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*0889 DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING TENANTS RENTS—Mr Richard Amery asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

- (1) How many Department of Housing tenants reside in the Mount Druitt electorate?
- (2) What is the amount of rent collected from these tenants per year?
- (3) How many tenants will receive an increase in their rent this year as a result of the rental increase announced in the budget?

Answer—

- (1) The number of social housing tenants by electorate can be found through the Australian Bureau of Statistics.
- (2) The amount of rent collected is published in the Housing NSW component of the Department of Family and Community Services' Annual Report.
- (3) The 2011-12 Budget announcement reflects the Housing NSW policy to charge all social housing tenants 25% of their assessable income, or the market rent, whichever is the lower.

*0894 INDICATORS TO BE USED—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW—

What indicators will be used by the Department of Planning to determine if NSW is No. 1?

Answer—

The Government's performance targets are contained in "NSW 2021". It is publically available.

*0896 INDICATORS TO BE USED—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Transport—

What indicators will be used by the Department of Transport to determine if NSW is No. 1?

Answer—

The Government's performance targets are contained in "NSW 2021". It is publically available.

*0897 INDICATORS TO BE USED—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Hospitality and Racing, and Minister for the Arts—

- (1) What indicators will be used by the Tourism portfolio to determine if NSW is No. 1?
- (2) What indicators will be used by the Major Events portfolio to determine if NSW is No. 1?
- (3) What indicators will be used by the Hospitality portfolio to determine if NSW is No. 1?
- (4) What indicators will be used by the Racing portfolio to determine if NSW is No. 1?
- (5) What indicators will be used by the Arts portfolio to determine if NSW is No. 1?

Answer—

The Government's performance targets are contained in "NSW 2021". It is publically available.

*0898 INDICATORS TO BE USED—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Treasurer—

What indicators will be used by Treasury to determine if NSW is No. 1?

Answer—

The Government's performance targets are contained in "NSW 2021". It is publically available.

*0900 INDICATORS TO BE USED—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Ageing, and Minister for Disability Services—

- (1) What indicators will be used by the Ageing portfolio to determine if NSW is No. 1?
- (2) What indicators will be used by the Disability Services portfolio to determine if NSW is No. 1?

Answer—

The Government's performance targets are contained in "NSW 2021". It is publically available.

*0903 CABRAMATTA COMMUTER CAR PARK—Mr Nick Lalich asked the Treasurer—

With the 2011-2012 Budget not having any funding for the Cabramatta commuter car park, which was previously to be delivered by the Transport Construction Authority, will the Government be providing funding to Fairfield City Council to build a car park to meet the local community's needs?

Answer—

At present, the Commuter Car Park and Interchange Program is being reviewed to address the needs of local communities, to ensure appropriate prioritisation of work and to establish the program of work and associated funding. This includes an assessment of Cabramatta commuter car park.

*0922 DELAYS OR BREAKDOWNS—BANKSTOWN LINE—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport—

How many incidents of delays or breakdowns have been caused by freight trains on the Bankstown line in:

- (a) 2007-08;
- (b) 2008-09;
- (c) 2009-10;
- (d) 2010-11?

Answer—

I am advised:

There were no reported delays or cancellations to passenger trains caused by freight trains on the Bankstown Line.

*0926 M90 AND M92 SERVICES—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport—

- (1) Given that constituents travelling to Bankstown Hospital on services M90 and M92 are required to walk more than half a kilometre to reach the hospital, what action will the Minister take to assist elderly and disabled residents travelling to Bankstown Hospital via public transport?
- (2) Will the Minister extend these services so that they stop closer to the hospital?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) and (2) Regular services to Bankstown Hospital operate from Bankstown Station. Connections can be made from routes M90 or M92 to these services.

Services in the Bankstown area are next due for review in 2012-13.

*0927 962 AND 922 SERVICES—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport—

- (1) Given that constituents travelling to Bankstown Hospital on services 962 and 922 are required to walk more than half a kilometre to Bankstown Station, what action will the Minister take to assist elderly and disabled residents travelling to Bankstown Hospital via public transport?
- (2) Will the Minister extend these services so that they stop closer to Bankstown Station?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) and (2) Regular services to Bankstown Hospital operate from Bankstown Station. Connections can be made from routes 922 or 962 to these services.

Services in the Bankstown area are next due for review in 2012-13.

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0929 MOUNT DRUITT COURT HOUSE—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

0931 JUSTICE ACCESS CENTRE—WALLSEND—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

0933 HIGHER FEES FOR PUBLIC PRESCHOOLS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Education—

0934 CABRAMATTA WEST PUBLIC SCHOOL—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Education—

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- 0938 LEGAL-E-SERVICES—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
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- 0944 MAGISTRATES EARLY REFERRAL INTO TREATMENT PROGRAM—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 0945 ACTION TAKEN AGAINST NIGEL HADGKISS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
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- 0947 NSW TRUSTEE AND GUARDIAN—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 0948 TRANSITION TASK FORCE—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 0949 WAGGA WAGGA BASE HOSPITAL INTERNS—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 0950 ANTENATAL CLASSES—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 0951 STATEWIDE NSW PAIN MANAGEMENT PLAN—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 0952 SCHOOL MINOR WORKS PROGRAM—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Education—
- 0953 DEMOUNTABLE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM—GEORGES HALL PUBLIC SCHOOL—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Education—
- 0954 DEMOUNTABLE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM—BANKSTOWN NORTH PUBLIC SCHOOL—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Education—
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- 0958 COMMUNITY BUILDING PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Treasurer—
- 0959 HIGHLY ACCOMPLISHED TEACHERS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Education—
- 0960 SCHOOL BASED MANAGEMENT PILOT—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Education—

