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*5115 CALVARY MATER NEWCASTLE HOSPITAL—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) What is the Government doing to alleviate parking issues at the Calvary Mater Newcastle Hospital?
- (2) If no action is being taken, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) - (2) The Hunter New England Local Health District and Calvary Mater Newcastle are currently investigating opportunities to increase the number of car parking spaces available at the Calvary Mater Hospital.

Information relating to parking and public transport options is publically available for patients and visitors on the Calvary Mater Newcastle website at: <http://www.calvarymater.org.au/visitors.html>.

*5116 LOWER HUNTER HOSPITAL FUNDING—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) Will the future Lower Hunter Hospital be a public hospital, fully funded by the New South Wales and Federal Governments?
- (2) If the future Lower Hunter Hospital will not be a fully funded public hospital, how will it be funded?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) - (2) Following the appointment of the Lead Design Team in December, master planning of the health precinct for the new Maitland Hospital is underway. The next phase of planning will determine the clinical and support services required for the new hospital.

All procurement models will be considered during the subsequent phases of planning.

*5117 HUNTER NEW ENGLAND HEALTH COUNSELLING SERVICES—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) How many registered clients did the Hunter New England Health counselling services have at 31 January 2014?
- (2) How many jobs are expected to be lost as following the Government's review of Hunter New England Health counselling services?
- (3) What non-government organisations (NGOs) will now provide these services?
 - (a) What will be the cost to the patient for each service provided by these NGOs?
 - (b) Which of these NGOs will charge an upfront fee to patients when attending appointments?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) - (3) The District is committed to working in partnership with Hunter Medicare Local and a range of Non-Government Services (NGO) to improve the way counselling services are provided. The District's focus on high-need, diagnosed mental health issues is unchanged.

From March 2014, Hunter Medicare Local and NGOs will assume responsibility for providing general counselling services. The District's resources will then be able to be redeployed to provide more specialised counselling services, such as mental health, community services, child and adolescent services and sexual assault, and will also minimise duplication.

These changes are consistent with the State Government's commitment to local decision making and working in partnership with other service providers, including GPs and NGOs to provide services to meet the needs of local communities. They are also consistent with the National Health Reform Agreement, signed in July 2011.

As of 31 January, there were 941 registered clients with the Lower Hunter and Greater Newcastle general counselling service.

NGO's that provide general counselling services include Relationships Australia, Catholic Care,

Hunter Women's Centre, Headspace Maitland, Headspace Newcastle, and University of Newcastle Psychology Clinic. Each NGO has its own schedule of fees that vary depending on the type of service and the circumstances of each individual client. Many offer free services by bulk billing clients, and others may charge a minimal part payment.

The District is working closely with its qualified psychologists and social workers who provide general counselling services to look for redeployment opportunities within the District. Consultation with staff and unions is ongoing to ensure affected staff are supported.

*5118 CARE FOR PEOPLE WITH SEVERE DISABILITIES—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

What steps is the Government taking to protect people with severe disabilities, who may find it difficult to make choices regarding care of provision and who require high levels of care?

Answer—

Through the implementation of Living Life My Way, the Government is putting in place safeguards to manage the risk to individuals and improve the level of service provided.

A range of safeguarding strategies are currently being developed for implementation whilst New South Wales transitions to the National Disability Insurance Scheme. This includes the safeguards that are being built into the decision making processes for individualising disability supports.

*5119 STOCKTON CENTRE CLOSURE—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

- (1) Is the Government's decision to close the Stockton Centre and move its residents into the community based on evidence presented in a specific report or study?
- (2) If the Government's decision was based on a specific report or study:
 - (a) What is the title of the report or study?
 - (b) Where was the report or study conducted?

Answer—

The Government is committed to a disability service system that increases choice and control for people with disability, which is why the Government became the first state to sign a historic agreement with the Commonwealth to implement the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS).

This approach recognises that people with a disability should be able to enjoy a quality of life that is available to other New South Wales citizens, including opportunities to live in the broader community. As we move to greater individualisation of services, it has been found that this cannot be adequately provided in an institutional residential setting.

The Stockton Centre is being redeveloped to improve the support provided to its residents and to ensure that the supports they receive conform to standards required by the NSW Disability Services Act 1993 and United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities 2006.

The redevelopment of Large Residential Centres has been agreed to by both Liberal and Labor Governments since 1998, and has broad support from disability advocates and experts.

*5120 WICKHAM STATION INTERCHANGE COST BENEFIT STUDY—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Transport—

- (1) Will the Government prepare an updated cost benefit study for the transport interchange and rail terminus at Wickham station and associated light rail link?
- (2) If so:
 - (a) When will the study commence and be completed?
 - (b) When will the study be publically available?
- (3) If a cost benefit study is not being prepared, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

Work is currently underway to develop a business case for the truncation of the Newcastle Rail Line at Wickham and the delivery of light rail in the Newcastle city centre. The business case will be completed in 2014.

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*5121 NEWCASTLE INNER CITY BYPASS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

- (1) Has the Government determined the cost of Stage 5 of the Newcastle Inner City Bypass?
 - (a) If so, how much will Stage 5 cost?
- (2) If the Government has not determined the cost, when will the cost of Stage 5 be determined?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) - (2) Roads and Maritime has completed an options study for Stage 5 and the preferred route corridor has been included in Newcastle City Council's Local Environmental Plan. Stage 5 of the Newcastle Inner City Bypass will be considered on its merits along with other projects across Newcastle and the Hunter Region.

*5122 MORISSET AND TORONTO POLICE STATIONS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) Will Morisset and Toronto police stations be demolished and rebuilt?
- (2) If so, when will the demolition and rebuilding commence?
- (3) If there are no plans to rebuild Morisset and Toronto police stations, why not?

Answer—

As per my previous announcements, the government is making a \$21.5 million investment for Lake Macquarie Local Area Command. This will fund a major redevelopment of Belmont police station and upgrades to Morisset and Toronto stations.

*5123 HOUSING WAITING LIST FOR LAKE MACQUARIE, MAITLAND AND NEWCASTLE—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

How many people were on the Housing NSW waiting list as at 31 December 2013 in:

- (a) NN1 Lake Macquarie allocation zone;
- (b) NN2 Lake Macquarie East allocation zone;
- (c) NN3 Maitland allocation zone;
- (d) NN7 Newcastle allocation zone?

Answer—

Details about the NSW Housing Register are available on the Department of Family and Community Services website.

*5124 CORRECTIVE SERVICES NSW PSYCHOLOGIST SERVICES—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

How many vacancies were there for psychologists, senior psychologists, and specialist psychologists in Corrective Services NSW as at:

- (a) 1 July 2012;
- (b) 1 July 2013;
- (c) 1 January 2014?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (a) 23
- (b) 25
- (c) 13

This compares to the previous two years:

- (a) 1 July 2010 being 27; and
- (b) 1 July 2011 being 24.

*5125 CORRECTIVE SERVICES NSW PSYCHOLOGIST SERVICES—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

How many full time equivalent psychologists, senior psychologists, and specialist psychologists were

employed by Corrective Services NSW as at:

- (a) 1 July 2012;
- (b) 1 July 2013;
- (c) 1 January 2014?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (a) 134.5 full time equivalent.
- (b) 124.3 full time equivalent.
- (c) 127.4 full time equivalent.

This compares to the previous two years:

- (a) 1 July 2010 being 118.6 full time equivalent; and
- (b) 1 July 2011 being 125.8 full time equivalent.

*5126 CORRECTIVE SERVICES NSW PSYCHOLOGIST SERVICES—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

- (1) How many psychologist, senior psychologist, and specialist psychologist positions in Corrective Services NSW have been vacant for more than six months since 1 March 2011?
- (2) Where are these vacancies located?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) The resources required to determine these vacancies of more than six months since 1 March 2011 cannot be justified. However, as at 1 January 2014, 12 positions had been vacant for more than six months.

(2) These positions were at:

- Cessnock Correctional Centre
- Metropolitan Special Programs Centre
- Silverwater Women's Correctional Centre
- Tamworth Correctional Centre
- Tamworth Community Corrections
- Wellington Correctional Centre
- Disability Services Unit
- Intensive Drug and Alcohol Treatment Program
- Offender Services & Programs

*5127 FUNDED PARTNERSHIPS INITIATIVES—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

- (1) Which organisations tendered for the Funded Partnerships Initiatives (FPI)?
- (2) Which organisations were successful in their tender for the FPI?
- (3) When will funding for the successful tenderers commence?
- (4) When will services commence to be delivered?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) 30 organisations tendered for the Funded Partnership Initiative (FPI). The organisations are on the 'E Tendering NSW' website, and are listed below:

- Adele Dundas Inc (Adele House)
- Albury Supported Accommodation Service Inc
- Anglicare North Coast
- Arbias Ltd
- Barnardos Australia
- BSI Learning Institute Pty Ltd
- CatholicCare Hunter Manning
- Community Restorative Centre
- Enough is Enough Anti Violence Inc

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- Glebe House Inc
- Guthrie House Co-operative Limited
- Hope House
- Jesuit Social Services
- Mission Australia
- Namatjira Haven Ltd (Namatjira Haven Drug & Alcohol Healing Centre)
- Orana Accommodation & Support Services Inc (Sturt House)
- Relationships Australia NSW
- Samaritans
- Save the Children Australia as Trustee for Save the Children Australia Trust
- SHINE for Kids
- South West Sydney Legal Centre
- St Vincent de Paul Society NSW (John Purcell House)
- The Gender Centre Inc
- The Judge Rainbow Memorial Fund Inc
- The Salvation Army
- The Trustees of the Roman Catholic Church for the Diocese of Armidale on Behalf of Centacare New England North West
- Wellington Information and Neighbourhood Services Inc
- Wollongong Women's Refuge Inc
- Women in Prison Advocacy Network (WIPAN)

Yula-Punaal Education and Healing Aboriginal Corporation (Yula-Punaal Education and Healing Centre)

(2) Corrective Services NSW is currently evaluating these tenders and it is expected that the successful tenderers will be announced in April 2014.

(3) Funding for the successful tenderers will commence on 1 July 2014.

(4) Service delivery will commence on 1 July 2014.

*5128 NEW SOUTH WALES COURTS RESOURCE ALLOCATION—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

What extra resources have been allocated to New South Wales courts to deal with the 67 cases that will be appealed by Legal Aid NSW on the basis of the decision in Muldrock?

Answer—

None.

*5129 OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

Is there currently a case manager within the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions to superintend and supervise sexual assault cases?

Answer—

I am advised:

The ODPP has specially trained officers who are available to provide a range of services, referrals and support to victims of crime and vulnerable prosecution witnesses in sexual assault matters prosecuted by the ODPP. In addition, the ODPP has managing lawyers who supervise and manage those lawyers who conduct prosecutions, including sexual assault prosecutions.

*5130 SURVEILLANCE DEVICES AMENDMENT (MUTUAL RECOGNITION) ACT 2013—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

(1) Under the provisions of the Surveillance Devices Amendment (Mutual Recognition) Act 2013, how many applications have been:

- (a) Requested;
- (b) Granted?

Answer—

I am advised:

No applications have been made under the Surveillance Devices Amendment (Mutual Recognition) Act 2013. That Act only made minor amendments to the Surveillance Devices Act 2007 to facilitate mutual

recognition of the legislation between jurisdictions. Once the amendments were made, the Surveillance Devices Amendment (Mutual Recognition) Act 2013 was repealed.

*5131 VANDALTRAK USE OF INFORMATION—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

How would the use by the NSW Police Force of information for Vandaltrak breach its Sponsorship and Endorsement Policy?

Answer—

I refer the Member to my response to his previous LA Question 4982 on this subject.

*5132 SOBERING UP CENTRE ADMITTANCE—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

(1) How many people were admitted to the mandatory Sobering Up Centre in Central Street, Sydney, between the date of its establishment and 25 February 2014?

(2) How many people were admitted to the non-mandatory Sobering Up Centres at Coogee and Wollongong between the date of their establishment and 25 February 2014?

Answer—

(1) - (2) The Government has delivered on an election commitment to trial sobering up centres, a commitment which seeks to enhance public safety and amenity by ensuring that intoxicated and disorderly individuals are kept safe whilst they sober up. The trial is scheduled to conclude on 1 July 2014.

Following the consideration of an independent evaluation of all three sobering up centres the Government will report on the outcomes of the trial and the future of the centres.

*5133 SCHOOL CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM 2013—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Education—

(1) Which schools in the Keira electorate applied for funding under the Department's Capital Works Program in 2013?

(2) On how many previous occasions had these schools applied for funding under the Capital Works Program?

(3) What specific projects were submitted for funding?

(4) What was the value of each project submitted for funding?

(5) Were any of the schools that applied for funding successful?

(6) If the schools were unsuccessful in applying for funding, what were the reasons for not being successful?

Answer—

(1) In 2013/14, 59 projects were nominated for funding under the Department's capital works program.

(2) To provide this information would be a significant diversion of resources from the Department's core business, the provision of public education.

(3) - (4) All the projects nominated in 2013/14 were considered for funding.

(5) Yes.

(6) To provide this information would be a significant diversion of resources from the Department's core business, the provision of public education.

*5134 TEACHER PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Education—

(1) In 2012:

(a) How many teachers were placed on a performance improvement program?

(b) How many of these teachers had previously been placed on a performance improvement program?

(2) In 2013:

(a) How many teachers were placed on a performance improvement program?

(b) How many of these teachers had previously been placed on a performance improvement program?

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Answer—

- (1) (a) 78, (b) 0
(2) (a) 109, (b) 1

*5135 READING RECOVERY TEACHER NUMBERS—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) How many Reading Recovery teachers were there in New South Wales as at:
(a) 30 June 2013;
(b) 31 December 2013?
(2) How many Reading Recovery teachers were there in New South Wales as at:
(a) 30 June 2012;
(b) 30 June 2011;
(c) 30 June 2010;
(d) 30 June 2009?

Answer—

- (1) (a) 1,129; (b) 1,141
(2) (a) 1,141; (b) 1,132 (c) 1,097; (d) 1,019

*5136 NSW COUNTRY APPRENTICE SCHOLARSHIPS—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Education—

In relation to NSW Country Apprentice Scholarships:

- (1) How many students applied for a NSW Country Apprentice Scholarship in 2013?
(2) What was the gender breakdown of these students?
(3) What trades did each student apply for?
(4) How many students were awarded scholarships in 2013?
(5) What was the gender breakdown of the scholarship winners?
(6) Which trades were the scholarship winners undertaking?
(7) Which regions in New South Wales did the scholarship winners come from?
(8) What was the monetary value of each scholarship in 2013?
(9) How many scholarships will be awarded in 2014?
(10) What will the monetary value of all scholarships be in 2014?
(11) What criteria is used when assessing the suitability of candidates?

Answer—

- (1) 68.
(2) 8 females and 60 males.
(3) 24 training in engineering/automotive, 13 training in hospitality, 12 training in electrical, 7 training in carpentry/construction, 6 training in beauty or hairdressing, 3 training in plumbing, 2 training in meat processing, 1 training in horticulture.
(4) 15.
(5) 1 female and 14 males.
(6) 7 training in engineering/automotive, 3 training in hospitality, 3 training in electrical, 1 training in carpentry/construction, 1 training in hairdressing.
(7) 6 from the Hunter, 4 from New England, 3 from the North Coast, 2 from the Riverina.
(8) Scholarships are worth \$15,000, with \$5,000 paid for each of the 3 years of the apprenticeship.
(9) 15 scholarships.
(10) The 15 scholarships awarded in 2014 have a monetary value of \$225,000 over 3 years.
(11) Applicants must:
- be in the 1st year of an approved apprenticeship at the time of nominating for the Scholarship and have their apprenticeship registered in New South Wales under the provisions of the Apprenticeship and Traineeship Act 2001
 - be able to demonstrate that they are experiencing financial hardship
 - be resident in country New South Wales for the term of their apprenticeship
 - be in an apprenticeship in a trade in a skill shortage category in New South Wales and/or the nominee's local area.

*5137 NUMERACY AND LITERACY TEACHERS IN ILLAWARRA—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) How many of the 60 promised literacy and numeracy teachers were in place in Illawarra schools as of February 2014?
- (2) At which schools in the Illawarra are these teachers located?
- (3) When will the remaining teachers be allocated to Illawarra schools?
- (4) To which schools in the Illawarra will the remaining teachers be allocated?

Answer—

(1) - (2) Under the Literacy and Numeracy Action Plan, resources equivalent to 12.97 full time equivalent (FTE) teachers have been allocated to the following public, Catholic and Independent schools in the Illawarra:

- Warilla North Public School
- Warrawong Public School
- Nowra East Public School
- St Francis of Assisi Primary School, Warrawong
- St Michael's Primary School, Nowra
- Illawarra Christian Tongara Campus, Cordeaux Heights
- Nowra Christian School, Nowra.

(3) - (4) The Literacy and Numeracy Action Plan is a five year commitment to improving the literacy and numeracy of our young students most in need. Resources will be progressively allocated to schools in the lowest quartile of NAPLAN performance with schools being identified by the three education sectors using an agreed methodology.

*5138 SCHOOL TEACHER VACANCIES—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) How many vacant school teacher positions were there in New South Wales primary schools at 25 February 2014?
- (2) How many vacant primary school teacher positions are currently filled by temporary appointment?
- (3) How many vacant school teacher positions were there in New South Wales secondary schools at 25 February 2014?
- (4) How many vacant high school teacher positions are currently filled by temporary appointment?

Answer—

Vacancies in schools are filled on an ongoing basis. As at 25 February 2014, there were:

- 87 vacant teaching positions in primary schools.
- 70 vacant teaching positions in secondary schools.

The method of filling these positions is being determined in accordance with the teacher staffing procedures.

If a classroom teacher position in a school does not have a permanent occupant, the principal will generally engage a suitably qualified casual or temporary teacher. For vacant executive staff and principal positions, the Principal or Director, Public Schools NSW arranges for a suitably qualified person to relieve in that position.

*5139 RISK OF SIGNIFICANT HARM REPORTS—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) How many Risk of Significant Harm (ROSH) reports were made by Department of Education and Communities staff to Department of Family and Community Services in the 2012 school year?
- (2) How many 2012 ROSH reports were lodged by school counsellors?
- (3) How many 2012 ROSH reports were assessed by Department of Family and Community Services as not meeting the risk of significant harm threshold and were referred back to the Department of Education and Communities?
- (4) How many ROSH reports were made by Department of Education and Communities staff to Department of Family and Community Services in the 2013 school year?
- (5) How many 2013 ROSH reports were lodged by school counsellors?
- (6) How many 2013 ROSH reports were assessed by Community Services as not meeting the risk of significant harm threshold and were referred back to the Department of Education and Communities?

Answer—

This question should be directed to the Minister for Family and Community Services.

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*5140 PARKING FACILITIES AT THIRROUL RAILWAY STATION—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport—

In light of significant parking congestion at Thirroul railway station:

- (1) What plans does the Government have to improve parking facilities at Thirroul station?
- (2) When will these plan be implemented?
- (3) What community consultation has the Government undertaken in relation to parking congestion at Thirroul station?
- (4) When and how did this consultation take place?

Answer—

In 2012, the Government announced a new Transport Access Program which will deliver accessible, modern, secure and integrated transport infrastructure where it is needed most. This includes station upgrades, better interchanges and commuter car parks. This program includes more than \$770 million for improvements over four years.

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

The Transport Access Program is part of the Government's commitment to improve public transport services and provide a world-class transport system people want to use.

*5141 NSW GRAFFITI HOTLINE—Mr Ryan Park asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

- (1) How many reports were made to the NSW Graffiti Hotline between 1 July 2013 and 1 October 2013?
- (2) How many of these reports were from:
 - (a) the Wollongong Local Government Area?
 - (b) the Shellharbour Local Government Area?
- (3) How many reports were made to the NSW Graffiti Hotline between 1 November 2013 and 1 February 2014?
- (4) How many of these reports were from:
 - (a) the Wollongong Local Government Area?
 - (b) the Shellharbour Local Government Area?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) 328
- (2) (a) 1; (b) 1
- (3) 231
- (4) (a) 2; (b) 0

*5142 ILLAWARRA REGIONAL TRANSPORT PLAN—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Transport—

What are the reasons for the delay in releasing the Government's Illawarra Regional Transport Plan?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Illawarra Regional Transport Plan will be released shortly.

*5143 RENAMING OF FLINDERS STATION—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Transport—

- (1) Has Transport for NSW submitted a revised proposal to the Geographical Names Board of NSW in relation to the renaming of Flinders railway station?
- (2) If so, on what date were the revised proposals submitted?
- (3) Will the revised proposal be made public?
- (4) If the revised proposal will not be made public, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

Transport for NSW is considering the advice received form the Geographical Names Board secretariat.

*5144 MINISTERIAL VISITS TO THE SHELLHARBOUR ELECTORATE—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

- (1) How many times has he personally visited the Shellharbour electorate since his appointment?
- (2) In relation to each of these visits:
 - (a) What was the date of the visit?
 - (b) What organisations did he meet with?
 - (c) What was the nature of the meeting?
 - (d) What was the outcome of the representation(s) made?

Answer—

The Minister regularly meets with Illawarra business and community leaders to discuss this Government's plans and priorities for the whole region.

*5145 ILLAWARRA GOVERNMENT COORDINATION GROUP—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

In relation to the Illawarra Government Coordination Group (IGCG);

- (1) How many times has the IGCG met since its establishment?
- (2) What are the dates of these meetings?
- (3) Where did these meetings take place?
- (4) What matters were discussed at these meetings?
- (5) Which members of the IGCG were:
 - (a) Present for these meetings;
 - (b) Absent from these meetings?
- (6) What Illawarra organisations did the IGCG meet with?
- (7) What matters were discussed at these meetings?

