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- *2836 **READYMIX REGIONAL DISTRIBUTION CENTRE—ROOTY HILL**—Mr Richard Amery asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- (1) In light of the takeover of the Rinker Company by the Mexican concrete firm, Cemex, what is the present position with the application for the Readymix Regional Distribution Centre at Rooty Hill?
 - (2) Has the Australian branch of Cemex advised the Department of Planning of any changes to the original development lodged by Rinker?
 - (3) If so, what are these changes?
- Answer—
- (1) I approved the application for the new regional distribution centre on 26 April 2006. This approval rests with the land, and is unaffected by the takeover.
 - (2) I am advised 'no' by the Department of Planning.
 - (3) N/A.
- 2837 **YARRAWONGA-MULWALA BRIDGE**—Mr Greg Aplin to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2838 **MUDGEES CSC**—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- 2839 **YOUNG HOSPITAL MAMMOGRAM X-RAYS**—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Health—
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- 2841 **SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS**—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 2842 **HORNSBY HOSPITAL MENTAL HEALTH INTENSIVE CARE UNIT**—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2843 **DEMOUNTABLE CLASSROOMS**—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- 2844 **ST IVES SHOWGROUND**—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Lands, Minister for Rural Affairs, Minister for Regional Development—
- 2845 **ROAD LINK BETWEEN THE F3 AND M2**—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2846 **COST PLUS RESIDENTIAL CONTRACTS**—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Youth, Minister for Volunteering—
- 2847 **ILLEGAL CATTLE MOVEMENTS ON THE NSW NORTH COAST**—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—
- 2848 **CROSS-BORDER HEALTH AGREEMENT**—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2849 **RESURFACING OF THE PACIFIC HIGHWAY AT SEXTON HILL**—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2850 **NATIONAL PARKS AND WILDLIFE SERVICE—ROTARY WING HELICOPTER**—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

- 2851 NATIONAL PARKS AND WILDLIFE SERVICE—ROTARY WING TENDER—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- 2852 NATIONAL PARKS AND WILDLIFE SERVICE—ROTARY WING TENDER—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- 2853 INCIDENTS OF ASSAULT IN JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTRES—Mr Greg Smith to ask the Minister for Juvenile Justice, Minister for Western Sydney, Minister Assisting the Premier on Citizenship—
- 2854 INCIDENTS OF CONTRABAND IN JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTRES—Mr Greg Smith to ask the Minister for Juvenile Justice, Minister for Western Sydney, Minister Assisting the Premier on Citizenship—
- 2855 INCIDENTS OF ASSAULT ON STAFF IN JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTRES—Mr Greg Smith to ask the Minister for Juvenile Justice, Minister for Western Sydney, Minister Assisting the Premier on Citizenship—
- 2856 DAWN SERVICE AT GALLIPOLI—Mr George Souris to ask the Premier, Minister for Citizenship—
- 2857 COMMUNITY TRANSPORT SERVICE TYPE REVIEW—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2858 BUS TRAVELLING TIMES—E88 SERVICE—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2859 COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT MANUAL—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- 2860 PACIFIC HIGHWAY UPGRADE NEAR WARRELL CREEK—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2861 EDITH COWAN UNIVERSITY—APPOINTMENT OF PRINCIPAL—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- 2862 REPRESENTATIONS—MR ROHIT PATHIK—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services—
- 2863 SYDNEY CATCHMENT AUTHORITY—ROTARY WING AIRCRAFT—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- 2864 NATIONAL PARKS AND WILDLIFE SERVICE—HELICOPTERS—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

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- 2865 NATURAL DISASTER MITIGATION PROGRAM—Mr Greg Aplin to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—
- 2866 CROSS-BORDER POLICING AGREEMENT—Mr Greg Aplin to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 2867 GLENREAGH POLICE STATION NIGHT SHIFT—Mr Steve Cansdell to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—

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- 2868 RENEWAL OF BOAT LICENCES—Mr Steve Cansdell to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Minister for Ports and Waterways—
- 2869 YAMBA POLICE STATION—Mr Steve Cansdell to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 2870 GLENREAGH POLICE STATION—Mr Steve Cansdell to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 2871 DADHC FUNDED RESPITE CARE—Mr Andrew Constance to ask the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services—
- 2872 EOI TENDERS—Mr Andrew Constance to ask the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services—
- 2873 LEASE ARRANGEMENTS FOR PARKS—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- 2874 NEGLIGENCE SETTLEMENTS—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2875 AWARENESS OF UNSAFE DRUG USE—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Youth, Minister for Volunteering—
- 2876 TREATMENT IN ACT HOSPITALS—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2877 MOTORCYCLE GREEN SLIPS—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2878 MATERNITY PROCEDURES—GOULBURN BASE HOSPITAL AND BOWRAL HOSPITAL—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2879 FERRY/ZOO PASS FOR SENIORS—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Youth, Minister for Volunteering—
- 2880 KURNELL DESALINATION PLANT—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—
- 2881 CENTRAL COAST ROADWORKS—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2882 RADIOTHERAPY TREATMENT—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2883 TERRIGAL BEACHFRONT/CBD CRIME—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 2884 PUBLIC HOUSING IN THE ENTRANCE—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Minister for Housing, Minister for Tourism—
- 2885 DAUGHTER OF JULIE BROWN—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- 2886 COMMISSION FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Youth, Minister for Volunteering—
- 2887 PLAN-IT YOUTH PROGRAM—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- 2888 WATER QUALITY MONITORING—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- 2889 KURING-GAI AND EASTWOOD LOCAL AREA COMMANDS—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—