- 0961 POLICE CITIZENS YOUTH CLUBS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 0963 AIR QUALITY MONITORING SITES—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

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- 0967 WALLSEND-GLENDALE HISTORIC TRAMWAY WALKWAY/SHARED PATHWAY—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 0969 RURAL FIRE SERVICE TANKERS—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 0970 CABRAMATTA COMMUTER CAR PARK—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 0972 CLINICAL NURSE EDUCATORS—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
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- 0974 OUT OF HOSPITAL CARE—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 0975 BETTER WORKPLACES FOR TEACHERS AND NURSES PROGRAM—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 0976 FEE FOR PROCESSING BLOOD PRODUCTS—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 0977 CONNECTING CARE PROGRAM—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 0978 HURLSTONE AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Education—
- 0979 EXPANSION OF NRE MINES—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW—
- 0980 BULLI HOSPITAL—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

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- 0981 SUBJECTS OFFERED—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Education—
- 0982 INDICATORS TO BE USED—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 0983 INDICATORS TO BE USED—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

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- 0992 CONSTRUCTION AND RENOVATION OF PCYC CENTRES—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 0993 FEDERAL FUNDING INCLUDED IN BUDGET—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Treasurer—
- 0995 FEES PAID FOR CONSULTATION—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW—
- 0996 COST OF REVIEW—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW—
- 0997 TRANSFER OF HOUSING NSW ASSETS—Mr Michael Daley to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
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- 1000 INTERACTIVE WHITEBOARDS—Mr John Flowers to ask the Minister for Education—
- 1001 HIGHLY ACCOMPLISHED TEACHERS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Education—
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- 1003 CUTS IN NURSING POSITIONS—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 1004 HERITAGE LISTED PROPERTIES—99-YEAR LEASES—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 1005 OXFORD STREET CLEARWAY—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- *1006 BICYCLES ON PUBLIC TRANSPORT—Ms Clover Moore asked the Minister for Transport—
- (1) What assessment has the Government undertaken into allowing cyclists to take their bikes on CityRail trains free of charge during peak hour (6 am to 9 am and 3.30 pm to 7.30 pm weekdays), as it does outside these hours, to encourage residents to cycle rather than drive to stations on their way to work or education?
 - (2) Will the Government change policy and allow cyclists to take their bikes on CityRail trains free of charge during peak hour?
 - (3) What assessment has the Government undertaken in to only purchasing new train carriages for CityRail that have adequate provision for cyclists to take their bikes on board?
 - (4) Will the Government ensure that all new train carriages purchased by CityRail include adequate provision for cyclists to take their bikes on board?
 - (5) What assessment has the Government undertaken into purchasing buses with adequate provisions for cyclists to take their bikes on board?
 - (6) Will the Government ensure that all new buses purchased in NSW include adequate provision for cyclists to take their bikes on board?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) Bikes are permitted on trains free of charge in the period outside of the peak. Should any part of the journey be made on weekdays between 6.00 am and 9.00 am or 3.30 pm and 7.30 pm, customers must purchase a child ticket for the bike in addition to their own ticket.

When customers travel with a folding bike with dimensions (in its bag) of 82 cm length x 69 cm height x 39 cm width, and a maximum wheel rim diameter of 51 cm, the bike travels free of charge at any time.

This follows a trial which found that allowing folding bikes during peak periods did not adversely affect the comfort or flow of passengers.

(2) There are no plans to make changes to the existing fare policy for standard bicycles.

(3) and (4) All new train procurements for the CityRail network commenced under this Government will consider the requirements of cyclists.

(5) and (6) Under current regulations, buses with bike racks fitted may exceed the maximum permitted length of the bus.

*1007 COMPANION ANIMALS ON RAILCORP LAND—Ms Clover Moore asked the Minister for Transport—

With regard to the ban on RailCorp premises of companion animals other than guide dogs, hearing dogs, dogs trained to assist a person to alleviate the effects of their disability on public transport, assistance dogs in training, police dogs on duty, and police dogs in training:

- (1) Why does the ban apply to all premises including tunnels, thoroughfares, arcades and land under viaducts?
- (2) What consideration will the Government give to allowing companion animals under the effective control of their owner, such as dogs restrained by a leash or cats confined in a container, on some RailCorp premises?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The Rail Safety (Offences) Regulation 2008 provides that it is an offence to bring an animal onto trains and RailCorp premises except under the conditions imposed by RailCorp.

The regulations ensure that safety remains the paramount concern in relation to customers and staff and that the hygiene of trains and premises is of a quality standard.

- (2) Both the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 (Cth) and the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW) provide for the legal right of persons with disabilities to be accompanied by an animal or dog (Cth) or a dog (NSW), that assists the person in respect of their disability or is trained to alleviate the effect of the disability. Certain organisations are accredited under law to provide training to such animals and RailCorp recognises these accredited organisations.

Animals outside these descriptions come under the Rail Safety (Offences) Regulations, the purpose of which is to ensure the primary concern of the transport system is safety for its customers and staff and that the hygiene of trains and premises is of a quality standard.

1008 LOCAL AREA TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PLAN—CONSULTATION—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

1009 LOCAL AREA TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PLAN—REVIEW—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

1010 FUNDING FOR "DITTO'S KEEP SAFE ADVENTURE"—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—

1011 ADDITIONAL LITERACY AND NUMERACY TEACHERS—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—

1012 TEACHER NUMBERS—BEGINNING OF SCHOOL YEAR 2011—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—

1013 TEACHER NUMBERS—30 JUNE 2011—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—

*1014 NEWTOWN STATION UPGRADE—Ms Carmel Tebbutt asked the Minister for Transport—

What is the capital allocation for the upgrade of Newtown Station in the 2011-12 Budget and what is the expected completion date of the project?

