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*1975 ADOPTION BY SAME SEX COUPLES—Mr Richard Amery asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

Since the introduction of laws permitting the adoption of children by same sex couples:

- (1) How many children have been adopted in this State?
- (2) How many of those children were adopted by parents of the same sex?
- (3) Of the children being adopted, how many of them were unknown to the adopting parents prior to the adoption being approved?
- (4) Of the parents referred to in question (3) above, how many of these adopting parents were same sex couples?

Answer—

- (1) 264
- (2) 7
- (3) 120
- (4) None.

*1976 NEW LIFE NSW CAMPAIGN—Mr Michael Daley asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Trade and Investment, and Minister for Regional Infrastructure and Services—

- (1) How much is the approved advertising budget for the Government's "New Life NSW" campaign to entice people to take up the Government's regional relocation grants?
- (2) How much has been spent on this campaign as at 22 February 2012?

Answer—

- (1) \$520,000.
- (2) \$750,000 was spent on the campaign as at 22 February 2012, which includes \$520,000 advertising costs. The remaining \$230,000 was spent on other work supporting the campaign such as research, production, printing and website development.

*1978 CARERS IN THE ELECTORATE OF WALLSEND—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Ageing, and Minister for Disability Services—

How many full-time and part-time carers operate in the electorate of Wallsend?

Answer—

Ageing Disability and Home Care (ADHC) does not collate data on employment by electorate. ADHC do not hold data on carer workforce from non-government organisations (NGO's).

*1979 HUNTER DRUG AND ALCOHOL SERVICES—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

What support is the Minister providing to drug and alcohol services in the Hunter towards a world first trial to help people addicted to cannabis?

Answer—

I am advised:

Hunter New England Local Health District Drug and Alcohol Services is working in collaboration with the National Cannabis Prevention and Information Centre (NCPIC) in a world first inpatient trial examining the safety and efficacy of a specific treatment for the management of cannabis withdrawal. The study is being funded by a National Health and Medical Research Council grant to NCPIC, a division of the University of NSW.

*1981 LAKE MACQUARIE LOCAL AREA COMMAND—POLICE NUMBERS—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—

Given that four new probationary constables will be allocated to Lake Macquarie Local Area Command, how many more police need to be allocated to Lake Macquarie to have the command at 100% capacity?

Answer—

This Government is determined to provide police with the numbers and resources they need to keep the community safe.

The Lake Macquarie Local Area Command was at 102% operational capacity as at 4 May 2012.

- *1982 YOUTH CRIME IN JESMOND PRECINCT—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—

In relation to youth crime in the Jesmond precinct:

- (1) What steps is the Government taking to reduce youth crime in the area?
- (2) Will additional police be employed to tackle this ongoing issue?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force has advised me:

- (1) Officers from Newcastle City Local Area Command have met with the Member and discussed issues surrounding youth crime in Jesmond and Wallsend, including a range of policing strategies and activities currently in place. These include a criminal investigation strike force targeting street robberies in the area, youth case management by a Youth Liaison Officer and Police Boys Club, and the Hour of Power initiative which delivers proactive, high visibility policing to targeted locations.
- (2) Police deployment is based on intelligence reports and crime trends. The area is receiving regular patrols and current deployment levels are considered sufficient.

- *1983 FUNDS RAISED FROM SALE OF CARDIFF 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—

Will the funds raised from the sale of the Cardiff Police Station go back into building the Glendale Police Station, as the Government has committed and demonstrated in the 2011-2012 budget?

Answer—

Funds from the sale of police properties are directed to the ongoing NSW Police Force capital works program. I have already announced that the Government has committed to a \$21.5 million redevelopment of police stations in the Lake Macquarie Local Area Command.

- *1984 REPLACEMENT OF TRANSIT OFFICERS—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—

Given that more than 450 Railcorp transit officers will be sacked and replaced by 300 new police officers, how will the shortfall of 150 officers be addressed?

Answer—

I am advised:

The allocation of police and transit officers recognises that police have greater powers and capability which will result in enhanced operational capacity. Police also patrol in pairs whereas Transit Officers patrol in larger groups for safety reasons.

The new Police Transport Command commenced operations on 2 May 2012 with 301 officers from local community crime units. The Command will increase its numbers until its target authorised strength of 610 officers is reached by December 2014.

The Police Transport Command is committed to promoting safety and reducing crime on the NSW transport network.

- *1985 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO GARARD PTY LTD—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

Since 27 March 2011 what financial assistance has been provided to Garard Pty Ltd operating at Warwick Farm and Liverpool?

Answer—

The Office of State Revenue (OSR) provides assistance in the form of various grants and rebates. Confidentiality provisions prevent details of arrangements in respect of recipients being disclosed. Accordingly, OSR is unable to advise whether or not any assistance has been provided to any individual or organisation.

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Otherwise, the Department of Finance and Services has not provided assistance to Garard Pty Ltd.

*1986 LICENSING OF SEX WORKERS AND BROTHELS—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Resources and Energy, Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Central Coast—

(1) Does the Minister or the Government have any proposals to regulate, license or alter the regulation on licensing of sex workers and/or brothels?

(2) If so, when will such plans be released?

Answer—

As per the election commitment, the Government is committed to the establishment of a Brothel Licensing Authority to eliminate illegal brothels and to ensure legal brothels comply with the law.

*1987 SKILLS TRAINING AUSTRALIA GROUP PTY LTD—FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

Since 27 March 2011, what financial assistance, in which categories and for what purposes has been provided by or on behalf of the Government and/or State agencies to Skills Training Australia Group Pty Ltd?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Government has not provided financial assistance to the Skills Australia Group Pty Ltd in the period 27 March 2011 to 7 May 2012. However, over that period the Department of Education and Communities purchased 467 training places from Skills Training Australia Group Pty Ltd to the value of \$457,874.24.

*1988 SKILLS TRAINING AUSTRALIA GROUP PTY LTD—FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

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*1989 SUICIDE NUMBERS—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

(1) (a) Does the Minister's department maintain statistics on the number of suicides last year?

(b) If so, where may the figures be accessed?

(2) Do records reveal whether the deceased were victims of sexual assaults?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) and (2) The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) produces annual mortality data, where a legal and official determination of the cause of death by suicide has been made by the Coroner/s.

The ABS annual publication of Causes of Death data (Catalogue No. 3303.0) reports deaths by all causes including suicide by Australian States and Territories. The latest available ABS Causes of Death data is for the year 2010 and can be accessed at www.abs.gov.au

This data does not reveal the underlying causes or risk factors for suicide deaths, such as sexual assault or other forms of violence or abuse.

*1990 BUSINESSLINK REDUNDANCIES—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

(1) How many redundancies are expected or planned for at Businesslink arising from the invitation for voluntary redundancies made on or about 20 April 2012?

(2) Does the Minister propose to merge Businesslink and ServiceFirst?

- (3) Does the Minister propose to privatise the IT component or any other component of Businesslink or ServiceFirst?

Answer—

- (1) NSW Businesslink helps its clients to serve their clients better. Every dollar Businesslink saves can be used to deliver better services to vulnerable people in the community such as people with a disability, older people and children in need of protection.

NSW Businesslink announced a Voluntary Redundancy Program for officers occupying non-leadership roles on 24 April 2012. Expressions of Interest were invited from all eligible staff.

There is no specific number of redundancies either expected or planned. The number of voluntary redundancies ultimately approved for officers will depend on the result of business unit reviews.

- (2) and (3) The Minister for Finance and Services is currently undertaking a review of the sector wide Corporate and Shared Services Reform. As part of that review several options are being considered to improve services and save taxpayers money with respect to the services provided by Businesslink and Service First and indeed other service providers within the sector.

*1991 JUDICIAL APPOINTMENT COMMISSION—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

- (1) Will the Attorney General establish a Judicial Appointment Commission?
(2) If so, when?
(3) If not, why not?

Answer—

- (1) to (3) I refer to my comments published in the Law Society Journal in May 2011 where I noted that judicial vacancies in the Local and District Court are now advertised and selection panels recommend suitable people.

*1992 JOHN MORONY CORRECTIONAL CENTRE—INTENSIVE DRUG TREATMENT FACILITY—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

In relation to the intensive drug treatment facility to be located in John Morony Correctional Centre:

- (1) What criteria will apply to those admitted to the facility/scheme?
(2) What is the shortest period of time a person will participate in the scheme?
(3) What is the projected average length of time a person will participate in the scheme?
(4) What is the projected average length of sentence for those who will participate in the scheme when they commence?
(5) What post-imprisonment monitoring and support are proposed for those who participate in the scheme?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The current eligibility criteria for the Intensive Drug and Alcohol Treatment Program (IDATP) are: sentenced male inmates with a documented history of drug/alcohol use in the community and/or in custody, with a non-parole period of at least 1 year to serve and a medium or minimum security classification. Sentenced female inmates with similar histories and equivalent non-parole periods and security classifications will be eligible in a later phase of the program.

Factors that may restrict an inmate's suitability for the program include conviction(s) for serious sex offences (for whom alternative treatment pathways are available), low cognitive functioning, acute mental illness, recent suicide attempts or ideation, serious and regular institutional misconduct and a requirement for non-association with others currently on the program. All factors are considered on a case by case basis in consultation with relevant Corrective Services NSW (CSNSW) specialist areas to determine appropriate treatment pathways.

- (2) The shortest possible time to complete the treatment program and commence a maintenance program before release is nine months. The preferred model, however, is for participants to also complete a period of time in a minimum security facility and participate in pre-release programs before release into the community.
(3) The projected average time to complete the IDAPT is approximately twelve months.
(4) The total length of sentence is not a factor for consideration for eligibility for the IDATP. It is expected that inmates will have 1-2 years remaining on their sentence at the time they commence the program. This timeframe will allow for completion of the treatment program and progression to maintenance and pre-release programs prior to release.

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- (5) Participants who are subject to supervision by the Probation and Parole Service will be monitored in the community and will be required to attend a Self Management and Recovery Training (SMART) Maintenance Program (an alcohol, drug and addictions program) as a condition of their supervision. They will also have a structured support framework developed to assist in their resettlement, covering accommodation, employment, connections with family, and linkage to external government and non-government agencies.

Participants who are not subject to post-release supervision by the Probation and Parole Service will be provided with a structured support framework developed by IDATP staff, linking the participant with external government and non-government agencies in the community prior to release from custody, including linkage to accommodation services, employment agencies, appropriate self-help and support groups (e.g. SMART, Narcotics Anonymous, Alcoholics Anonymous). If the participant consents, IDATP staff will monitor their progress in the community and provide joint case management with the participating agencies.

*1993 CUBIT PROGRAM—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

In relation to the CUBIT program running at Metropolitan Special Program Unit at Long Bay Correction Centre:

- (1) Why have funding cutbacks been imposed on this program?
- (2) Why are participants in this scheme subjected to frequent lock downs and, on many days, allowed only 7.5 hours out of cells?
- (3) Why are inmates classified C1 and C2 subjected to such a regime?
- (4) Is such a regime likely to prevent the rehabilitative aims of the CUBIT program being achieved?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) There have been no funding cutbacks to the CUBIT program. Staffing at CUBIT has been maintained to make sure that all 4 treatment groups run continuously.
- (2) Inmates at all correctional centres are subject to a Variable Operational Routine (VOR), which enables the daily routine of a correctional centre to be varied to take account of the circumstances affecting a correctional centre on a particular day, such as critical incidents, security searches, staff training, staff absences, hospital escorts etc. Metropolitan Special Programs Centre management makes every effort to lessen the impact of the VOR on the CUBIT program, however the needs of this program are balanced against the needs of competing programs, education courses and inmate employment.
- (3) Variable Operational Routines operate at all correctional centres regardless of inmate classification.
- (4) No. Irrespective of the VOR, the CUBIT program is still being delivered in full.

*1994 JUDGEMENT BY MCLAUGHLIN ASJ—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

Has the Attorney General or his department responded to or taken any action in relation to the judgement by McLaughlin AsJ in the case of MacDonald v Public Trustee, delivered in the Supreme Court on 25 June 2010?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Trustee and Guardian has implemented a number of improvements that are designed to address the issues raised in that case.

These improvements include establishing a Genealogy Unit in 2004 to undertake extensive searches for next of kin and to establish entitlement on intestacy. This Unit is located in the Legal Branch and is managed by a solicitor with specific training and expertise in intestacy and genealogy. Guidelines have been developed for the Unit to ensure that a review of each file is undertaken every three months and action is taken where documents are not submitted within allotted timeframes. Only when there is no prospect of establishing entitlement would the estate be paid to the Treasury. The process of remitting unclaimed money to the Treasury has also improved to allow for easier recovery of money in the event that next of kin are found at a later stage.

In addition, since the initial administration of the estate significant technological improvements have been made in the area of genealogical searches.

Due to these improved processes and operational changes, many of the issues that arose in this case are

highly unlikely to occur again.

*1995 PROSECUTIONS FOR OFFENCES UNDER SECTIONS 80D AND 80E OF CRIMES ACT—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

How many prosecutions have there been in NSW courts for offences under sections 80D and 80E of the Crimes Act in the following periods:

- (a) 1 January 2009 to 31 December 2009;
- (b) 1 January 2010 to 31 December 2010;
- (c) 1 January 2011 to 31 December 2011;
- (d) 1 January 2012 to date?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (BOCSAR) has no record of any finalised charges under sections 80D(1) or 80E(1) of the Crimes Act 1900 in any NSW court from 1 January 2009 to 30 September 2011. A finalised charge is one that has been fully determined by the court and for which no further court proceedings are required. Finalised court data is not yet available for the period 1 October 2011 to date.

*1996 AUSTRALIAN TERTIARY ADMISSION RANK—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Education—

With reference to confidentiality of reporting ATAR ratings of greater than ninety at Castle Hill High School in 2011 (Question 1764):

- (1) How is the Minister able to report increases as a percentage, "a 50% rate of ATAR scores of greater than 90 in 2011, a 100% increase on the previous year", yet not the actual numbers on which these reported percentages were based?
- (2) In view of this, how many individual students received an ATAR of greater than 90 at Castle Hill High in:
 - (a) 2010;
 - (b) 2011?

Answer—

- (1) With reference to your quote, "a 50% rate of ATAR scores of greater than 90 in 2011, a 100% increase on the previous year", which is incorrect, I therefore refer you to my speech as recorded by Hansard on 13 March 2012:

Mr ADRIAN PICCOLI: The blue folder. Castle Hill High School implemented some key initiatives. It created an additional year adviser position to support student attendance across the school. Some of those changes led to over 50 per cent of students achieving an Australian tertiary admission rank [ATAR] of 90 in the 2011 Higher School Certificate. Over 50 per cent of students who achieved a ranking over 90 were boys. That is an increase of 100 per cent on the previous year. Castle Hill High School also created a head teacher mentor position. [Extension of time granted.]

[Interruption]

I thought members opposite would be silent to listen to this good news. The Auditors-General who are in the gallery today may wish to take this reform back to their jurisdictions. Castle Hill High School created a head teacher mentor position to assist senior boys with their learning, specifically targeting boys with obvious capacity who were not achieving. That school achieved a 100 per cent increase in the number of boys who achieved an Australian tertiary admission rank of over 90. These are great results. These reforms have achieved great results in schools for special purposes, public schools, primary schools and high schools. The most important thing about any reform in education is that it leads to improved student outcomes, and that has been the focus of this reform. There are about 30 elements to this reform, at least half a dozen of which would be major reforms on their own.

- (2) ATAR scores are confidential. Following the Review of the HSC by the previous government, they amended the then FOI Act to make the UAI (now ATAR) confidential to the individual and separate from the HSC.

Information which may result in the identification of students, including the number of students in schools receiving various ATAR scores, is therefore not released.

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*1997 SUICIDES AT STAR CASINO PREMISES—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

With regards to suicides on the Star Casino premises:

- (1) How is the Government informed of suicides at the Star Casino?
- (2) How many suicides occurred at the Star Casino in:
 - (a) 2009;
 - (b) 2010;
 - (c) 2011?

Answer—

I am advised that:

- (1) There is no formal obligation under the Casino Control Act 1992 or the Internal Controls of The Star, for The Star Casino to report any deaths that occur at the Casino, whether suspected suicides or otherwise, to the Independent Liquor and Gaming Authority.
However, Government inspectors at the Casino have access to detailed internal reports prepared by The Star, which would ordinarily include reference to deaths that occur at the Casino and the broader Casino precinct.
- (2) The Star's internal reports provided to the Independent Liquor and Gaming Authority make no reference to any deaths, suspected suicide or otherwise, occurring at the casino in 2009, 2010 or 2011.

*1998 PUBLIC HOSPITAL DENTAL CARE SERVICE DELIVERY—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Healthy Lifestyles, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

With regards to public hospital dental care service delivery:

- (1) Which areas are the responsibility of the Minister for Health?
- (2) Which areas are the responsibility of the Minister for Healthy Lifestyles?

Answer—

The Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Healthy Lifestyles, and Minister for Western New South Wales is responsible for the service delivery of public hospital dental care services.

*1999 AUSTRALIAN VACCINATION NETWORK FUNDRAISING—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Hospitality and Racing, and Minister for the Arts—

- (1) Why has the Minister reinstated authority for charitable fundraising for the Australian Vaccination Network?
- (2) Have other reasons for declining such an authority, such as alleged fraud, been taken into account during his considerations to reinstate this charitable fundraising authority?
- (3) Given the questionable nature of the aims of this organisation, does the Minister have plans to further review their authority for charitable fundraising?

Answer—

- (1) The Office of Liquor, Gaming and Racing received legal advice that as a result of related legal developments the revocation of the Australian Vaccination Network's charitable fundraising authority cannot be sustained.

In 2010 the then Minister for Gaming and Racing revoked the Australian Vaccination Network's previous charitable fundraising authority. The revocation was based substantially on a public warning issued by the Health Care Complaints Commission that it "posed a risk to public health and safety" for failing to publish a recommended disclaimer on its website. Earlier this year the Australian Vaccination Network successfully challenged the public warning in the Supreme Court.

An investigation by the Office of Liquor, Gaming and Racing in 2010 also detected some compliance issues in regard to charitable fundraising laws. The organisation took immediate action to rectify these breaches.

The Network also lodged an application in the Administrative Decisions Tribunal challenging the revocation of its charitable fundraising authority. On 18 April 2012 the application was dismissed by consent. The organisation's charitable fundraising authority had expired on 1 June 2011.

- (2) The Office of Liquor, Gaming and Racing issued the Australian Vaccination Network a new charitable fundraising authority after assessing a fresh application on its merits in accordance with applicable laws.
- (3) OLGR has a role in monitoring AVN fundraising activities to ensure compliance.

*2000 MENTAL HEALTH BEDS AT CAMPBELLTOWN HOSPITAL—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Healthy Lifestyles, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

With regards to the Minister's statement about the need for more mental health beds at Campbelltown Hospital (Macarthur Chronicle 16 April 2012):

- (1) What planning is underway to expand mental health services?
- (2) What funding enhancement is planned?
- (3) How many more beds are required?
- (4) When will the plans be released?
- (5) When did the Minister last visit:
 - (a) Waratah House:
 - (b) Gna Ka Lun Adolescent Mental Health Unit?

Answer—

(1) to (4) The South West Sydney Local Health District, in partnership with Health Infrastructure, has been actively planning for an enhanced Mental Health Precinct at Campbelltown Hospital. The scope and capital funding requirements will be considered following the completion of planning later this year.

(5) I will be visiting Waratah House and GnaKaLun Adolescent Mental Health Unit in 2012 as part of my regular schedule of meetings with mental health service staff across NSW.

*2001 PLANNED MENTAL HEALTH UNIT—SHOALHAVEN HOSPITAL SITE—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Healthy Lifestyles, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

With regards to the planned Mental Health Unit on the Shoalhaven Hospital site:

- (1) When will construction start?
- (2) What is the total cost?
 - (a) How much of this is funded by the Federal Government?
 - (b) How much of this is funded by the NSW Government?
- (3) How many beds will be created?
- (4) When is the unit planned to open?
- (5) When did the Minister for Mental Health last visit the site?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Construction is scheduled to begin late 2012.
- (2) The project funding is \$10.6 million through the COAG National Health and Hospital Reform Funding program.
- (3) The project will deliver 20 sub acute mental health beds.
- (4) The facility is scheduled to be open in early 2014.
- (5) I will be visiting the Shoalhaven Hospital site in 2012 as part of my regular schedule of meetings with mental health service staff across NSW.

*2002 COAL SEAM GAS MINING—HEALTH EFFECTS—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) What investigations have been carried out by NSW Health with regards to the possible population health effects of coal seam gas (CSG) mining?
- (2) What studies are planned?
- (3) In future, will NSW Health provide submissions into the possible health effects of CSG mining, when they are called for as part of the development application process for new exploration or mining leases?

Answer—

I am advised:

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- (1) to (3) NSW Health is a member of an inter-departmental working group currently assessing a range of issues associated with coal seam gas. NSW Health will provide submissions to Department of Planning and Infrastructure into possible health effects of Coal Seam Gas mining during the development application process for new explorations or mining leases.

*2003 GUNNING WATER SUPPLY—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) What investigations have been undertaken by NSW Health into the safety of the water supply at Gunning?
- (2) How are water borne infections in the Gunning area monitored by NSW Health?
- (3) Have there been any notifications of Giardia or Cryptosporidium in the area around Gunning in the 12 months from April 2011 to April 2012?
- (4) Has there been an increase in any notifications of other diseases that may be attributable to contamination of the water supply?
- (5) Are studies by NSW Health of the health of the people of Gunning planned because of their concerns about the safety of their water supply?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Weekly bacteriological samples have not indicated the presence of Escherichia coli in the reticulated water and chlorine levels have been within normal range. Chemical analysis was conducted on the reticulated water. The results of water testing do not indicate a bacteriological threat to human health.
- (2) Water borne infections are monitored via the provision in the Public Health Act 1991 which specifies a range of diseases that are notifiable upon diagnosis, to the Public Health Unit. These diseases include giardiasis and cryptosporidiosis.
- (3) No.
- (4) No.
- (5) NSW Health has supported the Upper Lachlan Shire Council to undertake weekly monitoring of water quality for a period of three months. Results will be available to both NSW Health and the Upper Lachlan Shire Council. Ongoing monitoring of disease notifications will occur. A boil water alert was issued as a precaution, following flooding in the Lachlan River.

