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1081 OFFERS OF VOLUNTARY REDUNDANCY—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

*1082 OFFERS OF VOLUNTARY REDUNDANCY—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Fair Trading—

(1) How many people located in the Wollongong Local Government Area and employed by your agency will be offered voluntary redundancy?

(2) What is the timeline for this process?

(3) What information will be used to determine the positions identified as eligible for redundancy?

Answer—

No offers of voluntary redundancies are being made to NSW Fair Trading staff in the Wollongong Local Government Area.

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1085 INQUIRY INTO LYSAGHT OVAL—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation—

1086 BULLI HOSPITAL URGENT CARE CENTRE—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

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*1089 COST OF SUPPLYING WATER FOR FISHERIES RESEARCH—Mr Mark Speakman asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Small Business—

What will be the annual cost of supplying water for fisheries research relocated from the Cronulla Fisheries Research Centre of Excellence to Port Stephens and how is this calculated?

Answer—

The water quality at Port Stephens Fisheries Institute is of a high standard. Any additional costs for supplying water for research on wild fisheries previously done at Cronulla will be minimal.

*1090 SOURCE OF WATER SUPPLY FOR FISHERIES RESEARCH—Mr Mark Speakman asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Small Business—

What will be the source of water supply for fisheries research relocated from the Cronulla Fisheries Research Centre of Excellence to Port Stephens?

Answer—

See answer to Question 1089.

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1096 HUNTER CRIME STATISTICS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

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- 1098 CALVARY MATER HOSPITAL—CANCER TREATMENT AND RESEARCH CENTRE—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 1099 METHADONE PHARMACOTHERAPY TREATMENT—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- *1100 FREE RANGE STOCKING DENSITIES—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Small Business—
- (1) What is the recommended maximum stocking density for free range laying hens in NSW?
 - (2) If there is no maximum stocking density, why not?
 - (3) What is the Government's response to the Australian Egg Corporation working towards establishing a cap on free range stocking densities to two birds per metre square, which equates to 20,000 hens per hectare, given the current acceptable density is 1,500 per hectare?
- Answer—
- (1) and (2) Please refer to the Australian Model Code of Practice for the Welfare of Animals, Domestic Poultry, 4th Edition (the Code).
 - (3) The Australian Egg Corporation has been working to develop an industry owned and run quality assurance program (QAP) for consideration by industry stakeholders. Any stocking density will need to comply with legislated requirements.
- 1101 2017 INTERNATIONAL EXPOSITION—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Hospitality and Racing, and Minister for the Arts—
- 1102 NORTH COAST AREA HEALTH SERVICE JOB CUTS—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 1103 PORT MACQUARIE HOSPITAL—FOURTH POD—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 1104 SUTHERLAND HOSPITAL EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 1105 NATIONAL BOWEL CANCER SCREENING—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 1106 RENAL DIALYSIS—FORBES AREA—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 1107 TOMAREE COMMUNITY HOSPITAL—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 1108 MORISSET AMBULANCE STATION—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 1109 JENOLAN CAVES TRUST—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—
- 1113 WINMALEE PUBLIC SCHOOL HALL—COVERED WALKWAY—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—
- 1114 SCHOOL ZONE FLASHING LIGHTS—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 1115 BLAXCELL STREET PUBLIC SCHOOL AIR-CONDITIONING—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—
- 1116 HOMOPHOBIC BULLYING IN SCHOOLS—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—

- 1117 DEVELOPMENT AT KAMIRA COURT, VILLAWOOD—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

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- 1120 RELOCATION OF STATE TRANSPORT AUTHORITY POSITIONS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport—
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- 1123 AUSTRALIAN OPEN—TRAFFIC AND PARKING ARRANGEMENTS—Ms Kristina Keneally to ask the Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Hospitality and Racing, and Minister for the Arts—
- 1124 AUSTRALIAN OPEN—TRAFFIC AND PARKING ARRANGEMENTS—Ms Kristina Keneally to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 1125 HEALTH DIRECT TELEPHONE SERVICE—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 1126 BRAIN INJURY RECOVERY CENTRE—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 1127 ABORIGINAL HEALTH—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 1128 REEFWAY ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—
- 1129 LICENSED RECREATIONAL FISHERS—Mr Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Small Business—
- *1130 LICENSED COMMERCIAL FISHERS—Mr Mark Speakman asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Small Business—

How many licensed commercial fishers are there in NSW and, separately for each Australian Bureau of Statistics statistical division, what proportion of the NSW total and what number are in that statistical division?

Answer—

There are 1177 licensed commercial fishers.

