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*4150 EASY ACCESS AT ROOTY HILL RAILWAY STATION—Mr Richard Amery asked the Minister for Transport—

With regard to the funding in the budget for easy access to railway stations:

What is the timetable for the installation of easy access facilities for the Rooty Hill Railway Station?

Answer—

On 23 April 2012, the NSW Government announced a new Transport Access Program which will deliver accessible, modern, secure and integrated transport infrastructure where it is needed most. This includes station upgrades, better interchanges, ferry wharf upgrades and commuter car parks.

The Transport Access Program includes funding of more than \$770 million over four years, which will see improvements at more than 60 locations.

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

*4151 RUNNING OF 413 BUS SERVICE—Ms Linda Burney asked the Minister for Transport—

- (1) Is the Minister aware that the 413 bus service is still unreliable?
- (2) What is the Minister's proposal to alleviate this situation?
- (3) How often does the State Transit Authority monitor and review the bus services?

Answer—

I am advised:

A Service Review is planned for bus services from the Kingsgrove Depot, including the 413 service, next year. This will include a review of patronage demand that will establish whether any adjustment of service frequencies is required.

*4152 ADDITIONAL 413 BUS SERVICE—Ms Linda Burney asked the Minister for Transport—

Does the Government have any plans to add an additional 413 bus service to the existing morning route, to accommodate the increase in patronage?

Answer—

Please refer to the answer provided to LA Question 4151.

*4153 CYCLISTS ROAD SAFETY—Ms Linda Burney asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

- (1) What are the current statistics for prosecution/enforcement for motorists who do not overtake safely, and do not leave enough space when overtaking a bicycle rider?
- (2) How do current statistics compare with the previous year?
- (3) Does NSW hold the worst Australian State statistics for cyclist fatalities and injuries?
- (4) What is the Government proposing to combat these road offences to protect all road users?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) and (2) This is a matter for the NSW Police.

(3) Australia wide cyclist injury statistics are not collected in a consistent format suitable for meaningful comparison between States.

(4) Transport for NSW is developing a new Cycling Safety Strategy and Action Plan for bicycle riders and investing in cycling infrastructure improvements across the NSW network.

Transport for NSW is also supporting the Amy Gillett Foundation to raise safety awareness among bicycle riders and other road users, starting with the "A Metre Matters" and "Stop on Red" campaigns.

*4154 PEDESTRIAN OVERHEAD BRIDGE - CANTERBURY—Ms Linda Burney asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

How often does the Roads and Maritime Services review, clean and maintain the pedestrian overhead bridge at Canterbury Road and Church Street, Canterbury?

Answer—

I am advised:

Cleaning of the lifts and pedestrian bridge are scheduled weekly with maintenance carried out by Roads and Maritime Services when defects are identified or reported. Additionally, Roads and Maritime Services undertake a detailed structural inspection of the bridge once every two years.

*4155 LEGAL AID COMMISSION LEGAL ASSISTANCE - STATE MATTERS—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

- (1) How many clients received legal advice from the Legal Aid Commission concerning State matters that fall within the 'at special disadvantage' policy in the following period:
 - (a) 1 January 2010 to 31 December 2010;
 - (b) 1 January 2011 to 27 March 2011;
 - (c) 1 April 2011 to 31 December 2011;
 - (d) 1 January 2012 to 31 December 2012;
 - (e) 1 January 2013 to 30 May 2013?
- (2) How many clients received representation from the Legal Aid Commission concerning State matters that fall within the 'at special disadvantage' policy in the following period:
 - (a) 1 January 2010 to 31 December 2010;
 - (b) 1 January 2011 to 27 March 2011;
 - (c) 1 April 2011 to 31 December 2011;
 - (d) 1 January 2012 to 31 December 2012;
 - (e) 1 January 2013 to 30 May 2013?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Legal advice and minor assistance is not means tested.
- (2) Legal Aid NSW is unable to extract data to determine the exact number of grants approved for legal representation that fall within the special disadvantage policy.

*4156 INMATE POPULATION—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

- (1) As at 1 June 2013 what was the full-time inmate population of Corrective Services NSW facilities?
- (2) What was the daily average remand inmate population in Corrective Services NSW facilities during:
 - (a) 1 January 2011 to 30 June 2011;
 - (b) 1 July 2011 to 31 December 2011;
 - (c) 1 January 2012 to 30 June 2012;
 - (d) 1 July 2012 to 31 December 2012;
 - (e) 1 January 2013 to 31 May 2013?

Answer—

I am advised by Corrective Services NSW that:

- (1) As at 1 June 2013, the full-time inmate population was 10,042. This figure includes inmates on remand.
- (2) The daily average remand inmate population during:
 - (a) 1 January 2011 to 30 June 2011 was 2747;
 - (b) 1 July 2011 to 31 December 2011 was 2646;
 - (c) 1 January 2012 to 30 June 2012 was 2613;
 - (d) 1 July 2012 to 31 December 2012 was 2575;
 - (e) 1 January 2013 to 31 May 2013 was 2820.

*4157 CRIMINAL MATTERS LEGAL ASSISTANCE—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

How many people do you estimate will no longer receive legal assistance from the Legal Aid Commission in relation to criminal matters in the Local Court where a prison sentence is a possibility for the period 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2014?

Answer—

I am advised:

The relevant policy change regarding legal aid in Local Court defended matters has not yet been

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implemented.

In any event, grants of legal aid in relation to criminal matters in the Local Court where a prison sentence is a possibility are not expected to be affected during the specified period.

*4158 LEGAL ASSISTANCE FROM LEGAL AID COMMISSION—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

How many people received legal assistance from the Legal Aid Commission in relation to criminal matters in the Local Court where a prison sentence was a possibility in these periods:

- (a) 1 January 2010 to 31 December 2010;
- (b) 1 January 2011 to 31 December 2011;
- (c) 1 January 2012 to 31 December 2012;
- (d) 1 January 2013 to 31 May 2013?

Answer—

I am advised:

Legal Aid NSW does not collect data regarding grants of legal assistance for criminal matters based on the possibility of a prison sentence.

*4159 IMPROVING EDUCATIONAL OUTCOMES FOR ABORIGINAL PEOPLE—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

- (1) How many responses were received to the Ministerial Taskforce on Aboriginal Affairs Community Discussion Paper on improving educational outcomes for Aboriginal people?
- (2) How many submissions were received from submitters/authors in the following categories:
 - (a) Aboriginal Community Organisations;
 - (b) non-Aboriginal Community Organisations;
 - (c) non-government organisations;
 - (d) Government agencies;
 - (e) Local Government;
 - (f) schools;
 - (g) industry;
 - (h) Aboriginal community groups:
 - (i) Community Working Parties;
 - (ii) Community engagement groups;
 - (i) Individual - Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islanders;
 - (j) Individual - Non-Aboriginal?

Answer—

A total of 76 responses were received on the community discussion paper on improving educational outcomes for Aboriginal people.

Reports from both rounds of consultation undertaken by the Taskforce are available at:

www.aboriginalaffairs.nsw.gov.au/nsw-government-aboriginal-affairs-strategy/.

*4160 IMPROVING EMPLOYMENT OUTCOMES FOR ABORIGINAL PEOPLE—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

- (1) How many responses were received to the Ministerial Taskforce on Aboriginal Affairs Community Discussion Paper on improving employment outcomes for Aboriginal people?
- (2) How many submissions were received from submitters/authors in the following categories:
 - (a) Aboriginal Community Organisations;
 - (b) non-Aboriginal Community Organisations;
 - (c) non-government organisations;
 - (d) Government agencies;
 - (e) Local Government;
 - (f) schools;
 - (g) industry;
 - (h) Aboriginal community groups including:
 - (i) Community Working Parties;
 - (ii) Community engagement groups;
 - (i) Individual - Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islanders;

(j) Individual - Non-Aboriginal?

Answer—

A total of 87 responses were received on the community discussion paper on improving employment outcomes for Aboriginal people.

Reports from both rounds of consultation undertaken by the Taskforce are available at:

www.aboriginalaffairs.nsw.gov.au/nsw-government-aboriginal-affairs-strategy/.

*4161 MINISTERIAL TASKFORCE MEETINGS—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

(1) How many meetings have there been of the Ministerial Taskforce on Aboriginal Affairs?

(2) Who have been the attendees at each of the meetings?

Answer—

The Ministerial Taskforce on Aboriginal Affairs Final Report includes details on the consultations and proposed initiatives of the Taskforce, which can be found at <http://www.aboriginalaffairs.nsw.gov.au/wp-content/uploads/2013/04/FINAL-Taskforce-Report-19.03.13.pdf>.

Further, the NSW Government's response to the recommendations from the Ministerial Taskforce on Aboriginal Affairs, OCHRE (opportunity, choice, healing, responsibility, empowerment), can be found at: <http://www.aboriginalaffairs.nsw.gov.au/nsw-government-aboriginal-affairs-strategy/>.

*4162 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT LEVIES—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

How much, and in respect of which developments, have community development levies, been paid by Local Aboriginal Land Councils from 1 April 2011 to date?

Answer—

Under Section 42U(1) and (4) of the Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983 community development levies collected by the Chief Commissioner of State Revenue are remitted to the NSW Aboriginal Land Council for payment into the NSW Aboriginal Land Council Community Fund. As such this question should be redirected to the Minister for Finance and Services, the Hon. Greg Pearce MLC.

*4163 IMPROVING SERVICE DELIVERY AND ACCOUNTABILITY IN ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

(1) How many responses were received to the Ministerial Taskforce on Aboriginal Affairs Community Discussion Paper on improving service delivery and accountability in Aboriginal Affairs across NSW?

(2) How many submissions were received from submitters/authors in the following categories:

- (a) Aboriginal Community Organisations;
- (b) non-Aboriginal Community Organisations;
- (c) non-government organisations;
- (d) Government agencies;
- (e) Local Government;
- (f) schools;
- (g) industry;
- (h) Aboriginal community groups including:
 - (i) Community Working Parties;
 - (ii) Community engagement groups;
- (i) Individual - Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islanders;
- (j) Individual - Non-Aboriginal?

Answer—

A total of 98 responses were received on the community discussion paper on improving service delivery and accountability in Aboriginal Affairs across NSW.

Reports from both rounds of consultation undertaken by the Taskforce are available at:

www.aboriginalaffairs.nsw.gov.au/nsw-government-aboriginal-affairs-strategy/.

*4164 TEMPE HIGH SCHOOL CAPITAL WORKS—Mr Ron Hoenig asked the Minister for Education—

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With regard to the Department of Education submission to the Total Asset Management (TAM) Plan to the NSW Treasury:

What major capital works projects that the Sydney Region Asset Reference Group considered were of higher priority in the region to the request of Tempe High School for a creative arts/performance space and new hall?

Answer—

The Department of Education and Communities submits a prioritised Total Asset Management (TAM) Plan to NSW Treasury each year, in response to emerging asset and facilities requirements in government schools throughout the state. To prepare the annual TAM Plan, each region prioritises major and minor capital works projects for their respective schools.

In 2013-2014 there were 13 nominated projects in the Sydney Region that were assessed by the Sydney Region Asset Reference Group as having a higher regional priority than the Tempe High School major capital works nomination.

*4165 EASTLAKES SHOPPING CENTRE—Mr Ron Hoenig asked the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW, Leader of the House—

With regard to the Eastlakes shopping centre development application:

- (1) What was the detail of discussions held between officers of the Department and the proponent?
- (2) What information was communicated by the Department to the proponent?
- (3) Did the Department indicate in any way to the proponent what should be contained in the application?
- (4) Has the Minister investigated the matters I have personally conveyed to him in relation to the handling of the application?

Answer—

- (1) These discussions were related to either the assessment process or the assessment of the merits of the proposal.
- (2) The Department communicated with the Proponent on a range of matters relating to either the assessment process or the assessment of the merits of the proposal.
- (3) The Department had no role in determining what should be contained in the application.
- (4) I am advised that all processes have been conducted in accordance with the policies of the Department.

*4166 RENT ASSESSMENT INCLUDING CLEAN ENERGY SUPPLEMENT—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

By assessing the Clean Energy Supplement as a source of income and at an assessment rate of 25 per cent, what will be the fortnightly increase to Housing NSW's income from Social Housing Rent?

Answer—

NSW Land and Housing Corporation estimates that additional rent of 1.26 per cent per fortnight will be collected as a result of the increase in assessable income. Funds from rental income are used to support maintenance and other operational costs.

*4167 JOINT REGIONAL PLANNING PANEL—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW, Leader of the House—

- (1) On what dates will the Joint Regional Planning (JRP) Panel sit to determine the proposal for a \$1.1 million expansion of Soldiers Point Marina?
- (2) Who is on the JRP Panel?