*2004 MOOREBANK INTERMODAL TERMINAL—HEALTH EFFECTS—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) What investigations have been carried out by NSW Health with regards to the health effects of the planned Intermodal Terminal at Moorebank?
- (2) Are any future studies planned?
- (3) Will NSW Health be making submissions to the environmental review as part of the approval process for this terminal, specifically in regards to concerns about air quality and noise pollution?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) to (3) As part of the normal planning process, NSW Health has received the Environmental Assessments in relation to the planned Intermodal Terminal development at Moorebank for review and comment. NSW Health will be making submissions to the environmental review as part of the associated approval process, specifically in regards to concerns about air quality and noise pollution.

*2005 HOUSING NSW MAINTENANCE ISSUES—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

- (1) How many outstanding Housing NSW maintenance issues are there in the electorate of Bankstown?
- (2) What is the average waiting period for Housing NSW to address maintenance issues?

Answer—

- (1) As at 10 May 2012, 226 work orders were outstanding.
- (2) The waiting period for maintenance work is prioritised by assessing urgency or risk. The large majority of works orders are completed within contracted timeframes, which are as follows:
 - Urgent - 4 hours
 - Priority 1 - 24 hours
 - Priority 2 - 48 hours
 - Priority 3 - 72 hours

Responsive Work - 20 days

*2007 COST TO RECONSTRUCT HEADLAND AND COVES AT BARANGAROO—Mr Jamie Parker asked the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) What is the current estimate of the cost to reconstruct the headland and coves and to partially demolish the seawall at Barangaroo?
- (2) (a) Are the coves and the area between the seawall and the headland defined as public space?
(b) If not, how are these areas defined?
- (3) (a) Are the coves and the area between the seawall and the headland accessible to leisure boats?
(b) If so, how will this be managed?
- (4) (a) Are the previously designed deep water coves now shallow ornamental concrete ponds inaccessible to leisure to boats?
(b) If not what is the makeup of these areas?
- (5) What is the amount of public space at Barangaroo excluding the coves and area between the seawall and the new headland?
- (6) What is the ratio of public space to the total area of Barangaroo?
- (7) (a) Has consideration been given to delaying construction of the headland and coves until Barangaroo Central and Barangaroo South are finished and the headland becomes more accessible?
(b) If so, were there potential cost savings identified and if so how much?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The Headland Park budget will be published on 12 June in the State Budget.
- (2) The coves are within the Public Recreation Zone under the State Environmental Planning Policy (Major Development) 2005.
- (3) The Northern Cove will accommodate small craft and water taxis at all times and larger craft subject to tidal conditions.
- (4) No.
- (5) The total public space at Barangaroo, excluding water, is 13.13 hectares.
- (6) Approximately 62 percent.
- (7) (a) The first two buildings at Barangaroo South, the Headland Park and waterfront promenade will open in 2015.
(b) N/A.

*2008 PAYMENTS TO SYDNEY HARBOUR FORESHORE AUTHORITY—Mr Jamie Parker asked the Treasurer—

- (1) How much was paid by Lend Lease to Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority as an upfront one-off fee for the 99-year lease of Darling Quarter?
- (2) What are the annual land lease fees payable this financial year for the car park, bus terminus and the offices at the Macquarie Bank site?
- (3) What amount was paid by the developer for the 99-year lease of the KPMG site?

Answer—

- (1) This question would be more appropriately directed to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, the Hon Brad Hazzard MP.
- (2) and (3) These questions would be more appropriately directed to the Minister for Roads and Ports, the Hon Duncan Gay MLC.

*2009 COMMUTER CRIME UNIT—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—

In relation to the Government's plan to abolish Railcorp Transit Officers, when will all 300 police officers earmarked for the Commuter Crime Unit be activated?

Answer—

I am advised:

The new Police Transport Command commenced operations on 2 May 2012 with 301 officers from local community crime units. The Command will increase its numbers until its target authorised strength of 610 officers is reached by December 2014.

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The Police Transport Command is committed to promoting safety and reducing crime on the NSW transport network.

*2010 VISIONCARE PROGRAM—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

How many people living in the electorate of Fairfield were provided with glasses under the VisionCare program in the 2010-11 period?

Answer—

People living in the Fairfield electorate were provided with more than 5,000 optical appliances in 2010-2011.

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*2011 ASSAULTS ON STAFF AT CUMBERLAND HOSPITAL—Mr Richard Amery asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

(1) How many staff members of the Cumberland Hospital Parramatta have been assaulted requiring medical attention during the 12-month period ending 30 April 2012?

(2) Of this number, how many were:

- (a) medical/nursing staff;
- (b) security guards;
- (c) other staff?

(3) Of the staff mentioned above, how many required hospitalisation?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) to (3) NSW Health has zero tolerance to any form of violence towards staff.

In the data provided by the LHD, 36 staff required medical treatment which includes "first-aid". This may include actions such as supplying a band-aid where a staff member was scratched during a restraint procedure. Of the 36 staff, 29 were medical/nursing staff, 5 were security guards and 2 were other staff. One staff member required hospitalisation.

*2012 CRIMINAL INFRINGEMENT NOTICES ISSUED—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—

(1) How many Criminal Infringement Notices have been issued to repeat offenders since they were introduced?

(2) How many Criminal Infringement Notices can police issue a person before a summons is issued for that person to appear before a court?

(3) What action is the Minister for Police taking to ensure that repeat offenders of minor criminal offences are not repeatedly issued with Criminal Infringement Notices?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force has advised me:

(1) The COPS database is operational, not statistical, and is not configured to provide an answer to this question.

(2) and (3) Standard Operating Procedures and training material give guidance to NSW Police Force officers in relation to when it is appropriate for a Criminal Infringement Notice to be issued. Police officers consider the circumstances of each particular case and take into consideration a number of factors, such as the individual's criminal record and the nature of the offence.

*2013 UNPAID FINES FOR CRIMINAL INFRINGEMENT NOTICES—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

In relation to unpaid fines for Criminal Infringement Notices of minor offences, including stealing, that are referred to the State Debt Recovery Office:

(1) How many Criminal Infringement Notices are on record as being unpaid in the past twelve months?

- (2) How many Criminal Infringement Notices are on record as being unpaid since this system was introduced?
 (3) What is the total of unpaid fines for Criminal Infringement Notices?

Answer—

A pilot of the Criminal Infringement Notices scheme was introduced in September 2002. The scheme was expanded state-wide in November 2007. As at 4 May 2012:

- (1) 4,460
 (2) 16,066
 (3) \$3,584,550.

*2014 INNER CITY CHILDCARE—Ms Clover Moore asked the Minister for Education—

With respect to inner city childcare and noting dramatic increases in the number of families with babies and small children in the inner city:

- (1) What data does the Government have about current and predicted numbers of children in the inner city?
 (2) What data does the Government have about current and predicted childcare demand for:
 (a) long day care for 0-2 year olds;
 (b) long day care for 2-3 year olds;
 (c) long day care for 3 year olds up to school age children?
 (3) How does the Government assess childcare needs for individual localities across the inner city and what does this assessment show about local childcare needs?
 (4) What plans does the Government have to provide or support increased childcare services for under 2 year olds in the inner city?
 (5) What plans does the Government have to provide or support childcare services for under 2-3 year olds in the inner city?
 (6) What plans does the Government have to provide or support childcare services for under over 3 year olds in the inner city?

Answer—

The funding, planning and provision of child care are predominantly responsibilities of the Commonwealth Government.

The NSW Government does not have responsibility for regulating or determining the supply of child care places. The primary role of the NSW Government is to grant approval to operate these services and to ensure that services comply with the relevant legislation.

Population data for inner Sydney may be available from the Australian Bureau of Statistics at www.abs.gov.au.

Information about child care services and vacancies in the inner Sydney area can be found on the Commonwealth Government's "My Child" website at www.mychild.gov.au

*2015 HOUSING PATHWAYS EVALUATION—Ms Clover Moore asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

Noting the streamlined Housing Pathways scheme for all social housing applications:

- (1) What evaluation has the Government made of the Housing Pathways scheme since its introduction in July 2010?
 (2) What benefits and weaknesses of Housing Pathways have been identified?
 (3) What impact has Housing Pathways had on assessments and allocations?
 (4) What is the average time for assessment of housing applications?
 (5) How many housing applications are waiting to be processed for applications in the inner city?
 (6) Is the waiting time increasing or decreasing?
 (7) What action has the Government taken to reduce waiting times for processing applications?
 (8) What further action will the Government take to reduce waiting times for processing social housing applications?

Answer—

- (1) to (3) A post implementation review was undertaken in late 2010 and an evaluation will be undertaken in 2012.

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(4) to (6) When an application is received under Housing Pathways, an immediate initial assessment is undertaken to determine whether the person applying is in need of immediate temporary accommodation. The time taken to fully assess an application is determined by the complexity of the case and whether supporting documentation has been submitted or further information is required.

(7) and (8) Housing NSW has an ongoing program to review and improve all client related processes.

*2018 HARRIS STREET ULTIMO—Ms Clover Moore asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

Noting residents' repeated reports about pedestrian safety risks, poor road surface, large volumes of fast-moving through traffic and the recent tragic death of a small child:

- (1) What assessment has the Government made of traffic noise, speed and safety risks in Harris Street Ultimo between Broadway and Union Street?
- (2) What is the accident record over the past five years for Harris Street between Broadway and Miller Street, and what are the trends in accidents?
- (3) What action has been taken to encourage through traffic to use the Western Distributor rather than Harris Street?
- (4) What assessment has the Government made of speed cameras, protective barriers or other measures to improve pedestrian safety?
- (5) What assessment has been made of the road surface in Harris Street Ultimo, when does the Government plan to resurface this road and will low noise road surface be used?
- (6) What other action does the Government plan to improve pedestrian safety, reduce through traffic, and reduce traffic speed and noise?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The permanent speed limit for Harris Street, Ultimo is 50 km/h.

The City of Sydney Council has an RMS approved proposal to convert Quarry Street from one way to two way traffic flow. The council has indicated that the project is not in the current program of works and will not occur for some time. In light of this, RMS is investigating the provision of a right turn arrow at this intersection to improve safety for pedestrians crossing Harris Street.

- (2) There were 203 crashes, with one fatality, over the finalised period of 2006 to 2010.
 - Crashes involving pedestrians made up 14.3 per cent of the total crashes. This is higher than the Sydney region total of 5.5 per cent for the same period. Crashes involving speeding made up 3.9 per cent of the total crashes. This is lower than the Sydney Region total of 11.7 per cent for the same period.
 - Intersection crashes made up 84.2 per cent of the total crashes, which is higher than the Sydney region total of 52.8 per cent for the same period.
 - 40.4 per cent were night time crashes, which is higher than the Sydney region total of 26 per cent for the same period.
- (3) Harris Street is an important north south route linking Pyrmont to South Sydney and, along with the Western Distributor, forms part of the state road network. The Western Distributor runs in an east-west direction and it would not be practical to travel along the Western Distributor from the South Sydney area to Pyrmont.

*2019 NOISY VEHICLES—Ms Clover Moore asked the Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

Noting that the Environment Protection Authority is primarily responsible for noisy vehicle enforcement and that there are ongoing problems from noisy vehicles impacts in many places including Bondi, Botany, Coffs Harbour, Dubbo, Grafton, Liverpool, Newcastle, Penrith, St Marys, Wagga Wagga and Wollongong, as well as inner city areas such as Kings Cross, Potts Point and Woolloomooloo:

- (1) What data does the Government keep on reports and complaints about noisy vehicles and the action taken?
- (2) What trends does this data show about noisy vehicles for the inner city and across NSW?
- (3) What action has been taken to develop a statewide response that would prevent these impacts?
- (4) What action has been taken to develop a statewide response that would focus enforcement action to increase effectiveness?
- (5) What action has the Government taken with other States and Territories and the Commonwealth Government to address these concerns?

(6) What further action will the Government take to address these problems at a statewide level?

Answer—

I am advised:

The EPA conducts a state wide compliance and assurance program, in line with Federal government standards including the Australian Design Rules (ADR). The EPA also conducts a Noise Testing and Anti-Tampering Inspection Scheme to identify noisy vehicles.

The EPA works with NSW Police to focus enforcement action in areas where noisy vehicles are impacting on local amenity. The EPA also provides training to council officers to enable them to identify and report noisy vehicles to the EPA for regulatory follow-up.

The EPA works with Roads and Maritime Services to identify opportunities to increase the number of officers reporting noisy vehicles in areas where noisy vehicles are impacting on local amenity.

Data generated through noisy vehicle reports and complaints, the results of EPA noise testing and inspections and other regulatory action, indicates that the number of reports received relating to noisy vehicles has been decreasing both within the City of Sydney LGA and outside the Sydney metropolitan area.

*2020 OXFORD STREET—Ms Clover Moore asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Small Business—

Noting the vital role of small businesses in the economy and employment, long-term decline of high street shopping, impacts of the global financial crisis, and ongoing concern about regional traffic impacts in Oxford Street Darlinghurst and Paddington:

- (1) What practical support has the NSW Government provided for small businesses in Oxford Street?
- (2) What financial support has the NSW Government provided for small businesses in Oxford Street?
- (3) What programs does the NSW Government provide to help small businesses in high street shopping streets?
- (4) What practical and financial support does the Government provide for business associations to help them promote and develop their precincts?
- (5) What practical and financial support has the Government provided for the Paddington Business Partnership, the 2010 Business Partnership and the Three Saints Square Project Group to support small businesses?
- (6) What further action will the Government take to support small businesses in Oxford Street?

Answer—

In 2011 and 2012, the NSW Small Business Commissioner assisted Oxford Street retailers to address their concerns about the impact that infrastructure work along the street, which was threatening to interrupt their business during the peak Christmas trading period. The Commissioner attended a number of group meetings with Oxford Street traders to find a way forward and then arranged a meeting with the organisation carrying out the upgrade works and obtained an agreement to cease works in October and delay further works until February, allowing an unimpeded Christmas trading period. In February 2012 the Commissioner brokered an agreement for the infrastructure works to be conducted in less disruptive manner.

The NSW Government also provides a range of practical support services such as the business advisory service and the NSW small business website. The Office of the Small Business Commissioner provides low cost dispute resolution and mediation services for small businesses and for retail lease matters. The Office also has an assistance phone line (1300 795 534) to help small businesses work through disputes and issues associated with unfair market practices. The Commissioner advocates on behalf of small businesses subjected to unfair market practices in their dealings with other businesses and government agencies or local councils.

The Small Business Commissioner met multiple times with the Paddington Business Partnership to discuss the impact of infrastructure work in the precinct and assist them to progress their business precinct development plans.

The Small Business Commissioner has undertaken a review of programs and services offered to small businesses to ensure that support offered is practical and relevant to the needs of the sector.

*2021 COMPENSATION FOR INJURED WORKERS—Mr Ryan Park asked the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

- (1) (a) Is the Government going to cap the period of compensation for injured workers?

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- (b) If yes, what are the details about this cap?
(2) (a) Is the Government going to reduce the payments available to injured workers?
(b) If so, by how much?

Answer—

The New South Wales Government has released an Issues Paper detailing some of the Workers Compensation Scheme's failings when compared to its key aims, and outlines options for consideration. The Government has also established a Parliamentary Inquiry into the New South Wales Workers Compensation Scheme. The Joint Selection Committee will inquire and report on:

- the performance of the Scheme in the key objectives of promoting better health and return to work outcomes for injured workers;
- the financial sustainability of the Scheme and its impact on the New South Wales economy, current and future jobs in New South Wales and the State's competitiveness; and
- the functions and operations of the WorkCover Authority.

The Issues Paper is available on the WorkCover website www.workcover.nsw.gov.au. The Parliamentary Inquiry is due to complete its report on 13 June 2012.

*2022 FITTING OF SPRINKLERS TO AGED CARE HOMES—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Ageing, and Minister for Disability Services—

- (1) What plans does the Government have to introduce requirements for aged care homes to be equipped with sprinklers?
(2) What is the time frame for implementing these plans?
(3) Will there be assistance and support provided to local organisations who provide aged care accommodation?

Answer—

These issues relate to the administration of the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure.

*2024 ROLE OF TEACHER LIBRARIANS—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) Is the Government participating in a dialogue through Ministerial Council for Education, Early Childhood Development and Youth Affairs (MCEECDYA) regarding:
(a) the role of teacher librarians in schools today and into the future;
(b) ways to improve the partnerships to provide better support to school libraries and teacher librarians?
(2) If so, what are the outcomes of such discussions?

Answer—

- (1) No. The Commonwealth Minister has not yet raised these issues formally on the agenda for Ministerial Council for Education, Early Childhood Development and Youth Affairs.
(2) Not applicable.

*2025 STAFFING OF SCHOOL LIBRARIES WITH PROFESSIONAL TEACHER LIBRARIANS—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) Will the Government support the continued core staffing of school libraries with professional teacher librarians outside of the establishment formula?
(2) Will there be any impact to specialist teaching staff, such as teacher librarian, in NSW schools under the proposed Local Schools Local Decisions policy?

Answer—

- (1) There are no changes to the status of teacher librarians or other specialist teaching staff under the Local Schools, Local Decisions reforms. All teachers, executive and principals in permanent positions will retain tenure.
(2) Schools will be funded directly by a Resource Allocation Model which will reflect school complexity as well as student numbers. This budget will separate staffing and non-staffing funding. Schools will not be able to use staffing funding for non-staffing purposes.

Should a vacancy occur, the principal, in consultation with staff and the community, will choose the number and roles of staff to best meet local needs.

*2026 MEMORIAL DRIVE—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

In relation to the final stage of Memorial Drive:

- (1) Has the Government made any property acquisitions to enable a future road to be built?
- (2) (a) Is any planning underway for this project?
(b) If so, what stage is this planning up to?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Since the mid 1950s, the NSW Government has acquired a substantial part of the corridor. In recent years, more land was acquired by the former Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA) before proposed residential development was about to occur.

The RTA acquired the whole Old Bulli Mine site from Multiplex Bulli Pty Ltd in 2010 to provide land for the future road to travel up towards the Illawarra Escarpment. In December 2011, Roads and Maritime Services also acquired some strips of land from the Old Bulli Tile and Brick factory site to widen the corridor.

- (2) (a) Two potential corridors for the extension of Memorial Drive toward and along Bulli Pass have been gazetted in Wollongong City Council's Local Environmental Plan. The future road corridor is shown zoned as SP2 Road Infrastructure on the Wollongong Local Environmental Plan 2009.

There are no current plans to commence studies examining the potential extension of Memorial Drive.

- (b) No planning is currently underway for this project.

*2027 DENTAL HEALTH TASKFORCE REPORT—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Healthy Lifestyles, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

- (1) When will the Government release the NSW Ministerial Dental Health Taskforce report and the Government's response?
- (2) Will the Government increase funding to the levels proposed by the National Council of Social Service of NSW to ensure that those who are most disadvantaged have access to adequate dental health care?

Answer—

- (1) I refer the member to my response to the Member for Liverpool's Written Question No. 1741 in the Legislative Assembly of 17 April 2012.
- (2) The Government is examining the implications of the Federal Budget on dental services in NSW.

*2029 BARANGAROO DELIVERY AUTHORITY—VALUE SHARING PAYMENTS—Mr Jamie Parker asked the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) What is the updated cost forecast for the headland park at Barangaroo?
- (2) What is the estimated revenue that the Barangaroo Delivery Authority will receive as value sharing payments for the Barangaroo development?
- (3) How is the Barangaroo Delivery Authority calculating value sharing payments?
- (4) What is the current real value of the value sharing payments?
- (5) What payments is the Barangaroo Delivery Authority budgeting to receive after 31 March 2018?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The Headland Park budget will be published on 12 June in the State Budget.
- (2) The total revenue including fixed value, value payments and other revenue forecast is estimated at \$1 billion.
- (3) This information is unable to be disclosed, as disclosure could reasonably be expected to reveal commercial in confidence provisions of the contract and prejudice the legitimate business interests of Lend Lease.
- (4) Refer to question (3).
- (5) As outlined in the Auditor General's report, payments are forecast to commence after 31 March 2018 when the last fixed payment has been made.

*2030 WHITE BAY CRUISE SHIP TERMINAL—Mr Jamie Parker asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

- (1) What is the latest estimate of the cost of moving the cruise ship terminal to White bay, including road

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works?

- (2) Has there been any analysis into the cost of providing public transport to the city or any other locations for passengers who arrive into the cruise ship terminal at White Bay?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) \$57 million.
(2) Options to improve public transport to and from White Bay will be considered as part of the Transport Masterplan and Bays Precinct Taskforce.

*2031 PAYMENTS BY LEND LEASE—Mr Jamie Parker asked the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) What are the amounts and payment dates of Lend Lease fixed land payments for Barangaroo South?
(2) (a) What is the Government's estimate of the value share payments by Lend Lease at the end of the Barangaroo development?
(b) When do these payments fall due?
(3) What net present value did the Government ascribe to the total of the fixed payments and value share payments at the time of signing the Lend Lease contract?
(4) 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?
(5) (a) What do the Lend Lease value share payments depend upon?
(b) What is the nature of the dependency?
(6) What net present value did the Government ascribe to the Lend Lease value share payments at the time of signing the Lend Lease contract?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Lend Lease paid the Authority \$52 million in March 2012, adding to the \$103 million in fixed payments Lend Lease has already made.
(2) This information is unable to be disclosed, as the information could reasonably be expected to reveal commercial in confidence provisions of the contract and prejudice the legitimate business interests of Lend Lease.
(3) Refer to question (2).
(4) No.
(5) Refer to question (2).
(6) Refer to question (2).

