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\*1895 PUBLIC TRUSTEE—Mr Richard Amery asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

- (1) When was the last time that the fees and charges relating to the cost charged by the Public Trustee were reviewed?
- (2) What was the outcome of this review?
- (3) Has there been any reduction in the sliding scale of the capital commission charged by the Public Trustee to administer an estate?
- (4) When was the last time that these fees were adjusted to take into account the rise in real estate values in NSW?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The fees and charges of the Public Trustee (now the NSW Trustee and Guardian) were last reviewed in 2008.
- (2) Fees were increased in accordance with CPI increases, the maximum allowable common fund management fee was increased from 0.5 per cent to 1 per cent and a long term trust fee was introduced.
- (3) No changes were made to the sliding scale of capital commissions in the 2008 review.
- (4) There have been no other changes to these fees since 1975, whether to take account of rising real estate values or otherwise.

\*1898 MULTICULTURAL ADVANTAGE GRANTS PROGRAM—Mr Robert Furolo asked the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

In reference to the Multicultural Advantage Grants Program:

- (1) What is the dollar value of grants that will be available for each of the three new categories of grants?
- (2) How will the success or effectiveness of Multicultural Advantage Grants Program be assessed?
- (3) What are the priority areas for funding for the Multicultural Advantage Grants Program?
- (4) What is the eligibility criteria for the Multicultural Advantage Grants Program?
- (5) (a) Will the General Grants Program continue?  
(b) If so what will be the dollar value available to the General Grants Program?
- (6) (a) Will the Sponsorship Grants Program continue?  
(b) If so what will be the dollar value of grants available to the Sponsorship Grants Program?
- (7) Who conducted the independent review of the CRC's former grants program?
- (8) Which organisations were consulted and how many consultations were undertaken by the review consultants?
- (9) What was the cost of the review?

Answer—

(1) It is anticipated that funds available for the Multicultural Advantage Grants Program will be in the order of \$1.4 million. However, final figures will be determined after the Budget is brought down.

As a general guide the allocations will be:

35% for Multicultural Partnership Grants  
60% for Community Inclusion Grants, and  
5% for Sponsorship and Cultural Grants

- (2) The Commission is in the process of developing policy guidelines and assessment processes.
- (3) All three grants categories will be in line with the principles of cultural diversity, including priority to projects which facilitate inter-cultural and inter-communal activities. They will encourage inclusion and the promotion of community harmony through mutual respect and acceptance by working together towards a common aim.
- (4) to (6) The Commission has reviewed its grants program which included the General Grants program, and from 1 July 2012 the Commission will introduce the Multicultural Advantage Grants Program comprising three categories: Multicultural Partnership Grants, Community Inclusion Grants and the Sponsorship and Cultural Grants. Eligibility criteria are under finalisation. In terms of funding allocation, see answer to question (1) above.

There will be a Sponsorship and Cultural grants category which will support community cultural activities including a new emphasis on community arts where appropriate.

(7) EJD Consulting & Associates - an independent social policy research firm conducted the review.

(8) Major community organisations, former grant applicants (successful or unsuccessful) and organisations from new and emerging communities were invited to participate in consultations. The following attended the Grants and Awards Program Reviews Consultations: Ethnic Communities' Councils of NSW, Multicultural Council of Illawarra, Ethnic Communities' Council of Newcastle and the Hunter Region, Multicultural Council of Wagga Wagga, Cabramatta Community Centre, NSW Federation of Community Language Schools, Greek Welfare Centre, NSW Service for the Treatment & Rehabilitation of Torture & Trauma (STARTTS), Sikh Council of Australia Inc, Liverpool Migrant Resource Centre Inc, Australian Iraqi Association of Community Services Inc, Grainery Football Club, Sydney Korean Women's Association, Sudanese Australian Association Inc, Australia Alevi Cultural Centre, Somali Welfare & Culture Association, Auburn City Council, Horn of Africa Relief & Development Agency, Australian Iraqi Association of Community Services Inc, HyeHokiInc, Iranian Community Organisation, Mt Druitt Ethnic Communities Agency Inc, United Indian Association.

Four consultation sessions were conducted. The option to provide written comments was extended to the stakeholders unable to attend.

(9) The cost was \$21,890.00 (\$19,900 plus GST \$1,990).

\*1900 PLAN-IT YOUTH—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) When did the Government decide to discontinue funding for the successful Plan-It Youth Hunter/Central Coast mentoring program after its funding runs out in January 2013?
- (2) Why did the Government make this decision?
- (3) What other programs will the Government put in place to replace this program?

Answer—

- (1) In September 2007 the Evaluation of the Plan-It Youth Mentoring Program was undertaken by Erebus International. A series of recommendations resulted from the evaluation and extensive feedback on the recommendations was obtained, including the recommendation that the program be undertaken within the broader policy framework of the Department of Education and Communities' 15-19 Year Old Strategy. As a result, additional funds were provided directly to regions for a 4 year period which concludes in June 2012.

From the 2012–13 financial year regions will continue to use available equity funding flexibly to target the needs of 15 to 19 year olds and will make local decisions about the use of mentoring programs, including the Plan-It Youth Program.

- (2) This Government is committed to local decision-making which recognises that regions and schools are well placed to identify the specific strategies to support young people who are most at risk of disengaging from education, training or employment.
- (3) The Hunter/Central Coast Region is currently exploring options about the future role of mentors in regard to supporting vulnerable 15 to 19 year old students. A number of support strategies are available at the school and regional level to support these students. Resources such as the support document for regions targeting 15-19 year olds and guidelines for mentoring and supporting students also remain available for school and regional use.

\*1901 INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS COMMISSION—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

Given the Government's recent review of the Industrial Relations Commission, is the Attorney General planning to abolish the Commission?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Legislative Council Standing Committee on Law and Justice's recommendations impact upon a number of portfolios across Government. The committee has asked the Government to report by 24 September 2012. The Government is actively considering the committee's recommendations and will respond in due course.

\*1902 POLICE TASER DEATH—Ms Sonia Hornery 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—

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- (1) What will the Minister do to ensure that the death of a Brazilian student, as a result of a police Taser, will be investigated thoroughly?  
(2) What will the Minister do to ensure that any investigation into the Brazilian national's death will be independent and transparent?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force has advised me:

- (1) and (2) A critical incident investigation has been established following this incident. All circumstances surrounding this death are being investigated, including the deployment of police tactical options, with all information to be provided to the NSW Coroner. The NSW Ombudsman has independent oversight of this investigation.

This Government has confidence in these mechanisms to provide thorough, independent investigation and oversight of such matters.

- \*1903 GLENDALE POLICE STATION—Ms Sonia Hornery 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—

Why has the building of the Glendale Police Station, which was budgeted for \$3.82 million dollars in the 2011-12 budget, been abandoned?

Answer—

I refer the Member to my detailed response to a Question Without Notice asked by the Hon Marie Ficarra MLC on 4 April 2012 regarding the Lake Macquarie Local Area Command.

- \*1904 NEWCASTLE UNIVERSITY SECURITY—Ms Sonia Hornery 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 will the Government improve security for students at Newcastle University?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force has advised me that police from the Newcastle City Local Area Command have recently met with senior representatives of Newcastle University with a view to implementing a range of measures that will improve security for students. These include recommencement of a Student Safety Council, high visibility police patrols of the University and surrounds both day and night, and physical security improvements on campus such as improved CCTV at the University entrance.

Some measures will specifically focus on international students, such as a series of workshops designed to break down cultural barriers between those students and police that may exist based on their home country experiences. Issues to be addressed include personal safety, crime prevention and means of reporting offences. Strategies to improve communication between University management and police in relation to offences against this group are also being examined.

- \*1905 PUBLIC HOUSING MAINTENANCE BACKLOG—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

How has the Government addressed the \$300 million backlog in maintenance work due for public housing homes across Sydney?