- 2890 HORNSBY SHIRE COUNCIL INVESTMENTS—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health) —
- 2891 EARLY STARTERS PROGRAM—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- 2892 CRONULLA STATION PARKING—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- *2893 HOUSING MAINTENANCE—Mr Malcolm Kerr asked the Minister for Housing, Minister for Tourism—
- What is the value of outstanding maintenance on properties owned by the department in the Cronulla electorate?
- Answer—
- Repairs and planned maintenance expenditure varies from month to month depending on demand. Housing NSW maintenance expenditure is contained in its annual report.
- 2894 HIGHWAY PATROL OFFICERS—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 2895 MAN: A COURSE OF STUDY (MACOS)—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- 2896 DISCOVERY CENTRE—CAPTAIN COOK'S LANDING PLACE—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- *2897 CAPTAIN COOK AND SIR JOSEPH BANKS COLLECTION—Mr Malcolm Kerr asked the Premier, Minister for Citizenship—
- (1) Will the NSW Government be seeking to purchase items from the rare collection of Captain James Cook and Sir Joseph Banks items that have been offered for sale on behalf of a private owner by Horden House?
 - (2) Will the NSW Government consider purchasing items to be put on public display at Captain Cook's Landing Place, Kurnell, the birthplace of modern Australia?
- Answer—
- (1) and (2) NSW Museums and Galleries make decisions to acquire material on offer according to the assessments and recommendations of their specialist collections staff, in line with their collection policy and budgetary delegations.
- 2898 RTA EXAMINERS—Mr Daryl Maguire to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2899 COUNSELLORS—Mr Daryl Maguire to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2900 COMMITTEE MEMBERS—Mr Daryl Maguire to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- 2901 BUS ROUTES 613 AND 614—Mr Wayne Merton to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2902 BUS ROUTE 606—Mr Wayne Merton to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2903 BUS ROUTE REVIEW—Mr Wayne Merton to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2904 PROPOSED CHANGES TO REGION 4 BUS SERVICES—Mr Wayne Merton to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

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*2905 DEVELOPMENT PROFITS—Mr Jonathan O'Dea asked the Premier, Minister for Citizenship—

- (1) What profit sharing agreements have been entered into by the Government with developers in the past 10 years regarding the development of previously Government controlled land or property?
- (2) Has the Government forgiven any parts of the profit sharing obligations of those developers, thus reducing the return to taxpayers?
- (3) Have any of those developers been afforded any other preferential treatment by the Government?

Answer—

- (1) to (3) The Government's dealings with the private sector are conducted in accordance with legislative requirements and policies, particularly:
 - the Public Finance and Audit Act 1983;
 - the Public Authorities (Financial Arrangements) Act 1987;
 - Treasurer's Direction 469.01 - Sale or Lease of Government Assets;
 - Working with Government - Guidelines for Privately Financed Projects; and
 - the Government's response to the Review of Future Provision of Motorways in NSW (the Richmond Review).

2906 DEVELOPMENT PROFITS—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts representing the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter—

*2907 MINISTERIAL OFFICES—Mr Jonathan O'Dea asked the Premier, Minister for Citizenship—

Regarding previous reports that former Environment Minister Koperberg was to be accommodated in proposed new offices costing up to \$500,000, what has happened with these offices now that Mr Koperberg has resigned and other Ministers have taken his portfolios?

Answer—

The office in Governor Macquarie Tower occupied by the former Minister for Climate Change, Environment and Water is now occupied by the Minister for Emergency Services and Minister for Water.

2908 FIRE SERVICES LEVY—Mr Donald Page to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Minister for Ports and Waterways—

2909 INSURANCE TAXES—Mr Donald Page to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Minister for Ports and Waterways—

2910 TAFE TEACHER QUALIFICATIONS—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—

2911 RAIL SERVICES—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

2912 CITYRAIL CUSTOMER SURVEY—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

2913 SPECIAL COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO ACUTE CARE SERVICES—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health—

2914 SPECIAL COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO ACUTE CARE SERVICES—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health—

2915 SCRIM TESTING OF THE PACIFIC HIGHWAY AT SEXTON HILL—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

2916 GRAIN HAULAGE—Mr George Souris to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

2917 ELECTRICITY—Mr George Souris to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—

- 2918 AFFORDABILITY OF ENERGY FOR PENSIONERS—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—
- 2919 CHILD PROTECTION REGISTER—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 2920 RESTRICTIONS ON BUSES—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2921 FORSTER POLICE STATION—Mr John Turner to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 2922 ACCOMMODATION ARRANGEMENTS FOR PATIENTS AT CALVARY MATER NEWCASTLE—Mr John Turner to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2923 ADMINISTRATION OF CROWN RESERVES—Mr John Turner to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Lands, Minister for Rural Affairs, Minister for Regional Development—
- 2924 APPLICATIONS FOR WORKS—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Lands, Minister for Rural Affairs, Minister for Regional Development—
- *2925 HERITAGE GRANT FUNDING—Mr Ray Williams asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—

Given the heritage grant funding process is used for valuable research purposes to restore and keep alive the historic connection between our past and the present, and that grant funding has been allocated for 2008-2009 for over \$2 million:

- (1) Will current and future funding grants for historical purposes be continued under the proposed amendments to the Heritage Act?
- (2) Will a fully professional heritage office under its own director be retained under the proposed amendments to ensure the Heritage Council remains broadly based and reflects community and professional concerns?

Answer—

- (1) Yes.
- (2) A Heritage Branch under its own director and with a full complement of dedicated specialist officers will service the Heritage Council.

- 2926 NATIONAL PARKS AND WILDLIFE SERVICE SUPPLY OF HELICOPTERS—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

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- *2927 WESTERN SYDNEY GROWTH—Mr Richard Amery asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—

- (1) How have the population trends in Western Sydney increased in recent years?
- (2) What has the jobs growth been during this period?
- (3) How has the employment/population ratio changed during this period?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Estimated Resident Population data from the Australian Bureau of Statistics shows that since 2001, Western Sydney (the group of 14 Local Government Areas from Baulkham Hills to Wollondilly including Parramatta, Auburn and Bankstown) has grown at only a marginally faster rate than the

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Sydney Region as a whole. In the five years to 2006, Western Sydney grew by 71,047 to 1,849,041. This was an increase of 4.0%, at an average rate of 0.79% per year. The Sydney Region grew by 156,110 to 4,284,380, an increase of 3.8% at an average rate of 0.75% per year. This contrasts to earlier periods when Western Sydney's population grew much more rapidly than the Sydney Region.

Growth has been strongest in new release areas in parts of Baulkham Hills, Blacktown, Liverpool and Camden as well as in areas in Auburn and Parramatta where significant infill development has occurred. In many other areas the population was static or even declined. Penrith, Fairfield, Blue Mountains and Hawkesbury LGAs for example each experienced an overall net loss over 2001-06.

Growth has accelerated recently in both the Sydney Region and Western Sydney. In 2006-07, the Region grew by 52,000, an increase of 1.2%, compared to an average of 32,200 per year over 2001-06. Western Sydney grew by 24,940, an increase of 1.3%, compared to an average of 14,210 per year over 2001-06.

- (2) Data on Employment by Place of Work is obtained from the Census. The Census is not a complete picture of job numbers as not all households complete a return and a significant number of people do not state their work location. In 2001, for the data from the Census, the location of 8.8% of recorded jobs was not known because the job either had no fixed address (eg occupations in transport and the building trades) or was not stated. In 2006 the share of recorded jobs for which the location was not known was 9.9%.

