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*4188 PROGRAMS OF WORK TO IMPROVE ASSET REGISTERS—Mr Chris Minns asked the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

Has Sydney Water commenced programs of work to improve asset registers to achieve business needs as recommended by IPART in its operational Audit of Sydney Water?

Answer—

Yes.

*4190 WORKS TO SEWERAGE PUMPING STATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Mr Chris Minns asked the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

(1) What specific improvements/upgrade works, by description and location, have been undertaken at all of the sewerage pumping stations in New South Wales since 2011 (as at 6 October 2016)?

(a) What were the individual costs of these works?

Answer—

Details of specific improvements and upgrades to individual sewerage pumping stations across New South Wales are not available from the Department of Primary Industries Water.

*4192 CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS FOR THE INTERNAL SURCHARGE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM—Mr Chris Minns asked the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

(1) What consultants or contractors have been engaged by Sydney Water in the last five years (to 6 October 2016) to advise on the Internal Surcharge Improvement Program?

(2) What was the cost of these consultants/contractors?

(3) What recommendations or advice was presented by these advisors?

Answer—

(1) MWH, Aurecon, AECOM, GHD, Jacobs, Parsons Brinckerhoff and Manidis Roberts.

(2) This information is available on Sydney Water's website.

(3) The consultants provided engineering, environmental and communications advice to help residents who experience sewage discharges inside and outside their homes. They investigated the severity of the problem and developed and assessed solutions.

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*4196 MANAGEMENT OF HOUSING—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

(1) How many properties are currently managed by community housing providers in both the Maitland electorate and the Hunter New England area (excluding Newcastle and Lake Macquarie Local Government Areas (LGAs)?

(2) How many properties are currently managed by Housing NSW in both the Maitland electorate and the Hunter New England area (excluding Newcastle and Lake Macquarie LGAs)?

Answer—

(1) 334 in the Maitland electorate and 2,783 in the Hunter New England area (excluding Newcastle and Lake Macquarie Local Government Areas) as at 30 September 2016.

(2) 1,406 in the Maitland electorate and 5,715 in the Hunter New England area (excluding Newcastle and Lake Macquarie Local Government Areas) as at 30 September 2016.

*4197 HYDROTHERAPY POOL IN GOULBURN—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Health—

(1) How will rehabilitation services work in Goulburn without a hydrotherapy pool for the next five years (from 11 October 2016)?

- (2) With a possible increase in demand on nursing home beds, what is the Government doing to address the lack of a hydrotherapy pool?

Answer—

Proposed service changes at the Bourke Street Health Service in Goulburn are the subject of continued evaluation. The scope of relocation of services from BSHS to Goulburn Base Hospital is to be determined in the next stage of planning.

- *4198 ASSET SALES IN THE MACQUARIE FIELDS ELECTORATE—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Education—

Apart from selling Hurlstone Agricultural High School, what other asset sales does the Minister have planned for the Macquarie Fields electorate?

Answer—

The Department of Education only sells land where it is deemed surplus to current or future educational use.

The Department provides an updated list of annual sales and acquisitions on its website at https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/media/downloads/about-us/statistics-and-research/key-statistics-information/sale_acquisition_land.pdf.

- 4199 RECOMMENDATIONS OF A JOINT REGIONAL PLANNING PANEL—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong to ask the Minister for Planning—

- *4200 FACILITIES AT GLENFIELD RAILWAY STATION—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) What facilities exist at Glenfield Railway Station for the storage of push bikes?
(2) What plans are in place to build a bike shed at Glenfield Railway Station?

Answer—

- (1) Transport for NSW has installed 12 bike lockers on Roy Watts Road at Glenfield Station for hire. There are also free bike racks at the station.
(2) In July 2015, Transport for NSW announced the roll-out of more than 40 Opal-activated bike sheds at transport interchanges around Sydney and surrounding regions. The roll-out is underway. The provision of a secure bike shed at Glenfield Station will be considered as part of the Transport Access Program's ongoing prioritisation process

- *4201 TEACHING AND OPERATIONAL STAFF AT NEW SOUTH WALES PUBLIC SCHOOLS—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Education—

Does the Minister have any plans to privatise the teaching and operational staff at New South Wales public schools?

Answer—

No.

- *4202 HURLSTONE AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Education—

Why have you not visited Hurlstone Agricultural High School on your visits to the Macquarie Fields electorate?

Answer—

I have visited Hurlstone Agricultural High School.

- *4203 RESPONSIBLE SERVICE OF ALCOHOL AND RESPONSIBLE CONDUCT OF GAMBLING COURSES—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

- (1) Does the Government play any role in the cost of Responsible Service of Alcohol (RSA) and Responsible Conduct of Gambling (RCG) course costs?
(a) If so, why is the cost of these courses more than double in New South Wales than in some other states?
(2) What is the Government doing to make courses like RSA and RCG more accessible to the unemployed?

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Answer—

The cost of RSA and RCG courses is determined on a commercial basis by individual training providers.

The Government has introduced online RSA training which makes accessing the course potentially cheaper and easier, including for unemployed people. Liquor & Gaming NSW has also introduced RSA and RCG refresher training. Both refresher courses can be completed online for \$35.

*4204 SPEECH PATHOLOGY—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Health—

- (1) What is the average wait time for someone to get access to a public funded speech pathologist following release from hospital after suffering a stroke?
- (2) How many public funded speech pathologists are available to provide a service from any Maitland area health facility?
- (3) How many people have requested the services of a public funded speech pathologist from each of the Maitland, Upper Hunter, Cessnock and Port Stephens electorates?

Answer—

Speech Pathologists work in local services across the Hunter New England Local Health District and manage requests on an individual service basis.

*4205 WAITING TIMES AT GOULBURN BASE HOSPITAL—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Health—

- (1) What is the current number of people awaiting surgery at Goulburn Base Hospital?
- (2) What is the expected waiting time compared to state averages?

Answer—

Quarterly information on patients awaiting surgery is routinely available on the Bureau of Health Information website via their interactive portal, Healthcare Observer at www.bhi.nsw.gov.au/healthcare_observer.

*4206 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATORS AND INTERIM GENERAL MANAGERS—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Local Government—

- (1) In relation to forcibly amalgamated councils, what formal or informal or specific or general guidance, advice, key performance indicators, guidelines, directions or requirements, targets or budget-related expectations were given to the:
 - (a) Sydney region Administrators;
 - (b) Administrator of Cumberland Council;
 - (c) Administrator of City of Parramatta Council;
 - (d) Sydney region Interim General Managers;
 - (e) Interim General Manager of Cumberland Council;
 - (f) Interim General Manager of City of Parramatta Council?

