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*4526 POLICE STATION OPEN HOURS LAKE MACQUARIE LOCAL AREA COMMAND—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

What hours are the following Police Stations in the Lake Macquarie Local Area Command open each day?

- (a) Cardiff;
- (b) Morisset;
- (c) Swansea?

Answer—

I am advised:

Local Area Commanders determine the operational hours of police stations, with a view to providing maximum police coverage of the area to meet community needs. The Lake Macquarie Local Area Command provides a 24 hour mobile police response to all those areas within the boundary of its Command, including Cardiff, Morisset and Swansea.

Officers are not allocated to police stations but to the Local Area Command and the allocation of resources within a Command is a matter for the Commander. Commanders routinely explore a range of options to provide the most effective policing response.

*4527 POLICE STATION OPEN HOURS HUNTER VALLEY LOCAL AREA COMMAND—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

What hours are the following Police Stations in the Hunter Valley Local Area Command open each day?

- (1) Branxton;
- (2) Bulga;
- (3) Cassilis;
- (4) Denman;
- (5) Jerrys Plains;
- (6) Merriwa;
- (7) Moonan Flats;
- (8) Murrurundi;
- (9) Scone;
- (10) Singleton;
- (11) Willow Tree?

Answer—

I am advised:

Local Area Commands provide a 24 hour mobile policing response to all those areas within the boundary of each Command. Local Area Commanders determine the operational hours of police stations and aim to ensure that there is always an adequate number of police officers rostered on duty to match expected demand.

*4528 NEW SOUTH WALES CRIMINAL APPEALS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

With regard to sentences handed down by the NSW Court System to criminals who plead guilty to the charges against them and then appeal their sentences

- (1) Does the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) have sufficient funding available to ensure they can lodge their own appeal when a penalty is reduced?
- (2) Is the DPP advised of all sentences handed down by the NSW Court System?
 - (a) If not, how is the DPP made aware of sentences that do not appear adequate to the history of the offender?
- (3) Who oversees the sentencing decisions to ensure that the victims are protected?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) The circumstances in which the DPP can appeal a decision made on an appeal are very limited. The Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (ODPP) has a dedicated Court of Criminal Appeal Unit and "Short Matters" Unit responsible for work associated with appeals. The ODPP continues to work within its current budget to perform its core work of prosecuting appeals lodged by the offender and/or the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP).

(2) No. The ODPP is only aware of the sentences in cases that it appears in, or cases that the ODPP reviews at the request of the NSW Police Force.

If an ODPP lawyer considers that a sentence should be appealed because it is inadequate, then the lawyer will, in accordance with the Prosecution Guidelines, submit a report to the Director or Deputy Director who will determine if an appeal should be lodged.

(3) It is part of a prosecutor's role to adduce relevant evidence on the sentence hearing, to provide victim impact information to the court if relevant, and to consider in every case if the DPP should consider an appeal. Courts must have regard to the protection of the community and recognising the harm done to the victim of the crime when sentencing, as outlined in section 3A of the Crimes (Sentencing Procedure) Act 1999.

*4530 PUBLIC HOUSING IN THE HUNTER REGION—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

How many people in the Hunter region are on the Public Housing waiting list as at 30 June 2013?

Answer—

Details about the NSW Housing Register are available on the Department of Family and Community Services website.

*4531 PUBLIC SCHOOL CLOSURES—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Education—

(1) Is community consultation undertaken prior to a decision being made to close a public school due to insufficient student numbers in a given year?

(2) Does the Department of Education and Communities proactively advertise for more students at schools with insufficient student numbers?

(3) Are closed schools retained by the Department of Education and Communities to be opened at a later date should the need arise or are the facilities sold?

Answer—

(1) Consultation occurs to ensure that local determinations are made in the best interest of students.

(2) School communities may seek to increase student enrolments when student numbers are low or are projected to be low.

(3) The Department of Education and Communities assesses the future educational need for a closed school site prior to it being declared surplus to educational requirements and for disposal.

*4532 REGIONAL COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CONCERTS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

(1) What venues will be used to stage the 2013 regional community Christmas concerts in Nowra, Penrith, Newcastle and Tamworth?

(2) How many patrons per concert does each venue in Nowra, Penrith, Newcastle and Tamworth hold?

(3) How many patrons did each concert at the Sydney Entertainment Centre hold?

(4) What additional public transport will be provided to venues in Nowra, Penrith, Newcastle and Tamworth to enable patrons to attend?

Answer—

(1) The Shoalhaven Entertainment Centre in Nowra; Joan Sutherland Theatre in Penrith; Newcastle Civic Theatre; and Tamworth Capitol Theatre will stage the 2013 regional community Christmas concerts. The locations of the regional tour will change each year, providing different New South Wales communities the opportunity to attend.

(2) - (3) Two Christmas concerts will be presented in each of the four locations, allowing approximately 7000 seniors to attend. The Seniors Week concerts have been expanded from three concerts to five concerts which will provide up to 50,000 seniors the opportunity to attend at the Sydney Entertainment Centre.

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The combination of the expanded Seniors Week concerts and the new Christmas concert tour means that more seniors across Sydney and regional New South Wales will have the chance to attend a concert each year. All concerts will remain free for New South Wales seniors.

(4) As the Christmas concerts are being staged in local communities, no additional transport arrangements will be provided.

*4533 NATIONAL BROADBAND NETWORK—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Trade and Investment, and Minister for Regional Infrastructure and Services—

- (1) Has the Government conducted any modelling or impact studies to estimate the value and benefit to industry in New South Wales of the National Broadband Network (NBN) initiated by the former Federal Government?
- (2) Has the Government conducted any modelling or impact studies to estimate the value and benefit to industry in New South Wales of the NBN proposed by the current Federal Government?
- (3) What is the productivity impact to regional New South Wales as shown from any modelling in (1) and (2)?
- (4) Does the Government have any plans to use the NBN as a platform to promote regional industry and growth?
- (5) Will the Government offer any subsidies to residents of regional New South Wales who will be required to fund the node to home costs under the Federal Government plan?

