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*2107 HUME FREEWAY FROM ETTAMOGAH TO NSW BORDER—Mr Greg Aplin asked the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

In relation to the Hume Freeway from Ettamogah to the NSW border:

- (1) What action is the Government taking to address Albury residents' concerns about noise pollution levels created by this road?
- (2) Are there any plans to address the repeated requests from the Albury Chamber of Commerce to provide more adequate signage for town services provided in Albury and Lavington?
- (3) What measures are being taken to reduce traffic congestion and increase safety on and near exit and entry ramps?

Answer—

The Australian and New South Wales governments are committed to upgrading the entire length of the Hume Highway to a four lane divided carriageway by 2012.

I am advised:

The Albury Wodonga Hume Freeway opened to traffic in March 2007.

As part of the project's conditions of approval, a draft noise monitoring report has been prepared by the project contractor. The RTA is currently confirming future traffic predictions for the freeway to use in conjunction with the draft noise monitoring report. The final report will be discussed with the Department of Environment and Climate Change prior to its release expected in by mid 2008.

The RTA advises an additional sign was installed 2 km north of the Jindera exit on 15 March 2008. Another sign was erected on 30 March 2008 at a location 2 km south of the South Albury exit. The signs indicate to motorists services are available from the three Albury exits.

At a meeting on 17 March 2008 the RTA confirmed with the Mayor and council officers that work was underway to address traffic and safety concerns. Some of these enhancements included an additional traffic signal detector loop at Borella Road, roundabouts at Thurgoona Drive off ramps and roundabout at Union/Racecourse Roads intersection.

*2109 MENTAL HEALTH PATIENT BEDS—CONCORD HOSPITAL—Mr Greg Aplin asked the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—

- (1) How many beds are currently provided for mental health patients at Concord Hospital?
- (2) Is there a plan to increase the number of beds provided for mental health patients at Concord Hospital?

Answer—

I am advised:

While beds are not specifically provided for mental health patients at Concord Hospital, the newly constructed Concord Centre for Mental Health (collocated with Concord Hospital) will have 174 beds.

*2110 BUS RAPID TRANSIT SYSTEM—Mr Mike Baird asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

- (1) Has the Minister considered the feasibility of a Bus Rapid Transit system on the Northern Beaches?
- (2) When will a public transport plan for the Northern Beaches be released?

Answer—

The Premiers Urban Transport Statement is available online at www.nsw.gov.au/urban_transport.asp

The NSW State Plan is available at www.nsw.gov.au/stateplan

*2111 STAFF TURNOVER—RAILCORP—Mr Mike Baird asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

What was the staff turnover rate (defined as the percentage of staff who resigned, were terminated or moved to a different department in the NSW public service) at RailCorp every year between 2002 and 2007?

Answer—

I am advised:

Staff turnover data is prepared on a financial year basis and is available to 30 June for each year.

Between 2002 and 2003 the State Rail Authority (SRA) was the supervising authority.

- in the 12 months to 30 June, 2002 the staff turnover rate was 5.13%; and
- in the twelve months to 30 June, 2003 the staff turnover rate was 5.23%.

There is crossover between SRA and RailCorp data in the financial years 2004 to 2006 due to the merger between the SRA and Rail Infrastructure Corporation.

- the staff turnover rate for the period to 30 June 2004 is 5.16%;
- the staff turnover rate for the twelve months to 30 June 2005 is 7.06%; and
- in the 12 months to 30 June, 2006 SRA and RailCorp data has been combined and the turnover rate was 6.01%.

In the twelve months to 30 June, 2007 the staff turnover rate for RailCorp was 5.81%.

*2112 STAFF TURNOVER—DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES—Mr Mike Baird asked the Minister for Community Services—

What was the staff turnover rate (defined as the percentage of staff who resigned, were terminated or moved to a different department in the NSW public service) at the Department of Community Services every year between 2002 and 2007?

Answer—

2002 12.22
2003 9.20
2004 7.72
2005 8.75
2006 6.72
2007 Not available.

*2113 STAFF TURNOVER—NORTHERN SYDNEY CENTRAL COAST AREA HEALTH SERVICE—Mr Mike Baird asked the Minister for Health—

What was the staff turnover rate (defined as the percentage of staff who resigned, were terminated or moved to a different department in the NSW public service) at the Northern Sydney Central Coast Area Health Service every year between 2002 and 2007?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Department of Premier and Cabinet (DPC), Public Sector Workforce Office, conducts an annual census of all public sector employees of NSW Government agencies. Data is collected from all public sector agencies, including NSW Health, on over 50 employee related items including demographics, employment arrangements and patterns, leave, remuneration and earnings and is published in the Overview Report for the NSW Public Sector Workforce Profile. Annual profiles are available through the DPC web site.

Similarly, information about Area Health Service staffing is published each year in the Area Health Service's Annual Report. I refer the Member to the Northern Sydney and Central Coast Area Health Service annual reports.

*2114 NORTHERN AREA HOSPITAL PLAN—Mr Mike Baird asked the Minister for Health—

When will the Northern Area hospital plan, which the Minister said on 29 November 2007 would be going to Cabinet imminently, be made available?

Answer—

The document is known as the Northern Beaches Health Services Plan.

It is scheduled to be considered by Cabinet shortly. Any advice regarding the release of that document will be determined subsequent to that Cabinet process.

