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*5916 WICKHAM TRANSPORT INTERCHANGE—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—

- (1) Does the Government own the land on which the Wickham Transport Interchange is proposed?
(a) If not, who is the owner of this land?

Answer—

I am advised:

This information is available in the project's Review of Environmental Factors.

*5917 NEW TRAIN CARRIAGES—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—

- (1) Will the Government ensure that the future construction and maintenance of new train carriages will be carried out locally or within New South Wales?
(a) If not, why not?

Answer—

In May 2014, the Premier and I announced the Government will order a brand new \$2.8 billion fleet of next-generation intercity trains. This decision represents the first time in more than a quarter of a century that a Government is ordering trains designed around the needs of long-distance commuters, instead of suburban trains with toilets.

The Government will buy an 'off the shelf' train design with proven technology to ensure the best value and have these new trains on the tracks faster.

You may be assured that Australian-based companies, including those with operations in the Hunter, will be given every opportunity to bid for this work.

*5918 THE LOWER HUNTER FREIGHT RAIL BYPASS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—

- (1) Has Transport for NSW identified the possible routes for the Lower Hunter freight rail bypass?
(2) When will the Government announce the preferred route for the Lower Hunter freight rail bypass?
(3) Will stakeholders, including residents and community/business groups in the area, be consulted as to the preferred route?
(4) Will the eco-sensitivity of the possible routes influence the Government's choice of route?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) A number of potential routes are being considered.
(2) When planning work is complete.
(3) Yes.
(4) Yes.

*5919 ADAMSTOWN RAILWAY STATION GATES—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Roads and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) Has the Government undertaken any cost and feasibility studies relating to the issue of frequent and lengthy delays at the Adamstown Railway Station gates?
(a) If so, what was the outcome of these studies?
(b) If not, will the Government conduct such a study?

Answer—

I am advised:

In 2013, Roads and Maritime Services conducted a feasibility study into a proposed driver-information scheme to warn motorists freight trains would close Glebe Road, so they could choose an alternative

route. However, the study found the scheme would not be feasible, as a large rail siding yard north of the crossing means there is insufficient time to reliably advise motorists the boom gates are closing.

Roads and Maritime is undertaking the Inner Newcastle Traffic Study to investigate options to address congestion issues, which includes the Adamstown Railway Level Crossing and surrounding road network. The study is expected to be completed by the end of 2014.

*5920 JOHN HUNTER HOSPITAL EYE CLINIC—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) Will the John Hunter Hospital Eye Clinic reopen in August 2014 as previously announced?
 - (a) If not, why not?
 - (b) If not, when will the clinic reopen?

Answer—

I am advised:

Yes, the John Hunter Hospital Eye Clinic reopened on 29 August 2014.

*5921 JOHN HUNTER HOSPITAL SECURITY INCIDENTS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

How many incidents requiring the intervention of security staff occurred at the John Hunter Hospital in the 12 months to June 2014?

Answer—

I am advised:

Data shows that security has been called on 1216 occasions at John Hunter Hospital between July 2013 and June 2014.

Data is not available to identify the number of times security staff were required to assist after being called.

Security staff are part of a team that is called to assist when a 'code black' is called. Security staff may also be called on for a range of issues outside their involvement in code black teams, such as where there are reports of theft, or to provide information or assistance to visitors.

Staff are encouraged to seek code black assistance early, before a situation escalates.

*5922 RUTHERFORD PUBLIC SCHOOL—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) Will the Government provide Rutherford Public School with more permanent classrooms to cater for the growing number of students at the school?
 - (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

(1) The Department of Education and Communities will continue to monitor and review student enrolment demand at Rutherford Public School and provide resources to meet education needs as required.

*5923 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE REVIEW TEAM CONVENER—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

Why hasn't the Government appointed a new convener to the Domestic Violence Review Team considering that former State Coroner Mary Jerram resigned from the position in December 2013?

Answer—

I am advised:

I refer to the answer published to Q.5400.

*5924 PREVENTION OF SELF HARM AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Mental Health, Assistant Minister for Health—

- (1) How is the Government increasing resources to aid in the prevention of self-harm among young people, particularly those aged 15-24?
- (2) Will the Government increase funding to Hunter New England Health to increase staff and programs to aid in the prevention of self-harm?
 - (a) If not, why not?

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Answer—

I am advised:

(1) The Government is providing prevention and treatment initiatives for young people through the School-Link program, a joint initiative between NSW Education and Communities and NSW Health. This program supports schools to engage students and facilitate early access to specialist mental health services.

(2) The 2014-15 budget includes \$166.5 million for mental health services in the Hunter New England Local Health District. This includes funding for Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) in the community for children up to 18 years, including those at risk of self-harm.

*5925 NEWCASTLE LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Women—

(1) Will the Government revise the Newcastle Local Environmental Plan to allow for an extended community consultation period?

(a) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

The amendments to the Newcastle Local Environmental Plan to facilitate the revitalisation of the CBD were finalised on 29 July 2014, following two exhibition periods.

*5926 LAW ENFORCEMENT (POWERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES) AMENDMENT BILL—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

(1) In the debate of the Law Enforcement (Powers and Responsibilities) Amendment Bill on 15 May 2014, did you breach the non-publication order made by Deputy State Coroner Dillon on 16 May 2013 at Wagga Wagga?

(a) If so, why?

Answer—

I am advised:

No, as there was no non-publication order in place.

*5927 SUPREME COURT PROCEEDINGS—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

(1) Does the Crown propose to proceed against Brett Collins in Supreme Court cost matter 2013/29443 and 2011/408584?

(a) If so, why?

Answer—

I am advised:

There are currently proceedings in the Local Court in relation to this enforcement of costs and it would not be appropriate for me to comment further.

*5928 OPERATION PROSPECT—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

In relation to matters being explored in Operation Prospect, 94 of the 113 persons whose conversations were recorded and/or intercepted were not mentioned in affidavits purportedly made in support of applications to authorise such activities. What steps will the Attorney General take to reform the current system for such authorisations?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Ombudsman's investigation, Operation Prospect, is ongoing. It would be appropriate to wait for the outcome of that investigation before considering the question of reform of the current system.

*5929 SPECIAL GRANTS UNDER THE VICTIMS COMPENSATION SCHEME—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

In relation to payments under the Victims Compensation Scheme and the Victims Rights and Support Bill:

- (1) How many special grants have been made as at 5 August 2014?
 - (a) What is this as a percentage of all claims as at 5 August 2014?
- (2) What percentage of those who have not received a special grant were:
 - (a) victims of domestic violence;
 - (b) victims of sexual assault; and
 - (c) victims classified in another category?

Answer—

I initially note the only scheme operating now is the Victims Support Scheme. The Victims Compensation Scheme has been discontinued.

I am advised that in relation to question 1 and 2 that this information will become publically available in the Annual Report with appropriate statistical analysis.

*5930 RECOGNITION PAYMENTS UNDER THE VICTIMS COMPENSATION SCHEME—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

In relation to the Victims Compensation Scheme and payments under the Victims Rights and Support Bill in connection with recognition payments:

- (1) How many applications have been made for Categories A, B, C, and D?
 - (a) What percentage is this of total claims?
- (2) How many recognition payments have been successful for Categories A, B, C, and D?
 - (a) What percentage are these of total claims?
- (3) Of all claims as at 5 August 2014, how many and what percentage of each recognition payment category relates to:
 - (a) domestic violence; and
 - (b) sexual assault?
- (4) Where applications for recognition payments have not been successful, what was the reason given for not providing a recognition payment?

Answer—

I initially note the only scheme operating now is the Victims Support Scheme. The Victims Compensation Scheme has been discontinued.

I am advised that in relation to question 1,2,3 and 4 that this information will become publically available in the Annual Report with appropriate statistical analysis.

*5931 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR ECONOMIC LOSS SUPPORT CLAIMS—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

In relation to the Victims Compensation Scheme and payments under the Victims Rights and Support Bill in connection with financial assistance for economic loss:

- (1) What is the expenditure on "financial assistance for economic loss" under the scheme as at 5 August 2014?
 - (a) How many claims have been made for this type of support?
 - (i) What percentage are they of total claims?
 - (b) How many claims have been successful in receiving this type of support?
- (2) What have been the reasons for claims for "financial assistance for economic loss":
 - (a) in general;
 - (b) relating to domestic violence; and
 - (c) for sexual assault?
- (3) What types of "financial assistance for economic loss" have been awarded so far?
 - (a) How much has been awarded for each category?
- (4) Have there been any claims for loss of actual earnings awarded as at 5 August 2014?
 - (a) If so, were these for loss of actual earnings by the victim or for loss of actual earnings by someone the victim was dependent on?
 - (b) If so, what were the amounts for each category?

Answer—

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I am advised that in relation to question 1,2,3 and 4 that this information will become publically available in the Annual Report with appropriate statistical analysis.