Answer—

- (1) Port Stephens Council has advised that it is still addressing assessment matters associated with the proposal. A likely date for a public determination meeting is the 26 September 2013.
- (2) For this Development Application, the Hunter and Central Coast Joint Regional Planning Panel will be:
 - Mr Garry Fielding (Panel Chair);
 - Ms Kara Krason;
 - Mr Jason Perica;
 - the Mayor Cr Bruce McKenzie; and

- Cr Ken Jordan.

*4168 MINING ROYALTY REVENUE—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Trade and Investment, and Minister for Regional Infrastructure and Services—

Under the Resources for Regions programs:

What steps has the Government taken to ensure that the Hunter Region communities affected by mining get an adequate and fair share of mining royalty revenue?

Answer—

Details of the Government's Resources for Regions program are available on the NSW Trade and Investment website.

*4169 JOHN HUNTER HOSPITAL EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) What is the Government doing to improve waiting times at John Hunter Hospital Emergency Department?
- (2) Why does John Hunter Hospital Emergency Department have fewer staff than some Sydney Hospital Emergency Departments, which treat fewer people?
- (3) What percentage of patients presenting to John Hunter Hospital Emergency Department in the past 12 months are not being treated within the Federal Government's four hour benchmark?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) to (3) The John Hunter Hospital Emergency Department is appropriately and fully staffed, noting that staffing is dependent on demographics, number of patients and the services the Hospital provides. The Emergency Department's patients are triaged before registering with clerical staff. The 'fast track area' where minor injuries are treated is being reviewed and an Early Treatment Zone is being developed where suitable patients can be treated in the waiting room.

John Hunter Hospital has also enrolled in the "Whole of Hospital" program being introduced across the whole State. The program is aimed at improving access to care, but particularly focused on achieving improved patient flow.

Publicly available information on emergency department attendances and performance is available at the Bureau of Health Information website at: www.bhi.nsw.gov.au.

*4170 MINMI PUBLIC TRANSPORT IMPROVEMENTS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Transport—

Given that the size and scope of the proposed development at Minmi is for an additional 3000 dwellings, how and when will the existing bus and train service be augmented to serve the increased population?

Answer—

I am advised:

New or additional services for Minmi will be considered as part of Transport for NSW's yearly Growth Buses program.

*4171 WHITEBRIDGE LAND SELL OFF—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

- (1) What steps is the Government taking to ensure that Whitebridge residents are fully included in the decision making process regarding the sale of the Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) owned land in Whitebridge?
- (2) (a) Does the Government recognize the importance of the land's biodiversity and its proximity to the renowned Fernleigh track?
(b) If so, why is the Government considering the sale of the land?

Answer—

I am advised:

NSW Government policy requires disposal of surplus property following the completion of appropriate pre-disposal activities. Roads and Maritime Services staff have met with local residents earlier in 2013,

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and will meet with owners adjoining its land holding in Lonus Avenue, Whitebridge to communicate the disposal process.

The environmental value of the land and the adjacent conservation area is protected through appropriate zoning, with approximately 85 per cent of the Roads and Maritime Services land holding in Lonus Avenue, Whitebridge zoned Environmental Protection 7(2) Conservation (secondary).

*4172 SYDNEY PORTS CORPORATION—Mr Jamie Parker asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

- (1) Which commercial wharves in Sydney, not used for Cruise Passenger Terminals, will remain in public ownership following the lease of Port Botany?
- (2) Have there been any discussions or plans for Sydney Ports to intensify port uses and freight movements at White Bay and Glebe Island?
- (3) Has there been consideration of the concerns of Leichhardt Council and the community regarding the traffic congestion that will result if all port traffic for White Bay and Glebe Island is not contained within a separate port road? If so;
 - (a) What impact?
 - (b) What steps have been taken to address these concerns?
- (4) Will all traffic for White Bay and Glebe Island be contained within a separate port road?
 - (a) If not, what portion of traffic relating to White Bay and Glebe Island will use the local council road network?
- (5) What are the reasons for not containing all port traffic for White Bay and Glebe Island on a separate port road?
- (6) What research and analysis is being undertaken of the costs and transport benefits of retaining versus removing Glebe Island Bridge?
- (7) What is the community consultation plan relating to the decision to retain or remove Glebe Island Bridge?
- (8) What consideration has been given to reinstating the Glebe Island Bridge as a pedestrian way, cycleway and potentially for Light Rail?
- (9) What is the current position of Roads and Maritime services on whether to retain or remove the Glebe Island Bridge?
- (10) What is the foreseen percentage of the Bays Precinct to be allocated for community use for open space and recreational purposes?
- (11) Will the Minister commit to undertaking a comprehensive analysis of the economic, recreational, cultural and social benefits of establishing sporting fields at White Bay and in the Rozelle Railway Marshalling Yards?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) All of the wharves at Glebe Island and White Bay except White Bay Wharf 4 and White Bay Wharf 5.
- (2) Refer to Volume 1 of the Bays Precinct Taskforce Report (August 2012).
- (3) A dedicated port road has been constructed from the intersection of The Crescent and James Craig Road specifically for passenger access to the White Bay Cruise Terminal on ship days. This road removes passenger terminal traffic from local roads.
Sydney Ports undertook extensive consultation with Leichhardt Council and the local community as part of the development of the White Bay Cruise Terminal.
- (4) and (5) A sub-committee of the Bays Precinct Implementation Committee is investigating the feasibility of a separate port road to Glebe Island and White Bay.
- (6) to (8) Transport for NSW is overseeing an independent cost benefit analysis of the options for retaining or removing the Glebe Island Bridge. Consultation with key stakeholder groups, including local councils, is being undertaken as part of this process.
- (9) Roads and Maritime Services will implement any future Government decision on retention or removal of the Glebe Island Bridge.
- (10) A key priority is to investigate more open space and recreational opportunities at the head of Rozelle Bay. Opportunities will be assessed on a site-by-site basis.

(11) The Government has announced five priority tasks it will focus on in response to the recommendation of the Bays Precinct Taskforce. Other issues identified by the Taskforce will be examined in the coming months.

*4173 SYDNEY PORTS CORPORATION INCOME—Mr Jamie Parker asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

- (1) What portion of the income of Sydney Ports Corporation is;
 - (a) Currently generated by Port Botany?
 - (b) Expected to be generated by Port Botany following the lease of Port Botany to the NSW Ports Consortium?
- (2) What was the income of Sydney Ports Corporation for the;
 - (a) 2011-2012 financial year?
 - (b) 2010-2011 financial year?
- (3) What is the projected income of Sydney Ports Corporation for the 2012-2013 financial year?
- (4) What impact will the lease of Port Botany to the NSW Ports Consortium have on the income of Sydney Ports Corporation for the 2013-2014 financial year?
- (5) Is the annual income of Sydney Ports Corporation expected to decrease following the lease of Port Botany to the NSW Ports Consortium?
- (6) Has any work been done to calculate how Sydney Ports Corporation will make up for the income shortfall as a result of the leasing of Port Botany?

Answer—

- (1) to (3) Financial information on the Sydney Ports Corporation is available in its annual reports.
- (4) and (5) On 31 May 2013 the Government announced the long term lease of Port Botany and Port Kembla to the NSW Ports Consortium for \$5.07 billion. The lease payment of \$5.07 billion incorporates discounted future cash flows attributable to Port Botany over the term of the lease.
The transaction delivered net proceeds of \$4.3 billion to be invested in the NSW Government's infrastructure fund, Restart NSW. The NSW Ports Consortium is comprised mainly of Australian superannuation funds and other highly experienced asset owners who will ensure the ongoing operational integrity of Port Botany.
As a consequence of the receipt of the upfront lease payment for Port Botany, the income of this asset will go to the lessee.
- (6) Sydney Ports Corporation continues as a stand-alone entity and will generate revenue in accordance with its operations.

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*4174 PARKING FEES AT HOSPITALS—Mr Richard Amery asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) How much money has been raised from parking fees at the following hospitals in the 12 month period ending 31 May 2013:
 - (a) Blacktown Hospital;
 - (b) Westmead Hospital;
 - (c) Mount Druitt Hospital?
- (2) How do these figures compare to the previous three years?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) and (2) Fees from car parking help support the provision of improved car-parking services for both staff and the public. They ensure that valuable resources are not diverted from clinical services to pay for car parking.

Local Health Districts are responsible for determining car parking fees at existing hospital car parks, except those which are the subject of long-term commercial contracts.

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*4175 NEWCASTLE CALVARY MATER HOSPITAL—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) How many general medicine staff specialists were based at Newcastle's Calvary Mater Hospital in:
 - (a) 2007;
 - (b) 2012?
- (2) What were outpatient numbers at the hospital in:
 - (a) 2007;
 - (b) 2012?
- (3) How many people used specialist gastroenterology services at the hospital in:
 - (a) 2007;
 - (b) 2012?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) to (3) Staffing levels are a matter for Local Health Districts and will, like the number of individual treatments provided, vary over time according to patient need.

*4176 NATIONAL PALLIATIVE CARE STRATEGY—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) Will palliative care services or jobs be reduced after 30 June 2013, when New South Wales becomes responsible for ongoing funding of palliative services initiated under the National Palliative Care Strategy (2010)?
- (2) Will the Government recommit to the National Palliative Care Strategy?

Answer—

I am advised:

The National Palliative Care Strategy guides palliative care policy development and service delivery across Australia but does not fund palliative care services.

The National Palliative Care Strategy is ongoing and New South Wales continues to commit to the Strategy's important goals related to awareness and understanding, appropriateness and effectiveness, leadership and governance, and capacity and capability.

The 2013-2014 State Budget includes the Government contribution of \$100 million in growth funds to make up for the failure of the Commonwealth Government to continue with essential National Partnership funding for palliative care and rehabilitation services.

*4177 OPHTHALMOLOGISTS SERVICES IN THE HUNTER—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

The Minister states "People who need non-urgent care can continue to see ophthalmologists in their private rooms or offices as Medicare patients" (LA Question 3318).

What ophthalmologists in the Hunter Region can people see as Medicare patients?

Answer—

I am advised:

Any patient can seek an appointment with an ophthalmologist in their private rooms under Medicare. Those specialists may choose to charge a gap fee above the Medicare scheduled fee; this is at their discretion. Appointments with GPs, other local specialists, optometrists and referrals to the state ophthalmic facility are other options.

*4178 VICTIMS OF SEXUAL ABUSE LIAISON STAFF - NEWCASTLE CITY LOCAL AREA COMMAND—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) Does the Newcastle City Local Area Command have any staff dedicated to liaising with members of the public who have been the victim of sexual abuse?
- (2) If so, how many staff members carry out this role?
- (3) How long have they been doing so?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force has advised me that Detectives attached to the Newcastle City Local Area Command (LAC) provide victim care and liaison when sexual abuse complaints are received, and throughout subsequent investigations.

Sexual assault investigations routinely include referral to support services including Hunter New England Local Health District and where relevant, other local services such as sexual assault counsellors.

Additionally, the Child Abuse Squad attached to the State Crime Command has an office in Newcastle staffed with officers who provide assistance to victims of sexual and other abuse aged 16 and under.

*4179 OPERATION APOLLO—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

What crimes have individuals arrested under Operation Apollo been charged with?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force has advised me that as at 27 June 2013, a total of 566 charges have been laid under Operation Apollo. Specific charges include Acts Intended to Cause Injury; Dangerous or Negligent Acts Endangering Persons; Deception and Related Offences; Illicit Drug Offences; Public Order Offences; Theft and Related Offences; Property Damage and Environmental Pollution; Weapons and Explosives Offences; Offences against Justice Procedures, Government Security and Government Operations; and Road Traffic and Motor Vehicle Regulatory Offences.

*4180 EXPRESS RAIL SERVICES FROM THE HUNTER—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Transport—

In preparing for the new CityRail timetable, has there been an investigation into 'express' services between the Hunter and the Sydney terminal?

- (a) If so, what were the results of this investigation?
- (b) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Government is introducing a new rail timetable and has always said it will deliver more services. Once it is finalised we will be able to advise customers of the changes.

Customers will benefit from extra express services across the network as well as changes to stopping patterns that will reduce crowding on many services and provide consistent service times.

*4181 CLOSURE OF NEWCASTLE RAIL LINE—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Transport—

- (1) Does the Government have any plans to trial the proposed closure of the Newcastle rail line?
 - (a) If so, when;
 - (b) for how long?
- (2) Would such a trial be clearly identified as such or attributed to trackwork?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) and (2) It is unclear what the Member means by a "trial".

*4182 RAIL NOISE ABATEMENT PROGRAM—Mr Robert Furolo asked the Minister for Transport—

Has the rail noise abatement program which focuses on noise from existing rail operations been released?

