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- 1300 REGISTERED CHARITIES—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Gaming and Racing, Minister for Sport and Recreation—
  - (1) Are the salaries of the Chief Executive Officer and other executive positions of registered charities declared to the department or other State Government authority?
  - (2) If so, are these salaries published for the information of the general public and donors?
- 1301 RFS TANKER CREW SAFETY—Mr Greg Aplin to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Water Utilities—
  - (1) Does one of the safety measures for the new Cat 7 tankers result in the shutting down of the fire pump motor once the fuel tank is reduced to one third full?
  - (2) Will any modifications be made to the tanker to ensure that the crew are provided water protection from a working fire pump during safe retreat once the fuel tank is reduced to one third full?
  - (3) Why has volunteer crew safety been compromised by budgetary considerations?
- 1302 FOREST AND FIRE TRAILS—Mr Greg Aplin to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Water Utilities—
  - (1) Will the Minister ensure that all dead-end State Forest roads and fire trails are signposted "No Through Road" to alert fire crews and the public?
  - (2) Will the Minister ensure that "No Through Road" signage is installed, where appropriate, in all forest areas where Rural Fire Service volunteers may be required to operate?
- MALABAR TO WEST RYDE METRO LINE—Ms Gladys Berejiklian to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

In relation to the proposed Malabar to West Ryde metro line:

- (a) What is the cost of the project?
- (b) When will the project commence?
- (c) When will the project be completed?
- 1304 NSW TAXI ADVISORY COUNCIL—Ms Gladys Berejiklian to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

In relation to the NSW Taxi Advisory Council:

- (a) Who are the members of the council?
- (b) When did the council last meet?
- (c) What are the responsibilities of the council?
- GEOTHERMAL ENERGY GENERATION—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Water Utilities representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—

In relation to geothermal energy generation:

- (1) What has the Government done to develop geothermal energy generation over each of the last five years?
- (2) What geothermal resources in NSW does the Government consider most feasible for geothermal energy generation?
- 1306 GREENHOUSE GAS ABATEMENT SCHEME—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Water Utilities representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—

In relation to the NSW Greenhouse Gas Abatement Scheme:

- (1) Does the Minister support the comments of Mr Chris Dunstan, NSW Manager of the Australian Business Council for Sustainable Energy, who wrote that the GGAS scheme had a "lack of transparency", and with regards to the NGAC public register, that "gaining a clear view of the type and location and scale of projects requires the concentration of a chess master and the determination of Rainman (not to mention a lot of spare time)" (Credit where (carbon) credits are due, EcoGeneration 36, pg 37)?
- (2) Will the Minister make the public register of NGACs "more easily accessible"?

1307 OWEN INQUIRY REPORT—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Water Utilities representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—

In relation to the Owen Inquiry report:

- (1) Is the Minister aware of the comments of Dominique La Fontaine, the Chief Executive of the Clean Energy Council with regards to the Owen Inquiry report:
  - "Renewable and clean power generation and energy efficiency can provide more than twice our expected growth in electricity needs to 2020. NSW simply does not have to choose between reliable, affordable power and a cleaner environment."
- (2) Does the Minister agree with Ms La Fontaine's comments?
- 1308 ACCESS VISITS—Mrs Dawn Fardell to ask the Minister for Community Services—
  - (1) What arrangements are in place for the NSW Department of Community Services and other States community services to return children to their legal guardian in NSW?
  - (2) As many children are not returned after access visits, how does NSW Department of Community Services and police deal with these situations in returning children to the safety of appropriate carers?
- 1309 TAFE FEES—Mrs Dawn Fardell to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
  - (1) Why have TAFE fees increased when in his election announcement this year the Premier said "we have capped fees for apprentices and trainees at around \$380 per year, no matter what the course"?
  - (2) Will the Minister for Education cap all TAFE fees for all courses?
- 1310 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE—POLICE TRAINING—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—

Regarding training of police to deal with victims of domestic violence:

- (1) As the NSW Ombudsman's Annual Report 2006-07 in relation to policing domestic violence states "there is inconsistent application of good practices across the state" (p 64), how is police behaviour monitored in relation to dealing with domestic violence?
- (2) What training do general duty police officers receive to assist them in dealing with incidents of domestic violence?
- 1311 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE POLICING—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—

