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- 2041 MENTAL HEALTH UNIT—HORNSBY HOSPITAL—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2042 GALSTON HIGH SCHOOL—SECURITY FENCE—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- 2043 DESALINATION PROJECT—STAGE 2—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Water Utilities—
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- 2045 NORTHERN PENINSULA TRANSPORT—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2046 NSW MARITIME—EMPLOYMENT OF STAFF—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Minister for Ports and Waterways—
- 2047 PHARMACISTS—GREATER SOUTHERN AREA HEALTH SERVICE—Mr Adrian Piccoli to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2048 POPPA BILL'S MOTEL—BANORA POINT—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Housing, Minister for Tourism—
- 2049 KINGSCLIFF HIGH SCHOOL—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- 2050 TWEED HEADS COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2051 ATTENDANCE AT EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS—Mrs Jillian Skinner to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2052 FTE AGENCY NURSES IN THE GREATER WESTERN AREA HEALTH SERVICE—Mrs Jillian Skinner to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2053 FTE AGENCY NURSES IN THE SOUTH EASTERN SYDNEY ILLAWARRA AREA HEALTH SERVICE—Mrs Jillian Skinner to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2054 UNUSED SCHOOL SITES—Mr George Souris to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—

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- 2055 LAND AT NARRABEEN LAGOON—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Climate Change Environment and Water representing the Minister for Lands, Minister for Rural Affairs, Minister for Regional Development—
- 2056 DOCTORS AT MONA VALE HOSPITAL—WHITE COATS—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Health—
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- 2058 SYDNEY PARKLANDS TRUST—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- 2059 NEW POWER GENERATION FACILITY—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- 2060 RENEWABLE ENERGY GENERATION—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts representing the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 2061 RENEWABLE ENERGY GENERATION—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Water Utilities representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—
- 2062 CLEAN COAL COUNCIL—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Premier, Minister for Citizenship—
- 2063 ROLL-OUT OF SMART METERS—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Premier, Minister for Citizenship—
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- 2065 YASS DAM UPGRADE—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—
- 2066 DOCS CASEWORKER STAFFING—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- 2067 P-PLATE EXEMPTIONS—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2068 EX-DOCTOR GRAEME REEVES—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2069 MENTAL HEALTH INTERVENTION TEAM—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 2070 EQUIPMENT AT HORNSBY HOSPITAL—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2071 UNIVERSITY OF NEWCASTLE—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- 2072 SYDNEY DESALINATION PROJECT LIAISON GROUP—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—
- 2073 MIRANDA RAILWAY STATION LIFT—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2074 TITLE OF LAND TRANSFER—KURNELL—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Climate Change Environment and Water representing the Minister for Lands, Minister for Rural Affairs, Minister for Regional Development—