- (a) If not, when will it be released?
- (b) If so, how can members of the community obtain a copy of the program?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Government's Noise Abatement Program is under development.

*4183 PUBLIC TRANSPORT INFORMATION AND PRIORITY SYSTEM—Mr Robert Furolo asked the Minister for Transport—

In regard to the Public Transport Information and Priority System (PTIPS):

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- (1) Is data collected through PTIPS used to obtain on-time running information and monitor the on-time running and reliability performance of specific bus routes?
 - (a) If so, is on-time running information on specific bus routes publicly available?
 - (i) Where is that information published?
 - (b) If not, are there any plans to use the PTIPS data to collect information on the on-time running of individual bus routes?

Answer—

I am advised:

Data collected through the Public Transport Information and Priority System is used as a management tool by Transport for NSW and bus operators to monitor and improve on-time running performance.

It also provides real time information for Sydney Buses services available through smart phone applications TripView, TripGo and Arrivo Sydney, which are available to customers as a new initiative of this Government.

On-time running and reliability performance data is reported on the Transport for NSW website on a regular basis.

*4184 BENCHMARKING OF TRANSPORT AND BUS SERVICES—Mr Robert Furolo asked the Minister for Transport—

With regard to the job description for the position of the Deputy Director General, Transport Services, outlined in the Transport for NSW Annual Report 2011-2012:

- (1) Has the benchmarking of transport services been completed?
 - (a) If not, when will the benchmarking be completed?
 - (b) If so, do they include benchmarking of on-time-running and reliability of bus services?
- (2) Has benchmarking of on-time-running and reliability of bus services been done?
 - (a) If not, are there any plans to benchmark on-time-running and reliability of bus services?
 - (i) If so, when will this be done?
 - (b) If so, are the benchmarks publicly available?
 - (i) If not, when will they be available?

Answer—

The Government is working hard to ensure customers have access to the best real time transport information.

Real time information for Sydney Buses services is available through smart phone applications TripView, TripGo and Arrivo Sydney.

Information is also available by phone at 131 500 Transport Info, through the 131500.com.au website, the next bus SMS service and Twitter alerts.

*4185 FREIGHT RAIL OPERATIONS ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION LICENCES—Mr Robert Furolo asked the Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

In regard to freight rail operations on the Metropolitan Freight Network:

- (1) What operators have been issued with environmental protection licences for freight rail operations on the Metropolitan Freight Network?
- (2) What are the conditions in the licence in relation to noise abatement?
- (3) What enforcement and monitoring is undertaken to ensure licence conditions are complied with?

Answer—

I am advised as follows:

- (1) Under the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997 rail freight operators are not required to hold environment protection licences. Licences are instead issued to rail track owners.
The Australian Rail Track Corporation and Sydney Trains are the two rail track owners that have been issued with environment protection licences for freight rail operations on the Metropolitan Rail Network.
- (2) The licences specify noise limits for new or substantially modified locomotives introduced to the rail network.

- (3) Compliance with licence conditions is enforced by the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA). Noise monitoring is undertaken for each class of locomotive prior to approval being granted to operate on the metropolitan rail network. If a locomotive does not meet the noise limits in the licence it is not approved for use on the network.

Licence holders are also required to undertake Pollution Reduction Programs to target priority noise issues such as wheel squeal, train horns and locomotive engine noise.

Full details of noise limits, approved locomotives and pollution reduction programs are available for public viewing on the EPA public register.

- *4186 HURSTVILLE LOCAL ENVIRONMENT PLAN—Mr Robert Furolo asked the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW, Leader of the House—

In regard to the 2012 Hurstville Local Environment Plan (LEP):

- (1) What zoning was recommended by Hurstville City Council for the area of Peakhurst bounded by Jacques Avenue, Forest Road, Pearce Avenue, Trafalgar Street and Lawrence Street?
- (2) What was the process by which the Department of Planning and Infrastructure determined the zoning for this area should be R3?
- (3) What reasons were given by the Department of Planning and Infrastructure for rejecting Hurstville City Council's suggested zoning and adopting a zoning of R3?
- (4) What appeal processes are available to affected residents and the local Council to comment or object to this decision?
- (5) What is your response to the residents who believe the actions of your Department in this matter contradicts your commitment to return planning powers to local communities?

Answer—

- (1) R2 Low Density Residential.
- (2) This site was exhibited in the draft LEP as R3 Medium Density Residential. Following exhibition, Council resolved to change this zoning back to R2. The Department reintroduced the R3 medium density zoning into the final LEP to provide opportunities for greater housing diversity in areas outside the Hurstville City Centre.
- (3) The Department's decision to adopt a zoning of R3 was based on strategic planning principles such as allowing medium density housing on sites with good access to public transport and existing services.
This was supported by Council's own studies which identified this area as being suitable for increased residential densities.
- (4) There are no appeal rights once land has been rezoned under a Local Environmental Plan.
- (5) The draft Metropolitan Strategy for Sydney highlights the urgent need to provide housing and jobs close to transport and services. This Government is committed to delivering more housing and jobs and will continue to work with Councils as part of this process.

- *4187 FUNDING FOR ROAD PAVEMENT AND UPGRADES—Mr Robert Furolo asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

Given that Roads and Maritime Services assesses road pavement conditions annually across the State Road network and funding for pavement rehabilitation and maintenance upgrades are allocated on a State-wide priority basis (LA Question 3800):

- (1) Is a ranking of priorities or order of works prepared as part of the Roads and Maritime Services annual assessment of road pavement?
- (2) If so, relative to other roads on the State Road network, where is Canterbury Road ranked?
- (3) What is the ranking of roads that have been listed for funding in the 2012-2013 financial year budget?

Answer—

I am advised:

Please see response to LA Question 3800.

In 2013-2014, the NSW Government has allocated approximately \$3.9 million on road pavement rehabilitation works on the section of Canterbury Road between King Georges Road and Jeffrey Street.

- *4188 RESURFACING ROAD BY DIAMOND GRINDING—Mr Robert Furolo asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

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In reference to the status of projects for the retexturing of concrete road surfaces by diamond grinding (LA Question 1647):

Has the resurfacing by diamond grinding been completed for the following roads;

- (a) Parramatta Road from Old Canterbury Road to Sloane Street Summer Hill;
- (b) The Boulevarde from the Hume Highway to Redmyre Road Strathfield;
- (c) Railway Road from Princes Highway to Henry Street Sydenham;
- (d) New South Head Road from Kent Street Rose Bay to Old South Head Road Vaucluse;
- (e) Old Windsor Road from Hammers Road to Oak Road Old Toongabbie;
- (f) Old Windsor Road from Abbott Road to Seven Hills Road Baulkham Hills;
- (g) Hume Highway from Burwood Road to Wentworth Road Croydon;
- (h) Old Canterbury Road south of Toothill Street to Rosedale Street Lewisham;
- (i) Sydenham Road from Frazer Street to New Canterbury Road Dulwich Hill?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (a) Yes.
- (b) Yes.
- (c) Yes.
- (d) Pavement strengthening and asphalt resurfacing have been completed between Kent Road and Dover Road, Rose Bay and between Hopetoun Road and Old South Head Road, Vaucluse.
- (e) Yes.
- (f) Yes.
- (g) This section of road has been included in the road improvement project from Hume Highway from Thomas Street at Ashfield to The Boulevard at Enfield is expected to be completed in 2014-2015. Diamond grinding will be undertaken as part of the scope of works.
- (h) A review of this section was carried out and other higher priority works requiring more urgent attention were identified for diamond grinding within the available budget. Routine maintenance, including delimitation and pothole repairs, is carried out across the network on all Roads and Maritime Services' maintained roads including Old Canterbury Road.
- (i) Resurfacing of this road section is included in the 2013-2014 program (named as Livingstone Road from Frazer Street to New Canterbury Road, Dulwich Hill).

*4189 ALBION PARK RAIL BYPASS—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

- (1) Was all of the \$100,000 allocated in the 2012-2013 budget towards the Albion Park rail bypass study spent?
- (2) If not, how much was re-allocated towards the \$1 million allocated for the planning stage of the Albion Park rail bypass?
- (3) What is the process for this planning stage?
- (4) When will the study referred to in (1) be publicly released?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) and (2) Yes.
- (3) This information is available on the Roads and Maritime Services website www.rms.nsw.gov.au/roadprojects.
- (4) Roads and Maritime Services expects to complete a review into the existing road corridor by late 2013.

*4190 TRAIN STAFFING LEVEL—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Transport—

How is an "appropriate level" of train station staffing defined? (LA Question 3848)

Answer—

I am advised:

An appropriate level of staffing is one which ensures customers experience the greatest value for their money, in an environment which is safe and clean.

*4191 BUDGET ALLOCATION FOR TRAIN STATIONS—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Transport—

- (1) What is the precise dollar amount which has been allocated to the construction of the Flinders (Shell Cove) train station in the:
 - (a) 2012-2013 budget;
 - (b) 2013-2014 budget?
- (2) What is the precise dollar amount which has been allocated to the upgrade of the Dapto train station?
- (3) Has the upgrade for Dapto train station started?
- (4) What is the precise dollar amount which has been allocated to the construction of the Oak Flats train station commuter car park in the:
 - (a) 2012-2013 budget;
 - (b) 2013-2014 budget?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) A budget allocation of \$39 million has been made and currently the contract for construction is being negotiated.
- (2) Precise construction costs are currently under negotiation with a preferred tenderer.
- (3) Work on Dapto Station upgrade has commenced, with detailed design complete and award of a construction tender imminent.
- (4) In May 2012, the Government announced a budget of \$5.7 million for the construction of an additional 230 car parking spaces. Transport for NSW is continuing to work with council to negotiate purchase of a parcel of land for construction of the car park.

*4192 HOSPITAL FUNDING ALLOCATED TO PLANNING—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

What is the precise dollar amount which has been allocated to planning purposes, from the \$3.2 million allocated in the 2013-2014 budget for:

- (a) Shellharbour Hospital;
- (b) Shoalhaven Hospital?

Answer—

I am advised:

The allocation is for planning of the Shellharbour Hospital Redevelopment comprising services and facilities currently delivered from Shellharbour, Port Kembla and Kiama Hospital sites. It is noted that the \$3.2 million was designated for planning towards the Illawarra Strategy, and as such the allocation will also fund Master Planning for Wollongong Hospital as this directly relates to the Shellharbour Hospital Redevelopment Plan.

*4193 EDUCATION INFRASTRUCTURE BASELINE REPORT—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Education—

With regard to the Education Infrastructure Baseline Report to Infrastructure NSW dated June 2012 by PricewaterhouseCoopers Australia:

- (1) When will the Government respond to the report?
- (2) Of the 38 new schools that the report indicates will be required in the next ten years:
 - (a) Are any new primary and secondary schools planned in the:
 - (i) Illawarra region;
 - (ii) Shellharbour electorate?
 - (b) If so, how many are planned within the:
 - (i) Illawarra region;
 - (ii) Shellharbour electorate?
- (3) The report states that there are "general benefits of larger schools over smaller schools" (page 23):
 - (a) Does the Government have any plans to merge smaller schools and larger schools within the:
 - (i) Illawarra region;
 - (ii) Shellharbour electorate?
- (4) What are the criteria for determining a small school and a large school?

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Answer—

- (1) The Education Infrastructure Baseline Report reflects the actions currently being taken by the Department of Education and Communities to comply with its statutory obligation to provide appropriate public educational infrastructure and facilities.
- (2) (a) (i) Yes.
(ii) Yes.
(b) (i) One.
(ii) One.
- (3) The optimal size of each school in New South Wales is determined by its local context and the needs of its students. Principals and Department of Education and Communities Directors, Public Schools NSW are best placed to make these decisions.
- (4) In New South Wales small and large schools are subjective terms, often used when comparing one school to another. There are currently two classifications used to describe the size of secondary schools in New South Wales, based on the number of students enrolled. There are currently six classifications used to describe the size of primary schools and schools for specific purposes in New South Wales, also based on the number of students enrolled.

*4194 LITERACY AND NUMERACY PLAN—Ms Carmel Tebbutt asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) Have the 200 additional teachers promised for 2012 in the Government's Literacy and Numeracy Action Plan been employed?
(a) If so, where are they located?
- (2) Is the Government on track to meet its commitment of 300 additional Literacy and Numeracy teachers for 2013?
- (3) How much funding has been allocated for the Literacy and Numeracy Action Plan in the 2013-2014 Budget?
- (4) Is the funding to implement the Literacy and Numeracy Action Plan additional to the state funding contribution to implement the National Education Reform Agreement?