In relation to the Illawarra Community Advisory Panel (ICAP)

- (1) How many times has the ICAP met since its establishment?
- (2) What are the dates of these meetings?
- (3) Where did these meetings take place?
- (4) What matters were discussed at these meetings?
- (5) Which members of the ICAP were:
 - (i) Present for these meetings;
 - (ii) Absent from these meetings?
- (6) What Illawarra organisations did the ICAP meet with?
- (7) What matters were discussed at these meetings?

Answer—

In relation to the Illawarra Government Coordination Group (IGCG);

The Department of Premier and Cabinet's Regional Coordination Branch is responsible for coordinating the regional governance structure in the Illawarra region. This includes coordinating regular meetings across and between various levels of government to discuss a wide range of regional matters.

In relation to the Illawarra Community Advisory Panel (ICAP):

The Illawarra Community Advisory Panel has met eight times since its establishment in 2012. Panel meetings take place in the Illawarra region. Panel members have discussed a wide range of topics at meetings. Further information on the Panel can be found on the Department of Premier and Cabinet's website.

*5146 TAFE ENROLMENT AND STAFF NUMBERS—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) How many students were enrolled for 2013 at the following TAFE campuses:
 - (a) Dapto;
 - (b) Shellharbour;
 - (c) Yallah;
- (2) What was the total number of staff for 2013 at the following TAFE campuses:
 - (a) Dapto;
 - (b) Shellharbour;

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(c) Yallah?

Answer—

- (1) Final TAFE NSW enrolment data for 2013 is not yet available.
(2) (a) 89 staff at Dapto Campus; (b) 156 staff at Shellharbour Campus; (c) 31 staff at Yallah Campus

*5147 YALLAH TO OAK FLATS UPGRADE—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

- (1) Will the Government seek funding from the Federal Government to progress construction of the Yallah to Oak Flats upgrade?
(2) If the Government will not seek funding from the Federal Government, why not?
(3) What additional studies are required before the Yallah to Oak Flats upgrade can proceed to construction?
(4) What are the time frames for completion of the additional studies in (3)?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) - (2) This will depend on a range of considerations such as state priorities and the criteria for Federal funding at the time.

(3) - (4) To progress planning for the Albion Park Rail Bypass, which is part of the proposed Yallah to Oak Flats upgrade, Roads and Maritime has started survey and concept design investigations.

Further investigations will be needed to prepare the concept design and environmental impact assessment. Investigations include geotechnical hydrological, impacts on Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal heritage, noise modelling, water quality testing and air quality assessment.

Roads and Maritime expects the investigations and remaining design and environmental approval process to take three to six years from now, subject to the outcome of the investigations.

*5148 SHELLHARBOUR CITY HUB PROJECT—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Local Government, and Minister for the North Coast—

- (1) Has he received any correspondence in the form of letters, petitions, emails, and telephone calls from any individual or community organisation in relation to the proposed Shellharbour City Hub project?
(a) If so, what are the names of the individuals and community organisations?
(2) Has he or the Division of Local Government been requested to provide any funding for the project?
(a) If so, by whom?
(3) Can he confirm that the only involvement by the Government in this project has been an evaluation undertaken as part of the Treasury's Gateway Review process?

Answer—

(1) As Minister for Local Government I receive a range of representations, it would not be appropriate to release details of those representations.

(2) Shellharbour City Council applied for an interest subsidy for the Shellharbour City Hub under the Local Infrastructure Renewal Scheme (Round Two). The request was not supported because the project did not meet the funding criteria.

(3) I can only speak on behalf of the Office of Local Government, which undertook a capital expenditure review for the Shellharbour City Hub Stage 1.

*5149 LAKE ILLAWARRA ESTUARY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE—Ms Anna Watson asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Trade and Investment, and Minister for Regional Infrastructure and Services—

- (1) Can he provide an update on any progress in the establishment of an estuary management committee for Lake Illawarra?
(2) When will the Government repeal the legislation which established the Lake Illawarra Authority?

Answer—

(1) There have been ongoing discussions with the Councils of the City of Wollongong and the City of Shellharbour about establishing a Lake Illawarra Estuary Management Committee. Detailed discussions have also occurred on transitional arrangements, covering issues such as ongoing water quality monitoring and foreshore maintenance. The final timing to establish an estuary management committee is a matter for the Councils of the City of Wollongong and the City of Shellharbour to determine.

(2) The Government intends to introduce legislation to repeal the Lake Illawarra Authority Act this year.

*5151 LES POWELL SCHOOL FUNDING—Mr Nick Lalich asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) What consultation did the Department of Education and Communities undertake with the Principal, teachers, and school community of Les Powell School before reducing the school's funding by \$12,000 in 2014?
- (2) If the Department consulted with the Principal, teachers, and school community:
 - (a) How was this consultation carried out;
 - (b) When did this consultation take place?

Answer—

(1) The Resource Allocation Model (RAM) communication strategy was multi-faceted. It contained a broad communication strategy for all public schools that included the provision of web based resources such as vodcasts and factsheets that were made available to principals to communicate with their local community. Under the Resource Allocation Model, Les Powell School was allocated \$117,216 in socio-economic funding for 2014. This provided the school with a certainty of significant funding beyond 2015 when the National Partnership was due to cease.

(2) (a) Local meetings were organised for principals by the Director, Public Schools NSW Liverpool Network on 24 and 29 October 2013. The Director then met individually with principals unable to attend.

(b) The Director Public Schools NSW, Liverpool Network met with the Principal and School Administration Manager of Les Powell School on 25 October 2013 to answer any questions the school had about their RAM allocations and offered to speak with staff and the school community if requested. This offer was not taken up.

*5152 EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION FUNDING IN CABRAMATTA—Mr Nick Lalich asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) Which preschools in the Cabramatta electorate will receive funding increases for early childhood education under reforms recently announced by the Government?
- (2) Which preschools in the Cabramatta electorate will have funding decreased as a result of these reforms?
- (3) By what amount will funding decrease for each of these preschools?

Answer—

(1) Cabramatta Community Centre Preschool, Fairfield City Council Mobile 1 Preschool and Fairfield City Council Mobile 2 Preschool.

(2) None.

(3) Not applicable.

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*5153 PREVENTING VIOLENCE AND ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

- (1) Is the Government aware of research such as the Australian Institute of Family Studies "Australian Temperament Project" which identified precursors to adolescent involvement in violent and anti-social behaviour?
- (2) Is the Government aware of the Benevolent Society report entitled "Acting Early, Changing Lives", which reviews early intervention programs that have been shown to be effective?
- (3) Is the Government aware of the New Zealand Prime Minister's request to the Chief Science Advisor to assess these concerns and advise on action?
- (4) What similar requests and assessments has the Government made?
- (5) What other research has the Government reviewed that provides an evidence base for strategies to prevent or intervene early to address violent and anti-social behaviour?
- (6) What programs does the Government provide based on this evidence and what proportion of funds for children and young people are directed at prevention and early intervention?
- (7) How many young people have participated in these programs since 1 January 2009?
- (8) How will the Government expand youth services and youth programs to address adolescent

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involvement in violent and anti-social behaviour?

- (9) What further action will the Government take to help ensure that troubled young people are targeted early and effectively helped to prevent ongoing aggression and anti-social behaviour?

Answer—

(1) - (5) The Government considers a range of local and international literature, studies and research to guide its policy frameworks and service models for children, young people and their families.

(6) - (7) Details are available on the Department of Family and Community Services website.

(8) - (9) The Government is working with government and non government agencies to implement a range of strategies to break the cycle of disadvantage and support vulnerable young people to live full and productive lives.

- *5154 HOMELESSNESS IN WOOLLOOMOOLOO—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

(1) How many homeless rough sleepers are there in Woolloomooloo?

(2) What programs does the Government provide to address homelessness in the Woolloomooloo area?

(3) What new programs are being planned to provide housing support for rough sleepers?

(4) How many housing units will be allocated for rough sleepers in Woolloomooloo?

(5) How many rough sleepers from Woolloomooloo does the Government expect to house this year?

(6) What further action will the Government take to address homelessness in Woolloomooloo?

Answer—

(1) Information relating to numbers of rough sleepers is available from the Australian Bureau of Statistics website.

(2) - (6) Information on Government programs to address homelessness, including homelessness initiatives and reform, is available on the Department of Family and Community Services website.

- *5155 RELINQUISHING CARE OF YOUNG PEOPLE WITH SEVERE DISABILITY—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

In relation to reports of parents of children under 16 years of age with a severe level of disability relinquishing their child to the care of the Department of Family and Community Services because they claim support is inadequate to allow them to continue caring for their child:

(1) What other options do parents have, apart from relinquishing their child to the care of Family and Community Services, when they can no longer care for them?

(2) How does the Government inform parents about their rights and responsibilities when they relinquish their child?

(3) What are the legal rights of relinquishing families, such as visitation?

(4) What are the financial responsibilities of relinquishing families?

(5) What input do relinquishing families have about their child's living situation, health, schooling, and recreation?

(6) What support does the Government provide to families who relinquish their child with severe disabilities into the care of Family and Community Services?

(7) What further action will the Government take to provide a better transition for families of young people with severe level of disability who can no longer care for them?

Answer—

(1) The Government provides early intervention and respite services to families. Information relating to services and support programs is available on the Department of Family and Community Services (FACS) website.

(2) Information including how to access legal advice is provided to parents. Children and young people are also provided with information on the Children's Court processes and proceedings.

(3) - (5) The rights and responsibilities of all parties regarding the relinquishment of care are embedded in legislative and regulatory frameworks, including the NSW Child and Young Person (Care and Protection) Care Act 1998.

(6) FACS supports contact between the birth family with the child or young person in out-of-home care, in line with court orders. Assistance and support can entail caseworker management services to provide appropriate referrals for advice, information on proceedings and placements, as well as possible assistance with accommodation and travel expenses for the birth family to maintain contact with their child.

(7) The Government's Ready Together initiative expands the individualised supports and funding arrangements and includes respite support, extended family support and case management. Further details are available on the FACS website.

*5156 RAILWAY GRAFFITI PROGRAMS—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Transport—

- (1) Is the Government aware of Queensland Rail's "Positive pARTnerships" program, which produces high quality public artwork on rail infrastructure to prevent ugly and offensive graffiti?
- (2) What information does the Government have in relation to the number of projects completed under this program in Queensland on station buildings, subways, bike lockers, car park banners, ramps, and lift wells?
- (3) What information does the Government have about impacts on graffiti from the evaluation of Queensland Rail's "Positive pARTnerships" program?
- (4) What consideration has the Government given to carrying out similar programs in New South Wales?
- (5) What other programs does the Government run to address graffiti on railway lands?
- (6) What further plans does the Government have for addressing graffiti on railway lands?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) - (3) Information about Queensland Rail's Positive pARTnership program, including the number of projects completed to date, is publicly available on the agency's website.

(4) - (6) Sydney Trains has a comprehensive strategy to manage graffiti vandalism. The strategy addresses graffiti in four ways:

- rapidly removing graffiti from infrastructure and trains;
- working with the NSW Police Force to deter would-be offenders;
- controlling access to vulnerable spaces and rail facilities; and
- a schools program that aims to encourage students to take responsibility for their actions on and around trains.

*5157 BUS SERVICES 323-327—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Transport—

- (1) What are the patronage trends over the past two years for the following bus services:
 - (a) 323;
 - (b) 324;
 - (c) 325;
 - (d) 326;
 - (e) 327?
- (2) What is the outcome of the State Transit Authority of NSW review of advertised and actual travel times for these routes, planned for late 2013?
- (3) What changes to timetables for these routes have been implemented or are planned?
- (4) What changes to service levels have been implemented or are planned?
- (5) What changes have been made to improve reliability of peak hour travel on these bus services?
- (6) What further action will the Government take to improve these bus services?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) Patronage has increased on these routes since 2012.

(2) State Transit regularly monitors these services to ensure they are meeting customer needs. Changes are made to scheduled operating times when necessary.

(3) - (4) On 20 October 2013, bus timetables were adjusted to match the new rail timetable.

(5) The Public Transport Information and Priority System (PTIPS) monitors on time running of bus services in real time. PTIPS uses satellite technology to identify late running buses and where appropriate, communicates with Roads and Maritime Services' traffic management system via GPS to give priority at traffic lights.

(6) State Transit will continue to monitor these services to ensure they are meeting customer needs. Changes will be made to scheduled operating times when necessary.

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*5158 YOUNG PEOPLE WITH SEVERE DISABILITY—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

In relation to reports of parents of children with a severe disability relinquishing their child to the care of the Department of Family and Community Services because they claim support is inadequate to allow them to continue caring for their child:

- (1) What data does the Government have about the number of children under 16 years of age in this situation?
- (2) What data does the Government have about unmet need for support, respite and accommodation for children with a severe disability?
- (3) What programs does the Government provide or fund to provide for children in this situation?
- (4) How many young people with severe disability were waiting for placement in supported accommodation as at 14 February 2014?
- (5) How does the Government assess the safety and suitability of accommodation before children under 16 years of age can be housed in that accommodation?
- (6) What plans does the Government have to provide for children and young people with a severe disability under the National Disability Insurance Scheme?
- (7) What will the Government do to ensure supported accommodation places are available for those young people who need it?
- (8) How will the Government ensure appropriate programs are provided for families who need specialist support and respite to continue caring for their children with a severe disability?
- (9) What further action will the Government take to ensure proper services, support and accommodation are provided for children and young people with severe level of disability?

Answer—

(1) - (2) & (4) The Department of Family and Community Services does not maintain specific data relating to these questions.

(3) There are many supports and programs available to assist carers to maintain their caring role and plan for future needs including: Early Links Support; Case Management; Advocacy and Information; Therapy; Behaviour Support; Flexible and Centre-based Respite; Skill Development; and Intensive and Extended Family Support.

(5) The Office of the Children's Guardian maintains a register of children who are living in voluntary out-of-home care. These services are required to meet standards and maintain accreditation as an out-of-home care provider.

All children have an individual plan developed in collaboration with family and other relevant services, designed to ensure they receive appropriate support and care consistent with their developmental needs.

(6) Provisions have been made under the National Disability Insurance Scheme (Children) Rules 2013 to protect the interests of children with disability under the Scheme. This includes defining responsibility in relation to a child's decision making, and implementing rules, or safeguards, to ensure that anyone acting on behalf of a child does so in a way that maximises the child's decision making and protects the child's interests.

The Federal Government, through the National Disability Insurance Scheme, will also fund early intervention supports such as therapy for children less than six years of age to improve and/or prevent deterioration in function. As part of the support planning process reasonable and necessary supports will be identified including for those children with complex needs.

(7) The preferred accommodation for a child or young person with disability is with his or her family. In the rare circumstances, where this is not possible, family based care is the preferred model of care for all children and young people, especially for children under 12 years.

(8) The Government will continue its investment in specialist support and respite services and reforms under Stronger Together 2 and Ready Together. As a result of these initiatives, by June 2016, an additional 4,500 flexible respite places will be available across NSW.

(9) The Department of Family and Community Services will continue to work with existing disability support providers in New South Wales to prepare for the full implementation of the National Disability Insurance Scheme, and to support children and young people with disability, their families and carers throughout the implementation process. Reforms to the disability sector will result in more choice and control for carers in how they are supported.

*5159 LITTER PREVENTION PROGRAMS—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) What programs does the Government conduct to prevent littering?
- (2) Which of these programs are behaviour change programs?
- (3) What programs does the Government conduct to prevent littering of cigarette butts?
- (4) How does the Government enforce littering legislation, including legislation relating to cigarette litter?
- (5) What further action will the Government take to prevent littering?

Answer—

I am advised as follows:

(1) The Government has committed \$20 million to revitalising litter programs as part of the \$465.7 million Waste Less Recycle More initiative.

Current programs include:

- a new state-wide Hey Tossler! anti-litter campaign (soon to be rolled out)
- funding of \$2 million for Council Litter Prevention Grants
- funding of \$470,000 for Community Litter Prevention Grants
- capacity building workshops for NSW local government
- a new easy-to-use Local Litter Check, developed with local government, which helps councils and communities understand their litter hot spots.

(2) An important objective of most litter programs is to change behaviour. This includes the new Hey Tossler! anti-litter campaign, Council Litter Prevention Grants, Community Litter Prevention Grants, and the Local Litter Check.

(3) Many programs aim to reduce cigarette butt litter, including the Hey Tossler! anti-litter campaign, Council Litter Prevention Grants, Community Litter Prevention Grants, and the Local Litter Check.

(4) A range of litter offences provided under the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997 are applicable to cigarette butt littering.

Action for offences can be taken through penalty infringement notices as well as court action. Thirteen agencies have powers to enforce littering offences. Further training on litter offences for law enforcement officers is currently underway.

Community members can report littering from vehicles through the Environment Protection Agency (EPA) Environment Line, online through the EPA's website, or on the EPA's mobile app.

(5) Over the next four years, the Government will continue to roll out funding and other programs through the \$20 million commitment under the Waste Less Recycle More initiative to address littering. NSW's first Litter Strategy will also be released soon.

*5160 SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL REVIEW—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Education—

In relation to the Government's statewide review of local Year 7 students' access to selective high schools due for completion in October 2013:

- (1) What was the outcome of this review?
- (2) What information has been made public about the review outcome?
- (3) What information about the outcome of this review has been provided to parents, school communities and Parents and Citizens Associations?
- (4) How will the Government inform the community and schools about changes resulting from the review and the implementation of those changes?
- (5) When will the changes resulting from the review be implemented?
- (6) What further action will the Government take to increase access for local students to selective schools?

Answer—

(1) The NSW Department of Education and Communities' internal review into the policies and processes used to determine student placement in Year 7 at selective and partially selective high schools made the following five recommendations:

- (a) That the Year 7 Selective Class Placement Policy be amended to include more streamlined processes and procedures.
- (b) That the Appeals process for Year 7 Selective Class Placement be rationalised to remove

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ambiguous and open-ended guidelines and procedures.

- (c) That the criteria for selection into Year 7 selective classes remain on the basis of academic merit and continue to be managed as part of a consistent state-wide process.
- (d) That the development of an interactive technology solution for the High Performing Students Unit be completed as a matter of urgency.
- (e) That the process of application, selection and appeals for Years 8 to 12 be managed at the local level by each school within an agreed framework.

(2) - (3) The principals of all schools with selective classes have been advised of the recommendations of the internal review. The Department will contact all other relevant stakeholders directly.

(4) The community will be informed through the Department of Education and Communities' website, newsletters and the information provided directly to parents/caregivers of students applying for placement in a Year 7 selective class.

(5) The changes resulting from the review will be progressively implemented. It is anticipated that all changes will be made for Year 7 entry into selective high school placement in 2016.

(6) The Department of Education and Communities is committed to the Year 7 state-wide selection process on academic merit. Each selective high school has a selection panel which determines the criteria, including proximity to the school, in addition to academic merit on which to select additional students for Years 8-11 as places become available.

*5162 MONDEVAL DAY CARE CENTRE—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) Why have the meetings of the carer support group at Mondeval Day Care Centre, which is run by the Nepean Blue Mountains Local Health District, ceased?
- (2) Will she guarantee that the carers group meetings will recommence in April 2014?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) - (2) The Nepean Blue Mountains Local Health District is reviewing its Aged Day Care Service Program to ensure the service currently provided to clients is delivering the best outcomes. I am advised that carers group meetings will recommence in April 2014.

*5163 PERITONECTOMY SURGERY—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

What measures will she take to ensure that the vital peritonectomy surgery that Mr Alex Oliver urgently needs, will be offered to him?

Answer—

I am advised:

Peritonectomy is a very complex and serious procedure and is not undertaken lightly.

The Enhanced Multidisciplinary Team for Peritonectomy Procedures (EMDT), which includes Professor David Morris, has been established to oversee patient selection. As this is not a surgery for patients who are in otherwise poor health, their safety is paramount when being considered for this rigorous procedure. If a patient's medical condition changes, they may be reconsidered for surgery in the future via the EMDT process.

It is vital that cancer patients who will benefit from this high-risk procedure have access to the care they require to ensure the best possible outcome. It is equally important that those patients who are at a high risk of death, or with little chance of long-term benefit continue to be offered other ongoing, evidence-based, appropriate treatment and support.

*5164 PEDESTRIAN WALKWAY AT ROYAL NORTH SHORE HOSPITAL—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) Has the need for a pedestrian walkway linking the planned new paediatric and maternity units and the main hospital at the Royal North Shore Hospital been raised with her or her office?
 - (a) If yes, in what manner was the issue raised?
- (2) What plans are there to construct such a walkway?
- (3) What would be the total cost to construct the walkway?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) - (3) There are no plans for a walkway on Level 7. Therefore there are no designs for a walkway on Level 7 and no cost information is available.

As part of the construction of the new Clinical Services Building, a linkway will be provided for the Maternity Unit (Post-natal Maternity on Level 3 and Birthing Suite on Level 4) between the Acute Services Building and Clinical Services Building on Level 3 and Level 4 at Royal North Shore Hospital.

*5165 MAGEE LANE GLENFIELD—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Transport—

In relation to Magee Lane, Glenfield and your statement that Transport for NSW will review the one way operation of Magee Lane in consultation with Campbelltown City Council once the Glenfield transport interchange is complete and the traffic changes implemented:

- (1) Has this review by Transport for NSW taken place?
- (2) When did this review occur?
- (3) Has a report been generated?
- (4) Has this report been publicly released?
- (5) If the report has not been publicly released, when will it be released?
- (6) Will Roads and Maritime Services reverse the one way flow of traffic along Magee Lane, Glenfield to the previous configuration as requested by residents and businesses who have been adversely affected by this change?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Yes.
- (2) November 2013.
- (3) Yes.
- (4) - (5) Yes. The report has been provided to Campbelltown City Council staff and is available on the Transport for NSW website.
- (6) Magee Lane is a local road.

