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- 0001 MEMORIAL DRIVE ROAD EXTENSION—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- (1) When will the planning investigations currently underway into the Memorial Drive Road extension be complete and made available to the community?
 - (2) What aspects of the road extension are currently being examined?
 - (3) Following the release of the information regarding the Memorial Drive Road extension what will be the next stage of this process?
 - (a) When will the next stage commence?
- 0002 UPGRADES TO BULLI HOSPITAL—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Health—
- (1) How much of the funds allocated from the Illawarra Infrastructure Fund to the planned upgrades of Bulli Hospital have been spent as of 1 May 2015?
 - (2) When will the remaining funds be spent?
 - (3) What is the timeline for the completion of the full upgrade to Bulli Hospital?
- 0003 FINES ISSUED ON TRAINS AND RAILWAY STATIONS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- (1) How many fines were issued by Transit Officers on trains and at railway stations in each of the years from 2009 to 2011?
 - (2) How many fines were issued by Police Officers on trains and at railway stations in each of the years from 2012 to 2014?
 - (3) What was the main offence that fines were issued for in each of the years from 2009 to 2014 ?
 - (4) What was the number of fines issued per rail line in each of the years from 2009 to 2014?
- 0004 TRAIN CARRIAGES—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- (1) What is the total number of rail carriages in operation as of 1 May 2015 on the Sydney Trains and NSW Trains network?
 - (a) How many of these rail carriages are air-conditioned?
- 0005 WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE TRAIN STATIONS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- (1) How many additional stations will become wheelchair accessible or fully accessible as part of the Transport Access Program or any other major capital upgrade by the end of 2015?
 - (2) What are the names of these stations?
- 0006 STATE TRANSIT BUSES—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- How many individual State Transit buses have travelled more than one million kilometres as of 1 May 2015?
- 0007 UNPAID FINES FOR FARE EVASION—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—
- What are the outstanding payments for fines for fare evasion for each of the financial years 2012-13 and 2013-14?
- 0008 LOAD FACTOR FOR MORNING PEAK SERVICES—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- (1) What was the average load factor for the morning peak services for each of the years from 2011 to 2014 for:
 - (a) The South Coast Line;
 - (b) The Western Line;
 - (c) The Bankstown Line;
 - (d) The Newcastle and Central Coast Line?

- 0009 AVERAGE LOAD FACTOR FOR AFTERNOON PEAK—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- (1) What was the average load factor for the afternoon peak services for each of the years from 2011 to 2014 for:
 - (a) The South Coast Line;
 - (b) The Western Line;
 - (c) The Bankstown Line;
 - (d) The Newcastle and Central Coast Line?
- 0010 CARTWRIGHT TO LIVERPOOL T80 SERVICE—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- (1) How late on average each day does the 7.15am Cartwright to Liverpool T80 Service run?
 - (a) What is the cause of this delay?
 - (b) What steps can be taken to improve this situation?
- 0011 SECTION 89A OF THE EVIDENCE ACT 1995—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General—
- In how many instances since its introduction has Section 89A of the Evidence Act 1995 been relied upon to draw an unfavourable inference against an accused in criminal proceedings in New South Wales?
- 0012 REINTRODUCTION OF QUEEN'S COUNSEL TITLE—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General—
- (1) Do you support the reintroduction of the title 'Queen's Counsel' for senior barristers in New South Wales?
 - (2) Have you been approached by members of the New South Wales Bar over this issue?
 - (a) If so, by whom?
- 0013 APPLICATION FOR REMEDIATION OF LAND, HUNTERS HILL—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—
- (1) When did Property NSW lodge the application for the remediation of land in Nelson Parade, Hunters Hill?
 - (a) When will the application be determined?
- 0014 ROOKWOOD CEMETERY—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Lands and Water—
- What steps will you take to increase space for Islamic burials at Rookwood Cemetery?
- 0015 CONTAMINATED SOIL IN HUNTERS HILL—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—
- (1) When will contaminated soil be removed from premises in Nelson Parade, Hunters Hill?
 - (2) To where will the contaminated material be transported?
- 0016 REMEDIAL WORK ON PROPERTIES IN NELSON PARADE—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Planning—
- When will the assessment of the major project application and other development applications concerning remedial work on properties in Nelson Parade, Hunters Hill be completed?
- 0017 ISLAMIC BURIALS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Lands and Water—
- What steps have you taken or do you propose to take to provide for a special ground for Islamic burials?
- 0018 LOT 2 OLD BATHURST ROAD, EMU PLAINS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—
- (1) Does Corrective Services NSW own Lot 2 Old Bathurst Road, Emu Plains?
 - (2) Are there three houses located on Lot 2 Old Bathurst Road, Emu Plains?
 - (3) Are any Corrective Services NSW staff living rent free in those properties?
 - (a) If so, how many staff and for how long?
 - (b) If there are Corrective Services NSW staff living in these properties but not rent free, are they paying market rent?