Answer—

The Government is supporting the creation of stronger, more efficient councils equipped to provide the services and infrastructure needed by residents and ratepayers for generations to come. This support and associated guidance is consistent with each merger proposal, the proclamations establishing new councils, and the Local Government Act 1993. Guidelines have also been provided to support the implementation of publicly announced initiatives such as the Stronger Communities Fund and the New Council Implementation Fund.

*4207 SOCIAL HOUSING IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

- (1) What is the average age of tenants living in social housing in New South Wales?
- (2) What support is available to assist elderly and frail tenants of social housing properties?
- (3) What is the total number of properties in the social housing stock deemed to be fully accessible?
- (4) What was the total number of properties in social housing stock deemed to be fully accessible five years ago (from 12 October 2016)?

Answer—

(1) 58.1 years (for tenants living in social housing managed by the Department of Family and Community Services).

(2) Support for elderly and frail social housing tenants includes:

- Affordable rent and secure lease terms
- \$5 per week rent charges when elderly tenants have periods away from home due to a hospitalisation or nursing home stay
- Home modifications where needed
- Regular telephone contact or home visits to allow opportunities for tenants to raise any concerns about their tenancy or maintenance requests.

(3) and (4) FACS builds and refurbishes homes so tenants with disabilities are able to live safely and comfortably in accommodation suitable to meet their needs. The number of fully accessible social housing properties changes regularly.

*4209 LOCAL GOVERNMENT DUPLICATION—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Local Government—

- (1) In relation to an answer by the Minister for Local Government to a question without notice on 20 September 2016, what examples are there of "reducing duplication, getting rid of red tape, putting in place new contracts, consolidating systems and making savings that will be passed back onto residents" by:
- (a) Cumberland Council?
 - (b) City of Parramatta Council?

Answer—

Cumberland and the City of Parramatta councils have released their 2016-17 Operational Plans, which include examples of how each is consolidating the operations of their former councils to implement consistent and improved services for residents across a larger area.

*4210 HOUSING COMPLEX IN MARRICKVILLE—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

- (1) What is the total number of dwellings at the property owned by Housing NSW at 438-454 Illawarra Road, Marrickville?
- (2) What is the total number of people residing in the dwellings at 438-454 Illawarra Road, Marrickville?
- (3) How many complaints about anti-social behaviour have been recorded at this property in the past two calendar years (to 12 October 2016)?
- (4) What is the total maintenance backlog for dwellings at 438-454 Illawarra Road, Marrickville?

Answer—

- (1) Information regarding public housing properties is available in the Department of Family and Community Services (FACS) Annual Report at www.facs.nsw.gov.au.
- (2) The number of people residing in social housing changes on a regular basis.
- (3) Data prior to February 2016 is not available. Since February 2016, no antisocial behaviour incidents under the FACS Antisocial Behaviour Management Policy have been recorded against residents at this address in FACS managed tenancies.
- (4) The number of properties undergoing maintenance in any location varies. FACS routinely carries out maintenance through responsive maintenance requests and planned maintenance programs to keep its properties in good condition and to ensure consistent maintenance standards across the state.

*4211 PAYROLL TAX—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) What is the completion rate of data entry for customers (that is once they have commenced entering data how many are able to complete the transaction without time outs) for the Government's Payroll Tax portal?
- (2) What is the average cost to a small business of an audit of the Government's Payroll Tax rebate?

Answer—

- (1) The Payroll Tax Online services system does not record this information.
- (2) The Office of State Revenue does not collect this information.

*4212 PLANNED ASSET SALES IN THE MANLY AND MURRAY ELECTORATES—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) What asset sales does the Minister have planned for the electorates of :
 - (a) Manly?
 - (b) Murray?

Answer—

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The Department of Education only sells land where it is deemed surplus to current or future educational use.

The Department provides an updated list of annual sales and acquisitions on its website at https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/media/downloads/about-us/statistics-and-research/key-statistics-information/sale_acquisition_land.pdf.

*4213 SMALL BUSINESS TAX CUT COMMITMENTS—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

On 24 February 2015, then Treasurer Andrew Constance and the Minister for Small Business put out a media release which "launched a campaign against Labor's new Business Tax", claiming that Labor had "secretly lumped a \$5.1 billion tax on business" and that as a result "over ten years, each business will be paying the extra tax three times, and lose \$7,500". In relation to that release:

- (1) Did the Government collect these same taxes for the last five years and only introduce legislation to remove the taxes in the 2016 Budget?
 - (a) If so, how could the Government claim that they were "new" and not "secret"?
- (2) Given the claim that "each business will be paying the extra tax three times and lose \$7,500", does the Government have evidence that each business in New South Wales will enter into a mortgage or transfer shares or business assets three times every year?
 - (a) If so, where is this evidence located?
- (3) Please advise the number of Mortgage Duty transactions and the average payment per transaction in each financial year from 2013-14 to 2015-16?
- (4) Please advise the number of Non-Real transfer Duty transactions and the average payment per transaction in each financial year from 2013-14 to 2015-16?
- (5) Please advise the number of Share Transfer Duty (Duty in Unlisted Securities) transactions and the average payment per transaction in each financial year from 2013-14 to 2015-16?

Answer—

(1) and (2) Legislation to abolish mortgage duty, duty on non-real business assets and marketable securities duty took effect from 1 July 2016.

(3) to (5)

Financial Year	Documents	Duty Assessed(\$)	Average value
2013-14			
Marketable Securities	39,741	53,597,565	1,349
Mortgages	187,416	178,529,241	953
Sale of Business	5,124	148,738,072	29,028
Total	232,281	380,864,878	1,640
2014-15			
Marketable Securities	40,893	49,696,730	1,215
Mortgages	210,182	211,239,702	1,005
Sale of Business	5,365	247,977,010	46,221
Total	256,440	508,913,442	1,985
2015-16913			
Marketable Securities	40,833	49,134,902	1,203
Mortgages	226,058	253,726,827	1,122
Sale of Business	5,310	201,459,776	37,940
Total	272,201	504,321,504	1,853

Data was extracted on 21 October 2016 and may change retrospectively. The report does not include documents that were subsequently cancelled.

*4214 SERVICE NSW CENTRES—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

In relation to users of Service NSW centres from the 2142, 2145, 2150, 2160 and 2161 postcode areas:

- (1) How many of these customers are attending on a daily basis:
 - (a) Auburn;
 - (b) Parramatta;
 - (c) Other centres?