*5166 AUSTRALIAN VACCINATION NETWORK NAME CHANGE—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Fair Trading, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Western Sydney—

What action will be undertaken by NSW Fair Trading to ensure that the Australian Vaccination Network abides by the Administrative Decision Tribunal 25 November 2013 order to change their name, following the dismissal of the Australian Vaccination Network's appeal of that decision?

Answer—

On 7 March 2014, the former Australian Vaccination Network changed its name to Australian Vaccination-Skeptics Network Incorporated, in accordance with the decision of the Administrative Decisions Tribunal.

*5167 OATLEY RAILWAY STATION—Mr Robert Furolo asked the Minister for Transport—

- (1) How many trips, falls or accidents on the stairs at Oatley Railway Station were reported from 1 January 2011 to 31 December 2013?
- (2) How many reported trips, falls or accidents between 1 January 2011 and 31 December 2013 involved:
 - (a) elderly people;
 - (b) children;
 - (c) mothers with prams?
- (3) How many injuries have been reported as a result of these trips, falls or accidents on the stairs at Oatley Railway Station from 1 January 2011 to 31 December 2013?
- (4) Did any of the reported injuries require hospital treatment?
- (5) How many WorkCover claims have been made as a result of injuries to staff resulting from trips, falls or accidents on the stairs at Oatley Railway Station from 1 January 2011 to 31 December 2013?

Answer—

On 14 September 2012, I announced the Government would deliver a major upgrade at Oatley Station, making the station more accessible to customers.

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The much needed improvements are part of the \$770 million Transport Access Program which will deliver accessible, modern, secure and integrated transport infrastructure where it is needed most.

The package of improvements for the station includes lifts, new stairs, upgraded footpath and landscaping.

The Transport Access Program is part of the Government's commitment to improve public transport services and provide a world-class transport system people want to use.

*5168 PUNCHBOWL RAILWAY STATION—Mr Robert Furolo asked the Minister for Transport—

- (1) How many trips, falls or accidents on the stairs at Punchbowl Railway Station were reported from 1 January 2011 to 31 December 2013?
- (2) How many reported trips, falls or accidents between 1 January 2011 and 31 December 2013 involved:
 - (a) elderly people;
 - (b) children;
 - (c) mothers with prams?
- (3) How many injuries have been reported as a result of trips, falls or accidents on the stairs at Punchbowl Railway Station from 1 January 2011 to 31 December 2013?
- (4) Did any of the reported injuries require hospital treatment?
- (5) How many WorkCover claims have been made as a consequence of injuries to staff resulting from trips, falls or accidents on the stairs at Punchbowl Railway Station from 1 January 2011 to 31 December 2013?

Answer—

I am advised:

A range of statistics relating to customer and staff safety is available on the Transport for NSW website at www.transport.nsw.gov.au/railcorp.

*5169 WATERFALL RAILWAY STATION—Mr Robert Furolo asked the Minister for Transport—

- (1) How many trips, falls or accidents on the stairs at Waterfall Railway Station were reported from 1 January 2011 to 31 December 2013?
- (2) How many reported trips, falls or accidents between 1 January 2011 and 31 December 2013 involved:
 - (a) elderly people;
 - (b) children;
 - (c) mothers with prams?
- (3) How many injuries have been reported as a result of trips, falls or accidents on the stairs at Waterfall Railway Station from 1 January 2011 to 31 December 2013?
- (4) Did any of the reported injuries require hospital treatment?
- (5) How many WorkCover claims have been made as a consequence of injuries to staff resulting from trips, falls or accidents on the stairs at Waterfall Railway Station from 1 January 2011 to 31 December 2013?

Answer—

As the Member may be aware, on 14 February 2013 I announced the Government would deliver a major upgrade at Waterfall Station, making the busy interchange station more accessible to customers.

The much needed improvements are part of the \$770 million Transport Access Program which will deliver accessible, modern, secure and integrated transport infrastructure where it is needed most.

Works include a new lift, canopies, accessible toilets, improvements to footpaths around the station, improved security and the installation of CCTV cameras, wayfinding signage, improvements to the drop-off and pick-up areas and upgraded bicycle storage facilities.

The Transport Access Program is part of the Government's commitment to improve public transport services and provide a world-class transport system people want to use.

*5170 WATERFALL RAILWAY STATION UPGRADE—Mr Robert Furolo asked the Minister for Transport—

- (1) What is the scope of works for the proposed upgrade of Waterfall Railway Station?
- (2) What is the total cost for the upgrade of Waterfall Railway Station?
- (3) What is the cost for the installation of lifts at Waterfall Railway Station?
- (4) When will construction for the proposed upgrade commence?

(5) What is the expected completion date for the proposed upgrade at Waterfall Railway Station?

Answer—

As you are aware, in 2012 the Government announced a new Transport Access Program which will deliver accessible, modern, secure and integrated transport infrastructure where it is needed most. This includes station upgrades, better interchanges and commuter car parks. This program includes more than \$770 million for improvements over four years.

On 14 February 2013, I announced the Government would deliver a major upgrade at Waterfall Station as part of the Transport Access Program.

Work has commenced at Waterfall Station on a new lift, canopies, accessible toilets, improvements to footpaths around the station, improved security and the installation of CCTV cameras, wayfinding signage, improvements to the drop-off and pick-up areas and upgraded bicycle storage facilities.

The Transport Access Program is part of the Government's commitment to improve public transport services and provide a world-class transport system people want to use.

*5171 PUBLIC HOUSING IN CABRAMATTA—Mr Nick Lalich asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

- (1) What is the Government doing to address the public housing shortage in the Cabramatta electorate?
- (2) How many individuals and families in the Cabramatta electorate are currently on the public housing waiting list?
- (3) What is the average waiting time for individuals and families on the NSW Housing Register for a property in the Cabramatta electorate as at 26 February 2014?

Answer—

(1) The Auditor General in his report Making the Best Use of Public Housing highlighted the challenges facing the public housing system; challenges that developed well before the Liberals & Nationals came to Government in 2011.

The Government is making the public housing system fairer and more transparent by making better use of vacant bedrooms in public housing, ensuring existing tenants pay the correct amount of rent and making the social housing waiting list transparent so clients can make informed decisions.

(2) - (3) Details about the NSW Housing Register, including waiting times, are available on the Department of Family and Community Services website.

*5172 BUILDING MULTICULTURAL COMMUNITIES PROGRAM FUNDING—Mr Nick Lalich asked the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

- (1) How much funding has the Government allocated in the 2014-15 budget for organisations in the Cabramatta electorate that are supporting the local multicultural community?
- (2) Will the Government act to ensure the Federal Government reverses its decision to abolish funding for the Building Multicultural Communities Program?
- (3) Will the Government promise to fill the funding shortfall for organisations in the Cabramatta electorate supporting the local multicultural community if the Federal Government does not reverse this decision?

Answer—

(1) A full list of grants awarded under the Multicultural Advantage Grants program can be found in the Community Relations Commission For a multicultural NSW's annual report.

(2) Under the Community Relations Commission (CRC), the Multicultural Advantage Grants Program aims to fund projects that foster community harmony and social inclusion. The funding for this program was increased by \$200,000 to \$1.4 million under the Government.

(3) CRC grants are awarded based on merit and suitability to the grant program's priority areas. The location of a project is not a component of the eligibility criteria within the Multicultural Advantage Grants program.

*5173 CRIME IN CABRAMATTA—Mr Nick Lalich asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) How many crimes were committed in the Cabramatta electorate from 1 January 2012 to 31 December 2012?

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- (2) How many crimes were committed in the Cabramatta electorate from 1 January 2013 to 31 December 2013?
(3) Which crimes were most frequently committed in the Cabramatta electorate from 1 January 2013 to 31 December 2013?

Answer—

The Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (BOCSAR) is the official source of crime information in New South Wales and is the appropriate agency to provide crime statistics. BOCSAR falls within the portfolio of the Attorney General and Minister for Justice.

*5174 **DISABILITY ACCESS AT CANLEY VALE STATION**—Mr Nick Lalich asked the Minister for Transport—

- (1) Will the Government commit to providing disability access at Canley Vale Railway Station for residents who are elderly, have a disability or are less mobile, such as parents with prams?
(2) If yes, what is the anticipated commencement date of this project?

Answer—

As the local member would be aware, an accessibility upgrade for Canley Vale Station was announced in July 2013 as part of the Government's \$770 million Transport Access Program. Customers will benefit from new accessible ramps on both sides of the station, as well as safety improvements through CCTV and lighting. This upgrade is currently under construction.

The Government is also building a new multi-storey car park at Canley Vale Station as part of the Transport Access Program. The new car park will provide more than 120 commuter parking spaces.

The Transport Access Program is part of the Government's commitment to improve public transport services and provide a world-class transport system people want to use.

*5175 **BIDWILL SHOPPING CENTRE**—Mr Richard Amery asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

- (1) Who is the current owner of the Bidwill Shopping Centre which was previously owned and managed by Housing NSW?
(2) What arrangements do any Government agencies have with this complex?
(3) When will the Bidwill Shopping Centre be fully operational for the benefit of local residents?

Answer—

As was the case under the previous Government, the land on which the Bidwill Shopping Centre was built is leased to an independent operator.

I understand the lessee/owner of the building is continuing its work towards reopening the centre as soon as possible.

*5176 **SUTHERLAND SHIRE LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN INQUIRY**—Mr Barry Collier asked the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW, Leader of the House—

When does he anticipate receiving the report of the Inquiry on the Sutherland Shire Local Environmental Plan, recently completed by Dr John Roseth and Ms Meredith Sussex?

Answer—

The Panel is currently undertaking a thorough review of over 275 submissions and carefully considering matters raised at the nine public hearings in relation to the draft Sutherland Shire LEP 2013.

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*5177 **RURAL SCHOOLS IN THE CESSNOCK ELECTORATE**—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) Will any of the schools in the Cessnock electorate qualify as rural?
(2) If any of the schools in the Cessnock electorate qualify as rural, will these schools receive additional funding for:
(a) Scholarships for prospective teachers?

- (b) Establishing a "virtual" school to study specialist subjects not available in their own school?
- (c) Providing selective classes to cater for gifted and talented students in secondary subjects such as extension mathematics, science, and engineering?

Answer—

(1) Based on the MCEECDYA Geographical Location Classification, one school in the Cessnock electorate is classified as provincial and qualifies as rural in terms of the Rural and Remote Education a blueprint for action. This is Kirkton Public School.

(2)

- (a) No. Holders of the Teach.Rural Scholarship elect to serve in schools located in rural and remote New South Wales. Extra funding is not provided to individual schools.
- (b) No. The virtual school is a provision for secondary students.
- (c) Not applicable.

*5178 CAMERON PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Education—

What timelines are currently in place for the development and construction of a primary school at Cameron Park?

Answer—

The Department will continue to monitor and review student enrolment demand in Cameron Park and provide facilities to meet education needs as required.

*5179 LOWER HUNTER HOSPITAL—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

Will the Government seek expressions of interest from the private and not-for-profit sector to design, build, operate and maintain the new Lower Hunter hospital, as was the case for the Northern Beaches hospital?

Answer—

The Member is referred to my response to an earlier LA Question on Notice (ref. Q5116) on this matter.

*5180 PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE NUMBERS IN THE LOWER HUNTER—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

What percentage of residents in the Lower Hunter have private health insurance?

Answer—

This is a matter more appropriately answered by my Federal counterpart, the Hon Peter Dutton MP, Minister for Health, who has responsibility for private health insurance and should be referred accordingly.

*5181 THE CHAMPIONSHIPS CARNIVAL—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Hospitality and Racing, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for the Hunter—

In relation to his announcement on 12 November 2013 that the Government would provide \$10 million in funding for a horse racing carnival known as The Championships:

- (1) Is there a measure of racing crowd attendances for the period 2010-13 that can be compared against crowd figures for 2014 and beyond so as to test the benefit of this sponsorship money?
- (2) Is it possible to record the place of origin for each attendee at The Championships to determine how many attendees are from interstate or overseas?
 - (a) If so, what historical data is available for future comparison of attendee place of origin?
- (3) Is there a means by which the number of beds occupied by tourists in Sydney can be measured and linked to the racing carnival so as to measure the direct impact of Government sponsorship for The Championships on the visitor economy in Sydney?

Answer—

(1) Attendances 2010-13 and 2014 target KPI:

Year	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014 Target
Attendance	39,000	43,800	27,300	36,900	70,000 (+89%)

Note: 2010-13 uses equivalent days at Randwick to those now known as The Championships Day 1

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and Day 2.

(2) Event research was conducted in 2012 and 2013 to establish place of origin:

- 2012: Day 1 - 9% of attendees from overseas/interstate (research only conducted on this day in 2012);
- 2013: Day 1 - 17% of attendees from overseas and interstate; Day 2 - 12% of attendees from overseas and interstate;
- 2014: the target is a conservative 12% from interstate/overseas, but in raw terms based on total crowd target this would result in a 49% increase in interstate/overseas visitation.

(3) Deloitte Access Economics estimates that The Championships series will cause an increase in inbound visitors and will contribute \$31 million to the Government's overnight visitor expenditure target. Deloitte Access Economics also believes a total of \$41.2 million will be contributed to the New South Wales economy.

*5182 CRIME PREVENTION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES BUDGET—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

In relation to the 2013-14 Budget Paper No 3 (page 2-11) titled Crime Prevention and Community Services and the revised figure cited for 2012-13 for grants and subsidies of \$199,037 million:

- (1) Was the additional \$122 million noted in the revised Budget actually paid out to victims under the Victims Compensation Scheme in 2012-13?
- (2) Why was this amount and this matter not included in the original Budget papers and projections when the 2012-13 Budget was printed?
- (3) Does this part of the Budget typically reflect the size and scope of payments within a given financial year under the Victims Compensation Scheme?

Answer—

- (1) No. The additional \$122 million noted in the revised Budget was due to a change in accounting policy from a contingent liability to a provision.
- (2) The amount of \$122 million was unknown at the time of the preparation of the original budget papers.
- (3) Yes.

*5183 POLICE STATION CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

In relation to existing police stations that have been previously listed by NSW Police Force Properties Group for its forward capital works program (major builds and refurbishments):

- (1) What reasons would lead to the removal of stations from the program?
- (2) What avenues are available to have these stations re-listed?
- (3) What is the average time frame for stations to be rebuilt once placed on the program?
- (4) Are the capital works program listings (major builds and refurbishments) released in order of priority for work to be commenced?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force has advised me that its forward building program is subject to a range of issues which impact on priorities and timelines, including operational policing needs, available capital funding and local conditions such as site availability. The program is subject to ongoing review.

*5184 FLOODPLAIN RISK MANAGEMENT FUNDING—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

In relation to funding available through the combined sources of the NSW Floodplain Management Program and the Floodplain Risk Management Grants Scheme:

- (1) What level of funding was available during the financial years of:
 - (a) 2011-12;
 - (b) 2012-13;
 - (c) 2013-14?
- (2) What portion of this funding was provided by the Government?
- (3) What portion of this funding was provided by the Federal Government?
- (4) Do recipients of this funding have a specific timeline for expenditure?
 - (a) If so, does it vary on a case by case basis or is a standard time frame imposed?

- (5) Are recipients expected to provide feedback or a report to explain the expenditure of funds and outcomes derived?
(a) If so, are these reports available publicly and where can they be accessed?

Answer—

I am advised as follows:

- (1)
- (a) Grants were awarded totalling \$14.4 million (\$6.9 million from Ministry of Police and Emergency Services) in the 2011/12 financial year.
 - (b) Grants were awarded totalling \$25 million (\$7.07 million from Ministry of Police and Emergency Services) in the 2012/13 financial year.
 - (c) As at 10 March 2014, grants have been awarded totalling approximately \$21 million for the 2013/14 financial year.
- (2) State funding for NSW Floodplain Management Program:
- (a) 2011/12 - \$10.95 million state funding.
 - (b) 2012/13 - \$21.47 million state funding.
 - (c) 2013/14 approximately \$21 million state funding (as at 10 March 2014).
- (3) The Federal Government contributes 50 per cent of the funding to the Ministry of Police and Emergency Service funded projects under the Floodplain Risk Management Grants Scheme through the National Partnership Agreement on Natural Disaster Resilience. This contribution over the relevant financial years was:
- (a) 2011/12 - \$3.45 million.
 - (b) 2012/13 - \$3.53 million.
 - (c) 2013/14 - none to date.
- (4) Grant recipients have three years to complete their projects. The applicant may apply for an extension of time to deliver their project, if needed.
- (5) Grant recipients under the Floodplain Management grants program are required to submit milestone reports and financial expenditure certificates. The program is administered in line with the Department of Premier and Cabinet "Good Practice Guide to Grants Administration" recommendations. Project summaries are provided on the Office of Environment and Heritage website which outline the expected outcomes from the funded projects.

*5185 MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR REGIONAL NEW SOUTH WALES—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Healthy Lifestyles, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

In relation to the drought and mental health challenges facing regional New South Wales as noted in his response to a Question Without Notice in Parliament on February 25, 2014:

- (1) Has Hunter New England Health made the decision to cut funding from Community Health Services offering psychology and social work support?
- (2) Are these services still available and accessible without a referral from a general practitioner?
- (3) Is he aware that Medicare Locals and other non-government organisations would typically refer more complex and long term patients to the Community Health Services mental health services?
- (4) What action will be taken to ensure that mental health services can be accessed, without a general practitioner referral or any other barrier, throughout the Hunter New England Health District, particularly at this time for farmers and their families facing drought?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) - (4) I refer the Member to the response to LA Question 5117.

*5186 ONLINE SHOPPING COMPLAINTS—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Fair Trading, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Western Sydney—

- (1) How many complaints relating to online shopping did NSW Fair Trading receive in:
 - (a) 2011;
 - (b) 2012;
 - (c) 2013?

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- (2) What action is NSW Fair Trading taking to fulfill its obligations to administer the Australian Consumer Law in relation to the rise of online trading to protect consumers from unscrupulous operators?

Answer—

(1) A search of Fair Trading's complaint database for the period 1 January 2011 to 31 December 2013 identified the following number of complaints where the method of purchase was online including online auctions:

- (a) 4,183;
- (b) 5,276;
- (c) 6,668.

(2) Consumers who purchase goods or services online from a business based in Australia are protected under the Australian Consumer Law (ACL). However, the ACL may offer only limited protection for goods bought online from an overseas trader. Goods and services bought at auction, including online auctions, are generally not covered by the ACL.

Fair Trading is active in the social media space alerting consumers about online shopping risks as well as raising consumer awareness through community education programs and proactive media campaigns.

From monitoring complaints through to prosecuting traders in breach of the ACL where sufficient evidence exists, Fair Trading is relentless in its pursuit to protect consumers from unscrupulous online operators.

Importantly, Fair Trading shares information with other ACL regulators across Australia, given that with online traders, consumer detriment may be spread across multiple jurisdictions and require a coordinated, collaborative response.

*5187 HOME BUILDING WORK COMPLAINTS—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Fair Trading, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Western Sydney—

(1) How many complaints did NSW Fair Trading receive from consumers regarding home building works in:

- (a) 2011;
- (b) 2012;
- (c) 2013?

(2) How many building inspections did NSW Fair Trading undertake in response to consumer complaints in:

- (a) 2011;
- (b) 2012;
- (c) 2013?

Answer—

(1) A search of Fair Trading's complaint database identified 24,872 complaints, which excludes commercial, home warranty insurance and owner-builder complaints. The breakdown of complaints per year:

- (a) 8,775 in 2011;
- (b) 8,165 in 2012; and
- (c) 7,932, in 2013.

(2) If negotiation undertaken by Customer Service Officers does not resolve the matter, complaints are referred for inspection and on site mediation. The breakdown of inspections per year:

- (a) 3,067 in 2011;
- (b) 2,709 in 2012; and
- (c) 2,664 in 2013.

*5188 TRAVELLING CONMEN—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Fair Trading, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Western Sydney—

(1) How many reports and complaints about travelling conmen posing as tradesmen did NSW Fair Trading receive in:

- (a) 2011;
- (b) 2012;
- (c) 2013?

(2) What action is NSW Fair Trading taking to protect consumers from travelling conmen?

Answer—

(1) A search of NSW Fair Trading's complaint database identified the following number of complaints relating to construction itinerant traders:

- (a) 62 in 2011;
- (b) 140 in 2012; and
- (c) 134 in 2013.

(2) NSW Fair Trading led a coordinated national strategy commencing in October 2011 to curtail unlawful selling practices of itinerant traders known as the 'Stop Travelling Con Men' campaign. Fair Trading set up a dedicated task force to manage surveillance and compliance activities and coordinate the sharing of intelligence. A national hotline for the public to report Travelling Con Men (TCM) was established.

At the end of the project, Fair Trading incorporated the successful methods and strategies employed by the taskforce as part of its core business for ongoing action on TCM. Fair Trading shares intelligence with other Australian Consumer Law regulators and has strengthened relationships with other government agencies including the NSW Police Force and Commonwealth Department of Immigration. Fair Trading now operates the national hotline 24 hours a day, seven days per week and is able to deploy investigators into the field to respond to complaints about TCM activity. Fair Trading successfully harnesses the media including social media to raise awareness of TCM activities and regularly warns the public on TCM as well as highlighting successful prosecutions.

