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(Paper No. 1)

\*6078 HUNTER CYCLEWAY NETWORK—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—

(1) Will the Minister commit \$75 million from the Hunter Port sale to a Hunter cycleway network, as proposed by Newcastle Cycleways?

(a) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Port of Newcastle remains the property of the NSW Government.

The 98 year lease of the Port of Newcastle commenced on 30 May 2014.

- \*6079 PUBLIC TRANSPORT CONTRACTS IN THE HUNTER—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—
  - Will the Minister be awarding contracts to Hunter rolling stock builders to construct any part of the \$2.8 billion spend on public transport?
    - (a) If not, why not?

Answer-

Contracts are issued by Transport for NSW. The contract will be awarded to the most successful tenderer following a rigorous evaluation process.

Australian-based companies, including those with operations in the Hunter, are being given every opportunity to bid for this work.

- \*6080 PUBLIC TRANSPORT TO NEWCASTLE AIRPORT—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—
  - (1) Does the Minister plan to improve public transport from Newcastle Railway Station to Newcastle Airport at Williamtown?
    - (a) If so, what are these plans?
    - (b) If not, why not?

Answer-

I am advised:

The Government's commitments to improve transport in the Hunter are detailed in the Hunter Regional Transport Plan released in March 2014.

- \*6081 OPAL CARD USE IN THE HUNTER REGION—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—
  - (1) When will commuters no longer be able to purchase paper tickets for public transport in the Hunter Region?
  - (2) How will commuters be made aware that paper tickets will no longer be available and that they must pre-purchase an Opal card?
  - (3) Where will Opal cards be available to purchase in the Hunter Region?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) - (2) More than 20 paper ticket types, including single and return MyTrain, MyBus TravelTen and Pensioner Excursion Tickets, remain available across the network.

(3) Adult and Child/Youth Opal cards can be ordered at www.opal.com.au or by calling 13 67 25 (13 OPAL). Unregistered Adult and Child/Youth Opal cards are also available from more than 1,000 retail stores including select Woolworths supermarkets, newsagents, petrol stations and local corner stores. Opal retail stores can be found at www.retailers.opal.com.au. As the Opal card rollout continues, the number of Opal retailers continues to grow.

\*6082 THE HUNTER EXPRESSWAY—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Roads and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

What is the Government doing to assess and remedy any ill-effects, including increased traffic and noise levels and reports by residents of near-miss accidents, on Wallsend streets caused by the completion of the Hunter Expressway?

Answer-

I am advised:

Refer to my previous answer to Budget Estimates question on notice number 54.

\*6083 ALLOCATION OF POLICE RECRUITS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for Sport and Recreation, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Western Sydney—

Why was only one of the 170 new NSW Police Force recruits sworn in in August allocated to the Hunter?

Answer-

The NSW Police Force has advised me:

The allocation of police resources is determined by the Commissioner. New Probationary Constables are deployed in May, August and December each year to replace and add to existing police numbers. Local Area Commands in the Hunter region have been allocated 152 new police recruits since May 2011.

- \*6084 NEW LOWER HUNTER HOSPITAL AT METFORD—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
  - (1) When does the Government expect to have a construction timetable in place for the new Lower Hunter Hospital at Metford?
  - (2) Has rehabilitation work started at the new hospital site in Metford?
    - (a) If not, when will this work commence?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) Planning and the business case are being prepared for the new Maitland Hospital. The Government will announce details as appropriate.

(2) Health Infrastructure understands the tenant, CSR/PGH, continues to work with Resources and Energy to document and implement a mine closure plan, undertake remediation and demolition and remove current structures. Some of this work has been completed. Work will continue until the obligations of the mine closure plan are finalised.

\*6085 CASEWORKER VACANCIES IN THE HUNTER—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Family and Community Services—

- (1) What steps were taken to reduce the number of caseworker vacancies in the Hunter from July 2013 to July 2014 ?
- (2) Why has the process adopted to fill these vacancies taken so long?
- (3) When does the Minister expect that the 28 outstanding caseworker vacancies will be filled?