On the basis of postal address the number and proportion of licence holders falling within a particular Australian Bureau of Statistics statistical division is approximately:

SD Number	Amount	Percentage
SD 105	178	15.12%
SD 110	242	20.56%
SD 115	62	5.27%
SD 120	135	11.47%
SD 125	334	28.38%
SD 130	0	0.00%

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SD 135	1	0.08%
SD 140	0	0.00%
SD 145	201	17.08%
SD 150	0	0.00%
SD 155	24	2.04%
SD 160	0	0.00%
SD 185	0	0.00%

It should be noted that holding a commercial fishing licence by itself does not entitle a person to undertake commercial fishing activity. A person's fishing licence must be endorsed to undertake a specific activity. Either an owner of the fishing business who holds a commercial fishing licence or then another commercial fishing licence holder nominated by the business owner to carry out fishing under the specific fishery access of the business may be endorsed.

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- 1137 CESSNOCK HOSPITAL—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 1138 JOB CUTS TO COMMUNITY SERVICES—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 1139 HOUSING NSW AND COMPASS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 1140 PUBLIC HOUSING—HUNTER VALLEY—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 1141 PUBLIC HOUSING MAINTENANCE BUDGET—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 1142 HOUSING PATHWAYS—FACSIMILE SYSTEM—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 1143 PUBLIC HOUSING WAITING TIMES—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 1144 KURRI KURRI HOSPITAL—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
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- 1146 JOB CUTS—RECRUITMENT TO TEACHING—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Education—
- 1147 TASKFORCE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—
- 1148 CUTS TO THE OFFICE OF ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—
- 1153 HIGHWAY SAFETY AUDIT—Mr Robert Furolo to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

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- 1154 BARTON HIGHWAY UPGRADE—Mr Robert Furolo to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 1155 BEGA BYPASS—Mr Robert Furolo to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 1156 FIXED SPEED CAMERAS—Mr Robert Furolo to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 1157 RESEALING OF MACQUARIE ROAD—Mr Robert Furolo to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 1158 MOBILE SPEED CAMERAS—Mr Robert Furolo to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 1159 WIDENING OF NELSON BAY ROAD—Mr Robert Furolo to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 1160 NEWELL HIGHWAY OVERTAKING LANES—Mr Robert Furolo to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 1161 PEDESTRIAN FENCING—Mr Robert Furolo to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
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- 1167 GRAFFITI—ALTERNATIVE SOLUTIONS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
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- 1169 HENRY LAWSON DRIVE UPGRADE—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 1170 ADDITIONAL RAIL SERVICES—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 1171 BANKSTOWN LINE SERVICES—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 1172 RESTRICTIONS ON TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 1173 STRONGER TOGETHER TWO—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Ageing, and Minister for Disability Services—
- 1174 BANKSTOWN HOSPITAL—RADIOTHERAPY FACILITIES—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 1175 FUNDING FROM GRANTS PROGRAMS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Ageing, and Minister for Disability Services—
- 1176 ELECTION FUNDING EXPENDITURES AND DISCLOSURES BILL 2011—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

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- 1181 HOUSING AND MENTAL HEALTH AGREEMENT—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 1182 ASSISTANCE ANIMALS—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Ageing, and Minister for Disability Services—
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- 1193 GLENMORE PARK HIGH SCHOOL AIR-CONDITIONING—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—
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- 1200 TEACHER RATIOS—FAIRFIELD ELECTORATE—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Education—
- *1201 ESTIMATE OF QUARTERLY ELECTRICITY CHARGES—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Fair Trading—

- (1) Are electricity providers allowed to estimate quarterly electricity charges?
- (2) If so, what guidelines are in place to regulate the practise?

Answer—

I am advised that:

Estimating electricity charges is provided for under the Electricity Supply (General) Regulation 2001 (clause 36) and Gas Supply (Natural Gas Retail Competition) Regulation 2001 (clause 36).

The issue does not fall within the Fair Trading portfolio and is more appropriately directed to the Hon Chris Hartcher MP, Minister for Resources and Energy.

- 1202 ESTIMATE OF QUARTERLY ELECTRICITY CHARGES—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Resources and Energy, Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Central Coast—
- 1203 SAFETY OF WOMEN TENANTS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

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- *1204 CANOLA INDUSTRY—Mr Richard Amery asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Small Business—

- (1) What is the estimated value of the canola industry to the State of New South Wales?
- (2) How has the value of this industry changed over the past three seasons?
- (3) (a) Has the growing of canola in New South Wales been affected by the mice plague this past season?
(b) If so, what impact on the value of this industry has occurred as a result of the mice plague this season?