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- 2076 ABORIGINAL LAND RIGHTS CLAIM—KURNELL—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—
- 2077 LEVEL CROSSINGS—IMPROVED SAFETY—Mr Daryl Maguire to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2078 WASTE AVOIDANCE AND RESOURCE RECOVERY ACT—Mr Daryl Maguire to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2079 BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY LONG SERVICE PAYMENTS CORPORATION BOARD—Mr Daryl Maguire to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- 2080 DRIVERS OVER 85 YEARS OF AGE—Mr Daryl Maguire to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
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- 2083 STAFF NUMBERS IN MINISTERIAL OFFICES—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Premier, Minister for Citizenship—
- 2084 NEW NETBALL COURTS—BELROSE—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Lands, Minister for Rural Affairs, Minister for Regional Development—
- 2085 RURAL LANDS PROTECTION BOARD—RATES AND ANNUAL REPORTING—Mr Donald Page to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—
- 2086 DIAGNOSTIC SERVICES FOR FOETAL ALCOHOL SPECTRUM DISORDER—Mr Donald Page to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2087 NOISE LEVEL TESTING—PACIFIC HIGHWAY UPGRADE—Mr Donald Page to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2088 PENSIONER ENERGY REBATE—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Water Utilities representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—
- 2089 CATTLE TICK SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Water Utilities representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—
- 2090 REVIEW OF PUBLIC LIBRARY FUNDING—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- 2091 FTE AGENCY NURSES IN THE SYDNEY SOUTH WEST AREA HEALTH SERVICE—Mrs Jillian Skinner to ask the Minister for Health—
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- 2093 FTE AGENCY NURSES IN THE NORTH COAST AREA HEALTH SERVICE—Mrs Jillian Skinner to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2094 PRIVATISATION OF ELECTRICITY SECTOR—IMPACT ON PENSIONERS—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2095 DRESS POLICY FOR MEDICAL STAFF—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2096 BUS SERVICES BETWEEN MONA VALE AND WYNYARD—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2097 SCHOOLCHILDREN WITH ADD AND ADHD—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- 2098 OFFICE OF THE PROTECTIVE COMMISSIONER—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 2099 MARIA RIVER BRIDGE—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2100 KEMPSEY SHOWGROUND FUNDING—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Lands, Minister for Rural Affairs, Minister for Regional Development—
- 2101 MANNING RIVER ENTRANCE OPENING—Mr John Turner to ask the Minister for Climate Change Environment and Water representing the Minister for Lands, Minister for Rural Affairs, Minister for Regional Development—
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- 2108 SUPPLY OF COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT—Mr Greg Aplin to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—
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- 2146 PARTY BUSES—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
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- 2149 REPORT OF THE LEGAL FEES REVIEW PANEL—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
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- 2151 WSN ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Youth, Minister for Volunteering—
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- 2154 PETROLEUM PRODUCTS SUBSIDY SCHEME—NORTHERN NSW—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts representing the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 2155 FTE AGENCY NURSES IN THE GREATER SOUTHERN AREA HEALTH SERVICE—Mrs Jillian Skinner to ask the Minister for Health—
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- 2157 NORTHERN SYDNEY CENTRAL COAST AREA HEALTH SERVICE BUDGET—Mrs Jillian Skinner to ask the Minister for Health—
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- 2159 NEW SEATING AT BROOKVALE OVAL—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Gaming and Racing, Minister for Sport and Recreation—
- 2160 BROOKVALE OVAL UPGRADE—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Gaming and Racing, Minister for Sport and Recreation—
- 2161 MARTIN BRIDGE—TAREE—Mr John Turner to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

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- 2162 TEACHER PLACEMENT—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- (1) Does the Department of Education operate an incentive scheme giving teachers who work in areas of disadvantage favourable treatment on future transfer applications?
 - (2) If so, how does this scheme work?
 - (3) How will such a scheme be affected by the new staff recruitment programme currently being implemented in this State?
 - (4) Under this new arrangement, how will the Department offer placements to teachers who have accrued bonus transfer points by working in disadvantaged or remote areas?
 - (5) Does the new recruitment policy give greater say to a local school and Principal in filling teacher vacancies?
 - (6) If so, will this reduce the number of vacancies that are available to teachers who have worked in remote or disadvantaged areas?
- 2163 GARNAUT CLIMATE CHANGE REVIEW: INTERIM REPORT—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts representing the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter—

In relation to financial modelling of the "Garnaut Climate Change Review: Interim Report to the Commonwealth, State and Territory Government of Australia" recommendations:

- (1) Given that the Federal Treasury is performing "careful modelling" of the "Garnaut Climate Change Review: Interim Report" recommendations, is the NSW Treasury also performing economic modelling on the impact that the recommendations will have on NSW?
- (2) If so, when is the NSW Treasury modelling expected to be completed?
- (3) Does the Treasurer support renewable energy generation, as recommended by the "Garnaut Climate Change Review: Interim Report"?
- (4) Does the Treasurer support the Review's recommendation:

Australia must now put in place effective policies to achieve major reductions in emissions. The emissions trading scheme (ETS) is the centre-piece of a domestic mitigation strategy. To achieve effective mitigation at the lowest possible cost, the ETS will need to be supported by measures to correct market failures or weaknesses related to innovation, research and development, to information, and to network infrastructure (p. 5)?

- 2164 CLEAN COAL ADVISORY AND FUNDING BODIES—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—

In relation to clean coal advisory and funding bodies:

- (1) Does the Government convene or participate in the following clean coal advisory or funding bodies:
 - (a) Clean Coal Council (Question 2062);
 - (b) Clean Coal Working Group (Question 1638);
 - (c) Clean Coal/Energy Roundtable (Question 0895);
 - (d) Clean Energy Fund (with responsibility for funding clean coal research);
 - (e) Coal 21 Fund;
 - (f) Cooperative Research Centre for Greenhouse Gas Technologies?
- (2) How can the Government have an integrated approach to developing clean coal technology when it convenes or participates in so many competing advisory or funding bodies?