*5932 IMMEDIATE NEEDS CLAIMS UNDER THE VICTIMS COMPENSATION SCHEME—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

In relation to the Victims Compensation Scheme and payments under the Victims Rights and Support Bill in relation to "immediate needs" claims:

- (1) What is the expenditure on "immediate needs" under the scheme as at 5 August 2014?
 - (a) How many claims have been made for this type of support?
 - (b) What percentage of total claims is this?
 - (c) How many claims have been successful in receiving this type of support?
- (2) Of the successful claims, what number and what percentage of all immediate needs claims have been related to:
 - (a) domestic violence; and
 - (b) sexual assault?
- (3) What have been the reasons for refusing immediate needs claims:
 - (a) in general;
 - (b) relating to domestic violence; and
 - (c) relating to sexual assault?
- (4) What types of "immediate needs" have been awarded as at 5 August 2014?
 - (a) How much has been awarded and for what purpose?
- (5) What is the average waiting time from the time an immediate needs application is received until the time it is paid?
 - (a) What has been the shortest waiting time period?
 - (b) What has been the longest waiting time period?
 - (c) What reasons have been provided for the reason behind waiting times?

Answer—

I initially note the only scheme operating now is the Victims Support Scheme. The Victims Compensation Scheme has been discontinued.

I am advised that in relation to question 1,2,3, 4 and 5 that this information will become publically available in the Annual Report with appropriate statistical analysis.

*5933 JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CORRECTIVE SERVICES CENTRES—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

- (1) Do the Minister and Inspector of Custodial Services distinguish between detainees in Juvenile Justice Centres and prisoners in Corrective Services Centres?
- (2) Does any such distinction extend to the way that Official Visitors are treated in Juvenile Justice Centres and Corrective Services Centres?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Yes.
- (2) Yes.

*5934 OFFICIAL VISITORS AT JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTRES—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

- (1) Have Official Visitors at Juvenile Justice Centres been moved from one Centre to another purely on financial grounds such as "mileage costs"?
 - (a) If so, does this practice raise financial concerns over issues such as consistency in personnel in relation to Official Visitors?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) No;
- (a) N/A.

*5935 GOING HOME STAYING HOME REFORMS—Mr Nick Lalich asked the Minister for Family and Community Services—

- (1) Which services in the Cabramatta electorate have not had their funding renewed by the Government as a result of the Going Home Staying Home reforms?
 - (a) How much annual funding will these services lose?

Answer—

Details of the Going Home Staying Home reform are available on the Housing NSW website at:

<http://www.housing.nsw.gov.au/Help+with+Housing/Homelessness/Going+Home+Staying+Home/Going+Home+Staying+Home.htm>.

*5936 NEWLEAF COMMUNITIES DEVELOPMENT—Mr Nick Lalich asked the Minister for Family and Community Services—

- (1) When will a replacement developer be appointed to complete the Newleaf Communities development?
- (2) When will construction of the next stage of the Newleaf Communities development commence?
- (3) How and when have stakeholders been kept informed about the progress of the Newleaf Communities development in the 12 months prior to 5 August 2014?

Answer—

I refer the Honourable member to Q.5694.

*5937 MEALS ON WHEELS—Mr Nick Lalich asked the Minister for Family and Community Services representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

- (1) How much funding does the Government currently provide to Fairfield, Mount Pritchard and Liverpool Meals on Wheels?
- (2) How much funding did the Government provide to Fairfield, Mount Pritchard and Liverpool Meals on Wheels in 2013?

Answer—

(1) - (2) Details of funds granted to non-government organisations are available in the Department of Family and Community Services' Annual Report.

*5938 CABRAMATTA SCHOOL LAND REZONING—Mr Nick Lalich asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) Which schools in the Cabramatta electorate have had land which they own rezoned to be consistent with the zoning of adjacent lands between 27 March 2011 and 30 June 2014?
 - (a) When did each of these rezonings occur?
- (2) Did the Government carry out any consultation with the schools and the local community before rezoning these lands?
 - (a) If so, what consultation was carried out and when did it occur?

Answer—

(1) The Fairfield Local Environment Plan 2013 replaced the Fairfield Local Environment Plan 1994. School sites in the Fairfield LEP 1994 were also zoned consistent with adjacent land.

(2) All new area wide Local Environment Plans require community consultation to be carried out by the local council. The Department of Education and Communities was included as part of this consultation.

*5939 PROPOSED HOSPITAL CO-PAYMENT SYSTEM—Mr Nick Lalich asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) What representations has the Government made to the Federal Government against the proposed co-payment for visits to hospital emergency units in New South Wales?
- (2) What analysis has Government undertaken of the impact of the proposed co-payment system on hospitals in New South Wales?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) - (2) The Government will not implement a co-payment for emergency department patients in New South Wales.

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Since the announcement of the Federal budget, the NSW Ministry of Health has focused on looking at where, if there were to be an increase in demand for emergency departments, general practice and emergency services could work together to implement new models of care to assist in absorbing or mitigating that demand.

*5940 CABRAMATTA RAILWAY STATION UPGRADES—Mr Nick Lalich asked the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—

- (1) What upgrades will be carried out at Cabramatta Railway Station?
 - (a) When will work on these upgrades commence?
 - (b) When will these upgrades be completed?
 - (c) How much will these upgrades cost?

Answer—

I am advised:

In 2012, the Government announced a new Transport Access Program which will deliver accessible, modern, secure and integrated transport infrastructure where it is needed most. This includes station upgrades, better interchanges and commuter car parks. This program includes more than \$770 million for improvements over four years.

More planning and design work will now occur to see which projects will come next. Cabramatta Railway Station will be considered as part of this process.

The Transport Access Program is part of the Government's commitment to improve public transport services and provide a world-class transport system people want to use.

*5941 CRIME IN CABRAMATTA—Mr Nick Lalich asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

- (1) How many crimes were committed in the Cabramatta electorate from:
 - (a) 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013; and
 - (b) 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2014?
- (2) Which crimes were most frequently committed in the Cabramatta electorate from 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2014?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) The Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (BOCSAR) does not categorise crime by electorates.

(a) N/A.

(b) N/A.

(2) As above.

*5942 REPORTED FALLS AND INJURIES AT PUNCHBOWL RAILWAY STATION—Mr Robert Furolo asked the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—

- (1) Did the Minister or her office receive an email on 14 October 2013 reporting that someone had fallen whilst helping a mother negotiate a pram down the stairs at Punchbowl Railway Station?
 - (a) If so, was a response provided to the email?
 - (b) If so, when was the response provided?
- (2) What actions were taken as a result of the email reporting the fall?
- (3) Did the Minister, her office, and/or Sydney Trains receive any further reports of falls and/or injuries from commuters or staff at Punchbowl Railway Station in the 2013 calendar year?
 - (a) If so, how many?
- (4) How many reports of falls and/or injuries were received from commuters or staff at Punchbowl Railway Station in each of the 2011 and 2012 calendar years?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Sydney Trains Safety Management System requires all reported customer injuries to be reviewed by Sydney Trains management. Incidents will be investigated where Sydney Trains assets are identified as a cause of the incident, in order to determine corrective or preventative actions.

*5944 AMBULANCE HUB STATIONS—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) When are works due to commence in the Liverpool, Bankstown, and Blacktown Ambulance Hub Stations following the funding allocation in the 2014-15 state budget?
- (2) How many new vehicles are due to be leased to the Ambulance Hub Stations in Liverpool, Bankstown, and Blacktown?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) - (2) The Government has committed \$24.5 million in the 2014-15 Budget to start construction of five new ambulance stations in greater metropolitan Sydney.

Planning is underway and it is anticipated that works will commence in the second half of the 2014/15 financial year. The number of vehicles available at each hub station will vary over time and will be flexible in relation to changes in the demographics, changes in the locations of standby stations and changes in the requirements for single compared to double crew service models.

*5945 NSW FOOD AUTHORITY—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Assistant Minister for Tourism and Major Events—

- (1) How will the Government's decision to decrease funding to the NSW Food Authority by 26.7% in the 2014-15 budget impact on the quality of services the NSW Food Authority can deliver to the people of New South Wales?
- (2) Will any public sector jobs be lost as a result of this reduction in funding?

Answer—

(1) The capital expenditure allocation for the NSW Food Authority decreased by \$400,000 in the 2014-15 NSW Budget. As the NSW Food Authority car fleet is now managed by StateFleet under leasing arrangements, there is no capital allocation required to purchase new vehicles in 2014-15 capital budget allocation. There will be no impact on the quality of services provided by the NSW Food Authority.

(2) No.

*5946 SCHOOL SPEED ZONE FLASHING LIGHTS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Roads and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) Will every school in New South Wales have speed zone flashing lights installed prior to the start of Term 1, 2015?
 - (a) If not, which schools will not?
- (2) Is there a list and schedule for the installation of the flashing lights currently available to the public?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Government is delivering school zone flashing lights to all eligible schools in the State by the end of 2015. It is projected that around 1,860 schools will have received flashing lights by the start of Term 1 2015.

The rollout schedule for the complete program to December 2015 is publically available on the Centre for Road Safety website, including a map showing schools which have received flashing lights and schools proposed for flashing lights.