*2032 TOURISTS EMBARKING AND DISEMBARKING FROM WHITE BAY—Mr Jamie Parker asked the Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Hospitality and Racing, and Minister for the Arts—

- (1) Has any research or analysis been undertaken to analyse any economic impact of tourists embarking and disembarking from White Bay as opposed to Barangaroo?
(2) Has any research or analysis been undertaken into the viability of a function centre at White Bay?

Answer—

Sydney Ports is has responsibility for this issue and Trade and Investment NSW is in regular contact to advice on these issues.

As such these questions should be referred to my colleague the Hon Duncan Gay MLC, Minister for Roads and Ports.

*2033 MONITORING OF SPEED LIMITS IN BALMAIN—Mr Jamie Parker asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

- (1) What measures are currently in place to monitor speed limits in the suburb of Balmain?
(2) Has there been any consideration given to introducing speed cameras on the Balmain peninsula?
(3) Has there been any consideration given to using hand-held police speed cameras to monitor speed on the Balmain peninsula?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) and (3) These questions should be directed to Minister for Police.

- (2) Speed camera locations have been selected using criteria that include the crash history of a location. There are no speed cameras installed on the Balmain peninsula which is currently zoned at 40 km/h. There have been a number of traffic calming treatments installed to support this speed limit.

The Auditor-General's review of speed cameras recommended that an overarching speed camera strategy be developed that identifies the most suitable camera type to address the crash risk at a location.

I announced the NSW Government's speed camera strategy on 1 June. Roads across NSW, including in Balmain, will be assessed for the suitability of speed camera enforcement based on the speed camera criteria in the strategy. As part of the speed camera strategy the community is invited to nominate locations for speed cameras through the safer roads website.

*2034 SPEEDING INFRINGEMENT NOTICES ISSUED—Mr Jamie Parker asked the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

- (1) (a) Is there any data that shows how many speeding infringement notices have been issued annually in the suburb of Balmain?
(b) If yes, where can this information be accessed?
- (2) (a) Is there any data that shows how many speeding infringement notices have been issued annually on Robert Street, Balmain?
(b) If yes, where can this information be accessed?
- (3) (a) Is there any data that shows how many speeding infringement notices have been issued annually for exceeding the speed limit on the Anzac Bridge?
(b) If yes, where can this information be accessed?

Answer—

The Office of State Revenue publishes data on its website about the number and value of speeding fines, which is updated monthly. For camera detected speeding offences, the data is available by camera site. For speeding fines issued on the spot by NSW Police, the data is available by local area command.

*2035 LOW SOCIO-ECONOMIC STATUS SCHOOL COMMUNITIES NATIONAL PARTNERSHIP—Mrs Barbara Perry asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) Given that under the Low Socio-economic Status School Communities National Partnership the Federal Government's investment of \$437 million to support schools in disadvantaged communities was matched by the former NSW Government with \$175 million of State funding, is the Minister aware that schools benefiting under the NSW Government's share of the National Partnership do not yet have certainty about whether the investment in their schools will be continued?
- (2) What have been the benefits at Auburn North Public School of the investment by the former NSW Government in the Low Socio-economic School Communities National Partnership?
- (3) Will that investment be sustained by the current NSW Government?
- (4) How will these benefits be sustained if the current NSW Government does not continue that investment?

Answer—

- (1) All Low Socio-economic Status School Communities National Partnership schools are funded by a combination of State and Commonwealth dollars.

The Gonski Review recommends that a baseline level of funding become the resource standard and that "the Australian Government should roll in, to the maximum possible extent, all general recurrent funding for schools as well as targeted funding programs for non-government schools and National Partnerships". The NSW Government strongly supports this recommendation.

If it is not accepted, this Government will continue to argue for a sustained and credible mechanism to provide additional funding to Australia's most disadvantaged school communities.

- (2) Initiatives that Auburn North Public School has implemented with National Partnership funding will have sustainable benefits for students, including improved student learning outcomes, enhanced teacher practice and increased parent participation in the learning development of their children.

Auburn North Public School will sustain its achievements through its enhanced school leadership, in combination with significant ongoing Department of Education and Communities funding through equity programs such as the Priority Schools Program.

- (3) and (4) The potential loss of Commonwealth National Partnership funding is the biggest threat to sustaining improvements in disadvantaged schools.

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Through our Local Schools, Local Decisions initiative, principals will be able to make staffing and resourcing decisions that will directly improve student learning outcomes.

Through our new Resource Allocation Model, schools will receive the resources to support our most disadvantaged students.

And through the Literacy and Numeracy Action Plan, we will invest \$24 million in 2012 to hire 200 full-time equivalent teachers to target under-performance in literacy and numeracy and introduce appropriate personalised learning programs, so that students most in need of support receive it.

*2036 LOW SOCIO-ECONOMIC STATUS SCHOOL COMMUNITIES NATIONAL PARTNERSHIP—Mrs Barbara Perry asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) Is the Minister aware that Auburn North Public School has employed staff, including a Highly Accomplished Teacher, to support better outcomes in the school as a result of funding provided by the former Government under the Low Socio-economic Status School Communities National Partnership?
- (2) Will the Minister commit to continuing this funding so these staff have certainty about their employment?

Answer—

- (1) Auburn North Public School has been part of the Low Socio-economic Status National Partnership Reform Extension Initiative and the school has received considerable funding, as well as a Highly Accomplished Teacher, to help them improve learning outcomes.

Auburn North Public School will sustain its achievements through its enhanced school leadership, in combination with significant ongoing Department of Education and Communities funding through equity programs such as the Priority Schools Program.

- (2) The involvement of Auburn North Public School in the Low Socio-economic Status National Partnership Reform Extension Initiative finishes at the end of Semester 1 this year. The Highly Accomplished Teacher has right of return to her previous position.

*2037 TRAFFIC VOLUME DATA FOR SR133/MR217—Mr Greg Piper asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

What is the latest traffic volume data for SR133/MR217?

Answer—

I am advised: Traffic counting devices use technology that counts either the number of vehicles or axle pairs.

The following data is available for Main Road 217, which is signposted as Route 133:

Lake Road, Wallsend	28,340 axle pairs (2010)
Lake Road, Glendale	31,250 axle pairs (2010)
Main Road, Boolaroo	24,980 vehicles (2010)
T C Frith Avenue, Boolaroo	20,660 axle pairs (2010)
Five Islands Road, Teralba	36,770 axle pairs (2010)
Wangi Road, Rathmines	19,040 axle pairs (2010)
Wamsley Street, Morisset	10,870 vehicles (2009)

*2038 LITERACY AND NUMERACY TEACHERS—Ms Carmel Tebbutt asked the Minister for Education—

Which schools in the following regions will receive a new literacy and numeracy teacher as part of the Government's Literacy and Numeracy Plan:

- (a) Hunter;
- (b) Illawarra and South East;
- (c) New England;
- (d) North Coast;
- (e) Northern Sydney;
- (f) Riverina;
- (g) South Western Sydney;
- (h) Sydney;
- (i) Western NSW ;
- (j) Western Sydney?

Answer—

The commitment is to provide resources to schools on the basis of need. The 3 education sectors have an agreed methodology to identify the schools to receive the equivalent to 900 additional full time teaching positions in 2012-2016. All identified schools must be in the lowest quartile of Year 3 NAPLAN performance. The Department is currently identifying the public schools in each region that will participate in the Literacy and Numeracy Action Plan.

*2039 DEMOUNTABLE CLASSROOMS—Ms Carmel Tebbutt asked the Minister for Education—

Which schools in the following regions have demountable classrooms and how many does each school have:

- (a) Illawarra and South East;
- (b) New England;
- (c) North Coast;
- (d) Northern Sydney;
- (e) Riverina;
- (f) South Western Sydney;
- (g) Sydney;
- (h) Western NSW;
- (i) Western Sydney?

Answer—

The list of schools and demountables in the nominated regions is provided below:

REGION	SCHOOL NAME	No. of DEMOUNTABLE CLASSROOMS
Illawarra and South East	Albion Park High School	3
Illawarra and South East	Albion Park Rail Public School	2
Illawarra and South East	Austinmer Public School	7
Illawarra and South East	Avoca Public School	1
Illawarra and South East	Balarang Public School	1
Illawarra and South East	Balgownie Public School	3
Illawarra and South East	Batemans Bay High School	6
Illawarra and South East	Batemans Bay Public School	1
Illawarra and South East	Berinba Public School	2
Illawarra and South East	Bermagui Public School	1
Illawarra and South East	Berrima Public School	1
Illawarra and South East	Berry Public School	2
Illawarra and South East	Bomaderry High School	1
Illawarra and South East	Bombala High School	3
Illawarra and South East	Bowning Public School	1
Illawarra and South East	Bowral Public School	8
Illawarra and South East	Bradfordville Public School	3
Illawarra and South East	Braidwood Central School	6
Illawarra and South East	Bredbo Public School	2
Illawarra and South East	Budawang School	1
Illawarra and South East	Bulli Public School	2
Illawarra and South East	Bundanoon Public School	3
Illawarra and South East	Bungendore Public School	3
Illawarra and South East	Callala Public School	3
Illawarra and South East	Cambewarra Public School	4
Illawarra and South East	Coledale Public School	1
Illawarra and South East	Collector Public School	1
Illawarra and South East	Dapto High School	2
Illawarra and South East	Dapto Public School	12
Illawarra and South East	Eden Marine High School	9

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Illawarra and South East	Figtree Heights Public School	1
Illawarra and South East	Figtree High School	5
Illawarra and South East	Flinders Public School	8
Illawarra and South East	Gerringong Public School	2
Illawarra and South East	Goulburn East Public School	1
Illawarra and South East	Goulburn North Public School	1
Illawarra and South East	Goulburn West Public School	1
Illawarra and South East	Gundaroo Public School	2
Illawarra and South East	Gwynneville Public School	1
Illawarra and South East	Havenlee School	2
Illawarra and South East	Helensburgh Public School	2
Illawarra and South East	Huskisson Public School	2
Illawarra and South East	Illaroo Road Public School	3
Illawarra and South East	Illawarra Sports High School	1
Illawarra and South East	Jerrabomberra Public School	14
Illawarra and South East	Jindabyne Central School	10
Illawarra and South East	Karabar High School	13
Illawarra and South East	Kiama High School	11
Illawarra and South East	Marulan Public School	2
Illawarra and South East	Michelago Public School	2
Illawarra and South East	Mittagong Public School	3
Illawarra and South East	Moruya High School	8
Illawarra and South East	Moss Vale High School	1
Illawarra and South East	Mount Brown Public School	1
Illawarra and South East	Mount St Thomas Public School	2
Illawarra and South East	Mount Terry Public School	3
Illawarra and South East	Nareena Hills Public School	2
Illawarra and South East	Narooma Public School	5
Illawarra and South East	North Nowra Public School	1
Illawarra and South East	Nowra East Public School	5
Illawarra and South East	Nowra High School	2
Illawarra and South East	Nowra Hill Public School	2
Illawarra and South East	Nowra Public School	3
Illawarra and South East	Numeralla Public School	2
Illawarra and South East	Oak Flats High School	6
Illawarra and South East	Pambula Public School	3
Illawarra and South East	Para Meadows School	3
Illawarra and South East	Pleasant Heights Public School	1
Illawarra and South East	Queanbeyan East Public School	4
Illawarra and South East	Queanbeyan Public School	4
Illawarra and South East	Queanbeyan West Public School	4
Illawarra and South East	Robertson Public School	1
Illawarra and South East	Russell Vale Public School	2
Illawarra and South East	Sanctuary Point Public School	6
Illawarra and South East	Shell Cove Public School	6
Illawarra and South East	Shoalhaven Heads Public School	1
Illawarra and South East	Shoalhaven High School	1
Illawarra and South East	St Georges Basin Public School	4
Illawarra and South East	Sutton Public School	2
Illawarra and South East	Tallong Public School	1
Illawarra and South East	Tangara School	2
Illawarra and South East	Tanja Public School	1
Illawarra and South East	Taralga Public School	2

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Illawarra and South East	Terara Public School	3
Illawarra and South East	The Crescent School	6
Illawarra and South East	Thirroul Public School	1
Illawarra and South East	Towamba Public School	1
Illawarra and South East	Ulladulla High School	9
Illawarra and South East	Ulladulla Public School	5
Illawarra and South East	Unanderra Public School	1
Illawarra and South East	Vincentia High School	13
Illawarra and South East	Waniora Public School	3
Illawarra and South East	Warilla High School	1
Illawarra and South East	Warilla Public School	1
Illawarra and South East	Wee Jasper Public School	1
Illawarra and South East	Windellama Public School	1
Illawarra and South East	Wingello Public School	1
Illawarra and South East	Wollongong Performing Arts High School	3
Illawarra and South East	Wollongong Public School	3
Illawarra and South East	Woonona East Public School	3
Illawarra and South East	Yass High School	8
New England	Barraba Central School	1
New England	Black Mountain Public School	1
New England	Boggabilla Central School	3
New England	Bonshaw Public School	1
New England	Bundarra Central School	3
New England	Collarenebri Central School	3
New England	Duval High School	1
New England	Emmaville Central School	1
New England	G S Kidd Memorial School	2
New England	Glen Innes High School	3
New England	Gum Flat Public School	1
New England	Gunnedah South Public School	2
New England	Inverell High School	9
New England	Inverell Public School	1
New England	Kellys Plains Public School	1
New England	Moonbi Public School	1
New England	Moree Public School	5
New England	Mungindi Central School	2
New England	Narrabri High School	1
New England	Nemingha Public School	2
New England	Niangala Public School	1
New England	Oxley High School	14
New England	Quirindi Public School	1
New England	Ross Hill Public School	1
New England	Sandon Public School	2
New England	Tamworth Public School	1
New England	Tamworth South Public School	5
New England	Tingha Public School	1
New England	Uralla Central School	2
New England	Wallabadah Public School	1
New England	Warialda High School	4
New England	Wee Waa High School	2
New England	Westdale Public School	4
New England	Wyaliba Public School	2
North Coast	Afterlee Public School	1

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North Coast	Alstonville High School	3
North Coast	Alstonville Public School	10
North Coast	Bangalow Public School	1
North Coast	Banora Point Public School	5
North Coast	Beechwood Public School	1
North Coast	Bexhill Public School	5
North Coast	Blakebrook Public School	1
North Coast	Boambee Public School	5
North Coast	Bonville Public School	1
North Coast	Bowraville Central School	1
North Coast	Broadwater Public School	1
North Coast	Brunswick Heads Public School	1
North Coast	Bulahdelah Central School	3
North Coast	Burringbar Public School	1
North Coast	Byron Bay High School	3
North Coast	Byron Bay Public School	6
North Coast	Cabbage Tree Island Public School	1
North Coast	Camden Haven High School	4
North Coast	Caniaba Public School	2
North Coast	Carool Public School	1
North Coast	Cascade Environmental Educ Centre	1
North Coast	Casino High School	6
North Coast	Casino West Public School	1
North Coast	Chatham High School	1
North Coast	Chatham Public School	4
North Coast	Chatsworth Island Public School	2
North Coast	Coffee Camp Public School	1
North Coast	Coorabell Public School	2
North Coast	Copmanhurst Public School	1
North Coast	Coraki Public School	1
North Coast	Corindi Public School	1
North Coast	Crescent Head Public School	1
North Coast	Crossmaglen Public School	1
North Coast	Cudgen Public School	1
North Coast	Dorroughby Environmental Educ Centre	1
North Coast	Duranbah Public School	1
North Coast	Durrumbul Public School	2
North Coast	Elands Public School	1
North Coast	Ellangowan Public School	2
North Coast	Evans River Community School	1
North Coast	Fernleigh Public School	1
North Coast	Fingal Head Public School	1
North Coast	Forster Public School	1
North Coast	Gloucester High School	2
North Coast	Goolmangar Public School	1
North Coast	Grafton High School	1
North Coast	Grafton Public School	1
North Coast	Great Lakes College Senior Campus	1
North Coast	Great Lakes College Tuncurry Campus	1
North Coast	Green Hill Public School	3
North Coast	Gulmarrad Public School	4
North Coast	Hallidays Point Public School	4

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North Coast	Harrington Public School	1
North Coast	Harwood Island Public School	1
North Coast	Hastings Public School	2
North Coast	Huntingdon Public School	1
North Coast	Iluka Public School	4
North Coast	Johns River Public School	1
North Coast	Karangi Public School	2
North Coast	Kempsey East Public School	2
North Coast	Kingscliff Public School	8
North Coast	Kororo Public School	10
North Coast	Kyogle High School	3
North Coast	Laurieton Public School	4
North Coast	Lennox Head Public School	6
North Coast	Lismore High School	1
North Coast	Lowanna Public School	1
North Coast	Macksville Public School	6
North Coast	Maclean High School	3
North Coast	Main Arm Upper Public School	2
North Coast	Melville High School	8
North Coast	Modanville Public School	1
North Coast	Murwillumbah East Public School	4
North Coast	Murwillumbah South Infants School	1
North Coast	Nabiac Public School	5
North Coast	Nambucca Heads Public School	3
North Coast	Narranga Public School	1
North Coast	North East Public School of Distance Education	3
North Coast	North Haven Public School	5
North Coast	Nymboida Public School	1
North Coast	Ocean Shores Public School	3
North Coast	Old Bar Public School	1
North Coast	Pacific Palms Public School	2
North Coast	Palmers Island Public School	1
North Coast	Port Macquarie High School	3
North Coast	Pottsville Beach Public School	11
North Coast	Raleigh Public School	2
North Coast	Richmond River High School	1
North Coast	Scotts Head Public School	1
North Coast	South Grafton High School	9
North Coast	South Grafton Public School	3
North Coast	South West Rocks Public School	5
North Coast	Southern Cross School	1
North Coast	Tacking Point Public School	7
North Coast	Taree High School	2
North Coast	Taree Public School	1
North Coast	Taree West Public School	7
North Coast	Tea Gardens Public School	1
North Coast	Terranora Public School	4
North Coast	The Channon Public School	1
North Coast	The Pocket Public School	1
North Coast	Tinonee Public School	2
North Coast	Toormina High School	2
North Coast	Wauchope High School	2
North Coast	Wauchope Public School	5

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North Coast	Westlawn Public School	8
North Coast	Wilson Park School	4
North Coast	Wilsons Creek Public School	2
North Coast	Wingham High School	5
North Coast	Woodenbong Central School	1
North Coast	Woolgoolga High School	3
North Coast	Wyrallah Road Public School	2
North Coast	Yamba Public School	4
Northern Sydney	Arcadia Public School	1
Northern Sydney	Artarmon Public School	6
Northern Sydney	Asquith Boys High School	1
Northern Sydney	Asquith Girls High School	9
Northern Sydney	Asquith Public School	2
Northern Sydney	Avalon Public School	2
Northern Sydney	Balgowlah Heights Public School	7
Northern Sydney	Balgowlah North Public School	11
Northern Sydney	Baulkham Hills North Public School	9
Northern Sydney	Beacon Hill Public School	2
Northern Sydney	Beaumont Road Public School	3
Northern Sydney	Beauty Point Public School	6
Northern Sydney	Beecroft Public School	1
Northern Sydney	Belrose Public School	2
Northern Sydney	Berowra Public School	2
Northern Sydney	Bilgola Plateau Public School	3
Northern Sydney	Brooklyn Public School	1
Northern Sydney	Cammeray Public School	8
Northern Sydney	Carlingford High School	1
Northern Sydney	Castle Cove Public School	2
Northern Sydney	Castle Hill High School	14
Northern Sydney	Castle Hill Public School	6
Northern Sydney	Chatswood High School	12
Northern Sydney	Chatswood Public School	3
Northern Sydney	Cheltenham Girls High School	3
Northern Sydney	Cherrybrook Public School	8
Northern Sydney	Cherrybrook Technology High School	37
Northern Sydney	Collaroy Plateau Public School	9
Northern Sydney	Cowan Public School	1
Northern Sydney	Cromehurst School	1
Northern Sydney	Cromer Public School	5
Northern Sydney	Curl Curl North Public School	16
Northern Sydney	Denistone East Public School	8
Northern Sydney	Eastwood Public School	3
Northern Sydney	Elanora Heights Public School	2
Northern Sydney	Epping Boys High School	6
Northern Sydney	Epping Heights Public School	6
Northern Sydney	Epping North Public School	3
Northern Sydney	Epping Public School	4
Northern Sydney	Epping West Public School	3
Northern Sydney	Ermington Public School	6
Northern Sydney	Fisher Road School	2
Northern Sydney	Forestville Public School	4
Northern Sydney	Galston Public School	2