Answer—

(1) - (4) The Government understands that fast, affordable and effective broadband is key to our plans to further develop regional communities and realise the true potential of regional New South Wales to the economic growth of this State.

Connecting regional communities to fast broadband will encourage new economic opportunities by improving the capacity of regional businesses to access domestic and international markets with greater ease, and to take advantage of smart infrastructure and digital services which can revolutionise the way we function.

In late 2011, the Government established the Digital Economy Taskforce, one of seven industry-led taskforces established to help develop Industry Action Plans for priority sectors of the New South Wales economy. The Digital Economy Industry Action Plan highlighted New South Wales' significant competitive advantage in digital, creative and ICT industries, with New South Wales the source of approximately 50 per cent of the national total exports of telecommunications, computer and information services.

In response to the Digital Economy Industry Action Plan the Government, through NSW Trade & Investment has prioritised a number of actions that will promote regional industry and growth. These include:

- Implementing the Revitalising Regional Libraries program, a four year program to roll-out free WiFi hotspots to up to 139 country libraries, increasing accessibility to online services including education and cultural resources;
- Implementing the Digital Excellence program to progressively digitise the State Library of NSW's collection, improving access to New South Wales' cultural resources to support study, research and business activities across the State; and
- Working with industry to pilot Smart Work Hubs (telecommuting and telepresence) to help businesses take advantage of the productivity opportunities offered by fast broadband and new work practices.

With support from NSW Trade & Investment, the Australian Centre for Broadband Innovation has undertaken a study on the value of broadband to the New South Wales Economy. A report is expected to be released shortly.

Given the importance of broadband to regional areas, I have asked that the Federal Department of Communications work in partnership with NSW Trade & Investment on the development and implementation of the Federal Government's NBN policy as it relates to regional and rural New South Wales.

(5) No, this is a matter for the Commonwealth Government.

*4534 BUDGET PAPER 2013-14 SALARY INCREASES—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

With regard to Budget Paper 2, Table A.2 (page A-7):

Why are expected salary increases listed as 2.00% in 2015-16 and 2016-17?

Answer—

Since 2007 the New South Wales wages policy has provided for annual increases of 2.5 per cent including superannuation. The salary increases in 2015-16 and 2016-17 reflect changes by the former Federal Government to increase compulsory superannuation contributions by 0.5 percentage points for each of these years.

*4535 TATTOO PARLOUR LICENSING APPLICATIONS—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Fair Trading—

- (1) How many tattoo parlours are estimated to be in New South Wales?
- (2) How many applications have been received from tattoo parlours for licensing under the new tattoo parlour licensing laws?
 - (a) How many of these applications have been approved?
- (3) How many applications have been received from tattoo artists for licensing under the new tattoo parlour licensing laws?
 - (a) How many of these applications have been approved?

Answer—

Currently, it is estimated that there are between 150 – 300 tattoo parlours in New South Wales.

As at 1 October 2013, 196 tattoo parlour operator licence applications had been received by NSW Fair Trading. As at the same date, 11 tattoo parlour operator licences had been granted.

As at 1 October 2013, 471 tattooist licence applications had been received by Fair Trading. As at the same date, 71 tattooist licence applications had been granted.

*4536 PHONE AND CARD SKIMMING SCAMS—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Fair Trading—

What programs are in place to protect vulnerable people such as the elderly from falling victim to phone scams and card skimming scams?

Answer—

As Minister for Fair Trading, I regularly provide information on scams to New South Wales consumers, including targeted information for seniors and other vulnerable groups within the community. As scam information comes to hand, NSW Fair Trading updates its website, releases media announcements and places posts on social media sites such as Facebook and Twitter.

In the first nine months of 2013, Fair Trading put out 36 scam related media releases. Five of those related directly to phone scams. In addition, Fair Trading spokespeople conduct both regular and ad hoc radio interviews to warn the community about scams.

Fair Trading specifically targets seniors in a number of ways. The large print Seniors Guide is one of Fair Trading's most widely read publications. Also available in audio format, it includes useful information on a broad range of consumer protection issues, including scams.

Fair Trading also conducts scam awareness programs in the community, where it presents to a wide range of groups, including seniors. These include the popular regional My Place Programs.

The 2013 edition of the popular NSW Seniors Card Directory, mailed to around one million seniors, features ten pages dedicated to fair trading issues, two of which relate to scams.

Matters of card skimming are handled by the NSW Police Force.

*4539 WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

- (1) How many people from the Bankstown electorate applied for a Working With Children Check this year?
 - (a) How many of these applications were approved?
 - (b) How many of these applications were refused?
- (2) How do the figures listed in 1(a) and 1(b) compare with the rest of New South Wales?

Answer—

The Office of the Children's Guardian does not capture data based on electoral boundaries.

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*4540 BANKSTOWN NORTH PUBLIC SCHOOL SPEED CAMERA—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

(1) Is the Minister reviewing the speed camera in the school zone on the Hume Highway near Bankstown North Public School?

(a) If so, why?

(2) Has the Minister consulted with Bankstown North Public School regarding pedestrian safety at this site?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) Yes.

(a) Hume Highway, Bankstown is recommended for comprehensive safety review as there has been a gradual increase in casualties at this location.

(2) Bankstown North Public School and LaSalle Catholic College will be consulted as part of the review process, which also includes in-depth crash analysis, site inspection and broader community consultation.

*4541 TATTOO PARLOURS ACT CLOSE ASSOCIATES—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

How has the declaration of "close associates" by operators as outlined in section 4 of the Tattoo Parlour Act 2012 been monitored?

Answer—

I am advised that the NSW Police Force monitors all licensees and close associates over the term of the licence to ensure the licensee continues to be a fit and proper person to hold the licence. Relevant ASIC company records are monitored to identify any persons who have become close associates by virtue of their financial interest in such a company. Police also use their powers to enter licensed premises and inspect business records, among other methods, to ensure compliance with the legislation.