*5947 LITTLE YUIN ABORIGINAL PRESCHOOL—Ms Linda Burney asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) How many children are currently enrolled at the Little Yuin Aboriginal Preschool in Wallaga Lake?
- (2) What alternative arrangements exist to ensure children from Wallaga Lakes have access to an early childhood education should Little Yuin Aboriginal Preschool close?

Answer—

I refer the Member to the answer previously provided under Q.5844.

*5948 RAILWAY STATION NEAR SUTHERLAND HOSPITAL—Mr Barry Collier asked the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—

- (1) What is the estimated cost of building a railway station between Miranda Railway Station and Caringbah Railway Station to service the Sutherland Hospital?

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- (a) What is the estimated cost of staffing?
- (2) Does the Government plan to build a railway station on the Cronulla line at the rear of the Sutherland Hospital?
- (3) Will the Government undertake a feasibility study for a proposal to build a railway station at Sutherland Hospital, including an examination/survey of patronage?

Answer—

Please refer to the answer provided to Q.5109.

*5949 DISABILITY PAYROLL TAX REBATES—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

- (1) What rebates or exemptions does the Government provide for employers to employ people with a disability?
- (2) What plans does the Government have to expand on existing help to employers?
- (3) What further action will the Government take to support people with a disability through payroll tax relief?

Answer—

This question should be redirected to the Minister for Disability Services.

*5950 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE—Mr Jamie Parker asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

- (1) How many children have died as a result of domestic violence in New South Wales for each of the last ten years prior to August 2014?
 - (a) What are the ages of these children?
 - (b) How many of these deaths were perpetrated by the child's non-biological de-facto stepfather?
 - (c) What research has been conducted into identifying causal or risk factors in these cases?
- (2) What public education campaigns are planned or already in place to alert people to risk factors and available interventions in domestic violence situations?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) That this information is publically available.
- (2) The Department of Family and Community Services is the responsible government agency for public education on domestic and family violence and as such, questions regarding public education on this matter should be directed to the Minister for Family and Community Services.

The Department of Justice also undertakes some public education awareness raising. The Department also issued the NSW Domestic Violence Justice Strategy in December 2012.

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5951 DISCONTINUATION OF PAPER TRAIN TICKETS—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—

- (1) When was the decision taken to stop selling paper tickets at railway stations as a result of the Opal card roll out?
 - (a) When was this decision announced?
- (2) Is it still possible to buy paper tickets at attended stations in:
 - (a) Melbourne;
 - (b) Adelaide;
 - (c) Brisbane; and
 - (d) Perth?

5952 OPAL CARD FEASIBILITY—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—

- (1) On which study is the Minister's assertion that "90% of commuters are the same or better off" under the Opal system based?
- (2) Are the figures that form the basis of this assertion publicly available?

- (a) If so, where?
- 5953 OPAL CARD SELLERS—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—
- (1) What company will be contracted to on-sell the Opal card at selected train stations once paper tickets are retired?
 - (a) What is the value of this contract?
 - (2) On which days will Opal cards be made available to purchase at Glenfield Railway Station?
 - (3) If Opal cards are not available at Glenfield Railway Station, at which location will they be sold?
- 5954 PERIODICAL TICKETS—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—
- Does the Opal technology used in the roll out of the Opal card across the New South Wales public transport system permit the sale of periodical tickets?
- 5955 MATERNITY UNIT BEDS AT ROYAL NORTH SHORE HOSPITAL—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- (1) How many beds are in use in the maternity unit at Royal North Shore Hospital?
 - (a) How many of these beds are electric; and
 - (b) How many of these beds are manual wind up?
 - (c) What plans exist to increase the number of electric beds?
- 5956 COMMUNITY TRANSPORT SERVICES—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—
- (1) Are there any regulations in the licensing arrangements for community transport services that prevent community transport buses from transporting:
 - (a) Disabled persons travelling from their home to places of employment in assisted workshops; and
 - (b) Persons travelling from their home to nursing homes for respite care?
 - (2) Are there any community transport services in New South Wales that provide transport for persons in the circumstances stated in (1)?

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- 5957 SCHOOL BUS SAFETY REQUIREMENTS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—
- (1) Are all New South Wales school buses licenced to carry the same number of seated and standing passengers regardless of the speed they travel on their route?
 - (2) Is there a requirement for buses that carry students under 7 years of age to provide booster seats for these children as is the legal requirement for car travel?
 - (a) If not, why not?
- 5958 MAINTENANCE OF THE RAIL NETWORK—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—
- (1) How much of the \$1.1 billion in funds, quoted as having been spent as at 21 April 2013 for the maintenance of the rail network, was spent on maintenance in the 2013-14 financial year?
 - (2) Does this figure include the \$60 million to establish the 8 new maintenance centres of excellence and 4 satellite centres?
- 5959 REPLACEMENT TRAINS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—
- (1) What is the average age of a train that is considered too old and no longer of use in the New South Wales Rail network?
 - (a) How many trains currently in use are at this age or older?
 - (2) Will replacement trains be manufactured in New South Wales by a New South Wales staffed

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manufacturer?

5960 HOMELESSNESS IN CESSNOCK—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services—

How many persons were classed as homeless in the Cessnock Electorate in the following financial years:

- (a) 2010-11;
- (b) 2011-12;
- (c) 2012-13; and
- (d) 2013-14?

5961 HOMELESSNESS IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services—

How many persons were classed as homeless in New South Wales in the following financial years:

- (a) 2010-11;
- (b) 2011-12;
- (c) 2012-13; and
- (d) 2013-14?

5962 APPREHENDED PERSONAL VIOLENCE ORDER APPEAL—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

What avenue of appeal is available to a recipient of an Apprehended Personal Violence Order (APVO) who was not served with the APVO, did not attend Court and the APVO was granted by the Court without a right of defence?

5963 TAFE STUDENT FIGURES—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Education—

- (1) How many students were registered at TAFE in New South Wales for each of the years from 2009 to 2014?
- (2) What was the average annual cost of a course in each of these years?

5964 FREE AMBULANCE COVERAGE—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

How much money does the Government allocate annually to cover the cost of the free ambulance coverage available to health care and concession card holders in New South Wales?

5965 SALE OF SYNTHETIC DRUGS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Assistant Minister for Health—

- (1) Has any statistical information been made publicly available since the "crackdown" on the sale of synthetic drugs in New South Wales?
 - (a) If so, has the amount of patients presenting to the State Mental Health Units who are suffering from psychotic episodes due to these types of drugs increased, decreased, or remained unchanged?
 - (b) If not, when will this statistical information be publicly available?

5966 WOOLLOOMOOLOO SOCIAL HOUSING—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services—

- (1) What action has the Government taken to build new housing on the Land & Housing Corporation owned property at 174 Dowling Street, Woolloomooloo, which has been vacant since it was acquired from the council in 1979, considering the former Minister for Family and Community Services' previous response that plans were being finalised to lodge a Development Application (DA) to build more inner city social housing on this site (ref Q.0515 and Q.1790)?
- (2) What has been the cost of securing and maintaining this site since 1979?
- (3) When will a DA be lodged with the City of Sydney for this site?
- (4) How many units will be built and how many people are expected to be housed at this site?
- (5) When does the Government expect that people in need of a home will be able to live in units on this site?
- (6) What other vacant or unused properties does the Government own in Woolloomooloo?
- (7) What are the Government's plans for building homes on these sites?

5967 INNER CITY HOUSING SALES—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services—

- (1) What economic modelling was done to determine expected proceeds from sales of the Land & Housing Corporation properties in Millers Point, Dawes Point and The Rocks?
- (2) What is the projected total amount of funds expected from the sale of these properties?
- (3) What sales options are being considered for:
 - (a) Heritage listed terrace houses;
 - (b) Purpose-built worker homes;
 - (c) Multi-unit dwellings;
 - (d) The Sirius apartment building;
 - (e) Properties leased to Community Housing Providers and Housing Co-operatives;
 - (f) Boarding houses; and
 - (g) Commercial properties?
- (4) When does the Government expect to complete the sale of all of the properties in these areas?
- (5) What is the projected cost of preparing the 293 properties in question for sale?
- (6) What percentage of proceeds from the sale of these properties will be allocated to:
 - (a) Addressing the social housing maintenance backlog; and
 - (b) Increasing the public housing stock?
- (7) How will the Government demonstrate to the community that the sale of these properties has resulted in four times as many homes being available as have been sold?

5968 HOMELESSNESS SERVICE SUPPORT FUND—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services—

- (1) What activities are funded through the Homelessness Service Support Fund?
- (2) Does the funding in (1) include the cost of accommodation?
 - (a) If not, why not?
 - (b) If not, how will current clients continue to have a home when new operators want these properties for their clients?
- (3) How will the Government ensure that homeless people currently housed are not made homeless again?