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Northern Sydney	Glenhaven Public School	6
Northern Sydney	Gordon East Public School	3
Northern Sydney	Gordon West Public School	1
Northern Sydney	Greenwich Public School	9
Northern Sydney	Harbord Public School	15
Northern Sydney	Hillside Public School	1
Northern Sydney	Hornsby Girls High School	1
Northern Sydney	Hornsby North Public School	7
Northern Sydney	Hornsby South Public School	12
Northern Sydney	John Purchase Public School	11
Northern Sydney	Killara High School	18
Northern Sydney	Killara Public School	3
Northern Sydney	Killarney Heights Public School	1
Northern Sydney	Lane Cove West Public School	7
Northern Sydney	Lindfield East Public School	1
Northern Sydney	Lindfield Public School	4
Northern Sydney	Manly Vale Public School	6
Northern Sydney	Manly West Public School	6
Northern Sydney	Melrose Park Public School	3
Northern Sydney	Middle Harbour Public School	1
Northern Sydney	Mona Vale Public School	3
Northern Sydney	Mount Kuring-gai Public School	1
Northern Sydney	Mowbray Public School	3
Northern Sydney	Narrabeen Lakes Public School	3
Northern Sydney	Narrabeen North Public School	5
Northern Sydney	Narrabeen Sports High School	1
Northern Sydney	Neutral Bay Public School	8
Northern Sydney	Newport Public School	8
Northern Sydney	Normanhurst Boys High School	1
Northern Sydney	Normanhurst Public School	4
Northern Sydney	Normanhurst West Public School	1
Northern Sydney	North Rocks Public School	2
Northern Sydney	North Sydney Public School	1
Northern Sydney	Northbridge Public School	4
Northern Sydney	Northern Bchs Sec Col Mackellar Girls C	3
Northern Sydney	Oakhill Drive Public School	8
Northern Sydney	Pennant Hills High School	5
Northern Sydney	Pennant Hills Public School	6
Northern Sydney	Putney Public School	2
Northern Sydney	Pymble Public School	5
Northern Sydney	Riverside Girls High School	1
Northern Sydney	Roselea Public School	1
Northern Sydney	Ryde Secondary College	2
Northern Sydney	Samuel Gilbert Public School	8
Northern Sydney	St Ives North Public School	6
Northern Sydney	St Ives Park Public School	1
Northern Sydney	St Ives Public School	4
Northern Sydney	Turrumurra High School	3
Northern Sydney	Waitara Public School	9
Northern Sydney	Warrawee Public School	5
Northern Sydney	West Pymble Public School	4
Northern Sydney	Willoughby Girls High School	10
Northern Sydney	Willoughby Public School	7

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Riverina	Ardlethan Central School	2
Riverina	Ariah Park Central School	2
Riverina	Barellan Central School	6
Riverina	Beelbangera Public School	2
Riverina	Billabong High School	2
Riverina	Bongongo Public School	1
Riverina	Brungle Public School	1
Riverina	Clare Public School	1
Riverina	Coolamon Central School	1
Riverina	Corowa South Public School	2
Riverina	Forest Hill Public School	4
Riverina	Franklin Public School	4
Riverina	Goolgowi Public School	1
Riverina	Gralee School	1
Riverina	Griffith East Public School	3
Riverina	Gundagai High School	1
Riverina	Hanwood Public School	4
Riverina	Hillston Central School	2
Riverina	Junee North Public School	3
Riverina	Kalinda School	7
Riverina	Kandeer School	3
Riverina	Kapooka Public School	1
Riverina	Lake Albert Public School	2
Riverina	Lake Wyangan Public School	1
Riverina	Moama Public School	3
Riverina	North Wagga Public School	2
Riverina	Parkview Public School	2
Riverina	Riverina Environmental Educ Centre	2
Riverina	South Wagga Public School	1
Riverina	Table Top Public School	1
Riverina	Temora High School	3
Riverina	Temora West Public School	3
Riverina	The Rock Central School	1
Riverina	Thurgoona Public School	1
Riverina	Tocumwal Public School	1
Riverina	Tullibigeal Central School	1
Riverina	Tumut High School	1
Riverina	Wade High School	1
Riverina	Wewak Street School	6
Riverina	Yanco Agricultural High School	1
Riverina	Yenda Public School	4
Riverina	Yoogali Public School	1
Riverina	Young Public School	5
South Western Sydney	Ajuga School	1
South Western Sydney	Auburn Girls High School	7
South Western Sydney	Auburn North Public School	4
South Western Sydney	Auburn Public School	7
South Western Sydney	Auburn West Public School	12
South Western Sydney	Austral Public School	5
South Western Sydney	Bankstown Girls High School	1
South Western Sydney	Bankstown North Public School	8
South Western Sydney	Bankstown Public School	4
South Western Sydney	Bankstown Senior College	9

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South Western Sydney	Bankstown South Infants School	5
South Western Sydney	Bankstown West Public School	2
South Western Sydney	Bargo Public School	4
South Western Sydney	Bass High School	5
South Western Sydney	Berala Public School	13
South Western Sydney	Beverly Hills Girls High School	27
South Western Sydney	Beverly Hills North Public School	6
South Western Sydney	Birrong Girls High School	12
South Western Sydney	Birrong Public School	6
South Western Sydney	Blairmount Public School	1
South Western Sydney	Blaxcell Street Public School	13
South Western Sydney	Bonnyrigg Heights Public School	18
South Western Sydney	Bonnyrigg High School	2
South Western Sydney	Bossley Park High School	20
South Western Sydney	Bossley Park Public School	2
South Western Sydney	Broderick Gillawarna School	4
South Western Sydney	Burwood Public School	10
South Western Sydney	Cabramatta High School	31
South Western Sydney	Cabramatta Public School	2
South Western Sydney	Camden High School	2
South Western Sydney	Camden Park Environmental Educ Centre	1
South Western Sydney	Camden South Public School	7
South Western Sydney	Campbell House School	1
South Western Sydney	Campbelltown Performing Arts High School	1
South Western Sydney	Campbelltown Public School	1
South Western Sydney	Canley Heights Public School	1
South Western Sydney	Canley Vale High School	7
South Western Sydney	Canley Vale Public School	4
South Western Sydney	Caroline Chisholm School	8
South Western Sydney	Casula Public School	5
South Western Sydney	Cawdor Public School	1
South Western Sydney	Cecil Hills High School	2
South Western Sydney	Cecil Hills Public School	11
South Western Sydney	Chalmers Road School	1
South Western Sydney	Chester Hill High School	23
South Western Sydney	Chullora Public School	1
South Western Sydney	Concord West Public School	1
South Western Sydney	Condell Park Public School	4
South Western Sydney	Currans Hill Public School	3
South Western Sydney	Dalmeny Public School	20
South Western Sydney	Douglas Park Public School	1
South Western Sydney	East Hills Boys High School	2
South Western Sydney	East Hills Girls High School	5
South Western Sydney	Elderslie High School	1
South Western Sydney	Elderslie Public School	1
South Western Sydney	Enfield Public School	1
South Western Sydney	Fairfield Heights Public School	10
South Western Sydney	Fairfield High School	3
South Western Sydney	Fairfield Public School	1
South Western Sydney	Fairvale High School	17
South Western Sydney	Fairvale Public School	1
South Western Sydney	Fowler Road School	2

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South Western Sydney	Georges Hall Public School	5
South Western Sydney	Governor Philip King Public School	16
South Western Sydney	Granville East Public School	8
South Western Sydney	Green Valley Public School	5
South Western Sydney	Greenacre Public School	6
South Western Sydney	Greenway Park Public School	9
South Western Sydney	Guildford West Public School	2
South Western Sydney	Hammondville Public School	2
South Western Sydney	Hampden Park Public School	6
South Western Sydney	Harcourt Public School	4
South Western Sydney	Harrington Park Public School	9
South Western Sydney	Harrington Street Public School	15
South Western Sydney	Hinchinbrook Public School	2
South Western Sydney	Holroyd School	9
South Western Sydney	Homebush Boys High School	14
South Western Sydney	Homebush West Public School	15
South Western Sydney	Horsley Park Public School	2
South Western Sydney	Hoxton Park Public School	4
South Western Sydney	Hurlstone Agricultural High School	3
South Western Sydney	Ingleburn High School	3
South Western Sydney	Ingleburn Public School	3
South Western Sydney	James Busby High School	1
South Western Sydney	John Edmondson High School	4
South Western Sydney	Kearns Public School	4
South Western Sydney	Kentlyn Public School	3
South Western Sydney	King Park Public School	3
South Western Sydney	Lakemba Public School	2
South Western Sydney	Lansvale Public School	10
South Western Sydney	Les Powell School	5
South Western Sydney	Leumeah Public School	2
South Western Sydney	Lidcombe Public School	5
South Western Sydney	Liverpool Girls High School	10
South Western Sydney	Liverpool Public School	8
South Western Sydney	Liverpool West Public School	3
South Western Sydney	Lomandra School	3
South Western Sydney	Lucas Gardens School	6
South Western Sydney	Lurnea High School	6
South Western Sydney	Macquarie Fields High School	8
South Western Sydney	Macquarie Fields Public School	2
South Western Sydney	Mainsbridge School	6
South Western Sydney	Marsden Road Public School	4
South Western Sydney	Mawarra Public School	2
South Western Sydney	Merrylands East Public School	4
South Western Sydney	Merrylands High School	2
South Western Sydney	Merrylands Public School	1
South Western Sydney	Miller High School	12
South Western Sydney	Minto Public School	1
South Western Sydney	Mount Annan Public School	8
South Western Sydney	Mount Lewis Infants School	4
South Western Sydney	Narellan Vale Public School	8
South Western Sydney	Newington Public School	5
South Western Sydney	Padstow Heights Public School	3
South Western Sydney	Picnic Point High School	5

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South Western Sydney	Picton High School	10
South Western Sydney	Picton Public School	8
South Western Sydney	Prairiewood High School	1
South Western Sydney	Prestons Public School	3
South Western Sydney	Punchbowl Public School	9
South Western Sydney	Robert Townson High School	5
South Western Sydney	Robert Townson Public School	10
South Western Sydney	Rosemeadow Public School	5
South Western Sydney	Rossmore Public School	2
South Western Sydney	Sackville Street Public School	4
South Western Sydney	Sefton Infants School	1
South Western Sydney	St Andrews Public School	4
South Western Sydney	St Helens Park Public School	2
South Western Sydney	St Johns Park High School	12
South Western Sydney	St Johns Park Public School	5
South Western Sydney	Strathfield North Public School	9
South Western Sydney	Strathfield South Public School	5
South Western Sydney	Thirlmere Public School	1
South Western Sydney	Thomas Acres Public School	4
South Western Sydney	Thomas Reddall High School	6
South Western Sydney	Verona School	1
South Western Sydney	Villawood East Public School	1
South Western Sydney	Villawood North Public School	1
South Western Sydney	Wangee Park School	10
South Western Sydney	Wattawa Heights Public School	2
South Western Sydney	Wattle Grove Public School	11
South Western Sydney	Westfields Sports High School	3
South Western Sydney	Wiley Park Public School	1
South Western Sydney	William Stimson Public School	12
South Western Sydney	Yagoona Public School	7
Sydney	Abbotsford Public School	3
Sydney	Arncliffe Public School	1
Sydney	Arncliffe West Infants School	2
Sydney	Ashbury Public School	1
Sydney	Banksmeadow Public School	1
Sydney	Bates Drive School	6
Sydney	Bellevue Hill Public School	6
Sydney	Beverly Hills Public School	6
Sydney	Bexley North Public School	5
Sydney	Birchgrove Public School	1
Sydney	Blakehurst High School	8
Sydney	Brighton-Le-Sands Public School	9
Sydney	Bundeena Public School	1
Sydney	Burraneer Bay Public School	6
Sydney	Burwood Girls High School	3
Sydney	Cairnsfoot School	9
Sydney	Caringbah Public School	3
Sydney	Carlton Public School	9
Sydney	Carlton South Public School	3
Sydney	Chifley Public School	4
Sydney	Clemton Park Public School	3
Sydney	Como West Public School	2
Sydney	Connells Point Public School	2

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Sydney	Coogee Public School	2
Sydney	Cook School	2
Sydney	Croydon Public School	3
Sydney	Dobroyd Point Public School	6
Sydney	Double Bay Public School	2
Sydney	Drummoyne Public School	2
Sydney	Edgeware School	1
Sydney	Engadine High School	1
Sydney	Georges River College Oatley Snr Campus	1
Sydney	Grays Point Public School	4
Sydney	Gymea Bay Public School	1
Sydney	Gymea North Public School	2
Sydney	Hurstville Grove Infants School	1
Sydney	Hurstville Public School	11
Sydney	Hurstville South Public School	1
Sydney	Jannali East Public School	1
Sydney	Jannali High School	2
Sydney	Kingsgrove Public School	4
Sydney	Kogarah High School	1
Sydney	Kogarah Public School	1
Sydney	Lilli Pilli Public School	1
Sydney	Lucas Heights Community School	2
Sydney	Malabar Public School	5
Sydney	Maroubra Junction Public School	1
Sydney	Mascot Public School	3
Sydney	Minerva School	1
Sydney	Miranda North Public School	2
Sydney	Newtown High School of Performing Arts	2
Sydney	Newtown Public School	2
Sydney	Nicholson Street Public School	2
Sydney	Oatley Public School	4
Sydney	Oatley West Public School	1
Sydney	Peakhurst Public School	6
Sydney	Penshurst West Public School	1
Sydney	Petersham Public School	3
Sydney	Rainbow Street Public School	1
Sydney	Ramsgate Public School	1
Sydney	Randwick Boys High School	1
Sydney	Rockdale Public School	6
Sydney	Royal National Pk Environment Ed Centre	2
Sydney	Russell Lea Infants School	1
Sydney	Sans Souci Public School	1
Sydney	St George Girls High School	4
Sydney	St George School	2
Sydney	Summer Hill Public School	2
Sydney	Sylvania Heights Public School	2
Sydney	Tempe High School	3
Sydney	Ultimo Public School	1
Sydney	Wairoa School	2
Sydney	Waterfall Public School	1
Sydney	Wilkins Public School	6

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Sydney	Woniora Road School	1
Sydney	Woollahra Public School	1
Sydney	Woolooware High School	1
Sydney	Yowie Bay Public School	3
Western NSW	Anson Street School	5
Western NSW	Bathurst Public School	4
Western NSW	Blayney High School	7
Western NSW	Bletchington Public School	6
Western NSW	Bourke High School	3
Western NSW	Bourke Public School	1
Western NSW	Bourke-Walgett School of Distance Education	5
Western NSW	Buninyong Public School	1
Western NSW	Canobolas Public School	2
Western NSW	Carenne School	3
Western NSW	Clergate Public School	2
Western NSW	Condobolin High School	1
Western NSW	Coolah Central School	1
Western NSW	Coomealla High School	3
Western NSW	Coonabarabran High School	8
Western NSW	Cowra High School	1
Western NSW	Cudgegong Valley Public School	4
Western NSW	Cullen Bullen Public School	1
Western NSW	Denison College of SE Bathurst High Campus	1
Western NSW	Denison College of SE Kelso High Campus	3
Western NSW	Dubbo North Public School	2
Western NSW	Dubbo Public School	2
Western NSW	Dubbo School of Distance Education	1
Western NSW	Dubbo South Public School	3
Western NSW	Dubbo West Public School	1
Western NSW	Eglington Public School	3
Western NSW	Errowanbang Public School	1
Western NSW	Forbes High School	4
Western NSW	Gilgandra High School	1
Western NSW	GolGol Public School	3
Western NSW	Goodooga Central School	3
Western NSW	Goolma Public School	1
Western NSW	Gulgong High School	1
Western NSW	Hampton Public School	1
Western NSW	Hargraves Public School	1
Western NSW	Holman Place School	2
Western NSW	Ilford Public School	1
Western NSW	Kandos Public School	1
Western NSW	Lightning Ridge Central School	5
Western NSW	Mendooran Central School	3
Western NSW	Menindee Central School	4
Western NSW	Middleton Public School	3
Western NSW	Millthorpe Public School	5
Western NSW	Molong Central School	1
Western NSW	Mudgee High School	1
Western NSW	Mudgee Public School	4
Western NSW	Mullion Creek Public School	1

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Western NSW	Mulyan Public School	1
Western NSW	O Connell Public School	1
Western NSW	Orana Heights Public School	6
Western NSW	Orange High School	1
Western NSW	Palinyewah Public School	1
Western NSW	Parkes East Public School	1
Western NSW	Parkes High School	1
Western NSW	Parkes Public School	2
Western NSW	Peak Hill Central School	3
Western NSW	Perthville Public School	1
Western NSW	Portland Central School	2
Western NSW	Quandialla Central School	1
Western NSW	Raglan Public School	2
Western NSW	School of the Air	3
Western NSW	Spring Terrace Public School	1
Western NSW	Tibooburra Outback School of the Air	3
Western NSW	Trangie Central School	4
Western NSW	Trundle Central School	1
Western NSW	Trunkey Public School	1
Western NSW	Tullamore Central School	4
Western NSW	Walgett Community College - High School	1
Western NSW	Wallerawang Public School	1
Western NSW	Wambangalang Environmental Ed Centre	1
Western NSW	Wellington Public School	3
Western NSW	Yeoval Central School	4
Western Sydney	Arthur Phillip High School	21
Western Sydney	Barnier Public School	11
Western Sydney	Baulkham Hills High School	3
Western Sydney	Beaumont Hills Public School	5
Western Sydney	Bilpin Public School	3
Western Sydney	Blackheath Public School	1
Western Sydney	Blacktown Girls High School	3
Western Sydney	Blacktown South Public School	4
Western Sydney	Blackwell Public School	1
Western Sydney	Blaxland East Public School	1
Western Sydney	Blaxland High School	4
Western Sydney	Blaxland Public School	1
Western Sydney	Brewongle Environmental Educ Centre	1
Western Sydney	Caddies Creek Public School	17
Western Sydney	Cambridge Park High School	1
Western Sydney	Carlingford West Public School	8
Western Sydney	Colo High School	1
Western Sydney	Colyton Public School	3
Western Sydney	Crestwood Public School	6
Western Sydney	Darcy Road Public School	9
Western Sydney	Doonside High School	1
Western Sydney	Dundas Public School	6
Western Sydney	Eastern Creek Public School	2
Western Sydney	Ebenezer Public School	1
Western Sydney	Ellison Public School	1

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Western Sydney	Emu Heights Public School	3
Western Sydney	Erskine Park High School	7
Western Sydney	Evans High School	5
Western Sydney	Excelsior Public School	1
Western Sydney	Faulconbridge Public School	1
Western Sydney	Freemans Reach Public School	2
Western Sydney	Girraween Public School	16
Western Sydney	Glendenning Public School	2
Western Sydney	Glenmore Park Public School	9
Western Sydney	Glenwood High School	18
Western Sydney	Greystanes Public School	10
Western Sydney	Grose View Public School	5
Western Sydney	Halinda School	2
Western Sydney	Hambledon Public School	7
Western Sydney	Hassall Grove Public School	14
Western Sydney	Hazelbrook Public School	1
Western Sydney	Hebersham Public School	5
Western Sydney	Hilltop Road Public School	1
Western Sydney	Ironbark Ridge Public School	8
Western Sydney	James Erskine Public School	3
Western Sydney	Jasper Road Public School	2
Western Sydney	John Palmer Public School	5
Western Sydney	Kellyville High School	7
Western Sydney	Kellyville Public School	4
Western Sydney	Kellyville Ridge Public School	18
Western Sydney	Kings Langley Public School	4
Western Sydney	Kingswood South Public School	2
Western Sydney	Kurmond Public School	4
Western Sydney	Kurrajong East Public School	1
Western Sydney	Kurrajong North Public School	3
Western Sydney	Kurrajong Public School	3
Western Sydney	Kurrambee School	9
Western Sydney	Leura Public School	1
Western Sydney	Llandilo Public School	1
Western Sydney	Longneck Lagoon Environmental Ed Centre	1
Western Sydney	Luddenham Public School	1
Western Sydney	Lynwood Park Public School	1
Western Sydney	Macarthur Girls High School	10
Western Sydney	Maraylya Public School	1
Western Sydney	Marayong Heights Public School	1
Western Sydney	Matthew Pearce Public School	13
Western Sydney	Megalong Public School	1
Western Sydney	Metella Road Public School	6
Western Sydney	Minchinbury Public School	4
Western Sydney	Mitchell High School	7
Western Sydney	Mount Druitt Public School	5
Western Sydney	Northmead Public School	3
Western Sydney	Oakville Public School	1
Western Sydney	Oatlands Public School	2
Western Sydney	Orchard Hills Public School	1
Western Sydney	Oxley Park Public School	6
Western Sydney	Palm Avenue School	1
Western Sydney	Parklea Public School	9

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Western Sydney	Parramatta East Public School	7
Western Sydney	Parramatta North Public School	4
Western Sydney	Parramatta Public School	3
Western Sydney	Parramatta West Public School	5
Western Sydney	Pendle Hill Public School	2
Western Sydney	Penrith High School	1
Western Sydney	Pitt Town Public School	1
Western Sydney	Plumpton High School	2
Western Sydney	Plumpton House School	4
Western Sydney	Plumpton Public School	3
Western Sydney	Quakers Hill East Public School	4
Western Sydney	Quakers Hill High School	3
Western Sydney	Quakers Hill Public School	3
Western Sydney	Redbank School	1
Western Sydney	Regentville Public School	6
Western Sydney	Richmond High School	2
Western Sydney	Riverstone High School	4
Western Sydney	Rooty Hill High School	4
Western Sydney	Rooty Hill Public School	3
Western Sydney	Rosehill Public School	4
Western Sydney	Rouse Hill Public School	17
Western Sydney	Samuel Terry Public School	1
Western Sydney	Schofields Public School	5
Western Sydney	Shelley Public School	2
Western Sydney	Sherwood Ridge Public School	13
Western Sydney	Tallowood School	2
Western Sydney	Toongabbie Public School	1
Western Sydney	Warragamba Public School	1
Western Sydney	Warrimoo Public School	1
Western Sydney	Wentworth Falls Public School	1
Western Sydney	Wentworthville Public School	2
Western Sydney	Werrington County Public School	2
Western Sydney	Westmead Public School	5
Western Sydney	Whalan Public School	1
Western Sydney	William Rose School	2
Western Sydney	Winmalee High School	2
Western Sydney	Winmalee Public School	2
Western Sydney	Wisemans Ferry Public School	1
Western Sydney	Wyndham College	12
Western Sydney	York Public School	2

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*2041 ESTIMATES OF ELECTRICITY CONSUMPTION—Mr Richard Amery asked the Minister for Resources and Energy, Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Central Coast—

- (1) What has been the average percentage of electricity meters read for each billing period over the past 12 months?
- (2) Do electricity consumers whose meters have not been read have their electricity consumption determined by an average of previous use?
- (3) When estimating how much a consumer has to pay for their electricity account, is the reduction in average electricity consumption in the community taken into consideration?
- (4) How many complaints have been lodged by consumers because their electricity bill has been

determined by an estimate?