- (2) What is the average and median wait time for these customers to be served at:
 - (a) Auburn;
 - (b) Parramatta;
 - (c) Other centres?
- (3) What has been the maximum waiting time for these customers to be served at:
 - (a) Auburn;
 - (b) Parramatta;
 - (c) Other centres?
- (4) How many full-time equivalent staff work Monday to Friday at:
 - (a) Auburn;
 - (b) Parramatta;
 - (c) Other centres?
- (5) How many full-time equivalent staff work weekends at:
 - (a) Auburn;
 - (b) Parramatta;
 - (c) Other centres?
- (6) At each of the Auburn and Parramatta centres, how many and what percentage of transactions and inquiries are related to:
 - (a) Renewal of drivers licences;
 - (b) Renewal of motorbike licences;
 - (c) New car registrations;
 - (d) Car registration transfers;
 - (e) Driver Knowledge Test;
 - (f) Driving Test and Hazard Perception Test;
 - (g) Return of vehicle plates?

Answer—

The number of customers served that reside in the postcode areas listed is not available.

As at 16 October 2016, the average customer wait time at the Auburn and Parramatta service centres was under 8 minutes.

As at 30 September 2016, there were 23 staff members (19.56 FTE) at Auburn Service Centre, 33 staff members (24.98 FTE) at Parramatta Service Centre and a total of 1149.36 FTE across all service centres. In accordance with the Service NSW (Salaries and Conditions) Employees Award 2016, all staff work a rotating roster which may include Saturdays.

The Auburn Service Centre opened on 20 November 2015. Up to 31 August 2016, the total number for the specified transactions including the percentage compared to the total number of transactions completed were:

- Driver and rider licence renewals – over 12,800 (8 per cent)
- New (first time) car registrations – over 5,200 (3 per cent)
- Car registration transfers – over 16,200 (10 per cent)
- Driver Knowledge Tests – over 6,600 (4 per cent)
- Driving and Hazard Perception Tests – over 1,400 (1 per cent)
- Return of vehicle plates – over 5,900 (4 per cent).

The Parramatta Service Centre opened on 8 October 2013. Up to 31 August 2016, the total number for the specified transactions including the percentage compared to the total number of transactions completed were:

- Driver and rider licence renewals – over 44,100 (10 per cent)
- New (first time) car registrations – over 9,500 (2 per cent)
- Car registration transfers – over 33,200 (8 per cent)
- Driver Knowledge Tests – over 22,500 (5 per cent)
- Driving and Hazard Perception Tests – over 4,200 (1 per cent)
- Return of vehicle plates – over 10,800 (3 per cent).

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- 4215 MAITLAND POLICE STATION—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—
- 4216 WESTCONNEX CONSTRUCTION WORKERS PARKING—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Planning—
- 4217 HERITAGE ITEMS FROM HERITAGE HOMES ACQUIRED FOR WESTCONNEX—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 4218 TREATMENT FOR A STROKE PATIENTS AT HOSPITALS—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Health—
- 4219 PROCEEDINGS AGAINST CURRENT OR FORMER CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—
- 4220 FIRE AND RESCUE CALL OUTS TO NEW SOUTH WALES CORRECTIONAL CENTRES—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—
- 4221 PROTECTIVE CLOTHING PROVIDED TO CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—
- 4222 FIRE FIGHTING TRAINING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—
- 4223 STATE EMERGENCY SERVICES UNITS IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—
- *4224 WHITE BAY – GLEBE ISLAND SHIP POLLUTION—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, and Assistant Minister for Planning—
- (1) What noise controls apply to cruise ships at the White Bay terminal at Glebe Island, including how many days ships can keep engines running?
 - (2) What controls apply to light spill?
 - (3) What controls apply to air pollution?
 - (4) What ongoing assessment does the Government carry out of noise, light spill and air pollution impacts on adjacent residential communities?
 - (5) What measurements are taken of noise, light spill and air pollution impacts inside apartments at Pymont?
 - (6) When were these noise, light spill and air pollution controls last reviewed and what plans does the Government have to review them given the increasing number of ships using this facility?
 - (7) What further action will the Government take to prevent impacts on residential communities adjacent to these facilities?

Answer—

(1) This question should be referred to the Minister for Planning.

(2) Refer to the response to question 1.

(3) The International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships (MARPOL) is the principal convention covering prevention of pollution of the marine environment by ships from operational or accidental causes. The convention is implemented in Australian waters by the Commonwealth Protection of the Sea (Prevention of Pollution from Ships) Act 1983, which currently includes a 3.5 per cent limit on the sulfur content of fuel to minimise air pollution impacts. The International Maritime Organization has recently agreed to implement a global sulfur cap of 0.5 per cent in 2020 for fuel oil used by ships.

In September 2015 the Government introduced a regulation requiring cruise ships in Sydney Harbour to use low sulfur fuels. For cruise ships berthed in Sydney Harbour this took effect from 1 October 2015. For cruise ships operating in Sydney Harbour this was to take effect from 1 July 2016. On 8 January 2016 these low sulfur fuel requirements were inadvertently rendered inoperative due to changes to the Commonwealth Protection of the Sea (Prevention of Pollution from Ships) Act 1983.

Cruise lines whose ships visit Sydney Harbour have agreed to comply voluntarily with a 0.1 per cent low sulfur fuel requirement while at berth. The major cruise line company operating in New South Wales has

also agreed to an inspection program with the EPA to confirm the use of low sulfur fuel while berthed in Sydney Harbour. This inspection program is underway.

The Protection of the Environment Operations (Clean Air) Regulation 2010 includes requirements relating to the opacity of emissions from cruise ship funnels.

(4) This question should be referred to the Minister for Planning, and the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight.

(5) Refer to the response to question 4. Questions concerning fuel sulfur limits for ships should be referred to Australian Maritime Safety Authority.

(6) This question should be referred to the Minister for Planning. Questions concerning fuel sulfur limits for ships should be referred to Australian Maritime Safety Authority.

(7) I have written to the Hon Darren Chester, the Federal Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, and the Hon Josh Frydenberg, the Federal Minister for the Environment and Energy, asking the Commonwealth Government to amend the Commonwealth Protection of the Sea (Prevention of Pollution from Ships) Act 1983, to allow for the operation of NSW's low sulfur fuel laws. I am continuing to pursue the matter.

This question should also be referred to the Minister for Planning, and the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight.

