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*3943 CASES OF CANCER—Mr Richard Amery asked the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

- (1) What is the trend in events of the following cases of cancer in the State of New South Wales:
 - (a) Brain tumour;
 - (b) Breast cancer;
 - (c) Prostrate cancer;
 - (d) Bowel cancer?
- (2) How have these figures changed over the past 20 years?
- (3) How are these figures affected by the age profile of sufferers?

Answer—

I am advised by the Chief Executive of the Cancer Institute:

(1) and (2) The latest Incidence and Mortality Report is available through the NSW Central Cancer Registry at the Cancer Institute NSW. This information can be accessed at the following internet site: http://www.cancerinstitute.org.au/cancer_inst/statistics/index.html

(3) Increases in the numbers of cases of cancer are due to risk factors for the cancer and increases in the age and sex profile of the population. The impact on the age profile of sufferers increases with increasing age at diagnosis. The majority of cases are found in people aged 65 years or older at diagnosis and the highest rates per 100,000 are also found in older age groups.

*3944 MENTAL HEALTH INTENSIVE CARE UNIT—HORNSBY HOSPITAL—Mr Greg Aplin asked the Minister for Local Government, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—

- (1) How many beds are currently open in the Hornsby Mental Health Intensive Care Unit?
- (2) What is the current staffing level for this unit and what is the optimum staffing level for full operation of all 12 beds?

Answer—

- (1) Twelve beds are currently open in the Hornsby Mental Health Intensive Care Unit.
- (2) Staffing levels are managed according to patient demand and the clinical need of the patients. The Unit has been temporarily classified as an adult general psychiatric unit. Accordingly, the current staffing level in the unit is 36.9 full time equivalents. Once the status of the Unit is restored to a Mental Health Intensive Care Unit, the staffing level for the operation of 12 beds is 45.4 full time equivalents. The NSW Government is committed to continuing to enhance our intensive care services.

*3945 MENTAL HEALTH NURSE PRACTITIONER—Mr Greg Aplin asked the Minister for Local Government, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—

- (1) How many Mental Health Nurse Practitioners are currently employed in the Emergency Ward of the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital (RPAH), Camperdown?
- (2) How many Mental Health Nurse Practitioners were employed at RPAH, Camperdown as of 30 June 2008?
- (3) In the event of staff transfer or resignation, will the Mental Health Nurse Practitioner positions be filled?
- (4) Which health service provides funding for these positions?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) and (2) One.
- (3) The position occupied by the current incumbent would be filled if it became vacant.
- (4) Sydney South West Area Health Service.

*3946 LAKE CATHIE SKATE PARK AND PCYC FACILITY—Mr Mike Baird asked the Minister for Juvenile Justice, Minister for Volunteering, and Minister for Youth—

What is the Youth Minister doing to avert the youth crisis in the Port Macquarie area following the imminent closure of the Lake Cathie skate park and PCYC facility?

Answer—

The imminent closure of the Lake Cathie Skate Park is not an issue as the skate park does not exist.

The PCYC currently has a Development Application before Port Macquarie council for a site located at Stuart Park.

*3947 NORTH HEAD SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT—Mr Mike Baird asked the Minister for Water, Minister for Rural Affairs, and Minister for Regional Development—

What research has Sydney Water conducted into the impact of the North Head Sewage Treatment Plant on the ocean environment since it was built, and what were the results?

Answer—

I am advised by Sydney Water that it conducts a long-term monitoring program of the ocean environment as part of its Environment Protection Licence for major coastal sewage treatment plants. To date, no environmental impacts have been found that can be related to the deep ocean outfalls.

*3948 BIOSOLIDS ODOURS—Mr Mike Baird asked the Premier, and Minister for the Arts—

Does the Premier stand by his statement that trucks transporting biosolids from the North Head Sewage Treatment Plant are "effective in preventing biosolids odours escaping" (Answer 2939 received on 11 June 2008)?

Answer—

The Premier stands by his answer, given as the Minister for Water on 11 June 2008, as follows:

"(1) Sydney Water is intending to issue tenders for the collection, transportation and beneficial use of biosolids from all its sewage treatment plants, including North Head, in June 2008.

(2) In addition to normal requirements, the trucks transporting biosolids will be required to use a special ground operated roll-over tarpaulin system made of waterproof PVC material. This tarpaulin system is the same as that currently used for North Head Sewage Treatment Plant, and is effective in preventing biosolids odours from escaping from trucks."

*3952 MOUNT PANORAMA FACILITY—Mr Mike Baird asked the Minister for Gaming and Racing, and Minister for Sport and Recreation—

Is the Minister aware of any safety issues that have arisen at Mt Panorama in Bathurst since the State Government invested \$10 million in funds in upgrading the facility?

Answer—

The Confederation of Australian Motor Sport (CAMS) is designated as the "National Sporting Authority" for motor sport in Australia by the Federation Internationale de l'Automobile (FIA).

CAMS develops and maintains systems to promote and achieve safety for four wheeled motor sport. CAMS is concerned with the fitness of drivers, track standards and safety, the construction and eligibility of vehicles and all aspects of safety.

The Mount Panorama circuit is inspected by CAMS and NSW Police prior to the holding of the annual Bathurst 1000 (as it is currently named) which informs the issuing of a permit for that and other events held at the circuit.

In addition, the FIA inspects the circuit in connection with the renewal of the circuit's international accreditation.

The FIA recently inspected the facilities at Mount Panorama as part of its triennial inspection schedule.

I expect to receive advice in the near future following that inspection, which will deal with a wide range of considerations, including safety provisions at Mount Panorama. This will inform further considerations relating to conditions of any permits issued for motor sport events at the circuit.

*3954 NEEDLE DISTRIBUTION CENTRE—MANLY—Mr Mike Baird asked 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 evidence does NSW Health have regarding the effectiveness of the needle distribution centre in Pittwater Road, Manly?

(2) What is the age and gender breakdown of clients using the facility?

(3) What percentage of clients is referred to recovery programs?

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Answer—

I am advised by the Minister for Health:

- (1) There is compelling evidence about the effectiveness of the Needle and Syringe Program across Australia. This evidence can be generalised to the Manly Needle and Syringe Program in Pittwater Road, Manly. There are two significant reports on the effectiveness of the Needle and Syringe Program: Return on Investment in Needle and Syringe Programs in Australia published by the Commonwealth Department of Health and Ageing in 2002; and The Impact of HIV/AIDS in NSW. Mortality, Morbidity and Economic Impact, published by NSW Health in 2007.
- (2) The average age of people who attended the Manly Needle and Syringe Program in 2007/08 was 34. In 2007/08 65 per cent of people attending the Program were male and 35 per cent female.
- (3) People attending the Manly Needle and Syringe Program benefit from information on reducing drug-related harms, referral to drug treatment, and legal and social service support. Of the total number of referrals from the Program in 2007/08, 37.5 per cent were to recovery programs.

*3955 ROAD ACCESS TO NEWCASTLE AIRPORT—Mr Craig Baumann asked the Minister for Roads—

Given Newcastle Airport recorded its busiest month on record in July of 100,000 passengers through the airport, will the Minister and/or the RTA consider upgrading the road access from Newcastle to the airport?

Answer—

I am advised:

The RTA is currently undertaking work on two of the key routes that provide access to the Newcastle Airport.

The Tourle Street Bridge across the Hunter River to Kooragang Island is being replaced to ensure ongoing access from Newcastle to the Port, Airport and areas on the Port Stephens Peninsula. The intersection at Tomago Road on the Pacific Highway at Tomago is also being upgraded to provide better access and safety for people using the intersection to access the Airport and the Tomago Industrial area.

In the longer term, the RTA is planning a new road between the F3 Freeway and Raymond Terrace. The concept design was displayed in July 2008 and includes an interchange at Tomago Road, which will provide an important access to the Airport via the Tomago Road.

*3956 PUBLIC TRANSPORT TO NEWCASTLE AIRPORT—Mr Craig Baumann asked the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—

Given Newcastle Airport recorded its busiest month on record in July of 100,000 passengers through the airport, will the Minister consider improving the provision of public transport between the airport and Newcastle, Raymond Terrace and Nelson Bay?

Answer—

I am advised:

Bus services in the Hunter Region provide direct and frequent links to Newcastle Airport.

The Government continues to assess options for improving public transport outcomes across NSW.

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—

*3959 PAYMENT TO SUPPLIERS—Mr Peter Debnam asked the Minister for Finance, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Regulatory Reform, and Minister for Ports and Waterways representing the Treasurer—

In relation to the timely payment of suppliers to NSW Government Departments:

- (1) Has the Treasurer sought advice from each department and agency on the current number and value of outstanding creditors not paid within thirty days?
- (2) If so, will the Treasurer immediately release that information to the public and if not, will he seek that advice?

Answer—

I'm advised

NSW Government Departments and Agencies publish this information in their annual reports.

*3960 STAFF NUMBERS—Mr Peter Debnam asked the Minister for Roads—

In relation to the RTA bureaucracy:

- (1) (a) What caused the increase in staff numbers last year (2007-08) from a budgeted 1,682 employees to a revised 2,001 employees in budget line item 50.3 Road Use?
 - (b) How many of the 2,001 employees were not frontline staff?
- (2) (a) What caused the increase in staff numbers last year (2007-08) from a budgeted 4,558 employees to a revised 4,561 employees in budget line item 50.5 Road Management?
 - (b) How many of the 4,561 employees were not frontline staff?
- (3) How many RTA staff are funded under each of the objectives listed under 50.4 Road Management i.e.:
 - (a) ensuring that network development meets future growth, population and freight needs;
 - (b) alternative forms of transport are supported;
 - (c) people and freight movement and incident management is optimised;
 - (d) the road network has been maintained to the required condition and value;
 - (e) the safety of the road environment and road user behaviour is maximised; and
 - (f) the impact of roadworks on the environment is minimised and positive urban design outcomes are produced?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) (a) In relation to budget line item 50.3 Road Use, the RTA has confirmed that the number of budgeted employees submitted to Treasury was 1982, not 1682, which was incorrectly printed in the Budget Estimates 2008-09 document.