Answer—

The Land and Housing Corporation determines the estimated backlog level of maintenance by undertaking condition surveys across the total portfolio.

The Corporation continues to work towards reducing the overall maintenance liability across its asset portfolio through careful budgeting and informed annual maintenance programs.

The Corporation will continue to prioritise managing the annual requirement to ensure best use of our assets and to maintain the backlog to an acceptable level.

- \*1906 JOHN HUNTER AND CALVARY MATER HOSPITALS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

What infrastructure upgrades and maintenance works are planned for the John Hunter Hospital and the Calvary Mater Hospital in the 2012-13 financial year?

Answer—

I am advised:

Hunter New England Local Health District is currently in the process of finalising the capital works plan for 2012-2013, including for John Hunter and Calvary Mater Hospitals.

The 2012-2013 capital improvement plan is also being finalised and this encompasses planned maintenance works outside the ongoing preventative and statutory work which takes place on a recurrent basis.

\*1907 JUDICIARY ACT NOTICE—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

- (1) Will the Attorney General reply to the email from Matthew Lynch dated 9 March 2012 concerning his notice under s78B of the Judiciary Act?
- (2) If so, what will the answer be?
- (3) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The New South Wales Crown Solicitor's Office replied to Matthew Lynch's email on 17 April 2012.
- (2) and (3) I will not be intervening in this matter.

\*1908 EXPERT PANEL ON MERGER OF TRIBUNALS—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

- (1) Who will be the members of the expert panel proposed to be appointed to advise on the merger of the tribunals?
- (2) When will the make-up and terms of reference be announced?
- (3) By what date will the expert panel report?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Legislative Council Standing Committee on Law and Justice's recommendations impact upon a number of portfolios across Government. The committee has asked the Government to report by 24 September 2012. The Government is actively considering the committee's recommendations and will respond in due course.

\*1909 SUBMISSION TO DISCUSSION PAPER ON CONTRACT LAW REFORM—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

- (1) Has the Attorney General or his department made a submission to the Commonwealth Government's discussion paper on reforming Australian contract law?
- (2) If so, will the Attorney General make the decision publically available?
- (3) If no such submission has been made, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

The discussion paper is under consideration. The deadline for submissions is 20 July 2012.

\*1910 SUBMISSION TO DISCUSSION PAPER ON CONTRACT LAW REFORM—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Small Business—

- (1) Has the Minister or her department made a submission to the Commonwealth Government's discussion paper on reforming Australian contract law?
- (2) If so, will the Minister make the submission publically available?
- (3) If not, why not?

Answer—

- (1) to (3) I am advised that the Department of Premier and Cabinet will be coordinating any response on behalf of the NSW Government. Submissions to this inquiry do not close until 20 July 2012.

Submissions on the discussion paper will be publicly available on the Commonwealth Attorney General Department's website.

\*1911 JUDICIAL COMMISSION—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

What communications and discussions have occurred between the Attorney General and his office with the Judicial Commission on any matter in the period 1 January 2012 to date?

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Answer—

I am advised:

On 25 January 2012 and 8 February 2012, pursuant to section 16 of the Judicial Officers Act 1986, I referred to the Judicial Commission matters concerning the conduct of Magistrate Pat O'Shane.

I have had communications with the Research Director of the Judicial Commission in relation to policy research concerning sexual assault and firearm offences.

My department regularly consults with the Judicial Commission on relevant policy matters.

\*1912 BAIL ACT REVIEW—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

- (1) Has the Attorney General received a report from the Law Reform Commission on a review of the Bail Act?
- (2) If so, when did the Attorney General receive it?
- (3) If the report has not been received, when does the Attorney General anticipate receiving it?

Answer—

- (1) Yes.
- (2) The report was received on 11 April 2012.
- (3) Not applicable.

\*1913 INVESTIGATION INTO CONSTRUCTION SITE DEATH—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

What investigations are agencies within the Minister's portfolio (including WorkCover) conducting in relation to the death of Atilio Villegas on 27 March 2012 at a construction site in Haymarket?

Answer—

WorkCover attended the worksite on the day of this tragic fatal incident. WorkCover has issued two Prohibition Notices and two Improvement Notices. As WorkCover's investigation into this incident is continuing, it would be inappropriate for me to comment further.

\*1914 COMMUNICATIONS WITH LEIGHTONS AND PERFORMS—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

In the period 26 March 2012 to date, what communications, correspondence and/or discussions has the Minister had with:

- (a) Leightons;
- (b) Performs?

Answer—

I am unable to identify the entities referred to.

\*1915 WRONGFUL DETENTION—Mr Paul Lynch 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—

Given that police were unaware of court determinations, in how many instances since 31 March 2011 have they wrongly detained:

- (a) young people;
- (b) adults?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force has advised me:

Police have been working closely with the Department of Attorney General and Justice to resolve problems with the flow of information between court computer systems and the police database. Data about arrests made on the basis of incorrect bail information is not held discretely on the police database and accurate information cannot be provided.

\*1918 CAPACITIES OF WYNYARD STATION AND PROPOSED WYNYARD TUNNEL—Mr Jamie Parker asked the Minister for Transport—

- (1) What is the forecast hourly capacity of the proposed Wynyard tunnel?
- (2) What is the current hourly capacity of Wynyard Station?

- (3) How much of the extra capacity delivered by the proposed Wynyard tunnel will be handled by Wynyard Station?
- (4) What plans are in place to increase the capacity of Wynyard Station in order to handle the increased flow of people through the proposed Wynyard tunnel?

Answer—

- (1) The pedestrian tunnel to be constructed as part of the Wynyard Walk project has been designed for a capacity of up to 20,000 pedestrians per hour.
- (2) In 2011, the number of rail passengers exiting through Wynyard Station's ticket gates in the morning peak ranged between 22,000 and 24,000 passengers per hour, however between 8-9,000 people currently use the Kent St exit per hour.
- (3) and (4) Transport for New South Wales will undertake a number of upgrades to the station to improve pedestrian flow. These works include installing additional ticket gates and widening the concourse area leading to the entrance of Wynyard Walk. Long-term plans for CBD stations will be dealt with by the Long Term Transport Master Plan, due by the end of the year.

\*1919 SCHOOL HAND WASHING FACILITIES—Ms Carmel Tebbutt asked the Minister for Education—

Are government schools required to provide satisfactory hand washing facilities for students, including soap and paper towels or hand dryers?

Answer—

NSW Government schools are required to provide appropriate cleansing agents and a method of drying for student hand washing.

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(Paper No. 81)

\*1920 LIMITED TENURE OF GRAVE SITES—Mr Richard Amery asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Small Business—

- (1) Has the Government announced the review of legislation that covers all aspects of the funeral industry in New South Wales?
- (2) (a) Will this review include consideration of the burial system known as limited tenure of grave sites?
- (b) If so, will the Minister rule out adopting a limited tenure of grave sites policy?

Answer—

- (1) I recently announced significant reforms in Cemetery and Crematoria management in NSW. These reforms include a more streamlined management of the Rookwood Necropolis, a commitment to develop a single piece of legislation to streamline management and governance of all cemeteries in NSW and the establishment of a NSW Cemeteries and Crematoria Board to replace the Crown Cemeteries Advisory Committee (CCAC).
- (2) (a) While the CCAC has developed a position on renewable tenure burials, the Government is still to consider this policy approach.
- (b) No.

\*1921 PENALTIES AND DETERRENTS FOR CRIMES—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

- (1) In view of the increasing crimes in the Hunter, including armed robberies, what is the Government doing to make the penalties fit the crime and discourage people from committing crimes?
- (2) What programs can magistrates direct people who have committed a crime undertake to enable them to see the consequences of their actions against their victims?
- (3) What additional resources are being spent to increase programs that work to deter a person from reoffending?