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- 0019 HOME ACQUISITIONS AS PART OF THE WESTCONNEX PROJECT—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- (1) How many households will receive acquisition notices as part of the WestConnex project?
 - (2) How many households have received acquisition notices as part of the WestConnex project?
 - (3) How many houses have been acquired as part of the WestConnex project?
 - (4) What communication is being shared with people in neighbourhoods in which acquisitions are occurring?
- 0020 NEWTOWN RAILWAY STATION GROUP AND FORMER TRAM DEPOT—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- (1) Does the Government intend to maintain the heritage listed Newtown Railway Station Group and Former Tram Depot site as a public asset?
 - (a) Does the Government have any plans for the use of this site?
 - (b) Has the Government had any negotiations with the private sector regarding this site?
 - (c) Has the Government received offers from the private sector regarding the purchase of this site?
 - (d) Has the Government received proposals from developers regarding the redevelopment of this site?
- 0021 TRAIN STATION ACCESSIBILITY—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- (1) Is the construction of a lift on platform six and seven at Redfern Railway Station running to schedule?
 - (a) If not, why not?
 - (2) What is the projected completion date for the lift on platforms six and seven at Redfern Railway Station?
 - (3) When are all platforms at Redfern Railway Station expected to be fully accessible via lifts?
 - (4) Are the following train stations on the priority list for the provision of lifts:
 - (a) Petersham;
 - (b) Stanmore;
 - (c) St Peters;
 - (d) Erskineville;
 - (e) Macdonaldtown; and
 - (f) Lewisham?
 - (5) When are all platforms at the following train stations expected to be fully accessible via lifts:
 - (a) Petersham;
 - (b) Stanmore;
 - (c) St Peters;
 - (d) Erskineville;
 - (e) Macdonaldtown; and
 - (f) Lewisham?
- 0022 HUNTER WATER PRIVATISATION—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—
- Will the Minister rule out any future privatisation of Hunter Water or its subsidiaries?
- 0023 HUNTER NEW ENGLAND HEALTH VACANT POSITIONS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health—
- (1) How many vacant positions are being advertised by Hunter New England Health as at 5 May 2015?
 - (a) How does this number compare to October figures which were the highest in the state?
- 0024 ADULT CYSTIC FIBROSIS CLINIC FUNDING—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health—
- Does the Government have any plans to increase funding to the adult cystic fibrosis clinic at the John Hunter Hospital?
- 0025 STUDENT LANGUAGE AND COGNITIVE SKILLS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Education—
- (1) What is the Government doing to address the issue that almost one in ten children in the Hunter

region starts school with underdeveloped language and cognitive skills, such as numeracy?

- (a) How much funding has been assigned in the current financial year's budget by the Government to groups like the Smith Family to run programs that address this issue such as 'Let's Count'?

0026 TRAFFIC FROM THE OPENING OF THE HUNTER EXPRESSWAY—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

What is the Government doing to protect state roads in the electorate of Wallsend from the effects of increased traffic from the opening of the Hunter Expressway?

0027 HUNTER FIRE STATION CLOSURES—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—

What is the Government doing to ensure that in the future Hunter fire stations will not close due to a lack of staff during total fire bans?

0028 REVIEW OF NEWCASTLE BUS ROUTES—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) When was a full review of Newcastle bus routes last conducted?
(2) When is the next full review of Newcastle bus routes planned?

0029 ADAMSTOWN RAILWAY CROSSING—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) What are the Government's plans to address the gridlock that occurs at the Adamstown Railway Crossing?
(a) Will the Government commit to removing the level crossing at this location?
(i) If so, when will the removal occur?
(ii) If not, why not?