Answer-

Information on caseworker vacancies is published on the Community Services' dashboard which is available on the Department of Family and Community Services (FACS) website at www.facs.nsw.gov.au.

\*6086 WOMEN'S REFUGES IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Women—

- (1) How many women's refuges were there in New South Wales at the time the Government was elected in 2011?
- (2) How many women's refuges are there currently in New South Wales?

Answer-

I am advised:

The operation and funding of homelessness services, including women's refuges in New South Wales, falls under the portfolio of the Hon. Gabrielle Upton MP, Minister for Family and Community Services.

\*6087 COURT HOUSE STAFF-Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice-

- (1) How many of each of the following positions will be lost following the completion of the District Court sittings in the East Maitland Court House and the opening of the new Newcastle Court House:
  - (a) Court support staff;
  - (b) Registry staff; and
  - (c) Sheriff's officers and staff?
- (2) How many of these positions have been lost to date?

Answer-

(1) (a) - (c) Nil; (2) Nil.

\*6088 REQUEST BY DAVID GOODMAN-Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice-

- (1) Will the Attorney General issue a death certificate in response to the request by David Goodman?
- (2) Will the Attorney General answer David Goodman's email dated 20 August 2014?
  - (a) If so, when?
- (3) What has been the cause for the delay?

Answer-

I am advised:

(1) A certificate has been issued by the Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages.

(2) A response was sent on 23 September 2014.

(3) Following the launch of the new computer system, the Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages experienced challenges in its usual turnaround times which are being addressed.

\*6089 JAN MCCLELLAND-Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice-

- (1) What work is Jan McClelland doing in relation to the Information and Privacy Commission?
- (2) Is the payment for this work being made from the budget of the Commission?
- (3) Was additional funding sought for this work?
- (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) Assisting with the preparation of the Privacy Commissioner's Report.

(2) Yes.

- (3) No; (a) Funds from the Information and Privacy Commission operational budget have been applied.
- \*6090 INFORMATION COMMISSIONER-Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice-

As the Information Commissioner is the Chief Executive Officer of the Information and Privacy Commission, does this mean that the Privacy Commissioner is subordinate to the Information Commissioner?

Answer—

I am advised:

No.

- \*6091 NEWCASTLE COURT HOUSE-Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice-
  - (1) When will the new Newcastle Court House be ready for use by the public and the legal profession?
  - (2) When will the following sittings commence in the new Newcastle Court House:
    - (a) District Court; and
    - (b) Local Court?
  - (3) Is the construction of the new Newcastle Court House behind schedule?

- (a) If so, how far behind schedule is it?
- (4) Is the development of the new Newcastle Court House projected cost above \$94 million?(a) If so, by how much?
- (5) Why was the East Maitland District Court closed to District Court cases before the new Newcastle Court House was opened?
- (6) What provisions have been made for office space or other accommodation for sheriffs of the proposed new Newcastle Courthouse?

Answer-

I am advised:

(1) Construction is forecast to be completed in mid 2015.

(2) (a) - (b) Shortly after construction is completed.

(3) (a) The forecast completion date has been revised to mid 2015 due to factors including adverse weather conditions and the site ground conditions.

(4) No; (a) Not applicable.

(5) The sittings of the District Court are a matter for the Chief Judge of the District Court.

(6) The Sheriff's Office has been allocated space on the ground and first level floor.

\*6092 INFORMATION AND PRIVACY COMMISSION—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

What is the number and position of staff who have left the employ of the Information and Privacy Commission or who have ceased working there in the following periods:

- (a) 1 January 2013 to 22 December 2013; and
- (b) 23 December 2013 to 9 September 2014?

Answer-

I am advised:

(a) 17, involving various positions; (b) Six, involving various positions.

\*6093 CORONIAL INQUEST—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

What progress has been made with the holding of an Coronial Inquest into the death of Atilio Villegas?

Answer—

I am advised:

This matter is under investigation by the NSW State Coroner and it would be inappropriate to comment further.

\*6094 CORONERS ACT-Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice-

In relation to your letter to me dated 22 August 2014 concerning your possible breach of s75 of the Coroners Act 2009, please specify:

- (a) On what date did the Coroner make an order permitting reports of the relevant findings to be published?
- (b) What were the precise terms of the order made by the Coroner?