Regarding policing domestic violence:

- (1) Which local area commands are considered to be high-risk commands in relation to domestic violence?
- (2) How many of those local area commands have full-time domestic violence liaison officers?
- (3) How many domestic violence liaison officers are allocated to each of those commands?
- 1312 CAMPING FEES—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Climate Change Environment and Water—

Regarding the increase of camping fees in national parks:

- (1) What, if any, consultation was carried out with park rangers before a decision was made to increase fees for camping areas in national parks in NSW?
- (2) Given that a camping group consisting of two adults and two children can expect to pay \$66 a night to camp in a national park in NSW rather than a flat rate of \$20 per camp site, how will the \$46 difference be spent?
- 1313 NARRABEEN LAGOON CATCHMENT—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Minister for Climate Change Environment and Water representing the Minister for Lands, Minister for Rural Affairs, Minister for Regional Development—
  - (1) Will conservation orders be issued to protect the 470-600 hectares of land in the Narrabeen Lagoon Catchment as promised by the former Minister Bob Debus?
  - (2) If so, when?

- 1314 BUS MAINTENANCE EXPENDITURE—MONA VALE BUS DEPOT—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
  - What was the total expenditure on maintenance of buses at Mona Vale depot in each of the last 5 years?
- 1315 BUS MAINTENANCE EXPENDITURE—BROOKVALE BUS DEPOT—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
  - What was the expenditure on maintenance of buses at Brookvale depot in each of the last 5 years?
- 1316 MAINTENANCE EXPENDITURE—DEE WHY POLICE STATION—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
  - What was the total expenditure on maintenance at Dee Why Police Station in each of the last 5 years?
- 1317 BUS FARES—NORTHERN BEACHES—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

What were the total fares paid on bus routes during each of the last 5 years on buses from the following northern beaches depots:

- (a) Brookvale?
- (b) Mona Vale?
- 1318 MAINTENACE EXPENDITURE—MANLY AND MONA VALE HOSPITALS—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Minister for Health—

What has been the maintenance expenditure in each of the last 5 years on:

- (a) Manly Hospital; and
- (b) Mona Vale Hospital?
- 1319 GREATER SOUTHERN AREA HEALTH SERVICE RENAL DIALYSIS PROGRAM—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Health—
  - (1) Has the Greater Southern Area Health Service's Renal Dialysis Program to which you refer in your letter M07/9197 dated 1 November 2007 been finalised?
  - (2) If so, in which GSAHS facilities are renal dialysis services available?
  - (3) How many GSAHS patients receive renal dialysis in their homes?
  - (4) How many GSAHS patients have to travel to GSAHS facilities for renal dialysis?
  - (5) How many patients in the GSAHS have to travel to other area health services or interstate for renal dialysis?
  - (6) How many of these patients have a one way travelling time of more than one hour?
- 1320 RAIL TRAILS—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
  - (1) Are you aware of the proposals to construct bicycle/walking 'Rail Trails' along disused sections of railway lines in the Burrinjuck electorate?
  - (2) If so, which railway lines are being considered for these proposals?
  - (3) Is your approval required for these proposals to proceed?
  - (4) Has your department held any discussions with the proponents of these proposals?
  - (5) If so, will you provide details of the timelines proposed for these rail trails?
  - (6) Have you sought comments from landholders through which these rail trails will pass?
- 1321 IMPENDING RETIREMENT OF DIRECTOR GENERAL SHEPHERD—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Community Services—
  - (1) Given that Director General Shepherd is retiring in March 2008 has there been a replacement plan developed so that his departure and replacement occurs smoothly?
  - (2) Has it been determined who his replacement will be?
  - (3) Is DoCS looking externally to fill his position?
  - (4) Given the recent media reports of children dying whilst known to DoCS and the NSW Ombudsman's continuing expression of concerns about the handling of child protection issues, are you considering accelerating the replacement process?
- 1322 SEWERAGE CONNECTIONS—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Water Utilities—

- (1) How many properties in Brooklyn will be connected to sewerage treatment when the new plant commences operation?
- (2) How many people in properties in Brooklyn will not be connected:
  - (a) due to possession of a sullage system not compulsorily required to connect;
  - (b) due to other reasons, and what are those reasons?
- (3) How many properties on Dangar Island will be connected to sewerage treatment when the new plant commences operation?
- (4) How many people in properties on Dangar Island will not be connected:
  - (a) due to possession of a sullage system not compulsorily required to connect;
  - (b) due to other reasons, and what are those reasons?
- 1323 AMBULANCE SERVICES—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Health—

What is the arrangement with patient retrieval by ambulance services on the islands and remote areas of the lower reaches of the Hawkesbury River?