Answer—

- (1) The Government commitment in the Literacy and Numeracy Action Plan was to provide resources equivalent to 200 teachers. The Department of Education and Communities employed 50 full time Instructional Leaders under Early Action for Success in 2012 and provided training and allocations to support tiered (small groups and individual) interventions to schools. School locations are:

Alma Public School.
Ashmont Public School.
Attunga Public School.
Bass Hill Public School.
Bennett Road Public School.
Bidwill Public School.
Blackett Public School.
Bowen Public School.
Bowraville Central School.
Broken Hill North Public School.
Buninyong Public School.
Busby Public School.
Campbellfield Public School.
Casino Public School.
Casino West Public School.
Claymore Public School.
Coffs Harbour Public School.
Condobolin Public School.
Curran Public School.

Drummond Memorial Public School.
Dubbo North Public School.
Dubbo West Public School.
Gillwinga Public School.
Glenroi Heights Public School.
Hillvue Public School.
Hume Public School.
Irrawang Public School.
Kelso Public School.
Lethbridge Park Public School.
Lithgow Public School.
Lurnea Public School.
Marayong Public School.
Miller Public School.
Mount Austin Public School.
Mount Pritchard East Public School.
Mungindi Central School.
Parkview Public School.
Shalvey Public School.
Stuarts Point Public School.
Tabulam Public School.
Tamworth West Public School.
Tolland Public School.
Tregear Public School.
Warilla North Public School.
Warrawong Public School.
Wellington Public School.
Westdale Public School.
Whalan Public School.
Windale Public School.
Woodberry Public School.

(2) Yes.

(3) \$53.3 million is available in 2013-2014 to support implementation of the Literacy and Numeracy Action plan across all school sectors.

(4) Yes.

*4195 FUNDING FOR NEW SCHOOLS AT STRATHFIELD AND CROWS NEST—Ms Carmel Tebbutt asked the Minister for Education—

How much funding has been allocated in the 2013-2014 Budget for the new schools at Strathfield and Crows Nest?

Answer—

In 2013-2014 the total capital funding allocation for schools is estimated at \$420 million. This includes funding for a new primary school in Strathfield and a comprehensive co-educational secondary school in Crows Nest. As these works have not gone to tender, these figures are commercial in confidence.

*4196 GREAT TEACHING INSPIRED LEARNING FUNDING—Ms Carmel Tebbutt asked the Minister for Education—

How much funding has been allocated in the 2013-2014 Budget for the "Great Teaching, Inspired

Learning" initiatives?

Answer—

Education, training and early childhood education received a record \$13.95 billion in the 2013-2014 NSW Budget.

The education budget increased by \$524 million on last year's expenditure.

The 2013-2014 Budget included funding for the National Education Reform Agreement (NERA). The agreement will deliver an additional \$5 billion to NSW schools over six years.

Additional funds will enable NSW to deepen and accelerate already announced reforms, including Great Teaching, Inspired Learning.

*4197 LITERACY AND NUMERACY TEACHERS—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) As of 19 June 2013, how many of the 60 promised literacy and numeracy teachers are now in place in Illawarra schools?
- (2) What schools are these teachers located in?
- (3) When will the remaining teachers be located in schools?
- (4) What schools will the remaining teachers be allocated to?

Answer—

- (1) Resources equivalent to 7.42 teachers under the Literacy and Numeracy Action Plan have been allocated to public, Catholic and Independent schools in the Illawarra. Resources were allocated to selected schools in the lowest quartile of NAPLAN performance and schools were identified by the three education sectors using an agreed methodology.
- (2) The list of schools that have received resources is:

GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS:

Warilla North Public School.

Warrawong Public School.

Nowra East Public School.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION OFFICE, DIOCESE OF WOLLONGONG SCHOOLS:

St John's Catholic Primary School, Campbelltown.

St Michael's Primary School, Nowra.

St Michael's Catholic School, Mittagong.

ASSOCIATION OF INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS, NSW:

Illawarra Christian Tongara Campus, Cordeaux Heights.

- (3) and (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 as prioritised according to the greatest need by the education sectors.

*4198 BULLI HOSPITAL—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

With regard to the Bulli Hospital:

- (1) Over the last two financial years, how much:
 - (a) capital funding has been allocated to Bulli Hospital;
 - (b) recurrent funding has been allocated to Bulli Hospital?
- (2) What is the Minister doing to ensure Bulli Hospital becomes a centre for Aged Care Excellence?

Answer—

- (1) and (2) Bulli Hospital is administered by the Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District (LHD). Budgets are allocated by the Ministry of Health to LHDs on a whole of LHD basis for all facilities under their control. Decisions regarding facility budgets are made at the local level allowing resources to be allocated where they are most needed. Capital allocations are available in the NSW Budget Papers, published at www.budget.nsw.gov.au.

The Illawarra Shoalhaven LHD released its Health Care Services Plan 2012-2022 - Working Together Building Healthy Futures - in October 2012. The Plan states that Bulli Hospital will become a Centre of Excellence for Aged Care over the next ten years.

Since October 2012, work has been ongoing through the development of detailed Clinical Service Plans, to determine the service delivery models that will be delivered from the Bulli Hospital site in order for it to become a Centre of Excellence for Aged Care services for the Illawarra Shoalhaven, and the Local Health District will work to implement these as resources allow.

The Local Health District is currently finalising its Asset Strategic Plan which will identify and prioritise the work that is required to be undertaken at the Bulli Hospital site in order to ensure the physical infrastructure is fit for purpose.

*4199 SCHOOL FUNDING ALLOCATIONS AND ENROLLMENTS—Mr Jamie Parker asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) How does the Government determine the allocation of funding and resources to schools?
 - (a) How does this determination process take into consideration increases in student numbers?
- (2) What data and assumptions does the Government currently use to determine its allocation of funding and resources to schools?
- (3) Is there a review planned of the Government's allocation determination process, taking into account increasing student numbers in certain parts of Sydney?
- (4) What are the current enrolment numbers, by school year (grade) for the following schools:
 - (a) Annandale North Public School;
 - (b) Annandale Public School;
 - (c) Balmain Public School;
 - (d) Birchgrove Public School;
 - (e) Dobroyd Point Public School;
 - (f) Forest Lodge Public School;
 - (g) Glebe Public School;
 - (h) Haberfield Public School;
 - (i) Kegworth Public School;
 - (j) Leichhardt Public School;
 - (k) Nicholson Street Public School;
 - (l) Orange Grove Public School;
 - (m) Rozelle Public School;
 - (n) Sydney Secondary College Balmain Campus;
 - (o) Sydney Secondary College Blackwattle Bay;
 - (p) Sydney Secondary College Leichhardt Campus?
- (5) What is the Government's estimate for total student numbers for each of the above schools in:
 - (a) 2014;
 - (b) 2015;
 - (c) 2016;
 - (d) 2017;
 - (e) 2018?

Answer—

(1) to (3) Funding provided to support the operation of NSW Government schools is determined based on an ongoing review of student enrolment demand. State Budget processes provide for ongoing review of student enrolment demand, and for NSW Government school funding levels to be adjusted as required.

(4) Balmain Electorate Enrolment by School by grade as at February 2013:

School name	Pre-school (FTE)*	Kindergarten	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Support Primary	Primary Total
Annandale North Public School	0	84	66	70	61	61	53	45	0	440
Annandale Public School	26	61	59	56	59	48	41	38	32	420

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Balmain Public School	0	53	40	20	27	23	48	46	0	257
Birchgrove Public School	36	54	58	49	59	48	41	32	0	377
Dobroyd Point Public School	0	39	46	38	34	28	31	29	0	245
Forest Lodge Public School	0	64	53	55	39	36	40	34	0	321
Glebe Public School	0	25	27	16	20	10	28	11	0	137
Haberfield Public School	0	116	110	95	98	82	65	55	0	621
Kegworth Public School	17	57	40	46	31	50	31	36	0	308
Leichhardt Public School	0	107	108	102	81	74	73	55	32	632
Nicholson Street Public School	0	31	27	22	30	24	15	14	0	163
Orange Grove Public School	20	62	55	39	36	30	28	19	0	289
Rozelle Public School	20	98	98	94	66	64	69	48	0	557

*FTE = Full time equivalent students

School name	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12	Support Secondary	Secondary Total
Sydney Sec College Blackwattle Bay Campus	0	0	0	0	331	322	18	671
Sydney Sec College Leichhardt Campus	189	195	154	161	0	0	42	741

Sydney Secondary College Balmain Campus	173	172	161	151	0	0	19	676
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(5) Projections are subject to constant review. Projections vary over time due to the impact of demographic and non-demographic factors.

*4200 CYCLIST FATALITIES AND INJURIES—Mr Jamie Parker asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

With regard to NSW roads:

- (1) For the calendar year ending 2012 and the 2013 calendar year to date, how many cycling fatalities occurred?
 - (a) What was the speed limit on the roads where these cycling fatalities occurred?
 - (b) How many of these fatalities involved motorists? (Please specify if cars or trucks.)
 - (c) How many of these fatalities were a result of the cyclist's own error?
 - (i) In each case, what was the nature of the error?
 - (d) How many of these fatalities were a result of motorist error?
 - (i) In each case, what was the nature of the error?
 - (ii) Of these, was alcohol involved?
 - (iii) Of these, was mobile phone use involved?
 - (e) Of the fatalities that were a result of motorist error, how many of these were subsequently the subject of police investigation?
 - (f) Of the fatalities that were a result of motorist error, how many of these were subsequently charged?
 - (i) What was the nature of the charges?
 - (ii) What, if any, penalty was issued?
- (2) For the calendar year ending 2012 and the 2013 calendar year to date, how many cycling injuries occurred?
 - (a) What was the speed limit on the roads where these cycling injuries occurred?
 - (b) How many of these injuries involved motorists? (Please specify if cars or trucks.)
 - (c) How many of these injuries were a result of the cyclist's own error?
 - (i) In each case, what was the nature of the error?
 - (d) How many of these injuries were a result of motorist error?
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 - (iii) Of these, was mobile phone use involved?
 - (e) Of the injuries that were a result of motorist error, how many of these were subsequently the subject of police investigation?
 - (f) Of the injuries that were a result of motorist error, how many of these were subsequently charged?
 - (i) What was the nature of the charges?
 - (ii) What, if any, penalty was issued?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Pedal cycle fatality data for 2012 and 2013 (1 January to 23 June inclusive only) are preliminary as at 24 June 2013 and are subject to change. Pedal cycle injury data for 2012 are preliminary and subject to change. Pedal cycle injury data for 2013 are incomplete at this time and have not been supplied.
 - (a) There were 16 pedal cycle fatal crashes, resulting in 16 pedal cycle fatalities from 1 January 2012 to 23 June 2013. Of the 16 pedal cycle fatalities;
 - four were on roads sign posted 50km per hour;
 - four were on roads sign posted 60km per hour;
 - one was on a road sign posted 70km per hour;
 - four were on roads sign posted 80km per hour;
 - one was on a road sign posted 90km per hour;

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- one was on a road sign posted 100km per hour; and
 - one was on a road sign posted 110km per hour.
- (b) Of the 16 pedal cycle fatal crashes, there were 13 crashes (with 13 pedal cycle fatalities) which involved a driver or rider of a motor vehicle. These 13 crashes involved 12 cars/car derivative drivers and three light truck drivers. Note that there may be more than one motor vehicle controller involved for a pedal cycle crash.
- (c) The following data detail three variables which cover controller error, controller alcohol and controller distraction. Note that these variables are not mutually exclusive and should not be added together.
- Controller error covers items such as where the controller decamped, manipulates controls, avoids vehicles/objects/animals, drives in wrong lane, disobey traffic control, brakes hard, loses control and does not observe pedestrians.
- Controller alcohol provides information on whether the alcohol test taken resulted in a blood alcohol concentration level above or below 0.05.
- Controller distraction covers items such as illness (sudden & chronic), fatigue, hand held mobile phones and distractions inside and outside the vehicle. It should be noted that it is understood that mobile phone usage as a distraction factor is understated in the crash reporting by the Police.
- Of the 16 pedal cycle rider fatalities:
- one had loss of control recorded for controller error;
 - two had a blood alcohol concentration (gram per 100mL) of 0.05 or more;
 - three had a distraction factor recorded (one was sudden illness, one was distraction outside the vehicle, one was other unspecified distraction).
- (d) (i) Of the 15 motor vehicle controllers involved in a pedal cycle fatality crash, there were none with controller error recorded.
- (ii) Of the 15 motor vehicle controllers involved in a pedal cycle fatality crash, there were none with an illegal blood alcohol concentration.
- (iii) Of the 15 motor vehicle controllers involved in a pedal cycle fatality crash, there were none with mobile phone recorded as a controller distraction.
- (e) This is a matter for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services.
- (f) This is a matter for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services.
- (2) In 2012 there were 1,009 injury crashes involving a pedal cycle, which resulted in 1,057 injuries and of these 1,028 were injured pedal cyclists.
- (a) Of the 1,028 pedal cycle injuries:
- one was on a road sign posted 20km per hour;
 - nine were on roads sign posted 30km per hour;
 - 20 were on roads sign posted 40km per hour;
 - 603 were on roads sign posted 50km per hour;
 - 281 were on roads sign posted 60km per hour;
 - 51 were on roads sign posted 70km per hour;
 - 33 were on roads sign posted 80km per hour;
 - two were on roads sign posted 90km per hour;
 - 16 were on roads sign posted 100km per hour;
 - six were on roads sign posted 110km per hour; and
 - six on roads with unknown sign posted speeds.
- (b) Of the 1,009 crashes involving a pedal cycle injury, 842 crashes involved a motor vehicle controller (resulting in 854 pedal cycle injuries). There were a total of 852 motor vehicle controllers involved in these crashes, of which 659 were car/car derivative drivers, 81 were light truck drivers, 13 were heavy truck drivers, 11 were bus drivers, 7 were motorcycle riders and 81 were other motor vehicle controllers.
- (c) (i) Of the 1,028 pedal cycle injuries, there were:
- 87 pedal cycle rider controller errors recorded (including five for pedal cycle rider decamping, 15 for avoiding another vehicle, three for avoiding an object, two for avoiding other, four for overtake left, three overtake right, 20 for disobeying traffic control, nine for braking hard, one for excessive speed, 24 for loss of control and one for other error factor).
 - 36 pedal cycle riders with a blood alcohol concentration of 0.05 or more.