*5189 PETROL PRICE GOUGING—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Fair Trading, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Western Sydney—

(1) How many complaints did NSW Fair Trading receive regarding petrol price gouging in:

- (a) 2011;
- (b) 2012;
- (c) 2013;
- (d) 1 January 2014 to 28 February 2014?

(2) Following the grounding of Cootes trucks making petrol deliveries in New South Wales, has NSW Fair Trading received any complaints regarding petrol price increases at petrol stations not serviced by Cootes?

Answer—

A search of NSW Fair Trading's complaint database has not identified any complaints in relation to petrol price increases and price gouging for the above periods.

*5190 HOME BUILDING ACT REFORMS—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Fair Trading, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Western Sydney—

(1) Will reforms to the Home Building Act 1989 provide home owners with a six year warranty for fire safety and waterproofing defects?

(2) Will he guarantee that a new subjective test that could reduce the warranty period to two years will not be introduced?

Answer—

(1) Yes, this is the current proposal, but only if the defect significantly impacts the ability to use the building for its intended purpose or results in the destruction or imminent collapse of the building.

(2) The statutory warranties already provide for a 2 year warranty for defects that are not, by definition, 'structural defects'. The reforms are replacing the existing definition of 'structural defect' with a definition of 'major defect', which will specifically include not only structural elements, but also fire safety systems and waterproofing, as major elements of the building.

*5193 ILLEGAL SALE OF SYNTHETIC DRUGS—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

(1) How many people have been charged by police under new offences inserted into the Poisons and Therapeutic Goods Act 1966, by the Drugs and Poisons Legislation Amendment (New Psychoactive and Other Substances) Act 2013, in relation to the illegal under the counter sale of synthetic drugs in New South Wales?

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- (2) What measures are being taken to stop under the counter sales of prohibited synthetic substances?
- (3) Has the list of banned substances been reviewed and updated in light of information received by the Australian Drug Foundation that "backyard chemists" are quickly able to alter the chemical structure of banned drugs?
- (4) What steps is the Government taking to ensure "backyard chemists" are properly policed?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force has advised me that since the Drugs and Poisons Legislation Amendment (New Psychoactive and Other Substances) Act 2013 came into effect on 7 October 2013, eight people have been issued Court Attendance Notices for 21 offences relating to synthetic drugs (as at 3 March 2014). Five relate to supply offences and two of those were in retail environments.

Police have to date informed over 1000 relevant retailers of the legislative changes and conducted visits to premises including adult stores and tobacconists. Police also conduct intelligence-based operations and high visibility policing as well as educating the public via social media in relation to these offences. The range of legislative amendments introduced on 7 October 2013 ensures a quicker and more effective mechanism for addressing the manufacture, sale and use of new psychoactive substances in New South Wales. The State Crime Command's Drug Squad is engaged in the ongoing identification of clandestine drug laboratories and individuals involved in these offences. 115 such laboratories were identified and processed during 2013.

*5194 ACCESSIBLE LIFTS AT BIRRONG AND CHESTER HILL—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport—

- (1) What is the timeline for the installation of accessible lifts at Birrong Railway Station?
- (2) What is the timeline for the installation of accessible lifts at Chester Hill Railway Station?
- (3) If there are no plans for the installation of lifts at Birrong and Chester Hill Railway Stations, why are lifts not being installed, considering that Birrong is now a main interchange under the new train timetable and Chester Hill has a high aging population?

Answer—

In 2012, the Government announced a new Transport Access Program which will deliver accessible, modern, secure and integrated transport infrastructure where it is needed most. This includes station upgrades, better interchanges and commuter car parks. This program includes more than \$770 million for improvements over four years.

More planning and design work will now occur to see which projects will come next. Birrong and Chester Hill stations will be considered as part of this process.

The Transport Access Program is part of the Government's commitment to improve public transport services and provide a world-class transport system people want to use.

*5195 CARRAMAR RAILWAY STATION LIFT—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Transport—

Will a lift be installed at Carramar Railway Station in 2014, to assist commuters who are elderly or disabled, and parents with prams?

Answer—

In 2012, the Government announced a new Transport Access Program which will deliver accessible, modern, secure and integrated transport infrastructure where it is needed most. This includes station upgrades, better interchanges and commuter car parks. This program includes more than \$770 million for improvements over four years.

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

The Transport Access Program is part of the Government's commitment to improve public transport services and provide a world-class transport system people want to use.

*5196 VILLAWOOD RAILWAY STATION LIFT—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Transport—

Will a lift be installed at Villawood Railway Station in 2014 to assist commuters who are elderly or disabled, and parents with prams?

Answer—

In 2012, the Government announced a new Transport Access Program which will deliver accessible, modern, secure and integrated transport infrastructure where it is needed most. This includes station

upgrades, better interchanges and commuter car parks. This program includes more than \$770 million for improvements over four years.

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

The Transport Access Program is part of the Government's commitment to improve public transport services and provide a world-class transport system people want to use.

*5197 YENNORA TRAIN STATION LIFT—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Transport—

Will a lift be installed at the Yennora Railway Station in 2014 to assist mobility impaired commuters and parents with prams?

Answer—

In 2012, the Government announced a new Transport Access Program which will deliver accessible, modern, secure and integrated transport infrastructure where it is needed most. This includes station upgrades, better interchanges and commuter car parks. This program includes more than \$770 million for improvements over four years.

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

The Transport Access Program is part of the Government's commitment to improve public transport services and provide a world-class transport system people want to use.

*5198 PEDESTRIAN TUNNEL AT CARRAMAR RAILWAY STATION—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Transport—

Who is responsible for the maintenance of the railway underpass pedestrian tunnel at Carramar Railway Station?

Answer—

I am advised:

Sydney Trains is responsible for the maintenance of the pedestrian underpass tunnel at Carramar Railway Station.

*5199 LANSLOWNE BRIDGE WORKS—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

Will the Government confirm if the Lansdowne Bridge located at the Hume Highway, Carramar will be restored to rectify the cracking joint work between the Bridge's masonry blocks?

Answer—

I am advised:

A bridge inspector investigated the masonry on the Lansdowne Bridge at Carramar and determined there is no cracking. There is a loss of mortar between blocks, which will be repaired by the end of 2014.

*5200 MECCANO SET STRUCTURE REPLACEMENT—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

Will the Government replace the rusting poles and supports on the Meccano Set located at the intersection of the Hume Highway and Woodville Road in 2014?

Answer—

I am advised:

No poles on the Meccano Set are affected structurally by rust. Surface rust is noted on the signage bracket, however this poses no risk. It was structurally inspected again in March 2014 with no structural defects identified.

*5201 MECCANO SET STRUCTURAL WORKS—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

What structural works have been undertaken on the Meccano Set structure situated on the intersection of Woodville Road and the Hume Highway in the following years:

- (a) 2011;
- (b) 2012;

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(c) 2013?

Answer—

I am advised:

No structural works have been undertaken on the Meccano Set in the last three years, as structural works have not been necessary. It was structurally inspected again in March 2014 with no structural defects identified.

*5202 ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE TEACHERS IN FAIRFIELD—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Education—

(1) How many English as a Second Language teachers were employed by the Department of Education and Communities and placed at schools in the Fairfield electorate in:

- (a) 2011;
- (b) 2012;
- (c) 2013?

(2) How many English as a Second Language teachers are employed by the Department of Education and Communities and are placed at schools in the Fairfield electorate as at 27 February 2014?

Answer—

(1) The number of full-time equivalent English as a Second Language teachers allocated to schools and Intensive English Centres in the Fairfield electorate were:

- (a) 87
- (b) 80.8
- (c) 80.8.

(2) 80.5 full-time equivalent (FTE).

*5203 READING RECOVERY TEACHERS IN MARRICKVILLE ELECTORATE—Ms Carmel Tebbutt asked the Minister for Education—

How many Reading Recovery teachers did each of the following schools have at 30 June 2013:

- (a) Australia Street Infants School;
- (b) Bridge Road School;
- (c) Camdenville Public School;
- (d) Darlington Public School;
- (e) Dulwich Hill Public School;
- (f) Ferncourt Public School;
- (g) Lewisham Public School;
- (h) Marrickville Public School;
- (i) Marrickville West Public School;
- (j) Newtown Public School;
- (k) Newtown North Public School;
- (l) Petersham Public School;
- (m) Stanmore Public School;
- (n) Taverners Hill Infants School; and
- (o) Wilkins Public School?

Answer—

As at 30 June 2013 the number of Reading Recovery Teachers at each of the schools was:

- (a) Australia Street Infants School - 1
- (b) Bridge Road School - 0
- (c) Camdenville Public School - 0
- (d) Darlington Public School - 1
- (e) Dulwich Hill Public School - 1
- (f) Ferncourt Public School - 1
- (g) Lewisham Public School - 1
- (h) Marrickville Public School - 1
- (i) Marrickville West Public School - 1
- (j) Newtown Public School - 1
- (k) Newtown North Public School - 0

- (l) Petersham Public School - 1
- (m) Stanmore Public School - 1
- (n) Taverners Hill Infants School - 1
- (o) Wilkins Public School - 1

Petersham and Lewisham Public Schools share a staffing allocation and a Reading Recovery teacher. This teacher is based at Petersham Public School.

*5204 ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE TEACHER ALLOCATION—Ms Carmel Tebbutt asked the Minister for Education—

How many of the current 896 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) school based English as a Second Language positions have been allocated in 2014 to:

- (a) Australia Street Infants School;
- (b) Bridge Road School;
- (c) Camdenville Public School;
- (d) Darlington Public School;
- (e) Dulwich Hill Public School;
- (f) Dulwich High School of Visual Arts & Design;
- (g) Ferncourt Public School;
- (h) Fort Street High School;
- (i) Lewisham Public School;
- (j) Marrickville High School;
- (k) Marrickville Public School;
- (l) Marrickville West Public School;
- (m) Newtown Public School;
- (n) Newtown High School of Performing Arts;
- (o) Newtown North Public School;
- (p) Petersham Public School;
- (q) Stanmore Public School;
- (r) Taverners Hill Infants School; and
- (s) Wilkins Public School;

Answer—

The numbers of teachers in Intensive English Centres (IEC) fluctuate throughout the year and from year to year, in response to changes in the immigration program, as newly arrived students enrol and other students complete their program at the IEC and transfer to high school.

- (a) Australia Street Infants School - Nil
- (b) Bridge Road School - Nil
- (c) Camdenville Public School - 0.2 Full Time Equivalent (FTE)
- (d) Darlington Public School - 0.4 FTE
- (e) Dulwich Hill Public School - 1.4 FTE
- (f) Dulwich High School of Visual Arts & Design - 0.8 FTE
- (g) Ferncourt Public School - 0.4 FTE
- (h) Fort Street High School Nil
- (i) Lewisham Public School - 0.2 FTE
- (j) Marrickville High School - 1.6 FTE plus 7.8 FTE Intensive Language Centre
- (k) Marrickville Public School - 0.8 FTE
- (l) Marrickville West Public School - 0.8 FTE
- (m) Newtown Public School - Nil
- (n) Newtown High School of Performing Arts - Nil
- (o) Newtown North Public School - 0.2 FTE
- (p) Petersham Public School - 0.6 FTE
- (q) Stanmore Public School - 0.4 FTE
- (r) Taverners Hill Infants School - Nil
- (s) Wilkins Public School - 1.2 FTE

*5205 MARRICKVILLE AND NEWTOWN FIRE STATIONS—Ms Carmel Tebbutt asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) On which dates since 1 March 2013 has Marrickville Fire Station been closed, unstaffed or taken off

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line?

- (a) How many hours was it closed or unstaffed in each instance?
- (2) On which dates since 1 March 2013 has Newtown Fire Station been closed, unstaffed or taken off line?
- (a) How many hours was it closed or unstaffed in each instance?

Answer—

I am advised

On any given day across the Sydney Metropolitan Area, Fire & Rescue NSW has a network of between 96 and 109 permanently staffed fire engines, rescue and specialist trucks ready to respond to emergency incidents. On total fire ban days, periods of extreme fire or weather danger, all 109 permanent trucks are available to respond. This network of permanent resources is supported by additional retained (on-call) brigades as required.

Firefighters and trucks are not always at their base station because they are often responding to emergency calls or performing other duties. Moving permanent firefighters and trucks around Sydney is a standard practice that is governed by proven risk management principles. Operational decisions are made by experienced senior commanders on a day to day basis to ensure appropriate response coverage for the community is always maintained.

*5206 ILLEGAL TOBACCO SALES—Ms Carmel Tebbutt asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) How many instances of illegal tobacco sales in the Marrickville electorate were investigated in 2013?
- (2) What actions has the Government taken to prevent the sale of illegal tobacco in the Marrickville electorate and across New South Wales?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) - (2) There was one recorded instance of illegal tobacco sales investigated in the Marrickville electorate in 2013. The retailer was prosecuted for selling single cigarettes and was issued with a \$500 fine at Newtown Local Court on 10 February 2014.

To prevent the sale of illegal tobacco, authorised Inspectors across New South Wales currently carry out regular tobacco compliance monitoring and enforcement activities under the Public Health (Tobacco) Act 2008, including checking signage, product display and packaging and ensuring tobacco retailers have notified the Ministry of their intention to sell tobacco.

There are strong penalties for both individuals and retailers who sell illegal tobacco. For example, the maximum penalty for selling a tobacco product without a health warning is \$11,000 for an individual and \$55,000 for a corporation.

Members of the public can report possible breaches of New South Wales tobacco legislation by contacting the toll-free Tobacco Information Line on 1800 357 412.

Resources to assist retailers to understand their obligations under the Public Health (Tobacco) Act 2008 are available from the NSW Health website.

*5207 AMBULANCE SERVICE OF NSW REPORT—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) Has she seen a copy of the analysis commissioned by the Ambulance Service of NSW which showed that without additional funding ambulance response times across Sydney would rise to 20 minutes and stations would reach absolute staffing and vehicle capacity?
- (a) If so, when did she see this report?
- (2) Was this report made publically available?
- (a) If so, where can members of the public access the report?
- (b) If the report was not made publically available, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

The report (business case) was provided to NSW Treasury and the NSW Ministry of Health in early 2011, under the previous Government.

The Business Case has not been made publicly available as it is not standard practice to do so.

Ambulance response times are published on the NSW Ambulance website at:

<http://www.ambulance.nsw.gov.au/Our-performance/Response-Times.html>

To continually improve response times, NSW Ambulance has:

- Adjusted crew deployments to better match available resources to known demand patterns in Sydney and rural areas.
- Linked Ambulance patients to the appropriate health care community and non-emergency department pathways.
- Continued use of Extended Care Paramedics to reduce the number of patients needing hospital transport.
- Enhanced Rapid Responder models.

*5208 FRESenius KABI CHEMOTHERAPY DRUGS—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

(1) Were any of the contaminated batches of Fresenius Kabi chemotherapy drugs, recently recalled by the Therapeutic Goods Administration in Queensland, used in the NSW hospital system?

(a) If yes, which hospitals were affected?

(2) What actions have been taken to ensure that none of the batches of Fresenius Kabi chemotherapy drugs in use in NSW hospitals are tainted?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) - (2) The supplier advised that batches identified as potentially contaminated were not supplied to any NSW Health facility.

The recall of any medicines used in New South Wales public health facilities falls under the Uniform Recall Procedure for Therapeutic Goods, administered by the Therapeutic Goods Administration which is the responsibility of the Federal Government.

*5209 WANAARING MEDICAL CENTRE—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

Following the death of Perry Whitton, who died on the lawn of the Wanaaring Medical Centre on 22 September 2013:

(1) What arrangements for after hours access to Wanaaring Medical Centre were in place at the time?

(2) Why were the keys to Wanaaring Medical Centre not available?

(3) Why was the phone system at Wanaaring Medical Centre set up in a way that could not receive incoming calls?

(4) What arrangements for after hour access are currently in place at Wanaaring Medical Centre?

(5) How have these arrangements changed since the death of Mr Whitton?

Answer—

The death of Mr Whitton was unfortunate and I extend my sympathy to his family.

I am advised that:

(1) - (5) To cover the period in which the Nurse Practitioner was on annual leave, arrangements were in place to provide after hours access to the Wanaaring Health Clinic via a special emergency phone service located at the front of the Clinic. Signage at the Clinic provides instructions on how members of the public can contact the Royal Flying Doctor Service, or to dial 000 in emergencies. In addition to these emergency contact details, the number of the Bourke Hospital (6870 8888) is also provided on the Clinic's after hours phone message. In February 2013 the phone systems at the Clinic were set up to receive incoming calls, including emergency calls, and this remains in place.

During the period of the Nurse Practitioner's leave, the clinic's set of keys (and vehicle) were provided to the Manager of Bourke Primary and Community Health in order to enable Bourke staff to provide relieving tasks for the Wanaaring community, including the fortnightly Royal Flying Doctor Service clinic.

It was, and remains, standard procedure for the spare set of keys to the Clinic to be kept in the Wanaaring Police Station; however, on this occasion the police officer was not available.

Changes have since been implemented to allow members of the public to access the Clinic during emergencies such as this. Under the current arrangements, emergency access to the Clinic requires a prior

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phone discussion with staff at the Royal Flying Doctor Service who will assess the situation and, when appropriate, provide the security code required for members of the public to access the emergency keys to open the Clinic.

Signage and the after hours internal phone message at the Clinic continues to advise members of the public to ring the Royal Flying Doctor Service, or triple 000, during emergencies, or to ring the Bourke Hospital for advice.

*5210 WOMEN'S DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ADVOCACY SERVICES—Mr Richard Amery asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

- (1) Does the Mount Druitt Local Court provide a Women's Domestic Violence Advocacy Service?
- (2) How many persons sought assistance from the Women's Domestic Violence Advocacy Service at Mount Druitt Local Court in 2011 to 2013?
- (3) How do these numbers compare to advocacy services being provided at other locations around New South Wales?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) A Women's Domestic Court Violence Advocacy Service is provided at Mount Druitt Local Court by the Western Sydney Women's Domestic Violence Court Advocacy Service.

(2) During the period 1 January 2011 to 31 December 2013, Western Sydney Women's Domestic Violence Court Advocacy Service (WDVCAS) provided 2239* at-court assistances with Apprehended Domestic Violence Order (ADVO) matters at Mt Druitt Local Court. WDVCASs assist all women domestic violence victims referred to them, attending court for an ADVO matter each Local Court ADVO list day.

*This figure does not include assistances provided before or after a client's appearance at court, or service provided in relation to criminal charge matters.

(3) The number of advocacy services provided at Mt Druitt Local Court by Western Sydney WDVCAS is comparable with the number of advocacy services provided at other locations around New South Wales.

*5211 AIR POLLUTION LEVELS IN WESTERN SYDNEY—Mr Richard Amery asked the Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) Does the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) monitor air pollution levels in Western Sydney?
- (2) If so, where are the EPA monitoring stations located?
- (3) How have air pollution levels in Western Sydney changed in recent years?

Answer—

I am advised as follows:

(1) The Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) monitors air quality at ten sites in Western Sydney.

(2) Monitoring stations are located at Bargo, Bringelly, Campbelltown West, Camden, Liverpool, Oakdale, Prospect, Richmond, St Marys and Vineyard.

(3) Air quality in Western Sydney is good by international standards. Levels of most pollutants continue to be well below national standards. There has been no definite upward or downward trend in ozone or fine particles in Western Sydney since 2000.

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*5212 WITNESS ASSISTANCE SERVICE STAFF NUMBERS—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

What does he propose to do to ensure that there are enough resources and staff for the Witness Assistance Service to deal with all priority matters?

Answer—

The Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions has a number of operational strategies to ensure the Witness Assistance Service is focused on priority matters. These strategies include the existence of a

clear policy on 'priority cases' and 'priority clients', and the early identification of priority cases based on the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions' Witness Assistance Service Best Practice Referral and Case Management Protocol.

*5213 LEGAL AID NSW FREE WEEKLY ADVICE CLINIC—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

What is the cost to 4 March 2014 of the free weekly advice clinic in family and civil law matters provided at Manly Community Centre and funded by Legal Aid NSW?

Answer—

I am advised:

Providing outreach services in civil and family law at Manly Community Centre is part of the core business of Legal Aid NSW and is included in existing operating costs. Legal Aid NSW has not employed any additional solicitors to deliver the services at the Manly Community Centre.

The additional cost to Legal Aid NSW is for travel and rental of the premises. Between 1 February 2013 and 4 March 2014 these costs were \$9,770.

*5214 DISTRICT COURT BACKLOGS—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

(1) What were the findings of the interagency group established to determine the extent of the District Court backlogs and their causes?

(2) Is the interagency group's report available to the public?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) An interagency working group was established to develop operational responses to the District Court's current workload. It considered information from a range of sources but did not make formal findings.

(2) The working group did not produce a report.

*5215 JUDICIAL OFFICER COMPLAINTS—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

Which are the two complaints about a judicial officer referred to at page 36 of the Annual Report 2012-13 of the Judicial Commission that were referred to the Conduct Division?

Answer—

The Judicial Commission of NSW has notified me of the complaints referred to in the relevant section of its Annual Report, as required by the provisions of the Judicial Officers Act 1986.

Complaints referred to the Conduct Division of the Judicial Commission of NSW are dealt with confidentially, except in limited circumstances.

*5216 MODEL LITIGANT POLICY AND ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

What mechanisms does the Government have in place to measure:

- (a) The compliance of Government agencies with the Model Litigant Policy; and
- (b) The use of alternative dispute resolution by Government agencies?