Answer—

- (1) Current industry forecast for the 2011 canola crop is \$293 million.
- (2) 2011 NSW canola crop forecast value \$293 million; 2010 crop value \$318 million; 2009 crop value \$91 million.
- (3) (a) Yes, however, the damage has been comparatively small in relation to the overall NSW crop.
(b) An estimated \$6-8 million in crop value was lost to mice.

- 1205 KARIONG JUVENILE JUSTICE CORRECTIONAL CENTRE—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
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- 1255 CESSNOCK ELECTORATE POPULATION GROWTH—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—
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- 1257 POSITION FORMALLY BASED AT NEWCASTLE—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Transport—
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- 1259 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION FOR A WORKSHOP—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
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- 1276 BANKSTOWN NORTH PUBLIC SCHOOL—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Education—
- 1277 PARSONS REPORT ON THE ALLOCATION OF POLICE 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—
- 1278 COMPULSORY FEES FOR PRESCHOOL PLACES—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Education—
- 1279 EMPLOYMENT SECURITY OF TAFE TEACHERS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Education—

1280 UTILITY PROVIDERS—REMOVE/PRUNE BACK TREES—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Resources and Energy, Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Central Coast—

*1281 DOOR-TO-DOOR CANVASSING OF UTILITY CONTRACTS—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Fair Trading—

What regulations are in place to govern the door-to-door canvassing of utility contracts by salespersons working for utility providers?

Answer—

The NSW Energy Marketing Code of Conduct is made under the Electricity Supply Act 1995 and the Gas Supply Act 1996. The Code specifies the minimum level and quality of information to be provided to small retail customers by persons marketing electricity or gas contracts, and is approved by the Minister for Resources and Energy. The Energy and Water Ombudsman NSW, assists consumers to resolve complaints concerning the behaviour of energy retailers.

Door-to-door marketing is also regulated under the unsolicited consumer agreement provisions of the Australian Consumer Law. NSW Fair Trading can investigate breaches of the Australian Consumer Law.

1282 SAFETY OF GAS-FUELLED BUSES—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Transport—

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1283 DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING PROPERTIES DESTROYED BY FIRE—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

1284 NATURAL RESOURCES ADVISORY COUNCIL—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Small Business—

1285 PREPARE, ACT, SURVIVE—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

1286 SPEED CAMERAS IN THE HUNTER—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

1287 INCENTIVES FOR TEACHERS—"HARD TO STAFF SCHOOLS"—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Education—

1288 INSTALLATION OF SOLAR PANELS—COMPLAINTS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Fair Trading—

1289 COMPLAINTS AGAINST NU ENERGY OR PYRAMID POWER—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Fair Trading—

1290 CORRECTIVE SERVICES—OFFICIAL VISITOR—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

1291 LISTING OF COURT MATTERS FOR 2012—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

1292 EVALUATION OF CRIMINAL CASE CONFERENCING TRIAL—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

1293 BASE FUNDING FOR CORRECTIVE SERVICES NSW—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

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- 1306 KEIRAVILLE PRIMARY SCHOOL LIBRARY—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

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- 1307 NEW PRIVATE BUS TIMETABLES AND ROUTES—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Transport—
- (1) Have new private bus timetables and routes been announced for locations in Western Sydney?
 - (2) Do any of these changes affect the Mount Druitt area?
 - (3) (a) Has there been an increase in after 5.00 pm services to suburbs in Mount Druitt for weekend commuters?
 - (b) If so, what are the details of these services?
- 1308 POLICE NUMBERS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- Are there any plans to increase police numbers during the current financial year in the:
- (a) Newcastle Local Area Command:
 - (b) Lake Macquarie Local Area Command?
- 1309 HUNTER REGIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE FUND—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW—
- (1) When will the Government commence building projects assigned to the Hunter Regional Infrastructure Fund (HRIF)?
 - (2) Which new projects in the Wallsend electorate will be budgeted for and commenced in 2011-2012?
 - (3) Are there any projects in the Hunter, funded from the HRIF, that would normally be funded out of normal State funding arrangements?
- 1310 HUNTER WATER—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- Does the Government intend to privatise Hunter Water and if so, when?