Answer—

- (1) Retailers are not required to provide this information to the NSW Government.
- (2) and (3) The requirements for electricity billing, including the process for estimating bills, are set out in the Electricity Supply (General) Regulation 2001.
- (4) This information is publicly available in the Energy and Water Ombudsman NSW 2010-11 Annual Report at www.ewon.com.au

*2042 SAFETY AND SECURITY INITIATIVES—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Education—

With regard to the safety and security initiatives known as "School Zone Flashing Lights" and "School Fencing":

- (1) Which schools in the electorate of Cessnock currently do not have school zone flashing lights?
- (2) Which schools in the electorate of Cessnock currently do not have school fencing?
- (3) How much money was allocated in the 2011-12 Budget for the school zone flashing lights program and how many schools does this cater for?
- (4) How much money was allocated in the 2011-12 Budget for the school fencing program and how many schools does this cater for?

Answer—

- (1) This is a matter for the Minister for Roads and Ports.
- (2) All schools in the Cessnock Electorate have a type of fencing.
- (3) This is a matter for the Minister for Roads and Ports.
- (4) Schools have been fenced in numerous locations across the State. Funding for fencing is available from either the Public School Upgrade Program, the minor capital works budget or the school maintenance budget.

*2043 HIGH SCHOOL FOR BRANXTON-GRETA—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Education—

With regard to the potential for a high school being built in the Branxton-Greta towns within the electorate of Cessnock:

- (1) (a) Has land been purchased for the future construction of a high school?
(b) If no, what "triggers" would instigate the purchase of such land?
- (2) In the future, what data will be used in determining the timing of a future high school for Branxton-Greta?

Answer—

- (1) (a) No.
(b) No decision has been made at this stage regarding the planning for a new high school in the Branxton-Greta towns..
- (2) Data analysed to determine the Region's school planning includes:
 - information relating to residential developments across both the Maitland and Cessnock Local Government Areas
 - proposed timeframes of these developments
 - demographic projections
 - utilisation rates of existing schools
 - capacity of existing schools based on the Schools Facilities Standards and Core Plus design principles
 - Regional educational delivery requirements.

*2044 SCHOOL BUDGETS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Education—

With regard to individual school budgets:

- (1) What line items typically make up a budget?
- (2) Which of these are "fixed" costs?

Answer—

- (1) School budgets include amounts funded from school and community sources as well as global budget and tied funds allocated centrally by the Department of Education and Communities. These funds are used by schools to meet recurrent expenditure on items such as:

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- classroom, technology and other curriculum related resources;
- casual teachers;
- casual school administration and support staff;
- urgent minor maintenance;
- gas and electricity;
- rates and sewerage; and
- post and phones.

(2) The majority of funding is allocated to schools based on student enrolment numbers. Student enrolment numbers determine individual school staffing numbers and will also determine related costs.

*2045 FUNDING FOR FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES PROGRAMS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

Noting the advice given that information regarding programs for financial years 2011-12 and 2012-13 is available at <http://www.facs.nsw.gov.au> (Question 1699), yet such information is not available on that website:

Will the Minister provide a comprehensive list of all programs under her portfolio for the financial years 2011-12 and 2012-13 which have had their funding:

- (a) frozen;
- (b) reduced;
- (c) cancelled;
- (d) increased?

Answer—

Information on the programs administered and funded by the Department of Family and Community Services is contained in the Department's Annual Reports, which are available on the Department's website at <http://www.facs.nsw.gov.au/> as well as in the Budget Papers available on the NSW Treasury website at http://www.treasury.nsw.gov.au/Publications_Page/Budget_Papers

The Department's Annual Report for the 2011-12 financial year will be completed after the end of the 2011-12 financial year, and will be tabled in Parliament within the timelines provided for in the Annual Reports (Departments) Act 1985;

It is expected that the 2012-13 Budget Papers will be published on the Treasury website on Budget Day on 12 June 2012.

*2046 FUNDING FOR SPECTACLES PROGRAM—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

What funding was provided for the Spectacles program for the following financial years:

- (a) 2007-2008;
- (b) 2008-2009;
- (c) 2009-2010;
- (d) 2010-2011;
- (e) 2011-2012?

Answer—

The following funding was provided for the Spectacles Program:

Year	Budget	Expenditure	Overspend
2007-2008	\$4,240,600	\$ 5,314,667	\$1,074,067
2008-2009	\$4,303,156	\$ 5,114,076	\$810,920
2009-2010	\$4,369,160	\$ 4,607,630	\$238,470
2010-2011	\$4,422,147	\$ 5,583,258	\$1,161,111
2011-2012	\$4,468,334	\$ 4,510,813*	\$42,479

*As at 30 May 2012

The budget allocation for the Spectacles Program was overspent consistently and unsustainably under the previous Government. As a result approximately \$3.2 million was not available for other Community Services clients, including vulnerable children and young people, between 2007-2008 and 2010-2011.

The Government made the right decision to hold the program to budget in 2011-2012 and reform the contract when it comes due in 2012. The overspend in 2011-2012, still building, reflects the Vision Care administration fee still payable under the terms of the contract approved by the previous Government, despite services being put on hold in February 2012.

*2047 SECURITY FOR AMBULANCE OFFICERS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

What strategies are being put into place to ensure greater security and safety for ambulance officers?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Ambulance Service of NSW has a zero tolerance to any form of violence towards Paramedics and will refer offenders to Police.

It is Ambulance Service procedure to contact Police when there is a threat or potential threat to the safety of Paramedics. The Service has an automated system in place where a warning about known hazards, such as chemicals or potential violence can be relayed to responding crews. In the most serious cases, Ambulance crews are advised to "stand off" and await the arrival of Police.

Ambulance vehicle radios and portable radios carried by Paramedics for when they leave the vehicle have a "duress button" that when activated alerts the Control Centre of a crew or Paramedic in danger. The Control Centres then alert the Police and other crews to provide assistance.

A training program is in place for Ambulance Paramedics to assist them in dealing with potentially volatile client situations and to enable them to minimise the risk of assault. The program, Violence Prevention and Safe Practices in High Risk Environments is part of the occupational health and safety education program for all Ambulance Paramedics.

Following amendments to the Health Services Act 1997 in June 2010, new offences were created to provide better protection to paramedics and their patients. Under this legislation, it is an offence to intentionally obstruct or hinder an ambulance paramedic who is providing services to a person, which attracts a maximum penalty of two years imprisonment. A more serious level of offence of intentionally obstructing or hindering a paramedic by an act of violence attracts a maximum penalty of five years imprisonment.

*2049 LINKS FOR LEARNING PROGRAM—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Education—

With regard to the "Links for Learning" program available to students within the electorate of Cessnock:

- (1) What sites within the electorate offer this program?
- (2) What travel arrangements are in place for students to access these sites and are these travel arrangements funded by the NSW Government or at the student's expense?

Answer—

- (1) There are two Links to Learning projects in the Cessnock Electorate. Northnet Incorporated operates from premises in Hall Street Cessnock and Cessnock District Learning Centre Incorporated operates from premises in Mount View Road, Cessnock.
- (2) Travel arrangements for the 3,600 students to attend projects vary widely within and between projects. Some students walk to projects or use travel passes on journeys similar to regular attendance at school. Funded organisations have flexibility and may use their program funds for travel expenses or the provision of transport, should the organisation deem this necessary for the target student group.

*2050 FUNDING FOR STRONGER TOGETHER & STRONGER TOGETHER 2 PROGRAMS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Ageing, and Minister for Disability Services—

With regard to the Stronger Together & Stronger Together 2 Programs and funding:

- (1) How much money was allocated in the 2006-07 budget?
- (2) How much money was allocated in the 2007-08 budget?
- (3) How much money was allocated in the 2008-09 budget?
- (4) How much money was allocated in the 2009-10 budget?
- (5) How much money was allocated in the 2010-11 budget?
- (6) How much money was allocated in the 2011-12 budget?

Answer—

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Stronger Together 1 & 2	2006-07 \$ million	2007-08 \$ million	2008-09 \$ million	2009-10 \$ million	2010-11 \$ million	2011-12 \$ million	Total \$ million
Recurrent Accumulative Allocation (in 2012-13 \$) (million)	105.9	172.5	278.3	346.7	400.3	484.9	1,788.6
Capital (dollar value of the respective year) (million)	65.2	47.0	47.1	40.0	40.0	51.5	290.8
Total	171.1	219.5	325.4	386.7	440.3	536.4	2,079.4

Notes:

1. All recurrent dollars are stated in 2012-13\$. Figures are accumulative across the six year period.
2. All capital dollars are stated in the dollar value of respective year.
3. These figures do not include base funding allocated pre-Stronger Together.

*2051 NSW PORTS STRATEGY—Mr Robert Furolo asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

With regards the NSW Ports Strategy being developed by the Freight and Regional Development Division of Transport for NSW:

- (1) (a) Has Transport for NSW engaged an external organisation or consultant to assist in the development of the Strategy?
(b) If so, who are the consultants?
- (2) What is cost of the work the consultants are undertaking for Transport for NSW?
- (3) What is the Government's new target for percentage of freight to be carried on rail?
- (4) (a) Has the strategy been completed?
(b) If not, when will the strategy be completed?
- (5) When will the strategy be publicly released?
- (6) What was the consultation process undertaken in the development of the strategy?
- (7) What organisations and stakeholders were consulted?
- (8) How will the strategy be co-ordinated with the infrastructure strategy being developed by Infrastructure NSW?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) (a) Transport for NSW is developing the NSW Ports and Freight Strategy. Consultants have been engaged to assist.
(b) Consultants engaged are Sd+DHyder and Deloitte. Other consultants may be engaged as required.
- (2) The final cost will not be known until the strategy is complete.
- (3) This information is publicly available in the Government's NSW 2021 document.
- (4) No.
- (5) Late 2012.
- (6) Development to date has involved extensive engagement with industry, including meetings with commodity supply chain reference groups established by the Freight and Regional Development Division during 2012 and through extensive industry liaison by the Deputy Director General, Ms Rachel Johnson. The development of the NSW Ports and Freights Strategy has also been informed by the consultations undertaken for the NSW Long Term Transport Masterplan.
- (7) As the consultation process is not yet complete, the final list is not available.
- (8) Transport for NSW works closely with Infrastructure NSW and will continue to do so to ensure transport plans are aligned with the NSW Government's State Infrastructure Strategy.

*2052 CLIENTS FROM A NON-ENGLISH SPEAKING AND CULTURALLY DIVERSE BACKGROUND—Mr Robert Furolo asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

With regards to culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) clients of Housing NSW and the Department of Community Services:

- (1) What programs does Housing NSW have to assist individuals from a non-English speaking and culturally diverse background access Housing NSW 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?
- (4) What programs does the Department of Community Services have to assist individuals from a non-English speaking and culturally diverse background to access the department's services?
- (5) What is the value of these programs for the 2011-12 financial year?
- (6) What was the value of these programs for the 2010-11 and 2009-10 financial years?

Answer—

(1) and (4) The Department of Family and Community Services (FaCS) provides essential services to Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) communities.

Both Housing NSW and the Community Services' divisions of FaCS are committed to multiculturalism as an integral part of their work with children, young people, families and communities and, as so provide a range of multicultural services.

These include: telephone and interpreting services; multicultural information and advice; staff training and development; recruitment of bi-lingual staff; multicultural caseworkers; working with funded agencies (multicultural services); and targeted programs and polices.

Information on programs, progress and achievements are outlined in FaCS' Annual Reports and can also be found on the FaCS website at www.facs.nsw.gov.au

(2) and (3) Since 2009-10, Housing NSW has expended over \$4 million on these policies and services.

(5) and (6) Since 2009-10, Community Services has expended over \$35 million on policies and services.

*2053 CLIENTS FROM A NON-ENGLISH SPEAKING AND CULTURALLY DIVERSE BACKGROUND—Mr Robert Furolo asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

With regards to culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) clients of NSW Health:

- (1) What programs does NSW Health have to assist individuals from a non-English speaking and culturally diverse background access health 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) The programs dedicated to providing services to clients from non-English speaking and culturally diverse backgrounds are as follows:

- Multicultural Health Services provided by Local Health Districts
- Statewide Multicultural Health Services
- The Health Care Interpreter Service

(2) and (3) Expenditure for the financial years in question was as follows:

- \$45.8 million in 2010-11
- \$45.6 million in 2009-10

Audited 2011-12 expenditure details will be available at the end of the financial year.

*2054 INCREASE IN FOSTER CARERS—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

What action will the Minister take to increase the number of foster carers in New South Wales to assist the increasing numbers of children in out-of-home care?

Answer—

Community Services is working collaboratively with non-government partners to ensure foster carer recruitment and retention is improved.

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*2057 PLAN-IT YOUTH MENTORING PROGRAM—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) Will the Minister maintain funding for the "Plan-it Youth" mentoring program which provides students in the Hunter and on the Central Coast with advice about leaving school?
- (2) If not, why not?

Answer—

From the 2012-13 financial year regions and schools will be able to utilise available equity funding flexibly to target the needs of 15-19 year olds and will make local decisions about the use of mentoring programs and, within that context, the use of the Plan-It Youth Program.

The relieving Regional Director, Hunter Central Coast Region has met with members of the regional Plan-It Youth Strategy Group, including mentor representatives, to discuss the plan for transitioning from a regional program to local school community approaches for vulnerable 15-19 year old students.

A working party including mentor representatives and principals, and chaired by the Regional Director, has been formed. The working party will assist schools to determine the most appropriate strategies for the future, using school based and local community resources and will plan for how to most effectively utilise the current Plan-It Youth regional coordinators to support schools' planning during the second semester of 2012.

*2060 M5 EAST WIDENING—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

Given that Infrastructure NSW will determine if the first missing link for construction will be the M5 East Expansion, or whether it will be the M4 Extension, the F3-M2 link or the F6 Extension (Question 1784):

- (1) What role will the Minister have in this process in his capacity as Minister for Roads?
- (2) What criteria will be used to determine the relative priority of the abovementioned road projects?
- (3) When will a decision be made regarding the priority of these road projects?
- (4) Will the Minister make public all advice received from Infrastructure NSW by his office?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Transport for NSW is working with Infrastructure NSW on this matter. The Transport Master Plan will assist with the formation of Infrastructure NSW's State Infrastructure Strategy. A recommendation on the next Sydney motorway link will be made by Infrastructure NSW directly to the Premier.
- (2) The earliest and greatest economic and social benefits to the people of Sydney and New South Wales.
- (3) Infrastructure NSW will prioritise the Sydney motorway proposals as part of the State Infrastructure Strategy, which is due to be completed later this year.
- (4) The Infrastructure NSW Act 2011 requires that the Premier's decision, based on advice from Infrastructure NSW, is made publicly available.

*2062 RENT INCREASE FOR SOCIAL HOUSING—Mr Jamie Parker asked the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

- (1) Was there a rent increase for social housing tenants in 2011?
- (2) If so:
 - (a) How much was this increase?
 - (b) When were social housing tenants notified of this increase?
 - (c) When did this increase take effect?
 - (d) What was the reason for the increase in rent?
- (3) Has there been a rent increase for social housing tenants in 2012?
- (4) If so:
 - (a) How much was this increase?
 - (b) When were social housing tenants notified of this increase?
 - (c) When did this increase take effect?
 - (d) What was the reason for the increase in rent?
- (5) Are there any further rent increases planned for social housing tenants?

Answer—

This question does not pertain to Finance and Services and should be directed to Minister Goward,

Minister for Family and Community Services.

*2063 HOUSING NSW MAINTENANCE WORKS—Mr Jamie Parker asked the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

- (1) What is the updated total monetary value of outstanding Housing NSW maintenance works?
- (2) What was the total budget for Housing NSW maintenance works in 2008-09 financial year?
 - (a) What was the amount allocated to responsive maintenance?
 - (b) What was the amount allocated to planned maintenance and upgrading?
- (3) What was the total budget for Housing NSW maintenance works in 2009-10 financial year?
 - (a) What was the amount allocated to responsive maintenance?
 - (b) What was the amount allocated to planned maintenance and upgrading?
- (4) What was the total budget for Housing NSW maintenance works in 2010-11 financial year?
 - (a) What was the amount allocated to responsive maintenance?
 - (b) What was the amount allocated to planned maintenance and upgrading?
- (5) What is the total amount budgeted for Housing NSW maintenance works in 2011-12 financial year?
 - (a) What was the amount allocated to responsive maintenance?
 - (b) What was the amount allocated to planned maintenance and upgrading?

Answer—

- (1) The approximate value of outstanding Land and Housing Corporation maintenance work is \$300 million.
- (2) to (4) Information regarding these items is contained in the financial statements attached to each of the relevant Housing NSW annual reports.
- (5) \$420.43 million.
 - (a) \$95.10 million
 - (b) \$325.33 million.

*2064 SOCIAL HOUSING GUTTERING MAINTENANCE—Mr Jamie Parker asked the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

- (1) How many maintenance requests were made to the Department of Housing by social housing tenants in relation to mould in the 2011-12 financial year?
- (2) How many maintenance requests were made to the Department of Housing by social housing tenants in relation to flooding in the 2011-12 financial year?
- (3) How many maintenance requests were made to the Department of Housing by social housing tenants in relation to guttering in the 2011-12 financial year?
- (4) Does the Department of Housing respond to maintenance requests relating to guttering?
- (5) Does the Department of Housing address guttering maintenance as part of its planned maintenance?
- (6) What is the total spent to date on guttering maintenance and repairs in the 2011-12 financial year?
- (7) Is the guttering on Housing NSW properties considered part of the tenants' maintenance responsibilities?
- (8) Does the Department of Housing respond to maintenance requests relating to guttering when those requests are made by tenants who are elderly or have expressed they cannot maintain the gutters themselves?
- (9) (a) Has there been any investigation into the relation between poorly maintained guttering and broader structural damage to Housing NSW properties?
 - (b) If yes, what were the findings?
- (10) (a) Has there been any investigation into the relation between poorly maintained guttering and mould in Housing NSW properties?
 - (b) If yes, what were the findings?
- (11) (a) Has there been any investigation into the relation between poorly maintained guttering and flooding in Housing NSW properties?
 - (b) If yes, what were the findings?

Answer—

- (1) In 2011-12 financial year to May 2012, there were 8,136 occasions where work was carried out in relation to mould.

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- (2) In financial year 2011-2012 to May 2012, Land and Housing Corporation responded to 16 maintenance requests attributed to declared natural disasters. This covers declared disaster events as a result of storm and floods.
- (3) In the 2011-12 financial year to May 2012, there were 10,997 occasions where work was carried out in relation to gutter repairs and or replacement.
- (4) Yes.
- (5) Yes.
- (6) The total spend for the financial year to May 2012 for guttering related items is \$2,813,181.
- (7) Cleaning of apartment block gutters are undertaken by LAHC as part of the regular maintenance program. Cleaning of gutters in cottages and single storey townhouses are considered the responsibility of the tenant. Maintenance of guttering, apart from cleaning, is undertaken by LAHC as detailed in answers 4 and 5 above.
- (8) Where an elderly or disabled tenant reports a maintenance issue in relation to guttering a number of actions could be taken. These include:
- If the property is part of a regular maintenance contract for lawns and grounds, the matter will be referred to the contractor.
 - Inspection is undertaken by LAHC staff to assess the problem and determine if an order should be issued to carry out work.
 - Referring the tenant to a local community based group who can assist with matters such as lawn mowing, gardening and cleaning of gutters.
 - Where the issue is considered non urgent, the matter is recorded in HOMES to flag the property for future planned maintenance.
- (9) To ensure properties are maintained to asset standards, Property Assessment Surveys (PAS) are undertaken on properties to identify issues for inclusion in future programs of work.
- (10) (a) No.
(b) N/A.
- (11) (a) Land and Housing Corporation does not record specific data relating to flooding.
(b) N/A.

*2065 HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE—SCIENCE SUBJECTS STUDIED—Ms Carmel Tebbutt asked the Minister for Education—

Of the total number of students undertaking the Higher School Certificate, how many students and what percentage of the total number of students, studied a science subject in Year 12 in:

- (a) 2001;
(b) 2006;
(c) 2011?

Answer—

Board of Studies NSW data indicates that:

- (a) In 2001 27,822 students - 48% of cohort.
(b) In 2006 28,623 students - 47% of cohort.
(c) In 2011 32,100 students - 48% of cohort.

*2066 APPLICATIONS FOR PLACEMENT IN GW10 AREA—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

How many new applications did the Department of Housing in Fairfield receive for placements in the GW10 area for the six-month period ending 21 January 2012?

Answer—

The capabilities and systems inherited from the former government—as highlighted generally in the Schott Report—do not permit determination of applications for this zone without denying services for Housing NSW clients.

The number of households listed on the NSW Housing Register seeking accommodation in the Fairfield allocation zone is available on the Housing NSW website www.housing.nsw.gov.au

*2068 RAILCORP TRANSIT OFFICERS—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Transport—

- (1) When will the planned phasing out of RailCorp Transit Officers begin?
(2) At what rate are they slated to be phased out by the Government?

