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- 2037 COMMUNITY SERVICES STAFF LEVELS—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Community Services—
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- 2041 MENTAL HEALTH UNIT—HORNSBY HOSPITAL—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Health—
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- 2043 DESALINATION PROJECT—STAGE 2—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Water Utilities—
- 2044 UNION CONSULTATION—Mr Jonathan O'Dea 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—
- 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—

- 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—
- 2064 LEASING OF EXISTING ELECTRICITY GENERATORS—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Premier, Minister for Citizenship—
- 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—
- 2081 OLD TOWN BRIDGE—Mr Daryl Maguire to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2082 APPOINTMENT OF PLANNING PANEL TO KU-RING-GAI COUNCIL—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—
- 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—
- 2092 FTE AGENCY NURSES IN THE NORTHERN SYDNEY CENTRAL COAST 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—
- 2102 KERIN REPORT INTO THE WESTERN LANDS—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—
- 2103 OVERTAKING LANES—OLD NORTHERN ROAD—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2104 NORTH RICHMOND BRIDGE—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2105 TREES ALONG WISEMANS FERRY ROAD—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2106 LOT 59 BROADWATER ROAD GLENORIE—Mr Ray Williams 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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- 2109 MENTAL HEALTH PATIENT BEDS—CONCORD HOSPITAL—Mr Greg Aplin to ask the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—
- 2110 BUS RAPID TRANSIT SYSTEM—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

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- 2119 CHATSWOOD-EPPING RAIL LINE—Ms Gladys Berejiklian to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
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- 2131 PROCESSING OF PART 3A DEVELOPMENTS—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—

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- 2132 PART 3A PROJECTS—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- 2133 MEETINGS WITH ABORIGINAL HOUSING COMPANY—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- 2134 RELEASE OF SUBREGIONAL STRATEGIES—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
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- 2141 AUDIOLOGY CLINIC—HORNSBY HOSPITAL—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2142 STATUTORY PLANNING POWERS OF LOCAL COUNCILS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- 2143 UNRULY HOUSING COMMISSION TENANTS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Housing, Minister for Tourism—
- 2144 UPGRADE OF CAPTAIN COOK'S LANDING SITE—Mr Malcolm Kerr 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)—
- 2145 SALE OF AQUATIC WEEDS—Mr Daryl Maguire 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—
- 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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- 2155 FTE AGENCY NURSES IN THE GREATER SOUTHERN AREA HEALTH SERVICE—Mrs Jillian Skinner to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2156 FTE AGENCY NURSES IN THE HUNTER NEW ENGLAND AREA HEALTH SERVICE—Mrs Jillian Skinner to ask the Minister for Health—
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- 2158 TRAFFIC SIGNALS AT PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 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—
- 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—
- 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—
- 2165 RENEWABLE ENERGY GENERATION—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Premier, Minister for Citizenship—
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- 2167 RESPITE CARE—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services—
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- 2172 SAFETY OF BICYCLES AT RAILWAY STATIONS—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 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)—
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- 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—
- 2177 FORENSIC PATHOLOGISTS—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Health—
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- 2180 SENIORS CARD—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services—
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- 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—
- 2183 SPEED LIMITS FOR HEAVY VEHICLES—Mr Robert Oakeshott to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 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—
- 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—
- 2186 SURGE BED STRATEGY IN NORTH COAST HOSPITALS—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health—
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- 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—
- 2190 KIDNEY DIALYSIS MACHINES—MONA VALE HOSPITAL—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Health—
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- 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—
- 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—
- 2195 WARRAGAMBA DAM—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—
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- 2197 COUNCIL INVESTMENT OF SECTION 94 CONTRIBUTIONS—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—
- (1) Are councils in New South Wales allowed to invest section 94 contributions into overseas investments such as the US subprime market?
  - (2) Are there any cases, known to the Department of Local Government that would indicate that such investments have been made by local councils?
  - (3) If so, what councils are involved in these investments?
  - (4) Is there any evidence available to the Department of Local Government that would indicate that the Blacktown City Council has inappropriately invested section 94 contributions in any local or overseas market?
- 2198 ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY LIAISON OFFICER APPOINTMENT—Mr Greg Aplin to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- Further to your written advice to me on 28 December 2007 concerning the appointment of an Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer to the Albury Local Command, has the Memorandum of Understanding to facilitate the appointment now been endorsed and when will the selection process commence?
- 2199 BILLABONG CREEK SALT INTERCEPTION SITE—Mr Greg Aplin to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—
- Further to undertakings by the previous Minister for Water in mid November 2007 to facilitate the recommencement of pumping at the Morgan's Lookout salt interception site on Billabong Creek, can you advise when this will occur and for what period?
- 2200 NSW INTERGENERATIONAL FUND—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 the "NSW Intergenerational Fund" ("Energy savings to fund major infrastructure projects", 10 December 2007):
- (1) Given the Government's media release states: "Treasurer Michael Costa said proceeds from the reforms would be invested in a new NSW Intergenerational Fund to generate income sufficient to replace dividends from the State-owned electricity corporations," how much will be invested in the Fund?
  - (2) What percentage of the electricity privatisation proceeds will be allocated to infrastructure investment and what percentage to recurrent spending?
  - (3) How much "revenue" will be "provided" from the "NSW Intergenerational Fund" annually?
  - (4) From the proceeds how much funding will be allocated to each of the projects outlined in the media release:

- (a) "Funding more trade schools";
- (b) "Cutting hospital emergency waiting times";
- (c) "Urban transport including Euro-style metro rail and the extension of the M4";
- (d) "Improving regional and rural water outcomes";
- (e) "Rural and regional road transport improvements";
- (f) "Developing cost-effective energy efficiency measures"; and
- (g) "Supporting clean energy including clean coal and renewable technologies"?

2201 "GOVERNMENT'S ENERGY STRATEGY"—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 the "Government's Energy Strategy":

- (1) Given that the document "New South Wales Government Response to the Energy Consultative Reference Committee's Terms of Reference" (29 February 2008) makes 21 references to the "Government's Energy Strategy", are these references to a particular strategy document?
- (2) If so, when will the "Government's Energy Strategy" be publicly released?

2202 REDUCTION OF BUREAUCRATS—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 Government bureaucracy and the Treasurer's response to Question 2019:

- (1) Given that the Treasurer has stated that "4,700 non-frontline positions [have] either gone or [are] scheduled to go", from which Government departments were the "positions" abolished, and when were the "positions" abolished?
- (2) Given that the Treasurer has stated that "the Government's plans to reduce the number of non-frontline public sector positions by 5000 are on track", from which Government departments are the extra 300 "positions" to be abolished?
- (3) When is the Treasurer abolishing the extra 300 "positions"?

2203 COMMONWEALTH STATE HOUSING AGREEMENT—Mr Thomas George to ask the Minister for Housing, Minister for Tourism—

In relation to the Commonwealth State Housing Agreement [CSHA]:

- (1) How many units or items of public housing have been built in NSW with the grant monies provided through the CSHA since 1 July 2003?
- (2) Exactly where have these new homes and/or units been built?
- (3) How much of the CSHA grant money is spent on departmental and bureaucratic wages and salaries?
- (4) (a) Is the Government spending this money on public housing buy-back projects that strip property from the public housing stock and place that investment in the hands of private companies and investors?
- (b) If so, how much money is spent on this type of venture?

2204 MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES—SOUTH COAST—Mrs Shelley Hancock to ask the Minister for Health—

- (1) Are there proposed imminent changes to community mental health services in the South Coast electorate?
- (2) (a) Is the Nowra Community Mental Health Service currently providing an on-call 24-hour community service?
- (b) Is this service to end?
- (3) Are there plans to reduce staff of the community team and make it a Monday to Friday/business hours only operation?
  - (a) Is it the intention to shift resources to a 24-hour mental health worker in the Shoalhaven Hospital, a roster requiring withdrawal of one-third of the community team?
  - (b) Is it the intention that the hospital based worker will not go out from the hospital anywhere?
- (4) Will this change bring an end to:
  - (a) the ability of staff to visit clients, carers and families in their homes at weekends and evenings;
  - (b) the ability to visit men's hostels;
  - (c) the ability to visit prison cells?