The data on known job locations shows that Western Sydney saw stronger jobs growth over 2001-06 than the Sydney Region overall. Total jobs in the Region grew by 46,600 to 1,735,480 at an average rate of 0.5% per year whereas jobs in Western Sydney grew by 25,970 to 595,830 at an average rate of 0.9% per year. Jobs in Western Sydney increased by 4.6% over the five year period compared to a 2.8% increase for the Sydney Region. Western Sydney's share of total jobs in the Region of known location increased from 33.7% to 34.3%.

- (3) Comparing the data on known job locations with the Estimated Resident Population data shows that Western Sydney improved its employment/population position over 2001-06 from 32.1 jobs per 100 residents to 32.2 jobs. Over that period the employment/population ratio for the Sydney Region dropped from 40.9 to 40.5 jobs per 100 residents.

- 2928 CHARGES RECORDED—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 2929 PROPERTIES IN EAST HILLS—Mr Alan Ashton to ask the Minister for Housing, Minister for Tourism—
- 2930 QUADRUPPLICATION WORK—Mr Alan Ashton to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2931 PLAN-IT YOUTH PROGRAM—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- 2932 STATE PROPERTY AUTHORITY PROPERTIES—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2933 BREACHES OF CHILD PROTECTION LEGISLATION—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Youth, Minister for Volunteering—
- 2934 CYCLEWAYS—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2935 MANLY TO CIRCULAR QUAY ROUTE—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- *2936 HERITAGE MATTERS—Mr Mike Baird asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—

Does the Minister see a conflict of interest in the Department of Planning addressing community concerns with heritage matters?

Answer—

No there is not a conflict of interest in the new arrangement for the assessment of heritage issues as part

- of the planning process.
- The Government considers that heritage issues should be an integral part of the planning system. Recent changes are aimed at ensuring that heritage is given early consideration in planning processes instead of being left until the latter stages.
- 2937 ANGER MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- 2938 BUS ROUTE 135—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2939 BIOSOLIDS TENDER—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—
- 2940 COMMUNITY PRE-SCHOOL FUNDING—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- 2941 TOMAREE LODGE—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2942 TRAVEL CONCESSIONS FOR APPRENTICES AND TRAINEES—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2943 NATIONAL PARKS AND WILDLIFE LICENSING—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- 2944 CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW TOURLE STREET BRIDGE—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2945 GREATER HUNTER WORKFORCE PLANNING PROJECT—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 2946 RAILWAY CLEARWAYS PROGRAM—Ms Gladys Berejiklian to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2947 NAREMBURN SCHOOLS—Ms Gladys Berejiklian to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- 2948 REGIONAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION SPECIALIST POSITIONS—Ms Gladys Berejiklian to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 2949 PENSIONER EXCURSION TICKET—Ms Gladys Berejiklian to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2950 AIR-CONDITIONING UNITS ON TRAINS—Ms Gladys Berejiklian to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2951 TRAIN BREAKDOWNS—Ms Gladys Berejiklian to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2952 TRAUMA COUNSELLING—Mr Andrew Constance to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2953 DRIVER AGED SERVICES—Mr Andrew Constance to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2954 BATEMANS BAY HIGH SCHOOL—Mr Andrew Constance to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- 2955 SURF BEACH CROSSING—Mr Andrew Constance to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

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- 2956 ASSISTANCE TO IRRIGATORS—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- 2957 ASSISTANCE TO IRRIGATORS—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—
- 2958 REPRESENTATION OF NESB AND DISABLED WOMEN IN NSW PUBLIC SECTOR—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Premier, Minister for Citizenship—
- 2959 PUBLIC HOUSING IN WYONG ELECTORATE—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Minister for Housing, Minister for Tourism—
- 2960 PUBLIC HOUSING IN TERRIGAL—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Minister for Housing, Minister for Tourism—
- 2961 ERECTION OF 132 KV LINES WAMBERAL—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—
- 2962 YOUTH REFUGES—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- 2963 AIR-COOLING OF SCHOOLS—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- 2964 P-PLATE EXEMPTIONS—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2965 MENTAL ILLNESS PATIENTS IN EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2966 NORTH-WEST RAIL LINK—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2967 HORNSBY RAILWAY STATION COMMUTERS—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- *2968 REGAL CINEMA AT BIRMINGHAM GARDENS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- (1) What funding is available through the NSW Department of Arts for overhaul of the art-house, Regal Cinema at Birmingham Gardens?
- (2) What NSW Department of the Arts grants would be available to the Regal Cinema?
- Answer—
- I am advised:
- (1) I am advised that the relevant grant program is the Capital Infrastructure Program administered by Arts NSW, within the Department of the Arts, Sport and Recreation.
- (2) As above.
- 2969 KURNELL DESALINATION PLANT—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—
- 2970 RTA EXAMINERS—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2971 SEXUAL ASSAULT SUPPORT SERVICES—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2972 BANK STREET PARK PYRMONT—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Minister for Ports and Waterways—
- 2973 GLEBE CRIME AND ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Premier, Minister for Citizenship—

2974 LATE NIGHT TRANSPORT—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

*2975 HOUSING LOWER FORT STREET—Ms Clover Moore asked the Minister for Housing, Minister for Tourism—

Given that:

- the Housing NSW properties at 5 and 9 Lower Fort Street Millers Point have long been privately operated as boarding houses;
 - the latest 20-year leases on these properties expire next year;
 - the properties currently provide low cost accommodation for 17 people who are elderly and live on low incomes, and have lived at these premises for up to 48 years; and
 - I have received no response to my 11 December 2007 and 14 January 2008 representations about the future of these properties:
- (1) Will Housing NSW renew the lease to allow these properties to continue their use as low cost accommodation?
 - (2) If this lease will not be renewed, how will Housing NSW ensure that current tenants of 5 and 9 Lower Fort Street keep their current homes or find suitable alternative and affordable accommodation in the inner city?
 - (3) When will the lessees and residents be informed about the future of their homes?
 - (4) Will the Government commit to retaining these properties for use as low cost accommodation?
 - (5) What is Housing NSW's policy on retaining properties that may have a commercial lease value?

Answer—

A response concerning this matter has been issued.