Answer-

I am advised:

(a) 16 May 2013; (b) Reports of these proceedings and findings are publicly available.

\*6095 BERESFIELD GOLF COURSE LEASE-Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Local Government-

Is the lease of Beresfield Golf Course by Newcastle City Council to Golf North Pty Ltd vitiated by:

- (a) The incorrect ABN for Golf North Pty Ltd being used by Council?
- (b) Inadequate scrutiny of the proposed lease of the course by the Council?
- (c) The phoenix company activities of those behind Golf North Pty Ltd?

Answer—

It is a matter for the Council to ensure that its actions comply with its legal obligations.

- \*6096 DAIRY FARMS IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Mr Richard Amery asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Assistant Minister for Tourism and Major Events—
  - (1) How many dairy farms are currently operating in New South Wales?(a) In what regions of the State are each of these farms situated?
  - (2) What percentage of the milk market in New South Wales is supplied by dairy farms situated in New South Wales?

Answer—

Please refer to the "Growing the NSW Dairy Industry" report at:

http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/\_\_data/assets/pdf\_file/0008/526688/Growing-the-dairy-industry.pdf.

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- 6097 REDEVELOPMENT OF FAIRFIELD HOSPITAL—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 6098 EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS TRANSFERS—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 6099 CRIME IN BONNYRIGG, EDENSOR PARK AND GREENFIELD PARK—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for Sport and Recreation, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Western Sydney—
- 6100 CABRAMATTA LOCAL AREA COMMAND DISCIPLINARY ACTION—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for Sport and Recreation, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Western Sydney—
- 6101 LIVERPOOL-PARRAMATTA TRANSITWAY SERVICE—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 6102 COMMUNITY SUPPORT PROGRAM CHANGES—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services—
- 6103 ONE-STOP-SHOP IN WETHERILL PARK-Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Finance and Services-
- 6104 ARBORIST ASSESSMENTS IN CABRAMATTA—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Education—
- 6105 MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS AND TRAFFIC OFFENCES—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Roads and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 6106 PARKES AND FORBES HOSPITAL—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 6107 PARKING AT BLACKTOWN HOSPITAL—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 6108 NURSING BUDGET AT SHOALHAVEN HOSPITAL—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 6109 MATERNITY SERVICES UNIT AT SHOALHAVEN HOSPITAL—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 6110 MIDWIVES AT SHOALHAVEN HOSPITAL—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 6111 NATIONAL PATIENT TRANSPORT GROUP—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- 6112 CONRAD CAPITAL—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 6113 SMOKING AT THE BEACH—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 6114 SMIRNOFF ADVERTISEMENTS ON BUSES—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 6115 HEALTH CARE CENTRE AT WEST DAPTO—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 6116 MATERNITY UNIT SERVICES AT SHELLHARBOUR HOSPITAL—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 6117 TREATING EATING DISORDERS IN THE ILLAWARRA—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Assistant Minister for Health—
- 6118 SHELLHARBOUR HOSPITAL MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Assistant Minister for Health—
- 6119 ILLAWARRA REGIONAL GROWTH PLAN—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Women—
- 6120 ILLAWARRA INSTITUTE OF TAFE-Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Education-
- 6121 NEW SENIOR ENGLISH SYLLABUS-Mr Barry Collier to ask the Minister for Education-
- 6122 SCHOOL SPEED ZONE FLASHING LIGHTS—Mr Barry Collier to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Roads and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 6123 ALCOHOL RELATED OFFENCES AT DAWSON MALL—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for Sport and Recreation, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Western Sydney—
- 6124 DISABILITY PAYROLL TAX REBATES—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 6125 INNER WEST LIGHT RAIL—Mr Jamie Parker to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—