- 2165 RENEWABLE ENERGY GENERATION—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Premier, Minister for Citizenship—

In relation to renewable energy generation and the Premier's response to Question 1487:

- (1) Given the Premier's response to Question 1487 that answering the question would require "an unjustifiable diversion of public resources", what specific "public resources" would be required in answering a question about specific visitations made in his capacity as Premier?
- (2) Are the "public resources" being required more "unjustifiable" or onerous than a search of the Premier's diary records by a member of the Premier's Department?
- (3) Does the Premier agree that transparency of which renewable energy sites the Premier has visited would be in the public interest?
- (4) Which sites of wind, solar, wave, or geothermal energy generation within Australia has the Premier visited since being appointed Premier in August 2005?

- 2166 DICK PERSSON—APPOINTMENT AS ADMINISTRATOR OF PORT MACQUARIE COUNCIL—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—

- (1) (a) What process was undertaken prior to Mr Dick Persson being appointed Administrator of Port Macquarie Council?
 - (b) Was his appointment a merit-based selection?
- (2) On what dates has the Minister and/or his Director General met with Mr Persson since January 2006 and what was the purpose of such meetings?
- (3) On what date did Mr Persson's SES contract expire after he was displaced as a Director General?
- (4) On what date was Mr Persson's SES contract renewed and does that contract have provision within it for performance reviews?
- (5) What salary will Dick Persson receive as Administrator of Port Macquarie Council?
- (6) Will he receive two salaries and other allowances for being administrator of both Port Macquarie and Warringah Council?
- (7) If yes to (6), what is the total amount of salary, allowances and any other payments he will receive for the period 4 March 2008 to 30 September 2008?
- (8) (a) Does Mr Persson have an SES Credit Card?
 - (b) If so what has been the expenditure on that card for the following periods:
 - (i) 2003-2004?
 - (ii) 2004-2005?
 - (iii) 2006-2007?
- (9) Will Mr Persson receive a Credit Card from Port Macquarie Council?
- (10) (a) Will the Minister refer the issues raised in Legislative Council Question on Notice 1274 to his department for proper investigation?

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(b) If not, why not?

- 2167 RESPITE CARE—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services—
- (1) Is the Minister aware of the DADHC initiative, that has been operating for 2 to 3 years, in some schools in Yass and Young where parents of disabled children are able to forego several hours of allocated respite care a week to enable a person to be employed during school lunch and recess to supervise the disabled children?
 - (2) Is this program under review or is its closure being contemplated?
 - (3) What are the names of the schools involved in this project?
 - (4) How many disabled children does this program assist?
 - (5) Will you act to ensure that this valuable project continues?
- 2168 HEALTH INQUIRY—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Health—
- (1) Which hospitals in the Burrinjuck electorate will be examined as part of the Garling Inquiry into NSW hospitals?
 - (2) If none of the hospitals in the Burrinjuck electorate are being examined, why have they been left out of the inquiry?
 - (3) If a hospital is being examined, what is the reason for the inclusion of that particular hospital in the inquiry?
- 2169 ABC LEARNING CENTRES—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- (1) At what locations in NSW is the Brighter Futures program delivered through an ABC Learning Childcare Centre?
 - (2) Has DoCS had any discussions with ABC Learning about whether any of these centres may be closing following the reports that part of the business may be sold?
 - (3) If so, what was the result of these discussions?
 - (4) What alternative arrangements are in place to allow the uninterrupted delivery of the Brighter Futures program services at these locations?
- 2170 AUDIOLOGY CLINICS—NORTHERN SYDNEY—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Health—
- (1) In relation to the audiology clinic at Hornsby Hospital, why have the vacant positions not been advertised and filled?
 - (2) What and where are the audiology clinics available in the Northern Sydney Central Coast Area Health Service (NSCCAHS)?
 - (3) Which of these bulk bill patients?
 - (4) Which are privately run?
 - (5) What is the criteria (including age range) of patients gaining access to the audiology clinics in the NSCCAHS?
- 2171 ACCREDITATION OF ENT SURGEONS —HORNSBY HOSPITAL—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Health—
- How has the closure of the audiology clinic at Hornsby Hospital affected the ability of ear, nose and throat surgeons to keep their accreditation?
- 2172 SAFETY OF BICYCLES AT RAILWAY STATIONS—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- What action is the Minister taking to ensure the safety of bicycles at railway stations, such as Hornsby and Berowra, that are being stolen or damaged despite being kept in bicycle storage units?
- 2173 FUNDING FOR HUNTER WETLANDS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- (1) How much money has the State Government allocated to the Hunter Wetlands at Shortland:
 - (a) in 2006/2007;
 - (b) in 2007/2008?
 - (2) What projects were these funds allocated for?
- 2174 ADMISSIONS TO SUTHERLAND HOSPITAL—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Health—