The increase from a budgeted 1982 employees to a revised 2001 employees was as a result of a seasonal transactional business increase in front-line services.

(b) The delivery of budget line item 50.3 Road Use involves the road safety program combined with direct service delivery to the community. The RTA has advised that 92% of these staff either work in frontline roles or directly support the delivery of frontline services through key policy and program development in relation to safe road use. The non-frontline staffing relates to the provision of business support.
- (2) (a) The RTA operates a large construction business to ensure the delivery of the road and bridge program within Sydney and across the State. From time to time, small fluctuations in staffing numbers committed to this significant program of works can occur.

(b) The delivery of budget line item 50.4 Road Management involves staffing for the road maintenance program, the daily operation of traffic management systems, incident and special event management, and route planning and management. The RTA has advised that up to 92% of staff either work in frontline roles or directly support the delivery of frontline functions related to the safe and reliable movement of people and goods on the network. The non-frontline staffing relates to the provision of business support.
- (3) As stated in the budget estimates, there are 4561 staff responsible for delivering the road management program. These staff are largely based within regional and rural communities, as well as those based in metropolitan areas. The staff involved work in an integrated way to deliver a holistic program to ensure the ongoing access and sustainability of the road network.

(a) The RTA understands its role and responsibility within the context NSW State Plan for putting in place sound policy settings to contribute to a strong NSW economy, a secure road/rail balance for freight movements, stable and improved travel times, better public transport, reduced vehicle emissions and enhanced road safety.

The Network Management Directorate within the RTA coordinates strategic network planning within the RTA with accountabilities in four broad functional areas: network investment allocation, network and corridor planning, land use and transport planning and forward infrastructure planning. This activity is supported by Regional Operations and Engineering Services staff based within regional, metropolitan and rural communities.

In the regional areas of NSW the Pacific Highway and Hume Highway Programs are improving access to regions that are continuing to experience high rates of population growth. By June 2008, 267km of the Pacific Highway's length were widened resulting in travel time savings of about 70 minutes for both heavy and light vehicles. The RTA is continuing the accelerated program to

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duplicate 67km of the remaining 87km of single carriageway on the Hume Highway between the Sturt Highway and Albury.

Within Sydney, the focus for 2007-2008 was to maintain consistent travel times for motorists, particularly during peak hours by:

- Providing more efficient responses to incidents to ensure good traffic flow.
- Reducing the causes of delay through improved operation of intersections, electronic tolling on motorways and improvements to the traffic signal control system.
- Helping road users navigate the road system more effectively.

The RTA will continue to focus on planning for a sustainable road network including road-based public transport facilities).

(b) By June 2008, 72 bus priority infrastructure projects had been completed across the Sydney strategic bus corridor network. A further \$100 million has been allocated over four years from 2008-09 under the Government's Urban Transport Statement initiatives to accelerate the delivery of the bus priority program.

(c) The RTA's Traffic Management Centre (TMC) monitors the NSW roads network and is responsible for managing special events, responding to planned and unplanned incidents and disseminating information to road users. As the central point for handling crashes, breakdowns, roadworks and spills, the TMC coordinates the RTA's network of mobile Traffic Commanders, and Traffic Emergency Patrollers in managing traffic flow and related issues. The TMC also passes information to the public through the media, the RTA Contact Centre and the Variable Message Signs, the RTA website and recorded telephone information.

In terms of freight movement, the world-leading Intelligent Access Program became operational and available on 10 April 2008. This program uses satellite-based tracking technology to help manage heavy vehicles on the road network.

(d) Achievement during 2007-08 included delivery of the \$986 million Infrastructure Maintenance Program which represented an increase of \$116 million compared to 2006-07. The RTA has staff based in regional, rural and metropolitan communities coordinating, managing and delivering infrastructure maintenance programs. Routine maintenance work is delivered by a mixture of RTA staff, local council staff and contractors.

(e) The RTA adopted the 'safe systems partnership' approach as a guide for best road safety practice. The RTA's NSW Centre for Road Safety provides road safety engineering, policy and research advice for industry and the community.

The RTA also works in partnership with road management agencies such as councils, other state-based transport agencies, national bodies and research bodies to ensure best practice. A number of staff across the RTA are engaged in these functions.

(f) The RTA has developed an urban design approach to all of the work which is concerned with:

- How infrastructure fits into and shapes its broader built, natural and community environment.
- How all systems of transport are integrated into communities and the road corridor design.
- The quality and safety of the public domain and the experience of travel.

The RTA Corporate Plan 2008, incorporates the 'Green Plan' that sets out the RTA's strategies for addressing the important challenges of climate change and environmental sustainability. The Green Plan focuses on three key program areas:

- Demonstrating leadership in environmental research, policy and communication.
- Developing 'green' partnerships.
- Reducing the RTA's environmental footprint.

The RTA has staff based in regional, rural and metropolitan communities involved in environment and heritage management tasks.

*3962 COST OF FREE BUS TRAVEL SCHEME—Mr Thomas George asked the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—

What is the annual cost of bussing students who would normally draw to Kyogle High School or Kyogle Public School to schools in Casino and Lismore under the free bus travel scheme?

Answer—

I am advised:

Student travel records under the School Student Transport Scheme are based on actual travel patterns. Therefore, information relating to the annual cost of bussing students under the free bus travel scheme is not available.

*3964 AMBULANCE PATIENT TRANSFERS—Mr Thomas George asked 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—

For the period 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2008:

- (1) What were the individual instances of ambulance patient transfers from Murwillumbah, Mullumbimby, Tweed Heads and Byron Bay hospitals to any Gold Coast or Brisbane metropolitan hospital?
- (2) What were the names of the local hospital, receiving hospital, method of transport, time of day of initial request for transfer and time of actual transfer?

Answer—

I am advised by the Hon John Della Bosca MLC, Minister for Health:

For the period 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2008 a total of 1,636 patient transports were identified for Murwillumbah, Mullumbimby, Tweed Heads and Byron Bay hospitals to Gold Coast or Brisbane metropolitan hospitals. This includes both road and aeromedical transport.

As a request for a transfer can be made well in advance of the required time, including on a different day prior to the transfer, details of "the time of day initial request for transfer" and "time of actual transfer" would not be an accurate reflection of 'waiting' times, that is, the period between the time the request was made to the time of arrival of an ambulance at the pickup location.

*3965 BODIES AWAITING A CORONIAL AUTOPSY—Ms Pru Goward asked the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, Minister for Justice, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

- (1) How many bodies are currently being held by the Coroner in New South Wales awaiting a Coronial autopsy?
- (2) Have these bodies been held for:
 - (a) 1 month or less;
 - (b) up to 2 months;
 - (c) up to 3 months;
 - (d) up to 4 months;
 - (e) up to 5 months;
 - (f) up to 6 months;
 - (g) up to 7 months;
 - (h) up to 8 months;
 - (i) up to 9 months;
 - (j) up to 10 months;
 - (k) up to 11 months;
 - (l) up to 12 months;
 - (m) longer than 12 months?
- (3) If so, how long?

Answer—

I am advised:

None of the bodies currently held by the Coroner awaiting a coronial autopsy have been held for more than a month. Most coronial autopsies are conducted within 48 hours.

*3966 TRAINING TO SUPPORT VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE—Ms Pru Goward asked the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—

- (1) What number of police officers in New South Wales have received the specialist training promised by the former Police Minister to ensure all general duties officers have the skills and specialist knowledge needed to support victims of domestic violence and to investigate the cases?
- (2) How many police officers are yet to receive this training?
- (3) When can it be expected?

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(4) How is the training followed up?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force has advised me:

All police officers receive training in how to deal with domestic violence. Additional training for specialist police in this area has recently been substantially updated and expanded.

The new training program will be the subject of ongoing evaluation by the Education and Training Command.

*3972 MENTAL HEALTH UNITS—HORNSBY HOSPITAL—Mrs Judy Hopwood asked the Minister for Local Government, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—

(1) (a) When will the proposed new child and adolescent mental health unit for Hornsby Hospital commence construction?

(b) When will it be completed?

(2) (a) When will the proposed new mental health unit for Hornsby Hospital commence construction?

(b) When will it be completed?

Answer—

(1) and (2) NSW Health is currently examining capital works options to determine the most effective way to continue to deliver first class medical services in NSW.

The Department is reviewing capital works planning as well as budgets and procurement strategies to ensure value for money and is continuing to consult with community members clinicians and other stakeholders to ensure that the services provided meet local requirements.

The NSW Government is committed to delivering state-of-the-art medical facilities across the state in a responsible and effective way.

More information will be available as part of the Mini-Budget.

*3973 HORNSBY HOSPITAL MEALS—Mrs Judy Hopwood asked 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) From where does the meals/food for patients at Hornsby Hospital come?

(2) Is any food cooked at Hornsby Hospital?

(3) Who is responsible for ensuring patient meals are placed within reach and arranged so that patients can access and eat those meals?

Answer—

I am advised by the Hon John Della Bosca MLC, Minister for Health:

(1) Patient food/meals for Hornsby Hospital are sourced from a number of suppliers using government contracts and Area Health Service Central Production Units.

(2) No.

(3) A patient's nutrition is an integral part of their care and treatment. Doctors, nurses, dieticians and other allied health professionals, along with hospital food services staff, all have a role in ensuring the nutritional needs of patient's are met during their hospital stay. Clinicians have a responsibility to ensure that suitable menu options, that provide adequate nutritional standards are offered, that the right meals are delivered to patients at the right times, and that consumption of meals is monitored. While Food Service staff are generally responsible for serving patients their meals it may be necessary and appropriate for nursing staff to assist those patients who are not so independent and who may require assistance in consuming their meals.