4225 PARKING SPACE LEVY—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

4226 PARRAMATTA PARK TRUST—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Trade, Tourism and Major Events, and Minister for Sport—

4227 FERRY TRIPS—Ms Jodi McKay to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

4228 CYCLING TO WORK—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

*4229 TREE PRUNING—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy—

With respect to street tree clearance pruning carried out around electricity cables in non-bushfire urban areas like the inner city:

- (1) What data is collected about the impact of street trees on electricity supply failure in these areas?
 - (a) How many recorded failures resulted from street trees in non-bushfire urban areas, specifically the inner city?
- (2) What data is collected about danger to children or adults climbing street trees at risk of death or injury from electrocution?
 - (a) How many people have died or been injured in this manner?
- (3) What data is collected about tree failure as a result of pruning?
 - (a) How is this collected?
 - (b) How is it used to refine Ausgrid pruning guidelines?
- (4) Does this data include tree location, species, type of failure (for example branch or whole tree), conditions at the time of the failure (for example storms), the impact on Ausgrid cables and electricity supply and is this provided to the tree owners?
 - (a) If not, why not;
- (5) How is this data used to develop risk based pruning approaches and what resulting changes have been made to Ausgrid pruning guidelines?
- (6) Is Ausgrid street tree pruning consistent with the 'Australian Standard for the Pruning of Amenity Trees' (AS4373:2007)?
 - (a) If not, what aspects are inconsistent?
- (7) To what extent does the recent Ausgrid policy of lopping (removal of branches to a designated clearance and not to a branch collar or other growth point) result in faster more vigorous regrowth?
 - (a) What was the stimulus for this change of policy?
 - (b) What is the rationale for these designated clearances?
- (8) How has Ausgrid applied reduced clearance zones such as those used in Inner West and City of Sydney council areas following public outcry about the destruction of street trees to greater Sydney?
- (9) What further plans does the Government have to prevent or reduce destructive street tree pruning in non-bushfire urban areas like the inner city?

Answer—

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- (1) Ausgrid has an outage management system that records details of events, including vegetation contact, that cause power supply interruptions.
- (1) (a) Ausgrid estimates that between 10 and 20 per cent, which amounts to 260 supply interruptions per annum over the past five years, have been caused by street trees in the portion of their supply area covering the City of Sydney, and the Eastern, Inner West and Southern suburbs.
- (2) There is an obvious significant foreseeable risk of injury under these circumstances. I am not aware of any data that is collected about every incident that does not result in injury or death. The New South Wales Industry Safety Steering Committee receives quarterly reports of serious incidents relating to electricity networks. These include tree related matters.
- (2) (a) Since July 2001, which is the earliest date from which records are available, there have been no reported incidents of members of the public, adults or children, being injured or killed while climbing trees and contacting power lines. Ausgrid reports related incidents include the 2010 death of a member of the public who contacted overhead mains climbing a streetlight, and the 2011 death of a member of the public who contacted overhead mains after climbing on top of a vehicle.
- (3) Ausgrid has advised it is not aware of any instances where its tree pruning near power lines has resulted in tree death. I am not aware of any other data that is collected about tree failure as a result of pruning.
- (3) (a) Not applicable.
- (3) (b) Not applicable.
- (4) Not applicable, see response to Question 3.
- (4) (a) Not applicable.
- (5) Not applicable, see response to Question 3.
- (6) (a) Ausgrid has a legal obligation to keep the public and its staff safe and maintain a reliable power supply. This includes maintaining safety clearances between its electricity infrastructure and nearby vegetation, in accordance with the Electricity Supply Act 1995 and the Industry Safety Steering Committee Guideline for Managing Vegetation near Powerlines (ISSC3). Subject to this overriding safety obligation, Ausgrid has advised its tree pruning policies are in accordance with the arboricultural practices defined in AS 4373-2007 to minimise the risk of hazard development, branch failure, pathogen infection and premature tree death.
- (7) (a) and (7) (b) Ausgrid has advised it has not changed any policy regarding the pruning of vegetation relative to a branch collar or growth point. This approach minimises the likelihood of vigorous epicormic regrowth. If epicormic regrowth does occur, Ausgrid's current practice is to 'hedge' the epicormic growth mid-limb instead of reducing the limb completely back to its original growth point. Using this approach, regrowth will slow down after about three years of cutting in this style. This is the current best practice and is endorsed and taught by TAFE NSW to all arborists. Monitoring by Ausgrid has confirmed a slowing down of regrowth. This approach also allows for a greater amount of foliage to remain within a canopy.
- (8) Following representations from my office, Ausgrid has increased monitoring of its vegetation management contractors to ensure strict compliance with its established policies for clearances. Ausgrid has also agreed to trial requests to promote epicormic growth in some cases to provide foliage infill.
- (9) The Industry Safety Steering Committee is continuously reviewing its vegetation management guidelines to ensure an adequate balance between public safety and preservation of street trees. Ausgrid continues to liaise with councils, customers and other stakeholders on its vegetation management program and is working with a number of councils on tree replanting and replacement programs to reduce the need to trim trees around the electricity network.
- 4230 389 BUS SERVICE RELIABILITY—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 4231 WYONG HOSPITAL LANDHOLDING—Mr David Harris to ask the Minister for Health—
- 4232 EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR WYONG HOSPITAL—Mr David Harris to ask the Minister for Health—

4233 AFFORDABLE HOUSING ADVOCACY—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

4234 COMMERCIAL POSTERS REGULATION—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Attorney General—

*4235 ELECTRICITY SUPPLY RESILIENCE—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy—

- (1) What assessment has the Government made of the impacts of climate change on New South Wales electricity supply resilience?
- (2) What action has been taken to ensure that major loss of transmission lines can be rectified in New South Wales?
- (3) What action has been taken to ensure New South Wales remains connected to the national electricity grid in case of major loss of supply in New South Wales or other states as occurred in South Australia?
- (4) What advice has been provided to emergency services providers and health services for this type of event?
- (5) What assessment has been made of more adaptable electricity infrastructure such as distributed energy that can respond to extreme weather more effectively?
- (6) What plans does the Government have to increase the supply of renewable energy in New South Wales?
- (7) What strategies have been implemented already to address the impacts of climate change on extreme weather events?
- (8) What plans does the Government have in train to address these impacts and what is the timeframe for implementation?
- (9) What further plans does the Government have to improve electricity supply resilience?

Answer—

(1) to (3) The Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO) is responsible for the national market operations including maintaining power system security across the national grid. AEMO operates in accordance with the National Electricity Law and National Electricity Rules and other subordinate legislative instruments.