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- (1) What is the total number of admissions to Sutherland Hospital during 2006-2007?
 (2) What is the number of day only admissions to Sutherland Hospital in 2006-2007?
 (3) What is the total number of non-admitted patient occasions of service in Sutherland Hospital in 2006-2007?
 (4) (a) Is this information contained in the 2006-2007 South Eastern Sydney Illawarra Area Health Service Annual Report?
 (b) If not, why not?
- 2175 COUNTRYLINK SERVICE—TUMBARUMBA TO COOTAMUNDRA—Mr Daryl Maguire to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- (1) How many passengers use the Countrylink service from Tumbarumba to Cootamundra?
 (2) What are the ticket sales from each bus stop in each town between Tumbarumba and Cootamundra?
- 2176 SCHOOL ZONE SPEEDING FINES—WAGGA WAGGA ELECTORATE—Mr Daryl Maguire to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts representing the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter—
- How many people have been fined for speeding in 40 kph school zones in the Wagga Wagga electorate in the past 12 months?
- 2177 FORENSIC PATHOLOGISTS—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Health—
- With respect to the shortage of forensic pathologists that has resulted in a large backlog of post-mortem reports:
- (1) What is the length of time and estimated costs for a medical practitioner to specialise in and qualify as a forensic pathologist?
 (2) What action has the Government taken to provide incentives to increase the supply of forensic pathologists?
 (3) What action has the NSW Government taken to coordinate with the Commonwealth and other states and territories to increase the supply of forensic pathologists?
 (4) What plans does the Government have to increase the supply of forensic pathologists in NSW?
- 2178 BUS SERVICES AND REAL TIME INFORMATION—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- With regard to the Roads and Traffic Authority's plan to implement the Public Transport Information and Priority System (PTIPS):
- (1) Which bus routes will be connected to the system by the end of 2008?
 (2) What plans does the NSW Government have to expand the system to other routes after 2008?
 (3) Will the NSW Government include real time information as part of the PTIPS in 2008?
 (4) If yes, for which routes?
 (5) If no, what are the NSW Government's plans to eventually provide real time information through the PTIPS?
- 2179 USE OF LIVE ANIMALS IN CIRCUSES—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—
- With regard to the use of live animals in circuses:
- (1) How many times have the NSW standards for the exhibition of circus animals introduced in September 1996 been updated?
 (2) Is the NSW Government aware of how many days of circus shows there have been in NSW where the circus used live animals:
 (a) since the introduction of the standards;
 (b) in 2007;
 (c) in 2006;
 (d) in 2005?
 (3) If yes, of these, how many used "wild" live animals, such as lions and elephants?
 (4) How many times have officers of the Animal Welfare Branch of the Department of Primary Industries inspected circuses with live animals for assessment of animal welfare and treatment:
 (a) since the introduction of the standards;
 (b) in 2007;