Answer—

The 2011-12 State Budget was released on 6 September. The transport allocations are detailed in Budget Papers 3 and 4.

1015 TRAIN STATIONS—CAPITAL ALLOCATION AND PROJECTS PROPOSED—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Transport—

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- 1018 SPENDING ON EDUCATION—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Minister for Education—
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- 1020 SPENDING ON CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENT—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—
- 1022 NATURAL RESOURCES ADVISORY COUNCIL—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—
- 1024 SAFETY OF WARATAH STATION COMMUTERS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 1025 BASS HILL SPECIAL NEEDS SCHOOL—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Treasurer—
- 1026 FUNDING ALLOCATION FOR HENRY LAWSON DRIVE—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 1027 PRESCHOOLS IN ELECTORATE OF BANKSTOWN—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 1028 PUBLIC HOUSING FUNDING—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
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- 1035 HOMELESSNESS—ELECTORATE OF BANKSTOWN—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
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- 1038 OFFERS OF VOLUNTARY REDUNDANCY—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—
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- 1042 BIRRONG BOYS HIGH SCHOOL—MAINTENANCE BUDGET—Mrs Barbara Perry to ask the Minister for Education—
- 1043 AUBURN NORTH PUBLIC SCHOOL—MAINTENANCE BUDGET—Mrs Barbara Perry to ask the Minister for Education—
- 1044 BERALA PUBLIC SCHOOL—MAINTENANCE BUDGET—Mrs Barbara Perry to ask the Minister for Education—

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- 1045 GRANVILLE SOUTH PUBLIC SCHOOL—MAINTENANCE BUDGET—Mrs Barbara Perry to ask the Minister for Education—
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- 1051 NSW EDUCATION AND TRAINING CHILD WELLBEING UNIT—STAFF NUMBERS—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—
- 1052 FAIRFIELD HOSPITAL—ADDITIONAL BEDS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
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- 1054 FAIRFIELD TRANSPORT INTERCHANGE—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Transport—
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- 1056 PUBLIC SCHOOL UPGRADES—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Education—
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- 1059 MOUNT DRUITT HOSPITAL DENTAL CLINIC—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 1060 MILLFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOL—FLASHING LIGHTS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
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- 1063 CORRECTIVE SERVICES NSW—PENALTIES IMPOSED—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
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- 1067 CORRECTIONAL CENTRES—WALL MOUNTED RINGS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

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- 1073 REPRESENTATIONS FROM THE NSW CRIME COMMISSION—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
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- 1076 OFFERS OF VOLUNTARY REDUNDANCY—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
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- 1088 VISITS TO CRONULLA FISHERIES RESEARCH CENTRE—Mr Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Small Business—
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1091 STAMP DUTY CONCESSION—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Treasurer—

1092 JOHN NESS PROTESTANT FEDERATION GIRLS HOME—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

1093 CARDIFF RAILWAY STATION—EASY ACCESS UPGRADE—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport—

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1095 VIOLENCE ON TRAIN STATIONS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport—

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1097 DNA BACKLOG—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

1098 CALVARY MATER HOSPITAL—CANCER TREATMENT AND RESEARCH CENTRE—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

1099 METHADONE PHARMACOTHERAPY TREATMENT—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

1100 FREE RAGE STOCKING DENSITIES—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Small Business—

1101 2017 INTERNATIONAL EXPOSITION—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Hospitality and Racing, and Minister for the Arts—

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1105 NATIONAL BOWEL CANCER SCREENING—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

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- 1118 PROPOSED TRIAL TO ADDRESS GRAFFITI DAMAGE—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
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- 1132 COST OF CAPITAL WORKS—SITES OTHER THAN PORT STEPHENS—Mr Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Small Business—
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- 1134 ROOTY HILL ROAD NORTH, LAMB STREET AND JERSEY ROAD INTERSECTION—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- (1) Has the Blacktown City Council made representations to the Government about the safety issues at the intersection of Rooty Hill Road North, Lamb Street and Jersey Road in the Mount Druitt electorate?
 - (2) Is the RTA currently investigating the safety issues at this intersection?
 - (3) When is this investigation due to be completed?
 - (4) Is any money being allocated in this year's budget for any work at this intersection?
- 1135 SUNDAY AND PUBLIC HOLIDAY TIMETABLES—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Transport—
- (1) What solutions have been put in place for all bus transport routes across NSW that operate on a Sunday timetable on Public Holidays when there is no service on a Sunday?
 - (2) When can affected communities expect to be advised of such solutions to the Christmas 2011 public holidays which fall on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday what options are being offered to these communities?
- 1136 CESSNOCK GAOL—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- Will Cessnock Gaol be privatised in this term of Government?
- 1137 CESSNOCK HOSPITAL—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- (1) What future improvements are planned for Cessnock hospital?
 - (2) Will the Government deliver any new resources to the hospital?
- 1138 JOB CUTS TO COMMUNITY SERVICES—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- With respect to the role of Community Services in the Electorate of Cessnock:
- (1) How many jobs will be cut in Community services in the Electorate of Cessnock?
 - (2) How will the Government's cuts to public sector jobs and cap on public sector wages affect Community Services in the Electorate of Cessnock?
 - (3) Were these human effects considered when the decision was made to make these budget cuts?
- 1139 HOUSING NSW AND COMPASS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- For public housing in the Electorate of Cessnock, managed by both Housing NSW and Compass:
- (1) How many houses are currently unoccupied?
 - (2) Why are they unoccupied?