Answer—

I am advised:



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The Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (BOCSAR) recently released its annual recorded crime statistics that show that crime is generally stable in the Hunter, with only one offence (steal from motor vehicle) showing an upward trend.

The Law Reform Commission of NSW (LRC) is currently reviewing the Crimes (Sentencing Procedure) Act 1999 including consideration of current sentencing principles, the need to ensure that sentencing courts are provided with adequate options and discretions and opportunities to simplify the law whilst providing a framework that ensures transparency and consistency. The LRC will report in October 2012. Details of the review are available on the Lawlink website.

There are currently a number of innovative court-based programs available in NSW, which are designed to discourage reoffending. Of these programs, the NSW Drug Court, Forum Sentencing and the Magistrates Early Referral Into Treatment (MERIT) program are all available within the Hunter region.

While the Drug Court and MERIT are designed to address the offender's drug and/or alcohol problems in order to prevent reoffending, Forum Sentencing is specifically designed to bring the offender face to face with the victim in order to discuss what happened, the harm caused by the offence and prepare an "intervention plan" for the offender.

The NSW Government has also committed resources to further measures aimed at reducing reoffending. This includes providing funding for education and training programs in prison and creating a dedicated Metropolitan Drug Treatment Facility for offenders (other than sex offenders) convicted of drug related crimes.

\*1922 NEPEAN HOSPITAL TELEHEALTH TECHNOLOGY CENTRE—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

With regards to the promised \$2 million for Telehealth Technology Centre at Nepean Hospital;

- (1) What will be the main purpose(s) of this centre?
- (2) What will be the total cost of this centre for:
  - (a) establishment;
  - (b) recurrent funding?
- (3) How much of this \$2 million funding will be allocated in the 2011-12 financial year?
- (4) How much of the allocated budget has been spent as at 31 March 2012?
- (5) Is the centre operational?
- (6) If yes;
  - (a) On what date did operations begin?
  - (b) How many patients have utilised the Telehealth service?
  - (c) What services were the most used?
- (7) If no, when does the Minister expect services to begin?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The Nepean Telehealth Technology Centre will support the health of the people of Western Sydney and regional and rural NSW through the provision of health services through telehealth. The Centre will complement other statewide telehealth strategies to support clinicians and patients in rural and regional areas providing access to clinical advice and education.
- (2) (a) and (b) \$2 million which allows for the infrastructure to be established using advances in broadband and technology. Funding will be provided over four years at \$500,000 per annum. There is no recurrent funding attached to this project.
- (3) \$500,000 was received in October 2011.
- (4) Orders have been placed for equipment and this initial funding will be expended by 30 June 2012.
- (5) The Centre has been established with Professor Mohamed Khadra chairing a Steering Committee to develop and oversee the workplan of the Centre.
- (6) The first meeting of the Steering Committee was held in October 2011.
- (7) It is expected that services will be provided by the Centre commencing in the 2012-13 financial year.

\*1923 NSW PAIN MANAGEMENT PLAN—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

With regards to the Minister's statement in October 2011 that the report of the taskforce into the promised statewide NSW Pain Management Plan would be submitted to the Government on 30 September 2011 (Written Question 0951):

- (1) On what date was the report submitted to the Government?

- (2) Has the report been made publically available?
  - (a) If yes, on what date?
  - (b) If no, when is release planned?
- (3) (a) Has the statewide NSW Pain Management Plan been released?
  - (b) If no, when is the planned release date?
- (4) What funding enhancements specifically for pain management services are included in the 2011-12 budget?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) to (4) The NSW Pain Management Taskforce, established by this Government, submitted a draft NSW Pain Management Plan for consideration in October 2011. The Ministry of Health and the Agency for Clinical Innovation Pain Management Network are working closely to develop the Model of Care and corresponding resources which will be part of the upcoming State Budget.

\*1925 COMMUNITY PHARMACIES—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

With regards to the \$10 million commitment for Community Pharmacies and the \$2 million committed for the 2011-12 financial year by the Government (Written Question 0921):

- (1) How much has been spent by 31 March 2012?
- (2) How has the money been spent?
- (3) Have any patients been seen/treated under this programme as at 31 March 2012?
- (4) Who is on the expert committee?
- (5) How many times has the committee met?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) to (3) Following extensive consultation, the Ministry of Health has recently finalised contract negotiations with the National Stroke Foundation and Pharmacy Guild of Australia (NSW) to deliver the "Know Your Numbers" program as the community health checks component of the Community Pharmacies commitment.

As at March 2012, \$1.2 million had been allocated to the Stroke Foundation and the Pharmacy Guild to run the community health checks program.

- (4) to (5) The Advisory Group included representation from the National Stroke Foundation, the Pharmacy Guild of Australia, General Practice NSW, Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, Australian Diabetes Council and the Heart Foundation. The Advisory Group has met 4 times in the past 8 months.

\*1926 PREVENTATIVE HEALTH FIGHTING FUND—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

With regards to the preventative health fighting fund, and the \$24.1 million committed by the Federal Government for the 2011-12 financial year (Written Question 0763):

- (1) What is the NSW Government allocation for 2011-12?
- (2) What is the total 2011-12 budget for this fund?
- (3) How many positions have been funded?
- (4) How many staff have been recruited?
- (5) In which location in South Western Sydney is the office?
- (6) What work has been performed to date?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) to (6) In 2011-12 the budget allocation for obesity initiatives in NSW is over \$35 million.

The Office of Preventative Health will be located in existing NSW Health accommodation in South Western Sydney in accordance with the NSW Government's commitment.

Governance arrangements for the Office of Preventative Health are currently being finalised.

\*1927 BLUE MOUNTAINS HOSPITAL MATERNITY UNIT—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

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Was the Blue Mountains Hospital maternity unit closed for deliveries at any time from 1 July 2011 to 31 March 2012?

- (a) If yes, on which day(s)?
- (b) For what reasons?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Blue Mountains Hospital Maternity Unit was closed for deliveries from 5 July 2011 to 7 July 2011 due to wind storms. There were contingency plans in place to ensure that women who presented to the Hospital to birth during this period were appropriately cared for.

\*1928 CHRONIC HEPATITIS B—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) What estimates does NSW Health have of the number of people in NSW with chronic hepatitis B?
- (2) How many and what percentage of this number are expected to suffer life-threatening complications from this disease (such as cirrhosis or liver cancer)?
- (3) What provisions does NSW Health provide to allow these patients to access treatment?
- (4) What is the recommended treatment?
- (5) What funding is provided by NSW Health specifically for hepatitis B diagnosis and treatment?
- (6) How is this treatment supervised by NSW Health?
- (7) What enhancements are planned by NSW Health for hepatitis B services in the 2011-12 budget?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) and (2) Hepatitis B statistics are publically available from: the University of NSW website:

[http://www.med.unsw.edu.au/NCHECRweb.nsf/resources/2011/\\$file/KIRBY\\_ASR2011.pdf](http://www.med.unsw.edu.au/NCHECRweb.nsf/resources/2011/$file/KIRBY_ASR2011.pdf)

The World Health Organisation estimates that approximately 25% of those diagnosed with chronic hepatitis B infection will develop advanced liver disease later in life:

<http://www.who.int/mediacentre/factsheets/fs204/en/>

(3) to (4) The management, monitoring and treatment for hepatitis B in NSW is provided in specialist public and private gastroenterology/liver services. General Practitioners play a key role in screening, monitoring and routine follow-up of patients with chronic hepatitis B.

People who are chronically infected with hepatitis B but have no liver damage do not require treatment, but require monitoring with regular blood tests and liver ultrasound as well as advice on lifestyle management. This monitoring and routine follow-up can occur in general practice settings as part of a patient's primary care.

If a person does have liver damage, antiviral medication for hepatitis B is considered, to suppress replication of the virus and decrease the risk of serious liver disease developing later in life. However, it is very rare that treatment will cure hepatitis B infection.