2976 DRYING WASHING IN APARTMENTS—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Youth, Minister for Volunteering—

2977 CONSUMER SAFETY IN THE ENERGY SECTOR—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—

2978 MULTI-LINGUISTIC EDUCATION—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—

2979 DIABETES IN NSW—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Health—

2980 LUCY OSBURN-NIGHTINGALE MUSEUM SYDNEY HOSPITAL—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Health—

2981 PRIVATE INVESTIGATORS—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—

*2982 HERITAGE LISTING OF URBAN CONSERVATION AREAS—Mr Jonathan O'Dea asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—

Given the NSW Government's non listing of potential heritage items deemed worthy of heritage listing and the refusal for many years to consider gazettal of Urban Conservation Areas deemed worthy of statutory recognition by the National Trust and Ku-ring-gai Council, what avenues are available to local residents and the local Council to protect its heritage items and areas in a timely fashion?

Answer—

I am advised:

The heritage values of a number of properties in Ku-ring-gai are already afforded protection through listing in existing environmental planning instruments.

In addition, section 79C of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act requires that a consent authority take into account the provision of any draft environmental planning instrument that has been placed on public exhibition, before determining a development application. This would require consideration of heritage matters for any property included in a draft plan for its heritage significance.

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- 2983 FOREST WAY—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2984 APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATORS—Mr Donald Page to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Lands, Minister for Rural Affairs, Minister for Regional Development—
- *2985 REVIEW OF TOURISM NSW REPORT—Mr Donald Page asked the Premier, Minister for Citizenship—
- In relation to the answer to Question 2435:
- (1) When was the John O'Neill AO 'Review of Tourism in NSW' report submitted to the Government or any of its Ministers or departments?
 - (2) Did the office of the Minister for Tourism receive this report prior to Christmas 2007?
 - (3) Has the original report been amended by the Premier's Department or the Premier's office in any way?
 - (4) When will the report be released to the public?
 - (5) (a) Will the Government release both the original report and the amended report?
(b) If not, why not?
- Answer—
- (1) to (5) The final report prepared by Mr O'Neill was provided to the Government on 5 May 2008. The Government is considering the report and formulating its response, and both will be released in due course.
- 2986 MORISSET STATION—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2987 LAKE MACQUARIE LOCAL AREA COMMAND—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 2988 DOCS POLICIES—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- 2989 SPECIAL COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO ACUTE CARE SERVICES - TWEED VALLEY CLINIC—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2990 SPECIAL COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO ACUTE CARE SERVICES - ICU BEDS—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2991 SPECIAL COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO ACUTE CARE SERVICES - DEMENTIA CARE UNIT—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2992 SIGHTINGS OF EASTERN QUOLLS—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- 2993 ZINC LEVELS IN DALPURA CREEK—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- 2994 KOALA POPULATION IN HAWKS NEST/TEA GARDENS—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- 2995 NATIONAL PARKS AND WILDLIFE SERVICE ROTARY WING TENDER—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- 2996 ALEXANDRA CANAL—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

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- 2997 PROTECTION OF THE LONG-NOSED POTOROO COLONY—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- 2998 DEMOUNTABLE CLASSROOMS—DRUMMOYNE—Mr Anthony Roberts to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- 2999 DEMOUNTABLE CLASSROOMS—RYDE—Mr Anthony Roberts to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- 3000 DEMOUNTABLE CLASSROOMS—LANE COVE—Mr Anthony Roberts to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- 3001 REPLACEMENT OF DEMOUNTABLE CLASSROOMS—DRUMMOYNE—Mr Anthony Roberts to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- 3002 REPLACEMENT OF DEMOUNTABLE CLASSROOMS—LANE COVE—Mr Anthony Roberts to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- 3003 REPLACEMENT OF DEMOUNTABLE CLASSROOMS—RYDE—Mr Anthony Roberts to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- *3004 GAP PARK MASTERPLAN SELF HARM PREVENTION WORKS—Mrs Jillian Skinner asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- (1) When will the funding the Minister committed be made available for the Gap Park masterplan self harm prevention works being implemented by Woollahra Council?
 - (2) What has caused the delay in funding the program?
- Answer—
- I am advised:
- (1) On 2 March 2007, Woollahra Council was awarded \$31,000 from the Metropolitan Greenspace Program towards its GAP Park Landscape Master Plan Development.
 - (2) Council has not yet accepted this offer of funding or confirmed their project timing.
- 3005 AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER—Mrs Jillian Skinner to ask the Minister for Health—
- 3006 TARONGA ZOO FERRY—Mrs Jillian Skinner to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 3007 RADIOTHERAPY MACHINES—Mrs Jillian Skinner to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- 3008 SHIFT HOURS—MONA VALE HOSPITAL—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Health—
- *3009 MINISTERIAL REVIEW PANEL ON CURRAWONG—Mr Rob Stokes asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- What date have you set for the Ministerial Review Panel on Currawong to provide its advice to you in relation to the Heritage Council's Recommendation to include the entire Currawong site on the State Heritage Register?
- Answer—

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The Ministerial Review Panel requested that I provide them with additional time within which to provide me with advice regarding the Heritage Council's recommendation. Following the request of the panel, I have extended the reporting period until 30 November 2008.

3010 NSW SHERIFF'S OFFICE OPENING HOURS—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

3011 TRANSPORT FOR HEALTH PROGRAM—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Minister for Health—

3012 MANNING RIVER—Mr John Turner to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Lands, Minister for Rural Affairs, Minister for Regional Development—

*3013 COUNTRY ATHLETES SCHEME—Mr John Turner asked the Minister for Gaming and Racing, Minister for Sport and Recreation—

- (1) How are athletes selected to receive assistance under the Department of Tourism, Sport and Recreation's Country Athletes Scheme?
- (2) What information is given to recognised state body for sport in NSW to direct them to correctly select talented athletes?
- (3) Is the Country Athletes Scheme based on the financial income of the athlete's family or athlete?
- (4) Is the Country Athletes Scheme based on the standard and sporting ability of the athlete?
- (5) What checks are undertaken to ensure that successful recipients of the Country Athletes Scheme maintains their proposed sporting program?
- (6) Is there any avenue of appeal for unsuccessful applicants for a Country Athletes Scheme?
- (7) If so, what is the appeal process?