5971 BAYS PRECINCT PLANNING—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Women—

- (1) Who will be invited to the November international summit to consider renewal of the Bays Precinct?
- (2) How will affected communities and adjacent residents be represented at the summit?
- (3) How will the Government inform the community about these participants?
- (4) How will the Government inform concerned community members about how they can provide input?
- (5) How will the Government integrate the work of the Bays Precinct Taskforce, the Bays Precinct Strategic Framework and the Bays Precinct Implementation Committee into this new process?
- (6) How will the Government integrate the agreed Bays Precinct principles including support for public ownership, transport, public access/public domain and the agreed precinct proposals into this project?
- (7) How will information about the summit and its deliberations be made public?
- (8) How will the Government engage with concerned community members to develop plans that have strong community support?
- (9) What further action will the Government take to engage with concerned communities about the future of this public land?

*5972 PADDINGTON BOWLING CLUB—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Hospitality, Gaming and Racing, and Minister for the Arts—

- (1) What complaints have been registered for the Paddington Bowling Club since the transfer of the lease to CSKS Holdings?
 - (a) What complaints have been received about neighbourhood disturbance?
 - (b) What liaison has occurred with Rose Bay Police about these concerns?
 - (c) What investigation has been carried out in response to complaints?
 - (d) What licencing conditions have been applied in response to complaints?
- (2) Has the Government carried out an investigation in response to the reports by journalist Wendy Bacon?

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- (a) If so, what was the result of this investigation?
- (3) Has the Government carried out an investigation in response to the statements made in the Federal Senate by Senator Rhiannon on 25 March 2014?
- (4) How does the Government ensure that this venue operates under licensed club requirements?
- (5) Can Paddington Bowling Club continue to operate as a registered club under the contract with CSKS Holdings?
- (6) What further action will the Government take to ensure Paddington Bowling Club operates within licensed club and liquor regulations and its licence conditions?

Answer—

(1) Seven complaints have been received by the NSW Office of Liquor, Gaming & Racing regarding the transfer of a Crown Lands lease and disturbance issues.

(a) On 31 March 2014, a disturbance complaint was lodged by NSW Police, Rose Bay Local Area Command, under section 79 of the Liquor Act 2007. A complaint was also made to the Minister on 5 May 2014 alleging noise disturbance from ANZAC day activities at the Club.

(b) There has been regular liaison with Rose Bay Police.

(c) The complaints are currently under investigation.

(d) The complaints are currently under investigation.

(2) An investigation is currently being conducted that is considering similar issues to those reported by Ms Bacon.

(a) The matter is still under investigation.

(3) NSW Trade & Investment engaged an external law firm to conduct the review of the arrangements regarding the Crown Lands lease over land occupied by the Club premises. The review was completed in August 2014 and its findings were referred by the Secretary, NSW Trade & Investment, to ICAC for their consideration.

(4) The club is currently under investigation and subject to ongoing compliance monitoring.

(5) Yes.

(6) The matter is still under investigation and it would be inappropriate to speculate on further measures that may be required.

5973 LAND CLEARING—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, Minister for the Central Coast, and Assistant Minister for Planning—

(1) Will the Government commit to retaining or reducing the current land clearing rates that began with the introduction of the Native Vegetation Act 2003?

(2) Will the Government seek to maintain provisions in the Native Vegetation Act 2003 to protect threatened species and reduce the number of species listed as threatened each year?

(3) How will the Government ensure that decisions to approve or refuse land clearing on private land are based on protecting forests and woodlands, rivers, wetlands, native habitat and threatened species, and preventing salinity and erosion?

(4) Are there adequate powers in place to measure and enforce the land clearing provisions of the Native Vegetation Act 2003?

(5) What new measures will the Government consider to ensure adequate enforcement of land clearing provisions under the Native Vegetation Act 2003?

5974 OPAL CARD DATA—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—

(1) How will the Government ensure the protection of Opal card customer data following reports that discretionary power could allow more than 100 agencies and their staff access to sensitive personal information?

(2) Will the Government ensure that access to Opal card data is only allowed where a magistrate has issued a warrant based on specific request for a specific purpose?

(3) How will Transport for NSW report publicly on the amount of records accessed and which agencies have requested data?

(4) Will Opal card data be sold to commercial bodies or used for marketing and advertising purposes?

(5) What redress is available for Opal customers whose data is wrongly accessed or shared?

(6) What penalties will apply for the inappropriate access and misuse of Opal card data?

(7) What plans does the Government have to protect privacy and restrict access to Opal card data?

- 5975 REGULATORY IMPACT STATEMENT—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Finance and Services representing the Minister for Fair Trading—
- (1) Will the Minister introduce a Regulatory Impact Statement for the proposed draft exemption to deregulate certain commercial property agency work under the Property, Stock and Business Agents Regulation released by Fair Trading on 27 June 2014?
- (a) If not, why not?
- 5976 PROPERTY, STOCK AND BUSINESS AGENTS REGULATION—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Finance and Services representing the Minister for Fair Trading—
- Why wasn't the proposed draft exemption to deregulate certain commercial property agency work under the Property, Stock and Business Agents Regulation included in the Regulatory Impact Statement released on 16 May 2014?
- 5977 SHOPKEEPER PROTECTIONS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Finance and Services representing the Minister for Fair Trading—
- What protections do shopkeepers in large commercial shopping centres have from untrained, inexperienced or unlicensed commercial property agents under the Property, Stock and Business Agents Act and the Property, Stock and Business Agents Regulation?
- 5978 PROTECTIONS FOR SHOPKEEPERS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Finance and Services representing the Minister for Fair Trading—
- (1) What protections would shopkeepers in large commercial shopping centres have from people that have previously had a real estate license suspended or cancelled under proposed draft exemptions to deregulate certain commercial property agency work under the Property, Stock and Business Agents Regulation?
- (2) What impediment would there be to people that have previously had a real estate license suspended or cancelled from conducting exempted agency work under proposed draft exemptions to deregulate certain commercial property agency work under the Property, Stock and Business Agents Regulation?
- 5979 REFORMS TO STRATA LEGISLATION—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Finance and Services representing the Minister for Fair Trading—
- Why have urgent reforms to strata legislation been delayed again until early 2016?
- 5980 RECALL OF FAULTY USB CHARGERS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Finance and Services representing the Minister for Fair Trading—
- How many product recalls did NSW Fair Trading issue regarding potentially faulty and dangerous USB chargers between:
- (a) 1 January to 31 December 2011;
- (b) 1 January to 31 December 2012;
- (c) 1 January to 31 December 2013; and
- (d) 1 January to 23 April 2014?
- 5981 CONSUMER WARNINGS FOR FAULTY USB CHARGERS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Finance and Services representing the Minister for Fair Trading—
- How many consumer warnings regarding potentially faulty and dangerous USB chargers did NSW Fair Trading issue between:
- (a) 1 January to 31 December 2011;
- (b) 1 January to 31 December 2012;
- (c) 1 January to 31 December 2013; and
- (d) 1 January to 23 April 2014?
- 5982 OPAL CARD RETAILERS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—
- (1) What is the distance between the ticketing booth and the nearest Opal retailer at the following stations on the Bankstown Train Line:
- (a) Bankstown;

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- (b) Yagoona;
(c) Birrong;
(d) Sefton;
(e) Chester Hill;
(f) Villawood; and
(g) Punchbowl?
- (2) Will commuters at each of the railway stations in (1) be able to purchase Opal cards from the existing ticketing booths?
(a) If not, why not?
- 5983 HENRY LAWSON DRIVE UPGRADE—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Roads and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- (1) Is the urgent upgrade of Henry Lawson Drive between Hume Hwy and Milperra Rd now considered a priority (ref Q.4472)?
(a) If not, why not?
- (2) Will the Government immediately commit funding for the urgent upgrade of Henry Lawson Drive between Hume Hwy and Milperra Rd?
(a) If not, why not?
- 5984 SMITHFIELD ROUNDABOUT UPGRADE—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Roads and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- When will construction begin for the upgrade of the Polding Street roundabout in Smithfield?
- 5986 GRAFFITI HOTLINE—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- (1) What is the Government doing to increase the awareness of the Graffiti Hotline in the Local Government Areas (LGA) of Bankstown, Fairfield and Holroyd considering that of the 714 reports to the Hotline between 1 July 2013 and 28 February 2014 only 25, 1, and 2 reports respectively were made from these LGAs?
- (2) What measures has the Government implemented to promote the Graffiti Hotline throughout New South Wales?
- (3) What steps have been taken to promote the Graffiti Hotline to multicultural communities throughout New South Wales?
- 5987 COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION CHAIRMAN—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister for Veterans Affairs, and Assistant Minister for Education—
- When will applications for the position of Chairman of the Community Relations Commission of New South Wales:
- (a) Open; and
(b) Close?
- 5988 OPAL CARD RETAILERS IN JANNALI—Mr Barry Collier to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—
- At which retailers in the suburb of Jannali can rail commuters:
- (a) Purchase an Opal card; and
(b) Top up an Opal card?
- 5989 RAILWAY STATION STAFFING NUMBERS—Mr Barry Collier to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—
- (1) What plans does the Minister have to reduce the number of staff at Jannali Railway Station during the morning peak period?
- (2) Will the introduction of the Opal card result in a reduction of station staff at the following railway stations:
(a) Jannali;
(b) Sutherland;