The Australian Government through the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme funds several different medications to treat chronic hepatitis B.

(5) The NSW Ministry of Health allocates funding to Local Health District (LHDs) to provide comparable and comprehensive access to services that meet the health needs of their population, including services for the diagnosis, treatment and care of people with hepatitis B. LHDs also liaise closely with General Practitioners and Medicare Locals to develop initiatives that respond to local need and improve clinical referral pathways for people with hepatitis B.

The Ministry also provides funding to projects that aim to increase diagnosis of, and facilitate access to treatment for, chronic hepatitis B in NSW. NSW Health has proposed to the Commonwealth a new arrangement that would pilot the initiation of anti-viral medication in the general practice setting.

(6) Under current arrangements, anti-viral medication is initiated by and monitored in specialist gastroenterology services, in both the public and the private health system. LHDs are provided with the resources to supervise treatment in public health settings. NSW Health is exploring shared-care models of monitoring and treatment between public specialist services and General Practice which will support and enhance the involvement of General Practitioners in providing access to treatment for their patients with chronic hepatitis B.

(7) The NSW Ministry of Health is currently developing the first NSW Hepatitis B Strategy 2012-2015. The Strategy will provide a framework for hepatitis B prevention, diagnosis, monitoring, treatment and care, and will build on the existing strengths in the healthcare system and in the communities most affected by hepatitis B.

\*1929 INCLUSION OF DENTAL HEALTH IN THE SEVERE CHRONIC DISEASE MANAGEMENT PLAN—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

With regards to the promised feasibility study on the inclusion of dental health in the severe chronic disease management plan:

- (1) Has this feasibility report been completed?
- (2) If not:
  - (a) When will the report be submitted to the Government?
  - (b) When will the report be made publicly available?
- (3) If yes:
  - (a) What date was the study completed?
  - (b) What were the study's conclusions?
  - (c) What steps has the Minister's department taken to act on the report's findings?
  - (d) What is the expected cost of including dental health in the severe chronic disease management plan?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) to (3) The Member's question refers to one of the terms of reference of the Ministerial Taskforce on Dental Health.

The Taskforce Report is being considered by the Government.

\*1930 WESTMEAD HOSPITAL EXPENDITURE—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

With regards to Westmead Hospital:

- (1) What was the total expenditure for the following years:
  - (a) 2010-11;
  - (b) 2009-10;
  - (c) 2008-09;
  - (d) 2007-08?
- (2) What was the allocated budget for the following years:
  - (a) 2010-11;
  - (b) 2009-10;
  - (c) 2008-09;
  - (d) 2007-08?
- (3) What is the allocated budget for 2011-12?
- (4) What is the current expenditure for 2011-12 as at 31 March 2012?
- (5) What capital expenditure was allocated in the following years:
  - (a) 2011-12;
  - (b) 2010-11;
  - (c) 2009-10;
  - (d) 2008-09?
- (6) What capital expenditure is planned for 2011-12?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) to (6) Budgets are allocated by the Ministry of Health to Local Health Districts (LHD) on a whole of LHD basis for all facilities under their control. Decisions regarding facility budgets are made at the local level allowing resources to be allocated where they are most needed.

Information on expenditure is subject to audit each year and audited financial statements are published in the NSW Health Annual Reports.

\*1931 SYDNEY RECORDS CENTRE—Mr Jamie Parker asked the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

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- (1) Is the Sydney Records Centre located at 2 Globe Street Sydney (the city reading room) scheduled to close on 30 June 2012?
- (2) If so:
  - (a) What are the reasons for this closure?
  - (b) Is this closure permanent?
  - (c) Were any other options considered that would have allowed the city reading room to have remained open?
  - (d) Was any consultation undertaken before making the decision to close the city reading room?
  - (e) How many people currently use the reading room per week?
  - (f) What factors were taken into consideration before making the decision to close the city reading room?
  - (g) Following the closure, where will people be able to research NSW Government history and documentation?

Answer—

- (1) Yes.
- (2) Since 2004 members of the public have travelled to Kingswood to access original records. State Records' CBD reading room has only provided access to copied material. It is estimated that around 40 people currently use the reading room each week for research.

In response to the closure State Records proposes to distribute copied material to appropriate bodies in the CBD, including the State Library, and also to regional centres.

State Records is also exploring options to undertake more digitising of the State's archive to provide the public with on-line access to its collection.

\*1933 PETROLEUM EXPLORATION LICENCES—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Resources and Energy, Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Central Coast—

- (1) Can the Government cancel Petroleum Exploration Licences when they expire?
- (2) Will the Government cancel the Petroleum Exploration Licences in the Illawarra listed as PEL 442 and PEL 444?
- (3) Will the Government release all papers on the PEL 444 renewal?

Answer—

- (1) to (3) The Member would be aware that the former Labor government issued and renewed numerous petroleum exploration licences across NSW without community consultation. This includes the PELs the Member refers to.

A renewal of a petroleum exploration licence can be refused on grounds specified in the Petroleum (Onshore) Act 1991.

\*1934 PETROLEUM EXPLORATION LICENCES—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Small Business—

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Answer—

Matters concerning Petroleum Exploration Licences fall under the administration of The Hon Chris Hartcher MP, Minister for Resources and Energy, whom I believe you have asked the same question. Please refer to the response provided to Written Question No 1933.

\*1935 HOUSING NSW WAITING TIMES—Mr Ryan Park asked the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

In reference to Housing NSW waiting times (Written Question 1579):

- (1) What does the term "on time" mean in relation to the NSW Land & Housing Corporation maintenance contract?
- (2) What is the specific timeframe to complete work orders under this contract?

Answer—

- (1) The term "on time" in relation to NSW Land & Housing Corporation maintenance contract means that maintenance work orders issued to the contractor have been completed according to the

contract's specified target timeframes as detailed below. The period of time commences from when the order is raised and issued to the Contractor.

- (2) Specific works orders completion timeframes for this contract are prioritised based on their urgency or risk category:

Urgent - 4 hours  
Priority 1 - 24 hours  
Priority 2 - 48 hours  
Priority 3 - 72 hours  
Responsive Work - 20 days

In certain circumstances there are provisions for an extension to the period of time for a work order to be completed. This may occur due to a delay in obtaining access to the premises, or at the tenant's request.

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1936 BREAKDOWN LANES—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

\*1937 MONITORING OF CESSNOCK CITY COUNCIL—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Local Government, and Minister for the North Coast—

With regard to monitoring of Cessnock City Council (CCC) by Department of Local Government (DLG) officials:

- (1) On how many occasions and on what dates have DLG officials attended CCC meetings since 1 July 2011?
- (2) (a) Was there a request from CCC to have DLG officials attend?  
(b) If so, from whom did that request originate?  
(c) If not, what prompted their attendance?
- (3) As there are conflicting reports and timelines about a recent submission to ICAC from CCC, and the Acting General Manager made comments to the media about a submission to ICAC at a time that may have preceded the ICAC submission actually being lodged:
  - (a) Did the Minister ask for an explanation from the Mayor of CCC?
  - (b) If so, will such an explanation include submissions from other councillors?

Answer—

I provide the following details in response to your questions:

- (1) Once, on 7 March 2012.
- (2) (a) No.  
(b) Not applicable.  
(c) Concerns held by the Division of Local Government, Department of Premier and Cabinet, regarding the performance of the Council.
- (3) (a) It would be inappropriate to comment on matters between CCC and ICAC.  
(b) Not applicable.

1938 CESSNOCK GAOL EXTENSION—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

1939 KURRI KURRI PRESCHOOL—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Education—

\*1940 KURRI KURRI HOSPITAL REHABILITATION FACILITIES—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

With regard to the new rehabilitation facilities being built at Kurri Kurri Hospital:

- (1) What is the expected cost of this new facility?
- (2) How many patients/persons will it treat at any one given time?
- (3) Was this development a commitment and arrangement of the former Government?