Answer—

(1) and (2) I refer the Member to the answer provided to Written Question No. 1807.

*2070 OPERATION SPARTAN—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—

In relation to the Operation Spartan crackdown held on the weekend of 28 and 29 of April 2012; were police involved in any operations in the vicinity of the electorate of Fairfield?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force has advised me that activities related to Operation Spartan were conducted statewide on the nominated dates.

*2071 SMITHFIELD INDUSTRIAL ESTATE—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—

Considering the Smithfield Industrial Estate is the largest industrial estate in the Southern Hemisphere, how many fire fighters are stationed at its immediate vicinity?

Answer—

Fire & Rescue NSW has advised me that there are five fire stations, with a total of 81 firefighters attached, in close proximity to the Smithfield Industrial Estate. These stations have the ability to respond to incidents at this location at any given time. They are also part of a network of fire stations across the metropolitan area that is available to provide any additional support required.

*2072 DEMOUNTABLES AT FAIRVALE HIGH SCHOOL—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Education—

In relation to demountables at Fairvale High School, Fairfield West:

- (1) How many demountables are at Fairvale High School?
- (2) When were they constructed?
- (3) Where were they constructed?
- (4) What grade of insulation was used to line the:
 - (a) walls;
 - (b) ceilings?
- (5) What subjects are taught in these demountables?
- (6) When was the last time the demountables were upgraded?
- (7) What is the overall cost of the most recent upgrade to the demountables at Fairvale High School?

Answer—

(1) 16.

(2) and (3) Demountable construction history is not available. The Department of Education and Communities is unable to state when and where the demountables were constructed. The Department refurbishes demountables on a regular basis. When demountables are refurbished they are returned to an "as new" condition.

(4) Demountables are refurbished to industry standards

(5) A range of subjects are taught in the demountables.

(6) Four demountables received minor upgrades on-site in January 2012 and 12 demountables were replaced with newly refurbished demountables in December 2011/January 2012.

(7) \$1,253,994.

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*2073 VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES—Mr Richard Amery asked 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

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various parts of the State?

- (b) If so, what is the current value of agricultural production in the Sydney Basin?
(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?

Answer—

- (1) (a) No, the Department of Primary Industries relies upon the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) for the collection of agricultural industries data.
(b) The most recent ABS agricultural census (2006) found the value of agriculture in the Sydney statistical division was valued at \$630 million.
(2) Yes - the ABS collates data based on local government areas.
(3) Poultry meat, vegetables, nurseries, mushrooms and cut flowers.

*2074 WIDENING OF M5 TUNNEL—Ms Linda Burney asked 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The potential expansion of the M5 East tunnel is still in the development phase and any potential land requirements are as yet unknown.
(2) As the potential expansion of the M5 East tunnel is still in the development phase, a timeframe cannot be advised at this stage.

*2076 BELLS LINE OF ROAD—Mr Robert Furolo asked 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) \$160 million was allocated in the 2011-12 Budget.
(2) The 2012 NSW Budget will determine the 2012-13 allocations.
(3) \$1 million was allocated in 2011-12 Budget.
(4) The 2012 NSW Budget will determine the 2012-13 allocations.
(5) There are no immediate plans for land acquisitions as a corridor for a long term upgrade of the Bells Line of Road. The 2012 NSW Budget will determine the 2012-13 allocations.

*2077 CLIENTS FROM A NON-ENGLISH SPEAKING AND CULTURALLY DIVERSE BACKGROUND—Mr Robert Furolo asked 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Through its Diversity Services Unit, the Attorney General's Division of the Department of Attorney General and Justice (DAGJ) operates a community engagement program to enhance DAGJ's cultural competence and CALD communities' understanding of the justice system. It employs Community

Liaison Officers for the Vietnamese, Chinese, Pacific and African communities and is currently recruiting an officer for the Iraqi community. In the past few years the Division has:

- provided community information sessions
- developed a court support program
- held open days at court
- translated brochures into community languages (a full list is available on the department's website)
- provided alternative dispute resolution training
- produced a DVD on the law "The law and you, legal information for African communities in NSW".

Juvenile Justice has two funded CALD programs for young people. One delivers services to young people from Pacific communities through Relationships Australia. The other is Anglicare's Post Release Support Program, which is directed at young people from diverse cultural backgrounds. Juvenile Justice also has six identified multicultural positions within its community offices.

CSNSW provides a range of programs to CALD offenders. This includes certificate courses to CALD students through the Adult Education and Vocational Training Institute (AEVTI) to improve their English skills. For community based CALD offenders CSNSW offers the Pacific Islander Readiness Program, the Transitions Project (a post-release program for Vietnamese offenders), the Getting SMART (Self Management and Recovery Training) Program for Vietnamese community based offenders and the SMART Recovery Program for Vietnamese offenders in custody and the community.

The Department provides for the cost of on-site and telephone interpreter services, as required across all divisions. Bi-lingual and multi-lingual staff members who are paid CLAS allowance also provide assistance to CALD clients.

(2) and (3) The cost of all DAGJ CALD programs are not separately identified in the budget, however, estimated costs are as follows:

Year	DAGJ	Juvenile Justice	CSNSW	Total
2009-2010	\$803,908 (approx)	\$189,595	\$997,214	\$1,990,717
2010-2011	\$857,634 (approx)	\$194,335	\$1,152,220	\$2,204,189
2011-2012	\$252,398 (approx)*	\$242,412	\$922,156 (approx)#	\$1,416,966*#

* 2011-2012 figures for interpreter and translation services are not included as they are not yet available.

2011-2012 estimated costs (yet to be finalised).

*2078 CLIENTS FROM A NON-ENGLISH SPEAKING AND CULTURALLY DIVERSE BACKGROUND—Mr Robert Furolo asked 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?

Answer—

(1) The NSW Department of Education and Communities provides a range of programs to assist clients from culturally and linguistically diverse communities to access and more equitably participate in Department programs at school and TAFE.

In NSW government schools, these programs include English as a Second Language (ESL) education in primary schools, secondary schools and Intensive English Centres to support the English language learning of ESL students, including newly arrived students and students in rural and regional areas.

They also include refugee student support programs to address the settlement, English language, literacy and numeracy needs of refugee students.

In addition, a range of Community Languages programs assist students to maintain their background or heritage languages.

Community relations and parent support programs are implemented to encourage the participation of parents and community members from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds in school

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activities and decision making, and to support their children's learning. These programs include interpreting and translation services to facilitate access to information about the Department's services.

Anti-Racism and Multicultural Education programs are implemented to develop all students' and teachers' understanding of cultural diversity, discrimination and racism and skills in recognising and countering prejudice and racism in the learning environment.

Links to Learning programs assist students from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds at risk of disengaging from education and training to access accredited training and/or further education.

TAFE NSW enrolls individuals from a non-English speaking and culturally diverse background in all TAFE NSW programs.

(2) The value of these programs in government schools for the 2011-2012 financial year is:

- \$136 million for the provision of specialist English as a Second Language Education teachers in primary and secondary schools and Intensive English Centres
- \$4.56 million to support refugee support programs, anti-racism and multicultural education and strategies to foster community harmony and positive community relations with culturally and linguistically diverse communities
- \$884,000 for Links to Learning programs to assist students from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds to access accredited training and/or further education
- approximately \$3.6 million for Community Languages programs
- \$505,034 to support the use of interpreters in schools (July 2011 to 15 May 2012).

TAFE NSW enrolments are reported on a calendar year basis. In 2011, there were 127,196 (23%) enrolments by students from language backgrounds other than English, at an overall value of \$395,956,000.

(3) The value of these programs in government schools for the 2010-2011 financial year was:

- \$133 million for the provision of specialist English as a Second Language Education teachers in primary and secondary schools and Intensive English Centres
- \$4.6 million to support refugee support programs, anti-racism and multicultural education and strategies to foster positive community relations and links with culturally and linguistically diverse communities
- \$884,000 for Links to Learning programs to assist students from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds to access accredited training and/or further education
- approximately \$2.2 million for Community Languages programs
- approximately \$637,000 to support the use of interpreters in schools.

The value of these programs in government schools for the 2009-2010 financial year was:

- \$124 million for the provision of specialist English as a Second Language Education teachers in primary and secondary schools and Intensive English Centres
- \$4.6 million to support refugee support programs, anti-racism and multicultural education and strategies to foster positive community relations and links with culturally and linguistically diverse communities.
- \$860,666 for Links to Learning programs to assist students from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds to access accredited training and/or further education
- Approximately \$2 million for Community Languages programs
- Approximately \$633,000 to support the use of interpreters in schools.

In the 2010 calendar year there were 130,175 (23.4%) enrolments by students from language backgrounds other than English in TAFE NSW at an overall value of \$400,249,000.

In the 2009 calendar year there were 120,883 (23%) enrolments by students from language backgrounds other than English, at an overall value of \$376,914,000.

*2079 PRE-SALE TRANSACTIONAL SCOPING STUDY FOR LEASING OF PORT BOTANY—Mr Robert Furolo asked 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?

Answer—

- (1) The State has engaged Morgan Stanley, Minter Ellison, PricewaterhouseCoopers, GHD and ERM to conduct the scoping and strategy study into the proposed long-term lease of Port Botany.
 (2) The terms of reference for the scoping and strategy study are to design a transaction that:
- maximises the financial return for the State
 - minimises ongoing financial risks and liabilities for the State
 - reduces and if possible eliminates any potential conflicts of interest caused by the Government being both owner and regulator of the Port Botany facility
 - treats public sector employees fairly and equitably
 - ensures that any activities that remain with the public sector (commercial and non-commercial) are managed in an efficient manner
 - would complete the Project efficiently and in accordance with appropriate probity and accountability standards.
- (3) The scoping and strategy study is due to be completed in June 2012.
 (4) The scoping and strategy study is a Cabinet document and contains commercially sensitive information so it will not be publicly released in full.
 (5) The study is not yet complete so the cost is indeterminate at this stage.
 (6) The Government's indicative timeline to complete the lease is the middle of 2013.

*2080 NEWCASTLE RAIL LINE—Ms Sonia Hornery asked 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?

Answer—

The NSW Government is currently considering all options available to ensure the best long term development outcome is achieved for the Newcastle CBD and greater Hunter region.

The community will be consulted throughout the process and will have the opportunity to provide input into the future growth of the Newcastle region.

*2081 TRANSPORT CONCESSIONS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Transport—

How much will it cost the Government to extend transport concessions to international students?

Answer—

I am advised:

The cost of extending half-fare concessions to all international students is difficult to quantify, because there is no robust data available about their travel patterns.

In recent years, I understand reported costs estimates are in the range of \$19 million to \$74 million per annum, reflecting the impacts of different assumptions about student numbers and their likely use of public transport services.

*2082 CHILDREN HUNTING IN STATE FORESTS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked 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?

Answer—

The NSW Government will make a determination in due course after the review of the Game and Feral Animal Control Regulation 2004 has been completed.

*2083 THEFT IN HUNTER HOSPITALS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked 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

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at Hunter hospitals?

(2) If so, when?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) and (2) There is no indication that theft is increasing in Hunter Hospitals.

As issues are identified, the Hunter New England Local Health District will continue to undertake risk assessments and implement appropriate control strategies.

*2084 CRIME AGAINST INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS—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—

(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?

Answer—

I refer the member to my detailed response to her previous Written Question No. 1904 on this subject, published in Questions and Answers Paper No. 87 on 8 May 2012.

*2085 GOVERNMENT RESPONSE TO SPECIAL COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO NSW CRIME COMMISSION—Mr Paul Lynch asked 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?

Answer—

The Government is carefully considering the recommendations of the Special Commission of Inquiry into the New South Wales Crime Commission and will publicly release a formal response shortly.

*2086 PROGRESS ON MATTERS RAISED IN EMAIL—Mr Paul Lynch asked 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?

Answer—

I refer to my answer to your Written Question No 0225. Mr Roseworke's correspondence was referred to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services for response.

The investigation of any alleged offence is the responsibility of the NSW Police Force.

*2087 WORK PERFORMED BY HUGO HALLIDAY—Mr Paul Lynch asked 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (a) to (c) No work has been done for any of the Department of Attorney General & Justice, the Attorney General's ministerial office or the Attorney General by Hugo Halliday.

*2088 MONITORING OF SUICIDES BY STATE CORONER—Mr Paul Lynch asked 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Coroner must determine the identity of the deceased, date and place of death and manner and cause of death. The role of the Coroner is not to determine why a person may have committed suicide. Accordingly, the State Coroner does not have in place specific procedures or processes to monitor suicides.

*2089 CORRECTIVE SERVICES NSW FACILITIES—Mr Paul Lynch asked 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) (a) As of 21 May 2012, no known members of Justice Action are prohibited from entering Corrective Services NSW facilities.
(b) Not applicable.
- (2) Any person whose visiting privileges are withdrawn is prohibited from visiting any inmate in any correctional centre irrespective of requests from particular inmates.

*2090 CORRESPONDENCE FROM RAYMOND GOULTER—Mr Paul Lynch asked 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?
- (3) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The Parliamentary Secretary for Justice responded to Mr Goulter on 17 May 2012.
- (2) Mr Goulter has been advised that I have no role in investigating complaints against solicitors and that the Office of the Legal Services Commissioner (OLSC) has responsibility for dealing with these complaints. He has also been advised that his complaint has been referred to the OLSC.
- (3) Not applicable.

*2091 RESPONSE TO AUSTRALIA 21 REPORT—Mr Paul Lynch asked 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"?

Answer—

I note the contribution of the Australia 21 roundtable to the national debate on drug use. My Department will continue to closely monitor any developments arising from this debate. These developments inform the NSW response to illicit drugs.

The Government is aware of the strong link between illicit drug use and crime and has made a number of commitments to measures aimed at reducing recidivism of drug offenders. These include increasing the availability of and access to diversionary programs and creating the Intensive Drug and Alcohol Treatment Program, a dedicated program for incarcerated offenders (other than sex offenders) convicted of drug related crimes. The Government is also providing additional funding for drug and alcohol rehabilitation programs in prisons to help people end their addiction.

There are currently a number of innovative court-based programs available in NSW designed to discourage reoffending by addressing drug use problems. These include the Magistrates Early Referral Into Treatment (MERIT) program, the Court Referral of Eligible Defendants Into Treatment (CREDIT) program (currently being trialled at Tamworth and Burwood Local Courts) and the NSW Drug Court.

*2092 CORRESPONDENCE FROM DAVID SINGH—Mr Paul Lynch asked 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 Gupal Kaur Singh & Zubovka Proprietary Limited?

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Answer—

I am advised:

As the issues in Mr Singh's letter fall within the Fair Trading portfolio, the letter has been referred to the Minister for Fair Trading for response.

*2093 SALARY INCREASES FOR JUDICIAL OFFICERS—Mr Paul Lynch asked 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.?

Answer—

I consider that judicial salaries should continue to be determined by the Statutory and Other Offices Remuneration Tribunal (SOORT).

*2094 AVAILABILITY OF A SINGLE ROOM—Dr Andrew McDonald asked 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) to (5) The subject room was closed on the evening of 15 April 2012 after a VRE (Vancomycin resistant enterococcus) patient was discharged. It is standard practice in the hospital that once a room that has contained a VRE patient has been cleaned it is swabbed to ensure that the cleaning was effective and that VRE is no longer present in the environment.

Testing takes a minimum of two days, and may take up to one week depending on the test results and the need for additional treatment and testing. A room is vacant for this time to ensure that other patients are not exposed to VRE.

The room was reopened for general use on 19 April 2012 after consultation with Infection Control. There were no delays in having this room cleaned.

*2095 APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTIVE CLINICAL DIRECTOR—Dr Andrew McDonald asked 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 was 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) to (5) Associate Professor Danny Stiel commenced chairing the Northern Sydney Local Health District Clinical Council in April 2011. It was proposed that the Chair of the Clinical Council would take

on the role of Executive Clinical Director for Northern Sydney Local Health District. The Executive Clinical Director was appointed in April 2011. This role is further enhanced and supported by ten specialty Clinical Network Directors.

The tenure of the Executive Clinical Director and Clinical Network Directors is 3 years.

(6) 0.2 FTE.

(7) The role of the Executive Clinical Director is as follows:

- Ensure that local Clinical staff play a key role in all decisions pertaining to the structure and function of Northern Sydney Local Health District including those related to:
 - Service delivery
 - Governance structures
 - Role delineation
 - Distribution of funding for service provision.
- Oversight of all Clinical Networks and implementation of the Northern Sydney Local Health District Clinical Services Strategic Plan.
- Oversee, and provide advice on, the distribution of health care resources to maximise the health and wellbeing of the Northern Sydney Local Health District catchment population.
- Oversee service delivery throughout Northern Sydney Local Health District to ensure that services provided are organised around, and focused on, the needs of the patient.
- Ensure that patients receive the highest quality of clinical care at the right time, and in the right clinical setting.
- Chair the Northern Sydney Local Health District Clinical Council and Local Lead Clinician Group to ensure provision of advice on clinical matters affecting the Local Health District, to the Northern Sydney Local Health District Board and the Northern Sydney Local Health District Executive, on matters including:
 - Improving quality and safety in the hospitals within Northern Sydney Local Health District.
 - Planning on the most efficient allocation of clinical services within the Northern Sydney Local Health District.
 - Translating national best practice into local delivery of services.
 - Developing innovative solutions that best address the needs of the local communities.

(8) The funding for the Executive Clinical Director and specialist Clinical Network Directors was established under the former Northern Sydney Central Coast Area Health Service.

*2096 ROYAL NORTH SHORE HOSPITAL BED NUMBERS—Dr Andrew McDonald asked 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (a) to (h) The 2011-12 NSW Health Annual Report will again contain a comprehensive reporting of beds over the course of the current financial year, with specific categories for ED beds; other hospital beds including Hospital in the Home and Residential/Community Aged Care and Respite Beds; and treatment spaces, which include bassinets, transit lounges and same day therapy/dialysis.

Bed numbers also appear on the Federal Government's "My Hospital" website. A fact sheet on hospital beds is located on the NSW Health website

http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/resources/minister/pdf/facts_about_hospital_beds.pdf

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*2097 STAFF NUMBERS AND OFFICE SPACE—Dr Andrew McDonald asked 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The number of permanent and temporary full time equivalent (FTE) Ministry of Health staff based at the North Sydney head office was as follows:
 - (a) 596 FTE
 - (b) 493 FTE
- (2) A direct comparison cannot be made between the two dates due to the leasing of additional space to accommodate the relocation of a number of services from other Health premises, including the Gladesville campus.

*2098 DISPLACED EMPLOYEES—Dr Andrew McDonald asked 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) There were 151 displaced employees in the NSW Health Service as at 31 March 2011.
- (2) 99.
- (3) Under NSW Health Service policy, displaced employees are informed that counselling services are available to them. Displaced employees are provided, as appropriate, with access to counselling for personal and vocational matters. All NSW Health agencies must provide an Employee Assistance Program which includes access for staff to professional counselling services.
- (4) 53.
- (5) 6.
- (6) 12.
- (7) (a) 73.
(b) Nil.
- (8) There were 141 displaced employees in the NSW Health Service as at 31 March 2012.
- (9) Redundancy costs of \$5.9 million were paid to NSW Health Service staff during the subject period.

*2099 ELIMATTA HOUSE—Dr Andrew McDonald asked 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Services provided by Ellimatta Lodge are temporary accommodation, social support, outreach and liaison with case management services on behalf of residents.
 (2) Currently there are seven beds.
 (3) There are 2.8 full time equivalent staff.
 (4) There have been no appropriate referrals to Ellimatta since February 2012.
 (5) and (6) The service will be reviewed as part of the development of a Clinical Services Plan for Hastings Macleay Mental Health, which will commence after June, with completion expected by December 2012.

Future service provision from Ellimatta Lodge will be determined as part of the Clinical Services Plan.

*2100 KARAWA COTTAGE—Dr Andrew McDonald asked 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?

Answer—

- (1) to (5) I am advised that, within the Port Macquarie region, Karawa Cottage has historically been used as a base for a number of daytime mental health rehabilitation programs.

Many of the activities provided at the cottage are not centre-based, but involve integration into the community such as the outreach bus trip program that takes clients from Wauchope and Port Macquarie to community facilities throughout the Hastings Macleay, including the local gym and ten pin bowling centres.

Services previously provided out of Karawa Cottage, such as the Recovery and Resources Service Program and the Personal Helpers and Mentors Program, are currently provided by non-government organisations in the community.

A Clinical Services Plan is being commissioned by the Mid North Coast Local Health District to examine the needs and services for the whole of the Port Macquarie and Kempsey area.

*2101 PUBLIC DENTAL CHAIRS—Dr Andrew McDonald asked 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?

Answer—

As at May 2012 there were 748 dental chairs in NSW.

A large proportion of the dental chairs are within the two teaching hospitals, Sydney Dental Hospital and the Westmead Centre for Oral Health.

The number of dental chairs located in each Local Health District as at May 2012 are as follows:

Local Health District	Total Chairs
Central Coast	24
Far West	11
Hunter New England	64
Illawarra Shoalhaven	25
Mid North Coast	17
Murrumbidgee (Incl Albury)	35

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Western Sydney**	191
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Grand Total	748

Notes:

* Includes Sydney Dental Hospital.

** Includes Westmead Centre for Oral Health.

Services for adult residents are provided under contract at Sydney Dental Hospital.

*2102 SPECIALIST LITERACY AND NUMERACY STAFF—Mr Ryan Park asked 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?

Answer—

- (1) The identification and selection of schools, including those in the Illawarra and South East Region, that will receive additional resources under the Literacy and Numeracy Action Plan will be ongoing over the 5 years of the NSW Government commitment. For this reason it is not possible to provide a final list of schools. However, all schools must be in the lowest quartile of literacy and numeracy performance in Year 3 NAPLAN.
- (2) Additional resources, equivalent to 200 full-time teaching positions, will be progressively allocated to participating schools by the end of December 2012.