- 78 pedal cycle riders with a distraction factor (including seven for sudden illness, 60 for outside distractions, two for emergency vehicles within earshot and nine for other distraction factors).
- (d) (i) Of the 852 motor vehicle controllers involved in a pedal cycle injury crash, there were 144 with controller error recorded (including 73 for motor vehicle controller decamping, three for manipulating the controls, three for avoiding a vehicle, two for overtaking left, four for overtaking right, one turning right into wrong lane, one turning left into wrong lane, 39 where the motor vehicle driver disobeyed a traffic control, 16 with braking hard and two for loss of control).
- (ii) Of the 852 motor vehicle controllers involved in a pedal cycle injury crash, there were one motor vehicle controller with an illegal blood alcohol concentration.
- (iii) Of the 852 motor vehicle controllers involved in a pedal cycle injury crash, there were one motor vehicle controller with a hand held mobile phone as a distraction factor.
- (e) This is a matter for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services.
- (f) This is a matter for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services.

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*4201 WESTERN SYDNEY LOCAL HEALTH DISTRICT BOARD—Mr Richard Amery asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) How many members are there on the Western Sydney Local Health District Board?
- (2) What is the postcode for each of the member's residential address?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) and (2) Information on members of the Western Sydney Local Health District's Governing Board is publically available on the Local Health District's website at:

www.wslhd.health.nsw.gov.au/Governing-Board/Meet-the-WSLHD-Governing-Board-Members.

*4202 CARDIAC UNIT AT MOUNT DRUITT HOSPITAL—Mr Richard Amery asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

Now that the Mount Drutt Community has caused a petition of over 10,000 signatures to be tabled in the State Parliament, opposing the closure of the Cardiac Unit of the Mount Drutt Hospital, will the Minister intervene to stop the District Health Board from closing this unit?

Answer—

I am advised:

The petition tabled by the Member will be responded to on the floor of the House in accordance with Parliamentary procedure. I also refer the Member to my response to an earlier response to LA Question 3646 on this matter.

*4203 NEEDLE AND SYRINGE PROGRAMS IN PRISONS—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

Noting that the rate of infectious blood borne diseases of Australian prisoners is several times higher than the general population and the 2009 Health Inmate Survey found that 43 per cent of prisoners had used illicit drugs and nearly all those who injected reported sharing needles:

- (1) What programs and initiatives does the Government provide to prevent the spread of blood borne diseases between injecting drug users in prisons?
- (2) What progress has the Government made on considering a trial of a needle and syringe program in prisons?
- (3) Is the Government aware of the ACT Alexander Maconochie Correctional Centre needle and syringe program trial?
- (4) What assessment has the Government made of the ACT Alexander Maconochie Correctional Centre needle and syringe program trial?
- (5) What plans does the Government have to provide needle and syringe programs in prisons?

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- (6) What further action will the Government take to prevent the spread of HIV, Hepatitis B or Hepatitis C or other health conditions?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The NSW Justice and Forensic Mental Health Network (JFMHN) provides blood borne virus prevention education, testing and treatment in NSW prisons. The NSW Ministry of Health is aware and monitoring the progress of the ACT Alexander Maconochie Correctional Centre needle exchange trial, which is still in the consultation phase.

In addition to the work of the NSW JFMHN in prisons, the NSW Ministry of Health is committed to reducing the number of new HIV and hepatitis C infections attributed to injecting drug use in the general community through an improvement in the coverage of the public and pharmacy Needle and Syringe Programs across the State.

- (2) and (5) Questions two and five should be directed to the Attorney General and Minister for Justice.
(3) to (4) and (6) The NSW JFMHN provides blood borne virus prevention education, testing and treatment in NSW prisons. The NSW Ministry of Health is aware and monitoring the progress of the ACT Alexander Maconochie Correctional Centre needle exchange trial, which is still in the consultation phase.

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*4204 OMBUDSMAN RESOURCES—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

Noting that NSW Police have re-opened investigation into the death of Scott Johnson and claim more than 50 other suspicious deaths during the 1980 and 1990 that could also have been gay hate crimes, but may not have been identified as such:

- (1) What resources does the Government provide to the Ombudsman to carry out inquiries into the investigation of these deaths?
- (2) How many staff does the Ombudsman have available for significant investigations of systemic problems?
- (3) How many major reviews does the Ombudsman have awaiting investigation?
- (4) How many staff does the Ombudsman have available for investigation of individual complaints?
- (5) How many individual complaints does the Ombudsman have awaiting investigation?
- (6) Will the Government provide additional resources for a full review of unexplained deaths or other cases that could have been gay hate crimes?

Answer—

I am advised that:

A new Coronial inquest in June last year made an open finding regarding Mr Scott Johnson's death in December 1988, and the NSW Police Force's Unsolved Homicide Team has formed Strike Force Macnamir to review Mr Johnson's case.

The Police are appealing to the public for assistance and are offering a \$100,000 Government reward for information in relation to Mr Johnson's death and possible murder.

If fresh evidence is found regarding suspicious deaths from the 1980s and 1990s, the Police have the option to re-open cases and investigate any leads.

The Ombudsman is an independent statutory office which reports directly to Parliament and is overseen by the Joint Parliamentary Committee on the Office of the Ombudsman, the Police Integrity Commission and the Crime Commission.

The functions of the office of the Ombudsman include the power to oversight the investigation of complaints about police conduct. The Government cannot, nor should it attempt to, direct the Ombudsman in the exercise of his functions.

Information about staffing and numbers of reviews and complaints processed and finalised by the Ombudsman's office is published in the Ombudsman's Annual Report. Information about the funding of the Ombudsman's office is published in the 2013-2014 Budget Papers.

It is a matter for the Ombudsman as to how he allocates the funding provided to his office in general for

his complaint resolution, investigation, oversight and scrutiny functions.

*4205 MOTOR CYCLE NOISE STANDARDS—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

With regard to the offensive noise disturbance from motor cycles, particularly in densely populated inner city areas:

- (1) What advocacy has the New South Wales Government carried out with other States/Territories and the Commonwealth Government to provide better noise standards for motor cycles?
- (2) What action is the Government undertaking with the National Transport Commission to reduce noise emissions from motor cycles?
- (3) What current plans does the Government have underway to prevent offensive noise impacts from motor cycles?
- (4) What further action will the Government take to better protect inner city residents from motorcycle noise impacts?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Transport for NSW is represented on all the key national vehicle standards setting committees. For new vehicles, the applicable safety and performance standards are the Australian Design Rules.

The principal forum is the Strategic Vehicle Safety and Environmental Group that identifies those standards that require attention. The Australian Motor Vehicle Certification Board and the Technical Liaison Group maintains and develops Australian Design Rules.

For in-service vehicles, Transport for NSW is on the Australian Vehicle Standards Rules Maintenance Group that sets standards for registered vehicles. The requirements for motorcycle noise are sufficient in both these sets of standards Australian Design Rules for new vehicles and the Australian Vehicle Standards Rules for in-service vehicles.

- (2) As the Australian Design Rules apply to new vehicles, and as state legislation requires vehicles to continue to comply with the Australian Design Rules once registered, it is appropriate that matters relating to motorcycle noise are dealt with by the Strategic Vehicle Safety and Environmental Group, the Australian Motor Vehicle Certification Board and the Technical Liaison Group, all of which are convened by the Federal Department of Infrastructure and Transport.
- (3) and (4) Currently in New South Wales, on-road enforcement through the NSW Police detect offensive noise from motorcycles. Additionally, NSW Police carry out strategic joint operations with the Environmental Protection Authority that targets areas where motorcycle noise has been a problem.

Further, annual safety checks are required for motorcycles more than five years old.

*4206 VACANT INNER CITY SOCIAL HOUSING PROPERTIES—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

Noting that the Committee of Residents Elected (CORE) has identified 39 vacant social housing properties in Millers Point, Dawes Point and The Rocks:

- (1) As of 20 June 2013, are there:
 - (a) four vacant properties in Dalgety Terrace;
 - (b) one vacant property in Merriman Street;
 - (c) 14 vacant properties in High Street;
 - (d) four vacant properties in Kent Street;
 - (e) four vacant properties in Argyle Street;
 - (f) six vacant properties in Lower Fort Street;
 - (g) three vacant properties in Trinity Avenue;
 - (h) two vacant properties in Cumberland Street?
- (2) How many properties has the Government identified as vacant, and on which streets are they located?
- (3) How many of these properties:
 - (a) are considered suitable for letting;
 - (b) need minor repairs in order to be suitable for letting;
 - (c) are included in the review of public housing?
- (4) How does the Government ensure that properties do not fall in to further disrepair or suffer

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vandalism, unauthorised occupation or theft of heritage fixtures while vacant?

- (5) What is the annual cost to the Land and Housing Corporation for securing and maintaining vacant properties in this area?
- (6) What is the estimated loss of rent in this area as a result of leaving properties untenanted?
- (7) When will liveable properties be allocated to people from the estimated 57,000 people waiting for a home?

Answer—

- (1) (a) No.
(b) Yes.
(c) No.
(d) No.
(e) No.
(f) No.
(g) No.
(h) Yes.
- (2) NSW Land and Housing Corporation data indicates that in the streets nominated there were 29 vacant properties as at 20 June, 2013.
- (3) (a) and (b) None of the vacant properties is considered suitable for letting, as they require substantial repair and upgrade.
(c) All properties are being considered as part of the Government's evaluation of public housing.
- (4) NSW Land and Housing Corporation monitors the condition of vacant properties and a security service helps deter vandalism and unauthorised occupation.
- (5) Costs to maintain and secure the properties are minimal.
- (6) and (7) The vacant properties are considered unsuitable for renting. Housing NSW manages the allocation of tenants on the waiting list.

*4207 INNER CITY SOCIAL HOUSING ALLOCATION—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

With regard to the social housing allocations in Millers Point, Dawes Point and The Rocks:

- (1) Is Housing NSW not allocating empty homes in this precinct, including homes that are in letting condition?
- (2) What assessment has the Government given to providing homes that are in letting condition to those on the waiting list such as:
 - (a) temporary accommodation for homeless people;
 - (b) emergency accommodation for those at risk in their current home;
 - (c) rehousing local tenants whose homes are unsafe and need major repairs?
- (3) Over the past five years, how many tenants in this precinct have been asked to relocate temporarily or permanently because their home is unsafe or unliveable?
- (4) How many tenants in this precinct are currently being asked to relocate because their home is deemed unsafe or unliveable?
- (5) What action will the Government take to increase the effective use of vacant properties and allow current tenants to remain in this precinct?

Answer—

- (1) and (2) These questions should be directed to the Minister for Finance and Services.
- (3) and (4) Since 2011, four households have been relocated due to unsafe/unliveable conditions.
- (5) These questions should be directed to the Minister for Finance and Services.

*4208 KINGS CROSS ADOLESCENT UNIT—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

Noting that there has been coordinated action to prevent young people at risk from living rough in Kings Cross where they are at risk of drug use and drug dealing, street sex work and exploitation:

- (1) How long has the Kings Cross Adolescent Unit been operating?
- (2) How many caseworkers work from this centre?
- (3) How many clients are recorded for this service in the past five years?

- (4) What plans does the Government have for the future of this service?
- (5) How does the Government intend to provide these services in future?
- (6) What further action will the Government take to prevent young people ending up on the street in Kings Cross?