- (c) Como;
 (d) Gynea;
 (e) Miranda; and
 (f) Oatley?
- (3) Why is the Government only operating one ticket selling window at Jannali Railway Station instead of the usual two?
- 5990 COMMUNITY SERVICES IN MIRANDA—Mr Barry Collier to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services—
- (1) Does the Government have any plans to close or cut funding to any women's refuges, women's shelters or homelessness services in the Miranda electorate?
 (a) If so, which women's refuges, women's shelters and/or homelessness services will be affected?
- 5991 ESSIE WOMEN'S REFUGE—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services—
- (1) What is the current level of funding for the Essie Women's refuge in the Mount Druitt electorate?
 (2) Has the level of funding to this organisation changed since the election of the Government in 2011?
 (3) What is the impact of any funding changes on Essie Women's refuge?
- 5992 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INCIDENTS—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services—
- (1) What are the latest figures available for domestic violence incidents in the Mount Druitt area?
 (2) How do these figures compare to those in previous years?
- 5993 CARILLON AVENUE CROSSING FLASHING LIGHTS—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Roads and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- When will flashing lights be installed at the Carillon Avenue crossing at Newtown North Public School?
- *5994 RISK BASED LICENCE FEE SCHEME—Ms Carmel Tebbutt asked the Minister for Hospitality, Gaming and Racing, and Minister for the Arts—
- When will the fee waiver policy for the risk based licence fee scheme be published on the Office of Liquor, Gaming and Racing website?
- Answer—
- It is anticipated that a waiver policy will be published during the fourth quarter of 2014.
- 5995 VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS AND FEES FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Education—
- (1) If parents of public school students are unable or unwilling to pay fees or make "voluntary contributions", can their children be excluded from school events such as excursions or formals as a result?
 (2) How is the cost of fees for each public school in New South Wales decided?
 (3) What is the average "voluntary contribution" paid per student in New South Wales public schools?
- 5996 INTERCOUNTRY ADOPTION—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services—
- (1) Will the Minister implement changes stemming from the Federal Government's Australian Citizenship Amendment (Intercountry Adoption) Bill 2014, which outlines significant improvements to simplify procedures and reduce red tape for families adopting from overseas?
 (2) How much did/will the Department of Family and Community Services receive as a budget allocation to process intercountry adoptions in each of the financial years from 2010-11 to 2014-15?
 (3) How many intercountry adoption applications were received by the Department of Family and Community Services in each of the financial years from 2010-11 to 2014-15?
 (4) Will the Government implement the Federal Government's changes to the intercountry adoption process to make the system simpler, fair and supportive of families seeking to adopt from overseas?
 (a) If so, what is the timetable for the implementation of the changes and how will it be rolled out?
 (b) If no, why not?

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- 5997 COURT INFORMATION ACT 2010—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
Why has the Court Information Act 2010 not been proclaimed?
- 5998 PUBLIC PURPOSE FUND TRUSTEES FUNDING LEVELS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
Will the Public Purpose Fund Trustees provide the clarifications sought by the Law and Justice Foundation concerning their levels of funding and their reserves, as referred to by the Chair of the Foundation Board of Governors in his message in the Law and Justice Foundation 2013 Annual Report?
- 5999 CORRECTIVE SERVICES NSW VACANCIES—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
How many vacancies were there in positions in Corrective Services NSW as at 1 August 2014?
- 6000 COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS OFFICER POSITION VACANCIES—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
(1) How many Community Corrections Officer position vacancies were there in NSW Corrective Services as at 1 August 2014?
(a) Which positions were vacant and in which offices?
- 6001 OPERATION PROSPECT CONFLICT OF INTEREST—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Premier, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for Western Sydney—
(1) Did one of the senior officers in the Office of the Ombudsman, involved in Operation Prospect, have a close personal relationship with one of the potential principal witnesses?
(a) If so, why does this not pose a conflict of interest?
(b) If so, was this conflict declared?
(c) If so, how can this conflict be resolved other than by the senior officer not being involved in the Operation?
- 6002 COMPLETION DATE OF OPERATION PROSPECT—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Premier, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for Western Sydney—
When will the Ombudsman complete Operation Prospect?
- 6003 OPERATION PROSPECT—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Premier, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for Western Sydney—
Why did the Deputy Ombudsman describe Operation Prospect as not being "criminal"?
- 6004 NSW POLICE FORCE TRAINING—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for Sport and Recreation, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Western Sydney—
What training do members of the NSW Police Force undergo concerning the behaviour of those with a mental illness and issues of mental health?
- 6005 NSW POLICE FORCE USE OF DRONES—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for Sport and Recreation, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Western Sydney—
(1) Does the NSW Police Force use or contract for the use of drones or unmanned aerial vehicles?
(a) If so, how much of such use has there been from 1 July 2013 to 12 August 2014?
- 6006 HUNTER NEW ENGLAND HEALTH—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
(1) Will Hunter New England Health follow up with patients who attended the now defunct generalist counselling service to ensure that they have transitioned successfully into a new service?
(a) If not, why not?

- 6007 COUNSELLING SERVICES IN THE HUNTER COMMUNITY—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- (1) Will the Government re-establish Hunter New England Health generalist counselling services or a similar free generalist counselling service within the Hunter community considering the uncertain future of Medicare Locals?
 - (a) If not, why not?
- 6008 NURSES AT THE JOHN HUNTER HOSPITAL—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- (1) How many extra nurses will be employed at the John Hunter Hospital as a result of the current recruitment process to alleviate understaffing in operating theatres?
 - (2) Will the Government follow the recommendations of the external expert review commissioned by the Nurses and Midwives Association to make 37 extra nursing positions available?
 - (a) If not, why not?
- 6009 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE DEATH REVIEW TEAM—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- (1) Why has there has been an 8 month delay in convening the Domestic Violence Death Review Team which examines deaths resulting from domestic violence and reports to Parliament?
 - (2) How many cases are currently waiting to be examined?
 - (3) When will these domestic violence deaths be examined?
 - (4) When will the New South Wales public be informed of the results of these examinations?
- 6010 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE DEATH REVIEW TEAM MEETINGS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- Why hasn't the Domestic Violence Death Review Team, who are required under the Coroners Act 2009 to meet four times annually to make recommendations to the Government, met this year?
- 6011 2012 NEWCASTLE URBAN RENEWAL STRATEGY—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Women—
- For what period were the amendments to the 2012 Newcastle Urban Renewal Strategy (NURS) relating to high-rise development, which was exhibited for public comment from 14 December 2012 until 19 April 2013, displayed and for how long?
- 6012 PUBLIC HOUSING MAINTENANCE BUDGET—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services—
- (1) How much did the New South Wales Land and Housing Corporation allocate across New South Wales in the 2013-14 maintenance budget?
 - (2) What were the forecasted requirements in 2013-14 for the maintenance of public housing properties in the Hunter Region?
 - (3) What was the actual allocation of funds in 2013-14 for public housing properties in the Hunter Region?
 - (4) What were the forecasted requirements in 2013-14 for the maintenance of public housing properties in the Wallsend electorate?
 - (5) What was the actual allocation of funds in 2013-14 for public housing properties in the Wallsend electorate?
- 6013 SAFETY FOR PARAMEDICS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for Sport and Recreation, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Western Sydney—
- What is the Government doing to improve safety for paramedics?
- 6014 DAILY TRAIN COMMUTERS IN THE HUNTER—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—
- How many train commuters travelled daily from Maitland station to Newcastle Station and from East Maitland Station to Newcastle Station from 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2014?
- 6015 GOVERNMENT FUNDING FOR LOCAL LIBRARIES—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Local Government—

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- (1) Is the Minister aware of concerns by local councils about the level of funding provided by the Government to local libraries?
- (2) What is the Government doing to address the current funding shortage?
- (3) What are the reasons for Government funding for public libraries being at their lowest level in decades?
- 6016 OPAL CARD RETAILERS IN THE NORTHERN ILLAWARRA—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—
- (1) How come the distribution of Opal card retailers are so sparse in the Northern Illawarra?
- (2) Why are there no facilities at any of the major transport hubs such as Thirroul and Austinmer to allow passengers to purchase Opal cards?
- (3) What is the Government doing to educate retail outlets to help them better inform passengers about the Opal card?
- 6017 BUSTECH BOARD OF DIRECTORS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—
- (1) Do any of the board of directors of Bustech have direct links to any present or former Members of the New South Wales Parliament?
- (a) If so, who are they and what are the links?
- (b) If so, have they made any donations to the Liberal Party of New South Wales since 2011?