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- (c) in 2006;
(d) in 2005?
- (5) Do circuses receive any prior warning that officers will visit to inspect?
(6) Does the Animal Welfare Branch visit circuses that use live animals while they travel between destinations to ensure that animals are transported humanely?
- 2180 SENIORS CARD—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services—
- (1) What is the relationship between the Seniors Card organisation, the NSW Government and the research company Day, King & Coyne?
(2) Has the Seniors Card organisation given, sold or rented its membership database to any commercial organisations in the last two years?
(3) If "yes" to question (2), what are the names of those organisations?
- 2181 DEMOUNTABLE CLASSROOMS—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- (1) How many demountable classrooms are there in NSW public schools?
(2) How many of the demountable classrooms are between 40 and 60 years old?
(3) How many of the demountable classrooms are more than 60 years old?
(4) What are the locations of all demountable classrooms more than 60 years old?
- 2182 DEMOUNTABLE CLASSROOMS—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- (1) How many demountable classrooms have been replaced with permanent classrooms across all NSW public schools since 1 January 2007?
(2) How many demountable classrooms are there currently across all public schools in the Davidson electorate?
(3) How many demountable classrooms have been replaced with permanent classrooms across all public schools in the Davidson electorate since 1 January 2007?
(4) How many demountable classrooms are at Killara High School and when are they planned to be replaced by a permanent structure?
- 2183 SPEED LIMITS FOR HEAVY VEHICLES—Mr Robert Oakeshott to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- (1) Does page 45 of the Heavy Vehicle Drivers Handbook issued by the Roads and Traffic Authority refer to speed limits?
(2) If so, does this page clearly state that the maximum speed limit for a vehicle that exceeds GVM of 4.5 tonnes is 100 kilometres per hour?
(3) Is a heavy vehicle manufactured on or after the 1 January 1988 that exceeds 15 tonnes required to be speed limited to 100 kilometres an hour?
(4) If so, why are heavy vehicles still travelling well in excess of 100 kilometres per hour on the Pacific Highway, particularly late at night and very early in the morning?
- 2184 TWEED HEADS MARINA—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Lands, Minister for Rural Affairs, Minister for Regional Development—
- Given that the Department of Lands has asked for "expressions of interest" for businesses to be incorporated into the new Tweed Heads marina and has acknowledged the possibility of existing business relocation:
- (1) Will the Tweed River Boat Hire business, the Tweed Outriggers Club and the Tweed Heads Rowing Club be forced to relocate from their present locations due to the development of the new marina?
(2) If yes, will any compensation be granted to these businesses?
(3) If no compensation is to be granted, why not?
(4) Will any other business located along the Tweed River be required to relocate due to the development of the new marina, and if so, will they be granted compensation?

2185 TWEED HEADS MARINA—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Lands, Minister for Rural Affairs, Minister for Regional Development—

- (1) Given that there is already a diesel fuel supplier situated on the Tweed River that adequately caters for commercial vessels, why is a second operation being incorporated into plans for the new Tweed Heads marina?
- (2) Given that estimates show a market for the supply of unleaded fuel on the Tweed River of approximately 40,000 to 60,000 litres per month, will the new marina incorporate facilities for the supply of unleaded fuel?
- (3) If yes, will the unleaded fuel supply license be issued to the new fuel supply operation?
- (4) If yes, why has the Minister neglected to grant the existing fuel operation, Tweed River Refuellers, approval and the required lease extension to supply unleaded fuel on the river when the owner has made repeated requests over the past 6 years?

2186 SURGE BED STRATEGY IN NORTH COAST HOSPITALS—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health—

Given that the North Coast Area Health Service's proposed "surge bed" strategy would see at least 12 beds from the Murwillumbah and Tweed hospitals initially set aside for this purpose:

- (1) Are the 12 beds to be used as "surge beds":
 - (a) to be set aside from the two hospital's current number of total beds;
 - (b) new beds to be procured for the two hospitals specifically for the "surge bed" strategy?
- (2) If the 12 beds are not new beds, from what departments or wards at the two hospitals will these beds be taken from?
- (3) Will any extra staff be sourced to cover the "surge beds" during periods of high demand in which they are likely to be used?

2187 DOCTORS IN NSW HOSPITALS—Mrs Jillian Skinner to ask the Minister for Health—

Do the following doctors currently hold any appointments in NSW hospitals:

- (1) Antonio Aguado;
- (2) Osman Ali;
- (3) Romesh Chandra Amar;
- (4) John Charles Andronicus;
- (5) Geoffrey James Arthur;
- (6) Balakrishnam Arvind;
- (7) Aftab Aslam;
- (8) John Herbert Bannister;
- (9) Michael Jacob Bar-Modecai;
- (10) Montagu Beesley;
- (11) Roger Bernard;
- (12) Nicholas John Berryman;
- (13) Atef Adly Beshara;
- (14) Alan Herbert Bilton;
- (15) Robert Eric Bosanquet;
- (16) Alan Bowen-James;
- (17) Kenneth McIntyre Bridge;
- (18) Utham Kumal Bunsee;
- (19) Francis John Buttsworth;
- (20) Katherine Louise Carseldine;
- (21) Susan Hilary Catchlove;
- (22) Raymond Chi Kwan Chan;
- (23) Winifred Childs;
- (24) John Alexander Miller Coles;
- (25) David Robert Collison;
- (26) David John Cox;
- (27) Rick Patrick Dallas;
- (28) Ebenezer Jeyanathan Danforth;
- (29) Terrence Richard Davidson;

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- (30) Peter James Dawson;
 - (31) W.J.K. Lal De Silva;
 - (32) Geoffrey Walter Edelsten;
 - (33) Edmond Edward Edmond;
 - (34) Hindal Erol;
 - (35) Ian Leigh Ferguson;
 - (36) Robert Astley Finlay-Jones;
 - (37) Alexander Frocht;
 - (38) Philip Michael Furey;
 - (39) Monier Gad;
 - (40) Vinode Lazarus Gamaliel;
 - (41) Jean Eric Gassy;
 - (42) James Gerakiteys;
 - (43) Clarence Alexander Gluskie;
 - (44) Steven Goodman;
 - (45) Pamela Grant;
 - (46) Ian Raymond Gregory;
 - (47) Wadie Farid Wadie Baz Haddad;
 - (48) Hamilton Keith Harper;
 - (49) John Wilkin Harrison;
 - (50) John Tennent Herron;
 - (51) Charles Edward Hobday;
 - (52) Peter Anthony Hollman;
 - (53) Garry Rawson Thomas Houghton;
 - (54) Edward Patrick Houston;
 - (55) Don Nai His Huang;
 - (56) Gamal Fadlalla Ibrahim;
 - (57) Gregory Charles Ireland;
 - (58) Aksel Ivanov;
 - (59) James Arthur Jackson;
 - (60) Roger Stephen Jones;
 - (61) Andrew John Katelaris;
 - (62) Nicholas Kalokerinos;
 - (63) James Gatere Kirumba;
 - (64) Andrzej Kazmierczak;
 - (65) Chuen Lam;
 - (66) Tan Thanh Le;
 - (67) Peter Howard Lindsey;
 - (68) Bruce Desmond Litchfield;
 - (69) Alexander Milroy Craigie Macfie;
 - (70) John Alexander McDonell;
 - (71) John Henry Robert McEvoy;
 - (72) Ian Donald McLean;
 - (73) Ian McHue;
 - (74) Anthony Michael;
 - (75) Roderick Doyle Motum;
 - (76) Toomas Olm;
 - (77) George William Osborne;
 - (78) John Arthur Page;
 - (79) Kalathil Vasudevan Pillai;
 - (80) Martin James Pollard;
 - (81) Mahen Ponnambalam;
 - (82) Theodore David Potts;
 - (83) Karanalu Vinatheya Praskash;
 - (84) Graham Robert Pratt-Erwin;
 - (85) Mohammad Aslam Qaisrani;
 - (86) Syed Reyazur Rahman;
 - (87) Vickneswaran Rajaratnam;
 - (88) Graeme Stephen Reeves;
 - (89) David Hamilton Struthers Reid;

- (90) Gerrit Reimers;
- (91) Martin Bruce Richter;
- (92) Darwin Rivera;
- (93) David Anthony Rose;
- (94) Christopher James Roberts;
- (95) Joseph Boulis Salama;
- (96) John Gawdat Shashati;
- (97) Epifania Sherfan;
- (98) Robert Edward Shoulder;
- (99) Brian Eric Simmons;
- (100) Bruce Alexander Sinclair;
- (101) Jonathan Tan Meng Kwang Smithson;
- (102) Suman Sood;
- (103) William Allan Spence;
- (104) Bruce Smith Stephen;
- (105) Dietrich Albert Stoermer;
- (106) Colin Hok Ling Sun;
- (107) Robert Nelson Towndrow;
- (108) Chris Tsioutis;
- (109) John Murray Uebel;
- (110) Enn Vilo;
- (111) Stanley James Vincent;
- (112) Patrick Joseph Walsh;
- (113) Ian Arthur Whiteman;
- (114) Jewel Decima Wright;
- (115) Mansoor Haider Zaidi;
- (116) Brigitte Zoglmeier?