Answer—

- (1) Athletes submit an application form to NSW Sport and Recreation by 31 December. The respective State sporting organisation confirms that athletes are members and provides a ranking of all the athletes for their sport. The top ranked athletes are awarded the funds.
- (2) Sports are advised: It is recommended that you have documented criteria in place for assessing applicants for this priority rating so you are in a position to demonstrate that a fair process was used if required to do so. Some sports that receive large numbers of applications target a specific age group to receive funding as part of their sport specific criteria. It is important that your criteria are communicated to applicants.
- (3) Not generally—although some small sports may list this amongst their selection criteria where they believe they have sufficient information about their member's circumstances to factor this into their decision.
- (4) Yes.
- (5) The athlete's parent or guardian is required to certify that the funds granted were used to support the athlete's travel and accommodation related to their advancement in the sport in the given year.
- (6) Yes.
- (7) The athlete may write to NSW Sport and Recreation to request a review. The Agency will check that all the correct administrative processes were followed and the funds were awarded to the highest ranked athletes for the sport. The athlete may also approach their State sporting organisation to seek clarification of their sport's assessment criteria for ranking their athletes.

3014 CARETAKER MODE—Mr John Williams to ask the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—

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3015 LOAN SCHEMES—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Youth, Minister for Volunteering—

3016 SPIT BRIDGE-MILITARY ROAD WORKING GROUP - RECOMMENDATIONS—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

- 3017 NEW EQUIPMENT—MANLY HOSPITAL—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Health—
- 3018 FLASHING LIGHTS IN SCHOOL ZONES—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 3019 CARINGBAH HIGH SCHOOL—Mr Barry Collier to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- 3020 ENDEAVOUR, WOOLLOOWARE, CARINGBAH AND CRONULLA HIGH SCHOOLS—Mr Barry Collier to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- 3021 AWARENESS OF UNSAFE DRUG USE—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- 3023 BIOBANKING—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- 3024 SALE OF KINCUMBER POLICE STATION—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 3025 ROAD WORKS—AVOCA DRIVE—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- *3026 REDEVELOPMENT OF 'THE BLOCK'—Mr Brad Hazzard asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- Why will the Minister not assist the Aboriginal Housing Company at Redfern to achieve its housing redevelopment project for the area known as 'The Block'?
- Answer—
- I am advised that the Aboriginal Housing Company's Concept Plan has been lodged with the Department of Planning. However, prior to exhibition 2 main matters remain outstanding: fees and owner's consent. Both of these matters are dictated by the EPA Act and EPA Regulation.
- Both the Department of Planning and I have been involved in several constructive meetings with the Aboriginal Housing Company and their consultants regarding the Pemulwuy project.
- 3027 DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES OFFICES—NORTHERN BEACHES—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- *3028 EXPOSURE DRAFT BILL OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING AND ASSESSMENT ACT—Mr Brad Hazzard asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- Will the Minister agree to meet with representatives from 'The Block' in Redfern to discuss the repercussions of Part 9A of the exposure draft Bill of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act?
- Answer—
- Part 9A of the exposure draft Bill of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act was not included in the legislation that was introduced into Parliament on 15 May 2008.
- *3029 EXPOSURE DRAFT BILL OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING AND ASSESSMENT ACT—SUBMISSIONS—Mr Brad Hazzard asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- (1) Will the Minister release any of the submissions into your draft exposure Bill on the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act?
 - (2) If so, when?
 - (3) If not, why not?
- Answer—

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- (1) to (3) There will be no formal release of the submissions received. The submissions were received by the Department and there was no expectation that these submissions would be released publicly by the Department. Various organisations have made their submissions publicly available via their websites. The Department is currently in the process of responding to all submissions received as part of the public discussion of the draft exposure Bill.

*3030 EXPOSURE DRAFT BILL OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING AND ASSESSMENT ACT—SUBMISSIONS—Mr Brad Hazzard asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—

- (1) On what basis did the Minister determine that 21 days was adequate time for the community to present the Department of Planning with submissions on the draft exposure Bill of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act?
(2) How many submissions were received?

Answer—

- (1) The draft exposure Bills of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act outlining wide-ranging improvements to the State's planning system were released on 3 April 2008, with submissions called for by April 24, 2008. The 21 days was deemed adequate to respond to the draft exposure Bills of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act as there has been extensive and lengthy public input since late 2007. This has included forums, workshops, a discussion paper on public exhibition and widespread coverage through the electronic and print media.
(2) Up to 28 April 2008, 404 Submissions from a range of stakeholders and interested parties were received. The Department is in the process of responding to these submissions. Submissions have been received since 24 April 2008, post the nominated 21 day submission period, and are also being considered.

*3031 EXPOSURE DRAFT BILL OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING AND ASSESSMENT ACT—CONSULTATION—Mr Brad Hazzard asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—

- (1) What peak representative groups did the Minister meet with to discuss your draft exposure Bill on the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act after it was made public?
(2) Which individuals did the Minister meet with to discuss the draft exposure Bill?

Answer—

I have met with a large cross section of the community to discuss the draft exposure bill, including Members of Parliament, Councils, the Local Government Association and Shires Association, the Planning Institute of Australia, Property Council, NSW Urban Taskforce, Certifiers, the UDIA and HIA to name but a few.

3032 CANCELLED BUS SERVICES—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

3033 NURSING STAFF AT MANLY HOSPITAL—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Minister for Health—

3034 NURSING STAFF AT MONA VALE HOSPITAL—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Minister for Health—

3035 OURGUNYA WOMEN'S INCORPORATION SAFE HOUSE FUNDING—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Community Services—

3036 DEATH OF CHRISTINE HODDER—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Health—

3037 CIVILIAN POLICE STAFF—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—

3038 MENTAL HEALTH INTENSIVE CARE UNIT—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)
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3039 NURSES AND BUREAUCRATS—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Health—

3040 85 YEARS AND OVER DRIVING TEST—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

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- 3041 POLICE STATIONS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 3042 NEGLIGENCE CLAIMS—SUTHERLAND HOSPITAL—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Health—
- 3043 APPOINTMENT OF MR DUNN—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Minister for Ports and Waterways—
- 3044 BOAT LICENSES—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Minister for Ports and Waterways—
- 3045 BASS AND FLINDERS OH&S—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Minister for Ports and Waterways—
- 3046 CATTLE TICK RECOMMENDATIONS—Mr Donald Page to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—
- 3047 SPECIAL COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO ACUTE CARE SERVICES—MIDWIVES—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health—
- 3048 SPECIAL COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO ACUTE CARE SERVICES—RADIATION FACILITIES—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- 3049 SPECIAL COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO ACUTE CARE SERVICES—CANCER SCREENING FACILITIES—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- 3050 SYDNEY CATCHMENT AUTHORITY BORROWINGS—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—
- 3051 ACCELERATED SEWERAGE PROGRAM—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—
- 3052 MOUNTAIN PYGMY POSSUMS—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- 3053 BOTTLED DRINKING WATER—Mr Anthony Roberts to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts representing the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 3054 HELICOPTER FLYING HOURS—Mr Anthony Roberts to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts representing the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 3055 REMUNERATION OF DICK PERSSON—Mr Anthony Roberts to ask the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health) —
- 3056 PEAK TRAFFIC VOLUMES—GLADESVILLE BRIDGE—Mr Anthony Roberts to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- *3057 MAJOR TOURISM EVENTS—Mr Rob Stokes asked the Premier, Minister for Citizenship—

What major tourism events has Sydney lost to Melbourne in the last decade?