Answer—

I am advised:

(a) The Model Litigant Policy states that the obligations to act as a model litigant are the responsibility of the Chief Executive Officers of each individual agency in consultation with the agency's principal legal officer.

Issues relating to compliance or non-compliance with the Model Litigant Policy are to be directed to the Chief Executive Officer of a relevant agency who can also issue guidelines relating to the interpretation and implementation of the Policy.

(b) The Government conducts an annual collection of legal services expenditure data, including data on the use of alternative dispute resolution.

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*5217 NSW TRUSTEE AND GUARDIAN APPOINTEES—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

What is the basis for NSW Trustee and Guardian to increase the proportion of private financial managers appointed for people with decision making incapacities?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Trustee and Guardian (NSWTG) does not have the authority to make the decision about the most appropriate person or organisation to be appointed as financial managers. The appointment of private financial managers is decided by either the Supreme Court of NSW or the Guardianship Division of the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal.

NSWTG has been working with stakeholders to expand the options for financial management to meet the needs of the individual.

*5218 CIRCUS ANIMALS—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

Does the Government propose to introduce legislation to prevent the use of animals for entertainment in circuses?

Answer—

The welfare of animals used by mobile exhibitors (including circuses) is protected by the Exhibited Animals Protection Act 1986 and the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1979.

The Exhibited Animals Protection Act 1986 establishes rigorous standards for the exhibition of circus animals. These include requirements for the suitability of animals, housing and management, transport, performance and training, animal dignity and public safety.

*5219 HOUSING AND ACCOMMODATION SUPPORT INITIATIVE PLUS PACKAGES—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

(1) How many Housing and Accommodation Support Initiative (HASI) plus packages have been funded and in what periods since 1 January 2013?

(2) As a result of HASI plus packages, how many people have been released from:

- (a) correctional centres; and
- (b) forensic institutions?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) - (2) Since 17 May 2013, 58 HASI Plus packages have been funded. Of these, 46 have already been allocated to people with severe and/or persistent mental illness that have been referred from institutionalised care to the program.

As at 13 March 2014, the number of people released from correctional centres to HASI Plus was seven. However, one person has since breached his parole conditions and been returned to gaol.

As at 13 March 2014, the number of people released from forensic institutions to HASI Plus was one.

*5220 CONFISCATED MOTOR VEHICLE NUMBER PLATES—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

How many motor vehicle number plates have been confiscated by the NSW Police Force following the introduction of the Road Transport (General) Amendment (Vehicle Sanctions) Act 2012 in the following periods:

- (a) 1 July 2012 to 31 December 2012;
- (b) 1 January 2013 to 30 June 2013;
- (c) 1 July 2013 to 31 December 2013; and
- (d) 1 January 2014 to 4 March 2014?

Answer—

I refer the Member to my response to his previous LA Question 5097 on this subject.

*5221 BUS DRIVER SECURITY—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Transport—

How is management at the State Transit Authority of NSW responding to security concerns of bus drivers throughout New South Wales following recent incidents of abuse and harassment on several Sydney bus routes?

Answer—

I am advised:

State Transit takes the safety of its bus drivers very seriously. Management works with bus drivers on physical protection measures and safety working systems to help reduce bus driver assaults, abuse and harassment.

Assaults on State Transit bus drivers from incidents of anti-social behaviour and violence are decreasing.

*5222 RUBBISH ALONGSIDE RAILWAY LINES—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Transport—

What is the Government doing to clean up rubbish alongside railway lines, in light of reports of excessive amounts of rubbish between Gosford and Woy Woy Railway Stations?

Answer—

I am advised:

Rubbish is removed from the rail corridor within 30 days of it being identified or reported. However, timeliness of rubbish removal can be affected by the location and type of rubbish. Further, some areas of the rail corridor can only be accessed during planned trackwork, or when trains are not operating.

Customers can report rubbish in the rail corridor by calling 131500.

*5223 SEIZURE OF ILLICIT DRUGS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) Is only one person qualified and employed by the Government to analyse illicit drugs seized by the NSW Police Force?
- (2) If yes, what is the Government doing to increase staffing levels in order to provide faster processing and avoid undue delays in drug related criminal matters?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) - (2) There are 29 scientific staff involved in the testing of illicit drugs seized by NSW Police. This includes forensic chemists, botanists, primary clandestine laboratory chemists (current and in training) and technical officers. In addition, recruitment is underway for two senior scientists.

*5224 STRESS LEAVE FOR FEMALE PARAMEDICS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) How many female paramedics are currently on stress leave due to verbal abuse and threats directed towards them by patients in Newcastle?
- (2) How many female paramedics are currently on stress leave due to verbal abuse and threats directed towards them by patients across the Hunter region?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) - (2) NSW Ambulance records indicate there are no female paramedics on stress leave in Newcastle or the Hunter region who have reported verbal assaults from patients as the reason for taking workers' compensation leave.

*5225 INCREASED ROAD SAFETY MEASURES IN THE HUNTER—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

- (1) How much revenue was received from speed and red light cameras in 2013?
- (2) How is the Government using this revenue to increase safety on the roads in the Hunter region, which currently has five fixed location speed cameras, including Gateshead which raised over \$8 million across four years from 2007 to 2011?

Answer—

I am advised:

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(1) In the 2013 calendar year, \$120 million was collected from camera detected speeding and red light offences. This includes revenue from all four types of speed camera used in New South Wales. I am advised that approximately 80 per cent of revenue from red light speed cameras is from red light running.

(2) From May 2013, all revenue collected from camera detected speeding and red light offences is paid into the Community Road Safety Fund. This Fund delivers the state road safety program, which includes initiatives to improve the safety of roads and road users across the Hunter region.

Programs funded include:

- Young driver improvements, including the implementation of the Safer Drivers Course
- Safety around schools, including expansion of flashing lights to all schools by end of 2015, and school crossing supervisors
- NSW Safer Roads and State Blackspot program
- Enhanced High Visibility Police Enforcement activities
- School education
- Road safety awareness campaigns
- Local Government Road Safety Program
- Safer Roads

Specifically, the 2013 - 2014 Safer Roads Program has approved 10 projects for delivery in the Hunter Region with a total value of over \$10 million. These projects target a mixture of vulnerable road users and high severity crash types and locations, and are spread across the Program as:

- Local Government Safety Infrastructure Program - two projects worth \$2.439 million:
 - Edderton Road - underway, due for completion by 30 June 2014.
 - Ruttleys Road - underway, due for completion by 1 June 2014
- Run Off Road and Head On Program - five programs worth \$7 million:
 - New England Highway - underway, due for completion by 30 June 2014.
 - Raymond Terrace Road - underway, due for completion by 30 June 2014.
 - Pacific Highway- underway, due for completion by 30 June 2014.
 - Freemans Drive - underway, due for completion by 30 June 2014.
 - George Booth Drive - underway, due for completion by 30 June 2014.
- Pedestrian Safety Infrastructure Program - one project worth \$30,000
 - Monash Road- underway, due for completion 30 June 2014.
- Motorcycle Safety Infrastructure Program - two projects worth \$570,000
 - Putty Road- underway, due for completion 30 June 2014.
 - Wollambi Road- due for completion 30 June 2014.

Projects for the 2014-15 Safer Roads Program are currently being developed.

*5226 NEWCASTLE MEMORIAL WALK FUNDING—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) Has the Government committed \$1.5 million towards the funding of a Memorial Walk in Newcastle?
- (a) If yes, when will the Government be funding this project?
- (b) If not, why did the Government withdraw from funding this project?

Answer—

The Memorial Walk in Newcastle is a project receiving support from local, state and federal Governments and the private sector.

As promised the Government conducted geo-technical investigations worth \$300,000 to ensure the foundations of this important project are sound.

The Government is committed to the revitalisation of Newcastle and enhancing the city's role as a 21st century regional centre.

*5227 SEX WORKER INTEGRATED CARE COORDINATION—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

- (1) Will the Government reinstate funding for the Sex Worker Integrated Care Coordination Project and a dedicated case worker for sex workers in the Newcastle suburb of Islington?
- (a) If so, when will the Government reinstate funding for the Sex Worker Integrated Care Coordination Project and what amount of funding will be provided?
- (b) If the Government is not planning to reinstate funding for the Sex Worker Integrated Care

Coordination Project, why not?

Answer—

While the Department of Family and Community Services (FACS) has previously provided funding for this project, further funding is not available as FACS realigns its available budget to deliver core services across the state.

*5228 AGEING DISABILITY AND HOME CARE—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

Was there a similar provision in previous legislation to the current provision that empowers the Government to forcibly transfer Ageing, Disability and Home Care responsibilities to the private sector without compensation?

Answer—

For details on New South Wales Legislation, please refer to <http://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au>.

*5229 PRISON OFFICER RECRUITMENT—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

- (1) When was the last recruitment drive for prison officers in New South Wales?
- (2) Will the Government hold a recruitment drive for prison officers in 2014?
 - (a) If yes, when will the Government hold a recruitment drive for prison officers?
 - (b) If not, why won't the Government hold a recruitment drive for prison officers?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) The last major recruitment drive for prison officers conducted by Corrective Services NSW was in 2010. In 2013, a further 48 casual officers were recruited.

(2) Corrective Services NSW has recently undertaken a general recruitment drive for casual correctional officers. This recruitment action was advertised through Jobs NSW and applications closed on Friday, 28 February 2014.

*5230 REDUCING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN CABRAMATTA—Mr Nick Lalich asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

- (1) What initiatives did the Government establish to raise awareness of, prevent, and reduce domestic violence in the Cabramatta electorate between 27 March 2011 and 4 March 2014?
- (2) How much funding has the Government committed for the current financial year to raising awareness of, preventing, and reducing domestic violence in the Cabramatta electorate?
- (3) How much funding will the Government commit for the 2014-15 financial year to raising awareness of, preventing, and reducing domestic violence in the Cabramatta electorate?

Answer—

Two specialised services are funded to operate to support victims of domestic and family violence in the Cabramatta electorate. The Cabramatta Community Centre is funded to provide domestic violence responses to victims under the Integrated Domestic and Family Violence Services Program and the South West Sydney Legal Centre is funded to operate a project in Fairfield under the Staying Home Leaving Violence program.

The Fairfield Domestic Violence Committee is also funded to raise awareness about violence against women with activities held in workplaces in the Wetherill Park area. The annual grants program for eligible Local Domestic and Family Violence Committees will continue during the 2014/15 period.

Under the Transitional National Partnership Agreement on Homelessness 2013/14 Development Fund the Government is providing an additional six houses (approximate value \$2.5 million) are being funded for women with children experiencing domestic and family violence in South Western Sydney (Fairfield and Liverpool local government areas). The houses will be managed by a new specialist homelessness housing company focused on housing solutions for women with children experiencing domestic and family violence currently being established by the Government to support women and their children to leave violent relationships and reduce incidents of domestic violence.

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Victims can also access the Start Safely program. The state-wide program provides time-limited financial help to eligible Housing NSW clients leaving domestic and family violence so they can secure safe, appropriate and affordable private rental accommodation and do not have to return to their homes.

The program is targeted at people who require short to medium term (up to two years) financial assistance and support who are then able to sustain a tenancy independently after the subsidy period. Start Safely clients receive referrals to a range of support services including specialist domestic and family violence services.

*5231 JOB CREATION IN CABRAMATTA AND GREATER WESTERN SYDNEY—Mr Nick Lalich asked the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) What initiatives did the Government establish to create jobs in the Cabramatta electorate between 27 March 2011 and 4 March 2014?
- (2) How much funding aimed at creating local jobs did the Government invest in the Cabramatta electorate between 27 March 2011 and 4 March 2014?
- (3) What initiatives did the Government establish to create jobs in Greater Western Sydney between 27 March 2011 and 4 March 2014?

Answer—

The Government has created almost 110,000 new jobs since the 2011 election with initiatives such as the Jobs Action Plan, Supply Chain Accelerator program, Export Accelerator Program and the Small Biz Connect program creating jobs in Western Sydney.

Over \$13.6 million has been provided in support to local businesses in the wider Greater Western Sydney area. This has supported over \$570 million of investment that has been committed by businesses in Greater Western Sydney leading to the creation of jobs in the area.

*5232 PROPOSED MEDICARE CO-PAYMENTS SYSTEM—Mr Nick Lalich asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) Has the Government made any representations to the Federal Government to protest against a proposed Medicare co-payment and the impact it will have on the people of New South Wales?
 - (a) If so, how were these representations against proposed co-payments to Medicare made and when?
- (2) Has the Government undertaken any analysis of the impact of the proposed co-payment system on people in the Cabramatta electorate and other electorates in New South Wales?
 - (a) If so, will the results of this analysis be made publically available?

Answer—

(1) - (2) This is a matter more appropriately answered by my Federal counterpart, the Hon Peter Dutton MP, Minister for Health, who has responsibility for Medicare and should be referred accordingly.

*5233 RED LIGHT SPEED CAMERA REVENUE IN CABRAMATTA—Mr Nick Lalich asked the Minister for Finance and Services—

How much revenue did the Government generate from red light speed cameras in the Cabramatta electorate during the periods:

- (a) 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013; and
- (b) 1 July 2013 to 4 March 2014?

Answer—

The Office of State Revenue publishes data on its website about the number of penalty notices issued for safety camera offences, including speed and red light camera offences.

*5234 CANCELLATION OF THE 88 BUS SERVICE IN CABRAMATTA—Mr Nick Lalich asked the Minister for Transport—

- (1) Prior to the cancellation of the 88 bus service in the Cabramatta electorate, how many passengers on average used the service per week across the entire route?
- (2) Did the Government consult with the public in the Cabramatta electorate before cancelling the 88 bus service?
 - (a) If the Government did consult with the public in the Cabramatta electorate regarding this decision, what form did this consultation take and when did this consultation occur?

Answer—

I am advised:

As you are aware, the Government reviewed the role of free shuttle buses in transport network. Shuttle buses which attracted low patronage or duplicated other routes have been discounted, including the Cabramatta Shuttle which only attracted 4.5 boardings per kilometre.

It is regrettable that proper planning did not underpin the introduction of the shuttles when they were rushed into service by the previous Government in the lead-up to the last election.

*5235 LAND BELONGING TO SCHOOLS IN THE CABRAMATTA ELECTORATE—Mr Nick Lalich asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) Was any land belonging to schools in the Cabramatta electorate rezoned to be consistent with the zoning of adjacent lands between 27 March 2011 and 4 March 2014?
- (2) Was any land belonging to schools in the Cabramatta electorate sold between 27 March 2011 and 4 March 2014?
 - (a) If yes, which schools in the Cabramatta electorate had land sold?
 - (b) If yes, how much land belonging to schools in the Cabramatta electorate was sold and when did these sales occur?

Answer—

(1) Yes.

(2) No.

*5236 POLICE ACTION TO PREVENT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN CABRAMATTA—Mr Nick Lalich asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) What initiatives did the Government establish to help police in the Cabramatta electorate raise awareness of, prevent, and reduce domestic violence in the area from 27 March 2011 to 4 March 2014?
- (2) How much funding has the Government committed for the 2013-14 financial year to help police in the Cabramatta electorate raise awareness of, prevent, and reduce domestic violence in the area?
- (3) How much funding will the Government commit for the 2014-15 financial year to help police in the Cabramatta electorate raise awareness of, prevent, and reduce domestic violence in the area?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force delivers a consistent statewide response to domestic violence through the Domestic Violence Liaison Officer (DVLO) positions and Domestic Violence Operative (DVO) Program which are made up of special officers in Local Area Commands that work to specifically prevent and reduce domestic violence. These activities are part of core policing and specific funding for these programs cannot be isolated for Cabramatta.

At the Cabramatta Local Area Command, DVLOs work in partnership with a range of agencies, including Legal Aid, Family and Community Services and Non-Government Organisations, to deliver services to domestic violence victims and raise awareness. In partnership, these organisations coordinate appropriate legal and housing assistance to victims.

*5237 NSW SMART WORK HUB PILOT PROGRAM—Ms Anna Watson asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Trade and Investment, and Minister for Regional Infrastructure and Services—

Why wasn't the Wollongong Local Government Area and the Illawarra region included in the NSW Smart Work Hub Pilot Program?

Answer—

The Smart Work Hub Pilot Program provides funding for pilot projects to offer commuters an alternative work location closer to home.

Western Sydney and the Central Coast were identified as priority areas for funding because they have the two largest commuter populations in the state. This did not preclude applications from other regions and the program was open to any applicant wanting to pilot a Smart Work Hub in New South Wales.

Applications from the Illawarra Region have been received and the assessment of applications is still in progress. The outcome of the funding process will be released in the coming months.

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*5238 ILLAWARRA REGION MANUFACTURING SECTOR—Ms Anna Watson asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Trade and Investment, and Minister for Regional Infrastructure and Services—

How is the Government ensuring that no more jobs are lost from the manufacturing sector in the Illawarra region?

Answer—

Manufacturing is an important and vital part of a diverse New South Wales economy, with New South Wales manufacturers generating some \$35 billion in value added for the State.

In the Illawarra region, the Government, through NSW Trade & Investment is working with key local stakeholders, industry networks such as i3Net and individual businesses in the manufacturing sector to facilitate the creation of long term, sustainable new jobs in the region. NSW Trade & Investment has supported the Manufacturing Showcase that has been held annually in Wollongong since 2011. This event promotes the industrial capabilities of the region to key decision makers in the construction, defence, mining and manufacturing sectors.

NSW Trade & Investment continues to work with several local manufacturers to help them access new domestic and export markets through attendance at key industry events such as Expomin in Chile in April 2014. Illawarra manufacturers were also showcased at AIMEX, Australia's largest mining industry event held in August 2013. Fine Food was held in Sydney last year with Illawarra food manufacturers given the opportunity to exhibit as part of the New South Wales stand.

Further financial support to local manufacturing companies is available through the Illawarra Region Innovation and Investment Fund. The Government has provided assistance to 30 business investment projects in the Wollongong, Shellharbour and Kiama Local Government Areas. These projects have generated some \$62.8 million in new investment and 680.5 full time equivalent jobs.

*5239 ILLAWARRA DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION—Ms Anna Watson asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Trade and Investment, and Minister for Regional Infrastructure and Services—

- (1) Can he provide an update to his answer to LA Question 4759 in relation to the proposal to establish an Illawarra Development Corporation?
- (2) Has the Government received a formal request or been provided with relevant data to support establishing an Illawarra Development Corporation?

Answer—

(1) As advised in my previous response to LA Question 4759, the Government's involvement at this stage is one of discussion only.

(2) The Government has not yet been provided with enough supporting data to establish a position on an Illawarra Development Corporation.

*5240 REVITALISING LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINAL REPORT—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Local Government, and Minister for the North Coast—

When will the Government formally respond to the recommendations of the NSW Independent Local Government Review Panel contained in the Revitalising Local Government final report?

Answer—

The Government will respond to the final recommendations of the Independent Local Government Review Panel and Local Government Acts Taskforce once it has considered submissions received on the final reports.

*5241 CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM SCHOOL APPLICANTS IN SHELLHARBOUR—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) Which schools in the Shellharbour electorate applied for funding under the Department of Education and Communities Capital Works Program in 2013-14?
- (2) On how many previous occasions had these schools applied for funding from the Capital Works Program?
- (3) What specific projects were submitted for funding?
- (4) What was the value of each project submitted for funding?
- (5) Were any of the schools that applied for funding in the Shellharbour electorate successful?
- (6) If any Shellharbour electorate schools were unsuccessful in applying for funding, what were the reasons for the schools applications being rejected?

Answer—

- (1) In 2013-14, 37 projects were nominated for funding under the Department's capital works program.
- (2) To provide this information would be a significant diversion of resources from the Department's core business, the provision of public education.
- (3) - (4) All the projects nominated in 2013-14 were considered for funding.
- (5) Yes.
- (6) To provide this information would be a significant diversion of resources from the Department's core business, the provision of public education.

*5242 RESTART NSW ILLAWARRA INFRASTRUCTURE FUND—Ms Anna Watson asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

- (1) How much funding was allocated from the Restart NSW Illawarra Infrastructure Fund in the 2013-14 budget?
- (2) When will all funding from the \$100 million Restart NSW Illawarra Infrastructure Fund be allocated?
- (3) Which Minister will have responsibility for paying funds to approved projects under the Restart NSW Illawarra Infrastructure Fund?
- (4) What are the administrative arrangements for the allocating payments to approved projects under the Restart NSW Illawarra Infrastructure Fund?
- (5) What are the key dates for allocating payments to approved projects under the Restart NSW Illawarra Infrastructure Fund?

Answer—

The Restart NSW Illawarra Infrastructure Fund uses proceeds from the long term lease of Port Kembla.

Information regarding the Restart NSW Illawarra Infrastructure Fund, including the \$100 million allocation to twelve priority infrastructures projects and \$170 million for the Princes Highway upgrade, is available on the Infrastructure NSW website at <http://www.infrastructure.nsw.gov.au/projects/restart-illawarra.aspx>.

*5243 STATE INVESTMENT ATTRACTION SCHEME IN THE ILLAWARRA—Mr Ryan Park asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Trade and Investment, and Minister for Regional Infrastructure and Services—

- (1) How much funding from the \$130 million State Investment Attraction Scheme has been allocated to businesses in the Wollongong Local Government Area?
- (2) How much funding from the State Investment Attraction Scheme has been allocated to businesses in the five Local Government Areas that the Government defines as the Illawarra region?

Answer—

Business investment projects in the Illawarra region generally access the Regional Industries Investment Fund (RIIF) instead of the State Investment Attraction Scheme (SIAS).