*4542 BANKSTOWN SOUTH INFANTS SCHOOL FENCE—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Education—

Will the Government contribute the remaining \$2,500 needed by Bankstown South Infants School to install a security fence?

Answer—

I refer the Honourable Member to my answer to LA Question 4341.

*4543 STACEY STREET SPEED CAMERA—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

Will the revenue raised from the recently installed red light speed camera on Stacey Street Bankstown be directed to improving the Stacey Street and Hume Highway intersection?

(a) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

On 1 June 2012, the NSW Speed Camera Strategy was announced, which outlines measures to increase the transparency of camera programs and improve community support.

Part of the NSW Speed Camera Strategy is the establishment of the Community Road Safety Fund, which came into effect on 1 May 2013.

For the first time, revenue generated from New South Wales speed cameras will be used directly to fund road safety programs.

The Community Road Safety Fund will fund initiatives such as enhanced high visibility police enforcement operations, engineering works and road safety education.

Funding is prioritised across the whole State, rather than directly to specific locations where fines were collected.

*4544 FAIRFIELD TAXI RANKS—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Transport—

Does the Government plan to provide additional taxi ranks in the Fairfield Central Business District to compensate for the reduction in taxi spaces as a result of the upgrade to the Fairfield interchange?

Answer—

I am advised:

Local councils are responsible for the provision of taxi ranks.

We will continue to work with councils in relation to these matters.

*4545 BUS MANUFACTURING CONTRACTS—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Transport—

Why has the Government awarded major bus manufacturing contracts to Queensland businesses instead of supporting local New South Wales businesses?

Answer—

I am advised:

Since April 2012, Metropolitan and Outer-metropolitan bus contract holders have been required to purchase buses meeting a standard bus specification through Transport for NSW's Bus Procurement Panel.

The Bus Procurement Panel consists of 10 prime bus suppliers.

Transport for NSW does not direct any operator to purchase specific buses available through the Bus Procurement Panel. Rather, operators select buses based on value for money, past product performance in service, and quality after sales support.

*4546 THE HORSLEY DRIVE SPEED CAMERAS—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

What data and crash statistics were used to determine the need for three new speed cameras along The Horsley Drive?

Answer—

I am advised:

Refer to published answers to LA Questions 4328, LA 4329 and LA 4330.

*4547 NUMBER OF SENIOR PROSECUTORS—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

(1) How many senior prosecutors were employed by the Director of Public Prosecutions for the 2012-13 period?

(2) How many senior prosecutors were employed by the Director of Public Prosecutions in the following periods:

(a) 2010 -11;

(b) 2011-12?

Answer—

I am advised:

There are no senior prosecutor positions within the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions. However, the average full-time equivalent (FTE) of Deputy Senior Crown Prosecutors employed by the Director of Public Prosecutions in each financial year is as follows:

Year	Average FTE
2012/2013	11.25
2011/2012	11.5
2010/2011	12.4

*4548 TEMPORARY SHUT DOWNS OF FIRE STATIONS—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

(1) Which fire stations were subject to temporary shut downs on Tuesday 10 September 2012?

Answer—

While the Member's question states the date as Tuesday 10 September 2012, it is assumed to refer to bushfires on Tuesday 10 September 2013.

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I refer the Member to my detailed response to a Question Without Notice asked by the Hon Adam Searle on this subject on Wednesday 11 September 2013.

*4549 STREET TEAMS—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

Will the Government reinstate Street Teams to ensure troubled local teenagers have access to social support services?

Answer—

Community Services has expanded services to vulnerable adolescents with adolescent teams established across the state to service areas like Parramatta, Albury, and Dubbo, as well as areas including Kings Cross and Cabramatta.

The Government has also launched Youth Hope, a \$40 million (over four years) initiative to support 9-15 year olds at risk.

*4550 FAIRFIELD EARLY EDUCATION AND CARE SERVICES—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Education—

What safeguards will be implemented by the Government to assure early education and care services in the Fairfield electorate will not be compromised as a result of the implementation of the funding model as proposed in the Brennan Review?

Answer—

The proposed new community preschool funding model is based on Professor Brennan's recommendation to adopt a fairer, needs based funding system so that more children in their year before school can access preschool.

Community preschools have been assured that they will be provided with support to transition to the new funding model.

*4551 ORIENT STREET GRETA ROAD SURFACE—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

In relation to concerns about the road surface of Orient Street in Greta:

Will the Government contribute funds for the road surface to be tarred?

(a) If so, when will this work commence?

(b) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

Orient Street, Greta is a local road managed by Cessnock City Council. Council is responsible for funding and delivery of maintenance and development of the road, including resurfacing.

*4552 INTELLIGENT ACCESS PROGRAM INFRINGEMENT NOTICES—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

(1) Since March 2011, how many warning letters have been sent by the Intelligent Access Program to heavy vehicle drivers who have incorrectly accessed roads they were not permitted to travel on?

(2) How many infringement notices have been issued by the Intelligent Access Program since March 2011?

(3) For each notice issued what was the specific penalty?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) In the period 1 March 2011 to 19 September 2013, 145 warning letters and three Improvement Notices have been sent by the Intelligent Access Program to heavy vehicle operators. In this period, 24 heavy vehicle operators have also been visited by Roads and Maritime Services authorised officers to address non compliance relating to 281 vehicles.

(2) In the period 1 March 2011 to 19 September 2013, no infringement notices have been issued by the Intelligent Access Program.

(3) Not applicable.

*4553 TWO MINUTE TAXI DROP OFF ZONE PROPOSAL—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

- (1) Has the Minister considered implementing the proposed "two minute" drop off zone scheme that would allow taxis to set down passengers in no stopping and no standing zones?
- (2) What advice has Roads and Maritime Services provided in relation to this issue?