*3975 TOM UGLY'S BRIDGE—MOVABLE LANE MARKERS—Mr Malcolm Kerr asked the Minister for Roads—

(1) How many collisions have occurred at the southern end of Tom Ugly's Bridge in 2006 and 2007?

(2) How many of these collisions involved movable lane markers?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) There were 7 crashes in 2006 and 10 crashes in 2007, between Clare Street and 500 metres north of Clare Street.

- (2) The RTA's crash data is sourced from Police reports. The level of detail provided within these reports does not allow the RTA to ascertain what object was hit and whether it involved the moveable median.

*3977 TRANSPORT REFORM—Ms Clover Moore asked the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—

In reference to University of Technology Sydney lecturer Dr Garry Glazebrook's comments in the Sydney Morning Herald on 18 September:

- (1) What consideration has the NSW Government given to replacing the North West Metro plan with its original North West Rail Link plan?
- (2) What investigations has the NSW Government done on the use of cameras on trains to enable drivers to close train doors safely without guards?
 - (a) To what extent would such cameras improve CityRail efficiency?
 - (b) Has the NSW Government identified particular services that such cameras would be suitable for, and if so, which ones?
- (3) What assessment has the NSW Government made on the benefits of reducing the number of carriages on trains on weekends to save on maintenance, depreciation and energy costs?
- (4) Can the Minister provide an update on the NSW Government's consideration of Metro Transport Strategy's proposal for extensions of light rail services from Central Station to Circular Quay via the planned Barangaroo development, announced earlier this year by the previous Minister?
- (5) Can the Minister provide an update on the NSW Government's consideration of Metro Transport Strategy's proposals for extensions of light rail services from Lilyfield to Summer Hill via the planned Barangaroo development, announced earlier this year by the previous Minister?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) to (5) In the lead up to the Mini-Budget we will be looking at all of the major capital works programs across the State.

At this stage Government has not ruled anything in or out. The Premier has said that everything will be considered, he wants maximum flexibility in this exercise as we strengthen the NSW economy.

*3979 DISCRIMINATION IN AGED CARE—Ms Clover Moore asked the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, Minister for Justice, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

With respect to Victorian research by La Trobe University that identifies overt and inadvertent discrimination in aged care facilities that leads people to live in fear:

- (1) What assessment has the NSW Government made of this research and its relevance to NSW?
- (2) What research has the NSW Government carried out or supported to assess discrimination in aged care facilities in NSW?
- (3) What action has the NSW Government taken to address discrimination in aged care facilities?
- (4) What anti-discrimination education programs does the NSW Government provide for aged care workers and operators?
- (5) What plans does the NSW Government have to provide anti-discrimination programs for aged care workers and operators?

Answer—

I am advised:

Aged care facilities are a Commonwealth responsibility.

The Anti-Discrimination Board conducts a variety of education and training programs, including seminars customised to meet the needs of particular clients. Details are available on the Board's website on Lawlink.

*3980 MOTOR CYCLE TOLLS—Ms Clover Moore asked the Minister for Roads—

With respect to the toll rate charged for motor cycles and scooters:

- (1) What is the rationale for charging motor cycles and scooters the same tolls as other motor vehicles?
- (2) What evidence has the Government used to set these toll charges and what charges apply in other jurisdictions?
- (3) What action has been taken to develop an E-tag that suits motor cycles and scooters so that these

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road users can take advantage of automatic tolling?

- (4) What recommendations will the NSW Government give to motorcycle and scooter drivers for travel that requires crossing Sydney Harbour when the Harbour Bridge, like the Harbour Tunnel, becomes cashless?
- (5) When will the Government provide an E-tag scheme that suits motor cycles and scooters?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The major benefit to motorists from using a toll road is achieved from savings in time. A solo motorcyclist achieves similar savings to the driver of a motorcar.

Although motorcycles are physically much smaller than cars, they require a similar amount of road space. This is because all vehicles require 2-3 seconds of separation (headway) for safety. At 60 km/h this headway is 33-50 metres which is far more significant than the relative length of the vehicles. Road safety issues such as headway are particularly important for motor cycles.

In terms of costs, typically, less than 25% of a toll is in place to pay for maintenance. Of these costs, activities relating to landscaping and environmental damage apply equally to all classes of vehicles. Costs for activities such as drainage maintenance and road patrols to remove fallen objects such as timber are particularly important for motorcycles. The effects of motorcycles and motor cars on pavement strength are similar as pavements are designed for heavy trucks.

The RTA does, however, offer special three month passes to motorcyclists using the Sydney Harbour Bridge and Harbour Tunnel.

These passes are provided at a discounted rate and are designed for people who ride to and from the CBD on a daily basis.

The passes are based on camera technology which takes a photo of the motorcycle plate when crossing through the toll booth, which is then matched to their account.

Passes are available at nine RTA registries in and around the Sydney CBD, including North Sydney, Chatswood, Wynyard and City South.

- (2) There are toll roads in Queensland, Victoria, and New South Wales. The toll for motor cycles in Queensland and Victoria is 50% of the car toll. In NSW, motorcycles have paid the same toll as cars since 1987.
- (3) An electronic toll tag will work with motorcycles. Of the two products available, the first is an armband pouch that the tag fits into. The second is a waterproof pouch that is fitted with a strong magnet that attaches to the motor cycle. The pouch can then be removed from the motor cycle for security of the tag. Fully electronic toll roads also offer video tolling (number plate recognition) opportunities for motor cycles.
- (4) The recommendation to motorcyclists is the same made in respect to car drivers. That is to get an E-Tag or an e-pass. The three month passes will continue to be available to motorcyclists using the Sydney Harbour Bridge after it becomes cashless.
- (5) See response to Question (3).

*3981 PARKING ON FOOTPATHS—Ms Clover Moore asked the Minister for Roads—

Given that cars parked on footpaths forces pedestrians including people on wheelchairs, and children on bikes, to travel on the road, increasing their risk of being hit by a car:

- (1) What assessment has the NSW Government made on the risks to pedestrians and children on bikes caused by cars parked on footpaths?
- (2) What is the justification for lower penalties for parking or stopping on the footpath in comparison to parking or stopping in a "no stopping" zone, in a clearway or in a bus lane?
- (3) What investigations has the Roads and Traffic Authority conducted into initiatives, such as increased penalties, to prevent people parking and stopping their cars on the footpath?
- (4) What are the conclusions of these investigations?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA) is exploring avenues for reducing the occurrence of drivers parking on footpaths and educating the community about pedestrian safety.

A footpath parking program is currently being trialled in Leichhardt which seeks to meet the needs of residents whilst maintaining and respecting the safety of pedestrians.

- (2) to (4) In comparison to other states, no other jurisdiction imposes a higher fine or demerit point penalty than NSW for parking on the footpath or in a school zone. Further, penalties are renewed on an ongoing basis.

The RTA carries out investigations into all aspects of vulnerable road user safety including young pedestrians and elderly pedestrians. The RTA is concerned about all crashes involving vulnerable road users. Incidents involving vehicles parked on footpaths constitute only one of many risks.

*3984 MODIFIED VEHICLES—Ms Clover Moore asked the Minister for Roads—

With respect to the Roads and Traffic Authority inspection and certification of vehicles as roadworthy and meeting emission standards:

- (1) How does the Government ensure that registered vehicles have not been modified in ways that increase noise and air pollution emissions?
- (2) How many vehicles are reported for illegal modification, and how many of these reports are made from the inner city?
- (3) How does the Government follow up vehicles that have been reported as modified and breaching emission controls?
- (4) How does the Government follow up repeat offenders who have been reported more than once for illegally modifying vehicles, and what programs target repeat offenders?
- (5) What plans does the Government have to increase enforcement of illegal vehicle modifications?
- (6) What programs does the Government have to target businesses that illegally modify vehicles?
- (7) What community education programs has the Government undertaken to prevent illegal vehicle modification?
- (8) What plans does the Government have to improve enforcement of illegal vehicle modifications?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Modified vehicles must continue to comply with safety provisions specified in the Road Transport (Vehicle Registration) Regulation 2007 in particular the vehicle safety standards applicable at the time of their manufacture including the Australian Design Rules (ADRs), and the modification must not reduce the safety of their occupants and other road users. Other than modifications deemed to be minor in nature, a modified vehicle must be inspected by a person registered with the Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA) Engineering Certificates Scheme (ECS) as an engineering signatory, and be certified as meeting the vehicle safety standards and including all relevant applicable ADRs. The certificate must be provided to enable the vehicle to be registered for use on roads or road related areas. The applicable ADRs include those pertaining to noise and air pollution emissions.

The ECS will be replaced in the next year by the Vehicle Compliance Certification Scheme. This will impose stricter requirements on the engineering signatories to help ensure the modified vehicles comply with the legislation, and will have penalties for any found breaching the requirements.

- (2) Light vehicle compliance is primarily a function of the NSW Police Force. As such, any request for information relating to the illegal modification of light vehicles would be best directed to the Minister for Police.
- (3) If sufficient information is provided to establish non-compliance, the RTA can issue the operator of the vehicle a notice to present the vehicle for inspection.
- (4) Vehicles that are modified or are not maintained so that they continue to comply with the relevant vehicle standards and regulations are issued with defect notices. In relation to heavy vehicles, the RTA has systems in place to identify and take follow-up action in regards to repeat offenders. Repeat offenders can be subject to operator audits.

Defect notices for light vehicles are largely issued by the NSW Police Force.

The Department of Environment and Climate Change maintains a database which identifies repeat offenders in relation to vehicle emissions (noise and exhaust).