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- (5) Have the Police Service, consumers, carers and other stakeholders been consulted?
- (6) Does any proposed action reflect state mental health policies?
- (7) Have cost savings been identified and have these been measured in terms of the cost-effectiveness or health outcomes?
- (8) Will mental health outcomes be enhanced by reducing personal contact and diminishing opportunities for healing and rehabilitation in home and community?
- 2205 CANADA BAY COUNCIL DEVELOPMENT APPROVALS—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—
- (1) In relation to land sold at 12 Park Avenue, Concord and developments approved by Canada Bay Council to Mr Antoine Bechara or his companies Omayya Holdings or Omayya Investments, why did council refuse to accept the advice from the National Trust and the Heritage Office that houses in Park Avenue, Concord were heritage listed?
- (2) In relation to 12 Park Avenue Concord development application 485/2006:
- (a) Why did Canada Bay Council, prior to purchase, tell the applicant that the dwelling at 12 Park Avenue, Concord could be demolished when it was in a heritage conservation area?
- (b) Why did residents have to guide Canada Bay Council to the fact that the development application at 12 Park Avenue, Concord needed to be advertised?
- (c) Why did council suppress a summary of mediation written by Patrick Robinson on 1 May 2007?
- (d) Why did council refuse to accept the advice from the National Trust and Heritage Office?
- (e) Why did council advertise and confirm 12 Park Avenue contributory status during the public exhibition of the draft local environmental plan and development control plan?
- (f) Why did council's heritage advisor, after the display period, suggest that a mistake had in fact been made and 12 Park Avenue was not contributory to the heritage conservation area?
- (g) Why did council manoeuvre so as to not allow residents' experts to address council in relation to this development?
- (h) (i) Why did the council give the applicant notice of council's process but only gave residents one working day's notice?
- (ii) Why did the mayor refuse to answer this question in council?
- (i) Why did the mayor in open council advise the applicant not to answer questions relating to the building costs of this project?
- (3) Will the Minister investigate this matter, as recommended by the Heritage Office?
- (4) Does the Minister agree that Canada Bay Council's actions could be perceived as being closed and unaccountable to the public?
- (5) Does the Minister support open, transparent and accountable actions of councils and councillors?
- 2206 COUNCILS' DEVELOPMENT PROCESS—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health) —
- (1) Should councils sell public land to developers without public tender?
- (2) If councils sell public land below market value to developers is it fair and accountable?
- (3) Should councils hold closed meetings to discuss land sales to developers?
- (4) Are councils that conduct themselves in relation to questions (1) to (3) above considered unaccountable?
- (5) Should councils be open and transparent?
- (6) Should councils sell heritage listed land to developers without public consultation?
- (7) Is heritage land of significance to the people or State of NSW?
- (8) Should councils rezone heritage land for redevelopment?
- (9) Should councils rezone heritage listed land after it has been sold to a developer?
- 2207 UNANSWERED REPRESENTATIONS—Mr Chris Hartcher 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—
- When will my representations on behalf of the following be responded to:
- Ms Eileen Gibson 8 August 2007?
- 2208 UNANSWERED REPRESENTATIONS—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Youth, Minister for Volunteering—

When will my representations on behalf of the following be responded to:

Killcare Wagstaffe Trust Inc 12 April 2007?

- 2209 UNANSWERED REPRESENTATIONS—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services—

When will my representations on behalf of the following be responded to:

Mr Colin Ryan 4 September 2007?

- 2210 BABY JOAN—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Community Services—

- (1) Will you confirm reports that Baby Joan, who was abandoned on the steps of a Haberfield Church in June 2007 and subsequently taken into the care of the Minister, cannot be issued with a Medicare number because her citizenship status cannot be determined?
- (2) What action have you taken to resolve this issue?
- (3) Has Baby Joan been placed in long-term foster care or has she been adopted?

- 2211 PUBLIC LIBRARY FUNDING—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—

- (1) On what date was the Parry Review into Public Library Funding completed?
- (2) On what date is Dr Parry due to provide the report of this review to the NSW Government?
- (3) Will you make this report public?