Answer—

I am advised:

In December 2008, Roads and Maritime Services released guidelines that allow local councils to implement or modify "No Stopping" signage, to allow taxis to pick-up or set down passengers. These guidelines were introduced to increase the number of stopping opportunities for taxis in busy central business districts, while ensuring road safety is not compromised.

I am further advised, Roads and Maritime Services has been working with local councils to identify suitable "No Stopping" locations and implement the necessary changes.

*4554 LICENCE TEST PASS RATES—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

- (1) What were the outcomes of the investigation into variations in licence test pass rates between testing centres in New South Wales?
- (2) What are the pass rates for licence tests in each testing centre over the last two financial years?

Answer—

I am advised:

In October 2011, the Auditor General completed a Young Driver Audit on behalf of Roads and Maritime Services.

Intensive training and monitoring of testing officers has been conducted by Roads and Maritime Services at 80 locations.

The pass rate for licence tests over the two financial years (2011–12 and 2012–13) is 56 per cent, a result consistent over the last four financial years.

*4555 PADDINGTON BOWLING CLUB CROWN LAND DEVELOPMENT—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Small Business—

Regarding proposals to build on Crown Land leased to the Paddington Bowling Club adjacent to Trumper Park:

- (1) What activities are permitted under the uses defined in the lease as "Community and Sporting Club Facilities, Tourist Facilities and Services and Access"?
- (2) Has the Government given landowner's approval for a development application to build on this land?
 - (a) If so, for what purposes?
 - (b) If so, is the proposed use consistent with the lease and use of Crown Land?
- (3) What action will the Government take to ensure protection of Crown Land and the public open space on this site?

Answer—

The question raised by Mr Greenwich falls under the administration of the Hon Andrew Stoner MP, Deputy Premier, Minister for Trade and Investment and Minister for Regional Infrastructure and Services, and should be directed accordingly.

*4556 SURRY HILLS SOUTH EAST LIGHT RAIL—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Transport—

- (1) Has Transport for NSW assessed the proposal to use Foveaux Street rather than Devonshire Street for the South East Light Rail in Surry Hills?
- (2) Are there any technical problems with using Foveaux Street for the South East Light Rail?
 - (a) If so, what are they?
- (3) Are there any technical problems with the South East Light Rail crossing the Eastern Distributor?
 - (a) If so, what are they?
- (4) What changes could be made to resolve any technical problems mentioned in (2) and (3)?
- (5) What further assessment could be carried out on the proposal to use Foveaux Street rather than Devonshire Street for the South East Light Rail in Surry Hills?

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(6) Will the Government ensure that Foveaux Street is considered before the Environment Impact Assessment is released later this year?

Answer—

The Government considered a number of routes before deciding on the alignment of the between Sydney's CBD and Moore Park, including a tunnel option.

The light rail project was developed in consultation with key stakeholders representing councils, business groups, health and education providers and event and recreation precincts in the Sydney CBD and eastern suburbs. Consultation occurred through a round table process which started from September 2011.

Devonshire Street was selected as the preferred option because it will provide Surry Hills' residents and businesses with fast, regular and reliable public transport services to the CBD, Moore Park, Randwick and Kingsford. This option also offers substantial benefits for the area through urban renewal and improved public transport access to and from Surry Hills.

Community information sessions were recently held to seek input on a number of project elements. All feedback received will inform the project's Environmental Impact Statement that will be publicly exhibited later this year.

*4557 OWNER AND OCCUPIER RIGHTS AGAINST OWNERS CORPORATIONS—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Fair Trading—

The New South Wales Court of Appeal decision in "the Owners of Strata Plan 50276 v Thoo (2013) NSWCA 270" now excludes owners or occupiers from claiming for financial loss or damages incurred because an owners corporation did not fulfil its statutory duty to maintain and repair common property:

- (1) What assessment has the Government made of the implications of this part of the decision?
- (2) What discussions has the Government had with lawyers and strata managers about how the threat of litigation can encourage owners corporations to fulfil their obligation to repair and maintain common property?
- (3) What assessment has the Government made of the increased financial burdens facing owners or occupiers in seeking orders in the Consumer Trader and Tenancy Tribunal or adjudication for owners corporation to repair or maintain common property?
- (4) What consideration will the Government give to restoring owner and occupier rights to claim for loss or damages when common property is not maintained or repaired?

Answer—

Fair Trading is continuing to assess the impacts of this decision on the strata sector and will consider whether any amendments to the Strata Schemes Management Act 1996 are warranted as part of the current review of strata and community title laws.

*4558 MOUNT DRUITT HOSPITAL TRANSFERS—Mr Richard Amery asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) How many persons were conveyed by ambulance to the Mount Druitt Hospital in the twelve month period ending 31 August 2013?
- (2) How many of these patients were transferred to:
 - (a) Blacktown Hospital;
 - (b) Other hospitals?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) In the twelve months from 1 September 2012 to 31 August 2013, Ambulance Service of NSW transported 8,742 patients to Mount Druitt Hospital.
- (2) As a unique patient identifier is not available, it is not possible to identify which of the patients initially transported by ambulance to Mount Druitt in the period were later transferred to another hospital.

*4559 PUBLIC HOUSING CONCESSION RENT—Mr Richard Amery asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

- (1) How many public housing tenants claim a concession rent for their dwelling in the Mount Druitt area?
- (2) What percentage of the total public housing stock in Mount Druitt does this figure represent?