1324 NEW LINE ROAD ACCIDENTS—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

How many deaths have occurred on the Pyes Creek stretch of New Line Road, Dural? How many accidents have occurred on this stretch of road? How many injuries have occurred as a result of vehicle and pedestrian accidents?

1325 NEWCASTLE CITY COUNCIL—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—

In the current council term (2004+) for Newcastle City Council, in respect to appeals to the Land and Environment Court:

- (a) What is the subject for each appeal?
- (b) How many appeals have there been since 2004?
- (c) How much has it cost (total sum) the Newcastle City Council (and therefore the ratepayer) to pay for lawyers, court costs and outcomes from the Land and Environment Court?
- 1326 CAR PARKING REVENUE—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Health—

How much revenue has been raised from car parking at Sutherland Hospital for the financial year period:

- (a) 2000-2001:
- (b) 2001-2002;
- (c) 2002-2003:
- (d) 2003-2004;
- (e) 2004-2005;
- (f) 2005-2006;
- (g) 2006 to 31 August 2007?
- 1327 REPLY TO REPRESENTATIONS—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

When will the Minister reply to my representations on behalf of Mr K Wilson, Ms R Wilson and Miss E Wilson of Yowie Bay?

1328 REPLY TO REPRESENTATIONS—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

When will the Minister reply to my representations on behalf of:

- (a) Mr George Cocokios of Caringbah;
- (b) Mrs J Hunt of Caringbah;
- (c) Mrs P Lavers of Cronulla;
- (d) Mr John Du Ross and Mr Claude Monmesson of Cronulla?
- 1329 2007-2008 BUDGET—ALLOCATION TO WAGGA WAGGA—Mr Daryl Maguire to ask the Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer), Minister Assisting the Minister for Climate Change Environment and Water (Environment)—
  - How much, listed under the heading "Various" in the latest Budget 2007-2008, was allocated to Wagga

Wagga and to which project?

- 1330 2007-2008 BUDGET—ALLOCATION TO WAGGA WAGGA—Mr Daryl Maguire to ask the Minister for Gaming and Racing, Minister for Sport and Recreation—
  - How much, listed under the heading "Various" in the latest Budget 2007-2008, was allocated to Wagga Wagga and to which project?
- 1331 2007-2008 BUDGET—ALLOCATION TO WAGGA WAGGA—Mr Daryl Maguire to ask the Minister for Juvenile Justice, Minister for Western Sydney, Minister Assisting the Premier on Citizenship—
  - How much, listed under the heading "Various" in the latest Budget 2007-2008, was allocated to Wagga Wagga and to which project?
- 1332 ROYAL NORTH SHORE HOSPITAL—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Health—
  - (1) What strategies or policies have been recently been implemented at Royal North Shore Hospital to cut overtime costs for nurses?
  - (2) Where are the additional nursing staff coming from to fill the shifts left vacant by the cuts to overtime?
- 1333 AUSTRALIAN COUNCIL OF HEALTHCARE STANDARDS—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Health—
  - Is accreditation by the Australian Council of Healthcare Standards regarded by the Department of Health as a benchmark of excellence?
- 1334 AUSTRALIAN COUNCIL OF HEALTHCARE STANDARDS ACCREDITATION SURVEY—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Health—
  - (1) What was the outcome of the recent periodic Australian Council of Healthcare Standards (ACHS) accreditation survey at Royal North Shore Hospital?
  - (2) Regarding High Recommendations raised at Royal North Shore Hospital:
    - (a) How many times has the ACHS Survey team raised High Recommendations at Royal North Shore Hospital since 2003?
    - (b) What is the nature of any High Recommendations?
    - (c) How many of the High Recommendations have been administrative?
    - (d) How many of the High Recommendations have been based on lack of clinical protocols?
    - (e) How many of the High Recommendations have been based on credentialing of medical personnel?
    - (f) What is the time frame in which the High Recommendations have been addressed?
- 1335 ROYAL NORTH SHORE HOSPITAL—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Health—
  - Over the past 12 months how many privately insured patients at Royal North Shore (Public) Hospital have complained about being refused or discouraged from accessing the co-located private hospital?
- 1336 ISO 9001: 2000 CERTIFICATION—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Health—
  - (1) Is the Northern Sydney Central Coast Area Health Service the only AHS that has achieved ISO 9001: 2000 certification for management of its corporate services?
  - (2) If so, why are other Area Health Services not certified?
- 1337 AUSTRALIAN COUNCIL OF HEALTHCARE STANDARDS ACCREDITATION—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Health—
  - (1) What percentage of public hospitals in NSW are accredited by the Australian Council of Healthcare Standards (ACHS)?
  - (2) Does the department know how this compares to the percentage of private hospitals accredited by the ACHS?
- 1338 TRAFFIC COUNTS—Mr Barry O'Farrell to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
  - (1) When did the RTA last conduct traffic counts along the stretch of the Pacific Highway between Pearces Corner, Wahroonga and Boundary Road, Chatswood?
  - (2) At what location were the counts undertaken?
  - (3) What were the recorded counts for these locations?