- (5) The RTA, NSW Police Force and the Department of the Environment and Climate Change work together in special enforcement operations, targeting known locations in which modified vehicles congregate.
- (6) The RTA does not have any jurisdiction in the regulation of businesses engaged in modifying vehicles. That is a matter for the Office of Fair Trading.
- (7) The RTA publishes Vehicle Standards Information sheets on its website, at motor registries and Technical Enquiries telephone line which provide information to the public on what the requirements

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are for modifying a vehicle. The Department of Environment and Climate Change website provides information in relation to noisy and smoky vehicles.

- (8) The RTA, NSW Police Force and the Department of Environment and Climate Change work collaboratively on special enforcement operations.

*3986 CANCER CASES—WARRINGAH COUNCIL AREA—Mr Jonathan O'Dea asked 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—

Given that the NSW Central Cancer Registry statistics show that there were 229 cases of leukaemia in children under the age of 15, between 2003 and 2005, and given your response to Q&A 3485 that 22 cases of these are in the Warringah Council area:

- (1) Is it not statistically significant that approximately 10% of all such cases in NSW have fallen within the Warringah Council area?
- (2) In which State electorate did these 22 people from the Warringah Council area reside?
- (3) What does the Minister's department believe are the reasons for this alarming statistic?
- (4) What investigations are occurring on this matter?

Answer—

I advise the Member to direct questions to the Minister Assisting (Cancer) in future. However I am advised by the Minister for Health:

- (1) The advice provided in respect to the Member's earlier question (Q&A 3485) incorrectly provided the number of cases of cancer of any cause in children aged less than 15 years and not just the numbers of leukaemia cases in the Warringah and Pittwater areas.

While in Warringah/Pittwater there were 22 cases of cancer in children aged 15 years or less, of these, 12 had leukaemia for the time period 2002 to 2005: 3 in 2003, 4 in 2004 and 5 in 2005.

- (2) The 12 cases of leukaemia are distributed across the LGA and are not in any particular postcode. Ethics permission would be required to identify localities further. The number of cases is not statistically significant and could be due to chance.

*3987 OVERSEAS TRAVEL FOR ORGAN TRANSPLANT—Mr Jonathan O'Dea asked 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 statistics are kept of Australians who have travelled overseas for the purpose of receiving an organ transplant?
- (2) What success or failure rate records exist in NSW for such patients?
- (3) What treatment limitations, if any, exist for patients who return to NSW from overseas transplant surgery and require after-care?
- (4) Is any training conducted in NSW hospitals of Chinese transplant surgeons?

Answer—

I am advised by the Minister for Health:

- (1) Exact numbers are unknown. No formal registry of statistics is kept of those who travel overseas for the purpose of procuring an organ transplant.
- (2) The only study which has been undertaken to date in NSW (by the East Coast Renal Services Network) shows that of the small number of patients who had received a commercial transplant from overseas, the 5 year patient survival rate was 60% compared with a 5 year survival rate of 82% for recipients who received a cadaveric kidney donation within Australia. In addition, inadequate screening and testing resulted in a number of cases of infectious disease (including hepatitis, and tuberculosis) in overseas transplanted patients.
- (3) Under the Medicare Principles and Commitments (NSW Health Services Act Section 68(2)) the State must provide "Access to public hospital services ... on the basis of clinical need" no matter how that clinical need arises.
- (4) Advice from Transplantation Units in NSW on this issue is that Chinese surgeons invited to Sydney are brought for training in a range of surgical techniques and interventions and not specifically for transplantation surgery. They may however be exposed to transplantation surgery in their training.

*3988 AGE AND BREAKDOWNS OF ROLLING STOCK—Mr Jonathan O'Dea asked the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—

- (1) What is the average age of the rolling stock used on each of the following rail lines:

- (a) North Shore;
 - (b) Eastern Suburbs;
 - (c) Illawarra;
 - (d) Hunter;
 - (e) South Coast?
- (2) What was the number of breakdowns experienced on each of the following rail lines over the last 12 months:
- (a) North Shore;
 - (b) Eastern Suburbs;
 - (c) Illawarra;
 - (d) Hunter;
 - (e) South Coast?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Information regarding CityRail's rolling stock can be found at www.cityrail.info.
- (2) Any service interruptions and developments across the transport network, including the CityRail network, are reported on the Transport Infoline website www.131500.info

*3989 LINDFIELD RAILWAY STATION—Mr Jonathan O'Dea asked the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—

- (1) Did an elderly man fall between the train and the platform at Lindfield railway station on or about 16 September 2008?
- (2) What is being done to address gaps between trains and platforms at Lindfield railway station?
- (3) What is the estimated date of completion of the current works at Lindfield railway station?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) to (3) On 16 September 2008 an elderly passenger fell while attempting to board a train at Lindfield Station.

I understand that the man was assisted by three other passengers and the train guard, who immediately contacted operations control and requested an ambulance. First aid was given in the interim. Paramedics attended the scene and conveyed the man to Royal North Shore hospital for further treatment for leg injuries.

RailCorp addresses the issue of gaps between platform and trains through an ongoing program known as the Platform Gap Reduction program. Platform one at Lindfield Station underwent a gap reduction in May 2003.

The tender for the Lindfield station Easy Access upgrade was awarded on 5 August, 2008. Completion of the upgrade is anticipated by the end of 2009.

*3990 NOXIOUS WEEDS ERADICATION—Mr Jonathan O'Dea asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—

How is the National Parks co-operating with WSN Environmental Services in relation to a program to eradicate noxious weeds in that part of Garigal National Park near the WSN Belrose site?

Answer—

I am advised that most of the bush land surrounding the Belrose Waste Centre is managed by the landfill operator as a buffer zone or is Crown Land. There is a 200 metre boundary between the Belrose Waste Centre site and Garigal National Park. I am also advised that there is no evidence of weed incursion into the park from the waste centre.

*3991 BREACHES OF OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY LEGISLATION—Mr Jonathan O'Dea asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—

- (1) What was the total amount of fines awarded by the courts for breaches of occupational health and safety legislation in each of the financial years ending 30 June 2001 to 2008?
- (2) What was the total number of cases that these fines related to?
- (3) What were the total number of OH&S prosecutions initiated in each of years ending 30 June 2001 to 2008?

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Answer—

Ministerial responsibility for prosecutions under occupational health and safety legislation does not reside with the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment and Minister for Commerce. The question should be referred to the Minister for Finance.

*3992 TRAFFIC BOTTLENECK—PYMBLE—Mr Barry O'Farrell asked the Minister for Roads—

- (1) What plans, if any, does the RTA have to eliminate the traffic bottleneck caused by the Pacific Highway, Pymble bridge over the North Shore rail line?
- (2) What is the latest available estimate of traffic volumes for the am and pm peak periods on the Pacific Highway at his location?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The Roads and Traffic Authority has no current proposal to widen the bridge on the Pacific Highway over the North Shore rail line.
- (2) The annual average traffic volume for 2007 morning and afternoon peaks at the Pacific Highway, Pymble - South of Telegraph Road are:

AM peak (6 to 9 am) - 13,370

PM peak (3 to 6 pm) - 13,380

The above figures are for vehicles travelling in both directions.

*3994 RAIL TICKET SALES—Mr Barry O'Farrell asked the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—

What are the latest available estimates of (i) daily, (ii) weekly, (iii) fortnightly and (iv) FlexiPass tickets sold for the following railway stations:

- (a) Roseville;
- (b) Lindfield;
- (c) Killara;
- (d) Gordon;
- (e) Pymble;
- (f) Turramurra;
- (g) Warrawee;
- (h) Wahroonga;
- (i) Waitara;
- (j) Hornsby;
- (k) Normanhurst?

Answer—

I am advised:

Please see the table below for details.

August 2008 Passenger Journeys

Station	Daily	Weekly	Fortnightly	Monthly/Yearly
Roseville	42,063	25,921	2,923	4,597
Lindfield	48,011	32,613	4,875	7,552
Killara	31,654	21,896	1,367	3,264
Gordon	75,593	55,091	9,591	19,285
Pymble	33,404	23,691	2,343	7,022
Turramurra	51,600	41,312	5,472	11,997
Warrawee	11,065	9,576	585	1,888
Wahroonga	29,195	22,400	2,346	5,078
Waitara	33,749	31,854	1,988	3,163
Hornsby	146,276	126,301	23,490	52,515
Normanhurst	15,282	9,414	496	1,299

*3995 DRUG REHABILITATION PROGRAMS—Mr Donald Page asked the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, Minister for Justice, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

Given the high number of prisoners in gaol for drug-related crime:

- (1) What drug rehabilitation programs exist for prisoners in gaol who are serving sentences for drug-related crimes?
- (2) Has the Government considered making the completion of a drug rehabilitation program a condition of release from gaol for those convicted of a drug-related crime?
- (3) If not, would the Government consider such a policy and enable magistrates to have this as part of their sentencing options?
- (4) Is having drug rehabilitation programs in gaol desirable to make it more likely that when prisoners serving sentences for drug-related crimes are released, they will be more likely to obtain employment?
- (5) How much money is spent at the moment each year on drug rehabilitation programs in gaol as opposed to those programs conducted out of gaol?

Answer—

Regarding points (1)-(4) I refer the member to the letter I have sent him in response to his correspondence of 19 September 2008.

Regarding point (5), the provision of Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD) rehabilitation programs is part of the overall provision of offender services and programs.

*3998 TOURISM FUNDING FOR THE NORTHERN RIVERS—Mr Geoff Provest asked the Minister for Tourism, and Minister for the Hunter—

In relation to the recent tourism funding announcement for the Northern Rivers:

- (1) Will the Government honour the funding announced by the previous Minister for Tourism of \$3.5 million annually to foster tourism on the Northern Rivers?
- (2) If this funding is to be honoured when will it commence?
- (3) If not, what alternate programs will be put in place to assist the many tourism industries anticipating this funding including the Tweed electorate?