Answer—

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I am advised:

I refer the Member to a media release I recently issued regarding Kurri Kurri Hospital at:  
[http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/news/2012/20120319\\_01.html](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/news/2012/20120319_01.html)

\*1941 KURRI KURRI TAFE—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

With regard to the Kurri Kurri TAFE facility:

- (1) Has the facility reached capacity in some sectors such as Heavy Vehicle Mechanical?
- (2) Are Heavy Vehicle Mechanical skills an essential element to the mining industry?
- (3) Is the limited space at Kurri Kurri TAFE preventing industry from expanding their apprenticeship numbers?
- (4) Is the limited space at Kurri Kurri TAFE restricting the growth and capacity of the mining sector in NSW?
- (5) Is the limited space at Kurri Kurri TAFE creating a "bidding war" of wages for skilled workers which impacts on the workforce of the general community?

Answer—

I am advised:

The TAFE NSW Hunter Institute (the Hunter Institute) provides trade and post trade training across a range of programs related to servicing and repairing plant and heavy vehicle equipment. This training provides skills which are important to the mining industry.

The majority of this training is delivered through the Institute's existing Plant and Heavy Vehicle Mechanics training centre located at the Kurri Kurri Campus.

With the growth of the mining and civil engineering industries in the Hunter region the demand for Heavy Vehicle Mechanical training has grown strongly over the past seven years.

This growth has seen the Hunter Institute enrol additional apprentices across its three year training program. All of the training needs for apprentices relevant to the mining sector in 2012 have been accommodated at campuses within the Hunter Institute.

TAFE NSW has a long history of working effectively with the mining industry and supporting its workforce development needs. The Hunter Institute is committed to providing training for all apprentices, and continuing to work with industry to ensure that employer demand is met.

Because existing demand is being met at other TAFE campuses, the NSW Government is not aware of any "bidding war".

\*1942 FLYING FOX COMMUNITIES—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Small Business—

With regard to flying fox communities in NSW:

- (1) Are there "problem" flying fox communities in Singleton and Maitland?
- (2) What steps are being taken to address flying fox populations across NSW?
- (3) What work is being done by the Government to support local councils in addressing localised flying fox colonies?
- (4) (a) Are there flying fox species still on the "endangered species" list?  
(b) If so, what type, what numbers and how have these numbers varied in the past 5 years?

Answer—

The questions raised by Mr Barr fall under the administration of The Hon Robyn Parker MP, Minister for the Environment and Minister for Heritage, and should be directed accordingly for response.

1943 GREYHOUND RACING—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Hospitality and Racing, and Minister for the Arts—

1944 NSW WINES—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Hospitality and Racing, and Minister for the Arts—

\*1945 RETAIL TRADE AMENDMENT BILL 2012—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

With regard to the Retail Trade Amendment Bill 2012, what strategies will prosecute business owners should they exert pressure on employees to work on any of the 4 ½ public holidays listed?

Answer—

The Retail Trading Amendment Bill 2012 is currently before the Legislative Council.

All proposals under the Retail Trading Amendment Bill 2012 relating to work performed on restricted trading days are conditional on the basis that the shop is staffed by persons who have freely elected to work on the relevant day.

If the occupier of a shop fails to comply with a condition of the above exemption, the occupier will have committed an offence with a maximum penalty of 50 penalty points and will be liable to prosecution.

\*1948 UPGRADE OF SYDENHAM STATION—Ms Kristina Keneally asked the Minister for Transport—

Regarding the current upgrade of Sydenham Station:

- (1) What is the scope of works?
- (2) What is the budget allocation for the works?
- (3) What are the benefits that this upgrade will deliver to commuters?
- (4) What is the projected completion date?
- (5) Did the previous Government plan for the upgrade of Sydenham Station to commence in 2011, as was indicated in CityRail plans prior to 26 March 2011?

Answer—

(1) and (3) The scope of works includes:

- New concourse including new station entrance and retail space
- New ticket office and ticket windows
- Additional ticket vending machine
- New public and family accessible toilets
- Four new lifts
- Expansion of the station forecourt area
- New bicycle storage facilities
- New staircases to access the platforms
- Platform resurfacing
- Additional passenger information screens; and
- Improvements to station lighting and CCTV cameras in concourse.

(2) The budget allocation for the upgrade is approximately \$41 million.

(4) Late 2013

(5) The methods used by the previous Government in managing Sydney's rail network are unclear.

1952 SUICIDE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Healthy Lifestyles, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

\*1954 REVIEW OF STRATA AND COMMUNITY SCHEME LAWS—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Fair Trading—

- (1) When will the next round of consultation commence for the review of strata and community scheme laws?
- (2) What groups will be invited to provide submissions during this period?
- (3) Will a discussion paper based on the first round of public consultation be released prior to or during this period?

Answer—

The next round of consultation is anticipated to commence in mid 2012.

All groups with an interest in strata and community scheme laws will be notified of the release of an issues paper and the opportunity to provide submissions.

1955 BASS HILL SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Education—

\*1956 BANKSTOWN HOSPITAL PARKING—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) Will the Government provide additional parking at Bankstown hospital for patient's use?
- (2) Can the Minister commit to increasing the allocation of parking for disabled persons at Bankstown Hospital?



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Answer—

I am advised:

Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital is continually monitoring the car parking availability for its patients, visitors and staff.

The South Western Sydney Local Health District is currently reviewing the Clinical Services Development Plan 2011 which explores parking options for Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital.

\*1957 MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT IN PRIVATE SECTOR—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

Given recent legislation to ban Members of Parliament from also serving as councillors:

- (1) Will the Premier now take action to prevent Members of Parliament working in the private sector?
- (2) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Government has amended the Local Government Act 1993 to prevent Members of Parliament from also being councillors. This reform will bring NSW into line with Victoria, Queensland, South Australia and Western Australia.

There are processes in place to identify potential conflicts of interest between Members' private interests and their Parliamentary duties.

In particular, Members of Parliament are required to disclose sources of income, including income received as an employee or as the holder of an office in a corporation, in the Register of Pecuniary Interests under the Constitution (Disclosure by Members) Regulation 1983.

Members are also required to disclose secondary employment and engagements at the start of a Parliamentary debate under the Code of Conduct for Members in certain circumstances.

\*1958 MINISTERIAL RESPONSIBILITIES—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

As four Cabinet Ministers had stated in their 2011 Pecuniary Interest Returns that they receive income from work in the private sector:

- (1) Will the Premier instruct these Ministers to give up their additional work so that they can focus on their Ministerial responsibilities?
- (2) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

Ministers are required to comply with the Code of Conduct for Ministers of the Crown.