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- 1140 PUBLIC HOUSING—HUNTER VALLEY—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- For public housing in the Hunter Valley:
- (1) How many new houses will be built or purchased in 2011-12?
 - (2) How many of these will be in the Cessnock of electorate?
 - (3) What size, rooming, disability conditions, multi-story or other qualities will they have?
- 1141 PUBLIC HOUSING MAINTENANCE BUDGET—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- For public housing across NSW:
- (1) Has the budget for maintenance been reduced?
 - (2) If so, by how much?
 - (3) If so, has it been reduced equally across all areas of the state?
 - (4) If so, in real dollar terms, what is the new budget for housing maintenance in the Hunter now, and what was it previously?
- 1142 HOUSING PATHWAYS—FACSIMILE SYSTEM—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- (1) When will Housing Pathways have access to an improved facsimile system which can receive the information sent to them by clients?
 - (2) If not received immediately, can it store the information instead of clients having to resend when contacted?
- 1143 PUBLIC HOUSING WAITING TIMES—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- What is the current waiting time for public housing in the Cessnock electorate for able body persons seeking:
- (a) one-bedroom premises;
 - (b) two-bedroom premises;
 - (c) three-bedroom premises;
 - (d) four + bedroom premises?
- 1144 KURRI KURRI HOSPITAL—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- (1) What future improvements are planned for Kurri Kurri hospital?
 - (2) Will the Government deliver any new resources to the hospital?
- 1145 NORTHLAKES DRIVE AND MINMI ROAD ROUND-A-BOUT—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- With respect to the election commitment made by the Member for Oxley and the Nationals candidate Alison Davey for funding to fast-track the construction of a round-a-bout at the intersection of Northlakes Drive and Minmi Road:
- (1) Was the commitment contingent on the election of Alison Davey?
 - (2) Will the Minister confirm that the Government will fulfil this commitment?
 - (3) Is the money available in the 2011-2012 budget?
 - (4) If the funding is not forthcoming in the 2011-2012 budget, when will the funding be committed and available?
- 1146 JOB CUTS—RECRUITMENT TO TEACHING—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Education—
- (1) How will the Government's cuts to public sector jobs and cap on public sector wages affect the ability of the New South Wales Department of Education to recruit people to become teachers?
 - (2) Were these effects considered when the decision was made to make these budget cuts?
- 1147 TASKFORCE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—
- (1) What priority issue does the Taskforce on Aboriginal Affairs intend to examine first?
 - (2) Is there a budget attached to the Taskforce?

- 1148 CUTS TO THE OFFICE OF ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—
- Which important programs and support services will be cut or reduced because of the \$8 million cut in the budget of the Office of Aboriginal Affairs?
- 1149 CHANGE MANAGEMENT PLAN—Mr Lee Evans to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Small Business—
- Prior to the announcement of a decision to relocate functions from the Cronulla Fisheries Research Centre of Excellence, was a written "Change Management Plan" prepared as required by the Government's Agency Change Management Guidelines issued on 1 September 2011?
- 1150 CONSULTATION WITH STAFF—Mr Lee Evans to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Small Business—
- Prior to the announcement of a decision to relocate functions from the Cronulla Fisheries Research Centre of Excellence, what consultation did you undertake with staff at that centre?
- 1151 BRIDGE TO FISHERIES CENTRE AT PORT STEPHENS—Mr Lee Evans to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Small Business—
- (1) What is the weight capacity limit on the one-lane bridge through which traffic must go to enter the fisheries centre at Port Stephens?
 - (2) What plans (including estimated cost) are there to upgrade this bridge?
- 1152 CONSULTATION WITH RECREATIONAL FISHERS/FISHER ORGANISATIONS—Mr Lee Evans to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Small Business—
- Prior to 8 September 2011, with which specific recreational fishers or specific recreational fisher organisations did the Minister consult about the relocation of functions from the Cronulla Fisheries Research Centre of Excellence?
- 1153 HIGHWAY SAFETY AUDIT—Mr Robert Furolo to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- (1) What was the outcome of the highway safety audit?
 - (2) What action will be undertaken to improve road safety as a result of the audit?
- 1154 BARTON HIGHWAY UPGRADE—Mr Robert Furolo to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- With regards to the upgrade of the Barton Highway:
- (1) How much funding has been allocated to the Barton Highway in the 2011-2012 financial year?
 - (2) How much funding has been allocated to the Barton Highway in 2012-2013, 2013-2014, 2014-2015?
 - (3) What works will be done as part of the upgrade of the Barton Highway and do these works include building a separated dual carriageway?
 - (4) What is the timeline for works including dates for the expected completion of each stage of each project?
 - (5) What is the expected date of completion for the project?
- 1155 BEGA BYPASS—Mr Robert Furolo to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- With regards to Bega Bypass:
- (1) When will construction start?
 - (2) How much funding has been allocated to the project in the 2011-2012 financial year?
 - (3) How much funding has been allocated to the project in 2012-2013, 2013-2014 and 2014-2015?
 - (4) What is the timeline for any works including dates for the expected completion of each stage of the project?
 - (5) What is the expected date of completion?
- 1156 FIXED SPEED CAMERAS—Mr Robert Furolo to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- (1) What is the Government's assessment of the impact of existing fixed speed cameras, as announced on 27 June 2011?