Through the RIIF, the Government has been able to support emerging industries. In 2011, the University of Wollongong was offered \$50,000 towards costs of establishing a technology incubator in Wollongong called StartPad. This project involved the Government through NSW Trade & Investment, Wollongong City Council and University of Wollongong and continues to provide incubator services to early stage and startup businesses in Wollongong. StartPad is now part of the iAccelerate initiative at the University's Innovation Campus.

Since August 2011, Illawarra businesses have also had access to the \$30 million Illawarra Region Innovation and Investment Fund (IRIIF). The structural adjustment program was established following the announcement by Bluescope Steel to downsize its Port Kembla operations in August 2011. The fund received contributions from the Federal Government (\$20 million), NSW Government from the Regional Industries Investment Fund (\$5 million) and Bluescope Steel (\$5 million).

The IRIIF has provided assistance to 30 business investment projects in the Wollongong, Shellharbour and Kiama Local Government Areas. These projects have generated some \$62.8 million in new investment and 680.5 full time equivalent jobs.

*5244 JOBS ACTION PLAN IN THE ILLAWARRA—Mr Ryan Park asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

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- (1) How many new jobs have been created in the Wollongong Local Government Area since April 2011 under the Government's Jobs Action Plan which targets 100,000 new jobs through the promotion of a payroll tax rebate?
- (2) How many new jobs have been created under the Jobs Action Plan in the following five Local Government Areas that the Government defines as the Illawarra region:
 - (a) Wollongong;
 - (b) Shellharbour;
 - (c) Kiama;
 - (d) Wingecarribee; and
 - (e) Shoalhaven?

Answer—

Based on February data released in March 2014, according to the Australian Bureau of Statistics, New South Wales had the lowest unemployment rate of all the states in Australia.

Since the 2011 election, over 109,000 jobs have been created under the Government. Under the previous Government, New South Wales job growth was the slowest rate of any state for the past decade.

The Jobs Action Plan has helped facilitate new jobs through payroll tax rebates with over 46,418 registrations between July 2011 and February 2014..

Information regarding the Jobs Action Plan is available via the Office of State Revenue website at <http://www.osr.nsw.gov.au/taxes/payroll/jap>.

*5245 LOCAL COUNCIL ZONING CHANGES—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW, Leader of the House—

- (1) Is he aware of any local councils changing the zoning of schools or TAFE college land to match the zoning status of adjacent land?
 - (a) If yes, which councils have changed the zoning status of land in this manner?
 - (b) If yes, what schools and/or TAFE colleges were impacted by the rezoning?
- (2) Have there been any changes made to the zoning of the Mount Druitt TAFE site?
 - (a) If yes, what was the previous zoning?
 - (b) If yes, what is the new zoning?
 - (c) If yes, why were these changes made to the zoning?

Answer—

(1) Practice Note 10-001, issued in 2010, advocates for the zoning of educational establishments to be the same zone as the adjoining land.

Details of all Standard Instrument LEPs approved can be found at <http://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/en-us/planningyourlocalarea/standardinstrument.aspx>.

(2) Blacktown Council's draft LEP is currently being finalised by Council prior to referral to Planning and Infrastructure.

*5246 STATE LIBRARY OF NEW SOUTH WALES—Mr Jamie Parker asked the Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Hospitality and Racing, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for the Hunter—

- (1) What changes are proposed as part of the planned \$25 million revitalisation of the State Library of New South Wales?
- (2) How many staff currently work at the State Library of New South Wales?
- (3) How will staff numbers reduce as a result of the proposed changes?
- (4) What is proposed for the conversion of the Mitchell Reading Room?
- (5) What is the reason for the conversion of the Mitchell Reading Room?
- (6) Will any books be available for reading in the Mitchell Reading Room following its conversion?
- (7) Who is responsible for the decision to convert the Mitchell Reading Room?
- (8) Is the conversion considered an improvement to the Mitchell Reading Room?
- (9) If yes, how is it an improvement?

Answer—

(1) Plans are underway to:

- restore the original design and architectural features of the Mitchell Library Reading Room.
- create a dedicated reading room- the David Scott Mitchell Research Library for researchers and scholars to work with special collection materials alongside related printed material.

- open up more heritage spaces in the Mitchell Building (Level 1) to showcase the Library's collections through three new galleries and a specialised education space.
- (2) FTE = 316.34 (as of end of February 2014)
- (3) No staff reductions will result from the proposed changes.
- (4) The Mitchell Library is not being 'converted'. The Mitchell Library Reading Room will continue to be a reading room. The original design and architectural features of the Reading Room will be restored. The restoration includes:
- restoring the original chairs and tables and adding replicas to seat over 200 readers.
 - cleaning and repairing the stained glass windows and fittings.
 - removing pieces of modern furniture and equipment that are out of keeping with the architecture of the room.
 - removing as much of the obtrusive glass barrier as safety will permit.
- (5) The Mitchell Library Reading Room is not being 'converted'. It is being restored to its original 1942 design so more people can use and enjoy it.
- (6) Mitchell books are available for reading in the Mitchell Library Reading Room.
- (7) The Library and its statewide services are managed by the State Librarian under the governance of the Library Council of New South Wales.
- (8) - (9) The Mitchell Library Reading Room is being restored to its original design so more people can use and enjoy this historic space. It is vital that the State Library, as a world leading library, responds to the different needs of the many who use it.

*5247 VICTIMS RIGHTS AND SUPPORT ACT 2013—Mr Jamie Parker asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

- (1) What is the average length of time between a victim first making a claim and compensation being paid, since the commencement of the Victims Rights and Support Act 2013?
- (2) What was the average length of time between a victim first making a claim and compensation being paid, prior to 3 June 2013?
- (3) How many victims compensation claims are currently outstanding?
- (4) What review has been undertaken since the commencement of the Victims Rights and Support Act 2013 to determine the benefits that are being delivered to victims under the new system?
- (5) What is the total amount of payments that have been made to victims under the Victims Rights and Support Act 2013?
- (6) What was the total amount of payments that were made to victims from 3 June 2012 to 4 March 2013?
- (7) How many claims are currently outstanding, from the time of first making a claim until compensation is paid, for a period of more than:
 - (a) 6 months;
 - (b) 1 year;
 - (c) 2 years; and
 - (d) 3 years?
- (8) Which of the current outstanding claims is the oldest?
- (9) Does the system now allow for faster processing of new claims compared to claims made prior to the introduction of the new system?
- (10) What is the average length of time for processing claims since the introduction of the new system?
- (11) What was the average length of time for processing claims made prior to the introduction of the new system?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) The average length of time from lodgment to determination for recognition payments as at 28 February 2014 was 122 days (approximately 4 months).

The average length of time from lodgment to determination for financial assistance payments as at 28 February 2014 was 74 days (approximately 2.5 months).

(2) As at 2 June 2013, the average length of time from lodgement to determination was 32 months.

(3) As at 7 March 2014, there were 16,620 transitional claims that were pending from the previous Act.

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(4) The framework, in in the process of being finalised and will be used to measure and monitor the performance of the VSS. As part of the framework, Victims Services will collect feedback from clients and data about each claim.

The Victims Rights and Support Act 2013 also mandates that the first review of the scheme is as soon as possible after 3 years from the date of assent to this Act, which was 3 June 2013. Subsequent reviews are at intervals of not less than 3 years and not more than 5 years. A report of the review outcome will be tabled in both Houses of Parliament within 12 months of the review after the end of the review.

(5) \$46,788,893.00. This figure covers the period from 3 June 2013 to 28 February 2014 and includes transitional payments consequent to the retrospective application of the Victims Rights and Support Act 2013.

(6) \$32,545,536.00.

(7)

Transitional Claims Pending (as at 7 March 2014)	
more than 6 months	1,101
more than 1 year	5,551
more than 2 years	4,244
more than 3 years	5,724
Total	16,620

(8) The oldest outstanding claim was lodged on 2 August 1999 and relates to a person who is alleged to have gone missing. Under the new scheme, Victims Services is not able to award a recognition payment to family members of a missing person unless the person is deemed to have gone missing as a result of a homicide.

(9) Yes.

(10) Refer to Q 1.

(11) Refer to Q 2.

*5248 WHITE BAY CRUISE TERMINAL FUEL EMISSIONS—Mr Jamie Parker asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

- (1) What is the average volume of emissions produced by a cruise ship during a 10 hour stay at the White Bay Cruise Terminal?
- (2) What are the upper and lower volumes of emissions for a 10 hour stay at the White Bay Cruise Terminal?
- (3) What is the composition of the fuel used by cruise ships coming into White Bay?
- (4) How does the composition of fuel used by cruise ships coming into White Bay compare with those countries where there is legislation to improve cruise ship fuel quality? Please provide a summary numerical comparison.
- (5) Will the results of the air quality monitoring undertaken at the White Bay Cruise Terminal be made public?
- (6) What testing of noise and vibrations at White Bay has Sydney Ports undertaken as at 4 March 2014?
- (7) Are the results of this testing publicly available?
- (8) What other Australian ports operate cruise ship terminals in close proximity to a high density residential area as at White Bay?
- (9) What was the intent of the original agreements relating to the use of the White Bay Cruise Terminal by cruise ship operators?
- (10) Does the current use of the White Bay Cruise Terminal reflect the original intent of the agreements for its use by cruise ship operators?
- (11) How many ships are intended to stay at the White Bay Cruise Terminal in 2014?
 - (a) Of these ships, how many would not have the ability to use an onshore power supply?
- (12) Is he aware of the legislated requirement to use onshore power in other jurisdictions in the world, including the United States of America?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) (2) This is a matter for the cruise ship operators.
- (3) Most cruise ships use 'Bunker C fuel'.

(4) The International Maritime Organization has established Emission Control Areas in certain locations in the northern hemisphere which limits the maximum level of sulfur in fuel oil. One per cent by weight is the limit inside an Emission Control Area and 3.5 per cent is the limit outside an Emission Control Area.

(5) This information is available on Sydney Ports Corporation website.

(6) (7) Noise testing results are available on the Sydney Ports Corporation website. Monitoring of vibration is not required under the conditions of planning consent.

(8) Brisbane, Melbourne and Cairns.

(9) The cruise terminals in Sydney Harbour are common user berths. They are non-leased berths available for use by the cruise lines in return for payment of statutory port charges. Allocations are made according to a schedule with bookings accepted up to five years in advance.

(10) Yes.

(11) This information is available on Sydney Ports Corporation website.

(11)(a) Preliminary estimates indicate 78 per cent of cruise ships would not be able to use onshore power.

(12) Yes.

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*5249 FLASHING LIGHTS AT SCHOOL ZONE CROSSINGS—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

(1) What schools in the Sydney electorate have flashing lights at school zone crossings?

(2) What schools in the Sydney electorate will have flashing lights installed at school zone crossings this year?

(3) What other safety measures are proposed for public schools in the Sydney electorate in 2014?

(4) When will all schools in the Sydney electorate have flashing lights at school zone crossings?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) (2) Transport for NSW publishes online all New South Wales schools that have received school zone flashing lights and schools that are proposed to receive school zone flashing lights.

(3) In addition to the school zone flashing lights rollout, Roads and Maritime Services will continue to replace old and damaged school zone signs with fluorescent school zone signs.

Safety measures are installed depending on the school road environment and undertaken on a case-by-case basis. Roads and Maritime Services works closely with school communities to ensure that school zones are clearly visible to motorists and that risk to students travelling to and from school is minimised.

(4) On 11 June 2013, the Government announced an acceleration of the school zone flashing lights program to ensure that every school in New South Wales has a set of flashing lights by December 2015.

*5250 SYDNEY OVERSEAS PASSENGER TERMINAL UPGRADE—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

(1) Will the Sydney Overseas Passenger Terminal Upgrade project proceed irrespective of community input?

(2) What assessment has Sydney Ports made of potential impacts as a result of the planned upgrade with regard to:

(a) Water pollution from development and larger ships berthing in Sydney Harbour;

(b) Traffic, pedestrian, and public transport congestion from additional visitors to the area;

(c) Views and vistas between Circular Quay East, The Rocks and Dawes Point;

(d) Noise from construction; and

(e) Noise from public address systems on board ships?

(3) What consultation has occurred with local residents about the Sydney Overseas Passenger Terminal Upgrade project?

(4) What consultation has occurred with local businesses about the Sydney Overseas Passenger Terminal Upgrade project?

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- (5) What concerns were raised with Sydney Ports during the Review of Environmental Factors process for the Sydney Overseas Passenger Terminal Upgrade?
(6) What amendments were made to the initial plans to upgrade the Sydney Overseas Passenger Terminal resulting from the Review of Environmental Factors?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) Community input has been considered as part of the environmental assessment process. Community concerns can be addressed through the adoption of appropriate mitigation measures and will not preclude the development from proceeding.

(2)(a) Water pollution from the proposed development was assessed as part of the environmental assessment. Appropriate mitigation measures have been included in the works program. The Marine Pollution Act 1987 (NSW) provides the regulatory framework for the protection of Sydney Harbour from pollution by oil and other noxious substances discharged from large ships.

(b) Traffic and congestion impacts were assessed as part of the environmental assessment. As the upgrade will provide more efficient terminal operations, it is expected that these impacts will be reduced.

(c) Visual impacts and heritage studies were assessed as part of the environmental assessment. These matters were taken into account during the design phase of the project.

(d) Noise from construction was assessed as part of the environmental assessment. Noise mitigation measures have been incorporated into the project.

(e) Consideration of noise from ships' public address systems is outside the scope of this environmental assessment.

(3) - (4) Sydney Ports undertook a letterbox drop to 2,000 residents and businesses around Circular Quay and The Rocks. The letter provided information on the upgrade and informed residents and businesses of an information session on 4 March 2014. The local Residents Action Group was also directly advised of the information session.

Sydney Ports made a formal presentation to interested attendees at the information session and answered questions posed by the attendees.

On 10 March 2014, Sydney Ports met two members of the local Resident Action Group. The local Resident Action Group undertook to provide an update to their members.

Sydney Ports also met with local businesses, including the Museum of Contemporary Art, the Dockside Group and the Imperial Peking Restaurant, prior to the information session.

(5) Concerns raised during the Review of Environmental Factors process included impacts on views, traffic, congestion and air pollution.

(6) The Review of Environmental Factors process involved consideration of upgrade options and alternatives. Through this process a preferred option was identified, as were appropriate mitigation measures aimed at safeguarding the environment.

*5251 PADDINGTON BOWLING CLUB—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Trade and Investment, Minister for Regional Infrastructure and Services, Minister for Tourism and Major Events, Minister for Small Business, and Minister for the North Coast—

(1) Was the Government aware of the Registered Clubs Act section 41X "Inquiry in Relation To Paddington Bowling Club Limited" carried out by Commissioner Brian Guest when the decision to transfer the Paddington Bowling Club lease was made?

(a) What assessment did the Government make of this investigation and report?

(b) What conditions were imposed on the lease for the Paddington Bowling Club as a result of this investigation and report?

(2) Who were the agents of the Paddington Bowling Club that the Government dealt with between 2006 and 2011?

(3) Who were the agents of CSKS Holdings Pty Ltd that the Government dealt with between 2006 and 2011?

(4) Is it true that some agents, their relatives, or associates were representatives of both CSKS Holdings Pty Ltd and Paddington Bowling Club?

(5) Did the Government identify any conflicts of interest for any of the agents involved in these dealings?

(a) If so, what action did the Government take?

- (6) When were meetings held between agents of the Paddington Bowling Club or CSKS Holdings Pty Ltd and the Minister, Director General or other senior officers?
- (7) What protections are in place to protect this Crown Land asset if the lessee defaults on the mortgage noted on the lease?
- (8) What further action will the Government take to ensure protection of this Crown Land?

Answer—

(1) I am advised that Crown Lands was not aware of the Inquiry at the time that the decision to transfer the lease was made.

(2) I am advised that between 2006 and 2011, the former Department of Lands and the former Land and Property Management Authority dealt with the President of the Paddington Bowling Club, the Administrator of the Paddington Bowling Club, the Paddington Bowling Club's solicitor and the Paddington Bowling Club's valuer.

(3) I am advised that between 2006 and 2011, the former Department of Lands and the former Land and Property Management Authority dealt with CSKS Holdings Pty Ltd's solicitor.

(4) Yes.

(5) No.

(6) I have never met with any agents of Paddington Bowling Club or CSKS Holdings Pty Ltd. I am advised that meetings were held with Paddington Bowling Club representatives onsite on 5 November 2008, 21 May 2009, 3 December 2009, 18 June 2010 and 1 December 2010. These meetings were attended by the former Regional Manager and Commercial Program Manager of the former Department of Lands and the former Land and Property Management Authority.

(7) The Minister can enforce forfeiture of the lease in the event of non-compliance with the lease conditions. The mortgagee carries the same responsibilities under the lease conditions as does the lessee.

(8) The use and occupation of the land must continue to be consistent with the existing lease purposes and lease conditions, and be compliant with the requirements of the relevant planning authority.

*5252 HOMOSEXUAL ADVANCE DEFENCE REPEAL—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

In relation to the recommendation by the Legislative Council Select Committee on the Partial Defence of Provocation that section 23 of the Crimes Act 1900 exclude non-violent sexual advances by the victim from the partial defence of provocation:

- (a) Will you respond to calls from Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Intersex (LGBTI) communities and amend section 23 to remove homosexual advance defence in this session of Parliament?

Answer—

The Reverend the Hon. Fred Nile MLC introduced the Crimes Amendment (Provocation) Bill 2014 into the Legislative Council on 5 March 2014.

The Bill proposes to amend the partial defence of provocation as set out in section 23 of the Crimes Act 1900. It requires 'extreme provocation' to establish the partial defence, and provides that conduct that is only a non-violent sexual advance does not amount to 'extreme provocation'.

*5253 STATE CAP ON POKER MACHINE ENTITLEMENTS—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Hospitality and Racing, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for the Hunter—

- (1) What is the overall state cap on poker machine entitlements as at 5 March 2014?
- (2) When was the state cap on poker machine entitlements last reviewed?
- (3) When will the state cap on poker machine entitlements be next reviewed, considering the Gaming Machines Act 2001 requires a review every five years under amendments enacted in late 2008?
- (4) What commitment does the Government have to reducing the state cap on poker machine entitlements under the next review?

Answer—

(1) The State cap is currently set at 99,000 gaming machine entitlements.

(2) 2007.

(3) The review of the overall State cap on gaming machine entitlements by the Independent Liquor and Gaming Authority is ongoing.

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(4) Under the Gaming Machines Act, reviewing the overall state cap on gaming machine entitlements is a matter for the Independent Liquor and Gaming Authority. The Government will consider any recommendation regarding the cap made to it by the Authority.

The Government is committed to the ongoing reduction of gaming machines in NSW through a gaming machine entitlement trading scheme established under the Gaming Machines Act. The scheme provides for the forfeiture of entitlements when they are bought and sold. Therefore, the number of entitlements available to hotels and clubs is continually being reduced. The number of gaming machine entitlements was 96,211 as at 16 March 2014.

*5254 OFFENSIVE LANGUAGE CRIMINAL INFRINGEMENTS—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for Sport and Recreation, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Western Sydney—

- (1) What guidance will be provided to the NSW Police Force on specific words within specific contexts that are considered offensive under contemporary community standards?
- (2) What guidance will be provided to the NSW Police Force to help officers determine whether an offender had a reasonable excuse for using offensive language?
- (3) How does the guidance provided to the NSW Police Force cover characteristics that may contribute to someone using offensive language such as homelessness, substance addiction, intellectual disability or mental health?
- (4) How has the guidance provided to the NSW Police Force been modified in response to the increase in fine amount?
- (5) What action is being taken to ensure Aboriginal people are not disadvantaged by the increase in fines given the Ombudsman's 2009 review of the impact of Criminal Infringement Notices on Aboriginal communities that found Aboriginal people received 14 per cent of all offensive language fines despite making up 2.1 per cent of the population, and that they were less likely to pay fines on time or have enforcement matters finalised?
- (6) How will the Government ensure that infringement notices for offensive language target late night hot spots with high levels of alcohol related violence and anti-social behaviour and with high concentrations of licensed venues?
- (7) How will the Government monitor the issue of infringement notices for offensive language following the increase in fine amounts?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force has advised me:

(1) - (7) Guidance on the policing of offensive language is provided to officers in a range of training and reference materials. For example, advice provided uses case law to illustrate how the courts have interpreted 'reasonable excuse', which helps officers determine whether a person may have had a reasonable excuse for using offensive language. Mandatory Continuing Police Education packages also contain information on these offences, including that a Criminal Infringement Notice (CIN) is not to be issued to seriously intoxicated or drug affected persons. This guidance has not changed with the increase in fine amounts.

Offences under section 4 and 4A of the Summary Offences Act 1988 are routinely managed on a case-by-case basis, taking into account the individual, social and environmental context of the incident. Education, training and knowledge contribute to the ability of police to exercise this discretion. Officers will continue to use their discretion in policing this offence.

A number of police operations in both Sydney and Regional areas, target the reduction of alcohol related violence and anti-social behaviour in late night entertainment precincts.

The NSW Police Force will continue to issue CINs as appropriate. The incidence of offensive language infringements can be monitored through the Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research's recorded crime statistics and reports under the offence category 'Disorderly Conduct'.

*5255 LESBIAN GAY BISEXUAL TRANSGENDER AND INTERSEX YOUTH—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Family and Community Services—

- (1) What assessment has the Government made of the February 2014 research report entitled "Growing Up Queer: Gender Variance and Sexuality Diversity" on the experience of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Intersex (LGBTI) youth as victims of harassment, violence, marginalisation, ostracism and rejection and any subsequent implications for Government work with LGBTI youth?
- (2) Is it true that the survey of LGBTI youth showed that 64 per cent had experienced verbal abuse and 18 per cent had experienced physical abuse?