- (4) When were the previous counts if any, made at these locations?
- (5) What were the actual counts previously recorded at these locations?
- 1339 WAITARA RAILWAY STATION—Mr Barry O'Farrell to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
  - (1) What is CityRail's estimate of the average weekly or daily number of people using train services to or from Waitara Railway Station?
  - (2) Does CityRail have an estimate of the average number of commuters using the station during:
    - (a) am peak period; and
    - (b) pm peak period?
  - (3) What is the latest estimate of weekly ticket sales for the station?
  - (4) How do these estimates compare with figures for the 1999-2000 year?
- HOME BUSINESSES—Mr Donald Page to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Minister for Ports and Waterways—
  - (1) Has Fairfield City Council put a ban on home businesses employing non-residents from 1999-2007?
  - (2) Has neighbouring Liverpool Council made provision for up to 6 non-resident employees to be employed by a home business since 1995?
  - (3) Of the 600,000 plus small businesses in NSW are around 282,000 of these home based?
  - (4) Do those home based businesses make a significant contribution to employment, the economy and society generally?
  - (5) (a) Does the Miister support the position adopted by Fairfield City Council?
    - (b) If so, why?
  - (6) Does Fairfield City Council's policy of not allowing home businesses to employ non-residents stifle employment opportunities in the Fairfield LGA?
- 1341 MATERNITY UNITS—TWEED ELECTORATE HOSPITALS—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health—
  - (1) What is the current year-to-date and yearly average figures for childbirths carried out in Tweed hospitals?
  - (2) What is the yearly average number of Queensland residents giving birth in Tweed hospitals, as a percentage of the total number of childbirths carried out in the Tweed?
  - (3) What plans and projects have been budgeted to meet future childbirth growth in the Tweed electorate?
- 1342 ACCIDENT AND EMERGENCY ADMISSIONS—TWEED ELECTORATE HOSPITALS—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health—
  - (1) What is the total number of accident and emergency admissions to Tweed hospitals last year?
  - (2) What is the current year-to-date figure on accident and emergency admissions?
  - (3) What is the number of Queensland accident and emergency patients that are admitted to hospitals in the Tweed, as a percentage of the total number of accident and emergency admissions in the electorate?
- 1343 AMBULANCE SERVICES—TWEED ELECTORATE—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health—
  - (1) What is the total number of operational ambulance officers stationed in the Tweed electorate?
  - (2) What is the current year-to-date number of ambulance officers that have taken:
    - (a) short-term sick leave (i.e. less than a week);
    - (b) long-term sick leave (i.e. greater than a week)?
  - (3) What are the previous year and current year-to-date figures for the total number of ambulance trips conducted in the Tweed electorate and classified as being:
    - (a) an emergency;
    - (b) non-emergency?
- 1344 BLUE-GREEN ALGAL BLOOM—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Water Utilities—

Given that tests on 7 and 9 September that showed extremely high levels of potentially toxic algae down as far as 20 metres, do you stand by your statement, made to the Budget Estimates Committee on 15 October that the blue-green algal bloom only affects the top metre of water in Warragamba Dam?