Answer—

The NSW Government is committed to supporting and promoting tourism destinations across NSW.

A Draft NSW Tourism Strategy has been developed following extensive consultation with industry, including the Regional Tourism Organisation network and includes additional investment in regional tourism. Consideration of the Draft NSW Tourism Strategy will be considered in the Mini-Budget process to take place over the coming weeks.

*4000 RENEWABLE ENERGY—Mr Michael Richardson asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—

- (1) What is happening with the Renewable Energy (New South Wales) Bill 2007, introduced in June 2007 by former Minister Phil Koperberg?
- (2) Given that this bill specifies the latest date for commencement as 1 January 2008, why has this bill not been withdrawn?
- (3) What are the Government's current plans to establish a mandatory renewable energy target in relation to all electricity consumed in New South Wales?

Answer—

In 2007, the Government made an election commitment to legislate renewable energy targets of 10 per cent of electricity consumption by 2010, and 15 per cent by 2020. These targets are contained in the Renewable Energy (New South Wales) Bill 2007 which was introduced to Parliament in June 2007. The proposed NSW targets were intended to augment less ambitious national targets, under the Mandatory Renewable Energy Target scheme introduced by the Commonwealth in 2001.

During the 2007 Federal election, the Australian Labor Party committed to expanding the Mandatory Renewable Energy Target to 45,000 gigawatt hours in 2020. This means at least 20 per cent of Australia's electricity supply will be generated from renewable sources by 2020. The new target is to be in place by mid-2009. The national scheme is being developed through COAG.

It would be appropriate for the Bill to be withdrawn once the expanded national Renewable Energy Target scheme has been legislated. This is expected to occur next year.

The expanded national Renewable Energy Target scheme will provide a significant driver for new renewable energy supply, making a separate NSW scheme unnecessary and duplicative.

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*4001 TOORALE STATION—Mr Michael Richardson asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—

- (1) How much of the \$23.75 million price did the NSW Government contribute to the purchase of Toorale Station?
- (2) How much of the purchase price was due to the water licence?
- (3) What is the value of the property without the water licence?
- (4) How much will it cost the NPWS to maintain Toorale per year?

Answer—

- (1) NSW's contribution is \$4.13 million.
- (2) The land and water were purchased as a package as it was not possible to separate the land and water titles. The land and water package cost \$23.75 million.
- (3) As per 2, above.
- (4) Management costs for parks and reserves are variable from year to year.

*4002 PURCHASE OF TOORALE STATION—Mr Michael Richardson asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—

- (1) What groups or individuals from the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Services visited Toorale Station to inspect its bio-diversity values prior to the federal and NSW Governments buying it for \$23.75 million?
- (2) When did those visits take place, and how long did they last for?
- (3) What due diligence did the National Parks and Wildlife Service carry out before it accepted the Commonwealth offer to take over Toorale Station?
- (4) Has the NSW Government put an environmental plan in place to manage the addition of Toorale Station's 91,000 hectares to the state's park system?
- (5) How many years will that plan remain in operation for?
- (6) Did NPWS co-operate with Treasury to determine the economic impact of the purchase on the town of Bourke?

Answer—

(1) The National Parks and Wildlife Service, part of the Department of Environment and Climate Change (DECC), has had a long association with Toorale and has been aware of its conservation importance for nearly 25 years. In 1983, nearly half of the property was dedicated as a Wildlife Refuge under the National Parks and Wildlife Act.

More recent assessments of Toorale's conservation values include:

- Surveys in May and August 2008 of waterbirds on the property;
- March 2008 assessment of flood patterns on Toorale;
- A Biodiversity assessment in 2004 which generated a comprehensive 43 page report on Toorale's natural values;
- A seven-day fauna survey in 2003 by staff from the then Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Natural Resources; and
- Current DECC staff involvement in survey and photography of drought conditions along the Darling River including assessments of the conditions at Toorale.
- An auction-related visit to Toorale was also made by a National Parks and Wildlife Service officer on 9 September 2008.

(2) See (1) above.

(3) DECC commissioned a formal valuation of the property by Valuation Services, within the Department of Lands. The Australian Government commissioned a separate valuation of the water entitlements of the property.

(4) DECC does not take possession of Toorale until settlement which is scheduled for 23 December 2008. DECC is will finalising interim management guidelines for Toorale. These guidelines will directly inform management activities at Toorale until a formal plan of management is completed.

(5) A plan of management can remain in place indefinitely; however, the Minister can amend, alter, or cancel a plan of management as necessary.

(6) DECC is investigating measures to ensure that the economy of Bourke is supported as a consequence of a new park being established in the area. DECC already has 16 employees living and working in the Bourke Shire. DECC has invested almost \$5 million in the Bourke Shire since 2005 and this investment, and the number of DECC employees will increase as a direct result of the purchase of Toorale.

Commonwealth Government expenditure on the retirement of water diversion structures is likely to further significantly boost economic investment in the local economy in the immediate to short term.

*4003 MEDICAL ASSESSMENT UNITS—Mrs Jillian Skinner asked 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—

Are Medical Assessment Units in NSW hospital emergency departments being used as virtual wards for emergency patients?

Answer—

I am advised by the Hon John Della Bosca MLC, Minister for Health:

No. Medical Assessment Units comprise new beds with new doctors, nurses and allied health staff staff.

*4004 INFECTION CONTROL PRACTITIONERS—Mrs Jillian Skinner asked 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 infection control practitioners are employed in each of the tertiary and major rural hospitals in New South Wales?

Answer—

I am advised by the Hon John Della Bosca MLC, Minister for Health:

Infection control in NSW is managed by teams consisting of infection control nurses, infectious diseases registrars, microbiologists and other healthcare specialists. These teams are structured in a variety of ways, with many teams having responsibility for networks of facilities rather than a single facility.

*4005 "COMMUNITY KILOMETRES"—SYDNEY BUSES—Mr Rob Stokes asked the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—

- (1) Is there any provision for "community kilometres" in the contract between Sydney Buses and the Department of Transport for Contract Region Eight, incorporating Sydney's northern beaches?
- (2) If yes, what are the details of any services currently provided by Sydney Buses under these provisions?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) and (2) The Metropolitan Bus System Contract between Sydney Buses and the Ministry for Transport for contract region eight includes a provision for community kilometres.

The focus to date has been on reviewing the route and school network to ensure these services best meet community need.

*4006 PROPOSED NETWORK CHANGES—SYDNEY BUSES—Mr Rob Stokes asked the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—

When will details of the outcomes of the community consultation on the proposed network changes to bus services provided by Sydney Buses in Contract Region Eight be publicly released?

Answer—

I am advised:

State Transit is currently analysing community feedback on the proposed network changes in Region 8.

A new integrated bus network is scheduled for implementation in the first half of 2009.

*4009 TREE PRESERVATION OFFICERS—Mr Rob Stokes asked the Minister for Local Government, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—

- (1) Do council Tree Preservation Officers or other council officers possess the legal authority to require persons engaged in trimming or lopping trees to provide evidence as to their identify, address and qualifications?
- (2) If yes, where is this authority enshrined in legislation?
- (3) If no, why do council officers not possess this authority?

Answer—

I provide the following details in response to your questions:

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While tree management is a function of local councils, it is not a function of councils controlled by the Local Government Act 1993, and therefore does not fall within my portfolio as Minister for Local Government.

The power to regulate tree management exists under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, which is administered by the Hon Kristina Keneally MP in her capacity as the Minister for Planning.

The Honourable Member may therefore wish to refer his questions to the Minister for Planning.

*4010 DEDICATED LAND AT CURRAWONG—Mr Rob Stokes asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—

If the Department of Environment and Climate Change accepts the dedication of land at Currawong offered by Eco Villages Australia Pty Ltd, would the department then be liable for damages resulting from any rock falls from this land onto the balance of the Currawong site?

Answer—

The Department of Environment and Climate Change has not accepted the proposal by Eco Villages Australia to transfer 11.4 hectares of land on the southern side of the Currawong site to Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park.

The Department is willing to accept a transfer of 3.3 hectares of land that directly adjoins the Park but does not include the cliff line or any of the steep, hazardous areas.

In these circumstances, the Department is unlikely to be liable for damages resulting from rockfalls in the risk areas.

*4011 COMPANION ANIMALS—Mr Rob Stokes asked the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—

- (1) Is it legal for a person to take a companion animal onto a train, bus or ferry?
- (2) If yes, what are the legislative provisions detailing the obligations relating to carriage of companion animals on public transport?
- (3) If no, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) to (3) NSW legislation and regulation considers two types of animal, "assistance animals" and "companion animals".

The Commonwealth Disability Discrimination Act 1992 (DDA) defines an "assistance animal" as any animal trained to alleviate the impact of a person's disability. This definition is reflected in the NSW Companion Animals Act 1998 and relevant NSW transport regulations. Guide Dogs and Hearing Dogs are recognised and clearly identified assistance animals which receive comprehensive training both to alleviate the impact of a disability and to use public transport.

The Passenger Transport Regulation 2007 indicates that animals which are not "assistance animals" are only permitted to travel on bus, ferry and taxi services in NSW if they are "suitably confined in a box, basket or other container". Even if an animal is confined, it can only be brought on board a conveyance with "the permission of, and in the manner permitted by" the driver or ferry master. This is to ensure that the animal and its container are of a suitable size and cleanliness so as not to compromise the amenity of other passengers.

Under the Rail Safety (General) Regulation 2003 a person must not be accompanied by an animal on rail services which is not an "assistance animal" "except under the conditions imposed by the accredited person for the relevant railway". RailCorp does not permit the carriage of companion animals because there are insufficient on-board or station staff to adequately supervise multiple carriage entrances to ensure that non-assistance animals are suitably confined.

