATIONS IN ALBURY WODONGA AREA—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—

In relation to the current memorandum of understanding between the NSW Police Service and the Victorian Police Service for future joint operations in the Albury Wodonga area:

What are the details of the MOU as well as the expected commencement date of the proposed operation?

4148 NEW POLICE STATION—TWEED HEADS—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—

In relation to the new police station promised in the last election for Tweed Heads:

- (1) (a) Has planning commenced for the new police station?
  - (b) If so, when will construction of the new police station commence?
  - (c) If so, what is the anticipated completion date?
- (2) If planning has not commenced when will it?
- 4149 SMOKING AREAS AT DUBBO RSL—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—

In relation to outdoor smoking areas: What is the total cost of the legal proceeding over smoking areas at Dubbo RSL?

4150 BUSHFIRE HAZARDS—BURGESS ROAD FORSTER—Mr John Turner to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—

Given that the Minister for Local Government in answer to question 3438 advised that the Minister for Emergency Services is the appropriate Minister to answer questions in relation to Great Lakes Council's conduct regarding bushfire hazards along Burgess Road, Forster:

- (1) Did Great Lakes Council advise ratepayers of 65-79 (inclusive) Burgess Road, Forster that the section of reserve opposite those properties was identified as bushfire prone?
- (2) (a) Did Great Lakes Council receive a report dated September 2007 from Eco Logical Pty Ltd concerning the issue of bushfire hazards in Burgess Road, Forster?

(b) Did such a report show the study area for assessing bushfire prone land was from 27 Burgess Road to the southern end of Burgess Road?

(c) Why was the study area in the report enlarged from the area previously classed as fire prone land mentioned in (2) hereof?

- (3) Who from the council commissioned the report?
- (4) (a) Was that report signed by any person from Eco Logical Pty Ltd?
  - (b) If so, by whom?
  - (c) If not, who was responsible for the preparation of the report?
- (5) (a) Was the report released to those people affected by bushfire hazards at Burgess Road, Forster?(b) If not, why not?
- (6) If a report dated September 2007 as referred to in question (2) was received, did it say inter alia in its conclusion: "The level of bushfire attack on the site is classified as extreme with the existing APZ along Burgess Road according to PBP. Under current legislation for new dwellings this APZ would be sufficient if buildings were constructed to Level 3 of AS 3959-1999. However, it is likely that many existing houses do not comply with this level of construction and that a wider APZ up to 38 metres, would be required to provide adequate bushfire protection to existing dwellings"?
- (7) What was the APZ proposed for this area by the Great Lakes Council?
- (8) (a) Did any officer of Council contact Eco Logical Pty Ltd about the September 2007 report or any related matters to the report after it was received?

- (b) If so, whom?
- (c) If so, what were the terms of such discussion?
- (9) (a) Was a subsequent report received by Great Lakes Council from Eco Logical Pty Ltd dated October 2007 concerning bushfire hazards at Burgess Road, Forster?
  - (b) If so, did Great Lakes Council commission this report?
  - (c) If so, from whom did Council commission this report?
  - (d) If so, why was a subsequent report commissioned?
  - (e) If so, who prepared such report?
- (10) (a) If a further report dated October 2007 was received by Council did it say in its Bushfire Risk Assessment Conclusion "that there is a low level of bushfire threat at the site"?

(b) If so, did any officer of Great Lakes Council ask Eco Logical Pty Ltd to explain why a report on the site is classified as extreme with the existing APZ along Burgess Road according to PBP", and in the report into the same issue dated October 2007 states "that there is a low level of bushfire threat at the site"?

- (c) If so, what was the explanation?
- (d) If no explanation was sought, why not?

(e) If no explanation was sought, was it because the October report supported council's position in relation to bushfire hazards at Burgess Beach?

4151 ADMINISTRATION OF GREAT LAKES COUNCIL—Mr John Turner to ask the Minister for Local Government, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—

In relation to the information provided by the Minister in his answer to Question No 3438 which concerned action taken by Great Lakes Council:

- (1) As the questions raised by me go directly to the administration of a local government entity, namely in this case, the Great Lakes Council, rather than to matters that are under the Minister for Emergency Services portfolio, why did the Minister not answer the questions raised in Question 3438?
- (2) Does the Minister's answer advising that I should inter alia discuss the questions directly with the General Manager of Great Lakes Council, a person acknowledged in the Local Government Act, indicate that the questions did in fact fall under his portfolio and that he should have answered the same?
- 4152 UPGRADE OF MITCHELL HIGHWAY AND GORDON ROAD INTERSECTION—Mr Russell Turner to ask the Minister for Roads—
  - (1) Does the Roads and Traffic Authority have any plans to upgrade the intersection of the Mitchell Highway and Gordon Road at Guyong between Orange and Bathurst?
  - (2) If yes, what is proposed to improve the safety at this intersection?
  - (3) If not, why not?
- 4153 ELECTORAL COMMISSION—CANDIDATE INFORMATION SHEET—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Premier, and Minister for the Arts—
  - (1) Is the Premier aware the Electoral Commission of New South Wales has made the Candidate Information Sheet of candidates for the Local Government elections of 2008 publicly available on its website?
  - (2) Is the Premier aware that the signatures of the individual candidates are reproduced in these Candidate Information Sheets?
  - (3) Is the Premier aware that there are medical practitioners who are seeking election in the Local Government elections of 2008?
  - (4) Is the Premier concerned that there is potential for the fraudulent completion of prescriptions using the now publicly available signatures of several medical practitioners?
  - (5) Will the Premier take measures to ensure the signatures of medical practitioners are not reproduced on New South Wales Government website?

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