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- (2) What were the findings of the assessment?
 - (3) What actions will be taken as a result of the assessment?
 - (4) Has the assessment recommended the removal of any fixed cameras?
 - (5) What sites has the assessment identified for the removal of fixed cameras?
 - (6) (a) Have alternative camera sites been recommended?
(b) If so when will the current cameras be removed and when will cameras be installed in the alternative sites?
 - (7) Where are the sites where the assessment has found other safety measures are more appropriate?
 - (8) What safety measures have been recommended at each site in question (7) and when will work begin on installing the new safety measures at these sites?
- 1157 RESEALING OF MACQUARIE ROAD—Mr Robert Furolo to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- With regards to Macquarie Road between the Great Western Highway and Hawkesbury Road:
- (1) Has resealing of Macquarie Road between the Great Western Highway and the Hawkesbury Road started?
 - (2) If resealing work has not started when will work start?
 - (3) How much funding has been allocated to the resealing of Macquarie Road in the 2011-2012 financial year?
 - (4) How much funding has been allocated to the project in the 2012-2013, 2013-2014 and 2014-2015 financial years?
 - (5) What is the time line for any works including dates for the expected completion of each stage of the project?
 - (6) What is the expected date of completion for the project?
- 1158 MOBILE SPEED CAMERAS—Mr Robert Furolo to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- (1) How many mobile speed cameras are currently operating?
 - (2) At how many sites do mobile speed cameras currently operate?
 - (3) At how many sites did mobile speed cameras operate in February 2011?
 - (4) How many infringements have been issued as a result of the use of mobile speed cameras in the period March 2010 to March 2011?
 - (5) How many infringements have been issued as a result of the use of mobile speed cameras since March 2011 to now?
 - (6) What is the value of revenue collected as a result of infringements issued from the use of mobile speed cameras in the period March 2010 to March 2011?
 - (7) What is the value of revenue collected as a result of infringements issued from the use of mobile speed cameras since March 2011 to now?
- 1159 WIDENING OF NELSON BAY ROAD—Mr Robert Furolo to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- With regards to Nelson Bay Road between Bobs Farm and Anna Bay:
- (1) When will work on the widening of Nelson Bay Road to a dual carriageway begin?
 - (2) How much funding has been allocated in 2011-2012 to widening the Nelson Bay Road between Bobs Farm and Anna Bay?
 - (3) How much funding has been allocated in the 2012-2013, 2013-2014 and 2014-2015 financial years?
 - (4) What is the timeline for works including dates for the expected completion of each stage of the project?
 - (5) When will the widening of Nelson Bay Road be completed?
- 1160 NEWELL HIGHWAY OVERTAKING LANES—Mr Robert Furolo to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- With regards to the Newell Highway:
- (1) Are overtaking lanes planned for the Newell Highway?
 - (2) How much funding has been allocated to building overtaking lanes on the Newell Highway in the 2011-2012 financial year?
 - (3) How much funding has been allocated in the 2012-2013, 2013-2014 and 2014-2015 financial years?
 - (4) What is the timeline for any works including dates for the expected completion of each stage of the

- project?
- (5) When is work expected to start on overtaking lanes on the Newell Highway?
- (6) What is the expected date of completion?
- 1161 PEDESTRIAN FENCING—Mr Robert Furolo to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- (1) How much funding has been provided in the 2011-2012 financial year for pedestrian fencing at pedestrian crash hotspots?
- (2) How much funding had been provided in the 2010-2011 financial year for pedestrian fencing?
- (3) How many pedestrian fences have been installed in the period March 2010 to March 2011?
- (4) How many pedestrian fences have been installed since April 2011 to now?
- (5) What is the total number of pedestrian fences that have been installed up to date.
- (6) At which sites have the pedestrian fences been installed?
- 1162 SCHOOL ZONE FLASHING—Mr Robert Furolo to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- With regards to the School Zone Flashing Lights program:
- (1) What is the total number of school zone flashing light devices installed and operating in NSW as at 26 March 2011?
- (2) What is the total number of school zone flashing light devices installed in 2010-2011 financial year?
- (3) What was the total cost of purchasing and installing school zone flashing light devices in 2010-2011?
- (4) What is the total budget for purchasing and installing school zone flashing light devices in 2011-2012?
- (5) What is the total number of school zone flashing light devices to be installed in 2011-2012?
- 1163 TILLEGRA DAM—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- (1) What does the Government intend to do with the land it is refusing to sell back to a former landowner on the Tillegra Dam site?
- (2) Is the Government intending to resurrect the Tillegra Dam project.
- 1164 REGISTERED DENTAL PROFESSIONALS—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- With regard to registered dental professionals in NSW:
- (1) How many FTE dentists are employed in the NSW public health system?
- (2) How many positions are vacant?
- (3) How many FTE dental therapists are employed in the NSW public health system?
- (4) How many positions are vacant?
- (5) What enhancements for dental services are provided by the minister in the 2011 budget?
- 1165 DENTAL WAITING LISTS—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- With regard to dental waiting lists:
- How many patients were waiting for (a) dental assessment and (b) dental treatment on (i) 30 June 2010, (ii) 1 April 2011 and 30 June 2011 in:
- (1) The Children's Hospitals network;
- (2) CC LHN;
- (3) Illawarra Shoalhaven LHN;
- (4) Nepean Blue Mountains LHN;
- (5) NS LHN;
- (6) SES LHN;
- (7) SWS LH;
- (8) Sydney LHN;
- (9) WS LHN;
- (10) Far West LHN;
- (11) HNE LHN;
- (12) MNC LHN;
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- (14) Northern NSW LHN;
(15) Southern NSW LHN;
(16) Western LHN;
(17) St Vincent's HN;
(18) all of NSW?
- 1166 HYDROTHERAPY POOL—ROYAL NORTH SHORE HOSPITAL SITE—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
What plans does the Minister have for a hydrotherapy pool on the Royal North Shore Hospital site?
- 1167 GRAFFITI—ALTERNATIVE SOLUTIONS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
Given that the Graffiti Amendment Bill has not been passed by Parliament, will the Government consider alternate solutions to the graffiti problem such as providing funds to local councils?
- 1168 RIFLE SHOOTING IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Education—
In reference to your previous answer to Written Question 0601 - Rifle Shooting in Public Schools:
Will the Minister commit to ensuring that rifle practice is not introduced into any school in the Bankstown electorate?
- 1169 HENRY LAWSON DRIVE UPGRADE—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
In reference to your previous answers concerning Henry Lawson Drive and given that the then Liberal candidate for East Hills committed to upgrading Henry Lawson Drive in the election pamphlet "Glenn Brookes Real Change for East Hills":
(1) Why did you state in your answer to Written Question 0409 regarding Henry Lawson Drive "Delivering any projects outside the current capital program and our election commitments is extremely difficult"?
(2) When will the Government commit to upgrading this vital arterial road?
- 1170 ADDITIONAL RAIL SERVICES—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport—
In reference to the Government's recent announcement of 63 additional rail services on the Western, South Coast, North Shore, Illawarra and Blue Mountains lines:
(1) What was the basis for increasing services to these particular lines?
(2) What advice or recommendations did you receive from the Department of Transport concerning the need for increased services throughout the CityRail network?
- 1171 BANKSTOWN LINE SERVICES—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport—
In reference to the Government's recent announcement of 63 additional rail services on the Western, South Coast, North Shore, Illawarra and Blue Mountains Lines, why was there no increase of services on the Bankstown Line?
- 1172 RESTRICTIONS ON TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
(1) Has the Minister or any member of her staff issued instructions to regional Housing NSW Offices to enforce restrictions on temporary accommodation to an absolute maximum of 28 days?
(2) What action will the Minister take to prevent vulnerable residents in Bankstown currently residing in temporary accommodation from being forced to live on the streets?
- 1173 STRONGER TOGETHER TWO—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Ageing, and Minister for Disability Services—
When do applications for "Stronger Together Two" funding open?
- 1174 BANKSTOWN HOSPITAL—RADIOTHERAPY FACILITIES—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
(1) How many patients within the Bankstown and East Hills electorates presently travel to Liverpool Hospital or other facilities to receive radiotherapy treatment?
(2) Will the Government install radiotherapy facilities at Bankstown Hospital?