1959 LOCAL SCHOOLS LOCAL DECISIONS—FUNDING—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—

1960 LOCAL SCHOOLS LOCAL DECISIONS—PERFORMANCE—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—

1961 LOCAL SCHOOLS LOCAL DECISIONS—PERMANENT STAFF—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—

1962 LOCAL SCHOOLS LOCAL DECISIONS—INCENTIVE TRANSFERS—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—

1963 LOCAL SCHOOLS LOCAL DECISIONS—SALARY INCREASES—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—

1965 POLICE RECRUITS TO FAIRFIELD LOCAL AREA COMMAND—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—

- 1966 CONFISCATED LICENCE PLATES—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—
- 1967 REGISTERING INFRINGING VEHICLES—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—
- \*1968 GRASS AROUND ROADS IN FAIRFIELD ELECTORATE—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- (1) (a) Can the Minister confirm if RMS is responsible for the maintenance of grass around state controlled roads in the Fairfield Electorate?
  - (b) If so, what system is in place to ensure that the grass around major thoroughfares remain at a reasonable level?
  - (2) How often is the grass around state controlled roads in the Fairfield area mowed?
- Answer—  
I am advised:
- (1) (a) Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) is responsible for mowing medians on state roads and some verges on the Cumberland Highway. However, most verges and footways are maintained by council.
  - (b) RMS has recently re-let major mowing contracts for Western Sydney.
  - (2) Mowing is undertaken eight times per year, although this has been somewhat disrupted over summer due to persistent rain preventing access.
- \*1969 FAULTY LICENCE PLATES—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- (1) What is the expected lifespan of an RMS issued licence plate?
  - (2) What provisions are in place for the replacement of faulty licence plates which are no longer considered roadworthy, after a period of time shorter than its expected lifespan?
- Answer—  
I am advised:
- (1) In normal circumstances, and under normal conditions, Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) would expect a general issue number plate to last at least seven years. The number plate manufacturer provides a seven year warranty on general issue number plates, and a five year warranty on special number plates.
  - (2) In cases where a plate under normal use fails prior to the end of the warranty period, RMS will replace the plate at no cost.
- 1970 REPROVISIONING OF CRUISE SHIPS—Mr Jamie Parker to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- \*1972 CONTAMINATION AT BARANGAROO—Mr Jamie Parker asked the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- (1) What is the current estimate of the cost to the Government of remediating the contamination at Barangaroo, including the site of the gas works?
  - (2) (a) Has DECWA measured the contaminants flowing into the harbour from Barangaroo Central?
  - (b) If yes, what are the results?
  - (3) (a) Has DECWA ordered immediate remedial action of the gas works source of contamination?
  - (b) If no, why not?
  - (4) Has there been visible seepage into the harbour at Barangaroo South following recent heavy rains?
  - (5) Is there any evidence of contamination reaching the harbour at Barangaroo Central?
  - (6) Has DECWA introduced regular testing of the harbour waters?
  - (a) If so, where are the results published?
  - (b) If not, why not?
  - (c) If not, are there plans to introduce regular testing of the harbour waters?
  - (7) Has Lend Lease erected waterproof walls or used any other methods to prevent groundwater flowing into the Barangaroo South excavation from Hickson Road and Barangaroo Central?

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- (8) Has Lend Lease erected waterproof walls or used any other methods along the harbour front at Barangaroo South to prevent contaminated groundwater reaching the harbour from the excavation?
- (9) Has Lend Lease taken any steps to prevent contaminated groundwater from reaching the harbour from the excavation?
- (10) When will the SISCO trial be completed?
- (11) When will conclusions be reached about whether it is appropriate to remediate the gas works source of contamination and the contamination in Barangaroo Central?
- (12) What is the plan for remediating the source of the contamination under Hickson Road and the contamination at Barangaroo Central?
  - (a) When will this plan be commenced?
  - (b) Does this plan for remediation of Hickson Road and Barangaroo Central rely on experimental SISCO technology?
  - (c) Is there a backup strategy that can be reasonably implemented in the absence of a temporary road through Barangaroo South and maintaining Hickson Road as a main traffic artery?
- (13) Is there any plan to arrest any contaminants flow if the Barangaroo South excavation exacerbates the flow?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) As published in the NSW Auditor General's Report into Government Expenditure and Transport Planning in relation to implementing Barangaroo, the Authority's overall estimate for remediation costs across the site is \$112 million.
- (2) Measurements are being undertaken by the Barangaroo Delivery Authority.
- (3) Parts of Barangaroo and Hickson Road were declared as a remediation site under the Contaminated Land Management Act 1997 (the Act) on 6 May 2009. The Barangaroo Delivery Authority prepared a Voluntary Management Proposal, as required under the Act, which was accepted by the Environment Protection Authority on 23 July 2010. The Voluntary Management Proposal outlines the process and timing of remediation for the declared area.
- (4) All water is collected by the on-site water treatment plant and treated before being released into the harbour.
- (5) All water is collected by the on-site water treatment plant and treated before being released into the harbour.
- (6) Lend Lease undertakes sampling in accordance with the environmental protection licence and the results are published in a monthly report provided to the EPA and from 1 July 2012, they will be published on the Barangaroo website.
- (7) Lend Lease are constructing a diaphragm wall to prevent groundwater and harbour water entering into the excavation.
- (8) All water is collected by the on-site water treatment plant and treated before being released into the harbour.
- (9) All ground water within the excavation is captured and treated in the on-site water treatment plant before discharge.
- (10) The trial will be deemed to have been completed once either discontinued or the Trial Report is lodged with the Environment Protection Authority.
- (11) The remediation of the gasworks was considered as part of the preparation of the Voluntary Management Proposal. Any potential contamination in Central will be assessed as part of the planning process for Barangaroo Central.
- (12) A Remediation Action Plan will be prepared for the declared area including Hickson Road. A separate Remediation Action Plan will be prepared for Barangaroo Central (outside the declared area).
- (13) The Barangaroo Independent Remediation Review found "As there is minimal inflow of groundwater from east of the Barangaroo site the potential for movement of this groundwater around the eastern perimeter of the basement car park is not considered significant." And "that on balance the construction of the basement car park will result in an overall improvement in impact to Darling Harbour".

\*1974 LEND LEASE DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS FOR BARANGAROO CENTRAL—Mr Jamie Parker asked the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) Is the Government giving Lend Lease development rights for part or all of Barangaroo Central to compensate for the loss of the hotel in the harbour?
- (2) Has Lend Lease found any cornerstone tenants?

(3) Is the Government moving its offices from Governor Macquarie Tower to Barangaroo?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) No.
- (2) Lend Lease continues to make progress on leasing at Barangaroo South and will provide information to Government, the Australian Stock Exchange and the public at key points in that process.
- (3) There are no plans to do so.

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- 1975 ADOPTION BY SAME SEX COUPLES—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 1976 NEW LIFE NSW CAMPAIGN—Mr Michael Daley to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Trade and Investment, and Minister for Regional Infrastructure and Services—
- 1977 HUNTER STADIUM TRANSPORT—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 1978 CARERS IN THE ELECTORATE OF WALLSEND—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Ageing, and Minister for Disability Services—
- 1979 HUNTER DRUG AND ALCOHOL SERVICES—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 1980 HUNTER PUBLIC HOUSING PROPERTIES—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 1981 LAKE MACQUARIE LOCAL AREA COMMAND—POLICE NUMBERS—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—
- 1982 YOUTH CRIME IN JESMOND PRECINCT—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—
- 1983 FUNDS RAISED FROM SALE OF CARDIFF POLICE STATION—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—
- 1984 REPLACEMENT OF TRANSIT OFFICERS—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—
- 1985 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO GARARD PTY LTD—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 1986 LICENSING OF SEX WORKERS AND BROTHELS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Resources and Energy, Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Central Coast—
- 1987 SKILLS TRAINING AUSTRALIA GROUP PTY LTD—FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 1988 SKILLS TRAINING AUSTRALIA GROUP PTY LTD—FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 1989 SUICIDE NUMBERS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 1990 BUSINESSLINK REDUNDANCIES—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