Answer—

- (1) Around 90 per cent of public housing tenants across New South Wales receive a rental subsidy from Housing NSW.
- (2) Details about the number of social housing properties are available on the Housing NSW website.
- *4560 WATERLOO PUBLIC HOUSING SECURITY SERVICES TRIAL—Mr Ron Hoenig asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- (1) Has the trial of concierge and security services in the Waterloo high rise public housing premises been evaluated?
- (2) If so, when will the results of the evaluation be publicly available?
- Answer—
- (1) Yes.
- (2) At this stage, the trial is considered successful and funding for the service has been extended to 30 June 2014.
- *4561 BUILT ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN PHASE TWO—Mr Ron Hoenig asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- When will the Built Environmental Plan Phase Two for the redevelopment of Redfern and Waterloo public housing estates, commenced by the Redfern Waterloo Authority and then subsumed into Urban Growth, be made public?
- Answer—
- This question should be referred to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure who has responsibility for such matters.

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- 4562 EXTENDED SUPERVISION ORDERS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
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- 4570 HOUSING NSW MAINTENANCE LIVERPOOL ELECTORATE—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
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- 4588 POLICE OFFICER SECOND LANGUAGES—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 4589 NON ENGLISH SPEAKING BACKGROUND POLICE PROGRAMS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 4590 BADGERY'S CREEK AIRPORT—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 4591 FAIRFIELD ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE SCHOOLS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Education—
- 4592 MULTICULTURAL FESTIVAL FUNDING—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—
- 4593 NEWCASTLE LIGHT RAIL FEASIBILITY STUDY—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport—
- *4594 GAME COUNCIL OF NEW SOUTH WALES NEW ADVISORY BOARD—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Small Business—
- (1) Will the Government create a new advisory body as recommended by the Governance Review of the Game Council of New South Wales?

- (2) If so, when will the new advisory body be created?
Answer—
Schedule 1 of the Game and Feral Animal Control Amendment Bill 2013 that I tabled in the Legislative Assembly on 11 September 2013 outlines provisions for the establishment of a Game and Pest Management Advisory Board.
- 4595 YOUTH IN CARE PAYMENTS—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 4596 SOUTH WEST RAIL LINE NEW TIMETABLE—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 4597 EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT PATIENT WALK OUT RATES—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 4598 M2 TO F3 CORRIDOR PROJECT TENDER PROCESS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 4599 NUMBER OF MOTORING OFFENCES SINCE JULY 2012—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 4600 AGED CARE HEALTH SERVICES PLAN—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

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- 4602 BANKSTOWN HOSPITAL OPERATING THEATRES—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 4603 BANKSTOWN HOSPITAL UPGRADES—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
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- 4606 BANKSTOWN ARTS CENTRE—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Hospitality and Racing, and Minister for the Arts—
- 4607 BANKSTOWN CITY COUNCIL LIBRARY SUBSIDY—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Hospitality and Racing, and Minister for the Arts—
- 4608 CAR DEALER ODOMETER FRAUD—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Fair Trading—
- 4609 MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMS IN BANKSTOWN ELECTORATE—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Healthy Lifestyles, and Minister for Western New South Wales—
- 4610 NSW POLICE FORCE GENERAL DUTIES OFFICERS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 4611 KURRI KURRI POLICE STATION GENERAL DUTIES OFFICERS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

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- 4612 KURRI KURRI POLICE STATION FIRST RESPONSE AGREEMENT—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- *4613 CROWN ROADS ACCESS FOR RECREATIONAL FISHING—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Trade and Investment, and Minister for Regional Infrastructure and Services—
- Will the Government confirm that Crown Roads leading to waterways which provide recreational fishing opportunities for the general public will not be disposed of, as per the agreement which existed under the previous Government?
- Answer—
- Where Crown roads are determined to be required for public access to waterways they are not closed.
- *4614 ACCELERATED DISPOSAL OF CROWN LAND ROAD RESERVES—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Trade and Investment, and Minister for Regional Infrastructure and Services—
- (1) How many staff will be required to deliver the accelerated disposal of road closure applications?
(2) Where in the public sector will these staff be moved from?
- Answer—
- (1) As I originally announced on 4 September 2012, 45 additional staff have been recruited to accelerate the roads disposal program.
(2) All these positions were advertised externally.
- 4615 BUDGET PAPER 2013-14 CAPITAL INVESTMENT IN RAIL—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 4616 HUNTER REGIONAL TRANSPORT PLAN—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 4617 TRANSFER DUTY GROWTH—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—
- 4618 NATIONAL DISABILITY STRATEGY—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 4619 ACCOMODATION PLANS FOR EX-PRISIONERS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 4620 EASTERN SUBURBS RAILWAY LINE NOISE—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 4621 ST GEORGE HOSPITAL INTENSIVE CARE UNIT—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 4622 ST GEORGE HOSPITAL REBUILD—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 4623 MOUNT DRUITT DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES CASEWORKERS—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 4624 CHILDHOOD CANCER RATES—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 4625 TOBACCO OUTLETS TASK FORCE—Mr Jamie Parker to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 4626 BARANGAROO LEND LEASE CONCEPT PLAN—Mr Jamie Parker to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 4627 BUDGET PAPER 2013-14 PORT BOTANY AND PORT KEMBLA VALUE—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

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- 4628 COMMUNITY CORRECTION OFFICER VACANCIES—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 4629 DRUG COURT OPERATING COSTS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 4630 SUPERVISION OF OFFENDERS ON COMMUNITY BASED ORDERS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 4631 JUVENILE JUSTICE FIGURES—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 4632 NUMBER OF ESCAPES FROM POLICE CUSTODY—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 4633 ESCAPES FROM FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 4634 MOUNT DRUITT SWIMMING POOL—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Small Business—
- 4635 EYE SURGERIES AT JOHN HUNTER HOSPITAL—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 4636 EYE PATIENT CARE IN THE HUNTER REGION—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 4637 REVIEW OF NEWCASTLE BUSES—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 4638 NEWCASTLE TRANSPORT PASSENGER COUNTS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 4639 COASTAL WETLAND PROTECTION—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW, Leader of the House—
- 4640 GAME COUNCIL OF NSW FUNDING RECOMMENDATION—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Small Business—
- 4641 VACANT PUBLIC HOUSING PROPERTIES—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 4642 REDUCED WORKERS COMPENSATION BENEFITS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—
- 4643 CHILD ABUSE SQUAD—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 4644 INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT CONTRACTS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 4645 WESTCONNEX PROJECT—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 4646 RECOVERY ORIENTED MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Healthy Lifestyles, and Minister for Western New South Wales—
- 4647 SCHOOL BUS SERVICES IN THE INNER CITY—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Education—