- 1175 FUNDING FROM GRANTS PROGRAMS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Ageing, and Minister for Disability Services—

In reference to your answer to Written Question 0605 - Recreation Sports and Aquatics Club:

Given that applications for the Sport and Recreation Participation Program have now closed and applications for Stronger Together Two are yet to open, what other grants programs exist from which the RSAC might be eligible to receive funding?

- 1176 ELECTION FUNDING EXPENDITURES AND DISCLOSURES BILL 2011—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

With respect to the Election Funding Expenditures and Disclosures Bill 2011, what advice have you received regarding the Bill's impact on restricting the constitutionally implied freedom of political communication in NSW?

- 1177 ELECTION FUNDING EXPENDITURES AND DISCLOSURES BILL 2011—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

I refer to the conclusion of the Legislation Review Committee regarding the Election Funding Expenditures and Disclosures Bill 2011:

"The Committee notes that this Bill may further impact on freedom of political communication in New South Wales"

Will the Premier commit to taking no further action to reduce the freedom of political communication in New South Wales?

- 1178 ELECTION FUNDING EXPENDITURES AND DISCLOSURES BILL 2011—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

Has the Premier or his office received any advice suggesting that the Election Funding Expenditures and Disclosures Bill 2011 might be unconstitutional or have an adverse impact on democracy in our State?

- 1179 LOCAL GOVERNMENT AMENDMENT BILL 2011—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

Given that you invited all Councils to your Destination 2036 Forum and asked for submissions from these councils concerning the outcome of the forum to be provided to your office by 4 November, why did you introduce the Local Government Amendment Bill 2011 on 12 October?

- 1180 ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

Noting that an increasing proportion of Housing NSW tenants have high levels of complex needs that may sometimes be linked with neighbour disputes, and Anti-Social Behaviour Officers have been appointed to work with these tenants to provide support and prevent impacts on neighbours and the community:

- (1) How many Anti-Social Behaviour Officers were available in the inner city in 2005, and how many are available in 2011?
- (2) What is the average caseload for each Anti-Social Behaviour Officer?
- (3) What training do these officers provide to Client Service Officers and other Housing NSW officers?
- (4) How many training programs have been run in the inner city over the past five years, and how many Housing NSW staff have been trained?
- (5) How many complaints did Housing NSW receive each year for the past three years from inner city tenants about safety and amenity impacts from neighbours' anti-social behaviour?
- (6) What strategies does Housing NSW use in the inner city to prevent and minimise neighbour disputes?
- (7) What allocation policies does Housing NSW have to prevent these concerns?
- (8) How does Housing NSW use these allocation policies to prevent anti-social behaviour between neighbours?
- (9) What plans does the Government have to increase the number of Anti-Social Behaviour Officers and increase support to tenants with high levels of complex needs?