- (3) Is it true that the report identified:
 - (a) 41 per cent of LGBTI youth thought about self-harm and/or suicide;
 - (b) 33 per cent of LGBTI youth had harmed themselves; and
 - (c) 16 per cent of LGBTI youth had attempted suicide?
- (4) What programs does the Government provide to prevent these impacts on LGBTI youth in their homes and other care environments?
- (5) What programs does the Government provide to help LGBTI youth who are victims of violence and abuse?
- (6) What further action will the Government take to prevent future violence and abuse of LGBTI youth?

Answer—

- (1) The Government considers a range of local and international literature, studies and research to guide its policy frameworks and service models.
- (2) - (3) The Government did not commission the report so is unable to confirm its findings.
- (4) - (6) The Department of Family and Community Services' Child Youth and Family Support program funds over 200 non-government organisations to provide support to young people and their families including LGBTI young people.

*5256 ILLEGAL COMMERCIAL POSTERS ON LIGHT POLES—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, Minister for the Central Coast, and Assistant Minister for Planning—

- (1) What powers does the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) have to address illegal commercial posters under the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997?
- (2) What data does the Government maintain about trends in illegal posters and how is this data made public?
- (3) What action can the EPA take to address illegal commercial posters?
- (4) How many infringements or other enforcement actions regarding illegal commercial posters have been pursued by the EPA each year for the years 2009 to 2013?
- (5) What penalties apply to those who post illegal posters?
- (6) How has the Government assessed the effectiveness of existing penalties for illegal posters and enforcement of these penalties?
- (7) What plans does the Government have to legislate a shift in liability to the producers and promoters of illegal posters rather than the person putting up posters?
- (8) What changes are planned to the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997 that would improve enforcement action against illegal commercial posters?
- (9) What further action will the Government take to address these concerns?

Answer—

I am advised as follows:

- (1) - (9) The Graffiti Control Act 2008 contains specific offence provisions relating to unauthorised bill posters. This legislation falls within the portfolio responsibilities of the Attorney General.

The Environment Protection Authority, local councils and other public authorities can use the littering offence provisions in the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997. Littering offences become relevant only where the offending poster has fallen off, or is likely to fall off, creating litter.

*5257 DISEASED DUCK MEAT—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Assistant Minister for Tourism and Major Events—

- (1) Is the Government aware of reports by Animal Liberation submitted to the NSW Food Authority and the Department of Primary Industries about diseased ducks on duck farms being sent for slaughter and sold as meat?
- (2) How are the NSW Food Authority and the Department of Primary Industries obligated to investigate reports of diseased ducks on duck farms?
- (3) After the NSW Food Authority received the Animal Liberation reports regarding diseased ducks, what inspections did they carry out on the relevant slaughter facility to ensure diseased animals were not being slaughtered for human consumption?
 - (a) What other action has been taken in response to the Animal Liberation reports?
- (4) To what extent do the NSW Food Authority and the Department of Primary Industries inspect ammonia levels on duck farms with regard to duck meat safety risks?

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Answer—

(1) Yes.

(2) NSW DPI responds to emergency animal disease outbreaks and biosecurity threats. The NSW Food Authority requires poultry producers to implement Food Safety Management Statements complying with the National Primary Production and Processing Standard for Poultry Meat, including procedures to address biosecurity and hygiene requirements.

(3) The NSW Food Authority monitors food safety compliance at poultry meat production facilities through audit and inspection programs. Food Authority officers visited the Kellyville facility on three occasions in 2013 as part of its audit and compliance program, including an abattoir animal welfare inspection in May 2013. The Food Authority will be maintaining regular audits to assess implementation of the food safety management statement to verify that the business is compliant.

(4) Poultry meat production facilities are required to implement a Food Safety Management Statement which complies with the requirements of the National Primary Production and Processing Standard for Poultry Meat.

Additionally workplace health and safety regulations require that ammonia is kept at safe levels for workers.

*5258 ILLAWARRA INFRASTRUCTURE FUND ALLOCATION—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Family and Community Services representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

How much of the \$100 million from the Illawarra Infrastructure Fund has been allocated as at 5 March 2014?

Answer—

On 5 December 2013 I announced the 12 successful projects that have been awarded a total of \$100 million through the NSW Restart Illawarra Infrastructure Fund. Funding agreements between the Government and the successful applicants are currently being finalised.

*5259 YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT PROGRAMS IN THE ILLAWARRA—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Family and Community Services representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

What specific initiatives or programs the Government will introduce to address chronic levels of high youth unemployment in the Illawarra?

Answer—

The Government is committed to maximising employment opportunities for all people in the Illawarra.

For example, the Government has already introduced the \$100 million Restart NSW Illawarra Infrastructure Fund, which is designed to support new infrastructure projects in the Illawarra that open new economic opportunities and drive economic growth. Through partnerships with the Fund's successful applicants more than \$190 million worth of infrastructure projects will be delivered, creating approximately 1,000 additional jobs.

The Government has also helped to establish the \$30 million Illawarra Region Innovation and Investment Fund to support investment that creates new, sustainable job opportunities in the Illawarra Region. Through the Fund 30 grants have been delivered, helping create over 680 jobs.

Through State Training Services, the Government continues to provide funding to support training opportunities for young people. For example, the Government has supported the 'Young At Heart Careers in Aged Care' project, a training program that encourages young people to start a career in aged care. State Training Services also provides funding for job seeker training for part and full qualifications to help young people gain skills for employment.

The Government is committed to making the Illawarra an even better place to live, work and do business and will continue to work with relevant stakeholders and organisations to drive employment and economic opportunities in the region.

*5260 LIVE LIFE WELL @ SCHOOL—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Education—

(1) How many Live Life Well @ School workshops were held in 2013?

(2) How many teachers participated in Live Life Well @ School workshops in 2013?

(3) How many Live Life Well @ School workshops, if any, are planned for 2014?

Answer—

- (1) 42.
- (2) 986.
- (3) As at 14 March 2014, 36 workshops have been scheduled for 2014.

*5261 PITT TOWN PUBLIC SCHOOL—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Education—

In relation to the recent tragic incident that took place at Pitt Town Public School:

- (1) Was the tree in question or any other particular tree the subject of any correspondence to any officer in the NSW Department of Education and Communities?
- (2) If so, what was the nature of this correspondence?
- (3) What was the specific date of any correspondence received in relation to trees at Pitt Town Public School?
- (4) Were safety issues raised about this tree or any other particular tree at Pitt Town Public School?

Answer—

- (1) No.
- (2) n/a
- (3) n/a
- (4) No.

*5262 METABOLIC REHABILITATION CLINIC IN THE ILLAWARRA—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) Does she support the call by the Obesity Support Council to establish a Metabolic Rehabilitation Clinic in the Illawarra?
- (2) What is she and the NSW Department of Health doing to establish this Metabolic Rehabilitation Clinic?
- (3) Is there a timeline for when this Metabolic Rehabilitation Clinic will be operational?
- (4) Where will the Metabolic Rehabilitation Clinic be located?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) (4) Addressing incidences of people being overweight and obese is a key priority for the Government and NSW Health. The Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District provides a number of local services for children and adults, including tailored programs to prevent someone becoming overweight, early intervention programs for those already overweight but not yet obese, and disease management programs.

A business case has been prepared regarding the development of an obesity management service for the District. This will be considered by the Illawarra Shoalhaven Executive.

*5263 COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISION STAFF LEAVE—Ms Linda Burney asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

How many caseworkers employed by the Community Services division of the Department of Family and Community Services took extended leave, parental leave, or were absent whilst occupying positions funded by specific, time limited funding as at:

- (a) 30 September 2013;
- (b) 31 December 2013?

Answer—

Information concerning the number of caseworker vacancies is published on the Community Services caseworker dashboard which is available on the Department of Family and Community Services' website. Staff take leave in accordance with Government employment conditions.

*5264 COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISION WORKERS COMPENSATION 2013—Ms Linda Burney asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

- (1) How many caseworkers employed by the Community Services division of the Department of Family and Community Services applied for Workers Compensation in 2013?
- (2) How many caseworkers employed by the Community Services division of the Department of Family and Community Services successfully returned to work from Workers Compensation in 2013?

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- (3) How many days were lost to sick leave in the Community Services division of the Department of Family and Community Services in 2013?

Answer—

The number of caseworkers employed by the Community Services division of the Department of Family and Community Services who received payment for Workers Compensation in 2013 is less than the amount reported in 2011.

The Public Service Commission publishes Workforce Profile reports on its website which show the average sick leave hours per Full Time Employee for each cluster.

- *5265 COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISION RESIGNATIONS IN 2013—Ms Linda Burney asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

- (1) How many caseworkers employed by the Community Services division of the Department of Family and Community Services resigned in 2013?
(a) How many of these caseworkers attended an exit interview?
(b) What was the most common reason for resignation described in exit interviews?

Answer—

Information concerning the number of caseworker vacancies is published on the Community Services caseworker dashboard which is available on the Department of Family and Community Services' website. Participation in exit interviews is voluntary.

- *5266 NSW DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE COUNCIL—Ms Linda Burney asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

- (1) Who are the current members of the NSW Domestic and Family Violence Council?
(2) How many times has the NSW Domestic and Family Violence Council convened from 12 August 2013 to 5 March 2014?
(3) Has the NSW Domestic and Family Violence Council been suspended?
(a) If so, why was the NSW Domestic and Family Violence Council suspended?
(4) Has the NSW Domestic and Family Violence Council been abolished?
(a) If so, why was the NSW Domestic and Family Violence Council abolished?

Answer—

(1) Information about the NSW Domestic and Family Violence Council and its members is available on the Department of Family and Community Services website.

(2) Two.

(3) - (4) The NSW Domestic and Family Violence Council has not been suspended or abolished.

- *5267 ANNUAL CASEWORKER VACANCIES—Ms Linda Burney asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

In relation to the Auditor General's Report to Parliament 2010 Volume Six indicating the average number of vacant caseworker positions in 2010 was 497, and the Community Services Caseworker Dashboard that indicates the annual caseworker vacancy rate for 2009-10 was 269:

- (a) Can she advise which figure is correct?

Answer—

As part of its commitment to transparency the Government has, for the first time in New South Wales, begun publishing a quarterly Caseworker Dashboard.

The most recent Dashboard, released in February 2014, shows this Government has made a concerted effort to fill vacant caseworker positions, as the Auditor-General recommended of the former Minister in the Auditor General's Report to Parliament 2010 Volume Six. In districts such as Sydney, Far West, Central Coast and Illawarra Shoalhaven caseworker vacancies are now 2% or less.

Questions about the methodology used by the Auditor-General to report on the former Minister's time in office should be directed to the Auditor-General.

- *5268 WINDSOR BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT—Mrs Barbara Perry asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

- (1) When will the initial Gateway Review for the Windsor Bridge replacement project commence?

- (2) On which dates will any subsequent reviews of the project commence?
- (3) On which dates will each of the Value Management Workshops for this project take place?
- (4) On which date are the submissions of the preliminary and final business cases due?
- (5) On which date is the risk assessment for this project due?
- (6) On which date did he seek approval from the Treasurer for the inclusion of the Windsor Bridge replacement project in the Capital Works Program?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) (2) The Final Business Case gateway review for the Windsor Bridge project will take place when planning approval conditions, received in December 2013, which is subject to appeal in the Land and Environment Court, have been incorporated into the project.
- (3) Two value management workshops have been held to date, in April 2012 and February 2013. Another value management workshop may be held when planning approval requirements are being incorporated into the project.
- (4) The Final Business Case will be prepared when planning approval requirements have been incorporated into the project.
- (5) The next risk assessment will occur when planning approval requirements have been incorporated into the project.
- (6) The Windsor Bridge replacement project has been included in the Budget Papers, Budget Paper 4 - Infrastructure, since 2011 -12.

*5269 MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES ON THE WINDSOR BRIDGE—Mrs Barbara Perry asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

In relation to any minor maintenance activities, regular inspections, and assessments undertaken of the Windsor Bridge to ensure that the bridge remains safe for public use:

- (1) What was the nature of any minor maintenance activities required on the Windsor Bridge?
- (2) What specific issues were each minor maintenance activity designed to address?
- (3) When were each of the specific maintenance issues identified?
- (4) What was the cost of each maintenance activity?
- (5) On what dates did each of the minor maintenance activities take place?
- (6) Will regular inspections of the Windsor Bridge take place more frequently?
 - (a) If so, on what dates will these inspections take place?
- (7) What are the qualifications of the officers charged with inspecting the Windsor Bridge?
- (8) What have been the conclusions arising from each past inspection?
- (9) Is it standard practice for Roads and Maritime Services to cease major maintenance activities on New South Wales bridges exhibiting issues requiring major refurbishment activity rather than maintenance activity?
 - (a) If so, at which other New South Wales bridges has this practice has been implemented?
- (10) What was the total amount spent on maintenance activities on the Windsor Bridge, excluding the cost of any inspections, between 1 January 1994 and 5 March 2014?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Minor repairs and maintenance include to timber walkways, deck joint, collision damage, spall removal and general clean, paint or repair.
- (2) Pedestrian, river and vehicular safety, smoothness, appearance and amenity.
- (3) Repairs were made between 1994 and 2012.
- (4) Total maintenance repairs between 1994 and 2012 were \$89,614
- (5) Repairs have taken place between 1994 and 2012.
- (6) Roads and Maritime does weekly inspections and six monthly survey monitoring.
- (7) Routine inspections are carried out by Roads and Maritime trained Bridge Inspectors with over 10 years of bridge inspection experience.
- (8) The bridge remains safe for public use.
- (9) No.

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(10) \$89,614

*5270 POLLUTION REDUCTION PROGRAMS—Mr Robert Furolo asked the Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

In relation to your letter to me dated 17 February 2014 (reference number: MD14/295) and the Pollution Reduction Programs (PRP) under the licenses issued to the Australian Rail Track Corporation (ARTC) and Sydney Trains:

- (1) Does the PRP, which requires the ARTC to undertake locomotive engine noise monitoring at Metford, also require the ARTC to identify locomotives with wheel squeal?
- (2) Will the PRP, which requires Sydney Trains to undertake monitoring at Beecroft, also include trains which use the Metropolitan Freight Network and that pass through Belmore?

Answer—

I am advised as follows:

- (1) No. There is a PRP focused on wheel squeal with Sydney Trains at Beecroft.
- (2) The EPA understands that the majority of trains on the network pass through Beecroft, which remains a strategic monitoring point.

*5271 RESURFACING OF CANTERBURY ROAD—Mr Robert Furolo asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

In relation to your comments quoted in The Torch on 5 February 2014 where you are quoted as saying "...a major maintenance project to resurface Canterbury Road is in planning to start in the next few months", can you advise:

- (1) How much is in the budget for the project you referred to?
- (2) What is the scope of the project?
- (3) When will the project commence?
- (4) When will the project be completed?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The project is part of the Government's Road Maintenance Program.
- (2) The scope is the same as done in 2010-2011 on the section of Canterbury Road between King Georges Road and Punchbowl Road.
- (3) (4) The project is expected to start in 2014 and be finished by the end of 2014.

*5272 PUBLIC AND SOCIAL HOUSING IN GLEBE—Mr Jamie Parker asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

- (1) How many homes in Glebe have been sold by the Department of Housing since 2005?
- (2) How many homes in Glebe have been demolished by the Department of Housing since 2005?
- (3) How many public and social housing tenants currently live in Glebe?
- (4) How many public and social housing tenants lived in Glebe in 2007?

Answer—

- (1) - (2) Information about sales and demolitions is available in Annual Reports which are published on the Department of Family and Community Services and Department of Finance and Services websites.
- (3) - (4) Information on the number of households living in social housing is available on the Australian Bureau of Statistics website.

*5273 FUNERAL INDUSTRY OPERATIONS—Mr Richard Amery asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Small Business—

- (1) Following recent changes to legislation covering operations of the funeral industry, will the Government continue to monitor and act on the industry's operations to protect consumers?
- (2) Will such monitoring involve reporting on any cost increases by various operators in the funeral industry?

Answer—

- (1) Yes.
- (2) Yes.

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*5274 FAIRFIELD TRANSPORT INTERCHANGE UPGRADE PROJECT—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Transport—

- (1) When will the Fairfield Transport Interchange Upgrade Project be completed?
- (2) When will the new Fairfield Transport Interchange be officially opened?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) - (2) This information is available on the Transport for NSW website.

*5275 PEDESTRIAN OVERPASS AT FAIRFIELD RAILWAY STATION—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Transport—

Will the Government undertake works to rectify the poor lighting conditions on the pedestrian overpass at Fairfield Railway Station which connects The Crescent and Fairfield Street, Fairfield?

Answer—

I am advised:

An agreement between RailCorp and Fairfield City Council states Council is responsible for general maintenance of the footbridge including lighting.

*5276 SECURITY ON THE NSW RAILWAY NETWORK—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Transport—

Will the Government reverse its decision to remove the security personnel from the New South Wales railway network by reinstating a visible security presence, other than Closed-Circuit Television, to ensure the safety of commuters?

Answer—

I am advised:

In May 2012, the Government established the Police Transport Command to take responsibility for security on the public transport system. Police have more powers than the old transit officers and can use the intelligence and resources of all NSW Police.

There are also 150 Transport Officers now on the public transport network, checking tickets to ensure customers have paid the correct fare for their journey. Transport Officers also assist customers who have questions about public transport, and complement the Police Transport Command.

*5277 ADDITIONAL CLEANING PERSONNEL ON TRAINS—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Transport—

- (1) Will the Government commit to providing additional cleaning personnel across the rail network to address poor cleanliness on our trains?
 - (a) If yes, how many new cleaners will be employed and where?

Answer—

In 2013, the Government established Transport Cleaning Services to attack graffiti and rubbish on trains and stations.

Transport Cleaning Services has a new set of standards to maintain cleanliness on trains and stations in line with commercial benchmarks.

*5278 M5 MOTORWAY ROAD WORKS—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Transport—

- (1) When will the road works on the M5 Motorway be completed?
- (2) Once the road works are completed on the M5 Motorway, what will be the speed limit on each section of the Motorway?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) This information is available at www.rms.nsw.gov.au.

- (2) The speed limit on the carriageways between Camden Valley Way and King Georges Road will be

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100 kilometres per hour, when the project works have been completed.

*5279 RISING UNEMPLOYMENT IN FAIRFIELD—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

Given the rise in unemployment throughout New South Wales, what is the Government doing to ensure there are more jobs available for the people in the Fairfield electorate?

Answer—

Based on February data released in March 2014, according to the Australian Bureau of Statistics, New South Wales had the lowest unemployment rate of all the states in Australia.

Since the 2011 election, over 109,000 jobs have been created under the Government. Under the previous Government, New South Wales job growth was the slowest rate of any state for the past decade.

The Government is supporting job creation through a range of measures including:

- the Jobs Action Plan that provides payroll tax rebates for business;
- increasing the payroll tax threshold for business from \$689,000 to \$750,000;
- record investment on infrastructure of \$60 billion over four years;
- supporting the construction of residential building and dwellings; and
- restoring confidence in the economy so New South Wales is the first place to do business.

*5280 TAFE NSW FUNDING—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) Will the Government reverse its decision to reduce TAFE NSW funding?
- (2) If the Government will not reverse this decision, will they commit additional funding to TAFE NSW to ensure that:
 - (a) The number of teachers is not reduced;
 - (b) Student fees at TAFE NSW are more affordable; and
 - (c) Courses are available at more campuses?

Answer—

(1) No, as the Government has had to make a number of tough decisions to live within its means and within its budget.

(2) TAFE NSW continues to make changes to ensure it is operating efficiently and responding to learners' needs for greater flexibility in how and when they undertake their training.

*5281 MIGRANT ASSIMILATION—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

What programs has the Government put in place to educate newly arrived migrants to New South Wales on New South Wales legislation and how it may differ to the legislation of their country of origin?

Answer—

Under my portfolio, the Community Relations Commission administers the Multicultural Policies and Services Program (MPSP). This Program assists all Government agencies and statutory authorities to implement the Principles of Multiculturalism throughout their business.

The Program ensures that individuals, such as newly arrived migrants can contribute to, and legally participate in, all aspects of public life. Information about specific New South Wales laws is delivered by Government agencies in a vast number of ways. This includes via translated materials on websites, information delivery at public forums and educational workshops. Government agencies are also expected to provide interpreter services to newly arrived migrants when needed.

Through the delivery of culturally and linguistically accessible information, newly arrived migrants are in a better position to understand the differences between New South Wales legislation and legislation in their countries of origin.

*5282 DIABETES CASES IN FAIRFIELD—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

What is the Government doing to help curb the increase in diabetes in the Fairfield electorate, including among those from a non-English speaking background?

Answer—

I am advised that:

In addition to general healthcare services, the South Western Sydney Local Health District provides a number of specific services to manage diabetes within the Fairfield electorate including:

- The employment of a Clinical Nurse Consultant who provides intensive care coordination and case management to people with diabetes within Fairfield Local Government Area;
- A Diabetes Clinic and Healthy Eating Clinic hosted by Fairfield Hospital;
- Education provided to pregnant women with gestational diabetes;
- Prevention programs to reduce the risk of developing diabetes and promote healthy eating and physical activity; and
- Various community awareness campaigns and programs coordinated by Diabetes Educators and Dietitians.

The NSW Refugee Health Service coordinates two programs to assist people from a refugee background, living in Fairfield to detect and prevent diabetes including:

- The Fairfield Refugee Nutrition Program; and
- The Refugee Health Nurse Program.