2188 SCHOOL ZONE FLASHING LIGHTS—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

When will flashing lights be installed to indicate the 40 km/h school zones on the following RTA controlled roads in Pittwater:

- (a) Pittwater High School near the intersection of Pittwater Road and Mona Street, Mona Vale;
- (b) Loquat Valley Primary School near the intersection of Pittwater Road and Loquat Valley Road, Bayview?

2189 PROPOSED COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT MANUAL—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—

When will the notice of the publication of the proposed coastal zone management manual be provided in the NSW Government Gazette?

2190 KIDNEY DIALYSIS MACHINES—MONA VALE HOSPITAL—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Health—

By what date will the promised kidney dialysis machines be installed at Mona Vale Hospital?

2191 KEMPSEY DISTRICT HOSPITAL—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Minister for Health—

In relation to Kempsey District Hospital:

- (1) (a) Has the 2007-08 hospital budget been reduced?
- (b) If so, for what reason and by what amount?
- (2) (a) Has the CEO of the North Coast Area Health Service been granted any performance bonus payments in the last 12 months?
- (b) If so, what amount/s?
- (3) Why have the hours of the surgical ward been reduced to the extent where it now operates as a day surgery unit only?
- (4) Why is the paediatric ward being used as an overflow ward for adult patients?
- (5) Why is there no nurse call button available for adult patients accommodated in the paediatric ward?
- (6) How many nurses employed by the Department of Health at Kempsey District Hospital have

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- resigned or taken long-term (over 6 months) leave in the last 12 months?
- (7) What has been the cost to the hospital budget of the use of helicopter rescue services over the last 12 months?
- 2192 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH OUTSOURCING—Mr John Turner to ask the Minister for Health—
- (1) Has the Minister and/or her department made a decision to outsource its finance department and purchasing department of the North Coast Area Health Service presently located in Taree?
 - (2) If so, to whom?
 - (3) If so, when?
 - (4) If so, why?
 - (5) If so, what arrangements have been made for personnel presently working in this division of the Department of Health?
- 2193 FLEET LANE CHATSWOOD—Mr John Turner to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Lands, Minister for Rural Affairs, Minister for Regional Development—
- (1) Has the Minister or his department entered into any partnership agreement or other agreement with the Willoughby City Council whereby Fleet Lane, Chatswood would be closed and/or sold or otherwise disposed of?
 - (2) If so, what are the terms of such agreement?
 - (3) If so, why was the agreement entered into?
 - (4) If so, when was the agreement entered into?
 - (5) If so, what are the terms of the agreement?
 - (6) If so, will such agreement preclude access to parking for residents in Thomas Street in Chatswood and affect other neighbouring dwellings?
 - (7) If so, what will be the effect?
 - (8) If so, why has the department and the council entered into such agreement if it will restrict parking or other access in the Chatswood area?
 - (9) Is it the intention of the department and/or council or both to close Fleet Lane, Chatswood to maximise the sale of available properties in the area that are currently being used as car parks?
 - (10) If so, what justification does the department and/or council give for that proposal?
 - (11) If access to parking areas is to be curtailed as a result of any agreement mentioned above, what proposals are there for other parking areas to relieve the lost parking that may occur under this or any other agreement concerning this area?
- 2194 HOUSING MARKET VALUES—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts representing the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter—
- Given that housing market values in some areas have reportedly fallen by up to 46%, will the Treasurer request the Valuer-General to reduce the market value of properties in these areas to reflect this downturn, for the purpose of assessing residential council rates?
- 2195 WARRAGAMBA DAM—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—
- Given the recent announcement by the Minister that water will be pumped from Warragamba Dam to enable environmental flows for the Hawkesbury-Nepean River system and given the dam has less than 70% capacity at the time of this announcement, will the Minister guarantee the safety and stability of the Warragamba Dam if water levels were to increase above the current levels and up to 100% capacity?
- 2196 PURCHASE OF BUSES—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- Given the New South Wales taxpayers are now paying for new buses for companies such as Hillsbus, will the Minister please advise of the accountable criteria or tendering procedure for purchasing these buses and why a particular type of bus chassis and or body is purchased?