Answer—

Over recent years, there has been a steady reduction in the number of referrals of child protection reports to the Kings Cross and Central Sydney Adolescent Unit.

A review of reports received in the central metropolitan region relating to adolescents shows that there is significant need for a child protection adolescent response in areas across the region, rather than just focussed within the Kings Cross and Central Sydney area.

Caseworkers in the Kings Cross Team will transfer to a new Metro-Central Child Protection Adolescent Response Team, to work intensively with high-needs young people across the region, or to positions working with other vulnerable children and young people.

The 24/7 Child Protection Helpline After Hours Crisis Response Team provides an after-hours response to young people who are at immediate risk of harm in metropolitan Sydney, including those in Kings Cross.

The Department of Family and Community Services also funds a number of non-government organisations to deliver services to vulnerable young people in inner Sydney, including Kings Cross.

*4209 HOUSING NSW RENT ARREARS—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

With regard to the constituents' reports of increasing problems with incorrect rent calculations and intrusive eviction notices:

- (1) How many tenants have been assessed with rent arrears in the last 12 months?
- (2) How many are in the Sydney electorate?
- (3) How many of these cases have been disputed or appealed?
 - (a) How many of these were the result of incorrect rent calculations?
- (4) How many tenants in the Sydney electorate have been taken to the Consumer, Trader and Tenancy Tribunal (CTTT) for rent arrears?
 - (a) How many tenants have been evicted in the last 12 months?
- (5) How does Housing NSW:
 - (a) ensure rent calculations are accurate;
 - (b) inform tenants about dispute and appeal processes;
 - (c) provide early notice of potential rent problems and advise tenants of problems before formal action is taken;
 - (d) ensure prompt cancellation of eviction notices and CTTT action for rent arrears when disputes are resolved;
 - (e) ensure prompt suspension of eviction notices and CTTT action until appeals of decisions have been processed and outcomes notified to tenants in writing;
 - (f) ensure that rent and arrears payments do not exceed 30 per cent of gross income?
- (6) Do tenants who agree on arrears repayments in order to stop eviction proceedings forfeit their right to appeal the decision?
- (7) Does Housing NSW use the threat of CTTT proceedings to pressure tenants into making payments rather than disputing arrears?
- (8) What action will the Government take to ensure that tenants with alleged rent arrears are treated fairly?

Answer—

Housing NSW complies with the Residential Tenancies Act.

Public housing tenants must keep to the terms and conditions of their tenancy agreement and meet their responsibilities under Housing NSW's tenancy policies. These are available on the Housing NSW website.

Housing NSW only takes eviction action when all other reasonable options have been exhausted or if the breach of the tenancy agreement is extremely serious. Where possible, Housing NSW will assist tenants to rectify a breach and maintain their tenancy.

Rent arrears across the public housing portfolio is currently less than one percent of the total amount of

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rent that is payable to Housing NSW.

Details about the number of matters determined by the Consumer, Trader and Tenancy Tribunal are listed in its Annual Report.

*4210 JUNK MAIL—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

Noting continuing levels of junk mail being distributed to residents, including large amounts dumped at apartment buildings:

- (1) What data does the Government have about levels of junk mail and unwanted advertising material?
- (2) What action has the Government taken to prevent unwanted junk mail?
- (3) How can junk mail breaches be reported to the Environment Protection Authority?
 - (a) What action is taken following reports?
- (4) What liaison/advocacy has the Government carried out with the Commonwealth and State/Territory Governments to prevent junk mail?
- (5) What liaison/advocacy has the Government carried out with the Distribution Standards Board to ensure compliance with the industry's Code of Practice?
- (6) What further action will the Government take in response to ongoing problems with junk mail?

Answer—

I am advised as follows:

- (1) No data is available about levels of junk mail and unwanted advertising material.
- (2) Under the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997, it is illegal to put advertising material under car windscreen wipers, on top of letterboxes, on property gates or fences, in a public place, in open private places and in other inappropriate places where it could become litter. The laws do not cover newspapers, parking fines or material that is too big to fit into a letterbox, newspaper receptacle or under a door, e.g. phone books. Delivery of bulky advertising material should be made to a sensible place or where indicated by the householder, or in such a way that it won't become litter.
- (3) Reports of junk mail and unwanted advertising material can be made to the Environment Protection Authority's (EPA) Environment Line on 131 555 or to the Distribution Standards Board on 1800 676 136.
 - (a) The EPA will accept reports of junk mail and direct these complaints to the relevant local council and the Distribution Standards Board. Under the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997, local councils are responsible for enforcing the littering laws. Council officers are authorised to enforce all littering offences, including those for junk mail litter. A council officer can issue an on-the-spot fine of up to \$200 per offence if an individual is caught littering.
- (4) Nil.
- (5) The Environment Protection Authority encourages members of the public to report breaches of the Code of Practice to the Distribution Standards Board, which is the regulatory arm of the Australian Catalogue Association.
- (6) Under NSW 2021: A plan to make NSW number one, the NSW Government has set the target for NSW to have the lowest litter count per capita in Australia by 2016. To achieve this, the NSW Government has allocated \$20 million over the next 4 years under the Waste Less, Recycle More Initiative to reduce littering. The EPA is also working with local councils, Keep Australia Beautiful NSW and communities to develop and fund a new litter prevention toolkit.

*4211 WOOLLOOMOOLOO SAFETY AUDIT—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

Noting the response to Question 3595, the submission in December of the 2012 Safety Audit and that the Government owns many of the streets, walkways, footpaths and homes in Woolloomooloo:

- (1) What action has been taken on the recommendations for action on Government property including:
 - (a) upgrading and repairing street lighting;
 - (b) improving safety in laneways;
 - (c) improving parking and waste dumping signage;
 - (d) making electricity meters secure and accessible to meter readers;
 - (e) repairing storm water and sewage grates and covers;
 - (f) repairing footpaths and walkways;
 - (g) improving ongoing maintenance of footpaths and walkways;
 - (h) improving maintenance of trees and landscaping;

- (i) installing sharps disposal bins for multi-unit dwellings and public areas where there is a history of dumping;
 - (j) enforcing parking conditions with bollards, line markings, linking parking spaces to individual tenancies and signage;
 - (k) improving recycling, reducing waste and preventing waste dumping;
 - (l) Land & Housing Corporation officers attending Woolloomooloo Neighbourhood Advisory Board and Safety Audit Working Group meetings;
 - (m) providing rapid graffiti removal?
- (2) What further action will the Government take to complete implementation of the 2012 Safety Audit recommendations?

Answer—

(1) and (2) The 2012 Woolloomooloo Safety Audit is still to be finalised.

- *4212 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

How does the Government plan to combat high rates of domestic violence in South Western Sydney?

Answer—

Reducing all forms of violence, particularly domestic and family violence, is a priority for the Government.

The Government has delivered a robust Domestic and Family Violence Framework of reforms for public consultation. This ensures that community members can have their say about how they see the proposed framework working in their lives or in their community.

- *4213 SUPPORT FOR LANGUAGE SERVICES—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

Which community groups have been affected by a reduction in the number of employees providing support for language services?

Answer—

No community groups have been affected nor has there been a reduction in support for language services.

- *4214 COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION FUNDING—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

Why has the Community Relations Commission had their Community Support Services budget cut from \$11.4 million to \$10.5 million, a 7.6 per cent cut in funding, as reported in the 2013-2014 Budget?

Answer—

The Community Relations Commission has not had their Community Support Services Budget cut. The 2013-2014 budget has increased.

The first figure (\$11.4 million) includes the carry-over amount from the 2011-2012 financial year, whereas the second figure (\$10.5 million) does not.

The 2012-2013 Budget vs 2013-2014 Budget as reported in the 2013-2014 Budget paper No. 3, page 3.20, includes the year on year comparison for the Community Relations Commission Community Support Service Group. This is available to be viewed at <http://www.budget.nsw.gov.au>.

- *4215 REDUCTION IN GRANT APPLICATIONS—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

In light of a reduction in grant applications by Community Support Services from 710 with 85 per cent being successful in 2010-2011 to 450 applications with only 33 per cent being successful in 2012-2013, what is the Government doing to support community groups?

Answer—

The total grants and subsidies budget has in fact increased from \$2.324 million to \$2.380 million.

The absolute number of grants recipients for the comparative years are as follows:

2008-2009	124
2009-2010	164
2010-2011	163

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2011-2012	178
2012-2013	166

Please refer to the Community Relations Commission's Annual report for further information.

- *4216 WAITING TIME IN EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

What is the Government doing to improve waiting times in public hospitals for patients requiring treatment in emergency departments?

Answer—

I am advised:

The recent Council of Australian Governments (COAG) Reform Council's report on elective surgery and emergency department performance found that NSW performs strongly compared to all other jurisdictions in relation to emergency department waiting times, with 74 per cent of patients seen within national benchmarks across all triage categories.

Since the signing of the National Health Reform Agreement on Improving Hospital Services, NSW has continued to invest in strategies to achieve the four hour National Emergency Access Target (NEAT).

Key initiatives and strategies have resulted in a revision of NSW 'Emergency Department Models of Care' and subsequent funding for emergency departments to review and improve their processes. NSW is also implementing the Australasian College for Emergency Medicine's Quality Framework for Emergency Departments to ensure that quality care is provided to emergency department patients as the health system moves towards achieving NEAT.

Funding has been provided to 15 of our largest emergency departments to ensure that patients are assessed by a senior doctor soon after their arrival. This is to ensure that tests are ordered quickly, a plan of management is developed and treatment is commenced; this approach significantly decreases the total time a patient spends in the emergency department.

NSW Ambulance plays a vital role in reducing the number of patients requiring transportation to emergency departments through the Extended Care Paramedic (ECP) Program. The ECPs manage patients in alternative care locations within the community and currently treat approximately 23,585 patients per annum.

In addition to this, the 'Whole of Hospital Program' commenced in 2013 and is designed to support Local Health Districts in driving the strategic change needed to improve access to care and patient flow across NSW Health. The fundamental feature of this Program is local leadership, where the Ministry of Health and other health agencies work together to support and facilitate local Program teams to deliver results. This approach will support long term sustainable change in the health system.

The Program will help deliver high quality, safe and efficient health care when people need access to the hospital system. It seeks to strengthen linkages between services to enhance continuity of care. It is about local hospital teams working together on the whole patient journey from when they come into hospital until they leave. By focusing attention on the transition of patients throughout the hospital, this will free up beds in the emergency department and minimise delays to patients receiving care.

- *4217 CARRAMAR RAILWAY STATION—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Transport—

- (1) Will Carramar Railway Station be included in this year's Transport Access Program to assist the elderly, disabled and parents with prams?
- (2) If so, when will the lifts be installed?

Answer—

On 23 April 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, ferry wharf upgrades and commuter car parks.

The Transport Access Program includes funding of more than \$770 million over four years, which will see improvements at more than 60 locations, including a major interchange upgrade and commuter car park at Fairfield Station and a new commuter car park at Canley Vale.

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

*4218 LEGAL ASSISTANCE FOR CHILDREN AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

How will the Government help children and people with disabilities to secure legal assistance in compensation matters in light of funding cuts to Legal Aid NSW?

Answer—

This question would be more appropriately directed to the Attorney General.

*4219 SCHOOL UPGRADES IN FAIRFIELD ELECTORATE—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) What upgrades to local schools will take place in the electorate of Fairfield over the 2013-2014 financial year?
- (2) What is the timeline from start to completion of these projects?
- (3) What is the value of each of these projects?

Answer—

- (1) Fairfield West Public School – ramps will be provided to Blocks D and E and handrails will be installed in various locations.

Fairvale High School, Canley Vale Tutorial Centre – the sports court and kitchen and food technology facilities will be upgraded. Selected facilities will be repainted internally and externally and have floor coverings replaced. New water bubblers will also be installed and the access to some facilities will be upgraded.

Old Guildford Public School – a new ramp will be provided.

Westfields Sports High School – a science laboratory will be upgraded.

- (2) The projects will be undertaken in the 2013-2014 financial year.
- (3) The projects are yet to be tendered, and as such the estimated value of those projects are commercial in confidence.

*4220 REVISED BUDGET FOR TAFE—Ms Carmel Tebbutt asked the Minister for Education—

Given the decline in Full Time Equivalent staff of 190, what are the reasons for the \$43.8 million increase between the allocated and revised budget for TAFE in 2012-2013?

Answer—

The reasons for the increase in the 2012–2013 revised budget for TAFE NSW are:

- increased depreciation costs resulting from a revaluation of TAFE assets.
- increased budget for redundancy related expenses.
- growth in commercial revenue.