All services provide measures to assist people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, including people who do not speak English.

*5283 PASSENGER COUNT AT YAGOONA RAILWAY STATION—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport—

- (1) How many passengers, either by ticket sales or a combined barrier in and out count, used Yagoona Railway Station between:
- (a) 1 October 2011 and 29 February 2012;
 - (b) 1 October 2012 and 28 February 2013;
 - (c) 1 October 2013 and 28 February 2014?

Answer—

I am advised:

Patronage figures are available from the Bureau of Transport Statistics website at www.bts.nsw.gov.au.

*5284 PASSENGER COUNT AT CHESTER HILL RAILWAY STATION—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport—

- (1) How many passengers, either by ticket sales or a combined barrier in and out count, used Chester Hill Railway Station between:
- (a) 1 October 2011 and 29 February 2012;
 - (b) 1 October 2012 and 28 February 2013;
 - (c) 1 October 2013 and 28 February 2014?

Answer—

I am advised:

Patronage figures are available from the Bureau of Transport Statistics website at www.bts.nsw.gov.au.

*5285 PASSENGER COUNT AT BANKSTOWN RAILWAY STATION—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport—

- (1) How many passengers, either by ticket sales or a combined barrier in and out count, used Bankstown Railway Station between:
- (a) 1 October 2011 and 29 February 2012;
 - (b) 1 October 2012 and 28 February 2013;
 - (c) 1 October 2013 and 28 February 2014?

Answer—

I am advised:

Patronage figures are available from the Bureau of Transport Statistics website at www.bts.nsw.gov.au.

*5286 DEAL OR GROUP BUYING WEBSITES—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Fair Trading, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Western Sydney—

- (1) How many complaints has NSW Fair Trading received in relation to "deal buying" or "group buying" websites?

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- (2) How many complaints has NSW Fair Trading received in relation to "deal buying" or "group buying" websites, specifically regarding where a consumer unsubscribes from a website only to have their details passed onto another forum and subsequently receive unsolicited emails from that new site?

Answer—

A search of Fair Trading's complaint database for the 2013 calendar year identified 636 complaints received from consumers relating to group buying. None of these complaints related to unsolicited approaches.

- *5287 INDIVIDUAL STRATA SCHEME SINKING FUNDS—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Fair Trading, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Western Sydney—

- (1) How many spot checks did NSW Fair Trading conduct on individual strata scheme sinking funds to ensure they fall within the time frame set by Division 2 of the Strata Schemes Management Act 1996 in:
- (a) 2011;
 - (b) 2012;
 - (c) 2013;
 - (d) 2014?

Answer—

NSW Fair Trading does not undertake spot checks on individual strata scheme sinking funds. As democratic entities, strata schemes regulate themselves. In the event that an owner makes a complaint because a scheme cannot reach consensus about how much money should be put aside, Fair Trading is able to attempt mediation. If this is unsuccessful, an owner in the scheme is able to apply to the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal for an order.

- *5288 TELEMARKETING COMPLAINTS—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Fair Trading, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Western Sydney—

- (1) How many complaints have been received by NSW Fair Trading in relation to selling electricity contracts by telemarketers?
(2) As a result of these complaints, how many telemarketing companies were fined or prosecuted?

Answer—

- (1) Two, in the 2013 calendar year.
(2) One matter was referred to the former Consumer, Trader and Tenancy Tribunal.

- *5289 WAITING TIME FOR ELECTIVE SURGERY—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

What is she doing to address the increase in waiting times for elective surgery at Bankstown/Lidcombe Hospital, such as for cataract operations and hip replacements for elderly patients, which increased dramatically in the July to September quarter of 2013?

Answer—

I am advised that:

- In the September 2013 quarter, Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital performed 1,461 elective surgery cases. This is an 8.14% increase from the same period in 2012.
- In the same quarter, Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital treated 97% of elective surgery patients within the timeframes recommended by their clinicians. In the 'urgent' category (surgery recommended within 30 days), 100% of patients were treated within the recommended timeframe. In the 'semi-urgent' category (surgery recommended within 90 days) and 'non-urgent' category (within 365 days), 98% and 95% of patients respectively were treated on time. These results have met the 2013 target for elective surgery performance.
- The Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital is implementing a range of measures to monitor elective surgery wait lists, including the commencement of a 24/7 Peri-Operative Service in April 2014. This service will have a significant impact on consolidating and further improving overall performance for elective surgery waiting times.

- *5290 SALE OF LIQUOR TO MINORS—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Hospitality and Racing, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for the Hunter—

How many liquor outlets in the Bankstown electorate have been investigated for selling liquor to minors?

Answer—

I am advised that no complaints have been made to the Office of Liquor, Gaming and Racing relating to the sale of liquor to minors in the Bankstown electorate in the last three years.

*5291 RED LIGHT SAFETY CAMERAS—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) How many vehicle accidents were recorded in the five years prior to the installation of red light speed (safety) cameras at the following locations:
 - (a) Meredith Street and Hume Highway, Bankstown;
 - (b) Stacey Street and Hume Highway, Bankstown;
 - (c) Waldron Street and Hector Street, Chester Hill;
 - (d) Edgar Street and Marion Street, Condell Park?
- (2) How many vehicle accidents have been recorded since the installation of red light speed (safety) cameras at the following locations:
 - (a) Meredith Street and Hume Highway, Bankstown;
 - (b) Stacey Street and Hume Highway, Bankstown;
 - (c) Waldron Street and Hector Street, Chester Hill;
 - (d) Edgar Street and Marion Street, Condell Park?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) (a) 27 crashes resulting in 22 injuries (5 years prior to installation).
 - (b) 34 crashes resulting in 20 injuries (2008-2012).
 - (c) 37 crashes resulting in 21 injuries (5 years prior to installation).
 - (d) 28 crashes resulting in 20 injuries (2008-2012).
 - (2) (a) 18 crashes resulting in 18 injuries (approximately 2 years post installation data).
 - (b) Installed in 2013 finalised post-installation data not yet available.
 - (c) 20 crashes resulting in 9 injuries (approximately 2.5 years post installation data).
 - (d) Installed in 2013 finalised post-installation data not yet available.
- *5292 SALE OF PUBLIC HOUSING ASSETS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- (1) Are proceeds from the sale of public housing assets reinvested in the area where the asset was sold?
 - (2) Are proceeds from the sale of public housing assets reinvested to purchase replacement properties?
 - (3) Are proceeds from the sale of public housing assets transferred into the Housing NSW general maintenance budget?

Answer—

Proceeds from the sale of assets are re-invested into the social housing system.

The former Government left New South Wales with an unsustainable public housing system. Since coming to government, we have:

- Introduced new incentives to fill vacant bedrooms in public housing;
- Published and made the waiting list for social housing transparent;
- Cracked down on tenants not declaring additional occupants in their taxpayer funded homes; and
- Ended the previous Government's policy of allowing households to inherit public housing tenancies which entrenched intergenerational welfare dependency.

*5293 HOUSING WAITING LIST IN CESSNOCK—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

- (1) How many people in the Cessnock electorate were listed for placement in "Wait Turn" Housing as at:
 - (a) 31 December 2012; and
 - (b) 31 December 2013?
- (2) How many people in the Cessnock electorate were listed for placement in "Priority" Housing as at:

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- (a) 31 December 2012;
(b) 31 December 2013?

Answer—

The Government made the public housing waiting list transparent, something the previous Government failed to do. Details about the NSW Housing Register are available on the Department of Family and Community Services website.

- *5294 RURAL ADVERSITY MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Healthy Lifestyles, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

In relation to the Rural Adversity Mental Health (RAMH) program:

- (1) What is the current annual funding for this program?
- (2) Will funding be available beyond 30 June 2014?
- (3) What is the current RAMH workforce measured in full-time equivalent positions?
- (4) How has the RAMH workforce varied since 2009?
- (5) Are all funded positions with RAMH currently filled by an appointed employee?
- (6) Does RAMH currently have any employees on long term leave (sick, maternity, or otherwise) that has created gaps in the current size of the workforce?

Answer—

I am advised that:

(1) - (6) Previously known as the Drought Mental Health Assistance Program, the Rural Adversity Mental Health program (RAMHP) is administered through the Centre for Rural and Remote Mental Health with annual funding of \$2,300,800. This demonstrates a commitment by this Government to supporting people across regional New South Wales during difficult times.

This Government acknowledges the ongoing value of programs, like RAMHP, aimed at supporting regional and rural communities and is committed to ensuring such programs meet the needs of those communities.

The Ministry of Health is working towards renewing the current funding arrangements for the program to align with the contractual period of the Centre for Rural and Remote Mental Health.

- *5295 TWELVE MILE CREEK HEAVY VEHICLE CHECKING STATION—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

In relation to the Twelve Mile Creek Heavy Vehicle Checking Station located on the Pacific Highway north of Raymond Terrace, what was the total number of operating hours the Station was open during:

- (a) 2013;
- (b) 2012;
- (c) 2011;
- (d) 2010;
- (e) 2009?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (a) 3,899 hours.
- (b) 3,193 hours.
- (c) 4,510 hours.
- (d) 3,984 hours.
- (e) 4,072 hours.

- *5296 HUNTER DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW, Leader of the House—

- (1) How much funding is provided to the Hunter Development Corporation (HDC) annually by the Government?
- (2) Does the HDC receive funds from any other source?

Answer—

- (1) - (2) I am advised that information regarding funding provisions to the Hunter Development

Corporation is publicly available online and in the annual report.

*5298 RESIDENT MEDICAL OFFICERS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

In relation to Resident Medical Officers (RMO) in public hospitals in New South Wales:

- (1) Which public hospitals in New South Wales have Resident Medical Officers (RMO)?
- (2) Is the decision to employ RMOs made by the Ministry of Health or by the Local Health District?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The following hospitals have Resident Medical Officers:

Auburn, Armidale, Balmain, Bankstown, Bathurst, Belmont District, Bega, Bowral, Blacktown, Blue Mountains, Broken Hill, Bulli, Camden, Campbelltown, Canterbury, Coffs Harbour, Coledale, Concord, Dubbo, Fairfield, Gosford, Goulburn, Griffith, Hornsby, John Hunter, Kempsey, Lismore, Liverpool, Manly, Manning, Maitland, Milton/Ulladulla, Mona Vale, Mt Druitt, Murwillumbah, Nepean, Orange, Port Macquarie, Port Kembla, Prince Of Wales, Queanbeyan, Royal North Shore, Ryde, Royal Hospital For Women, Royal Prince Alfred, St George, Sutherland, Sydney/Sydney Eye, Sydney Children's Hospital Network, Shellharbour, Shoalhaven, Tamworth, The Tweed, Wagga Wagga, Westmead, Woy Woy, Wyong and Wollongong.

- (2) Decisions regarding the employment and numbers of Resident Medical Officers are made locally by the Local Health District.

*5299 COURT SERVICES 2013-14 BUDGET PROJECTIONS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

In relation to 2013-14 Budget Paper No 3, page 2-9 titled "Court Services":

- (1) On what grounds do you project that total cases finalised in the Local Court will fall from 343,261 in 2010-11 to 272,668 in 2013-14?
- (2) On what grounds do you project that total cases finalised per Full-time Equivalent (FTE) Judicial Officer will fall from 2581 in 2010-11 to 2434 in 2013-14?
- (3) How do you explain the 66% reduction in funding for "Other Expenses" from \$23.86M in 2012-13 and \$7.95M in 2013-14?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The projected finalisation rate for 2013/14 was based on the trend of decreasing lodgements and finalisations over the preceding two years.
- (2) The projected number was calculated based on the trend of decreasing lodgements and finalisations and took into account a decrease in the number of magistrates for the 2013/14 year.
- (3) The largest component of the 'Other Expenses' category is the Department's contribution to Law Courts Limited. In 2012/13 the Law Courts Limited refurbishment project was completed as scheduled. Accordingly, in 2013/14 the Department's contribution to Law Courts Limited was reduced by \$16.037 million in comparison to the 2012/13 budget.

*5300 MACQUARIE GENERATION POWER PLANTS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

Which infrastructure projects already announced by the Government were dependent on the sale proceeds of the Macquarie Generation power plants?

Answer—

Net proceeds from asset transactions will be paid into Restart NSW.

The Government established Restart NSW with the objective of improving the economic growth and productivity of the State by funding essential infrastructure.

This includes public transport, roads, health facilities, infrastructure that may improve the competitiveness of the State, and local infrastructure in regional areas that are affected by mining operations.

*5301 METHADONE CLINIC AT MOUNT DRUITT HOSPITAL—Mr Richard Amery asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

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- (1) Has a tender been accepted to construct a new methadone clinic on the grounds of Mount Druitt Hospital?
(a) If so, what is the expected cost for this methadone clinic?
- (2) As the methadone clinic will be close to nearby residential homes, what security will be put in place to protect local residents from persons loitering near this facility?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) A tender result has been announced for the stage 1 construction of a new facility on the grounds of Mount Druitt Hospital. The contract has been awarded to Kane Constructions, with building completion expected in mid-2014. The expected total cost of stage 1 construction is \$1.5 million.

(2) The relocation of New Beginnings to Mount Druitt Hospital was proposed by the feasibility report (Aurora 2012) as a suitable site after extensive stakeholder consultation. It will be located on vacant land at the south-east corner of Mount Druitt Hospital grounds and sufficiently setback from the closest residential properties.

The New Beginnings Clinic at Mount Druitt Hospital will include the installation of CCTV cameras around the building's exterior which are monitored by nursing and reception staff during open hours. When not occupied the building is alarmed and monitored by security staff.

*5302 ROSIE'S PLACE IN MOUNT DRUITT—Mr Richard Amery asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

- (1) What is the current level of Government funding to Rosie's Place in the Mount Druitt electorate?
(2) Have any programmes run at Rosie's Place had their Government funding cut since 2011?
(a) If so, what programmes have had their Government funding reduced?

Answer—

Details of funding to non-government organisations are provided in the Department of Family and Community Services' Annual Report. Funding arrangements for Rosie's Place remains unchanged since 2011.

*5303 CONNECTED COMMUNITIES APPROACH—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Education—

In relation to the Connected Communities approach that he and the Premier have announced:

- (1) Have all components of these reforms been implemented in each of the 15 participating schools?
(a) What components of these reforms have yet to be implemented for each of the 15 participating schools?
(b) When will these reforms be implemented for each of the 15 participating schools?
(c) Why are these reforms yet to be implemented for each of the 15 participating schools?

Answer—

The majority of the reforms in the Connected Communities strategy have been implemented in the appropriate schools despite it only being the start of the second year of a five year strategy.

The reforms have been implemented in different ways, to different degrees in keeping with the place based approach of Connected Communities.

The key elements of the Connected Communities reforms are:

- Cultural awareness delivered locally for all staff.
- Teaching Aboriginal language and culture.
- Additional school executive position Leader Community Engagement.
- Early years focus through to further learning and employment.
- Personalised learning plans for all students.
- Schools as a hub for facilitation of a broad range of service delivery.
- Early intervention and prevention focus.
- Partnerships and co-leadership with the Aboriginal Community.
- Partnership with a University and a TAFE Institute.

These reforms are supported by a capital works program being implemented to improve the physical conditions of each of the schools. These capital works have started and will continue over the next four years.

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- 5304 AGEING, DISABILITY AND HOME CARE EMPLOYEE CONDITIONS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 5305 TRANSFER OF CARE FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 5306 PRISON OFFICER NUMBERS IN 2013—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 5307 ACCESS TO LEGAL AID—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 5308 TRANSPORT COMMAND OFFICERS AT MORISSET POLICE STATION—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 5309 ROADS AND MARITIME SERVICES ONLINE SYSTEM—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 5310 COMMUNITY SERVICES CASE WORKER NUMBERS IN THE HUNTER—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 5311 ACCESS TO DISABILITY SERVICES—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 5312 PUBLIC DEFENDER VACANCIES—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 5313 CORONIAL INQUEST LEGISLATIVE SUGGESTIONS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 5314 JOINT SUPPORT PROGRAM—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 5315 NSW POLICE FORCE RECOMMENDATIONS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 5316 NSW POLICE FORCE INVESTIGATION—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 5317 FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION OFFENCES—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 5318 HEAVY VEHICLE LICENCE ASSESSORS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
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- 5320 LATE NIGHT TRAIN SERVICES FROM THE CITY TO CABRAMATTA—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 5321 TRAIN SERVICES IN CABRAMATTA—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 5322 SMALL BUSINESSES IN CABRAMATTA—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Small Business—

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- 5325 POLICE OFFICER NUMBERS IN CABRAMATTA—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 5326 AVAILABLE ROOMS AT ROYAL NORTH SHORE HOSPITAL—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 5327 CONRAD CAPITAL PROJECTS AND STRATEGIES—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 5328 LUTATE THERAPY APPROACH FROM THE MINISTER FOR MENTAL HEALTH—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 5329 LUTATE THERAPY APPROACH FROM THE TREASURER—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 5330 LUTATE THERAPY APPROACH FROM THE MINISTER FOR FINANCE AND SERVICES—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 5331 LUTATE THERAPY APPROACH FROM THE ATTORNEY GENERAL—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 5332 HOME CARE SERVICES—Mrs Barbara Perry to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 5333 HOME MODIFICATION SERVICES—Mrs Barbara Perry to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 5334 ABORIGINAL HOME CARE SERVICE—Mrs Barbara Perry to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 5335 ENABLENSW—Mrs Barbara Perry to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 5336 HEALTH PROGRAMS AND FUNDING—Mrs Barbara Perry to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 5337 TAXI TRANSPORT SUBSIDY SCHEME—Mrs Barbara Perry to ask the Minister for Transport—
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- 5340 ROAD MAINTENANCE CONTESTABILITY REFORM PROGRAM—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 5341 THORACIC SURGEON AT WOLLONGONG HOSPITAL—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 5342 OVERCROWDING ON THE SOUTH COAST LINE—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport—
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- 5346 CYCLIST ROAD SAFETY—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
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- 5349 POLICE PRESENCE AT MINING PROTESTS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- *5350 AMBIENT AIR QUALITY—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—
- (1) When was the last time ambient air quality was tested adjacent to the Eastern Distributor ventilation stacks on Palmer Street, Darlinghurst and South Dowling Street, Surry Hills?
 - (2) When was the last time ambient air quality was tested adjacent to the Cross City Tunnel ventilation stack?
 - (3) What pollutants were tested for in each instance?
 - (4) Was the level of particulates measured smaller than 50 micrometres?
 - (5) How did tested pollutants compare with ambient air quality in other areas?
 - (6) What information does the Government have regarding the way tunnel ventilation stacks discharge emissions into the surrounding atmosphere?
 - (7) What consideration has the Government given to requiring ongoing monitoring of ambient air quality adjacent to the Eastern Distributor and Cross City Tunnel ventilation stacks?
 - (8) What concerns have been raised with the operators of the Eastern Distributor and Cross City Tunnel ventilation stacks with regard to ambient air quality adjacent to each stack?
- Answer—
- I am advised as follows:
- This matter should be referred to the Hon Duncan Gay MLC, Minister for Roads and Ports.
- 5351 STAMP DUTY—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—
- 5352 DISCLOSURE OF PREVIOUSLY BANNED DONATIONS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 5353 SCHOOL BANKING PROGRAM—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Education—
- 5354 GUNSMITH QUALIFICATION—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Education—
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- 5356 ADOPTION PROCEEDINGS IN THE SUPREME COURT—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
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- 5360 SCHOOL BUS CAPACITIES—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Transport—
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- 5363 LOCAL COURT SITTINGS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
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- 5367 WASTE STORAGE AND PROCESSING FACILITY FIRE—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—
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- 5370 DEMOUNTABLE CLASSROOM NUMBERS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Education—
- 5371 RETENTION RATE OF GRADE 12 STUDENTS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Education—
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- 5375 WAITING TIMES AT BANKSTOWN-LIDCOMBE HOSPITAL—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 5376 GW10 HOUSING REGION—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 5377 SALE OF PROPERTIES AT MILLERS POINT—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 5378 RELOCATION OF HOUSING NSW MILLERS POINT RESIDENTS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
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- 5381 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OF ESL TEACHERS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Education—
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- 5417 HEALTH SERVICES ACT 1997—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 5418 PROBLEM GAMBLING IN CABRAMATTA—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Hospitality and Racing, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 5419 PUBLIC AND PRIVATE INVESTMENT IN CABRAMATTA—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Trade and Investment, and Minister for Regional Infrastructure and Services—
- 5420 FIRST HOME BUYERS IN CABRAMATTA—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—
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- 5424 RELOCATION OF PUBLIC HOUSING TENANTS IN THE ILLAWARRA—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
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- 5429 SALE OF PUBLIC HOUSING IN BELLAMBI—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Finance and Services—
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- 5433 PUBLIC HOUSING TENANTS LIVING IN HERITAGE PROPERTIES—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
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- 5435 PARTY BOAT REGULATIONS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 5436 DEAF TAFE STUDENTS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Education—
- 5437 FIRE STATION CLOSURES—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 5438 SCHOOL STUDENT TRANSPORT SCHEME LIGHT RAIL INTEGRATION—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Transport—
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- 5475 CASE WORKERS IN THE COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISION—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 5476 CHILDREN REMOVED AT BIRTH BY COMMUNITY SERVICES—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 5477 PARKING AT LIVERPOOL HOSPITAL—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 5478 NORTHERN RIVERS RAIL TRAIL PROPOSAL—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 5479 WIDENING OF CAMPBELLTOWN ROAD, DENHAM COURT—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW, Leader of the House—
- 5480 REZONING OF LAND NEAR CAMPBELLTOWN ROAD—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
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