- 1181 HOUSING AND MENTAL HEALTH AGREEMENT—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

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Noting the NSW Ombudsman's 2009 recommendations that the "Joint Guarantee of Service for People with Mental Health Problems and Disorders: Living in Aboriginal, Community and Public Housing" (JGOS) being redeveloped into a "Housing and Mental Health Agreement":

- (1) What action has been taken in response to the 2009 report and its recommendations?
- (2) What changes have been made to:
 - (a) Governance and links with the Human Services Accord;
 - (b) Data collection and analysis;
 - (c) Information, training and support to agency officers;
 - (d) Operating procedures and systems;
 - (e) Information sharing amongst agencies;
 - (f) Links and relationships at local level;
 - (g) Discharge planning;
 - (h) Developing a "supportive tenancy management" approach?
- (3) What has the data collection from this agreement shown about community need and service gaps for people with a mental illness living in social housing?
- (4) What further plans does the Government have to improve the operations of this agreement and achieve better outcomes?

1182 ASSISTANCE ANIMALS—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Ageing, and Minister for Disability Services—

Noting that assistance animals include companion animals that help with sight impairment, hearing impairment, limited mobility and mental illness including anxiety and depression:

- (1) What registration system does the NSW Government operate to provide authorisation that companion animals are assistance animals?
- (2) What rules apply about access to public space, public transport, taxis, shops and service providers etc?
- (3) How does the Government promote the value of assistance animals and relevant regulations?
- (4) What assessment has the Government made of an expanded scheme for registration of assistance animals?
- (5) What action has the Government taken to coordinate a national scheme for assistance animals?
- (6) What plans does the Government have to increase community knowledge, use and acceptance of assistance animals?

1183 EDGECLIFF INTERCHANGE—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Transport—

With respect to the easy access upgrade to link Edgecliff Bus Interchange, Edgecliff Railway Station and the Eastpoint Food Fair/Edgecliff Centre listed for the 2011-2016 Easy Access Program:

- (1) What work has been carried out to plan for this upgrade?
- (2) When will design work be completed?
- (3) What will be done to ensure full access to this facility for people with limited mobility, those with shopping, and those using prams and wheelchairs?
- (4) When will construction tenders and upgrade work begin?
- (5) What disruption to the use of train and bus services is expected during construction?
- (6) What opportunities are there to bring forward the Edgecliff upgrade?
- (7) When will residents, shoppers and visitors be able to use a fully accessible transport facility in Edgecliff?

1184 ELECTRIC BUSES—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Transport—

- (1) What assessment has the Government carried out on the feasibility and benefit of using electric or hybrid electric buses?
- (2) What other jurisdictions use these buses, how long have they been operating, and what evaluation have they carried out about the value of this type of vehicle?
- (3) What support or help has the Government provided to bus operators to buy or operate electric buses?
- (4) How does the Government ensure that bus operators include criteria about green house gas emissions, and noise and air pollution when choosing buses to buy?
- (5) What further plans does the Government have for introducing and supporting the use of electric or hybrid electric buses?

1185 PADDINGTON BOWLING CLUB—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Small Business—

With respect to Crown Land leased by the Paddington Bowling Club:

- (1) What action has been taken in transferring the Club's Perpetual Lease to a Special Lease since 2009?
- (2) What is the current rent charged on this lease?
- (3) What do the current lease conditions specify as the permitted use of this land?
- (4) What protections have been or will be included in the lease to ensure that this land remains used for a non-profit recreation club, and not for commercial activity?
- (5) What action has been taken to ensure public and vehicle access to Trumper Park, Paddington Community Garden and The Palms Tennis Courts adjacent to the club?
- (6) What further action does the Government intend to take to ensure this Crown Land is used for approved purposes?

1186 PLATFORM 70 PROJECT—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

With respect to the Platform 70 Project, which will provide supported accommodation for homeless people sleeping rough in the Woolloomooloo precinct:

- (1) What action has been taken to establish and operate this project?
- (2) How many people have been listed for housing with built-in support?
- (3) How many places remain for homeless people needing accommodation with support?
- (4) How many people have been placed into housing to date?
- (5) When does the Government expect that all places will be filled and people housed?
- (6) What plans does the Government have to evaluate this project?

1187 PRISONERS WITH MENTAL ILLNESS—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

Noting the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare's report "The health of Australia prisoners 2010" does not include any data from NSW prisons:

- (1) What proportion of NSW prisoners:
 - (a) report having a mental illness;
 - (b) seek psychological and clinic health for mental health concerns;
 - (c) currently take medication for a mental illness;
 - (d) who are new to the prison system are referred for mental health assessment or treatment?
- (2) How does the Government ensure that prisoners have access to necessary mental health care and what waiting times apply for treatment?
- (3) How does the Government ensure that all prisoners with a mental illness receive treatment from mainstream mental health services after release?
- (4) Will the Government take part in future National Prisoner Health Census counts and research?
- (5) What plans does the Government have to improve and expand mental health services for prisoners and ex-prisoners?

1188 WILDLIFE INFORMATION, RESCUE AND EDUCATION SERVICE (WIRES)—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

With regard to the volunteer organisation WIRES, which rescues and rehabilitates native animals:

- (1) What practical support does the Government provide for WIRES, including funding, promotion, training, equipment and facilities?
- (2) How does the Government promote and educate the community about WIRES?
- (3) What further action does the Government plan to support the work of WIRES?

1189 352 BUS SERVICE—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Transport—

- (1) What are the monthly patronage numbers for this bus service for 2011?
- (2) What patterns in patronage has State Transit identified over the past five years?
- (3) What proportion of 352 bus services are currently accessible?
- (4) What assessment has the Government made of demand for 352 services outside existing operating hours?
- (5) What plans does the Government have for improving the 352 bus, including providing a full time bus service?