Answer—

Sydney competes for events in an intensely competitive global environment. NSW strategically bids for events that are right for Sydney.

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- 3058 SAFETY AUDIT BY NSW FOOD AUTHORITY—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—
- 3059 TAFE COURSES—NORTHERN BEACHES—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- 3060 FUNDING TO NSW FEDERATION OF COMMUNITY LANGUAGE SCHOOLS—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- 3061 RURAL HEALTH SERVICES—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Minister for Health—
- 3062 MRI APPOINTMENTS AT PORT MACQUARIE HOSPITAL—Mr John Turner to ask the Minister for Health—
- 3063 IPTAAS APPLICATIONS—Mr John Turner to ask the Minister for Health—
- 3064 LARGE BLACK CAT—HAWKESBURY ELECTORATE—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—

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- 3065 BIDWILL SHOPPING CENTRE—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Housing, Minister for Tourism—
- 3066 COFFS/CLARENCE LOCAL AREA COMMAND—STAFFING—Mr Steve Cansdell to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 3067 RICHMOND LOCAL AREA COMMAND—STAFFING—Mr Steve Cansdell to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 3068 MOBILE PHONE DETECTION TECHNOLOGY—Mr Steve Cansdell to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 3069 GLASS RECYCLING—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- 3070 VACCINATIONS OF CHILDREN IN THE CARE OF THE MINISTER—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- 3071 OVINE JOHNES DISEASE—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—
- 3072 MOTORISED SCOOTERS—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 3073 DELIBERATELY LIT BUSHFIRES—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 3074 SCHOOL SECURITY FENCES—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- 3075 CROSSING SUPERVISORS—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—

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- 3076 FUNDING FOR THE AMBULANCE SERVICE—WALLSEND—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health—
- 3077 PUBLIC HOUSING IN CRONULLA ELECTORATE—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Housing, Minister for Tourism—
- 3078 DEMANDING BEHAVIOUR IN SOCIAL HOUSING—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Housing, Minister for Tourism—
- 3079 FUNDING FOR BROOKVALE OVAL—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Gaming and Racing, Minister for Sport and Recreation—
- 3080 ABORIGINAL LAND CLAIMS—WARRINGAH—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health) —
- 3081 BUDGET FOR PREVENTATIVE HEALTH MEASURES—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Health—
- 3082 DISABILITY PARKING—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 3083 CHEMOTHERAPY TREATMENT ADMINISTERED TO SAM MURPHY—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health—
- 3084 MEDICAL RECORDS AT TWEED HOSPITAL—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health—
- 3085 KULTARR RECOVERY PLAN—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- 3086 SIGHTINGS OF BRUSH-TAILED BETTONGS—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- 3087 SIGHTINGS OF BURROWING BETTONGS—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

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- 3088 INSPECTIONS OF SEWERAGE TREATMENT SYSTEMS—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—
- 3089 CO-LOCATION OF CHILD PATIENTS IN ADULT WARDS AT HUNTER HOSPITALS—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Minister for Health—
- 3090 FUNDING FOR MOTOR-NEURONE DISEASE RESEARCH—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Minister for Health—
- 3091 FUNDING FOR MOTOR-NEURONE DISEASE SUPPORT—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services—
- 3092 POLICE RADIO—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 3093 PAEDIATRIC REGISTRARS IN THE HUNTER REGION—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Minister for Health—
- 3094 TWO PERSON CREWS FOR HUNTER AMBULANCES—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Minister for Health—

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- 3095 STUDENT ENROLMENT AND TRUANCY LEVELS—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- 3096 SHARED ACCOMMODATION IN PUBLIC HOSPITALS—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Minister for Health—
- 3097 EARLY INTERVENTION CASEWORKERS—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- 3098 SCHOOL CROSSINGS—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 3099 SHEPHERDS COTTAGE AT COOMA COTTAGE—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- 3100 FUNDING FOR SCHOOL MAINTENANCE—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- 3101 DISABILITY HOMES IN HORNSBY—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services—
- 3102 MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELLING—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—
- 3103 FOSTER CARERS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- 3104 MOREE ABORIGINAL LANDS COUNCIL—Mr Kevin Humphries to ask the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—
- 3105 TRUANCY TRENDS—Mr Kevin Humphries to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- 3106 STUDENT DEBT—Mr Kevin Humphries to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- 3107 SUTHERLAND HOSPITAL BUDGET FOR NEW EQUIPMENT—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Health—
- 3108 NANOPARTICLES IN NSW FOOD—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—
- 3109 PLASTIC BAG WASTE—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- 3110 LARGE ERECTING SHOP ROLLING STOCK—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 3111 NATURAL DISASTERS—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—
- 3112 PARKING ON MOORE PARK—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Gaming and Racing, Minister for Sport and Recreation—
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- 3239 MOUNT DRUITT MOTOR REGISTRY—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- (1) What is the average number of people attending the Mount Druitt Motor Registry for the 3-month period ending 31 May 2008?
 - (2) How has this figure changed since the closure of the St Marys Motor Registry?
- 3240 SALE OF POLICE BOAT "NEMESIS"—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- Regarding the sale of Police boat "Nemesis":
- (1) Has the Nelson Bay-based Police boat "Nemesis" been sold?
 - (2) Is there a replacement vessel for the "Nemesis"?
 - (3) If so, what is its size and specifications?
 - (4) Will a replacement vessel be based out of Port Stephens?
 - (5) Is the Government committed to providing the Port Stephens coastal area with the best possible search and rescue equipment available?
- 3241 SYDNEY VISITOR CENTRE—SYDNEY AIRPORT—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Minister for Housing, Minister for Tourism—
- Regarding the closure of the Sydney Visitor Centre at Sydney Airport:
- (1) On 21 May 2008, did Tourism NSW close the Sydney Visitor Centre at Sydney Airport?
 - (2) Has the Minister approached Tourism NSW to seek an answer regarding the motivation for this closure?
 - (3) Did this closure occur with only 24 hours notice to key tourism stakeholders?
 - (4) As the Sydney Visitor Centre is a recognisable and valuable piece of tourism infrastructure, will the Minister consider intervening to keep the visitor centre open?
- 3242 POLICE ESCORTS OF OVERSIZED VEHICLES—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- Regarding police escorts of oversized vehicles:

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- (1) What is the policy of NSW Police regarding the use of police resources to escort oversized vehicles, such as commercial trucks and transports?
 - (2) Do private operators of oversized vehicles compensate NSW Police for the use of their resources when escorts are required?
 - (3) Regarding a specific incident that occurred on 20 April 2008 at 7.15 am on the Pacific Highway past Tea Gardens, why would a single "long load" vehicle require an escort of four highway patrol cars?
 - (4) How many patrol cars should be carrying out regular highway patrol duties at that time and how many of these were tasked to carry out that escort role?
- 3243 COLLINGWOOD ABORIGINAL PLACE NAME NOMINATION—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- (1) (a) During the investigations into the Collingwood Aboriginal place nomination, were Aboriginal values established for the site?
(b) If so, what was the level of significance and what was the strength of those values?
 - (2) Why is the processing of the nomination taking so long?
 - (3) What is the normal turn-around time for processing an Aboriginal place nomination after a recommendation has gone to the Minister?
 - (4) What is the level of support for the Aboriginal place nomination of the Collingwood site?
 - (5) Has an Aboriginal place ever been declared based solely on a single nomination?
 - (6) In making a decision to approve, or not to approve, an Aboriginal place declaration, on what range of criteria does the Minister base their consideration?
 - (7) Who decides the list of criteria by which an Aboriginal place assessment is to be declared?
- 3244 GUARDIANSHIP HEARING—EMILY BROWN—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- (1) How many DoCS staff attended the Guardianship Tribunal hearing regarding the custody of Emily Brown?
 - (2) What is the employment position description of each of the DoCS staff attending this hearing?
 - (3) (a) Did any barristers and solicitors, retained by DoCS, attend this hearing?
(b) If so how many?
 - (4) What was the total cost to DoCS, including legal fees, for attending this hearing?
- 3245 LEAD CONTAMINATION AT REID'S FLAT PRIMARY SCHOOL—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- (1) With reference to my earlier Question 0823, what was the remedial action taken by the Department of Education and Training as foreshadowed in your answer?
 - (2) On what date was this completed?
 - (3) (a) As parents have expressed concerns about lead contamination of the playground due to overflow from the contaminated rainwater tank, has the Department conducted testing of the soils around the school to identify the level of lead contamination?
(b) If not will you immediately require this testing to take place?
 - (4) (a) Have any of the children attending Reid's Flat School been tested for lead contamination?
(b) If not, why not?
- 3246 BOOROWA HOSPITAL STAFFING—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Health—
- (1) How many nursing staff at Boorowa Hospital left employment or transferred to another Greater Southern Area Health Service (GSAHS) facility during:
 - (a) 2004;
 - (b) 2005;
 - (c) 2006;
 - (d) 2007;
 - (e) to date in 2008?
 - (2) Have any of these staff written or spoken to GSAHS management alleging (a) poor working conditions or (b) low staff morale as a reason for their ceasing employment or transferring?
 - (3) (a) Given recent press reports of low staff morale at Boorowa Hospital, has the GSAHS undertaken

- an investigation into the reason for the low staff morale at Boorowa Hospital?
(b) If not, will you undertake such an investigation?
- 3247 FUNDING FOR THE NSW AMBULANCE SERVICE—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Health—
What funding was allocated to the NSW Ambulance Service for resources and projects in the Hornsby electorate 2007 and 2008 to date?
- 3248 FEDERAL BUDGET HEALTH SPENDING—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Health—
What benefits in health care provision in the Hornsby electorate will come from the stated increase in Federal budget health spending in New South Wales?
- 3249 MENTAL HEALTH INTENSIVE CARE UNIT AT HORNSBY HOSPITAL—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—
What is the total cost of the repairs to the new mental health intensive care unit at Hornsby Hospital?
- 3250 HERITAGE LISTED BUILDINGS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
(1) Are there any "heritage listed" buildings in the Wallsend electorate?
(2) If yes, which of these are public buildings?
- 3251 DEMOUNTABLE CLASSROOMS—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
(1) What is the average set-up cost of a demountable classroom including costs relating to transport, setting up foundations, laying on power, computer and electronic media cabling, repairing leaking roofs, repainting, and any wire meshing around the base to prevent kids setting fires or breaking into rooms from below?
(2) Are set-up costs of demountables deducted from regional asset management maintenance budgets instead of from a State office central budget?
(3) What is the annual cost of a demountable, including any extra air-conditioning required due to poor insulation?
(4) What is the average open space (playground) per student ratio for all schools and what is it for schools with at least ten demountables?
(5) What is the average ratio of toilet facilities to students for all schools and what is it for schools with at least ten demountables?
(6) As the majority of demountables have access stairs, how do they cater for disabled children?
- 3252 MARIAN STREET THEATRE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
(1) What support, if any, does the State Government provide for young people's drama and children's theatre on the north side of Sydney Harbour?
(2) Is the Minister aware of the current difficulties facing Marian Street Theatre for Young People (MSTYP), which is facing unprecedented challenges after 35 years of continual operation?
(3) What Government assistance might be available to assist Ku-ring-gai Council with the Marian Street Theatre building renovation?
(4) What Government assistance might be available to MSTYP in their efforts to provide educational programs for children?
- 3253 MEN'S SHEDS—NORTHERN SYDNEY—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Community Services—
Further to Written Question No. 2818 regarding Men's Sheds:
(1) What is the rationale for the Area Assistance Scheme providing grants for Men's Sheds Projects in Central Coast, Hunter, Illawarra, Macarthur, North Coast and Western Sydney but not in other areas of New South Wales?
(2) How might the Area Assistance Scheme operate in Northern Sydney in future?

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3254 TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF GRAIN LINES—Mr Adrian Piccoli to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

In relation to the indefinite suspension of the Willbriggie to Yanco grain line, the Rankins Springs to Barmedman grain line and the Burcher to West Wyalong grain line:

- (1) When does the Minister expect these lines to be reopened?
- (2) Has any maintenance work been done on these lines since the announcement was made to temporarily close the lines?
 - (a) If so, what work has been done?
 - (b) If not, when will the work commence?