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- 6126 NEW GROWTH BUSES-Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter-
- 6127 OPAL CARDS IN THE HUNTER—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 6128 TAFE NSW CAPITAL WORKS PROJECTS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Education—
- 6129 EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION SERVICES-Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Education-
- 6130 EAR NOSE AND THROAT SURGEONS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 6131 ORTHOPAEDIC SURGERIES—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- 6132 CITIZENSHIP AND COMMUNITIES BUDGET—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister for Veterans Affairs, and Assistant Minister for Education—
- 6133 ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister for Veterans Affairs, and Assistant Minister for Education—
- 6134 MOBILE SPEED CAMERA REVENUE—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Roads and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 6135 INNER CITY HIGH SCHOOL-Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Education-
- 6136 THE ENTERTAINMENT QUARTER—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, Minister for the Central Coast, and Assistant Minister for Planning—
- 6137 LATE NIGHT TRANSPORT AT KINGS CROSS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 6138 PUBLIC HOUSING PROPERTIES—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services—
- 6139 NON-ACUTE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Assistant Minister for Health—
- 6140 UNREGISTERED BOARDING HOUSES—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Finance and Services representing the Minister for Fair Trading—
- 6141 ELIZABETH BAY MARINA—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Roads and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 6142 COMPUTER ACCESS TO PRISONERS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 6143 PYRMONT BRIDGE—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Women—
- 6144 PARKING AT BANKSTOWN-LIDCOMBE HOSPITAL—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 6145 LACK OF AVAILABLE AMBULANCES—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 6146 ELECTIVE SURGERY WAIT TIMES—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 6147 ELECTIVE CATARACT EXTRACTION SURGERY—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 6148 CONCESSION AND PENSIONER OPAL CARDS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 6149 OPAL CARD RETAILERS IN BIRRONG AND SEFTON—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 6150 T3 BANKSTOWN LINE—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 6151 NATIONAL RENTAL AFFORDABILITY SCHEME DWELLINGS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services—
- 6152 DISABILITY ACCESSIBILITY IN BANKSTOWN—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 6153 TAFE NSW SYDNEY INSTITUTE—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Education—

- 6154 TAFE NSW WESTERN SYDNEY INSTITUTE—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Education—
- 6155 TAFE NSW SOUTH WEST SYDNEY INSTITUTE—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Education—
- 6156 TAFE NSW NORTHERN SYDNEY INSTITUTE—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Education—
- 6157 DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY STUDENTS-Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Education-
- 6158 FISH AND CRUSTACEANS IN MIDDLE HARBOUR—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, and Assistant Minister for Tourism and Major Events—
- 6159 FISH AND CRUSTACEANS IN THE GEORGES RIVER—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, and Assistant Minister for Tourism and Major Events—
- 6160 FISH AND CRUSTACEANS IN SYDNEY HARBOUR—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, and Assistant Minister for Tourism and Major Events—
- \*6161 PARRAMASALA FESTIVAL—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Hospitality, Gaming and Racing, and Minister for the Arts—
  - (1) How much funding was allocated to the Parramasala Festival each year from 2010-14?
  - (2) How much funding will be allocated to the Parramasala Festival in 2015?
  - Answer-

This question would be more appropriately directed to the Deputy Premier in his capacity as Minister for Tourism and Major Events.

- 6162 FULL-TIME APPARENT RETENTION RATES—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Education—
- 6163 PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENT SUSPENSIONS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Education—
- 6164 ILLAWARRA INFRASTRUCTURE FUND-Mr Ryan Park to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations-
- 6165 OLD CANTERBURY ROAD WORKS—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 6166 MENTAL HEALTH ACUTE CARE SERVICE—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 6167 FIT FOR THE FUTURE—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Local Government—
- 6168 MAINS WATER SUPPLY IN THE CANTERBURY ELECTORATE—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Minister for Natural Resources, Lands and Water, and Minister for Western NSW—
- 6169 COMMUNITY HOUSING SECTOR—Mr Robert Furolo to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services—
- 6170 SHELLHARBOUR PRIMARY HEALTH AND COMMUNITY CARE CENTRE—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