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

- (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?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) to (3) The Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District, within which Bulli Hospital is located, is currently commencing a comprehensive District-wide clinical service planning process. This process will identify priorities for workforce and capital developments and other service expansions for the region into the future. The planning process is currently anticipated to be completed by the end of July 2012.

*2104 COMPENSATION FOR CANCELLED CBD METRO LINE—Mr Jamie Parker asked 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) and (2) Matters arising as a result of the former Government's decision on the CBD Metro - including those related to the reimbursement of reasonable costs for major construction contracts tenders and property-related transactions - were managed under governance arrangements decided by the former Government.

Information relating to this matter is available in Sydney Metro's annual reports and the former Government's statements in NSW Parliament.

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2106 ROOTY HILL RAILWAY STATION—EASY ACCESS FACILITIES—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Transport—

*2107 FLYING FOX COMMUNITIES—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

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—

I am advised as follows:

- (1) There have been large numbers of flying-foxes at Burdekin Park in Singleton, near Tocal, to the north of Maitland and at Lorn near Maitland.

On 25 May 2012, there were no flying-foxes near Tocal or Lorn and the grey-headed flying-fox population at Burdekin Park in Singleton has reduced to 3,000 to 4,000.

- (2) The Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) is:
 - delivering on the NSW Government's \$5 million election commitment to subsidise the cost of installing flying-fox netting for orchardists in the Sydney Basin and Central Coast regions, while phasing out licensed shooting (other than in special circumstances);
 - working with the Australian Government and other states to resolve current uncertainty about the conservation status of grey-headed flying-foxes;
 - working together with the Australian Government, other States and CSIRO to initiate a national flying-fox census program to reliably estimate the flying-fox population size and monitor population trends;
 - initiating a national approach to improve the way we handle applications to disperse flying-fox camps affecting urban communities and improve the quality of public information;
 - assisting Councils and the Australian Government develop management plans for camps which are impacting on communities; and
 - providing funds to restore flying-fox habitats away from urban areas.
- (3) OEH provides advice to Councils in relation to flying-fox camps in urban areas, supports Councils to develop management plans in line with the NSW Flying-fox Camp Management Policy, and assists in creating networks among councils with similar issues. OEH also provides guidance to councils on best management practices for undertaking habitat restoration in flying-fox camps through administration of threatened species licensing provisions.
- (4) (a) Yes.
(b) Grey-headed flying-foxes are listed as vulnerable to extinction in NSW under the Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995 and nationally under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity

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Conservation Act 1999. The exact number of grey-headed flying-foxes is not known, but is estimated to be between 320,000 and 435,000 individuals. It is estimated that the population decreased by 30 per cent between 1989 and 2001.

*2108 HUNTER VALLEY RESEARCH FOUNDATION JOB LOSSES—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Trade and Investment, and Minister for Regional Infrastructure and Services—

How many jobs will be lost at the Hunter Valley Research Foundation now that the Minister for the Hunter has authorized the withdrawal of \$150,000 in State Government funding?

Answer—

Management of budget and organisational structure is a matter for HVRF, which operates as a commercial enterprise. The Government has no formal information of how HVRF intends to structure itself going forward.

The NSW Government will continue utilising HVRF services in the future on a fee-for-service basis.

*2109 HUNTER TRANSIT OFFICERS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Transport—

- (1) When will the 26 Hunter transit officers be made redundant?
- (2) How many police officers will replace them?
- (3) Will the police officers work solely in the Hunter?
- (4) (a) Will they work only on trains?
(b) If not, what will be their additional roles?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) There is no dedicated team of 26 Transit Officers in the Hunter Region. Transit Officers are currently deployed in the Hunter Region based on intelligence based on security incidents in areas and at times where they are most needed. The new Police Transport Command will patrol the Hunter Region.
- (2) to (4) These questions relate to Police Transport Command planning and should be addressed to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services.

2110 PLAN-IT YOUTH PROGRAM—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Education—

*2111 ROYAL NORTH SHORE HOSPITAL PATIENT—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

With regards to the care of Helen Brazel at Royal North Shore Hospital.

- (1) How many beds were there in use, and occupied by patients, in the ward involved on that day?
- (2) How many nursing staff were rostered on for the:
 - (a) morning shift;
 - (b) evening shift;
 - (c) night shift?
- (3) Were there any nursing staff shortages or absences during these shifts?
- (4) Did any of these shortages result from nurses being on sick leave on this day?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) There are 23 beds on Ward 10B plus two lead lined rooms that can only be used for patients receiving iodine treatment. From 4-6 May 2012 there were 25 patients in the Ward. On 7 May there were 24 patients.
- (2) From 4-7 May 2012:
 - (a) Seven nursing staff (excluding the Nurse Unit Manager or the Clinical Nurse Educator)
 - (b) Six nursing staff
 - (c) Four nursing staff
- (3) and (4) There were no staff shortages during the period in question.

2112 DENTAL HEALTH—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

*2113 NORTHCOTT RENUMBERING—Ms Clover Moore asked the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

Noting that community safety audits of the John Northcott Housing Estate in Surry Hills in 2003, 2006 and 2008 all recommended renaming and renumbering units to simplify addresses:

- (1) Do NSW Police, NSW Ambulance Service, NSW Fire Brigades and Australia Post all support renumbering in order to improve emergency response?
- (2) Is there support from tenants for renumbering to improve mail delivery and visitor access?
- (3) What action has been taken to progress this project?
- (4) What funding has been allocated for the renumbering project?
- (5) What funding has been allocated for way-finding signage to improve access and emergency response on this estate?
- (6) What has prevented completion of this long-awaited project?
- (7) When does Housing NSW expect to complete the renumbering project and install new signs?
- (8) What further action will the Government take to ensure this project is implemented as soon as possible?

Answer—

- (1) Yes.
- (2) Yes.
- (3) Consultation has been undertaken with key stakeholders, including Police, Emergency Services, Australia Post, Tenant groups, Housing NSW and NSW Public Works Technical Advisors to develop a renumbering and signage plan for the John Northcott Complex.
- (4) Funding has been allocated for the 2012/13 financial year.
- (5) Way-finding signage is part of the project and will be funded with the renumbering project.
- (6) to (8) I am advised that my colleague the Minister for Family and Community Services has confirmed to the Member for Sydney that the current Government is committed to completing this long overdue project, which is now funded and scheduled to be completed by 31 October 2012.

*2114 TAXI DRIVER CYCLING EDUCATION—Ms Clover Moore asked the Minister for Transport—

Noting the rapid increase in the number of people cycling, the increase in the number of cyclists on roads and separated cycleways, and that cyclists are vulnerable road users:

- (1) What education and training is provided to taxi drivers specifically about sharing the road with cyclists, including potential conflict with passengers opening doors and different stopping distances?
- (2) How does the Government ensure that all NSW taxi drivers are aware of the road rules for cyclists using roundabouts, bus lanes and transit lanes?
- (3) How does the Government ensure that all NSW taxi drivers are aware of the road rules for cyclists undertaking hook turns, overtaking on the left, stop signals, riding alongside other riders and motorists blocking bicycle lanes?
- (4) How does the Government ensure that all NSW taxi drivers are aware of the road rules for the increasing number of separated cycleways, shared paths, bicycle boxes and bicycle lanterns?
- (5) What ongoing education is provided to taxi drivers about cycling and road rules?
- (6) What education materials does the Government provide to taxi drivers about cyclists and cycling?
- (7) What further action will the Government take to ensure that all taxi drivers have current knowledge of road rules and sharing the road with cyclists?

Answer—

Because of the nature of the job, taxi drivers are warned in their training to always be alert to the presence of cyclists.

The Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) provides public information on safe cycling in brochures such as Safe Riding - A Guide to Safe Cycling and What the Law Says and Safety Advice for Bicycles, Rollerblades, Scooters and Skateboards. These publications are available in motor registries and via the RMS's website.

The RMS's Road Users' Handbook includes driver education information relating to cyclists to raise driver awareness of cyclists and their needs. In addition, the RMS has produced a brochure, Sharing the Road, advising all road users of their responsibility to obey the road rules and to share the road with other road users.

To further increase driver awareness, the message "Watch for Cyclists - The Road is there to Share" is displayed on electronic variable message signs across Sydney to remind motorists of the presence of cyclists.

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*2115 AFFORDABLE HOUSING—Ms Clover Moore asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

Noting that the latest Anglicare Australia "Rental Affordability Snapshot" identified that only 0.6 per cent of private rentals in Sydney were affordable for people on lower incomes, locking out people on minimum wages, single incomes, pensions and benefits:

- (1) What action is the Government taking to increase the supply of affordable housing?
- (2) What programs or activities apart from public housing does the Government provide to help people on lower incomes live in the inner city?
- (3) How does the Government encourage developers to include low cost housing in new developments in the inner city?
- (4) What are the minimum requirements for low cost housing in new developments?
- (5) What further action will the Government take to increase the supply of low income housing in the inner city?

Answer—

(1) and (2) There are a range of NSW Government responses to support the delivery of an increased supply of affordable rental housing.

Under my portfolio, over 6,700 dwellings are being delivered for low income households under the National Rental Affordability Scheme (NRAS) of which around 1,250 dwellings are in the City of Sydney LGA. Funding is also being provided under the Boarding House Financial Assistance (BHFA) program to support the delivery of new generation boarding house rooms which provide low cost rental accommodation. In addition, financial assistance is provided through the Rentstart scheme for eligible applicants to access the private rental market by providing assistance in meeting rental bonds and advance rent payments.

(3) Under the NRAS and the BHFA program, the NSW Government provides incentives for developers to deliver affordable rental accommodation.

(4) This question should be referred to my colleague, the Hon. Brad Hazzard, Minister for Planning and Infrastructure who is responsible for administering the Affordable Rental Housing State Environmental Planning Policy.

(5) New affordable rental housing will continue to be delivered through the NRAS in locations close to transport and services. The Minister for Planning and Infrastructure has also established the NSW Affordable Housing Taskforce to develop a new state environmental planning policy to support the delivery of affordable housing through the planning system.

2116 HOUSING NSW APPEALS—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

2117 NIGHT DEVELOPMENT WORK—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

2118 PEDESTRIAN-RELATED ACCIDENTS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

*2119 COMMUNITY BUILDING PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM—Mr Ryan Park asked the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

Will the Premier provide funding to ensure the continuation of the highly successful Community Building Partnership program?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Community Building Partnership will continue, with approximately \$90 million committed over the next four years.

Further details will be available shortly at www.communitybuildingpartnership.nsw.gov.au.

*2120 RADIOACTIVE WASTE STORAGE—Mrs Barbara Perry asked the Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) How many premises are registered to store radioactive waste across NSW?
- (2) Where are these facilities located?

Answer—

I am advised as follows:

There are 269 premises licensed to keep/use/store radioactive substances across NSW, including in most major hospitals, universities and many industrial premises.

*2121 OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE FACILITY—LIDCOMBE—Mrs Barbara Perry asked the Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) What type of waste is the Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) facility at Lidcombe licensed to take?
- (2) How much radioactive waste is the OEH facility at Lidcombe licensed to take?
- (3) What air monitoring facilities does the facility have for radioactive waste?
- (4) What groundwater monitoring for radioactive waste is there at Lidcombe?
- (5) How thick is the concrete flooring at the facility?

Answer—

I am advised as follows:

- (1) The EPA facility at Lidcombe is licensed to store radiological material.
- (2) See (1).
- (3) See (1).
- (4) See (1).
- (5) The floor is about ten inches thick concrete and it is epoxy sealed onto the walls.

2122 RADIOACTIVE WASTE FACILITIES—Mrs Barbara Perry to ask the Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

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*2124 ENABLENSW—Mr Stuart Ayres asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

Will the Minister report on the performance of EnableNSW's average wait times over the last five years?

Answer—

I am advised:

Since the establishment of the NSW disability support programs under EnableNSW in 2007 there have been significant reductions in waiting times. To May 2012, reforms have resulted in an 87% reduction in average waiting times across all equipment groups and a 90% reduction in the number of people waiting compared to the former Program of Appliances for Disabled People.

2125 PENRITH HIGH SCHOOL ENROLMENTS—Mr Stuart Ayres to ask the Minister for Education—

2127 WAITING TIMES FOR SPECIALISTS IN HOSPITAL-BASED CLINICS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

*2128 HEALTH PROFESSIONALS SERVICING PUBLIC SCHOOLS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

With regard to the scope and practice of health professionals servicing NSW public schools:

- (1) Is there currently any program or dedicated service to ensure that occupational therapists are working in schools to screen and detect the health and well-being of children?
- (2) Is there currently any program or dedicated service to ensure that physiotherapists are working in schools to screen and detect the health and well-being of children?
- (3) Is there currently any program or dedicated service to ensure that speech pathologists are working in schools to screen and detect the health and well-being of children?
- (4) Is there currently any program or dedicated service to ensure that optometrists are working in schools to screen and detect the health and well-being of children?
- (5) If the answer to any question (1) to (4) is yes, does this intervention include ongoing support and assistance to children identified?

Answer—

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I am advised:

(1) to (4) The health needs of children between 5-18 are generally addressed through an initial assessment by a general practitioner with referral as appropriate to the range of more specialised services available in the public and private health system.

Professional groups such as occupational therapists, physiotherapists, speech pathologists and optometrists screen or assess health and development covered by their respective professional disciplines after a child has been referred.

NSW Early Childhood Health Services and general practitioners provide child health and development checks that include surveillance and screening activities designed to identify children who require a specialist assessment and service, such as occupational therapy, physiotherapy, speech therapy and optometry.

Consistent with current evidence, NSW Health recommends that routine health and development surveillance checks of children occur from birth to age 5. These checks include any age appropriate screening that complies with National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) standards.

Screening tests that meet NHMRC criteria are incorporated into these checks, commencing with newborn blood spot screening for a range of rare disorders, SWISH (Statewide Infant Screening – Hearing) Program at birth, and StEPS (Statewide Eyesight Preschooler Screening) Program at 4 years available statewide to screen the vision of children before they start school.

A child health surveillance and screening program is detailed in the child Personal Health Record given to all NSW parents at the birth of their baby. From 6 months of age, these checks also incorporate the validated parent completed tool the Parent Evaluation of Developmental Status (or PEDS) which has been shown to improve the accuracy of clinical assessments in Australia and overseas.

(5) For children identified as likely to have a health or developmental issue, NSW Health has an assessment and intervention pathway, which includes public and private health services and general practice, depending on the issue identified.

*2129 ROYALTIES FOR REGIONS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Treasurer—

With regard to the concept known as "royalties for regions":

- (1) Was it an election campaign commitment of the NSW Coalition Government to implement such a program?
- (2) Is a "royalties for regions" style of funding currently being implemented by the NSW Government?
- (3) What process is available to local councils that consider themselves to be the source of mining royalties and affected by mining activities to access NSW Government funding under a "royalties for regions" style of funding?

Answer—

This question would be more appropriately directed to the Deputy Premier, the Hon Andrew Stoner MP.

*2130 INCIDENTS OF VIOLENCE IN HOUSING SITES—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

Since July 2011, in the electorate of Cessnock, how many violent incidents have been reported within:

- (a) Department of Housing sites;
- (b) Compass Housing sites?

Answer—

Housing NSW has a close working relationship with the NSW Police and assists the NSW Police with their enquiries. I understand that non-government community housing providers similarly assist NSW Police where required.

As the Minister for Police and Emergency Services has responsibility for recording violent incidents, this question should be referred to the Minister for a response.

*2131 ADVICE OFFERED IN LETTER AND PUBLIC COMMENTS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

With regard to Written Question 1703 and the response provided:

- (1) Do comments made publicly by your office contradict the advice offered in the letter?
- (2) If so, could you please advise which is the correct version of events?

Answer—

I am advised:

As with the answer to Written Question 1703, the Member has received a letter in response to his email of 25 January 2012.

2132 ALLANDALE ROAD, CESSNOCK—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

*2133 REPLACEMENT OF DEMOUNTABLE CLASSROOMS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Education—

With regard to demountable school classrooms in the electorate of Cessnock:

(1) (a) Will any demountables in the electorate be replaced by permanent buildings and removed in 2012?

(b) If yes, which demountables in which schools?

(2) What is the approximate timeframe for each of these replacements?

Answer—

(1) (a) Any replacement of demountable school classrooms with permanent buildings in the electorate of Cessnock will depend on the forthcoming 2012-13 State Budget, which has not yet been announced.

(b) Not applicable.

(2) Not applicable.

*2134 CITIZENSHIP CEREMONIES—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

With regard to citizenship ceremonies at various local government areas (LGAs) across the electorate of Cessnock:

(1) Has the NSW Government distributed any form of certificate, scroll or letter of welcome?

(2) At what ceremonies and in what LGAs did this happen?

(3) How many citizens received documents of this nature?

(4) Are these documents endorsed and approved for distribution by the Australian Federal Government?

Answer—

(1) No.

(2) Not applicable.

(3) Not applicable.

(4) Not applicable.

*2135 ABORIGINAL SITES OF SIGNIFICANCE—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

With regard to Aboriginal sites of significance in the electorate of Cessnock, including:

- the feature known as "The Butterfly Caves", an Aboriginal sacred women's site in the bushland immediately to the north of the West Wallsend village.
- the feature known as "scar trees" in the bushland immediately to the north of the West Wallsend village.

What options are available to have any or all of these sites registered and preserved?

Answer—

This is a matter for my colleague, the Hon Robyn Parker MP, Minister for the Environment and Minister for Heritage.

*2136 ELECTRICITY DISCONNECTIONS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Resources and Energy, Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Central Coast—

How many homes in the electorate of Wallsend had their electricity disconnected in the last 12 months?

Answer—

Information regarding residential disconnections is available in the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal report "Electricity retail businesses' performance against customer service indicators in NSW - Electricity Information Paper January 2012".

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*2137 MINISTERIAL CODE OF CONDUCT—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

In reference to the Ministerial Code of Conduct which states "Ministers should avoid situations in which they have or might reasonably be thought to have a private interest which conflicts with their public duty":

Has the Premier sought advice from the Department of Premier and Cabinet as to whether Ministers maintaining employment in the private sector might constitute a violation of the Ministerial Code of Conduct?

Answer—

I am advised:

Under the Code of Conduct for Ministers of the Crown, Ministers are required to disclose to the Premier any actual or apparent conflict of interest that arises or is likely to arise in the exercise of office. Ministers are responsible for identifying and avoiding conflicts of interest.

*2138 COMMUNITY BUILDING PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM FUNDING—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

(1) (a) Will the Premier fund the Community Building Partnership Program for the 2012-13 financial year?

(b) If not, why not?

(2) Will funding for the Community Building Partnership Program be maintained at the same level per electorate as the 2011-12 financial year?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Community Building Partnership will continue, with approximately \$90 million committed over the next four years.

Further details will be available shortly at www.communitybuildingpartnership.nsw.gov.au.

*2139 COMMUNITY BUILDING PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM FUNDING—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Treasurer—

(1) (a) Will the Treasurer fund the Community Building Partnership Program for the 2012-13 financial year?

(b) If not, why not?

(2) Will funding for the Community Building Partnership Program be maintained at the same level per electorate as the 2011-12 financial year?

Answer—

This question would be more appropriately directed to the Premier, the Hon Barry O'Farrell MP.

*2140 EXPANSION OF BANKSTOWN AIRPORT—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport—

In reference to recent media reports that Federal Shadow Transport Minister Warren Truss and Federal Leader of the Opposition Tony Abbott support expansion of Bankstown Airport:

(1) Will the NSW Government oppose any move to expand Bankstown airport?

(2) If not, why not?

Answer—

(1) The NSW Government is currently developing its response to the Federal Government regarding the Joint Study of Aviation Capacity for the Sydney Region. The NSW Government's position regarding the recommendations contained in this Study, including future use of Bankstown Airport, will be provided at that time.

(2) N/A.

2141 EXPANSION OF BANKSTOWN AIRPORT—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport—

2142 ACCIDENTAL HOME FIRES—Ms Tania Mihailuk 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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- 2143 CUTS TO VISIONCARE—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 2144 MANDATORY WINDOW SAFETY DEVICES—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Fair Trading—
- *2145 NSW VOLUNTEERING STRATEGY—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—
- Given that the NSW Volunteering Strategy will be released in 2012 (Question 1712):
- Following the commencement to the strategy, will the Government consider implementing a formal system of protection for volunteers from unfair dismissal and mistreatment similar to that which exists for paid workers in NSW?
- Answer—
- As part of the NSW Volunteering Strategy, the Government is collaborating with the Centre for Volunteering to develop potential models for recognising the rights of volunteers.
- *2146 METROBUS SERVICE—UNIVERSITY OF WOLLONGONG—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport—
- (1) Given the success of the Metrobus services in Sydney, will the Government consider implementing such a service in the Illawarra to ease severe parking congestion around the University of Wollongong?
- (2) If yes, what planning work has been undertaken?
- (3) If not, why not?
- Answer—
- m advised:
- (1) to (3) There are currently no plans to introduce a Metrobus service to the University of Wollongong. The University is well served by routes 1U, 4U, 11, 53 and 55A and 55C including high frequency services on the free "Gong Shuttle".
- 2147 PRIMARY AND SECONDARY TEACHER NUMBERS—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—
- 2148 FUNDING FOR STUDENTS FROM LOW SOCIO-ECONOMIC BACKGROUNDS—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—
- 2149 NSW PUBLIC SCHOOL UPGRADE FUND—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—
- 2150 FUNDING FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—
- 2151 FUNDING FOR ABORIGINAL EDUCATION—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—
- 2152 FUNDING FOR RURAL AND REGIONAL STUDENTS—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—
- 2153 FUNDING FOR STUDENTS FROM NON-ENGLISH SPEAKING BACKGROUNDS—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—
- 2154 UNFLUED GAS HEATERS—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—
- 2155 SCHOOL COUNSELLORS—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—
- 2156 MINISTER FOR INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 2157 DEDICATED SUPPORT CLASSES—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Education—
- 2158 CHALLENGES TO LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- *2159 RELOCATION OF TAXI ZONE—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Transport—

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What feasibility studies have been done, if any, on the impact to local businesses of the proposed relocation of the taxi zone at The Crescent, Fairfield, that has been proposed in the blueprint for the Fairfield Transport Interchange upgrade?