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- 4648 MAJOR NATIONAL PARTNERSHIP PLAN - HEALTH—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—
- 4649 GAMBLING TAX REVENUE—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—
- 4650 WAITING TIMES FOR PUBLIC HOUSING MAINTENANCE—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 4651 PUBLIC HOUSING MAINTENANCE FUNDING—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 4652 NEW SCHOOL BANKING SYSTEM INTEREST—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—
- 4653 LENNOX BRIDGE REDEVELOPMENT—Mrs Barbara Perry to ask the Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

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- 4654 WOLLONGONG HOSPITAL PET SCANNER—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 4655 DIRECT ELECTION OF SHELLHARBOUR MAYOR—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Local Government, and Minister for the North Coast—
- 4656 YALLAH TO OAK FLATS PLANNING STUDY—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 4657 ILLAWARRA COMMUNITY FORUMS—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW, Leader of the House—
- 4658 ILLAWARRA REGIONAL TRANSPORT PLAN—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 4659 LAKE ILLAWARRA MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Trade and Investment, and Minister for Regional Infrastructure and Services—
- 4660 MINISTERIAL VISIT TO SHELLHARBOUR—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 4661 ILLAWARRA REGIONAL EDUCATION OFFICE—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Education—
- 4662 POLLEN COUNT PROGRAMS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 4663 MEDICAL USE OF CANNABIS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 4664 POSSESSION OF CANNABIS MEDICAL USE DEFENCE—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 4665 PYRMONT AND ULTIMO BUS SERVICES—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 4666 RENTAL HOUSING BONDS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 4667 HOUSING NSW CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

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- 4668 REMOVAL OF SYDNEY HARBOUR BRIDGE SOUTHERN TOLL PLAZA—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 4669 KINGS CROSS FESTIVAL—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Hospitality and Racing, and Minister for the Arts—
- 4670 OXFORD STREET REDUCED CLEARWAY TRIAL—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 4671 CONRAD CAPITAL—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 4672 CONRAD CAPITAL—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 4673 ON CALL DOCTOR AT YOUNG HOSPITAL—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 4674 NORTHERN BEACHES HOSPITAL REDEVELOPMENT TENDER—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 4675 CLASSIFICATION OF FRONTLINE WORKERS—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 4676 WAITING TIME FOR OFFENDER PROGRAMS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 4677 EXTENDED SUPERVISION AND CONTINUING DETENTION ORDERS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 4678 CHILD PROHIBITION ORDERS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 4679 WORKERS COMPENSATION REDUCTION—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Finance and Services—
- 4680 POLICE OFFICER COMPLAINTS—Mr Nathan Rees to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 4681 OUTLAW MOTORCYCLE GANGS—Mr Nathan Rees to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 4682 COOTES TRANSPORT GROUP TRUCK INSPECTIONS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 4683 GREEN STREET PROJECT—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 4684 LEGACY PAYMENTS FOR OLYMPIC FACILITIES—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—
- 4685 RENWICK CHILDREN'S HOME SALE OF LAND—Mrs Barbara Perry to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

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- 4686 LITERACY AND NUMERACY ACTION PLAN FUNDS DISTRIBUTION—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Education—

What process did the Government implement to determine the distribution of funds under the Literacy and Numeracy Action Plan?

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- 4687 LITERACY AND NUMERACY ACTION PLAN FAIRFIELD—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Education—
Apart from Villawood East Public School, were there any other schools in the Fairfield electorate that were allocated teachers at either the fulltime or other loading under the Government's Literacy and Numeracy Action Plan?
- 4688 LITERACY AND NUMERACY ACTION PLAN SMITHFIELD—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Education—
How many teachers were allocated to schools in the Smithfield electorate under the Government's Literacy and Numeracy Action Plan?
- 4689 SHOOTINGS IN FAIRFIELD—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
How many shootings in public places were reported within the Fairfield Local Area Command in each month this year?
- 4690 FAIRFIELD FIRE STATION—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
How many days has Fairfield Fire Station been deemed non-operational due to insufficient staff since 30 June 2013?
- 4691 EMERGENCY SERVICES FIRE SEASON FUNDING—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
Does the Government plan to allocate additional funding to emergency services in New South Wales in anticipation of this year's fire season?
- 4692 WESTCONNEX PROJECT BUSINESS CASE—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
When will the full business case for the Westconnex Project be released?
- 4693 HOUSING NSW VACANT PROPERTIES—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
What was the average number (or percentage) of Housing NSW properties vacant in July 2013 in the following suburbs:
(a) Villawood;
(b) Smithfield;
(c) Fairfield;
(d) Heckenberg?
- 4694 FAIRFIELD HOSPITAL ELDERLY CARE—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
What programs or facilities are available in Fairfield Hospital that cater specifically for the elderly?
- 4695 SOUTH WESTERN SYDNEY TAFE STAFF NUMBERS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Education—
How many full time and part time staff were employed within the South Western Sydney TAFE Institute in:
(a) 2011;
(b) 2012;
(c) 2013?
- 4696 BANKSTOWN TAFE APPRENTICESHIP ENROLLMENTS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Education—
How many students were enrolled at Bankstown TAFE in apprenticeship related courses in:

- (a) 2011;
(b) 2012;
(c) 2013?
- 4697 LITERACY AND NUMERACY TEACHERS IN BANKSTOWN ELECTORATE—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Education—
- (1) How many literacy and numeracy teachers have been employed in the Bankstown electorate in 2013?
 - (2) Which schools are these teachers located in?
- 4698 ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE TEACHERS IN BANKSTOWN ELECTORATE—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Education—
- How many English as a Second Language teachers were employed in schools in the Bankstown electorate in:
- (a) 2011;
 - (b) 2012;
 - (c) 2013?
- 4699 TEACHERS AIDES IN BANKSTOWN ELECTORATE—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Education—
- (1) What financial allocation has been made to the Bankstown electorate for teachers' aides in Government schools for the 2013-14 financial year?
 - (2) Has this allocation decreased or increased in the last three financial years?
- 4700 PUBLIC HOUSING VACANT BEDROOM CHARGE—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- How are elderly residents who have to leave their public housing properties as a result of the vacant bedroom charge being assisted with moving costs?
- 4701 STRATA COMPLIANCE WITH WINDOW SAFETY DEVICES—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Fair Trading—
- How will the Department of Fair Trading monitor compliance of the new Strata Schemes Management Amendment (Compliant Window Safety Devices) legislation?
- 4702 YAGOONA RAILWAY STATION EXPRESS SERVICES—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport—
- (1) Why are express train services no longer stopping at Yagoona Railway Station considering the Bureau of Transport Statistics states that this station has a daily "in and out" patronage of 4160 people?
 - (2) Will the Minister consider amending the timetable to have express services stop at Yagoona Railway Station?
 - (a) If not, why not?
- 4703 UNAUTHORISED OCCUPANTS OF PUBLIC HOUSING IN BANKSTOWN—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- How many public housing properties in the Bankstown zone had "unauthorised occupants" residing in them when the amnesty on "unauthorised occupants" was announced in February 2013?
- 4704 NEW LOWER HUNTER HOSPITAL SITE—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- (1) What is the total area of the site for the new Lower Hunter Hospital?
 - (2) What, if any, protected flora or fauna are known to occupy the site?
 - (3) What area of the site is restricted for future development by the presence of protected flora or fauna?
 - (4) Are there any other site conditions that will limit or restrict the usable space on the site?
 - (5) What is the total usable area of the site?
 - (6) When will the site be returned to Crown control and management?
 - (7) Will the site be rehabilitated prior to its return to Crown control and management?
 - (8) What is the estimated cost of rehabilitation?

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- 4705 CESSNOCK HOSPITAL REFURBISHMENT—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- (1) What services will be located in the Drinkwater Building at Cessnock Hospital once Cessnock House is refurbished and existing services are transferred?
 - (2) What is planned for the Drinkwater Building once staff and services are moved out?
 - (3) What is the total cost of refurbishing Cessnock House?
 - (4) How much has been spent to October 2013 on refurbishing Cessnock House and how much is expected to be spent in the remainder of 2013-14?
- 4706 BRANXTON FIREFIGHTERS AS MEDICAL FIRST RESPONSE UNIT—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- (1) Under what conditions are the Branxton Firefighters called on to respond in a medical capacity?
 - (2) Who makes the decision to call or not call on the Branxton Firefighters?
 - (3) How many times in 2012 were the Branxton Firefighters called to make a medical first response?
 - (4) How many times in 2013 have the Branxton Firefighters been called to make a medical first response?
 - (5) What vehicle is used when the the Branxton Firefighters respond in a medical capacity?
 - (a) What is the minimum number of staff required for this vehicle?
 - (6) How much money is allocated to the use of Firefighters as a first response medical alternative in the 2013-14 Health Budget?
- 4707 TAXI DRIVER WORKING HOURS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- (1) Is there a maximum number of hours that one taxi driver can work in any given 24 hour period?
 - (2) Are taxi drivers required to keep log books of the hours they work?
 - (3) If so, are the log books audited by Roads and Maritime Services officers?
- 4708 FLOOD PROOFING TESTERS HOLLOW—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- (1) When did the Roads and Maritime Services investigation into options to flood proof Testers Hollow start and end?
 - (2) What other government departments, external agencies, community groups or other bodies were consulted during this investigative process?
 - (3) Will the report be made available to the public?
 - (4) What funding is available in the 2013-14 budget to adopt some or any of the findings of the investigation?
- 4709 DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES INVESTIGATIONS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- (1) Is there a minimum number of complaints concerning a child and/or family that the Department Of Community Services must receive before an officer will commence an investigation?
 - (2) Do staff make assessment rankings due to the identity of the complainant?
 - (3) Do staff make assessment rankings due to the severity of the complaint?
- 4710 CRITICAL INDUSTRY CLUSTERS IN THE HUNTER VALLEY—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW, Leader of the House—
- (1) What criteria were used to determine which vineyards were included in the recently released Government maps of critical industry clusters in the Hunter Valley?
 - (2) What criteria were used to determine which horse breeding areas were included in the maps?
 - (3) Were any existing and established vineyards not included in the maps?
 - (a) If so, on what grounds?
 - (4) Were any existing and established horse breeding properties not included in the maps?
 - (a) If so, on what grounds?
- 4711 MINISTERIAL RESPONSE TO CONSTITUENT REPRESENTATIONS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- (1) What is the maximum time period for a constituent to expect a reply from a Minister regarding