- 1311 REJUVENATION OF CARDIFF CBD—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Small Business—
When will the Government commence the \$2.5 million rejuvenation of Cardiff CBD, a March 2011 election commitment?
- 1312 CITYRAIL TRAINS AND NETWORKS—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Transport—
What is the Government doing to improve customer experience on CityRail trains and networks?
- 1313 CUMBERLAND HIGHWAY AND M4 INTERSECTION—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
(1) What is the Government doing to relieve traffic congestion and lengthy queues for:
(a) northbound drivers who wish to turn right from the Cumberland Highway onto the M4;
(b) southbound drivers who wish to turn right from the Cumberland Highway onto the M4?
(2) Is there scope for extra lanes or extra ramps to relieve the congestion?
- 1314 EYE CARE FOR CHILDREN—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
(1) What is the Government doing in relation to children's eye care?
(2) How much is being spent on children's eye care in the next four years?
- 1315 DIABETES PREVENTION AND TREATMENT—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
(1) What is the Government doing in relation to:
(a) diabetes prevention;
(b) diabetes treatment?
(2) How much is being spent on diabetes-related programs in the next four years?
- 1316 NEW HOSPITAL BEDS—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
With regards to the Minister's statement on 25 October 2011 related to new hospital beds that "In fact, 506 of the 1,390 have already been opened and are all newly-funded by the NSW Government in 2011/12":
(1) In which hospitals are these 506 beds?
(2) What is the date of commissioning?
(3) Is there any Federal funding for these beds?
- 1317 COAL SEAM GAS EXPLORATION—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Resources and Energy, Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Central Coast—
With regards to the northern expansion of coal seam gas exploration in Macarthur (Petroleum Exploration Licence No. 2, held by AGL Upstream Investments Pty Limited):
(1) What geographical area is covered by this licence?
(2) Has approval to renew this licence:
(a) been sought and if so, when;
(b) been granted and if so, when?
(3) Who is responsible for making the decision to renew this licence?
(4) Is there ministerial input/responsibility for this decision?
(5) What community input into such a decision has been sought or will be permitted?
(6) Were there any breaches to the previous licence?
(7) How would previous breaches affect renewal of this licence?
- 1318 COMMUNITY TRANSPORT—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Transport—
(1) What was the total cost to the NSW Government for community transport in 2010-11?
(2) What is the budget for 2011-12?
(3) Is there any Federal Government contribution?
(4) Is it permissible for a person to use community transport to take a pet from their home to a veterinary surgeon?

- (5) What co-payment would be required?
- (6) (a) For non-urgent medical care, is it permissible to use community transport to take a patient from a nursing home to a:
- (i) hospital;
 - (ii) local health practitioner (e.g. GP/specialist)?
- (b) If no, what options are available for transport to such appointments?
- (7) Has consideration been given by the Minister to allow transport of patients from nursing homes to other health facilities using community transport?
- 1319 PEARL CONSTRUCTIONS COLLAPSE—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- (1) Will the Minister meet with local contractors who have lost money as a result of the Pearl Constructions collapse?
 - (2) (a) When will the Minister have this meeting?
(b) If not, why not?
 - (3) When will a decision be made to complete the public housing projects in the Keira electorate?
- 1320 ASBESTOS IN DERELICT BUILDINGS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- In relation to asbestos in the derelict buildings in Fairy Meadow:
- Will the Minister order WorkCover inspectors to inspect these derelict buildings on the Princes Highway at Fairy Meadow as a matter of urgency?
- (a) If so, when?
 - (b) If not, why not?
- 1321 ASBESTOS IN DERELICT BUILDINGS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- In relation to asbestos in the derelict buildings in Fairy Meadow:
- Will the Minister order inspectors from her department to inspect these derelict buildings on the Princes Highway at Fairy Meadow as a matter of urgency?
- (a) If so, when?
 - (b) If not, why not?
- 1322 ASBESTOS IN DERELICT BUILDINGS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—
- In relation to asbestos in the derelict buildings in Fairy Meadow:
- Will the Minister order inspectors from her department to inspect these derelict buildings on the Princes Highway at Fairy Meadow as a matter of urgency?
- (a) If so, when?
 - (b) If not, why not?
- 1323 RENTAL COSTS—ILLAWARRA MINISTERIAL OFFICE—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- (1) How much rent did the Department of Premier and Cabinet pay for the Illawarra ministerial office in the State Government building over the last financial year?
 - (2) Who is renting that office space now?
- 1324 POLLUTION OF WYONG CREEK—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—
- (1) What reports were made to the Office of Environment and Heritage in relation to pollution of Wyong Creek by contaminants containing lead, arsenic and chromium as a result of the significant rain event of 11 to 13 June 2011?
 - (2) By whom were such reports made and on what dates?

1325 RAISED ENTRY THRESHOLD—NORTH CREEK—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

- (1) To what standard was the raised entry threshold beside North Creek on MR527 constructed?
- (2) Were all relevant requirements of AS1742.13-2009 and the publication RTA/PUB.11.022 met in the design and installation during 2011 of the raised entry threshold near North Creek and road cushions on The Esplanade at Warners Bay?