To ensure that "assistance animals" which are not Guide Dogs or Hearing Dogs are able to accompany their owners, RailCorp has an "Assistance Dog Pass" scheme for dogs that provide "a therapeutic benefit to the handler or someone other than the handler". To obtain an "Assistance Dog Pass" documentation must be provided that:

- the animal is required to alleviate the impact of their disability (from a medical practitioner);
- the dog and handler have been trained by an approved training organisation; and
- that the dog has the sufficient behavioural skills required for travel on public transport.

RailCorp's procedures were recently validated by the Australian Human Rights Commission, when it provided a three year exemption to the Australasian Railways Association on 24 September, 2007 to allow rail operators to continue to seek evidence from passengers with disabilities about the medical utility and training of their assistance animals.

*4016 FUNDING FOR THE NORTH WEST RAIL LINE—Mr Ray Williams asked the Minister for Finance, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Regulatory Reform, and Minister for Ports and Waterways representing the Treasurer—

Given that funding for the North West Rail Line is now in jeopardy because the State Government is in debt to the tune of \$42 billion:

How much tax is each property in the proximity of the North West Rail Line corridor expected to pay for the construction of the rail line which has been promised by the State Government since 1998?

Answer—

I am advised

No taxes are imposed on property owners in the vicinity of the North West Rail corridor for any rail project construction.

*4017 FATIGUE WORK DIARY—Mr Ray Williams asked the Minister for Roads—

- (1) Why is the RTA imposing further burdens on truck owners and drivers of vehicles over 12 tonnes by requiring them to complete an entry in a fatigue work diary, when these drivers are already struggling with excessive prices of diesel fuel and other associated costs?
- (2) How does the Minister expect these drivers to find the additional time to make entries into diaries for each journey a vehicle makes throughout the course of the day or any work that is undertaken on such a vehicle throughout the course of the day or any relaxation period that the driver may be taking throughout the course of the working day, even when undertaking this work on private property?
- (3) What impact will these changes have on these driver's businesses, their quality of life and their families lives by greatly increasing the time to undertake the added paperwork burden that is required by truck drivers required to record these aspects of their working day?
- (4) Are courtesy buses provided by registered clubs that prevent intoxicated persons from driving required to document each trip which may diminish the quality and speed of the service that clubs provide?

Answer—

I am advised:

Under the heavy vehicle driver fatigue law, all drivers of a regulated heavy vehicle are required to carry and complete a work diary. However, in response to concerns raised by industry, the following exemptions have been granted in respect of this requirement to allow the Roads and Traffic Authority more time to consult with the industry and to give industry time to review their business practices:

- All drivers of a regulated heavy vehicle operating under Standard Hours and undertaking journeys within a 100 kilometre radius of the driver's base. This is for a 12 month period.
- All journeys undertaken for the purpose of primary production (cultivation of land, or the keeping of animals or bees) within a 160 kilometre radius of the driver's base. This is for a 12 month period.
- All bus and coach drivers (including volunteer bus drivers, school bus drivers, private bus owners and operators) undertaking journeys within a 100 kilometre radius of the driver's base. This will allow courtesy buses to provide community services uninterrupted.

These exemptions are provided to help heavy vehicle and bus drivers get to know the new law and adjust their business practices.

Filling out a work diary only requires a small amount of time each day to note work and rest times and should not be a burden on drivers.

These new fatigue laws are also about the extension of the chain of responsibility provisions to other parties in the logistics chain who directly or indirectly influence the work practices of drivers. This helps protect drivers and operators from commercial and other pressures which push drivers and operators beyond safe limits.

Heavy vehicles are only around 2.5 per cent of registered motor vehicles in NSW but account for 8 per cent of motor vehicle travel and are involved in 21 per cent of fatalities on NSW roads.

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*4018 CLOSURE OF WESTMEAD FORENSIC SERVICES—Mr Ray Williams asked 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 closure of Westmead Forensic Services:

- (1) What is the Government doing to alleviate the backlog of forensic pathology services?
- (2) Why has the Government not completed the upgrade to Westmead Forensic Services that was promised in September 2006 to be completed by the end of that year?
- (3) When will the upgrade to Westmead Forensic Services be completed?

Answer—

I am advised by the Hon John Della Bosca MLC, Minister for Health:

The NSW Government invests around \$15 million dollars a year in forensic pathology services.

Westmead Department of Forensic Medicine was consolidated with Glebe Department of Forensic Medicine on the 10 October 2008. The former Westmead Department of Forensic Medicine will operate as a hospital mortuary, for which it was designed, and will continue to perform non-coronial autopsies as required.

NSW Health has put in place a two hub model of service delivery with the Southern region centred on Glebe Department of Forensic Medicine and the Northern region centred on Newcastle Department of Forensic Medicine.

The new model of service delivery focuses on the provision of forensic pathology services as a statewide service utilising available capacity across the State to meet demand. In addition to this, NSW Health has implemented a performance monitoring system which has resulted in a significant reduction of the backlog of final reports.

The shortage of qualified forensic pathologists is a global problem. More training positions have been funded and four candidates have been accepted on the forensic pathology training scheme in 2009.

The Government is continuing to work closely with the Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia and the Australian Government to increase the forensic pathology workforce available to NSW.

All funding has been transferred for establishment of appropriate positions at Glebe and Newcastle Departments of Forensic Medicine and recruitment will continue.

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4022 CONFIRMATION OF STATEMENT—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Premier, and Minister for the Arts—

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4026 INSTALLATION OF SPEED CAMERA—Mr Steve Cansdell to ask the Minister for Roads—

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- 4293 EROSION OF THE RIVERBANK OF THE NAMBUCCA RIVER—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—
- 4294 SILTATION OF KILLICK CREEK—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—

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- 4295 ISSUES AFFECTING THE RETAIL LEASING INDUSTRY—DISCUSSION PAPER—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- (1) (a) Did the Government issue a discussion paper titled "Issues affecting the Retail Leasing Industry in NSW"?
 - (b) If so, when was this discussion paper released?
 - (2) What was the purpose of the discussion paper?
 - (3) How many submissions were received in response to this document?
 - (4) What is the current position with issues raised with the Government from this process?
- 4296 ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY LIAISON OFFICER APPOINTMENT—ALBURY—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—
- (1) In view of the then Minister's statement in April 2008 that the appointment of an Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer to the Albury LAC was being processed as a matter of urgency, why has the appointment not proceeded?
 - (2) When will the selection process commence?
 - (3) What date will be set for the appointment?
 - (4) Will the appointment be for twelve months or longer?
 - (5) What commitment will be made to ensuring the permanent appointment of an ACLO to the Albury LAC?
- 4297 BILLABONG CREEK SALT INTERCEPTION SITE—Mr Greg Aplin to ask the Minister for Water, Minister for Rural Affairs, and Minister for Regional Development—
- Given your claims in Question no. 2199 that the Department of Water and Energy is working towards securing funding for the continued operation of the Billabong SIS beyond 30 June 2008:
- (1) What is the current funding arrangement of this project?
 - (2) Will this project continue through the summer period, given the effects of current drought?
- 4298 HORNSBY HOSPITAL MENTAL HEALTH INTENSIVE CARE UNIT—Mr Greg Aplin to ask the Minister for Local Government, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—
- (1) Given the shortfall in staffing of the Unit, where have the budgeted funds been reallocated?
 - (2) When is the unit expected to be fully staffed?
 - (3) Following the closure of the unit after damage by patients, where were the high dependency

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occupants transferred?

- (4) What facility is being utilised for high dependency patients while the repairs to the unit are undertaken?
- 4299 ADOLESCENT DRUG AND ALCOHOL AWARENESS—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—
- Given the recent increase in the number of adolescent crimes relating to drug and alcohol misuse, what action is being taken to raise awareness of the risks involved with prolonged abuse and its associated links to mental health?
- 4300 ADOLESCENT DRUG AND ALCOHOL AWARENESS—Mr Greg Aplin to ask the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women—
- Given the recent increase in the number of adolescent crimes relating to drug and alcohol misuse, what action is being taken to raise awareness of the risks involved with prolonged abuse and its associated links to mental health?
- 4301 ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY LIAISON OFFICER APPOINTMENTS—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—
- Given the then Minister's advice in April 2008 that the LAC's of Lower Hunter, Lachlan and Tweed/Byron were to receive Aboriginal Community Liaison Officers, have these appointments proceeded?
- 4302 ALBURY BASE HOSPITAL SURGERY—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) How many operating theatres were constructed at Albury Base Hospital?
 - (2) How many operating theatres are used on a regular basis?
 - (3) Is it correct that one theatre has been utilised as a storeroom since inception?
 - (4) As a percentage of all elective procedures in the period 1 January to 30 September 2008, how many were listed for daylight (or business hours), how many were listed for after hours on weekdays and how many were listed for weekends?
 - (5) How many elective surgery procedures were displaced by emergency surgery during the nine months to 30 September 2008?
- 4303 PATRONAGE OF MANLY FERRY AND JETCAT SERVICES—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- What is the patronage of the following services to Circular Quay for 2007/2008:
- (a) Manly Ferry: 7:30am, 8am, 8:15am; and
 - (b) Manly JetCat: 7:05am, 7:25am, 7:45am, 8:05am?
- 4304 MANLY JETCAT STAFF—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- If the Government proceeds with its plans to axe the Manly JetCats in the Mini-Budget, how many staff does it forecast will be made redundant as a result?
- 4305 COST RECOVERY OF TRAIN SERVICES—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- What is the full cost recovery of a train ride per person from Sydney (Central) to Wollongong one way?
- 4306 PROPOSED CHANGES TO BUS ROUTES—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- (1) How many submissions did the State Transit Authority receive on its proposed changes to bus routes in the Lower North Shore and Northern Beaches?
 - (2) How many of these submissions were supportive of the STA's plan?
 - (3) When will the STA release a revised version of its plan?
 - (4) Considering the widespread opposition to the STA's proposed changes to bus routes during the submission process, will the Minister give the Northern Beaches community an assurance there will be further consultation before changes are made?