AEMO has comprehensive processes and plans which are developed in conjunction with each jurisdiction and Network Operators, to manage network and market risk. Over time, New South Wales has experienced numerous examples of weather related and other events that challenge the ability to maintain network stability including the loss of transmission towers in extremely violent windstorms. While recognising it is almost impossible to prevent localised areas of problems, history has demonstrated that the systems and processes in place are capable of handling these situations and lessons from those events continue to shape responses for the future.

With respect to the South Australian system blackout, multiple reviews are under way to find any additional issues we may need to address as an industry in the future.

(4) Emergency Services are guided by the State Emergency Rescue Management Act 1989 (SERM Act) and NSW Emergency Management Plan (EMPLAN).

The Energy & Utility Services Supporting Plan (EUSPLAN) has been prepared as a supplementary document to the NSW State Emergency Management Plan (EMPLAN).

The EUSPLAN sets out the arrangements for the coordination of planning, preparation for, response to and recovery from a declared State Emergency resulting in disruptions to energy and utility supply within New South Wales.

(5) All networks in New South Wales are required to meet minimum reliability standards which are set by the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART). In addition, network operators must report on network areas that are underperforming. These requirements incentivise network operators to develop their networks in a manner

that is cost efficient, while meeting requirements. These options include alternatives to traditional network development, such as distributed generation.

IPART has recently published a supplementary report on electricity transmission reliability standards which is open for consultation. Interested parties can make a submission until 28 October 2016.

(6) Over the past six years, the share of renewable energy generation in New South Wales' supply mix has more than doubled. In September the Australian Renewable Energy Agency (ARENA) announced

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funding for five new large-scale solar farms in New South Wales. At present there are about 8,000 megawatts (MW) of renewable energy projects that are either approved or progressing through the New South Wales planning system.

This progress under the Renewable Energy Action Plan demonstrates the State's continued commitment to increasing renewable energy at least cost to the energy customer and with maximum benefit to New South Wales.

(7) to (9) New South Wales has an excellent track record for supply reliability to its electricity consumers. Its transmission system has a high level of redundancy, particularly along the eastern seaboard and is of a size that is highly unlikely to see one weather event impact the entire grid.

Over time, New South Wales has experienced weather events that have resulted in the loss of transmission lines, similar to the South Australian experience. During these historical events, the New South Wales network operators involved minimised the impact on customers from those incidents, and importantly, the lessons learned from those incidents have been applied into the industry, through line design standards to system redundancy planning.

The Government is also conscious that continued investment in further resilience would translate directly to increased customer bills, meaning a balance needs to be struck between prices and some degree of expected system failure. Part of this trade-off is the recognition that response times need to be kept at reasonable levels, an area monitored through licence conditions.

New South Wales is an active participant in the National Electricity Market working with AEMO and market participants in industry planning for major electrical incidents and subsequent exercises to test those plans.

4236 SECTION 31 OF THE IMPOUNDING ACT 1993—Ms Jodie Harrison to ask the Minister for Local Government—

4237 TRIPS ON SYDNEY TRAINS—Ms Jodi McKay to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

4238 TRIPS ON NSW TRAINS—Ms Jodi McKay to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

4239 FAMILY FUN DAY AND FAMILY FARE DEAL TRIPS—Ms Jodi McKay to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

4240 PRIVATISATION OF SOCIAL HOUSING—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

*4241 COMMUNITY LITTER GRANTS—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, and Assistant Minister for Planning—

- (1) How many local Litter Checks have been completed in the:
 - (a) Cumberland Council area?
 - (b) City of Parramatta Council area?
- (2) How many local Litter Reduction campaigns have been completed in the:
 - (a) Cumberland Council area?
 - (b) City of Parramatta Council area?
- (3) How many local Community Litter Grants have been approved in the:
 - (a) Cumberland Council area?
 - (b) City of Parramatta Council area?

Answer—

(1) (a) 29.

(1) (b) Eight. These include Local Litter Checks (LLCs) completed as part of grant funding under the Environment Protection Authority's (EPA) Council Litter Prevention and Community Litter grants programs. Additional litter checks may have been completed outside these programs.

Council Area	Who	Year	Project/Grant	#LLC
Cumberland formerly Holroyd Council	Council	2014-15	Round 2 Council Litter Grant	4
Cumberland	Council	2016-17	Round 3 Council Litter Grant	25

Parramatta	Council	2014-15	Round 2 Council Litter Grant	4
Parramatta	Community	2013-14	Round 1 Community Litter Grant	2
Parramatta	Community	2014-15	Round 2 Community Litter Grant	2

(2) (a) One project has been completed and two are underway.

(2) (b) One project has been completed and two are underway.

(3) (a) None.

(3) (b) Two.

The EPA's Community Litter Grant program is administered by Keep NSW Beautiful. More information about the program is available at www.knswb.org.au/our-programs/community-litter-grants/.

Cumberland and Parramatta councils are also participating in a regional litter program managed by the Western Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils. The program focuses on littering on arterial roads.

- 4242 BUS TRIPS—Ms Jodi McKay to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 4243 INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS AT FAIRFIELD HOSPITAL—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Health—
- 4244 STRATEGIES FOR TREATING CORRECTIONS STAFF SUFFERING POST TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—
- 4245 STRATEGIES FOR TREATING CORRECTIONS STAFF SUFFERING DEPRESSION—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—
- 4246 CELL FIRES IN NEW SOUTH WALES CORRECTIONAL CENTRES—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—
- 4247 CONTENT OF THE BABY BLUE BOOK HEALTH RECORD—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Health—
- 4248 EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION FUNDING—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, and Assistant Minister for Education—
- 4249 COUNCIL ISSUED INFRINGEMENT NOTICES—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Local Government—
- 4250 STAFF FROM LAND AND PROPERTY INFORMATION AND TITLE AND REGISTRY SERVICES—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—
- 4251 OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE CLASSIFICATION—Ms Kate Washington to ask the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, and Assistant Minister for Education—
- 4252 SOCIO-ECONOMIC FUNDING—Ms Kate Washington to ask the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, and Assistant Minister for Education—
- 4253 PRESCHOOL ENROLMENTS—Ms Kate Washington to ask the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, and Assistant Minister for Education—
- 4254 MAMBO WETLAND—Ms Kate Washington to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—
- 4255 TARGET SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS ON HILLSBOROUGH ROAD, HILLSBOROUGH—Ms Jodie Harrison to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 4256 COMMUNITY AND COURT LIAISON SERVICE—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Medical Research, Assistant Minister for Health, Minister for Women, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