3255 MATERNITY UNITS AT HOSPITALS IN THE TWEED ELECTORATE—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health—

In relation to maternity units at hospitals in the Tweed electorate:

- (1) What is the yearly average figure for childbirths carried out in Tweed hospitals for the period 2000-2007?
- (2) What is the yearly average number of Queensland residents giving birth in Tweed hospitals for the period 2000-2007?
- (3) What are the current 2008 year-to-date figures for:
 - (a) total childbirths carried out in Tweed hospitals;
 - (b) the number of Queensland residents giving birth in Tweed hospitals?

3256 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION FOR A QUARRY AT TERRANORA—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—

Given that the Minister advised in May 2007 that neither he nor his office or his department had met with Readymix to discuss a development application for a new quarry at Terranora:

- (1) (a) Has the Minister, his office and/or his department held discussions with Readymix (or its parent entity) in relation to a development application for a new quarry at Terranora since May 2007?
 - (b) If yes, what was the nature and outcomes of these discussions?
- (2) Has Readymix (or its parent entity) lodged a new development application with the Department for Planning for a new quarry at Terranora since the Minister last responded to questions in May 2007?

3257 MAINTENANCE FUNDING FOR TWEED PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts representing the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter—

In relation to maintenance funding for Tweed public high schools:

- (1) What were the individual maintenance budgets for public primary and high schools in the Tweed electorate for:
 - (a) 2005-06 financial year;
 - (b) 2006-07 financial year;
 - (c) 2007-08 financial year?
- (2) In answer to (1), what were the three largest expenditure items in the individual maintenance budgets for public primary and high schools in the Tweed electorate for:
 - (a) 2005-06 financial year;
 - (b) 2006-07 financial year;
 - (c) 2007-08 financial year?

3258 WARRAGAMBA DAM AUXILIARY SPILLWAY PROJECT—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—

- (1) When will the Sydney Catchment Authority's claim against the Reliance Insurance Company over the Warragamba Dam Auxiliary Spillway Project be finalised?
- (2) How much money does the Sydney Catchment Authority expect to receive back from the Reliance Insurance Company?
- (3) What warranty provisions does the Warragamba Dam Auxiliary Spillway Project contractor allege were breached?

- (4) How long does the contractor claim the project was delayed by these alleged breaches?
- 3259 SYDNEY CATCHMENT AUTHORITY—CREDIT RATING—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—
- (1) On what date was the Sydney Catchment Authority's credit rating reduced from A to A-?
 - (2) On what date did NSW Treasury agree to reduce future dividend payments from 97 per cent to 75 per cent of after tax profits?
 - (3) How much will that move cost NSW Treasury in total?
- 3260 SENIOR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OFFICER—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—
- Given that the Sydney Catchment Authority is currently seeking a Senior Community Engagement Officer:
- (a) Who was the previous occupant of this position?
 - (b) On what date did he or she leave?
 - (c) Why did he or she leave?
 - (d) Who has been filling this role in the meantime?
- 3261 MONA VALE HOSPITAL—MAINTENANCE EXPENDITURE—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Health—
- What is the maintenance expenditure on Mona Vale Hospital in each of the last 3 years (2005, 2006, 2007)?
- 3262 PITTWATER HIGH SCHOOL SOLAR PANEL PROJECT—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- (1) Is the Minister aware of the Pittwater High School Solar Panel Project?
 - (2) Will the Minister consider giving any financial support toward the project?
- 3263 MONA VALE HOSPITAL—SUPPLY ROOM ACCESS—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Health—
- (1) Why did staff at Mona Vale Hospital not have a key to access a supply room to get a sling for a man who came to the emergency department on 18 May 2008 with a suspected broken shoulder?
 - (2) Is this acceptable?
- 3264 ATTENTION DEFICIT DISORDER AND ATTENTION DEFICIT HYPERACTIVITY DISORDER—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- (1) How many children are there in the public education system with confirmed diagnoses of Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD)?
 - (a) How many are in special classes?
 - (b) How many are in mainstream classes?
 - (2) How many children are there in the public education system with confirmed diagnoses of Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)?
 - (a) How many are in special classes?
 - (b) How many are in mainstream classes?
 - (3) (a) How many support class places are there in NSW for children with ADD and ADHD?
 - (b) How many of these places are in rural and regional areas?
- 3265 INCLUSIVE CAP FOR SMALL PRINCIPAL LOANS—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Youth, Minister for Volunteering—
- (1) Why does the Minister and the Department of Fair Trading continue to impose a 48% all inclusive cap for small principal loans of less than a year's duration, given this current 48% cap in NSW means lending \$100 over two weeks returns a maximum of less than \$2.00 to the lender and therefore cannot be sustained by the micro lending industry?

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- (2) Will the imposition of the unviable current 48% inclusive cap mean the closure of many micro lending businesses, causing a lack of access to small amount, short term credit for 200,000 regular NSW consumers and greater debt stress for these 200,000 consumers as the only available option left for them to borrow money would be through larger loans over longer periods of time, impacting further on a families budget?
- (3) Will the Minister and Department of Fair Trading continue to claim that the combined NILS and LILS schemes will meet the need for short term credit when they currently service less than 1% of the demand for small loans in NSW?
- (4) Why will the Minister not remove the 48% inclusive cap currently imposed on small loans which will ultimately mean the loss of over \$150 million per annum in loan capital in NSW?
- (5) Why will the Minister not remove the current 48% all inclusive cap, which will also mean the loss of 1000 jobs in the industry and the subsequent impact on those families?
- (6) Why will the Minister not remove the current 48% all inclusive cap when the results of industry surveys in Australia and overseas clearly demonstrate interest rate caps cannot work or be sustained by the industry?
- (7) Why does the Minister fail to seriously consider alternatives that not only protect the consumers but also allows reputable industry providers to operate viably in NSW?
- (8) Why does the Minister refuse to meet with small loans industry representatives to develop a range of options which will improve the situation in NSW by giving greater protection to consumers while retaining a viable and necessary micro lending industry?

3266 BELLS LINE OF ROAD—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

Given the answers to Written Questions 1941, 1942, 1943, 1944 and 2016 regarding Bells Line of Road:

- (1) What is the timeframe of the review?
- (2) What local stakeholders have been notified of the review?
- (3) (a) Is the review taking submissions?
(b) If so, when is the period that submissions can be sent?

3267 CULOUL RIDGE TRACK—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

Why has the Culoul Ridge Track, which provides walking access to popular areas such as Hollow Rock and Crawford's Lookout and are accessed from a parking area on the Culoul Ridge Trail which leaves the Putty Road about 60km north of Windsor, been closed without notice?