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- 6018 MANUFACTURING SECTOR JOB LOSSES—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Trade and Investment, Minister for Regional Infrastructure and Services, Minister for Tourism and Major Events, Minister for Small Business, and Minister for the North Coast—
- What programs are in place to ensure that no more jobs are lost from the manufacturing sector in Western Sydney, and particularly Cabramatta?
- 6019 TRAIN TIMETABLE COMPLAINTS—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—
- (1) How many complaints about the train timetables were received by Transport for NSW for each of the years from 2011-13?
- (a) How many of these complaints were from commuters who reside in the Cabramatta electorate?
- 6020 TEACHERS' AIDES—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Education—
- (1) How much has been allocated to the Cabramatta electorate for teachers' aides in Government schools for the 2014-15 financial year?
- (a) Has this allocation increased or decreased in the last four financial years?
- 6021 FAIRFIELD AND LIVERPOOL HOSPITAL COMPLAINTS—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- How many complaints about Fairfield and Liverpool hospitals were received in:
- (a) 2012; and
- (b) 2013?
- 6022 SENIOR CITIZEN SUPPORT PROGRAMS—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- (1) What programs are available in Cabramatta to help senior citizens maintain independent and healthy lifestyles?
- (2) How much funding does the Government provide to support senior citizens in Cabramatta?
- 6023 VISITS BY THE PREMIER TO CABRAMATTA—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Premier, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- Since becoming Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney, how many times have you visited the region and in particular, the Cabramatta electorate?
- 6024 BONNYRIGG MEN'S SHED—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services—
- (1) What support is the Government providing to the Bonnyrigg Men's Shed?
 - (2) How much funding does the Government provide to the Bonnyrigg Men's Shed?
- 6025 RESTART ILLAWARRA INFRASTRUCTURE FUND—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- (1) Has the Government signed a contract with Wollongong City Council regarding the West Dapto Access Road Link for \$22.5 million under the Restart Illawarra Infrastructure Fund?
 - (a) If not, why not?
 - (2) Has the Government signed a contract with the Illawarra Retirement Trust Ltd regarding the care and community centre for \$2.9 million under the Restart Illawarra Infrastructure Fund?
 - (a) If not, why not?
 - (3) How many of the approved projects funded under the Restart Illawarra Infrastructure Fund have actually commenced construction to this date?
 - (4) What are the reasons for the delays in starting the projects funded under the Restart Illawarra Infrastructure Fund?
- 6026 TAFE ENROLMENTS—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Education—
- (1) How many students were enrolled at the following TAFE campuses in 2013:
 - (a) Dapto;
 - (b) Shellharbour; and
 - (c) Yallah?
 - (2) How many students were enrolled at the following TAFE campuses for 2014:
 - (a) Dapto;
 - (b) Shellharbour; and
 - (c) Yallah?
- 6027 INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS IN THE ILLAWARRA—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Premier, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- (1) Will the Premier ensure that any infrastructure projects included in the sale of poles and wires in the Illawarra must undergo a cost benefit analysis?
 - (2) Will any such cost benefit analysis be completed before or after the sale of the State's poles and wires?
 - (3) Will these cost benefit studies be released to the public?
 - (a) If so, when?
 - (b) If not, why not?
- 6028 SHELLHARBOUR HOSPITAL REDEVELOPMENT—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- (1) What are the remaining administrative requirements, once the planning associated with the Shellharbour Hospital redevelopment is finalised in 2014, before funding for the redevelopment is allocated by the Government?
 - (2) What is the reason for the discrepancy in estimated completion time for the planning of the Shellharbour Hospital redevelopment which was stated to be completed in 2014 (ref Q.5908), and also 2016 (ref 2014-15 Budget papers)?
 - (3) Did any other construction companies submit tenders for the \$6.7 million Ambulatory Care Expansion project at Shellharbour Hospital?
 - (a) If so, what were the names of these companies and their locations?
 - (4) Will the preferred tenderer in the case of the Ambulatory Care Expansion project at Shellharbour Hospital employ Illawarra based subcontractors on the project work?
 - (a) If so, which work?
 - (b) If not, why not?

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- 6029 ALBION PARK RAIL BYPASS—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Roads and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- (1) Has the Government completed all of the planning and approval works required for the Albion Park Rail Bypass?
 - (a) If not, when does the Minister expect all of the planning and approval works will be completed?
 - (2) When will the Government receive the Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) study into the investigation of whether on and off ramps and interchanges are required on the M1 Motorway in the Dapto area?
 - (a) What are the terms of reference for this investigation?
 - (b) Will the RMS report be made available to the public?
 - (i) If not, why not?
- 6030 GRAFFITI HOTLINE—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- (1) How many reports were made to the Graffiti Hotline between 1 July 2013 and 12 August 2014?
 - (2) How many of these were from the:
 - (a) Wollongong Local Government Area; and
 - (b) Shellharbour Local Government Area?
- 6031 2013-14 CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Education—
- (1) Was Woonona East Primary School nominated for the 2013-14 Capital Works Program?
 - (a) If so, what was the project and how much funding was requested?
 - (b) If not, why was this project unsuccessful?
 - (2) Was Figtree High School nominated for the 2013-14 Capital Works Program?
 - (a) If so, what was the project and how much funding was requested?
 - (b) If not, why was this project unsuccessful?
- 6032 OPAL CARD USE IN THE ILLAWARRA—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—
- (1) How many Opal cards have been sold to Illawarra residents?
 - (2) What is the average daily use on weekdays of Opal cards at the following railway stations:
 - (a) Helensburgh;
 - (b) Thirroul;
 - (c) Woonona;
 - (d) Wollongong;
 - (e) Dapto; and
 - (f) Kiama?
 - (3) What safety audits have been undertaken at the Bellambi and Corrimal Railway Station level crossings?
 - (a) What recommendations has the Minister received regarding improving safety at these crossings?
 - (4) Does the Minister have plans to visit these stations?
- 6033 M2 SPEED LIMIT CHANGES—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Roads and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- (1) Was the speed limit on the M2 motorway, between the M7 junction and the Windsor Road exit, increased from 90 kilometres per hour to 100 kilometres per hour?
 - (a) If so, why?
 - (b) If so, what has been the accident record on this stretch of road that prompted the speed limit increase?

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- 6034 SCHOOL CLOSURES AND DOWNGRADES—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Education—
- (1) How many schools are under review for closure or downgrading in 2014?
 - (2) What schools are currently under review?
- 6035 ONE TEACHER SCHOOLS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Education—
- (1) What is the official departmental definition for a "one teacher school"?
 - (2) Is the official definition of a "one teacher school" accessible to the public?
 - (a) If so, where can it be located?
 - (3) If there is no official definition of a "one teacher school", under what premise is this type of school referred to in the current legislation?
- 6036 NON-RESIDENT LAND OWNER LOCAL GOVERNMENT VOTES—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Local Government—
- What percentage of eligible non-resident land owners exercised their right to vote in the 2012 Local Government elections in:
- (a) Newcastle;
 - (b) Cessnock;
 - (c) Lake Macquarie;
 - (d) Maitland;
 - (e) Port Stephens; and
 - (f) Singleton?
- 6037 2012 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Local Government—
- (1) Is the Minister aware of the Premier's comment on Tuesday 12 August 2014 in Question Time that "In the 2012 City of Sydney elections, 1,709 businesses were enrolled to vote with only 1,498 actually voting from an estimated 80,000 that were eligible to vote. This equates to less than 2 per cent of business voting"?
 - (2) What percentage of eligible businesses exercised their right to vote at the 2012 Local Government elections in:
 - (a) Newcastle;
 - (b) Cessnock;
 - (c) Lake Macquarie;
 - (d) Maitland;
 - (e) Port Stephens; and
 - (f) Singleton?
- 6038 2014 CHRISTMAS SENIORS CONCERTS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- (1) Have the locations for the 2014 Christmas Seniors Concerts been decided?
 - (2) When will the public be advised of the locations?
 - (3) Will residents of surrounding electorates be able to request tickets?
- 6039 CONVEYANCE SERVICE COMPLAINTS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Finance and Services representing the Minister for Fair Trading—
- Who is the overseeing authority for purchasers to lodge a complaint with against a conveyance service when poor information or advice is provided for a house/property purchase?
- 6040 HAZARD REDUCTION BURN LOCATIONS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for Sport and Recreation, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Western Sydney—
- How many of the 13 hazard reduction burns which were conducted in the Cessnock electorate in the 6 months to 30 June 2014 were conducted in the:
- (a) Cessnock Local Government Area;
 - (b) Lake Macquarie Local Government Area;
 - (c) Newcastle Local Government Area; and

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(d) Singleton Local Government Area?