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- 4257 CONSULTATION WITH ARENA SPORTS CLUB—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—
- 4258 OPERATIONAL SUPPORT PROGRAM—Ms Kate Washington to ask the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, and Assistant Minister for Education—
- *4259 ILLEGAL CLEARING AND DUMPING—Ms Kate Washington asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, and Assistant Minister for Planning—
- (1) What action has your Department taken in responding to allegations of illegal dumping and clearing at 20A Caswell Crescent, Tanilba Bay during the construction of an unapproved sea wall?
 - (2) How many mangrove trees (if any) does the Department estimate have been removed from the property during construction of the sea wall?
 - (3) What is the maximum possible fine for illegal clearing of mangroves?
 - (4) Has the owner of the property in question previously been fined by the New South Wales Environment Protection Authority?
 - (a) if so, from what office was the fine issued?
 - (b) If so, for what sum was the fine?
 - (c) If so, when was the fine paid?
 - (5) What efforts are being made by the Government to ensure that mangroves in Tanilba Bay are preserved and reasonably accessible to the public?
 - (6) Is the Minister aware of any potential threats from proposed nearby residential development/s that may adversely impact on the wellbeing of mangrove trees in Tanilba Bay?
- Answer—
- (1) The appropriate regulatory authority for illegal dumping is Port Stephens Council. The Environment Protection Authority (EPA) has not taken direct action in response to allegations of illegal dumping at 20A Caswell Crescent, Tanilba Bay. Clearing of mangroves is a matter for the Minister for Lands and Water. The removal of a single ironbark tree at the property was investigated by OEH in late 2015 and was found to be a justifiable action as it posed an imminent risk to the property or of personal injury. The EPA continues to receive correspondence from complainants about this matter. It maintains contact with Port Stephens Council about council's compliance action.
- (2) This is a matter for the Minister for Lands and Water.
- (3) This is a matter for the Minister for Lands and Water.
- (4) No.
- (4) (a) Not applicable.
- (4) (b) Not applicable.
- (4) (c) Not applicable.
- (5) This is a matter for the Minister for Lands and Water.
- (6) This is a matter for the Minister for Lands and Water.
- 4260 NEWCASTLE ATHLETICS FIELD UPGRADE—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—
- 4261 APPEALING PENALTY NOTICES—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—
- 4262 ROADS AND MARITIME SERVICES E-TOLL ACCOUNTS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 4263 ROUNDABOUT CONSTRUCTION—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 4264 LOWER HUNTER HOSPITAL—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Health—
- 4265 OUT OF ZONE SCHOOL ENROLMENT APPLICATIONS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Education—

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- 4266 NEWCASTLE EAST END PROJECT—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Planning—
- 4267 HAMILTON BUS DEPOT—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 4268 NEWCASTLE URBAN TRANSFORMATION AND TRANSPORT PROGRAM—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Planning—
- 4269 FORMER WICKHAM SCHOOL OF ARTS—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Planning—
- 4270 POLES AND WIRES—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—
- 4271 PORT OF NEWCASTLE—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—
- 4272 MANAGEMENT OF SOCIAL HOUSING—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—
- 4273 COMMUNITY COURT LIAISON CLINICAL NURSE CONSULTANT AT BANKSTOWN LOCAL COURT—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Medical Research, Assistant Minister for Health, Minister for Women, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—
- 4274 FUNDING TO THE COMMUNITY COURT LIAISON SERVICE CLINICAL NURSE CONSULTANT AT BANKSTOWN LOCAL COURT—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Medical Research, Assistant Minister for Health, Minister for Women, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—
- 4275 824 SCHOOL BUS—Ms Jodie Harrison to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 4276 LAND AND HOUSING CORPORATION LAND AT FISHERMAN'S BAY—Ms Kate Washington to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—
- 4277 START STRONG ATTENDANCE—Ms Kate Washington to ask the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, and Assistant Minister for Education—
- 4278 SOCIAL AFFORDABLE HOUSING FUND—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—
- 4279 COMMUNITY HOUSING—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—
- 4280 POTTS PARK GREYHOUND TRACK—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—
- 4281 TRANSFER OF THE NSW PUBLIC WORKS CONSTRUCTION SERVICES GROUP—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—
- 4282 HAMILTON CRIME RATES—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—
- 4283 CAPITAL MAINTENANCE EXPENDITURE ON SOCIAL HOUSING—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—
- 4284 ELLERTON DRIVE EXTENSION PROJECT—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 4285 WATER CORPORATIONS—Mr Chris Minns to ask the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—
- 4286 INDIGENOUS HEALTH—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Medical Research, Assistant Minister for Health, Minister for Women, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

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- 4289 BUSINESS CASE FOR RAISING THE WARRAGAMBA DAM WALL—Mr Chris Minns to ask the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—
- 4290 GLENDALE INTERCHANGE—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 4291 WHEELCHAIR FRIENDLY PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN THE WALLSEND ELECTORATE—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Education—
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- 4293 MAINTENANCE BACKLOG IN HUNTER SCHOOLS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Education—
- 4294 LIFTS AT TUGGERAH RAILWAY STATION—Mr David Harris to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 4295 NORAH HEAD BOAT CLUB—Mr David Harris to ask the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—
- 4296 GREEN VALLEY LOCAL AREA COMMAND—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—
- 4297 RSPCA NSW FUNDING—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—
- 4298 BEDS IN WOMEN'S CRISIS ACCOMMODATION CENTRES—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Medical Research, Assistant Minister for Health, Minister for Women, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—
- 4299 FUNDING FOR EDUCATION PROJECTS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Education—
- 4300 WIFI ACCESS AT THE CALVARY MATER HOSPITAL—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health—
- 4301 WIFI ACCESS AT THE JOHN HUNTER HOSPITAL—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health—
- 4302 WARRAGAMBA DAM WALL—Mr Chris Minns to ask the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—
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- 4305 DRUG REHABILITATION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Health—
- 4306 VACANT POSITIONS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General—