1190 HOUSING NSW GUTTERS—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

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- With respect to the need for regular cleaning of gutters on Housing NSW buildings in order to prevent blockages and water ingress:
- (1) How many blocked gutters or problems caused by blocked gutters in the inner city were reported to Housing NSW over the past year?
 - (2) What system of programmed works does Housing NSW use to ensure that gutters are regularly cleaned and repaired in order to prevent problems?
 - (3) What is the expected timeframe for gutters on buildings to be cleaned?
 - (4) What preventive measures such as leaf guards are used for Housing NSW properties to prevent leaves collecting in and blocking gutters?
 - (5) What plans does the Government have to prevent ongoing problems with blocked gutters?
- 1191 ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RECREATIONAL FISHING—Mr Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Small Business—
- (1) What is the role of the Advisory Council on Recreational Fishing?
 - (2) Prior to the announcement of a decision to relocate functions from the Cronulla Fisheries Research Centre of Excellence, what advice did you seek or receive from that council about such a relocation?
 - (3) What comment have you received from that council after that announcement?
- 1192 PUBLIC SCHOOL FOR MURRUMBATEMAN—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—
- (1) How many primary school-age children are there in Murrumbateman, Jeir, Wallaroo and Spring Range?
 - (2) How many primary school-age children from Murrumbateman, Jeir, Wallaroo, Spring Range and surrounding areas attend NSW public schools?
 - (3) How many primary school-age children from Murrumbateman, Jeir, Wallaroo, Spring Range and surrounding areas attend ACT public schools?
 - (4) Do population changes in Murrumbateman, Jeir, Wallaroo, Spring Range and surrounding areas warrant a public school situated in Murrumbateman?
 - (5) When will the Government reopen Murrumbateman Public School or open a new public school at Murrumbateman?
- 1193 GLENMORE PARK HIGH SCHOOL AIR-CONDITIONING—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—
- (1) How much funding has been allocated in the 2011-12 financial year for the installation of air-conditioning in classrooms at Glenmore Park High School?
 - (2) How much funding has been allocated across the forward estimates period for the installation of air-conditioning in classrooms at Glenmore Park High School?
 - (3) How many classrooms does Glenmore Park High School have and how many of these will be air-conditioned?
 - (4) When will this project commence and when will it be completed?
- 1194 FREE TRAIN TRAVEL TO WESTERN PLAINS ZOO—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—
- (1) How much funding has been allocated in the 2011-12 financial year to provide free train travel to the Western Plains Zoo Dubbo, and zoo entry, and an allowance worth \$50 for Penrith students?
 - (2) Which schools will be eligible for the program?
 - (3) How many students in total are potentially eligible for the program?
 - (4) Has the Government advised eligible schools that they can apply for the program?
 - (5) What are the expected start dates and completion dates for the program?
- 1195 NEW HIGH SCHOOL AT MEDOWIE—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—
- (1) Has a feasibility study commenced into a new high school at Medowie?
 - (2) Has any funding been allocated in the 2011-12 financial year, and if so, how much?
 - (3) Has any funding been allocated across the forward estimates period, and if so, how much?
 - (4) How many high school-age children are there in Medowie and surrounding suburbs who would be eligible for intake into a high school at Medowie?
 - (5) When will the Government build a new high school at Medowie?
- 1196 FULL-TIME ASSYRIAN YOUTH WORKER—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—

- (1) How much funding has been allocated for a full-time Assyrian youth worker at Fairfield High School in the 2011-12 financial year?
 - (2) Has any funding been allocated for a full-time Assyrian youth worker at Fairfield High School across the forward estimates period, and if so, how much?
 - (3) What priority does the Government give to the employment of a full-time Assyrian youth worker at Fairfield High School?
- 1197 PUBLIC HOUSING STOCK IN THE FAIRFIELD ELECTORATE—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- In reference to the 2011-12 Budget Report for the Fairfield Electorate paper:
Of the \$22,607,000 said to be invested in public housing stock in the Fairfield electorate; how much of the funding has come from the Commonwealth Government?
- 1198 REPLACEMENT BUSES—FAIRFIELD ELECTORATE—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Transport—
- In reference to the 2011-12 Budget Report for the Fairfield Electorate paper:
Of the "139 New Replacement Buses" for the Sydney metropolitan area, how many will go to replace existing buses servicing the routes or bus companies that travel through the Fairfield electorate?
- 1199 BUSES FOR GROWTH—FAIRFIELD ELECTORATE—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Transport—
- (1) In reference to the 2011-12 Budget Report for the Fairfield Electorate paper:
 - (2) Of the "64 New Buses for Growth" for the Sydney metropolitan area, how many buses will be allocated to bus companies that specifically service the Fairfield Electorate?
- 1200 TEACHER RATIOS—FAIRFIELD ELECTORATE—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Education—
- What is the ratio between the number of migrant students and the number of English as a Second Language teachers in the public schools in the Fairfield electorate?
- 1201 ESTIMATE OF QUARTERLY ELECTRICITY CHARGES—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Fair Trading—
- (1) Are electricity providers allowed to estimate quarterly electricity charges?
 - (2) If so, what guidelines are in place to regulate the practise?
- 1202 ESTIMATE OF QUARTERLY ELECTRICITY CHARGES—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Resources and Energy, Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Central Coast—
- (1) Are electricity providers allowed to estimate quarterly electricity charges?
 - (2) If so, what guidelines are in place to regulate the practise?
- 1203 SAFETY OF WOMEN TENANTS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- What procedures are in place to ensure the safety of women housed in the Department's bed sitter facilities which have a predominantly male population?