*4221 NUMBER OF FULL TIME EQUIVALENT EMPLOYEES—Ms Carmel Tebbutt asked the Minister for Education—

What is the number of Full Time Equivalent employees for each of the following service groups within the Department of Education and Communities for 2012-2013?

- (a) Teachers (schools);
- (b) Educational Support (schools);
- (c) Educational Support (State and Regional Offices);
- (d) Corporate Services;
- (e) Educational Support (TAFE);
- (f) Teachers (TAFE);
- (g) Adult Migrant English Services;
- (h) National Art School;
- (i) Office of Communities;
- (j) Early Childhood Education and Care?

Answer—

The 2012-2013 annual workforce profile data is not yet available.

*4222 STAFFING IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS—Ms Carmel Tebbutt asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) Why has staffing in secondary schools declined by 665 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) in 2012-2013?

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- (2) How many of the 665 FTE are:
 - (a) teaching positions;
 - (b) non teaching positions?
- (3) Given the number of secondary students is forecast to increase in 2013, why is FTE staffing forecast to decline in 2013-2014?
- (4) What impact will a further forecast decline of 315 FTE staff have on commitments to increase high school completion rates?

Answer—

- (1) to (4) The 2013-2014 State Budget papers provide advice on forecast service measures and financial indicators for individual service groups. The full-time equivalent employees outlined in the school education service groups include an estimate of all staff from across the Department of Education and Communities that are engaged in supporting the delivery of education programs in schools. This number takes into account all staff providing services that support the work of schools, in addition to teachers.

A number of factors impact the total number of employees supporting these areas.

These factors include a reduction in staff as a result of changes to Commonwealth funded National Partnership positions in schools, along with reforms to create back office efficiencies within the Department leading to a reduction of over 400 positions during 2013.

The Government's Labour Expenses Cap specifically excludes teachers in schools.

The Department of Education and Communities expects to employ up to an additional 100 teachers based on a projected increase in public school enrolments.

*4223 EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT STAFF—Ms Carmel Tebbutt asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) How many Full Time Equivalent (FTE) educational support staff were employed by the Department of Education and Communities state office at the end of:
 - (a) June 2012;
 - (b) June 2013?
- (2) How many FTE educational support staff were employed by Department of Education and Communities regional offices at the end of:
 - (a) June 2012;
 - (b) June 2013?

Answer—

- (1) (a) 2,277.
(b) The June 2013 workforce profile data is not yet available.
- (2) (a) 1,109.
(b) The June 2013 workforce profile data is not yet available.

*4224 READING RECOVERY TEACHERS—Ms Carmel Tebbutt asked the Minister for Education—

How many Reading Recovery teachers were there in New South Wales at 30 June 2013?

Answer—

There were 1,061 Reading Recovery teachers in New South Wales Government Schools.

*4225 SCHOOL VANDALISM IN CESSNOCK ELECTORATE—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Education—

With regard to public schools located in the electorate of Cessnock:

- (1) How many incidents of vandalism have been reported for the period 1 July 2012 to 20 June 2013?
- (2) What percentage of incidents has been at schools:
 - (a) with the new security fencing;
 - (b) without the new security fencing?
- (3) Are there any schools in the Cessnock Electorate scheduled to be fenced in the period 2012-2013?

Answer—

- (1) 64.
- (2) Schools with security fencing have reported 47 per cent of the 64 incidents. Schools without security fencing have reported 53 per cent of the incidents.

- (3) Information on which schools had security fencing and when it was installed is publicly available on the Department of Education and Communities' internet site.

*4226 LOWER HUNTER HOSPITAL—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

With regard to the new Lower Hunter Hospital that is proposed for the electorates of Cessnock or Maitland and for which Hunter New England Health called for expressions of available land in both locations:

- (1) Has a location been decided on?
 - (a) If so:
 - (i) when was the decision made;
 - (ii) where will the hospital be located?
 - (b) If not, when will a decision be made?
- (2) Does the Minister classify, categorise or refer to the potential new hospital as the new Maitland Hospital or the new Lower Hunter Hospital?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) and (2) The proposed Hospital is currently referred to as the new Maitland (Lower Hunter) Hospital. It is anticipated that a preferred site for the Hospital will be announced shortly.

*4227 ECONOMIC ASSESSMENT OF MINING AFFECTED COMMUNITIES—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Trade and Investment, and Minister for Regional Infrastructure and Services—

With regard to the Economic Assessment of Mining Affected Communities (February 2013):

- (1) Did Lithgow City Council return the Local Government survey?
- (2) Did this impact on their ability to be considered as a mining affected community?
- (3) Was the Association of Mining Related Councils approached or consulted during this assessment?
 - (a) If so:
 - (i) when;
 - (ii) what did that consultation process include?

Answer—

- (1) No.
- (2) No, Lithgow City Council was assessed as being a tier two community based on mining royalties per capita.
- (3) All councils in NSW were provided the opportunity to contribute to the assessment through the survey.

*4228 HUNTER LINE TRAIN PASSENGERS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Transport—

With regard to the train users along the Hunter Line:

- (1) How many passengers are carried during peak periods in the morning and what is this as a percentage of available seats?
- (2) How many passengers are carried during peak times in the afternoon and what is this as a percentage of available seats?
- (3) What is the daily total of passengers carried mid-week and what is this as a percentage of available seats?
- (4) What is the daily total of passengers carried on weekends and what is this as a percentage of available seats?
- (5) Do any of the midweek figures cited above include train use by school students travelling via a school pass as opposed to a paid ticket?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) to (5) The information can be found on the websites of the Bureau of Transport Statistics and NSW Trains.

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*4229 MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

With regard to the changes introduced in January 2013 regarding registered owners of motor vehicles no longer being provided with or required to display a registration sticker on their vehicle:

- (1) Does Roads and Maritime Services send reminder notices to motorists if the registration has not been paid by the due date?
- (2) If not, why not?
- (3) If so, how long after the registration has expired?

Answer—

I am advised:

This information is available on Roads and Maritime Services' website
www.rms.nsw.gov.au/abolish_labels.

*4230 POLICE STATIONS IN CENTRAL HUNTER LOCAL AREA COMMAND—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

The following Police Stations in Central Hunter Local Area Command are listed on NSW Police Force website as 'Not open 24 hours'. What are the hours that they are open every day?

- (a) Beresfield;
- (b) East Gresford;
- (c) Kurri Kurri;
- (d) Lochinvar;
- (e) Morpeth;
- (f) Paterson;
- (g) Wollombi?

Answer—

As previously advised, staffing arrangements within a Local Area Command vary according to operational requirements. I am advised the Central Hunter Local Area Command provides a 24 hour mobile policing response to areas within the Command.

*4231 NSW NOW: WELCOME TO THE NEW STATE OF BUSINESS CAMPAIGN—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

With regard to the 'NSW NOW: Welcome to the new state of business' campaign:

- (1) What businesses is the campaign being aimed at?
- (2) Are there incentives being offered to entice businesses to NSW?
 - (a) If so, will these incentives be available to existing businesses?
- (3) What is being done to retain businesses in NSW who are offered opportunities interstate and overseas?
- (4) Are you aware that previous decisions, such as the removal of the cellar door subsidy, led directly to the interstate move of Cellar Masters from Sydney to South Australia, costing 300 NSW jobs?

Answer—

NSW NOW is managed by the Department of Premier and Cabinet, therefore this question would be more appropriately directed to the Premier.

*4232 PLANNING PANEL MEMBERS AND COMMUNITY FORUMS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW, Leader of the House—

With regard to the members of panels who make recommendations and decisions to the Department of Planning:

- (1) Are panel members required to research and know about the location they are discussing prior to attending Community Forums?
- (2) Are panel members accountable for comments and information they impart at Community Forums?

Answer—

- (1) Members appointed to the Planning Assessment Commission and the Joint Regional Planning Panels are expected to review all relevant material submitted as part of an application or planning proposal, the assessment report prepared for their consideration and, if relevant, any submissions made on the proposal.
- (2) In carrying out their functions as a member of these panels, members are required to adhere to the relevant code of conduct, including providing reasons for their decisions and recommendations.

*4233 UNPAID STAFF ENTITLEMENTS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

With regard to business proprietors and/or company directors not paying staff entitlements including superannuation and long service leave:

- (1) Is there a state register where their names are listed?
 - (a) If so, can the register be accessed by the general public?
- (2) Are there avenues available to employees to seek their owed funds and entitlements that do not include expensive litigation or the Australian Taxation Office?
- (3) Does the Government have mechanisms in place to stop offenders from commencing new businesses?

Answer—

- (1) No.
 - (a) N/A.
- (2) NSW Industrial Relations investigates workplace complaints under NSW industrial legislation including the Long Service Leave Act 1955. No charge applies to these investigations.

Special conditions may apply to workers in the building and construction industry and employees of cleaning contractors. These matters are dealt with by the Long Service Corporation.

For employees who were previously covered by a federal award or agreement that provided long service leave arrangements, the Fair Work Ombudsman can investigate.

- (3) The Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) is an independent Commonwealth Government body tasked to administer Australia's corporate, markets and financial services. ASIC maintains a register of banned financial advisers and disqualified company directors which can be accessed by the general public.

*4234 FAIR TRADING COMPLAINT FINALISATION—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Fair Trading—

Why has the expected percentage of complaints finalised within 30 days decreased from 90 per cent in the 2011-2012 budget papers to 85 per cent in the 2013-2014 budget papers?

Answer—

Under its published Guarantee of Service, NSW Fair Trading aims to finalise 85 per cent of disputes within 30 days of receipt.

Fair Trading is currently implementing the Better Trader Program, which provides an enhanced dispute resolution process that includes an increased focus on trader monitoring and education. Dispute resolution under the Better Trader Program involves a more thorough analysis of complaints and trader history and increased negotiation with traders. While this approach may involve increased resources, and therefore possibly longer time to finalise matters, it results in more effective outcomes for the consumer.

The Better Trader Program also provides quicker compliance response times for emerging issues enabling Fair Trading to act on intelligence earlier and more effectively. The Better Trader Program further enables Fair Trading to engage with traders through education and provide timely advice to the public.

*4235 FAIR TRADING EMPLOYEES—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Fair Trading—

Will you guarantee that all employees at Fair Trading shop fronts at the following locations receive an employment position at Service NSW:

- (1) Newcastle?
- (2) Orange?
- (3) Tweed Heads?
- (4) City South?
- (5) Liverpool?

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- (6) Queanbeyan?
- (7) Port Macquarie?
- (8) Gosford?
- (9) Dubbo?
- (10) Lismore?
- (11) Wollongong?
- (12) Tamworth?
- (13) Parramatta?
- (14) Wagga Wagga?

Answer—

Service NSW is a new Government entity that will become the main customer contact point for NSW Government services. Service NSW will make it easier to interact with the NSW Government by bringing services together in an integrated government model.

I am advised that Service NSW is currently undertaking recruitment following the development and implementation of a recruitment strategy. Under this strategy, NSW Fair Trading staff in roles directly affected by Service NSW are eligible for priority assessment against the new positions.

NSW Fair Trading is assisting Service NSW in ensuring that staff are informed of recruitment opportunities and progress.

- *4237 DECREASE IN FAIR TRADING EMPLOYEES—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Fair Trading—

What are the reasons for Fair Trading employing over 120 fewer staff now than since the 2011-2012 Budget?

Answer—

As part of the Council of Australian Government's National Partnership Agreement to deliver a seamless national economy, seven of the 27 national regulatory reforms directly affected the operations of NSW Fair Trading. The final two reforms requiring Fair Trading involvement were finalised in 2012, with Business Registration Services and Registry of Encumbered Vehicles being transferred to the Commonwealth resulting in a reduction in Fair Trading positions.

Furthermore, as you may be aware, in 2011, the Premier made a commitment to introduce one-stop shops for the delivery of government services across the state. The intent of this commitment is to improve the delivery of government services to the people of NSW and in the first 18 locations, staffing levels are expected to be the same or higher than what currently exists given the extended hours and new roles within the service centres. To assist in achieving this, a budget transfer from Fair Trading to Service NSW was required, which resulted in a reduction in Fair Trading positions.

- *4238 ROADS AND MARITIME SERVICES OFFICE AT BANKSTOWN—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

In light of Service NSW shop fronts opening up across NSW, will the Government commit to keeping the Roads and Maritime Services office at Bankstown?

Answer—

Service NSW was created to deliver better government services in a way that suits our customers, including the delivery of Roads and Maritime Services. This includes one easy-to-use website, a 24/7 phone service answered by real people in NSW, and extended-hours service centres in regional and city locations. The first service centre opened in Kiama on 5 July 2013 with the remaining 17 service centres to be opened progressively by the end of 2013. Future sites will roll out in due course.

There are no plans to close the Roads and Maritime Services office at Bankstown.