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- 4307 COURT ATTENDANCE FOR CAMDEN AND SURROUNDING AREA RESIDENTS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General—
- 4308 LEGISLATION CONCERNING UNAUTHORISED RELEASE OF INTIMATE IMAGES—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General—
- 4309 OPENING OF LIVERPOOL POLICE STATION—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—
- 4310 SERVICE NSW CUSTOMER ADVISORY BOARD—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—
- 4311 000 EMERGENCY CALL CENTRE—Mr Edmond Atalla to ask the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—
- 4312 HOUSING NSW MANGED PROPERTIES IN GREATER SYDNEY—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—
- 4313 CONSTRUCTION OF AN AMBULANCE FACILITY ON HOXTON PARK ROAD—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Health—
- 4314 ACTION AGAINST A SENIOR CONSTABLE—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—
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- 4322 BLACKTOWN HOSPITAL DISEASE CONTROL MEASURES—Mr Edmond Atalla to ask the Minister for Health—
- 4323 CARDIOLOGY WARDS AT BLACKTOWN AND NEPEAN HOSPITALS—Mr Edmond Atalla to ask the Minister for Health—
- 4324 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF THE COMMERCIAL FISHERS BUSINESS ADJUSTMENT PROGRAM—Mr David Mehan to ask the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—
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- 4329 REVITALISING NEWCASTLE ADVERTISING CAMPAIGN—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 4330 OLD NEWCASTLE COURT HOUSE—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—
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- 4335 OLD NEWCASTLE COURTHOUSE—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—
- 4336 WRITING SKILLS IN THE BETTER PRISONS EDUCATION REFORM—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—
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- 4340 PALLIATIVE CARE SERVICES IN THE MAITLAND ELECTORATE—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Health—
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- 4345 CHANGES TO THE EMERGENCY SERVICES LEVY—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—
- 4346 BREAKDOWN OF COMPULSORY ACQUISITIONS BY PROJECT—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—
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- 4350 PALLIATIVE CARE AT GOULBURN BASE HOSPITAL—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Health—
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- 4357 ILLAWARRA-SHOALHAVEN LOCAL HEALTH DISTRICT BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Health—
- 4358 178 DOWLING STREET DEVELOPMENT—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—
- 4359 GREYHOUND INDUSTRY REFORM PANEL COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—
- 4360 CYCLING RULES: CHILDREN—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 4361 REOPENING OF FISHING IN TILLIGERRY CREEK AND FULLERTON COVE—Ms Jodie Harrison to ask the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—
- 4362 FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT TRANSFORMATION PROJECT—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—
- 4363 FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT STAFFING LEVELS—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—
- 4364 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION ASSETS—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Education—
- 4365 LEASES EXECUTED BY THE LAND AND HOUSING CORPORATION FOR COMMUNITY HOUSING PROVIDERS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—
- 4366 DIALYSIS SERVICES FOR MEDOWIE AND TILLIGERRY AND TOMAREE PENINSULAS—Ms Kate Washington to ask the Minister for Health—

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- 4369 HOME BIRTHING OPTIONS FOR KARUAH—Ms Kate Washington to ask the Minister for Health—
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- 4375 INDEPENDENT AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS ENROLMENT CAPACITY—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Planning—
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- 4377 OUT-OF-AREA ENROLMENTS—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Education—
- 4378 SPECIALIST TRAUMA SERVICES IN THE SUMMER HILL ELECTORATE—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Medical Research, Assistant Minister for Health, Minister for Women, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—
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- 4533 ILLEGAL CLEARING AND DUMPING—Ms Kate Washington to ask the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

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- (1) With reference to allegations of illegal dumping and clearing at 20A Caswell Crescent, Tanilba Bay during the construction of an unapproved sea wall, how many mangrove trees (if any) does the Department estimate have been removed from the property during construction of the sea wall?
- (2) What is the maximum possible fine for illegal clearing of mangroves?
- (3) What efforts are being made by the Government to ensure that mangroves in Tanilba Bay are preserved and reasonably accessible to the public?
- (4) Is the Minister aware of any potential threats from proposed nearby residential development/s that may adversely impact on the wellbeing of mangrove trees in Tanilba Bay?
- 4534 WHITE BAY – GLEBE ISLAND SHIP POLLUTION—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Planning—
- (1) What noise controls apply to cruise ships at the White Bay terminal at Glebe Island, including how many days ships can keep engines running?
- (2) What controls apply to light spill?
- (3) When were these noise, light spill and air pollution controls last reviewed and what plans does the Government have to review them given the increasing number of ships using this facility?
- 4535 WHITE BAY – GLEBE ISLAND SHIP POLLUTION—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- (1) With reference to cruise ships at the White Bay terminal at Glebe Island, what ongoing assessment does the Government carry out of noise, light spill and air pollution impacts on adjacent residential communities?
- (2) What measurements are taken of noise, light spill and air pollution impacts inside apartments at Pymont?
- (3) What further action will the Government take to prevent impacts on residential communities adjacent to these facilities?
- 4536 PAYOUTS TO PARAMEDICS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health—
- How much revenue does the Government hope to raise by reducing the payout for severely injured paramedics from \$253,515-\$685,642 to \$123,487 in the Paramedic Death and Disability Scheme?
- 4537 STAGE 5 OF THE NEWCASTLE INNER-CITY BYPASS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- What is the current estimated release date for the Government's final plan for the Newcastle Inner-City Bypass Stage 5 to be finished and put out on public exhibition?
- 4538 HUNTER REGIONAL PLAN 2036—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Planning—
- Does Action 23.2 of the Hunter Regional Plan 2036 or any other actions in Direction 23 include the establishment of a Hunter Transport Authority?
- 4539 CROWN LAND SOLD—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—
- What is the total value of Crown Land sold by this Government in the last financial year (2015-16)?
- 4540 BERESFIELD POLICE STATION—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—
- (1) Considering on Monday, 7 November 2016, the Beresfield Police Station was closed, with no warning to local residents:
- (a) What hours each week will the Beresfield station be open in 2017?
- (b) What precautions are being taken to ensure a closure such as this does not happen again?
- 4541 MULTICULTURALISM IN THE HUNTER—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism—
- What initiatives are you pursuing in the Hunter region to promote harmony between members of different religions and cultural backgrounds and to celebrate diversity?

4542 CBD TRANSPORT PLANNING—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) What strategies does the Government intend to use in planning for CBD and inner city public transport services after the CBD and South East Light Rail service is operating?
 - (a) Will this planning include destination studies?
 - (b) Will this planning include review of Opal travel data?
- (2) How will the Government assess public transport need that is not currently provided?
- (3) How will the Government assess future transport needs linked to inner city redevelopment projects?
- (4) Will the Government link all CBD bus services with the light rail service?
- (5) Will this include additional interchanges or adjacent stops?
 - (a) What other methods will be used?
- (6) How does the Government plan to involve the community in planning for these changes?
 - (a) When will this planning begin?

4543 SOCIAL HOUSING MANAGEMENT—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

How will the Government stop for profit organisations from tendering to manage public housing tenancy if public housing tenancy management is outsourced to the community sector?