- 2212 PUBLIC DENTAL WAITING LISTS—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Health—

- (1) As at 5 March 2008, how many patients are waiting for public dental treatment in the:
  - (a) Monaro health cluster?
  - (b) Bega Valley health cluster?
  - (c) Eurobodalla health cluster?
  - (d) Southern Tablelands health cluster?
  - (e) Southern Slopes health cluster?
  - (f) Murrumbidgee health cluster?
  - (g) Lower Western health cluster?
  - (h) Greater Albury health cluster?
  - (i) Wagga Wagga health cluster?
- (2) How many of these patients have been waiting for treatment for more than:
  - (a) 3 months;
  - (b) 6 months?
- (3) How many public dentists are employed in each of these health clusters?

- 2213 BEROWRA RAILWAY STATION—TICKET MACHINE—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

Regarding the details of the "new" ticket machine to be installed at Berowra Railway Station:

- (1) Where is the machine coming from?
- (2) How old is it?
- (3) Is it as efficient as the machine it is replacing?

- 2214 HORNSBY HOSPITAL GARDENERS—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Health—

How many gardeners and assistant gardeners are employed at Hornsby Hospital? Are there any vacancies in existence for the above positions?

- 2215 SHORELINK PATRONAGE—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

What is the total bus patronage for Shorelink, route by route, in:

- (a) 2003;
- (b) 2004;
- (c) 2005;
- (d) 2006;
- (e) 2007?

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- 2216 PRIVATE PHONE NUMBERS—USE BY ORGANISATIONS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- (1) Under what circumstances are organisations allowed to give private phone numbers to other organisations?
  - (2) What are the penalties, if any, when these circumstances are breached?
- 2217 SUTHERLAND HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Health—
- (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) Is this information contained in the 2006/2007 South Eastern Sydney Illawarra Area Health Services Annual Report and if not, why not?
- 2218 OLDER DRIVERS—MANDATORY TEST—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- (1) How many people who undertook the mandatory 85 years and over driving test in 2007 at Miranda Motor Registry passed the test and maintained their licences?
  - (2) What is the total number of people who failed the older drivers test in 2007 and lost their licences?
- 2219 WAGGA WAGGA BASE HOSPITAL CHILDREN'S WARD—Mr Daryl Maguire to ask the Minister for Health—
- (1) Is the Wagga Wagga Base Hospital children's ward designed to minimise the risk of transmission of infection?
  - (2) How is the Wagga Wagga Base Hospital children's ward designed to minimise the risk of transmission of infection?
  - (3) What is the ratio of beds per room and per bath and shower room at Wagga Wagga Base Hospital children's ward?
  - (4) For acute care, is there one single room for every five ward beds?
  - (5) Is there one respiratory isolation room for every 100 beds in the children's ward?
  - (6) Are waiting room patients with infectious conditions identified using a triage system and separated from other patients?
  - (7) How are dedicated work areas designed in order to minimise the transmission of infection in the children's ward?
  - (8) In Wagga Wagga Base Hospital children's ward, how are procedural and cleaning areas separated?
  - (9) Do air conditioning cooling towers and water systems meet Australian standards in Wagga Wagga Base Hospital children's ward?
  - (10) Do handbasins have both hot and cold water, non-touch taps, supplies of liquid handwash and disposable paper towels or single-use, clean, cloth towels readily available in accordance with Australian standards in Wagga Wagga Base Hospital children's ward?
  - (11) How are aspects of the physical environment monitored and maintained to ensure that the Wagga Wagga Base Hospital children's ward meets current standards, codes and regulations?
- 2220 RURAL FIRE SERVICE ASSOCIATION FUNDRAISING—Mr Daryl Maguire to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—
- (1) How are funds raised by Rural Fire Service Association (RFSA), a not for profit organisation, distributed to the Rural Fire Service?
  - (2) How much per year is raised?
  - (3) Do only members of the association benefit from fundraising?
  - (4) How much does it cost to operate the RFSA per annum?
- 2221 PROTECTING APARTMENT RESIDENTS FROM IMPACTS OF SHORT-TERM ACCOMMODATION—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Youth, Minister for Volunteering—
- Given the 2007 Land and Environment Court determination that there is a fundamental incompatibility between a mix of residential and serviced apartments that share the same floor and access points due to the difference in behaviour, living and activity patterns between short-term and long-term occupants:
- (1) What consideration has the NSW Government given to the following measures to prevent overcrowding and short-term occupancy in residential apartment blocks:

- (a) Restricting the number of adults on residential tenancy agreements to two adults per bedroom, with the maximum number of adults allowed equal to two times the number of bedrooms?
- (b) Banning residential tenancy sub-leases?
- (c) Setting minimum residential tenancy leases to three months?
- (2) What other measures are being considered by the NSW Government to reduce short-term/service apartment occupants letting apartments in residential blocks?
- 2222 BIKE BOXES—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- With regard to the introduction of "bike boxes" at 14 busy intersections in Portland, United States of America, where cars are required to stop at traffic lights behind bikes:
- (1) To what extent will the NSW Government monitor the success of "bike boxes" in Portland in improving cyclist safety?
- (2) To what extent will the NSW Government consider introducing "bike boxes" in NSW if the initiative is successful in Portland?
- (3) (a) Has the NSW Government conducted any assessment to date on the viability of "bike boxes" for Sydney's busy intersections?
- (b) If so, what is the outcome of the assessment?
- (4) What action has the NSW Government taken to install Bicycle Boxes at traffic signals?
- 2223 FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REFORM—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Premier, Minister for Citizenship—
- With regard to your response to my Written Question last year on Freedom of Information (see question number 0845):
- (1) When did the Director General of the Department of Premier and Cabinet meet with the NSW Ombudsman to discuss the need for a review of the Freedom of Information Act?
- (2) What new plans for Freedom of Information reform does the NSW Government have following the meeting?
- (3) To what extent is the NSW Government committed to increasing the rate of full Freedom of Information releases in NSW?
- 2224 PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AT ST GEORGE SAILING CLUB—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Minister for Ports and Waterways—
- (1) What involvement, if any, has the Minister, his staff or his department had in the proposed development, now the subject of a development application lodged with Rockdale Council, involving Doltone House and building a second story on the St George Sailing Club?
- (2) Why has the DA been lodged in the name of Doltone House and not in the name of the licensee, St George Sailing Club?
- (3) Did the owner of the land, NSW Maritime, give consent to the DA before it was lodged with Rockdale Council?
- (4) Was the St George Sailing Club aware of the full contents of the DA before it was lodged?
- (5) If not, would his department be concerned given that the St George Sailing Club is the legal entity to whom NSW Maritime has issued the lease for the property?
- (6) What makes this particular DA so special that normal lodgement and consent arrangements might not be followed?
- (7) Is NSW Maritime considering issuing or allowing Doltone House a sub-lease to allow this DA to progress legally?
- (8) Is there any reason why the proposed development should receive preferential treatment from NSW Maritime?
- (9) What concessional treatment, if any, has been provided by Doltone House or associated entities for functions with which the Minister has been involved?
- 2225 PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AT ST GEORGE SAILING CLUB—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- (1) What involvement, if any, has the Minister, his ministerial staff or his department had in the proposed development, now the subject of a development application lodged with Rockdale Council, involving Doltone House and building a second storey at the St George Sailing Club?
- (2) Has the Minister directly or indirectly given any indication to Rockdale Council officers, councillors or anyone else that the development should be approved?