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- 6171 SNIFFER DOG SEARCHES—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 6172 HOSPITAL PARKING FEE REVENUE—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 6173 HOSPITAL PRIVATISATION—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- 6174 PURCHASE OF PRE-PAID BUS TICKETS—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 6175 CANLEY VALE BRIDGE TRAFFIC FLOW—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Roads and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 6176 CARING FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 6177 NEWLEAF BONNYRIGG DEVELOPMENTS—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services—
- 6178 NEW POLICE STATIONS—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for Sport and Recreation, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Western Sydney—
- 6179 TAFE SOUTH WESTERN SYDNEY INSTITUTE—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Education—
- 6180 SHERIFF'S OFFICERS ENTERING OF PREMISES—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 6181 FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT SHERIFF'S OFFICER POSITIONS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 6182 SHERIFF'S OFFICER INSTRUCTIONS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 6183 SEIZURE OF GOODS BY SHERIFF'S OFFICERS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 6184 SHERIFF'S OFFICERS FIELDWORK—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 6185 INVESTIGATING BUILDING DEFECTS AT MOUNT VERNON—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Finance and Services representing the Minister for Fair Trading—
- \*6186 ATILIO VILLEGAS—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Finance and Services—
  - (1) Has WorkCover met with the family of Atilio Villegas?

(2) What further investigations, if any, will WorkCover undertake into the death of Atilio Villegas? Answer—

(1) Senior representatives of WorkCover met with the Villegas family on 9 September 2014. The family were provided with a briefing on WorkCover's investigation to date under the Work Health and Safety Act 2011 in relation to the fatal incident involving Atilio Villegas.

(2) The Coroner is in the process of determining whether to hold an inquest into the death of Atilio Villegas. WorkCover will conduct any further investigations required by the Coroner and in accordance with the Coroner's findings.

- 6187 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS IN HUNTERS HILL—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Women—
- 6188 GENERAL LICENCING AND BUSINESS SUPPORT—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Hospitality, Gaming and Racing, and Minister for the Arts—
- 6189 OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Education—
- 6190 AUDITS OF SCHOOL ANTI-BULLYING POLICIES—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Education—
- 6191 PUBLIC SCHOOLS ANTI-BULLYING POLICIES—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Education—
- 6192 DRINK AND DRUG DRIVING OFFENCES—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for Sport and Recreation, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Western Sydney—

- 6193 KIDS HELPLINE FUNDING-Mr Ryan Park to ask the Premier, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for Western Sydney-
- 6194 FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT PARAMEDICS—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 6195 COMMUNITY NURSES—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 6196 CONSULTANT RADIOLOGIST REPORT WAITING TIMES—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 6197 TRAVELLING FROM THE WESTERN SUBURBS TO THE CBD—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Roads and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

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- 6198 HUNTER HEALTH COUNSELLING SERVICES—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 6199 PATIENT WAITING TIMES IN THE HUNTER—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 6200 AGED CARE FACILITIES—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 6201 SAFETY FOR PARAMEDICS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 6202 DISPLACED RAIL STAFF—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 6203 SAFETY ON NEWCASTLE BUSES—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 6204 NEWCASTLE LIGHT RAIL—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 6205 TAFE NSW COUNSELLORS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Education—
- 6206 FIXED PRICE RACING BETTING RULES—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Hospitality, Gaming and Racing, and Minister for the Arts—
- 6207 HOUSING OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 6208 SPEECH THERAPISTS IN SCHOOLS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Education—
- 6209 NEWCASTLE EAST PUBLIC SCHOOL-Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Education-
- 6210 BULLI HOSPITAL UPGRADE—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 6211 NSW HEALTH SPEECH THERAPISTS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 6212 GOVERNMENT FUNDING FOR LOCAL LIBRARIES—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Hospitality, Gaming and Racing, and Minister for the Arts—

- 6213 GOVERNMENT FUNDING TO THE ILLAWARRA REGION—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Premier, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 6214 SHELLHARBOUR JUNCTION SIGNAGE—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 6215 ILLAWARRA COMMUNITY ADVISORY PANEL—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