- 1345 PROSPECT WATER FILTRATION PLANT—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Water Utilities—
  - (1) Will the Prospect water filtration plant remove blue-green algal toxins from water from Warragamba Dam?
  - (2) If not, why did you tell the Budget Estimates Committee hearing on 15 October that Prospect water filtration plant treats water to a standard ten times higher than required by the national drinking water standard?
- 1346 SYDNEY CATCHMENT AUTHORITY—OPERATIONS PLAN 2—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Water Utilities—

Given that according to the Sydney Catchment Authority's Operations Plan 2, if blue-green algal toxins in water supplied from Warragamba Dam reach more than 1 microgram per litre the pipelines from Warragamba to Prospect water filtration will be shut off, how would you then propose to meet Sydney's water needs?

- 1347 ALGAL INCIDENTS AT WARRAGAMBA—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Water Utilities—
  - (1) Will the State Emergency Operations Centre be informed by the Department of Water and Energy or the Sydney Catchment authority in the event of future algal incidents at Warragamba?
  - (2) Will Emergency Services be provided with an official statement, or will they continue to source their information from media articles?
- 1348 ENVIRONMENTAL TAXES—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Climate Change Environment and Water—

Given that the Premier has requested the IPART review options for improvement to individual taxes, including introducing new State environmental taxes (Review of State Taxation Other Industries Issues Paper October 2007):

- (1) Did the suggestion of new environmental taxes come from your office, the Minister for Planning 's office, the Premier's office, or Treasury?
- (2) What areas is the Government considering taxing?
- 1349 INCREASED SERVICE LEVELS—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

Given that under the new CityRail fare schedule commuters will pay an extra 40 cents to travel into the city from Pennant Hills, in which area(s) can a CityRail customer expect an increase in service levels:

- (a) Comfort;
- (b) On-time running;
- (c) Personal security;
- (d) Train cleanliness?
- 1350 PROPOSED NORTHERN BEACHES HOSPITAL—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Health—

When will details of the services to be provided at the proposed Northern Beaches Hospital be formally released?

1351 MONA VALE HOSPITAL—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Health—

When will the Government formally release details of the services to be provided at Mona Vale Hospital once the proposed Northern Beaches Hospital is operational?

1352 BROKEN BAY WATER POLICE—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—

In relation to the Broken Bay Water Police:

- (1) What is the current authorised strength of the Broken Bay Water Police?
- (2) What is the current actual strength?

- 1353 BRISBANIA PUBLIC SCHOOL—TOILET FACILITIES—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
  - (1) Are there health and welfare concerns with the toilet facilities at Brisbania Public School?
  - (2) If so:
    - (a) Why have conditions been allowed to deteriorate to this extent at Brisbania Public School?
    - (b) When will essential maintenance to fix the toilets be commenced and completed?
- 1354 INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS AT NSW GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
  - (1) How many overseas students have studied at NSW government schools for the years 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007?
  - (2) What fees do these students pay to study at NSW government schools?
  - (3) How much does it cost the Department of Education and Training per child per year to educate overseas students?
  - (4) What is the total revenue derived from overseas students studying at NSW government schools for the years 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007?
  - (5) What is the NSW Government's policy in regard to overseas students compared to other States?
- 1355 SCHOOL PLAYGROUNDS—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
  - (1) How many schools have been found to have traces of arsenic in their playground equipment?
  - (2) What are the names and locations of these schools?
- 1356 DEMOUNTABLES IN NSW GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
  - (1) How many demountables in NSW Government Schools were there in 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007?
  - (2) Of these demountables, how many were air-conditioned?
- 1357 FIRE STATIONS FUNDING—Mr John Turner to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Water Utilities—
  - (1) Of the \$63,000 allocated for station communications to three fire stations in the Myall Lakes electorate as stated in your answer to Written Question No 0764, what is the exact amount allocated to Forster Fire Station?
  - (2) What is the exact amount allocated to Taree Fire Station?
  - (3) What is the exact amount allocated to Wingham Fire Station?
  - (4) What will the funds be expended upon at each site?

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