Answer—

A Review of Environmental Factors (REF) was developed following consultation with a range of stakeholders including Fairfield City Council. The REF was on public exhibition between 23 April and 14 May 2012, and the local community was invited to provide feedback.

During this period, Transport for NSW doorknocked local shop keepers to ensure they were aware of the project's REF exhibition, including the proposal to relocate the taxi zone on The Crescent, and the opportunity to provide feedback. All feedback received is currently being considered by Transport for NSW and will be addressed in a determination report which will be publicly available.

*2160 FAIRFIELD TRANSPORT INTERCHANGE UPGRADE—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Transport—

Can the Minister advise of a timetable for the completion of the Fairfield Transport Interchange upgrade?

Answer—

It is anticipated that the Fairfield Transport Interchange upgrade will commence in late 2012 and will be completed within approximately 18 months.

*2161 CHALLENGE TO DRAFT LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW—

What options are available to a resident who wants to challenge a particular determination in a council's Draft Local Environmental Plan that has been ratified by their council and is currently awaiting gazettal?

Answer—

There are no options available to a resident who wants to challenge a council's draft Local Environmental Plan (LEP) before it has been completed.

A resident has the opportunity to raise any comments and concerns with the LEP via a submission during the public exhibition process.

When a plan has been finalised any individual has the right to seek the judicial review of the LEP at the Land and Environment Court if they consider that the council has not followed the correct procedures during the plan making process.

2162 URANIUM EXPLORATION LICENCES—Mr Jamie Parker to ask the Minister for Resources and Energy, Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Central Coast—

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2163 GUN-RELATED CRIMES—Mr Richard Amery 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—

2164 PROPOSED CONCRETE BARRIERS—WARRIMOO—Mr Robert Furolo to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

2165 SPEED CAMERA LOCATIONS—Mr Robert Furolo to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

2166 SCHOOL ZONE PENALTY NOTICES—Mr Robert Furolo to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

2167 SCHOOL ZONE SURVEYS—Mr Robert Furolo to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

2168 TRANSPORT CONCESSIONS FOR PART-TIME STUDENTS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport—

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- 2169 WORKCOVER AUTHORITY JOBS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 2170 STAFFING LEVELS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 2171 PETROL PRICING—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Fair Trading—
- 2172 VACANT PUBLIC HOUSING PROPERTIES—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 2173 WHOOPING COUGH VACCINE PROGRAM—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 2174 CANCER TREATMENT CRISIS—HUNTER REGION—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 2175 WASTE MANAGEMENT—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—
- 2176 COMPLAINTS AND GRIEVANCES—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—
- 2177 REPRESENTATIONS FROM THE MEMBER FOR ALBURY—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—
- 2178 ICAC REPORT—FIRE AND RESCUE NSW—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—
- 2179 ICAC REPORT—FIRE AND RESCUE NSW—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—
- 2180 RESPONSE TO ICAC REPORT BY MINISTER—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—
- 2181 LIVERPOOL RAILWAY TURNBACK—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 2182 GRAFFITI CLEAN-UP SQUADS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 2183 ATTEMPTED ESCAPE FROM PARKLEA GAOL—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 2184 LAND AT WONGA ROAD, LURNEA—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 2185 HIP REPLACEMENT SURGERY—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 2186 X-RAYS—LIVERPOOL HOSPITAL—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 2187 BONALBO HOSPITAL—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 2188 CAMPBELL HOSPITAL, CORAKI—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 2189 SOUTH WEST RAIL LINK—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Transport—

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- 2193 OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS SERVICE PROVIDERS—Mrs Barbara Perry to ask the Minister for Education—
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- 2195 COMMUNITY SERVICES STAFFING—Mrs Barbara Perry to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 2196 COMMUNITY SERVICES CASEWORKER DATA—Mrs Barbara Perry to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 2197 REFERRALS TO NON-GOVERNMENT ORGANISATIONS—Mrs Barbara Perry to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 2198 QUARTERLY STATISTICAL DATA REPORT—Mrs Barbara Perry to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 2199 LITERACY AND NUMERACY ACTION PLAN—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—

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- 2200 CARLISLE AVENUE, MOUNT DRUITT—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 2201 X-RAY REVIEWS—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 2202 NEWCASTLE PHARMACOTHERAPY SERVICE—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 2203 FREE WI-FI IN GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS—Mr Jamie Parker to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 2204 TREE PRUNING MONITORING—Mr Jamie Parker to ask the Minister for Resources and Energy, Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Central Coast—
- 2205 GREENWAY AND INNER WEST LIGHT RAIL CONSTRUCTION COSTS—Mr Jamie Parker to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 2206 FREE WI-FI ON PUBLIC TRANSPORT—Mr Jamie Parker to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 2207 DISABLED SPORT CENTRE—Mr Jamie Parker to ask the Minister for Ageing, and Minister for Disability Services—
- 2208 DEMOUNTABLE SCHOOL CLASSROOMS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Education—
- 2209 GUIDELINES ON SUN PROTECTION—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Education—
- 2210 ART FACULTY AT WOLLONGONG CAMPUS OF TAFE ILLAWARRA—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Education—

- 2211 JURISDICTION OF NSW POLICE—ROSEHILL RACECOURSE—Mr Greg Piper 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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- 2212 TRAFFIC SPEED CAMERA—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 2213 TERMINATION OF CESSNOCK COUNCIL SENIOR STAFF—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Local Government, and Minister for the North Coast—
- 2214 ALTERNATE VENUES FOR COMMUNITY EVENTS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Ageing, and Minister for Disability Services—
- 2215 "EVERY STUDENT, EVERY SCHOOL"—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Education—
- 2216 HOUSING PATHWAYS—NEW BOND LOAN SCHEME—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 2217 HOUSING PATHWAYS—TRAINING OF STAFF—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 2218 FUNDING AVAILABLE AND DISTRIBUTED—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 2219 SECURITY MEASURES AT HUNTER HOSPITALS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 2220 MOTORWAY PRIORITY BREAKDOWN RESPONSE TEAMS—Mr Robert Furolo to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 2221 HUNTER PUBLIC HOUSING PROPERTIES—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 2222 GUISE PUBLIC SCHOOL—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Education—
- 2223 STACEY STREET LAND CORRIDOR—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 2224 WORKS TO BE UNDERTAKEN ON STACEY STREET—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 2225 PREVENTION TRAINING FOR INFECTIOUS DISEASE—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Fair Trading—
- 2226 PROTECTION FOR OWNERS OF STRATA TITLE FLATS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Fair Trading—
- 2227 REVIEW OF GUIDELINES FOR SUN PROTECTION—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Education—
- 2228 FUNDING FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL NEEDS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Education—
- 2229 RESPONSE TO MINISTERIAL AUDIT OF POLICING RESOURCES—Ms Tania Mihailuk 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—
- 2230 PROPOSALS WITHIN THE PARSON'S REPORT—Ms Tania Mihailuk 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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- 2231 PROPOSAL FOR A SINGLE POLICE DISTRICT—Ms Tania Mihailuk 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—
- 2232 LATE NIGHT TRANSPORT BY PRIVATE OPERATORS—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 2233 LIGHT RAIL STUDENT CONCESSIONS—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 2234 LEAF BLOWERS AND NOISE—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—
- 2235 SHARED ZONES—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 2236 CAR DOORING—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 2237 WOOLLOOMOOLOO HOUSING SECURITY—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 2238 VICTORIA STREET FLOODING—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 2239 CHILDREN IN THE CARE OF FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES—Mrs Barbara Perry to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 2240 REVIEW OF NSW GOVERNMENT FUNDING FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—
- 2241 REDEVELOPMENT OF KAMIRA COURT—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 2242 STAFF GUIDELINES—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Ageing, and Minister for Disability Services—
- *2243 ASSISTANCE FOR WORKERS INJURED TRAVELLING TO AND FROM WORK—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- What assistance, if any, will be given to workers injured whilst travelling to and from work under the proposed changes to cut workers compensation benefits?
- Answer—
- No decision about possible changes to the Workers Compensation Scheme will be made until the Government has considered the recommendations resulting from the Parliamentary Inquiry into the Workers Compensation Scheme.
- 2244 ASSISTANCE FOR FAMILIES—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Small Business—
- 2245 COMMUNITY BUILDING PARTNERSHIP GRANTS—REPLACEMENT—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

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- 2246 STAMP DUTY CONCESSION FOR FIRST HOME BUYERS—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 2247 COST OF PLANNING REVIEW—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW—
- 2248 HUNTER WOMEN'S CENTRE CASEWORKER—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

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- 2249 REPORT FROM HALCROW PACIFIC—Mr Robert Furolo to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 2250 MOTORCYCLE SAFETY STRATEGY—Mr Robert Furolo to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 2251 ANCAP RATING OF GOVERNMENT VEHICLES—Mr Robert Furolo to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 2252 NEWCASTLE INNER CITY BYPASS, STAGE 4—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 2253 CONTRACTOR JOBS WITH REED CONSTRUCTIONS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 2254 JOB LOSSES FOR TRAIN GUARDS AND STATION ATTENDANTS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport—
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- 2258 GATESHEAD WEST PUBLIC SCHOOL—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Education—
- 2259 MACULAR DEGENERATION FOUNDATION—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 2260 MEETINGS WITH ROGER NORMAN—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
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- 2265 APPROVAL TO PROVIDE CHAPLAINCY SERVICES IN NSW CORRECTIONAL CENTRES—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
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- 2267 HAMBURGER REVIEW—STAFF REDUCTIONS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 2268 AMALGAMATION OF BLACKTOWN REGIONAL OFFICE OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 2269 "EVERY STUDENT, EVERY SCHOOL" DISABILITY FUNDING—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Education—
- 2270 ULTRASOUND SERVICES AT GOULBURN HOSPITAL—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
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2272 PROTOCOL FOR ON CALL DOCTORS AND STAFF—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

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2273 SPEED CAMERAS SWITCHED OFF AND/OR REMOVED—Mr Robert Furolo to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

2274 FIXED SPEED CAMERAS SWITCHED TO WARNING MODE—Mr Robert Furolo to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

2275 ELECTRICITY BILLS AND TRANSPARENCY—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Resources and Energy, Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Central Coast—

2276 ELECTRICITY GENERATION AND CLIMATE CHANGE—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Resources and Energy, Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Central Coast—

2277 ELECTRICITY PRICES—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Resources and Energy, Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Central Coast—

2278 HIGH SCHOOL PLANNING—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Education—

2279 TAFE FEES—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Education—

2280 ASHMORE TRANSPORT PLANNING—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Transport—

2281 COWPER STREET GLEBE HOUSING PROJECT—Mr Jamie Parker to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

2282 PUBLIC PRESCHOOLS—ELIGIBILITY FOR CHILD CARE REBATE—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—

2283 OFFERS OF REDUNDANCY—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—

2284 STATE CONTRACTS CONTROL BOARD—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—

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2285 INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION CONFERENCES—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

2286 MEETINGS WITH HYDRO SMELTER MANAGEMENT—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

2287 RESPONSIBILITY FOR AND MEETINGS WITH HYDRO SMELTER—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Trade and Investment, and Minister for Regional Infrastructure and Services—

2288 RESPONSIBILITY FOR AND MEETINGS WITH HYDRO SMELTER—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Resources and Energy, Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Central Coast—

2289 NEW APPRENTICES IN THE ENERGY SECTOR—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Resources and Energy, Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Central Coast—

2290 REGIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICES—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Trade and Investment, and Minister for Regional Infrastructure and Services—

2291 MERGER OF RTA AND MARITIME SERVICES COMPUTER SYSTEMS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

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- 2292 PASSENGER SAFETY—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 2293 TRANSIT OFFICERS ON HUNTER VALLEY TRAINS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Transport—
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- 2295 TOUKLEY AMBULANCE STATION—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
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- 2297 FUNDING OF HEALTH CARE—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 2298 OCCUPANCY RATE OF ACUTE OVERNIGHT BEDS—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 2299 WAGGA WAGGA BASE HOSPITAL FUNDING—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 2300 COMMUNITY BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM FUNDING—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Local Government, and Minister for the North Coast—
- 2301 NSW DENTAL TASKFORCE REPORT—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Healthy Lifestyles, and Minister for Western New South Wales—
- 2302 COMMUNITY BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM FUNDING—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Treasurer—
- 2303 STAMP DUTY CONCESSIONS FOR EXISTING DWELLINGS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Treasurer—
- 2304 UPGRADE OF STACEY STREET, BANKSTOWN—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Treasurer—
- 2305 IMPROVEMENTS TO HENRY LAWSON DRIVE—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Treasurer—
- 2306 M5 EAST DUPLICATION—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Treasurer—
- 2307 LIFT INSTALLATIONS AT YAGOONA AND PUNCHBOWL TRAIN STATIONS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Treasurer—
- 2308 BANKSTOWN TRAIN STATION UPGRADE—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Treasurer—
- 2309 EFFICIENCY TARGETS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Education—
- 2310 WATER EFFICIENCY OF PUBLIC HOUSING PROPERTIES—Mr Jamie Parker to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 2311 CABRAMATTA HIGH SCHOOL UPGRADE—STAGE 3—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—
- 2312 HURSTVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL UPGRADE—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—
- 2313 NEPEAN CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS HIGH SCHOOL— NEW PERFORMING ARTS FACILITY—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—
- 2314 ORAN PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—
- 2315 OTHER MINOR WORKS—PROJECTS FUNDED—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—
- 2316 SCHOOL INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADES—PROJECTS FUNDED—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—

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- 2317 DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING STAFF—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 2318 VILLAWOOD RAILWAY STATION—EASY ACCESS PROGRAM—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 2319 HELP FOR FIRST HOME BUYERS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Treasurer—
- 2320 DELAY TIMES FOR EMERGENCY PATIENTS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 2321 SPECIALIST RADIOLOGISTS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 2322 CUTS TO TEACHERS AIDES—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Education—

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(Paper No. 96)

- 2323 RE-ANALYSIS OF SPEED CAMERA LOCATIONS—Mr Robert Furolo to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

With regards to the re-analysis of all speed camera locations using five years of data which was conducted by the NSW Centre for Road Safety in September 2011:

- (1) Are results of the re-analysis available on the Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) website?
- (2) If the results are not currently available, when will the results of the re-analysis be made available on the RMS website?
- (3) At the 38 locations where fixed cameras were deactivated, is the safety review and program of works completed?
- (4) When will the safety review and program of works be publicly available?
- (5) Apart from the 38 sites where speed cameras were deactivated in July 2011, has the re-analysis conducted by the Centre for Road Safety in September 2012 shown other location where the cameras have had no significant impact?
- (6) What are these locations and what alternative sites or other road safety treatments are proposed for these sites?

- 2324 SPEED CAMERA STRATEGY—Mr Robert Furolo to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

With regards to the speed camera strategy that was due for completion by March 2012 as recommended by the Audit Office in their report "Improving Road Safety: Speed Cameras":

- (1) Has the strategy been released?
- (2) What key stakeholders took part in the consultation workshop that was held in December 2011?
- (3) When will the strategy be publicly released?
- (4) (a) Will the strategy be available on the Road and Maritime Services (RMS) website?
(b) If so when will it be available on the RMS website?

- 2325 ROAD SAFETY ADVISORY COUNCIL—Mr Robert Furolo to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

With regards to the Road Safety Advisory Council:

- (1) How many members are on the council?
- (2) Who are they?
- (3) What qualification and/or area of expertise does each member of the council have?
- (4) When was each member of the council appointed?
- (5) Are members of the council ministerial appointments?
- (6) How often does the council meet?
- (7) Does the council have its own secretariat?
- (8) What budget is provided to the secretariat?
- (9) What is the cost of the council?
- (10) How much does the council spend on sitting fees, travel and meeting costs, and accommodation?

- (11) What is the council currently working on?
- 2326 FIXED SPEED CAMERAS SWITCHED OFF AND/OR REMOVED—Mr Robert Furolo to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- With regards to the 38 locations where fixed speed cameras were switch off and/or removed in July 2011:
- (1) How many of these 38 locations have had safety measures completed as at 31 May 2012)
 - (2) At which locations have the safety measures been completed?
 - (3) What are the safety measures that were implemented at these sites?
 - (4) Have the safety works at Urunga and Clunes been completed?
 - (5) What are the safety measures that were implements at Urunga and Clunes?
 - (6) At how many of these 38 locations are works currently underway as at 31 May 2012?
 - (7) At which locations are the works currently underway?
 - (8) What safety measures are being implemented at these sites?
 - (9) At how many of these locations have any works or upgrade yet to start as at 31 May 2012?
 - (10) At which locations are works or upgrades or safety measures yet to start?
 - (11) What safety measures are proposed for these sites?
 - (12) When will work on the proposed safety measures start at these sites?
- 2327 FUNDING FOR ONCOLOGY SERVICES IN THE HUNTER—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- (1) What is the Government doing to address the inadequate resources for oncology services in the Hunter?
 - (2) When will the promised funds be provided to the Hunter's oncology services?
- 2328 PUBLIC TRANSPORT IN THE NEWCASTLE AREA—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport—
- (1) What is the Minister doing to improve public transport and the reliability of rail services from Maitland to Newcastle?
 - (2) How will the Minister improve vehicle access across the railway lines in the Newcastle area?
- 2329 PRIVATISATION OF HUNTER BUS SERVICES—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport—
- (1) Will the Minister be privatising public bus services in the Hunter?
 - (2) If so, which services and when?
- 2330 FUNDING FOR MAJOR WORKS ON HUNTER ROADS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- Will the Minister be allocating any funding in the budget for major works on the Hunter roads besides the F3, in particular, to the Newcastle Inner City Bypass (stage 5)?
- 2331 REVENUE GENERATED FROM SAFETY CAMERAS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Treasurer—
- How has the Government used the \$38 million revenue generated from safety cameras in the last financial year?
- 2332 SAFETY CAMERA FINES—RUSHCUTTERS BAY—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- Has the Minister investigated why so many drivers are being fined at the safety camera site at the Rushcutters Bay intersection?
- 2333 REPRESENTATIONS TO THE UAE—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- (1) On the Premier's recent trip to the UAE, did he make representations to UAE officials concerning the UAE's role in suppressing the democracy movement in Bahrain?
 - (2) If so, what was the nature of those representations?
 - (3) If not, why not?
- 2334 COMPLAINT BY CHIEF MAGISTRATE GRAEME HENSON—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- What action has been taken in response to the complaint by Chief Magistrate Graeme Henson by letter

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- dated 26 April 2012 to the Director General Department of Attorney General and Justice?
- 2335 MEETING WITH NSW CHIEF JUSTICE TOM BATHURST—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- (1) Did the Attorney General have a meeting with NSW Chief Justice Tom Bathurst on 1 June 2012?
 - (2) What changes does the Attorney General propose to the way in which the Judicial Commission deals with complaints against judicial officers, including those suffering mental stress?
- 2336 LIVERPOOL COURT HOUSE—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- When will the refurbishments and renovations to Liverpool Court House be completed?
- 2337 ELECTRONIC TRACKING BRACELETS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- (1) How many offenders are currently being monitored by NSW Corrective Services by the use of electronic tracking bracelets?
 - (2) On how many occasions and for how many offenders have such bracelets indicated that an offender has breached relevant conditions or regulations in the period 1 June 2011 to 31 May 2012?
- 2338 FUNDING FOR SOUTH WEST YOUTH PEER EDUCATION—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- What funding, if any, has been provided since 1 April 2011 by Corrective Services NSW to South West Youth Peer Education, or organisations representing the Macarthur Pacific Tongan Community?
- 2339 LIVERPOOL POLICE STATION—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—
- When will the refurbishments and renovations to Liverpool Police Station be completed?
- 2340 RESPONSE TO EMAIL—ROYAL PACIFIC TOURIST RETREAT—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW, Leader of the House—
- What is the Minister's response to the email from Bob Caine of the Royal Pacific Tourist Retreat, Chinderah, dated 21 May 2012 concerning Tweed Shire Council and a new road near his caravan park?
- 2341 AUSTRALIAN REGISTRARS' NATIONAL ELECTRONIC CONVEYANCING COUNCIL—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Small Business—
- (1) Does the Minister agree with proposals from the Australian Registrars' National Electronic Conveyancing Council to establish a national system of electronic conveyancing?
 - (2) (a) What NSW specific requirements, if any, does the Minister propose for the national system?
(b) What additional costs will result from such requirements?
- 2342 PAYROLL TAX REBATE—Mr Jamie Parker to ask the Treasurer—
- (1) How many applications have been made for the Payroll Tax Rebate?
 - (2) How many applications have been approved for the Payroll Tax Rebate?
 - (3) How many registrations have there been for the Payroll Tax Rebate?
 - (4) How many successful applications for the Payroll Tax Rebate have been granted in metropolitan areas?
 - (5) How many successful applications for the Payroll Tax Rebate have been granted in non-metropolitan areas?
- 2343 BASS SCHOOL FOR SPECIAL PURPOSES—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—
- (1) What progress has been made with the Bass School for Special Purposes announced in the 2011-12 budget?
 - (2) How much has been expended so far on this project?