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- 6231 STUDENT COUNSELLING SERVICES AT BANKSTOWN TAFE—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Education—
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- 6245 BRIGALOW AND NANDEWAR STATE CONSERVATION AREAS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, Minister for the Central Coast, and Assistant Minister for Planning—
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- 6247 SALE OF SOCIAL HOUSING PROPERTIES—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Finance and Services—
- 6248 INNER SYDNEY PUBLIC HOUSING—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services—
- 6249 FARE EVASION-Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter-
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- 6251 MRI MACHINE AT MOUNT DRUITT HOSPITAL—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 6252 SPECIALIST MELANOMA NURSE—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 6253 BLACKTOWN HOSPITAL RADIOLOGY—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 6254 OPERATIONAL NOISE AND VIBRATION ASSESSMENT—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—

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6255 REGISTERED TRAINING ORGANISATION STATUS OF BRUSH FARM ACADEMY—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

What steps, if any, will be taken to ensure that the Brush Farm Corrective Services Academy retains its status as a Registered Training Organisation following changes currently being implemented?

- 6256 BRUSH FARM CORRECTIVE SERVICES ACADEMY—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
  - (1) How many positions will be lost as a result of the implementation of change management at Brush Farm Corrective Services Academy?
  - (2) How many redundancies will result from these changes?
    - (a) How many of these redundancies will be voluntary?
    - (b) How many of these redundancies will be involuntary?
- 6257 BRUSH FARM ACADEMY-Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice-

What steps will be taken to ensure the ongoing quality of training of Corrective Services employees following the changes to Brush Farm Academy?

6258 PRACTICE MANAGER—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

What is the role of the Practice Manager at the Public Defender's Office?

6259 LIVERPOOL TAFE BUILDING—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Education—

What long term plans are there for the pre-1825 sandstone basement with vaulted ceilings at the Liverpool TAFE building bearing in mind its great heritage significance?

- 6260 LIVERPOOL HOSPITAL—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Education—
  - (1) Is there any proposal for Liverpool Hospital to take over the adjacent Liverpool TAFE site?(a) If so, what is the timeframe proposed?
- 6261 CONSTRUCTION NOISE IN LIVERPOOL—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, Minister for the Central Coast, and Assistant Minister for Planning—

What action, if any, has the Environment Protection Agency (EPA) taken in relation to complaints by Bassam Saeed about noise emanating from a construction site at the intersection of Campbell Street and Castlereagh Street, Liverpool?

6262 CLOCK AT LIVERPOOL RAILWAY STATION—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—

Will the clock at Liverpool Railway Station be adjusted for daylight savings?

6263 CRIME IN LIVERPOOL—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for Sport and Recreation, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Western Sydney—

What action does the Minister propose in relation to the two drive-by shootings and a firebombing at an address in Lehmann Avenue, Liverpool this year?

- 6264 FLASHING LIGHTS AT LAKELANDS PUBLIC SCHOOL—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Roads and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
  - (1) Is the Minister aware that a school zone flashing light was installed behind a tree on the westerly approach to Lakelands Public School along Lakelands Drive?
  - (2) Will the Minister request that the tree be pruned or removed, or that the flashing light be re-installed at a position along Lakelands Drive where there is no visual obstruction to the flashing light?
  - (3) What was the cost of installing the flashing lights at Lakelands Public School?
- 6265 M1 MOTORWAY BETWEEN FIGTREE AND DAPTO—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Roads and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
  - (1) Has the Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) completed its study regarding improvements to the M1 Motorway between Figtree and Dapto (ref Q.6029)?
    - (a) When did the RMS study commence?