- 6041 INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONS CUP FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Trade and Investment, Minister for Regional Infrastructure and Services, Minister for Tourism and Major Events, Minister for Small Business, and Minister for the North Coast—
Did the Government bid to host the International Champions Cup football tournament in July 2015?
- 6042 RAILCORP MAINTENANCE DEPOTS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—
- (1) How many of the 130 RailCorp maintenance depots that existed as at 21 April 2013 have since closed?
 - (a) How many of these were located in the Hunter Region?
 - (b) How many of these were located on the Central Coast?
- 6043 NATIONAL PARKS ESTATE—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, Minister for the Central Coast, and Assistant Minister for Planning—
- (1) To what extent is the Government committed to the New South Wales National Parks Establishment Plan?
 - (2) How will the Government implement targets for comprehensiveness and representativeness of protected ecosystems endorsed by the National Resources Management Ministerial Council's "Directions for the National Reserve System"?
 - (3) How will the Government ensure New South Wales complies with Target 11 of the Convention on Biological Diversity which requires that at least 17 per cent of ecosystems are protected by 2020, considering only 9 per cent in New South Wales are currently protected?
 - (4) How will the Government improve protections of national parks systems to ensure plants and animals survive?
 - (5) How will the Government examine wild rivers in New South Wales for protection?
 - (6) Will the Government re-establish the Wilderness Unit or establish a wilderness working group?
 - (7) What priorities has the Government identified for new parks and wilderness areas?
 - (8) What requests will the Government make to the Federal Government for assistance to purchase land to add to the reserve system?
- 6044 SUSTAINABLE AND RECYCLED PAPER—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, Minister for the Central Coast, and Assistant Minister for Planning—
- (1) What information does the Government provide to help businesses and consumers identify and source sustainable paper supplies separate from individual producers?
 - (2) What support and information does the Government provide to help businesses and consumers compare different sources and suppliers?
 - (3) How does the Government ensure that all Government agencies use the most sustainable paper supplies?
 - (4) What programs does the Government provide or fund to help businesses use the most sustainable paper supplies?
 - (5) What programs does the Government provide or fund to help businesses use recycled paper supplies?
 - (6) How does the Government support industry efforts to improve sustainability of paper supplies?
 - (7) What further action will the Government take to better inform the community and encourage responsible use of sustainable paper supplies?
- 6045 ILLEGAL POSTERS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- (1) What powers does the Government have to address illegal commercial posters?
 - (2) What data does the Government maintain about trends in illegal posters and how is this data made public?
 - (3) How many infringements or other enforcement actions have been taken each year for the past five years?
 - (4) What penalties apply to people who post illegal posters?
 - (a) How many of these infringements have been issued each year for the past five years?
 - (5) What assessment has the Government made of the effectiveness of existing penalties and enforcement regarding illegal posters?
 - (6) Will the Government legislate to shift liability to the producers and promoters of illegal posters

- rather than individuals who put up posters?
- (7) What changes are planned to improve enforcement of legislation regarding illegal commercial posters?
- (8) What further action will the Government take to address these concerns?
- 6046 ALCOHOL MERIT PROGRAM—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- (1) Is it true that the evaluation of the Alcohol Magistrates Early Referral Into Treatment (MERIT) program showed that participants made significant health improvements at both two month and six month measures (ref. January 2014 BOSCAR MERIT report)?
- (2) Is it true that MERIT participants exhibited reduced psychological stress and alcohol dependence?
- (3) What cost-benefit assessment has the Government undertaken regarding the MERIT program?
- (4) What proportion of eligible participants are placed in MERIT programs?
- (5) Where does the MERIT program currently operate and what expansion is planned?
- (6) What further action will the Government take to ensure that all eligible people can get access to MERIT programs?
- 6047 LIGHT RAIL TREE REMOVAL—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—
- (1) How will the Government ensure that eight trees are planted for each tree removed as part of the light rail project?
- (2) Has the Government sourced advanced trees for replanting along the route in preparation?
- (3) How does the Government plan to reduce loss of habitat and other impacts during this process?
- (4) How will the Government ensure that new trees are planted as early as possible?
- (5) What plans does the Government have to prevent the negative impacts of the loss of trees in Surry Hills and Moore Park?
- 6048 INFREQUENT BUS USERS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—
- How will the Government ensure that infrequent bus users do not pay more for bus trips under the Opal system than they currently pay using a MyBus TravelTen?
- 6049 REDUCING PEAK ELECTRICITY DEMAND—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Resources and Energy, and Special Minister of State—
- (1) What assessment has the Government made on how time use charging could reduce peak electricity demand?
- (2) What assessment has the Government made on how time use charging could reduce the need to upgrade and construct electricity distribution infrastructure?
- (3) What assessment has the Government made on the extent that time use charging could reduce long term electricity prices by reducing the need to invest in the network?
- (4) Will the Government impose mandatory minimum budget expenditures on demand management for electricity companies?
- (5) What action will the Government take to expand the installation of meters in New South Wales households that enable time use charging?
- 6050 PRIVATE COLLEGE DISCRIMINATION—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Education—
- (1) How does the Government ensure that students at non-government post-secondary school colleges are not subject to discrimination on the grounds of disability, age, homosexuality, race, sex, carer responsibilities, marital status or transgender status?
- (2) What redress is available for students who have suffered discrimination in private colleges?
- (3) What information is provided to students in private colleges about discrimination and options for investigation and redress?
- (4) What information and training is provided to private colleges about preventing and acting on discrimination?
- (5) What plans does the Government have to prevent discrimination and improve redress options in private colleges?
- 6051 RECREATIONAL FISHING IN SHORELINE SANCTUARY ZONES—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, and Assistant Minister for Tourism and Major Events—
- (1) What assessment was made of fish and invertebrate populations and marine ecosystems in shoreline

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- sanctuary zones immediately before recreational fishing was permitted?
- (a) Which shoreline sanctuary zones were assessed?
 - (2) What assessment has been made of the impact of recreational fishing on fish and invertebrate populations and marine ecosystems in shoreline sanctuary zones since recreational fishing was permitted?
 - (a) What assessment has been made of the impact of recreational fishing on adjacent areas?
 - (3) What concerns have been raised from environment groups and marine experts over recreational fishing in shoreline sanctuary zones?
- 6052 M5 WEST MOTORWAY TOLL PERIOD—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Roads and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- (1) Will the Minister guarantee to Bankstown motorists who rely on the M5 West Motorway that the toll period will expire as promised in 2026?
 - (a) If not, why not?
- 6053 INTERSECTION OF ROOKWOOD ROAD AND BRUNKER ROAD, YAGOONA—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Roads and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- (1) How many car accidents have occurred at the intersection of Rookwood Road and Bruncker Road, Yagoona, between the following dates:
 - (a) 1 January - 31 December 2011;
 - (b) 1 January - 31 December 2012;
 - (c) 1 January - 31 December 2013; and
 - (d) 1 January - 12 August 2014?
 - (2) What consultation was undertaken prior to making the decision to install a red light speed camera at the intersection of Rookwood Road and Bruncker Road, Yagoona?
- 6054 ALLOCATION OF SPEED CAMERA REVENUE—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Roads and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- Will the Minister commit to investing the entire \$3,827,655 generated from 8491 fines by the red light speed camera at the intersection of Stacey Street and the Hume Highway, the highest grossing speed camera in New South Wales for the 2013-14 financial year, to improve road and pedestrian safety at the following intersections:
- (1)
 - (a) Henry Lawson Drive and Hume Highway;
 - (b) Henry Lawson Drive and Milperra Road;
 - (c) Marion Street and Edgar Street;
 - (d) Edgar Street and Hume Highway;
 - (e) Stacey Street and Greenacre Road;
 - (f) Stacey Street and Rickard Road;
 - (g) Stacey Street and Hume Highway;
 - (h) Chapel Road North and Rickard Road;
 - (i) Chapel Road North and Hume Highway; and
 - (j) Milperra Road and Chapel Road South?
- 6055 INTERSECTION OF CHAPEL ROAD NORTH AND RICKARD ROAD, BANKSTOWN—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Roads and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- (1) How many car accidents have occurred at the intersection of Chapel Road North and Rickard Road, Bankstown, between the following dates:
 - (a) 1 January 31 December 2011;
 - (b) 1 January 31 December 2012;
 - (c) 1 January 31 December 2013; and
 - (d) 1 January - 12 August 2014?
 - (2) Will the Government commit to the upgrade of the intersection of Chapel Road North and Rickard Road, Bankstown, to improve road and pedestrian safety?