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- (3) If so, what makes this particular development so special it warrants his ministerial attention?
- 2226 ILL TRAIN PASSENGERS—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- (1) Are CityRail employees instructed not to move ill passengers from trains regardless of the nature of their illness, and to wait for an ambulance, thus causing delay until an ambulance arrives?
  - (2) If so, why?
- 2227 FIREARMS LICENCE RENEWALS—Mr Adrian Piccoli to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- Given that in 2003 the then Minister for Police announced that 42 new jobs would be created under an expansion of the NSW Firearms Registry and that these positions would allow for the Firearms Registry to improve the level of service it provides to licensed shooters:
- (1) Why is there currently a 2 to 3 month delay in the processing of licence renewals?
  - (2) What is the budget for the Firearms Registry for the 2007-08 financial year?
  - (3) How many staff are currently employed at the registry?
  - (4) How many of these staff actually work on licence renewals?
- 2228 REPRESENTATIONS—TRACY CALABRO—Mr Adrian Piccoli to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- (1) When will a response be issued in relation to the representations on behalf of Tracy Calabro regarding an urgent request on behalf of her son Daniel, Ministerial reference M07/9132, your acknowledgment dated 18 December 2007?
  - (2) Have several requests for a response been made in relation to this matter?
  - (3) In a call to his office on Friday 29 February, was a member of my staff told that "it was not coming up on the system" and that someone would call back?
  - (4) Is the Minister aware of the financial and emotional trauma being suffered by this family whilst waiting for a response?
  - (5) When can a response be expected?
- 2229 REPRESENTATIONS—SHANNON IRVIN—Mr Adrian Piccoli to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- (1) When will a response be issued in relation to the urgent representations originally made in October on behalf of Shannon Irvin, Ministerial reference M07/7741?
  - (2) Have many requests for a response been made in relation to this matter?
  - (3) In a call to his office on Friday 29 February, was a member of my staff told that "it was not coming up on the system" and that someone would call back?
  - (4) Is the Minister aware of the financial and emotional trauma being suffered by Mr Irvin whilst waiting for a response?
  - (5) When can a response be expected?
- 2230 GRIFFITH BASE HOSPITAL PUBLIC DENTAL CLINIC—Mr Adrian Piccoli to ask the Minister for Health—
- (1) As at 1 January 2005, how many positions for full-time dentists were attached to the Griffith Base Hospital Public Dental Clinic?
  - (2) As at 1 January 2008, how many positions for full-time dentists were attached to the Griffith Base Hospital Public Dental Clinic?
  - (3) How many of these positions remain vacant on 1 January 2008?
  - (4) If there were vacancies on 1 January 2008, will these positions be filled?
  - (5) What recruitment action has been taken to fill the positions?
- 2231 ERARING POWER STATION BUFFER ZONE—Mr Greg Piper 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—
- Will all land originally acquired as a buffer zone around Eraring Power Station be retained in state ownership?
- 2232 ELECTRICITY SUBSIDY FOR ALUMINIUM INDUSTRY—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

- (1) Under the Government's plans for privatisation, will the subsidising of electricity for the aluminium industry continue?  
(2) If so, how will it be funded?
- 2233 MAILING COSTS—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Premier, Minister for Citizenship—  
What was the full cost in materials, labour and services, of mailing unsolicited letters to pensioners about securing the \$112 pensioner electricity rebate as part of changes to the state's electricity system?
- 2234 BORDER PARK RACEWAY—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Gaming and Racing, Minister for Sport and Recreation—  
Given that Greyhound Racing NSW has advised that the participation of Queensland residents at the Border Park Raceway was not a factor in determining the proposed decrease in race days at the track and that the Gold Coast's Parklands greyhound track has been earmarked as the site for the new Gold Coast University Hospital:  
(1) Will this lead to a substantial increase in Queensland residents using Border Park Raceway?  
(2) Will the Minister ensure that no racing days are lost at Border Park Raceway?
- 2235 POLICE STAFFING—TWEED-BYRON LOCAL AREA COMMAND—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—  
(1) (a) Are police in the Tweed-Byron LAC unable to attend incidents in outlying areas of the LAC after 1.00 a.m. on weeknights due to a lack of car crews operating in the region?  
(b) If yes, when will more car crews be provided to the LAC to ensure that all incidents will be able to be responded to?  
(2) Can the Tweed-Byron LAC expect to receive its own drug squad, given that the area is one of the top three areas in NSW for drug detection and it vital for monitoring cross-border drug trade?  
(3) Given that the Tweed-Byron LAC has 34 officers on long-term leave or restricted duties reducing the total number of officers to 153 (below the authorised strength of 159 officers), when can the LAC expect an increase in officers so that it is operating at maximum authorised strength?
- 2236 NOT-FOR-PROFIT CHILDCARE FACILITIES IN THE TWEED—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—  
(1) How much funding did not-for-profit childcare facilities in the Tweed electorate receive in:  
(a) 2007;  
(b) 2008 year-to-date?  
(2) How much funding per child in the Tweed electorate do the answers to (1) equate to in:  
(a) 2007;  
(b) 2008 year-to-date?  
(3) What is the NSW state average for funding per child in a not-for-profit childcare facility in:  
(a) 2007;  
(b) 2008 year-to-date?
- 2237 IRON COVE BRIDGE—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—  
(1) Why is the Iron Cove Bridge over the Parramatta River being widened, when the number of lanes on Victoria Road leading into and away from the bridge will stay the same?  
(2) How will this help traffic flow?  
(3) How will the Government deal with the bottleneck that will be created at the end of the bridge when traffic has to merge back into the narrower Victoria Road?
- 2238 WILDLIFE LAND TRUST—NOMINATION—Mr Michael Richardson 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) Will the Government support the Wildlife Land Trust's nomination of Bull Mallee near West Wyalong for listing as a critically endangered ecological community under the Threatened Species Conservation Act?  
(2) Is the Government aware of estimates that there are only 100 hectares of Bull Mallee still remaining?  
(3) Will the Government assure voters that it will not use the biobanking provisions to allow