- 4307 COST OF JETCAT TRIP—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—
What is the breakdown of the \$44 quoted by the Minister as the cost per person for a one-way JetCat trip?
- 4308 REACH FOR THE STARS PROGRAM—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—
What impact has the Government's 'Reach for the Stars' program had on boosting sales of energy efficient appliances in NSW?
- 4309 FEES PAID BY OYSTER FARMERS—Mr Craig Baumann 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) Is the Minister aware the ailing health of the Myall River has prevented oyster farmers in the Port Stephens area from harvesting this year?
 - (2) Is the Minister aware these oyster farmers are continuing to be charged lease fees by the NSW Government, despite not being able to harvest?
 - (3) Will the Minister consider waiving this lease fee until the health of the Myall River is restored and the oyster farmers can continue harvesting?
- 4310 REGULATION OF FACILITIES FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—
- (1) What role does the Department of Aging, Disability and Home Care have in regulating the provision of facilities for people with disabilities including wheelchair access in public venues like hotels, pubs and clubs?
 - (2) What is the Department doing to educate and inform the owners of public venues like hotels, pubs and clubs about the best ways to provide adequate facilities for people with disabilities?
 - (3) (a) Does the Department perform inspections on public venues so as to ensure an adequate provision of facilities for people with disabilities including wheelchair access?
(b) If yes:
 - (i) How often do these inspections occur;
 - (ii) What are the guidelines for these inspections; and
 - (iii) What are the ramifications for venues found to not provide adequate facilities for people with disabilities?
- 4311 POLLUTION IN MYALL LAKES NATIONAL PARK—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—
- (1) Is the Minister aware of a foul odour emanating from the creek behind the Myall Shores Resort, in the Myall Lakes National Park?
 - (2) Has the Department of the Environment and Climate Change conducted investigations into this potential pollution?
 - (3) If so, what were the results?
 - (4) Is this potential pollution related to the environmental problems in the Myall River?
- 4312 CBD METRO—Ms Gladys Berejiklian to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—
In relation to the CBD metro (Central Railway Station to Rozelle) announced by the Government last week:
- (1) How much will this project cost?
 - (2) When was NSW Treasury commissioned to advise on the costings?
 - (3) What expert/external advice was sought in relation to the costings?
- 4313 CBD METRO—Ms Gladys Berejiklian to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—
In relation to the CBD metro (Central Railway Station to Rozelle) announced by the Government last week:
- (1) What feasibility test/studies were conducted in relation to this project?

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- (2) When were these tests conducted?
(3) What were the results of these studies?
- 4314 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—
- In relation to Government Employee Numbers, given the Treasurer's response to Question 3916 said "the 2008 Workforce Profile data is still in the collection and compilation stage and is therefore unavailable", when will the collection and compilation phase be completed and the breakdown of full-time, part-time and casual employees in the NSW Government Total Sector be made available?
- 4315 GRANTS TO WOMEN'S GROUPS—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women—
- (1) Will the Minister identify all Government grants provided to women's groups for the advancement of women in the calendar year 2007?
(2) Will the Minister provide all appraisals and/or evaluations of grants provided to women's groups in the calendar years 2006 and 2007?
- 4316 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—
- What patient load was Bowral Hospital's Emergency Department designed to cater for?
- 4317 BULLYING IN THE NSW AMBULANCE SERVICE—Mr Chris Hartcher 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 incidents of bullying were reported in the Central Coast district of the NSW Ambulance service in:
(a) 2006;
(b) 2007?
(2) How does this compare to the state-wide average in:
(a) 2006;
(3) (b) 2007?
- 4318 RTA TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT EXERCISE—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Minister for Roads—
- In relation to the RTA Traffic Management exercise on the F3 on Sunday 26 October 2008:
- (1) Why was traffic diverted to the Pacific Highway when the alleged purpose of the exercise was to test 'cross-over' arrangements on the F3?
(2) How much did it cost to construct the F3 cross-over points?
(3) Why was the cross-over system not implemented at the time of major traffic incidents in October 2008?
- 4319 OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- (1) What was the timeline for the implementation of regulations for OOSH pre and after school care?
(2) When did consultation for OOSH regulations commence?
(3) When were draft OOSH regulations circulated and to whom?
(4) When were these regulations gazetted?
- 4320 TEACHERS IN CHILDCARE CENTRES—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- (1) How many childcare centres in NSW are currently exempt from retaining a full-time early childhood teacher?
(2) In relation to (1) above, which childcare centres have these exemptions currently in place?
- 4321 EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTRES—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Community Services—

- (1) In the past five years, which early childhood centres have been involved with, but not convicted for, accidentally locking in children or babies after hours or the escape of children during operating hours?
- (2) On what date did each offence occur in relation to (1) above?
- 4322 NURSES AT 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—
- (1) In relation to Hornsby Hospital, how many nurses (registered and enrolled) have resigned to date since 1 January 2008?
- (2) How many nurses have been employed?
- 4323 REPRESENTATION REGARDING IDENTIFICATION PLATES FOR MOTORCYCLES—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Roads—
- When will representations made on behalf of John Greentree, dated 23 July 2008, regarding concerns about front identification plates for motorcycles, be answered?
- 4324 MENTAL HEALTH NURSES—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Local Government, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—
- (1) How many mental health nurse practitioners are there in NSW?
- (2) Where are they located?
- 4325 WOMEN'S SPORTS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Gaming and Racing, and Minister for Sport and Recreation—
- (1) What is being done to raise the profile of women's sports in NSW?
- (2) What programs are available for women's sports groups?
- 4326 CYCLING PROJECTS IN THE CRONULLA ELECTORATE—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Roads—
- What cycling projects are planned for the Cronulla Electorate within the \$50 million planned for such projects in NSW?
- 4327 TRAFFIC STUDY—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Roads—
- Following congestion issues, will the Minister consider commissioning a formal traffic study in Cronulla?
- 4328 OSCAR TRAINS—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- How many OSCAR trains are travelling through and stopping at Cronulla, Woolooware, and Caringbah per day?
- 4329 SUSTAINABLE ANIMAL FARMING—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—
- (1) What research has the NSW Government conducted on the reductions in greenhouse gas emissions associated with free-range and organic animal farming methods in comparison to factory and intensive farming methods?
- (2) What research has the NSW Government conducted on the reductions in water use associated with free-range and organic animal farming methods in comparison to factory and intensive farming methods?
- (3) What research has the NSW Government conducted on the reductions sequestration of greenhouse gases associated with free-range and organic animal farming methods where animals are moved frequently to allow grasses to regenerate in comparison to factory and intensive farming methods?
- (4) What conclusions has the NSW Government come to about the environmental benefits of free-range and organic animal farming methods in comparison to factory and intensive farming methods?
- 4330 REGISTRATION EXEMPTIONS FOR ANIMAL RESCUERS—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Local Government, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—
- Given thousands of cats and dogs are put down in NSW pounds every year and that rescue organisations' costs to re-home companion animals could be significantly reduced if the Director General of the

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Department of Local Government provides them with exemptions from registration requirements (currently possible under clause 16d of the Companion Animals Regulation 2008):

- (1) On what date did the Director General issue such an exemption to a rescue organisation not already listed in the Regulation for exemptions?
- (2) Which rescue organisation received this exemption?
- (3) Why have there been no other exemptions issued since that time?
- (4) How many rescue organisations have applied since then and not been considered?
- (5) When will the Director General resume considering rescue organisations for registration exemptions?
- (6) What education campaigns will the Department of Local Government commence to ensure that rescue organisations know that they can apply for an exemption to reduce the cost of re-homing animals on death row in pounds?

4331 REFORM OF THE ANTI-DISCRIMINATION ACT—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—

With respect to the 1999 Law Reform Commission Report 92 recommendations for reform of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 to provide equal legal protection for lesbians and gay men:

- (1) When will the Government amend the Act to remove exemptions that allow some employers to discriminate against gay men and lesbians?
- (2) When will the Government consult on anti-discrimination reform proposals?
- (3) What is the Government's timetable for this reform?
- (4) What community education will the Government provide to improve tolerance and acceptance of diversity?

4332 COMMUNITY COSTS OF DRUG ADDICTION—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 the PriceWaterhouseCoopers United Kingdom research published in June 2008, which estimates that the community cost of each person addicted to drugs through the health and criminal justice system, loss of earning and productivity and family/child protection services is at least £833,000 while each person who stops using drugs could save the country up to £730 000:

- (1) Is the Government aware of this research and its key findings, and what analysis has the Government made of its relevance to NSW?
- (2) What assessment has the NSW Government made of these costs and benefits in Australia and what is the estimated cost/benefit in NSW?
- (3) What action has the NSW Government taken to facilitate a national approach to drug/alcohol drug detoxification, treatment and rehabilitation with the Commonwealth and other States and Territories?
- (4) What new approaches and programs does the NSW Government plan based on the extensive work done in this study and analysis of its usefulness for NSW?

4333 SCHOOL ZONES FLASHING LIGHTS—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Roads—

- (1) What is the percentage of school zones that now have flashing lights installed in the:
 - (a) Davidson Electorate; and
 - (b) Sydney Metropolitan area?
- (2) How many signs are of the solar powered flashing type, and what is the rate of introduction of solar signs?
- (3) Why are the relevant times on all school zone signs not the same (eg. some start at 2pm while others start at 2.30pm)?

4334 TRAVEL BY STAFF OF THE PREMIER'S DEPARTMENT—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Premier, and Minister for the Arts—

- (1) How many overseas trips have been undertaken by Premier's Department staff in each of the financial years ending 30 June 2004-2008?
- (2) What was the total cost of this travel (including accommodation) for each of those years?