- *4239 BANKSTOWN RAILWAY STATION UPGRADE FUNDING—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport—

Does the 2013-2014 Budget provide funding for the proposed upgrades to the Bankstown Railway Station?

Answer—

I am advised:

The 2013-2014 Budget provides funding for the Transport Access Program upgrade to Bankstown

Railway Station.

A media release for the works was released in January 2013.

*4240 UPGRADES TO SCHOOLS IN BANKSTOWN ELECTORATE—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) What upgrades to local schools will take place in the electorate of Bankstown over the 2013-2014 financial year?
- (2) What is the timeline from start to completion of these projects?
- (3) What is the value of each of these projects?

Answer—

- (1) Punchbowl Boys High School - roof upgrade for Block C and Building A;
Punchbowl Boys High School - provision of handrails and rectification of trip hazards;
Punchbowl Boys High School - Trade Training Centre - Federal funding;
Bankstown South Infants School - toilet upgrade;
Wattawa Heights Public School – provision of handrails to various locations;
Bass High School - school hall upgrade.

Work is continuing in 2013-2014 on the new Bass School for Specific Purposes, approved in the 2011-2012 Budget. The new school will be open for Day One, Term One, 2014.

- (2) The projects will be undertaken in the 2013-2014 financial year.
- (3) The projects are yet to be tendered.

*4241 CAPITAL EXPENDITURE FOR BANKSTOWN ELECTORATE—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

What specific capital expenditure is there in the 2013-2014 Budget for the electorate of Bankstown?

Answer—

Following the release of the 2013-2014 Budget, Members of the Legislative Assembly were provided with reports highlighting capital programs and projects in their electorates.

I am advised the Member for Bankstown was provided with such a report for the Bankstown Electorate.

*4242 BANKSTOWN-LIDCOMBE HOSPITAL—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) Does the 2013-2014 Budget re-instate the \$1.49 million to Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital that was cut in the 2012-2013 budget?
- (2) If not, why not?

Answer—

- (1) and (2) I refer the Member to my response to her earlier LA Question 4041 on this issue.

*4243 AEROMEDICAL (ROTARY WING) REVIEW—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

With regard to the recent Ernst and Young review of NSW Aeromedical (Rotary Wing) Retrieval Services:

- (1) Does the Minister agree with the recommendation number 5.4 that NSW Health "increase the operating hours for the Orange service to 24x7 (On Base 10x7 Off Base after hours) by 2014"?
 - (a) If so, where in the 2013-2014 budget papers are the funds for this service?
 - (b) If not, why not?
- (2) When will the NSW Health response to this report be completed?
- (3) Will the NSW Health response be made publically available?
 - (a) If so, where?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) to (3) The Reform Plan for Aeromedical (Rotary Wing) Retrieval Services in NSW was released on 17 July 2013 and is available at the NSW Health website at http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/about/nswhealth/pages/new_helicopter_network.aspx.

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The Reform Plan provides the following for the Orange helicopter base:

- 24 hours per day, 7 days per week operation.
- Medical and paramedical staff located on Base improving time to take off.
- New retrieval doctors (1.5 FTE) available for every flight.
- New paramedics (2 FTE) dedicated to helicopter retrieval.
- Improved training for staff.
- \$2.5 million in additional investment for helicopter retrieval services from the Orange helicopter Base from July 2014.

*4244 PARKES AND FORBES HOSPITAL PROJECT—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) Will the Parkes and Forbes Hospital project be completed as a Public-Private Partnership?
- (2) If so, when will the Government advertise for expressions of interest from private tenders?
- (3) If not, when will this project have its total budget allocated?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) to (3) \$2.3 million was provided in the 2012-2013 Budget for planning for the Parkes and Forbes Hospitals project. A further \$12.5 million was allocated in the 2013-2014 Budget to progress the project. When completed in late 2013 the project's business case will identify the Estimated Total Cost required to deliver the prioritised services for the refurbishment of Forbes Hospital and redevelopment of Parkes Hospital.

*4245 BYRON SHIRE HOSPITAL PROJECT—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) Will the Byron Shire Hospital project be completed as a Public-Private Partnership?
- (2) If so, when will the Government advertise for expressions of interest from private tenders?
- (3) If not, when will this project have its total budget allocated?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) to (3) \$500,000 was provided in the 2012-2013 NSW Budget for planning for the Byron Shire Hospital Project. A business case is being prepared as a part of this commitment which will assess all possible service procurement options.

*4246 MENTAL HEALTH BEDS IN PARKSIDE CLINIC—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Healthy Lifestyles, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

With regard to the eight publicly funded mental health beds located at the privately run Parkside clinic in Campbelltown Private Hospital:

- (1) Is the Minister aware that this unit is soon to close on 12 July 2013?
- (2) What arrangements have been made for these mental health beds to be re-opened elsewhere?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) and (2) The Government is committed to improving mental health services across the State.

Eight mental health beds at Campbelltown Private Hospital were temporarily publicly funded until 30 June 2013, to cover the period until South Western Sydney Local Health District's new 20-bed subacute Mental Health Unit at Liverpool Hospital became operational. The new unit at Liverpool was officially opened on 30 May 2013 and became fully operational on 10 June 2013. It will provide services to patients across South Western Sydney Local Health District.

*4247 UPGRADE TO CAMPBELLTOWN ROAD—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

With regard to the \$3 million spent in the 2012-2013 budget and \$2 million allocated in the 2013-2014 budget for the Campbelltown Road, Camden Valley Way to Denham Court upgrade (budget paper 4, page 4-49):

- (1) What is the expected total cost of this project?
- (2) What is the expected time of completion for this project?

- (3) Did Roads and Maritime Services conduct a cost benefit analysis of this project?
- (a) If so:
- (i) when;
 - (ii) where will it be publically available?
- (b) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The total strategic cost estimate for this proposal is approximately \$200 million (in 2012 dollars). This strategic cost estimate is being updated to ensure full alignment with the project scope included in the Review of Environmental Factors.
- (2) The upgrade would be phased with the first stage of the project due to start in 2014, subject to planning approval.
- (3) Roads and Maritime Services completed a preliminary cost benefit analysis based on the strategic cost estimate in July 2012. The benefit cost ratio will be reviewed as the estimated cost of the project is updated.

*4248 EAST LEPPINGTON URBAN DEVELOPMENT—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW, Leader of the House—

With regard to the release of East Leppington as urban development and the rezoning of the surrounding area (Government Gazette, no. 108, 4 November 2011):

- (1) What is the time frame for future development of this area, stages 1A-1F and 1I?
- (2) Where does the development boundary end?
- (3) Is the planned upgrade of Campbelltown Road, Denham Court required for any of the stages 1A-1F of the East Leppington development to proceed?

Answer—

I am advised that:

- (1) The time frame for development is a matter for a developer.
- (2) The zoning map from the Government Gazette can be found at the following link:
http://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au/map/SEPP_SRGC_SW_LZN_008_020_20130220.pdf?id=d7e8f096-1602-4f18-92d5-f9f9401e0edb.
- (3) No.

*4249 NSW POLICE—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) What is the ratio of police to population in NSW?
- (2) How does this ratio compare with other Australian states?
- (3) How many NSW police have been hurt in the line of duty so far this year?
- (4) How does this compare with the past five years?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Government is committed to providing the NSW Police Force with the resources it needs to keep the community safe and will add 859 officers to boost authorised strength to 16,665 in August 2015. In terms of the allocation of police resources, a range of factors are considered to determine police strength such as crime figures, categories of crime, population and demographics. These are reviewed as changes occur to ensure policing meets demand.

The NSW Police Force database has recorded 6,513 police injuries in the current financial year (to 25 June 2013). This is the lowest number of injuries recorded since 2007-2008.

*4250 REVISED HEALTH BUDGET - LONG SERVICE LEAVE 1—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

With regard to the 2012-2013 Health Budget and the \$178 Million removed from the revised 2012-2013 Budget for long service leave provision responsibilities due to the change in 10 year Commonwealth bond rates (page 6-16, 2013-2014 Budget Paper 3):

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Will the \$241 million projection for the same reason in 2013-2014 be removed from the \$17,871 million 2013-2014 Budget as part of the revised budget in next year's budget papers?

Answer—

I am advised:

The \$178 million was an accounting adjustment that was made to NSW Health's long service leave liability for 2012-2013 to reflect the Treasury's forecast of the 10 year Commonwealth Bond rate that is made available on 30 June each year.

The adjustment for the \$241 million for the 2013-2014 budget estimates has already been made and is not part of this year's \$17,871 million record health budget.

As stated in the Budget papers on page 6-16, this is an actuarial adjustment that has no impact on the level of operating budgets held by Local Health Districts or other NSW Health entities.

*4251 REVISED HEALTH BUDGET - LONG SERVICE LEAVE—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

With regard to the 2012-2013 Health Budget and the \$178 million removed from the revised 2012-2013 Budget for long service leave provision responsibilities due to the change in 10 year Commonwealth bond rates (page 6-16 Budget paper 3):

- (1) Was this money ever received by Health from the Treasury?
- (2) When was the decision taken to remove this money from the revised budget?

Answer—

I am advised:

This is an accounting arrangement to recognise an accrual for the future value of long service leave based on an actuarial assessment. There is no cash associated with this adjustment.

As stated in the Budget papers on page 6-16, this actuarial adjustment has no impact on the level of operating budgets held by Local Health Districts or other NSW Health entities.

The adjustment was undertaken to reflect the Treasury's forecast of what the Commonwealth Bond Rate would be at 30 June 2013.

*4252 REVISED HEALTH BUDGET - CANCER INSTITUTE—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

With regard to the 2012-2013 Health Budget and the \$70 million removed from the revised 2012-2013 Budget due to the establishment of the cancer institute as a pillar within NSW Health:

- (1) Was this money ever received by Health from the Treasury?
- (2) When was the decision taken to remove this money from the revised budget?

Answer—

I am advised:

The \$70 million was purely an accounting adjustment and did not involve any change in funds available to the Cancer Institute in its budget.

*4253 TRANSFER TO SMALLER PUBLIC HOUSING ACCOMMODATION—Mr Richard Amery asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

- (1) How many residents of public housing in the Mount Druitt area have requested a transfer to smaller accommodation in the 12 month period ending 30 June 2013?
- (2) How does this figure compare with each of the past three years?
- (3) In relation to question (1) and (2) above, how many residents were approved and housed in their requested smaller accommodation?

Answer—

Since 2009-2010, a number of tenants with vacant bedrooms have applied for transfers in the Mt Druitt area. The majority of these have been rehoused.

*4254 AUSTRALIAN NATIVE LANDSCAPES COMPLAINTS—Mr Greg Piper asked the Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) How many complaints, by phone or writing, has the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) received about the Australian Native Landscapes (ANL) bulk waste composting site at Deaves Road, Cooranbong, regarding odour, dust, noise emission or heavy-vehicle movements?
- (2) Has the EPA undertaken point-of-complaint emissions monitoring?
- (3) If so, what were the:
 - (a) dates of the monitoring;
 - (b) results of the monitoring?
- (4) Has ANL been fined for emissions of breach of licence conditions?
- (5) If so, what were the:
 - (a) reasons of the fines;
 - (b) dates of the fines;
 - (c) amounts of the fines?

Answer—

I am advised as follows:

- (1) From 1 January 2013 to 22 July 2013, the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) received 50 complaints regarding the Australian Native Landscapes (ANL) site at Cooranbong.
- (2) The EPA directed ANL to engage an independent expert to undertake emissions monitoring from its operations at the Cooranbong site.
- (3) As required by the EPA, ANL engaged an independent expert to undertake odour emissions monitoring at the Cooranbong site.
 - (a) Monitoring was undertaken between February and April 2013.
 - (b) The independent odour emission study identified the receipt of incoming green waste, compost windrows and the leachate ponds as having the potential to generate off-site odours.
- (4) Yes.
- (5) Since 2004, ANL has been issued with 5 on-the-spot fines for breaches of its licence conditions, each in the sum of \$1500. Since 2003, the EPA has conducted 71 site inspections of the ANL facilities, and required ANL to implement 10 separate Pollution Reduction Programs to improve on-site water management, odour and dust emissions. Further, on 13 April 2013, the EPA met with 6 local residents to provide feedback on its regulation of ANL.

*4255 PARKING FOR MOTORCYCLISTS—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport—

Given that the removal of the monorail will reduce the ability for motorcyclists to park:

- (1) What steps is the Government taking to increase spaces for motorcyclists to park?
- (2) How many additional spaces will be provided?
- (3) When will these new spaces be available?

Answer—

I am advised:

Allocation of on street parking within the Sydney CBD is predominantly a matter for the City of Sydney Council.

The City of Sydney will be responsible for the allocation of motorcycle parking in the Pitt Street and Market Street areas once the monorail is removed.