- representations sent from a member of the Legislative Assembly?
- (2) Are delays exceeding 12 months acceptable?
- 4712 ELECTRICITY NETWORK POWER OUTAGES—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Resources and Energy, Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Central Coast—
- (1) Do electricity providers have to complete defined annual maintenance requirements?
- (2) Are electricity providers required to report their maintenance schedule to the Government before commencement or after completion?
- (3) What percentage of power outages in New South Wales are related to tree interference with power lines?
- (4) How much has the Government spent on tree felling and trimming to avoid outages and interference during each of the most recent three financial years?
- 4713 ROZELLE PROPOSED PORT ACCESS ROAD—Mr Jamie Parker to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- (1) Is the Government investigating the potential for a new port access road through Rozelle Rail Yards?
- (a) If so, what is the scope of this investigation?
- (b) What traffic and other modelling is being undertaken as part of this investigation?
- (2) What reasons have been given as the potential need for a new access road?
- (3) What traffic modelling has already been undertaken to support the assertion that such an access road would ease congestion in local residential streets?
- (4) What other evidence exists to support the assertion that such an access road would ease congestion in local residential streets?
- (5) Are local cars currently allowed port access?
- (6) Do all industry vehicles already have access to the port via the James Craig Road extension?
- (7) Is the James Craig Road extension at capacity?
- (8) Does the proposed new port access road seek to allow more trucks and tourist vehicles into Glebe Island?
- (a) If so, how will the proposed new access road would reduce congestion?
- 4714 SYDNEY HARBOUR MOORING—Mr Jamie Parker to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- (1) What are the different commercial rates for mooring different sized vessels in Sydney Harbour?
- (2) What is the rate for mooring large vessels in Sydney Harbour?
- (3) What is the current fee schedule for mooring different sized vessels for different lengths of time at the dolphins at the Sydney Superyacht Marina, Rozelle?
- (4) What is the policy for charging fees at the dolphins at the Sydney Superyacht Marina, Rozelle?
- (5) What was the annual revenue for the financial year 2012-13 from fees collected for mooring at the dolphins at the Sydney Superyacht Marina, Rozelle?
- 4715 PARKINSON'S DISEASE TREATMENT PROGRAM—Mr Jamie Parker to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- In relation to the evaluation of the pilot program commenced on the South Coast in 2010 to provide assistance and medical treatment to local Shoalhaven based Parkinson's disease patients:
- (1) What steps is the Government or the Ministry of Health taking to provide or secure public funding for neurological specialist nurses in New South Wales in light of this successful pilot program?
- (2) What steps is the Government or the Ministry of Health taking to provide or secure public funding for deep brain stimulation operations in New South Wales hospitals for those suffering from Parkinson's, for whom it is medically appropriate?
- (3) What steps is the Government or the Ministry of Health taking to provide or secure public funding for syringes for those New South Wales residents suffering from Parkinson's, for whom it is medically appropriate for their daily medication?
- (4) What steps is the Government or the Ministry of Health taking to secure or provide funding for syringes, which matches the funding provided for syringes for those with diabetes?
- 4716 TRUCK SPEED LIMITERS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- (1) Since 1 April 2011, how many trucks have been found to have speed limiters that are not working?
- (2) What is the maximum penalty that offending operators and drivers can receive for driving with speed

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- limiters that are not working?
- (3) How many offending operators and drivers have received that penalty?
- 4717 PUBLIC PASSENGER SERVICES SAFETY—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- (1) Will passenger safety be compromised by dividing public passenger services between three general managers within Roads and Maritime Services?
 - (2) Are these new roles more generic in nature rather than being specific roles dealing with the Passenger Transport Act 1990 and Passenger Transport Regulation 2007?
 - (3) Why were experts who act to protect and enhance passenger safety moved from Transport for NSW to Roads and Maritime Services?
 - (4) Why have you retained the Wollongong and Newcastle offices within Transport for NSW, given that they carry out passenger safety functions?
- 4718 SALE OF PUBLIC HOUSING IN THE ILLAWARRA—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- (1) How many public housing properties are being sold in the Illawarra?
 - (2) How many bedrooms does each of these properties have?
 - (3) How much revenue will be raised from the sale of these properties?
 - (4) Will this revenue be used to construct additional housing in the Illawarra?
 - (a) If so, when will construction start and where will the housing be located?
 - (b) If not, why not?
- 4719 NEW TRAIN TIMETABLE—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Transport—
- In reference to Dulwich Hill, Erskineville, Lewisham, MacDonalddown, Marrickville, Newtown, Petersham, Redfern, St Peters, Stanmore, Sydenham and Tempe train stations:
- How many city bound train services are delivered per hour under the current timetable and how many city bound train services will be delivered per hour under the new timetable for each station between:
- (a) 6:00 am and 7:00 am;
 - (b) 7:00 am and 8:00 am;
 - (c) 8:00 am and 9:00 am?
- 4720 PUBLIC HOUSING IN MARRICKVILLE—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- (1) How many applicants on the public housing waiting list are living in the Marrickville electorate?
 - (2) How many applicants are on the public housing waiting list for allocation zones CS3 Leichhardt/Marrickville and CS7 Inner West?
 - (3) How many public housing residents in the Marrickville electorate will have to pay the spare bed charge on spare bedrooms in Housing NSW properties?
 - (4) How many public housing residents in the Marrickville electorate have a current transfer request?
- 4721 MERGER OF REDFERN AND BOTANY LOCAL AREA COMMANDS—Mr Ron Hoenig to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- Is there any proposal or consideration currently being given to merging Redfern Local Area Command and/or Botany Local Area Command?
- 4722 TOBACCO RETAILERS TASKFORCE—Mr Ron Hoenig to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- (1) When will the taskforce formed to look at tobacco retailer issues referred to by the Minister in response to the member for Balmain's Question Without Notice on 29 August 2013 be convened?
 - (2) When will the terms of reference for the taskforce be released?
 - (3) Will the taskforce investigate the tobacco retail reform recommendations of Cancer Council NSW including:
 - (a) Further research into the impact of tobacco retailing in New South Wales;
 - (b) A licensing scheme that would assist with the monitoring and enforcing of current requirements and restricting the number of outlets;
 - (c) A regulatory scheme for tobacco retailing to reduce smoking rates?

4723 MOUNT DRUITT METHADONE PROGRAM—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) How many outlets in the Mount Druitt electorate are approved to provide methadone to persons on the methadone program?
- (2) How many persons are on the methadone program in the following postcode areas:
 - (a) 2770;
 - (b) 2761;
 - (c) 2766?
- (3) Are there plans to relocate the methadone clinic from Queens Street, St Marys to the grounds of the Mount Druitt Hospital?
 - (a) If so, who or which organisation will manage this clinic?