- (a) If not, why not?
- 6056 BUS COMMUTERS IN GREENACRE—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—
- (1) Will the Minister commit to implementing further bus services to service a greater number of residents in Greenacre travelling to Strathfield Station?
- (a) If not, why not?
- (2) Will the Minister commit to altering the M90 bus route so that the bus travels along Waterloo Road to enable more people who reside in Greenacre to utilise the bus service?
- (a) If not, why not?
- 6057 SUBSIDISING AIRPORT LINE FARE PRICES—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—
- (1) Will the Government immediately commit to subsidising fare prices for commuters travelling to railway stations on the Airport train line?
- (a) If not, why not?
- 6058 ROADS AND MARITIME SERVICES REGISTRY OFFICE EMPLOYEES—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Finance and Services—
- Will the Minister guarantee that all contract and permanent employees at the Bankstown Roads and Maritime Services Registry Office will be transferred to equivalent positions upon the opening of the Service NSW Bankstown office?
- 6059 CONSUMER PRODUCT WARNINGS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Finance and Services representing the Minister for Fair Trading—
- How many consumer product warnings did the Department of Fair Trading issue between 5 July 2014 and 10 July 2014?
- 6060 BANKSTOWN NORTH PUBLIC SCHOOL—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Education—
- (1) Does the Minister consider the urgent need for an upgrade of infrastructure at Bankstown North Public School a priority?
- (a) If not, why not?
- (2) Why were no funds allocated for the urgent upgrade of infrastructure at Bankstown North Public School in the 2014-15 budget?
- 6061 OMAN AT THE ASIAN CUP 2015—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for Sport and Recreation, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Western Sydney—
- What training facilities/stadium will Oman use during their Asian Cup 2015 campaign in Newcastle?
- 6062 AUSTRALIA AT THE ASIAN CUP 2015—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for Sport and Recreation, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Western Sydney—
- What training facilities/stadium will Australia use during their Asian Cup 2015 campaign in Sydney?
- 6063 KUWAIT AT THE ASIAN CUP 2015—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for Sport and Recreation, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Western Sydney—
- What training facilities/stadium will Kuwait use during their Asian Cup 2015 campaign in Newcastle?
- 6064 UZBEKISTAN AT THE ASIAN CUP 2015—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for Sport and Recreation, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Western Sydney—
- What training facilities/stadium will Uzbekistan use during their Asian Cup 2015 campaign in Sydney?
- 6065 JAPAN AT THE ASIAN CUP 2015—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for Sport and Recreation, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Western Sydney—
- What training facilities/stadium will Japan use during their Asian Cup 2015 campaign in Newcastle?

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- 6066 BAHRAIN AT THE ASIAN CUP 2015—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for Sport and Recreation, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Western Sydney—
What training facilities/stadium will Bahrain use during their Asian Cup 2015 campaign in Sydney?
- 6067 QATAR AT THE ASIAN CUP 2015—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for Sport and Recreation, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Western Sydney—
What training facilities/stadium will Qatar use during their Asian Cup 2015 campaign in Sydney?
- 6068 KOREA DPR AT THE ASIAN CUP 2015—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for Sport and Recreation, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Western Sydney—
What training facilities/stadium will Korea DPR use during their Asian Cup 2015 campaign in Sydney?
- 6069 IRAN AT THE ASIAN CUP 2015—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for Sport and Recreation, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Western Sydney—
What training facilities/stadium will Iran use during their Asian Cup 2015 campaign in Sydney?
- 6070 TAFE REDUNDANCIES—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Education—
- (1) How much money has been paid in redundancies to TAFE staff in:
 - (a) 2011-12;
 - (b) 2012-13; and
 - (c) 2013-14?
 - (2) How much has the Government allocated to TAFE in the 2014-15 financial year?
- 6071 SUPPORT TEACHER LEARNING ASSISTANCE—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Education—
- (1) How many of the 300 K-2 teachers in the Support Teacher Learning Assistance (STLA) program are in New South Wales schools as at 14 August 2014?
 - (2) When will the remaining STLA teachers be in New South Wales schools?
- 6072 SCHOOL FENCING—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Education—
- (1) Does the Government have plans for additional school fencing in the Keira electorate?
 - (a) If so, which schools are being considered for additional fencing?
 - (b) If so, when will these works commence?
- 6073 HANDYMAN SERVICE IN THE ILLAWARRA—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services—
- (1) What are the current funding arrangements for the Handyman Service in the Illawarra?
 - (2) How many people accessed this service between 1 January 2014 and 14 August 2014?
 - (3) Are there any plans to extend this program?
- 6074 MACQUARIE HOSPITAL—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- (1) Does the Government plan to close the Macquarie Hospital in March 2015?
 - (a) If so, what action has it taken to re-accommodate long term patients?
- 6075 POLICE ASSISTANCE LINE—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for Sport and Recreation, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Western Sydney—
- (1) What funds were allocated to the Police Assistance Line (PAL) in the last financial year to help victims of crime of a non-life threatening nature?
 - (2) What steps are being taken to ensure all calls to PAL are given an Event Number?
- 6076 SCHOOL FUNDING IN MOUNT DRUITT—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Education—
- (1) How many schools in the Mount Druitt electorate have had projects funded under the Federal Government's "Building the Education Revolution" program?
 - (2) What schools were involved?
 - (3) What projects were built in each of these schools?
 - (4) How many of these projects were administered during the period of the previous Government?
 - (5) How many have been administered during the term of the current Government?

6077 MENTAL HEALTH REVIEW TRIBUNAL—Mr John Robertson to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Assistant Minister for Health—

- (1) What factors does the Mental Health Review Tribunal consider in determining requests to grant leaves of absence for forensic patients?
- (2) What factors does the Mental Health Review Tribunal consider in determining requests by victims to amend or impose conditions on release or leave orders?

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6078 HUNTER CYCLEWAY NETWORK—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—

- (1) Will the Minister commit \$75 million from the Hunter Port sale to a Hunter cycleway network, as proposed by Newcastle Cycleways?
 - (a) If not, why not?

6079 PUBLIC TRANSPORT CONTRACTS IN THE HUNTER—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—

- (1) Will the Minister be awarding contracts to Hunter rolling stock builders to construct any part of the \$2.8 billion spend on public transport?
 - (a) If not, why not?

6080 PUBLIC TRANSPORT TO NEWCASTLE AIRPORT—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—

- (1) Does the Minister plan to improve public transport from Newcastle Railway Station to Newcastle Airport at Williamstown?
 - (a) If so, what are these plans?
 - (b) If not, why not?

6081 OPAL CARD USE IN THE HUNTER REGION—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—

- (1) When will commuters no longer be able to purchase paper tickets for public transport in the Hunter Region?
- (2) How will commuters be made aware that paper tickets will no longer be available and that they must pre-purchase an Opal card?
- (3) Where will Opal cards be available to purchase in the Hunter Region?

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

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

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

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

6084 NEW LOWER HUNTER HOSPITAL AT METFORD—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) When does the Government expect to have a construction timetable in place for the new Lower Hunter Hospital at Metford?
- (2) Has rehabilitation work started at the new hospital site in Metford?
 - (a) If not, when will this work commence?

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- 6085 CASEWORKER VACANCIES IN THE HUNTER—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services—
- (1) What steps were taken to reduce the number of caseworker vacancies in the Hunter from July 2013 to July 2014 ?
 - (2) Why has the process adopted to fill these vacancies taken so long?
 - (3) When does the Minister expect that the 28 outstanding caseworker vacancies will be filled?
- 6086 WOMEN'S REFUGES IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Women—
- (1) How many women's refuges were there in New South Wales at the time the Government was elected in 2011?
 - (2) How many women's refuges are there currently in New South Wales?
- 6087 COURT HOUSE STAFF—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- (1) How many of each of the following positions will be lost following the completion of the District Court sittings in the East Maitland Court House and the opening of the new Newcastle Court House:
 - (a) Court support staff;
 - (b) Registry staff; and
 - (c) Sheriff's officers and staff?
 - (2) How many of these positions have been lost to date?
- 6088 REQUEST BY DAVID GOODMAN—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- (1) Will the Attorney General issue a death certificate in response to the request by David Goodman?
 - (2) Will the Attorney General answer David Goodman's email dated 20 August 2014?
 - (a) If so, when?
 - (3) What has been the cause for the delay?
- 6089 JAN MCCLELLAND—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- (1) What work is Jan McClelland doing in relation to the Information and Privacy Commission?
 - (2) Is the payment for this work being made from the budget of the Commission?
 - (3) Was additional funding sought for this work?
 - (a) If not, why not?
- 6090 INFORMATION COMMISSIONER—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- As the Information Commissioner is the Chief Executive Officer of the Information and Privacy Commission, does this mean that the Privacy Commissioner is subordinate to the Information Commissioner?
- 6091 NEWCASTLE COURT HOUSE—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- (1) When will the new Newcastle Court House be ready for use by the public and the legal profession?
 - (2) When will the following sittings commence in the new Newcastle Court House:
 - (a) District Court; and
 - (b) Local Court?
 - (3) Is the construction of the new Newcastle Court House behind schedule?
 - (a) If so, how far behind schedule is it?
 - (4) Is the development of the new Newcastle Court House projected cost above \$94 million?
 - (a) If so, by how much?
 - (5) Why was the East Maitland District Court closed to District Court cases before the new Newcastle Court House was opened?
 - (6) What provisions have been made for office space or other accommodation for sheriffs of the proposed new Newcastle Courthouse?
- 6092 INFORMATION AND PRIVACY COMMISSION—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

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

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

6093 CORONIAL INQUEST—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

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

6094 CORONERS ACT—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

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

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

6095 BERESFIELD GOLF COURSE LEASE—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Local Government—

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

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

6096 DAIRY FARMS IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, and Assistant Minister for Tourism and Major Events—

- (1) How many dairy farms are currently operating in New South Wales?
 - (a) In what regions of the State are each of these farms situated?
- (2) What percentage of the milk market in New South Wales is supplied by dairy farms situated in New South Wales?