4335 FUTURE RAIL LINE TO THE WARRINGAH AREA—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—

- (1) What concept plans have been developed or are held by RailCorp for a future rail line to the Warringah area from the Artarmon, Chatswood or Roseville areas?
- (2) When the Chatswood to Epping rail line was being designed, in the vicinity of Chatswood and Roseville, was provision made in the track alignment and civil structural works for a future rail line offtake towards the Warringah area?
- (3) When the civil engineering construction for the Chatswood to Epping rail line was underway in the vicinity of Chatswood and Roseville, were civil and structural works, such as a tunnel portal, undertaken to allow for a future rail line towards the Warringah area?

4336 BIDDIBAH SCHOOL FACILITIES—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women—

In view of the current Mini-Budget, will the Government, in its current term, honour its commitment to provide a hall, canteen and covered walkways for Biddibah School?

4337 BUS INTERCHANGE AND PARKING SPACES—MORISSET STATION—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—

In view of the current Mini-Budget, will the Government, in its current term, honour its commitment of \$2.6 million of the total \$3 million needed for a bus interchange and 90 parking spaces at Morisset Station?

4338 PUBLIC HOUSING—TWEED ELECTORATE—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Housing, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) How many public housing properties are located in the Tweed electorate?
- (2) How many people are housed in public housing properties in the Tweed electorate?
- (3) How many of the public housing properties located in the Tweed electorate are:
 - (a) 1 bedroom units;
 - (b) 2 bedroom units;
 - (c) 3 or more bedroom units;
 - (d) 1 or 2 bedroom houses;
 - (e) 3 or more bedroom houses?
- (4) Of the public housing properties located in the Tweed electorate, how many tenants are paying market rent?
- (5) How long is the expected waiting list for maintenance for public housing properties in the Tweed electorate?
- (6) Of the public housing properties located in the Tweed electorate, how many are:
 - (a) Valued at over \$200,000;
 - (b) Valued at over \$300,000;
 - (c) Valued at over \$400,000;
 - (d) Valued at over \$500,000?
- (7) What additional housing will be coming on line in this financial year and how many people will they house?

4339 BLACK SPOT FUNDING—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Roads—

- (1) With respect to the \$14 million allocated to NSW black spots, has any of this funding been allocated to the intersection of Tweed Coast Road and Cudgen Road?
- (2) If so, when will the upgrade of this notorious intersection be completed with a Right Turn Arrow being installed?
- (3) Are there any other sites in the Tweed electorate targeted for black spot funding?

4340 HOT WATER SYSTEM REBATE—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—

In relation to the NSW hot water system rebate, how many households in the Tweed electorate have received the rebate for:

- (a) Replacement by a gas hot water system with a 5-star energy rating?
- (b) For a solar or heat pump hot water system with:
 - (i) 20-27 RECs;

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- (ii) 28-35 RECs;
- (iii) 36-43 RECs; and
- (iv) 44+ RECs?

4341 CONSTRUCTION OF COMMERCIAL TOURISM FACILITIES IN WILDERNESS AREAS—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—

Does the Minister have any plans to adopt the O'Neill report's key recommendation to permit construction of commercial tourism facilities in wilderness areas?

4342 REMEDIATION OF NSW HEALTH LAND AT HUNTER'S HILL—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo—

- (1) On what date did the Minister's office receive the Environmental Assessment for remediation of NSW Health land at Hunter's Hill?
- (2) On what date will the Minister release the Environmental Assessment for remediation of NSW Health land at Hunter's Hill?

4343 NATIONAL PARKS TOURISM—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—

- (1) What is the Minister's response to the O'Neill report that names national parks as "state tourism assets"?
- (2) Does the Minister agree that national parks should offer increased tourist facilities such as cafes and built accommodation to those able to pay for them?

4344 APPEALS FOR INCREASED COSTS IN STREET LIGHTING—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Local Government, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—

What mechanisms exist for a local council to appeal an increase by a monopoly provider in the costs of electricity for street lighting?

4345 POLLUTANTS FROM STORMWATER RUNOFF—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—

- (1) What actions has the NSW Government taken to reduce the level of pollutants that flow into the ocean through stormwater runoff during periods of heavy rain?
- (2) What future plans does the NSW Government have to address this issue?

4346 CHECKING OF SHARK MESHING—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—

How often is shark meshing on Sydney's Northern Beaches checked for entangled marine life?

4347 NORTHERN BEACHES LOCAL AREA COMMAND—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—

What were the average authorised and actual staff levels of police for the Northern Beaches Local Area Command in the following financial years:

- (a) 2006-07; and
- (b) 2007-08?

4348 FACILITIES FOR HEARING-IMPAIRED STUDENTS—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women—

- (1) How many NSW high schools have dedicated facilities to support hearing-impaired students?
- (2) How many of these schools are in the Pittwater electorate?
- (3) What level of funding has been provided by the NSW government to support these facilities in the following years:
 - (a) 2005-06;
 - (b) 2006-07; and
 - (c) 2007-08?

- 4349 ENERGY EFFICIENT STREET LIGHTING—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—
- (1) What proportion of street lighting in the Pittwater electorate uses energy efficient illumination?
 - (2) What actions has the NSW Government taken to ensure streetlights in NSW use energy efficient bulbs?
- 4350 PROTECTIVE NETTING ON BEACHES—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—
- How many sharks and dolphins perished due to entanglement in protective netting on beaches between Manly and Palm Beach in 2006-07 and 2007-08?
- 4351 NORTHERN BEACHES LOCAL AREA COMMAND—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—
- What actions has the government taken to address shortfalls in recruitment levels for NSW police in the Northern Beaches Local Area Command?
- 4352 INCIDENCE OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE—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—
- How many situations of domestic violence have police officers in the Pittwater electorate responded to in the following years:
- (a) 2005-06;
 - (b) 2006-07; and
 - (c) 2007-08?
- 4353 PACIFIC HIGHWAY INTERSECTION WITH OXLEY HIGHWAY—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Minister for Roads—
- In relation to the Northbound Pacific Highway off-ramp on to the intersection with the Oxley Highway, between Wauchope and Port Macquarie:
- (1) How many serious accidents have occurred in the vicinity in the last 10 years?
 - (2) (a) Does signage and/ or road design ensure drivers exiting the Pacific Highway have sufficiently reduced speed prior to reaching the intersection?
 - (b) If not, what actions will the Minister propose to improve road safety at this intersection?
 - (c) If not, what actions do you propose to improve road safety at this intersection?
 - (d) If so, will the Minister review this matter in view of significant community concern and reports of frequent 'near misses'?
- 4354 BULAHDELAH BYPASS—Mr John Turner to ask the Minister for Roads—
- (1) When will the section of the Pacific Highway upgrade from just north of the Tea Gardens turn off to the proposed Bulahdelah bypass be completed and open for traffic?
 - (2) When will the section of the Pacific Highway upgrade, known as the Bulahdelah bypass, be completed and open for traffic?
 - (3) If there is any reason for a delay in this work, what is the reason for the delay?
 - (4) If there is any delay, how long will this delay be?
- 4355 OUTSTANDING CORRESPONDENCE—Mr John Turner to ask the Minister for Roads—
- When will the Minister reply to my letter to him dated 5 June 2008 and further follow up letters dated 25 July 2008, 22 August 2008 and 25 September 2008 concerning Mrs Iris Page and the registration of her vehicle with the Roads and Traffic Authority?
- 4356 OUTSTANDING CORRESPONDENCE—Mr John Turner to ask the Minister for Gaming and Racing, and Minister for Sport and Recreation—
- When will the Minister reply to my letter to him dated 18 June 2008 and further follow up letters dated 25 July 2008 and 11 September 2008 concerning Mr Dean Lynch and the temporary freeze of the sale of poker machines?

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- 4357 OUTSTANDING CORRESPONDENCE—Mr John Turner to ask the Minister for Roads—
When will the Minister reply to my letter to him dated 7 May 2008 and further follow-up letters dated 25 July 2008, 22 August 2008 and 25 September 2008 on behalf of Mr Alan Edge concerning road signage at Rainbow Flat?
- 4358 DRAFT PLAN OF MANAGEMENT FOR THE MANNING REGIONAL CROWN RESERVE—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—
- (1) (a) Does the Draft Plan of Management for the Manning Regional Crown Reserve state that "silting of the (Manning) river is a management issue" and "that maintenance of the navigatable channel in the water way is a manageable objective pending appropriate resources and environmental approvals"?
 - (b) If so, what management is envisaged by the Minister and his Department for the shoaling in the river?
 - (c) If so, what "resources" will the Minister or his Department make available for the maintenance of a navigatable channel?
 - (2) If no funds will be made available, why not?
- 4359 CROWN LAND RESERVES—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—
- (1) How many separate Crown Land Reserves are there on the foreshore at Port Macquarie between the area known as Town Beach and the area known as Settlement Point?
 - (2) What is the official description of each of those reserves?
 - (3) How and by whom are each reserve administered?
 - (4) (a) Is there a Trust Deed for each reserve?
 - (b) If so, where may those Trust Deeds be inspected?
 - (5) If there are no Trust Deeds, why not?
 - (6) What income, if any, is delivered from each such reserve?
 - (7) If any income is derived, what is such income used for?
- 4360 IMPROVED FIRE TRAIL ACCESS—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—
- (1) What avenues, either practical or financial, are available for the State Government to assist with fire trail improvements and access roads to fire trails?
 - (2) Will the Government assist Hawkesbury Council with its application for funding from the Federal Government for improved fire trail access through the upgrade of Mountain Lagoon Road?
 - (3) Will the Government improve the fire trail access in the Colo Heights area by contributing to a bridge on Comleroy Road over Wheeney Creek?