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- 1991 JUDICIAL APPOINTMENT COMMISSION—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 1992 JOHN MORONY CORRECTIONAL CENTRE—INTENSIVE DRUG TREATMENT FACILITY—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 1993 CUBIT PROGRAM—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 1994 JUDGEMENT BY MCLAUGHLIN ASJ—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 1995 PROSECUTIONS FOR OFFENCES UNDER SECTIONS 80D AND 80E OF CRIMES ACT—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 1996 AUSTRALIAN TERTIARY ADMISSION RANK—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Education—
- 1997 SUICIDES AT STAR CASINO PREMISES—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 1998 PUBLIC HOSPITAL DENTAL CARE SERVICE DELIVERY—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Healthy Lifestyles, and Minister for Western New South Wales—
- 1999 AUSTRALIAN VACCINATION NETWORK FUNDRAISING—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Hospitality and Racing, and Minister for the Arts—
- 2000 MENTAL HEALTH BEDS AT CAMPBELLTOWN HOSPITAL—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Healthy Lifestyles, and Minister for Western New South Wales—
- 2001 PLANNED MENTAL HEALTH UNIT—SHOALHAVEN HOSPITAL SITE—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Healthy Lifestyles, and Minister for Western New South Wales—
- 2002 COAL SEAM GAS MINING—HEALTH EFFECTS—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 2003 GUNNING WATER SUPPLY—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 2004 MOOREBANK INTERMODAL TERMINAL—HEALTH EFFECTS—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 2005 HOUSING NSW MAINTENANCE ISSUES—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 2006 WYNYARD STATION UPGRADE AND TUNNEL CONSTRUCTION—Mr Jamie Parker to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 2007 COST TO RECONSTRUCT HEADLAND AND COVES AT BARANGAROO—Mr Jamie Parker to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 2008 PAYMENTS TO SYDNEY HARBOUR FORESHORE AUTHORITY—Mr Jamie Parker to ask the Treasurer—
- 2009 COMMUTER CRIME UNIT—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—
- 2010 VISIONCARE PROGRAM—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

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- 2011 ASSAULTS ON STAFF AT CUMBERLAND HOSPITAL—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 2012 CRIMINAL INFRINGEMENT NOTICES ISSUED—Ms Sonia Horner 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—
- 2013 UNPAID FINES FOR CRIMINAL INFRINGEMENT NOTICES—Ms Sonia Horner to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 2014 INNER CITY CHILDCARE—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Education—
- 2015 HOUSING PATHWAYS EVALUATION—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 2016 EASTERN SUBURBS LIGHT RAIL—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 2017 INNER CITY COMMUNITY TRANSPORT—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 2018 HARRIS STREET ULTIMO—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 2019 NOISY VEHICLES—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—
- 2020 OXFORD STREET—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Small Business—
- 2021 COMPENSATION FOR INJURED WORKERS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 2022 FITTING OF SPRINKLERS TO AGED CARE HOMES—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Ageing, and Minister for Disability Services—
- 2023 SPECIALIST HOMELESSNESS SERVICES—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 2024 ROLE OF TEACHER LIBRARIANS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Education—
- 2025 STAFFING OF SCHOOL LIBRARIES WITH PROFESSIONAL TEACHER LIBRARIANS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Education—
- 2026 MEMORIAL DRIVE—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 2027 DENTAL HEALTH TASKFORCE REPORT—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Healthy Lifestyles, and Minister for Western New South Wales—
- 2028 COST FORECAST FOR WYNYARD STATION AND PROPOSED PEDESTRIAN TUNNEL—Mr Jamie Parker to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 2029 BARANGAROO DELIVERY AUTHORITY—VALUE SHARING PAYMENTS—Mr Jamie Parker to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 2030 WHITE BAY CRUISE SHIP TERMINAL—Mr Jamie Parker to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
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- 2062 RENT INCREASE FOR SOCIAL HOUSING—Mr Jamie Parker to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
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- 2065 HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE—SCIENCE SUBJECTS STUDIED—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—
- 2066 APPLICATIONS FOR PLACEMENT IN GW10 AREA—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 2067 NEW PUBLIC BUSES FOR ELECTORATE OF FAIRFIELD—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 2068 RAILCORP TRANSIT OFFICERS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 2069 WESTERN SYDNEY A-LEAGUE TEAM—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation—
- 2070 OPERATION SPARTAN—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—
- 2071 SMITHFIELD INDUSTRIAL ESTATE—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—
- 2072 DEMOUNTABLES AT FAIRVALE HIGH SCHOOL—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Education—

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- 2073 VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Small Business—
- (1) (a) Does the Department of Primary Industries collect data on the value of agricultural industries in various parts of the State?
- (b) If so, what is the current value of agricultural production in the Sydney Basin?



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- (2) Is the value referred to in question (1) (b) above broken up into local government regions?  
(3) What are the five most valuable agricultural industries in the Sydney Basin?
- 2074 WIDENING OF M5 TUNNEL—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- (1) Should the M5 tunnel be widened, how much open space will be lost along the tunnel corridor that currently houses valuable native vegetation and wildlife?  
(2) Can a timeframe be advised on when these works will eventuate and how long construction will take?
- 2075 CHILDREN PARTICIPATING IN ORGANISED SPORT—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation—
- Are there any plans by the Government to introduce funding to assist parents to meet the increasing cost of children participating in organised sport?
- 2076 BELLS LINE OF ROAD—Mr Robert Furolo to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- With regards to the Bells Line of Road:
- (1) How much is being invested on upgrading the Great Western Highway in the 2011-12 budget?  
(2) How much is planned for investment for the Great Western Highway in 2012-13?  
(3) How much is in the 2011-12 budget for upgrading the Bells Line of Road?  
(4) How much is in the 2012-13 budget for upgrading the Bells Line of Road?  
(5) How much has been set aside for land acquisition for upgrades along the Bells Line of Road?
- 2077 CLIENTS FROM A NON-ENGLISH SPEAKING AND CULTURALLY DIVERSE BACKGROUND—Mr Robert Furolo to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- With regards to culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) clients of the NSW Department of the Attorney General and Justice:
- (1) What programs does the Department of the Attorney General and Justice have to assist individuals from a non-English speaking and culturally diverse background access its services?  
(2) What is the value of these programs for the 2011-12 financial year?  
(3) What was the value of these programs for the 2010-11 and 2009-10 financial years?
- 2078 CLIENTS FROM A NON-ENGLISH SPEAKING AND CULTURALLY DIVERSE BACKGROUND—Mr Robert Furolo to ask the Minister for Education—
- With regards to culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) clients of the NSW Department of Education and Training (DET):
- (1) What programs does the DET have to assist individuals from a non-English speaking and culturally diverse background access DET services?  
(2) What is the value of these programs for the 2011-12 financial year?  
(3) What was the value of these programs for the 2010-11 and 2010-09 financial years?
- 2079 PRE-SALE TRANSACTIONAL SCOPING STUDY FOR LEASING OF PORT BOTANY—Mr Robert Furolo to ask the Treasurer—
- With regards the pre-sale transactional scoping study for the leasing of the Port Botany assets:
- (1) Who or what organisation has the Government engaged to conduct the pre-sale transactional scoping study for the leasing of the Port Botany assets?  
(2) What are the terms of reference for the pre-sale transactional scoping study for the leasing of the Port Botany assets?  
(3) When is the study due to be completed?  
(4) Will the study be publicly released in full?  
(5) What is the cost of the study?  
(6) What is the Government's timeline for the lease of Port Botany?
- 2080 NEWCASTLE RAIL LINE—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW—
- Given the comments by Infrastructure NSW chairman Nick Greiner in the Newcastle Herald on 3 May 2012, how is the retention of the rail line holding back development in Newcastle city?