4544 GLENDALE TRANSPORT INTERCHANGE—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Skills, and Minister for Small Business—

- (1) Was the Glendale Transport Interchange one of Regional Development Hunter's key infrastructure goals?
 - (a) If not, why not?

4545 POVERTY IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

Noting the Australian Council of Social Service's 'Poverty in Australia' 2016 report showing that rates of poverty have increased, particularly amongst children and sole parent families:

- (1) What data does the Government have about rates of poverty in New South Wales and inner Sydney?
- (2) What action has the Government taken to address increasing poverty amongst children?
- (3) What action has the Government taken to address increasing poverty amongst sole parent families?
- (4) What programs and activities does the Government fund or provide to reduce poverty in the inner Sydney area?
- (5) What action has the Government taken in response to the increasing rates of poverty for people living in areas of high housing unaffordability such as inner Sydney?
- (6) What measures are the Government taking to provide better health outcomes for those living in poverty?
- (7) What advocacy has the Government carried out with the Commonwealth Government about income support strategies to prevent and reduce poverty?
- (8) What further action will the Government take to address increasing rates of poverty and inequality?

4546 STAMP DUTY—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

- (1) What options for stamp duty tax reform were considered by Commonwealth, State and Territory Governments as referred in LA Q 1046?
- (2) What is the average cost of stamp duty for home buyers in:
 - (a) Greater Sydney?
 - (b) The City of Sydney?
 - (c) Woollahra Council?
 - (d) The CBD and inner city of Sydney?
- (3) What assessment has the Government made of the impact of stamp duty on housing mobility and the supply of rental housing?
- (4) What consideration has the Government given to replacing stamp duty tax with a land tax?
- (5) What consideration has the Government given to a low-rate broad based property levy as proposed by the Grattan Institute?
- (6) What plans does the Government have to reform property taxes in order to increase housing mobility, affordability and rental housing supply?

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4547 FUTURE NEEDS OF SPORT INFRASTRUCTURE STUDY—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

With respect to the Future Needs of Sport Infrastructure Study identified in LA Q 3276:

- (1) What stages of this project have been completed?
- (2) What assessment has the Government carried out of sport and recreation needs since this study began in June 2014?
- (3) What consultation has occurred with sporting organisations?
- (4) What consultation has occurred with the wider community?
- (5) What strategies have been used to ensure the study includes less well developed sports or less well supported sports, including women's sport and inclusive sports programs?
- (6) What reports have been provided to the community about current facilities and needs?
- (7) What plans does the Government have to provide additional regional sports facilities or upgrade these facilities in the inner city?
- (8) What funds does the Government provide to enable community provision of sports infrastructure?
- (9) What funds does the Government provide to enable local government provision of sports infrastructure?
- (10) What funds have been made available to the City of Sydney and Woollahra Municipal Council for this purpose?
- (11) What further stages of this study are planned and what outcomes does the Government expect?

4548 TAFE ENROLMENTS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Skills, and Minister for Small Business—

- (1) What measures is the Government taking to counteract the 62 per cent drop in enrolments at Hunter TAFE between 2012 and 2016?
- (2) Does the Minister believe this drop in enrolments is attributable to changes to VET sector policy in the last two years (to 15 November 2016) in the form of the Government's 'Smart and Skilled' changes?

4549 BUS POLLUTION—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) How does the Government monitor air and noise pollution from public transport buses?
- (2) When were these standards last updated?
- (3) What does the current evidence show about comparative emissions from diesel, gas and electric vehicles?
- (4) What new buses are currently being bought and how do these vehicles improve on current bus emissions?
- (5) What assessment has the Government made about the need to refine emission standards and what changes are planned?
- (6) What further action will the Government take to reduce air and noise pollution from buses?

4550 ENERGY CONSUMER PROTECTIONS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy—

- (1) What information does the Government provide to energy consumers to be able to make informed decisions about energy providers including price, renewable sources and consumer responsiveness?
- (2) How does the Government ensure that deregulated and privatised energy providers are required to provide the same service as government-owned agencies?
- (3) How does the Government ensure that energy provider contractors and sub-contractors comply with the same service standards and complaints management systems?
- (4) What requirements apply to access to energy meters and consumer meter readings?
- (5) How does the Government monitor energy consumer complaints and impacts?
- (6) What are the trends in complaints since energy deregulation and privatisation programs?
- (7) What changes to consumer protections have been made in this time?
- (8) What further action will the Government take to protect energy consumers in a deregulated and privatised energy market?

4551 SHARED HOME OWNERSHIP—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

With respect to LA Q 2198 and strategies identified in 'Future Directions for Social Housing in NSW':

- (1) What does the evidence show about the success of shared equity schemes that aim to help low or moderate income households own a home?

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- (2) What other jurisdictions offer this option?
- (3) What does the evidence show about the value of government agencies, community housing providers or other bodies sharing equity with home buyers unable to afford a home themselves?
- (4) What changes has the Government considered to First Home Owner's Grant scheme to provide grants to homebuyers who have shared home ownership with organisations like community housing providers?
- (5) What consideration has the Government given to the Shared Equity Homeownership Working Group's proposals?
- (6) What further action will the Government take to support shared equity home ownership?
- 4552 GREEN BONDS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—
- (1) What assessment has the Government made of the Victorian Government's Green Bonds, through which investors fund projects with climate change and environmental benefits?
- (2) What bonds or similar investment programs does the Government provide to fund projects like LCD traffic lights or renewable energy power stations?
- (3) What components of the NSW Waratah Bonds fund projects with climate change and environmental benefits?
- (4) What further plans does the Government have to offer similar investment vehicles in New South Wales that focus on environmental benefits?
- 4553 ROADS AND MARITIME SERVICES PROPERTY ON WILLIAM STREET WOOLLOOMOOLOO—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- With respect to the Roads and Maritime Services property at 110-130 William Street, Woolloomooloo:
- (1) What assessment has been made of the use of this site since construction of the Cross City Tunnel?
- (2) What work has been done for the stratum survey listed in LA Q 1245 (session 55-1)?
- (3) What community consultation about appropriate uses is planned?
- (4) What plans does the Government have for longer term use of this site?
- (a) If long term use has not been fixed, what plans does the Government have to improve visual amenity and provide public access for the short term?
- (5) How does the Government ensure the property is kept clean and tidy?
- (6) When will the Government make a decision on the future of this site?
- 4554 PROPOSED COUNCIL AMALGAMATIONS—Ms Jodi McKay to ask the Minister for Local Government—
- Considering the court decision regarding the proposed amalgamation of Burwood, Canada Bay and Strathfield Councils, will the Minister commit to a new inquiry with a new independent delegate?