- (b) When does the RMS expect to publish its report?
- (2) Has the RMS completed any work on the following projects:
  - (a) The Tallawarra on/off ramps;
  - (b) The Emerson Road on/off ramps;
  - (c) The Fowlers Road on/off ramps;
  - (d) The Masters Road flyover; and
  - (e) The Northcliffe Drive overpass.
- (3) If the RMS has completed any work on the projects in (2), what was the result of this work, including likely estimates of costs for each project listed?
- (4) If the RMS has yet to complete any work on the projects in (2), when is work likely to commence for each of these projects?
- 6266 REGIONAL ROADS FUND—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Roads and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
  - (1) Will the Wollongong Local Government Area be included in the Government's Regional Roads Fund?
    - (a) If not, why not?
  - (2) What are the project criteria to access the Regional Roads Fund?
  - (3) How will the Government determine funding arrangements for a road project whose proposed route includes local government areas which are both included and excluded from the Regional Roads Fund?
- 6267 ILLAWARRA REGIONAL GROWTH AND INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN ADVISORY GROUP—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Women—
  - (1) Which individuals, government agencies, and peak organisations will make up the Illawarra Regional Growth and Infrastructure Plan Advisory Group?
    - (a) To whom will the Advisory Group report?
    - (b) Will the Advisory Group's advice be made public?
  - (2) Has work started on the development of the Annual Monitoring Report?
  - (3) On what date will the Annual Monitoring Report be published and released?
- 6268 DAPTO TAFE CAMPUS-Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Education-
  - (1) How many students were enrolled at the Dapto TAFE campus for each of the years from 2012 to 2014?
  - (2) How many staff were employed at the Dapto TAFE campus for each of the years from 2012 to 2014?
  - (3) What are the "trigger points" relating to the 8 potential new primary schools and 3 potential new high schools that have been identified for the West Lake Illawarra urban release area (ref p.61 of the Draft Illawarra Regional Growth and Infrastructure Plan)?
  - (4) What are the timeframes for the planning involved in (3)?
- 6269 SHELLHARBOUR JUNCTION—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Finance and Services—
  - (1) How many public submissions were received by the Geographical Names Board (GNB) of New South Wales in relation to the proposal to assign the name "Shellharbour Junction" to the new railway station under construction between Flinders and Dunmore?
  - (2) Of the public submissions in (1), how many:
    - (a) Agreed with the proposed name of "Shellharbour Junction"?
    - (b) Disagreed with the proposed name of "Shellharbour Junction"?
    - (c) Proposed the assignment of another name?
  - (3) Have all of the submissions received by the GNB been made public?(a) If not, why not?
  - (4) What are the names of the individuals and organisations that made submissions to the GNB in relation to the proposal to assign the name "Shellharbour Junction" to the new railway station?
- 6270 ROADS AND MARITIME SERVICES FORWARD PLANNING AGENDA—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Roads and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) Has the possibility of a grade separation, using either a bridge above or a tunnel below the road, at the intersection of Hoxton Park Road and the Hume Highway in Liverpool been investigated by either Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) or Liverpool Council?(a) If so, when?
  - (b) If so, what would be the estimated cost of such work?
- (2) Is a project of this type on the forward planning agenda for RMS?(a) If so, for which year?
- 6271 HOXTON PARK ROAD AND HUME HIGHWAY INTERSECTION—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Roads and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
  - (1) Has the Minister been approached by Liverpool Council asking about the possibility of a grade separation, using either a bridge above or tunnel below, at the intersection of Hoxton Park Road and the Hume Highway?
    - (a) If so, when did this approach occur?
- 6272 UPTODATE.COM PROGRAM—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
  - (1) In which Local Health Districts is the UpToDate.com program available to clinical staff on the health intranet site?
    - (a) In which Local Health Districts is this program not available to clinical staff on the health intranet site?
  - (2) What plans exist to ensure that all clinical staff employed by NSW Health are able to access the UpToDate.com website if needed?
- 6273 RAILWAY STREET ENTRANCE TO MOUNT DRUITT HOSPITAL—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Roads and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
  - (1) Has the Roads and Maritime Services studied the traffic flow in Railway Street, Rooty Hill at the entrance to the Mount Druitt Hospital?
  - (2) How many motor vehicle accidents have occurred at this location over the past three years?
  - (3) Does the Government plan to take action to improve the safety facilities at this location?
    - (a) If so, what plans have been recommended to protect motorists entering and leaving Mount Druitt Hospital onto Railway Street?
- 6274 COMO RAILWAY STATION EASY ACCESS UPGRADE—Mr Barry Collier to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—
  - (1) Are there any plans for the Government to provide a lift and an easy access upgrade at Como Railway Station?
  - (2) When will work commence on the installation of a lift and easy access upgrade at Como Railway Station?

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