- 2081 TRANSPORT CONCESSIONS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport—  
How much will it cost the Government to extend transport concessions to international students?
- 2082 CHILDREN HUNTING IN STATE FORESTS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Small Business—  
(1) Will the Government allow unsupervised children as young as 12 years to hunt feral animals, using items other than firearms, in declared State forests?  
(2) How will this proposal impact on the forests and the animals?  
(3) What are the potential risks to children and bystanders if this proposal goes ahead?
- 2083 THEFT IN HUNTER HOSPITALS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—  
(1) Given that theft is increasing in Hunter hospitals, will the Government increase funding for security at Hunter hospitals?  
(2) If so, when?
- 2084 CRIME AGAINST INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS—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—  
(1) What action is the Minister taking to prevent increasing incidents of crime against international students enrolled at the University of Newcastle?  
(2) Will more police be employed?
- 2085 GOVERNMENT RESPONSE TO SPECIAL COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO NSW CRIME COMMISSION—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—  
When will the Government's final response be made to the report of the Special Commission of Inquiry into the NSW Crime Commission?
- 2086 PROGRESS ON MATTERS RAISED IN EMAIL—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—  
What progress has been made in relation to matters raised in the email referred to in Written Question No 0225 asked by me on 14 June 2011?
- 2087 WORK PERFORMED BY HUGO HALLIDAY—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—  
What work has been done by Hugo Halliday for the:  
(a) Attorney General's department;  
(b) Attorney General's ministerial office;  
(c) Attorney General?
- 2088 MONITORING OF SUICIDES BY STATE CORONER—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—  
What procedures and processes does the State Coroner implement to monitor the number of suicides following upon sexual assault upon juveniles by teachers or clergy?
- 2089 CORRECTIVE SERVICES NSW FACILITIES—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—  
(1) (a) Are any members of Justice Action prohibited from entering Corrective Services NSW facilities?  
(b) If so, upon what basis?  
(2) Does this extend to circumstances where particular inmates request support from an individual member?
- 2090 CORRESPONDENCE FROM RAYMOND GOULTER—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—  
(1) Will the Attorney General respond to the letter addressed to him dated 23 April 2012 from Raymond Goulter?  
(2) If so, what will the substance of the response be?

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- (3) If not, why not?
- 2091 RESPONSE TO AUSTRALIA 21 REPORT—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- What is the Attorney General's response to the Australia 21 report entitled "The Prohibition of Illicit Drugs is Killing and Criminalising our Children"?
- 2092 CORRESPONDENCE FROM DAVID SINGH—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- Will the Attorney General respond to the letter dated 5 May 2012 sent to him by David Singh on behalf of Guralp Kaur Singh & Zubovka Proprietary Limited?
- 2093 SALARY INCREASES FOR JUDICIAL OFFICERS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- Do you or have you since becoming Attorney General, supported salary increases for Judicial Officers above 2.5% p.a.?
- 2094 AVAILABILITY OF A SINGLE ROOM—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- With regards to the single room in the 23 hour ward at Royal North Shore Hospital that was closed for "infection control" reasons (Minister for Health ABC Radio 20 April 2012 ), meaning that a single room was unavailable for a woman who had recently suffered a miscarriage, forcing her to share a four-bed room with three men:
- (1) On what date/time was this bed closed?
  - (2) On what date/time was this bed re-opened?
  - (3) What cleaning/disinfection was required?
  - (4) Was there a specific micro-organism involved that required the room to be left vacant for a time after cleaning?
  - (5) Were any delays in having the room cleaned not related to the reduction of cleaning staff in February 2012?
- 2095 APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTIVE CLINICAL DIRECTOR—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- With regards to Northern Sydney Local Health District (LHD) and the appointment of a medical practitioner to be the executive clinical director to the Northern Sydney LHD (Question 1836):
- (1) Who is/are the executive clinical director(s) to the Northern Sydney LHD?
  - (2) What was their date(s) of appointment?
  - (3) For how long is/are the position(s) tenured?
  - (4) How as the position advertised?
  - (5) How many applications were received?
  - (6) How many additional full time equivalents (FTEs) to their usual position(s) are involved in this role as executive clinical director?
  - (7) What are the duties of the position?
  - (8) What extra funding has been provided?
- 2096 ROYAL NORTH SHORE HOSPITAL BED NUMBERS—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- With regards to Royal North Shore Hospital, how many beds were open and in use on:
- (a) 1 February 2011;
  - (b) 1 April 2011;
  - (c) 1 June 2011;
  - (d) 1 August 2011;
  - (e) 1 October 2011;
  - (f) 1 December 2011;
  - (g) 1 February 2012;
  - (h) 1 April 2012?
- 2097 STAFF NUMBERS AND OFFICE SPACE—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

As a result of the restructure of the NSW Department of Health introduced by the Government:

- (1) How many staff were based at the North Sydney head office on:
  - (a) 1 April 2011;
  - (b) 1 April 2012?
- (2) How many square metres of office space were being used on the North Sydney site on:
  - (a) 1 April 2011;
  - (b) 1 April 2012?

2098 DISPLACED EMPLOYEES—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) How many "displaced employees" were there in NSW Health as of 1 April 2011?
- (2) How many have been offered voluntary redundancy at their current level of seniority?
- (3) What counselling has been offered to these staff?
- (4) How many have found positions at a similar level of seniority?
- (5) How many have accepted positions at a lower level of seniority?
- (6) How many have resigned?
- (7) How many have taken:
  - (a) voluntary redundancy;
  - (b) forced redundancy?
- (8) How many "displaced employees" were there in NSW Health as of 1 April 2012?
- (9) What is the total cost of redundancy/termination payments to displaced employees from 1 April 2011 to 1 April 2012?

2099 ELIMATTA HOUSE—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Healthy Lifestyles, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

With regards to Elimatta House in Port Macquarie:

- (1) What services does Elimatta House provide to the mental health clients in the Port Macquarie area?
- (2) How many beds are there at present?
- (3) How many staff (FTEs) are employed?
- (4) How many patients have been admitted after February 2012?
- (5) What is the status of the review of this service?
- (6) What plans does the Government have for the future of Elimatta House?

2100 KARAWA COTTAGE—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Healthy Lifestyles, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

With regards to Karawa Cottage Port Macquarie:

- (1) What services does Karawa Cottage provide?
- (2) Which services been continued since February 2012?
- (3) How many staff are employed?
- (4) What is the status of the review of this service?
- (5) What is the plan for the future services at Karawa Cottage?

2101 PUBLIC DENTAL CHAIRS—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Healthy Lifestyles, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

With regards to public dental chairs in the NSW public health system:

- (1) How many chairs are there in NSW?
- (2) Where are these chairs located?

2102 SPECIALIST LITERACY AND NUMERACY STAFF—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Education—

- (1) Given the Minister's commitment to provide specialist literacy and numeracy staff for schools, which individual schools in the Illawarra and South East Region will receive these additional staff?
- (2) For each of the schools listed, what is the time frame for when these teachers will be placed in these targeted schools?

2103 UPGRADE OF BULLI HOSPITAL—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

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- (1) Does the Minister's department support the view of the Member for Heathcote that the upgrade of Bulli Hospital will be "put on the back burner" as described on ABC Illawarra Online on 8 May 2012?
  - (2) If yes, why?
  - (3) If not, when will the Minister allocate funding to this important local facility?
- 2104 COMPENSATION FOR CANCELLED CBD METRO LINE—Mr Jamie Parker to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- (1) (a) Have there been any attempts from entities or individuals to obtain compensation in relation to the cancelled CBD metro line?
    - (b) If yes, which entities or individuals have made these attempts?
  - (2) (a) Have there been any compensation payouts in relation to the cancelled CBD metro line?
    - (b) If yes:
      - (i) to which entities or individuals;
      - (ii) what are the criteria for awarding compensation?
  - (3) Is there any ongoing litigation relating to the cancelled CBD metro line?
- 2105 GPS TRACKING OF BUSES—Mr Jamie Parker to ask the Minister for Transport—
- (1) Does the City of Edinburgh Council have a GPS tracking system in place providing access to real time bus information in and around Edinburgh?
  - (2) Are GPS tracking devices installed on the Sydney metro bus fleet?
  - (3) If GPS tracking is not available, has consideration been given to installing GPS tracking on buses?
  - (4) If GPS tracking is available:
    - (a) How is this data collected?
    - (b) Is the GPS data publicly available?
    - (c) Has the Government considered making this data available to the public to allow users to track arrival times for buses?
    - (d) How is the data being used?
  - (5) Has the Government considered making real time arrival information available at bus stops?