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development in the remaining areas?

2239 PARRAMATTA-EPPING RAIL LINK—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

Does the Government have any intention of ever building the Parramatta-Epping rail link and if so, when?

2240 BAYVIEW BUSES—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

Are there any restrictions relating to the use of buses along Cabbage Tree Road, between Samuel Street and Minkara Road, Bayview?

2241 MANDATORY DRIVING TESTS—WARRIEWOOD RTA—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

How many people took the mandatory driving test for persons 85 years and over at the Warriewood RTA in 2006-2007?

2242 MANDATORY DRIVING TESTS—PITTWATER RESIDENTS—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

How many Pittwater residents took the mandatory annual driving test for persons aged 85 years and over in 2006-2007? Of the above how many failed?

2243 PACIFIC HIGHWAY UPGRADE—WARRELL CREEK—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

In relation to the Warrell Creek section of the planned Pacific Highway upgrade:

- (1) Why was it decided to change the previously decided upgrade route for this section and to include it as part of the Macksville to Urunga project?
- (2) When was this decision made?
- (3) Are you aware that a number of residents who will be affected by the new route decision bought property and built residences, based on information from the Government that the original route would not affect these properties?
- (4) Will just terms compensation be approved for those residents, including those whose properties are not physically traversed but will be adversely affected by noise and pollution, under hardship provisions?
- (5) When will the final, detailed route decision be made?

2244 APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATORS—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 for Lands appointed an administrator to the land occupied by the Kempsey Showground?
- (2) If so, who is that administrator?
- (3) If so, how much will such administration cost?
- (4) If so, who will pay such costs of administration?
- (5) Has the Minister for Lands appointed other administrators to Crown Land in New South Wales?
- (6) If so, for what parcels of land?
- (7) If so, who are the administrators of each parcel of such land?
- (8) If so, what is the anticipated cost of each administration of each parcel of land and who will pay such costs?

2245 CORRESPONDENCE—LINDSAY ROUND—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Minister for Health—

- (1) After receiving the correspondence dated 16 June 2004 from Mr Lindsay Round by fax, on what date did the Northern Sydney Area Health Service determine that errors of fact existed in the internal review written by Patricia O'Farrell in May 2004?
- (2) On what date did the Northern Sydney Area Health Service forward to the Minister for Health the correspondence addressed to the Minister dated 16 June 2004 written by Mr Lindsay Round and entrusted to the Northern Sydney Area Health Service on 16 June 2004?
- (3) Who is the author of Northern Sydney Area Health Service document M04/6345?

- (4) When was the Northern Sydney Area Health Service document M04/6345 written and when was it forwarded to the Minister for Health?