*2115 LICENSING OF OLDER DRIVERS—Mr Mike Baird asked the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

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- (1) When will the Roads and Traffic Authority respond to the submissions received in relation to its discussion paper on the Licensing of Older Drivers?
- (2) Does the Minister support a mandatory 10-km restriction for drivers once they turn 85?

Answer—

Please refer to my announcement made today, Thursday 3 April 2008.

Further information may be found on the RTA's website, www.rta.nsw.gov.au

- *2116 STAFF TURNOVER—DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE—Mr Mike Baird asked the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

What was the staff turnover rate (defined as the percentage of staff who resigned, were terminated or moved to a different department in the NSW public service) at the Department of Commerce every year between 2002 and 2007?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Department of Commerce was established on 2 April 2003. The staff turnover rate (defined as the percentage of staff who resigned, were terminated or moved to a different department in the NSW public service) since 2003 is:

- 2003-04 - 11%
- 2004-05 - 18%
- 2005-06 - 10%
- 2006-07 - 11%

On 2 April 2007 the Office of NSW Businesslink was transferred to Commerce. On 20 April 2007, certain corporate services staff from the former Department of Natural Resources were also transferred to Commerce.

- *2117 DISBANDING OF PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT—Mr Mike Baird asked the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

- (1) What efficiencies have been gained from disbanding the NSW Public Works Department and having projects managed by each Department?
- (2) What was the total number of people managing infrastructure projects before the Public Works Department was disbanded?
- (3) How many people currently manage infrastructure projects?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Department of Public Works and Services was incorporated into the newly formed Department of Commerce. The Office of Public Works and Services undertakes the same functions as those carried out by the former Department of Public Works and Services.

This amalgamation was undertaken to deliver greater efficiencies in the delivery of corporate services support to the agencies involved. Savings generated by the amalgamation amount to:

- \$21.9 million in its first year;
- \$41.9 million up until 2005; and
- further savings of \$39 million since 2005.

The Department of Commerce, which includes the Office of Public Works and Services, allocates staff to project management tasks on a needs basis, dependent on the number and scope of projects underway at any one time.

- *2118 SPIT-MILITARY ROAD WORKING GROUP—Mr Mike Baird asked the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

- (1) Has the Spit-Military Road working group made any recommendations to the Government on the corridor?
- (2) Has the Government provided the working group with a deadline?
- (3) How many times has the working group met since it was established in May 2007?

Answer—

I am advised:

The working group has met on four occasions, and has forwarded its recommendations for improving traffic flow on the Spit-Military Road corridor to the RTA for consideration.

*2119 CHATSWOOD-EPPING RAIL LINE—Ms Gladys Berejiklian asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

From what date will rail commuters be able to use the Chatswood-Epping rail line?

Answer—

I am advised:

Information regarding the Chatswood to Epping rail line is available on the Transport Infrastructure Development Corporation's website, www.tidc.nsw.gov.au

*2120 NORTH-WEST HEAVY RAIL LINK—Ms Gladys Berejiklian asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

From what date will rail commuters be able to use the North-West heavy rail link?

Answer—

I am advised:

Information regarding the proposed North West Metro project is available on the Transport Infrastructure Development Corporation's website, www.tidc.nsw.gov.au

*2121 STA BUSES—EPPING ROAD—Ms Gladys Berejiklian asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

In relation to STA buses travelling along Epping Road:

- (1) How many services to the city via the freeway currently service the morning peak?
- (2) How many of these services were introduced following the opening of the Lane Cove tunnel?
- (3) How many additional services will be introduced to service the needs of residents in Lane Cove North, heavily reliant on freeway buses to the city?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) and (2) Information regarding Sydney Buses timetables and services is available on the Sydney Buses website, www.sydneybuses.info.

(3) State Transit will closely monitor demand on this corridor and adjust the level of services as appropriate.

*2122 CHATSWOOD RAILWAY STATION—SIGNAGE—Ms Gladys Berejiklian asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

What provision is there for signage at Chatswood Railway Station when lifts or escalators are not operational to save the less mobile from further inconvenience?

Answer—

I am advised:

In the event that lifts or escalators are out of service, standard signage is placed on the lift or escalator in order to inform passengers.

In addition, where these services for less mobile passengers are not available at Chatswood Station, the station manager will alert train guards and surrounding stations through the Rail Management Centre, so that passengers can then be advised of any changes to station facilities.

*2123 267 BUS SERVICE—Ms Gladys Berejiklian asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

In relation to the 267 bus service from Crows Nest to Chatswood (via Northbridge):

- (1) How frequent is this bus service both in peak time and off-peak time?
- (2) What is the on-time running record of the service?
- (3) What action has the Government taken to make the service more reliable?
- (4) Is the Government considering increasing the frequency of the service?

Answer—

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I am advised:

- (1) to (4) State Transit constantly monitors all bus services to ensure passenger demand is being met.

As demand for services change, appropriate consideration is given to making adjustments to frequency, routes, timetables and stopping patterns.

State Transit is continuing to progress a Service Review Program, to identify routes requiring amendment and provide service levels commensurate with demand.

In addition to the Service Review Program, the Integrated Network plans for all regions are being undertaken, in conjunction with the Ministry of Transport.

Information for individual routes is available on the Transport InfoLine's website, www.131500.com.au

Information regarding State Transit's on-time running is reported on as required in its annual report.

*2136 UNANSWERED CORRESPONDENCE—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson asked the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

- (1) What was the percentage real increase in funding for main roads rehabilitation and construction that Cootamundra Shire Council received from the NSW Government in:

- (a) 2000-01;
- (b) 2001-02;
- (c) 2002-03;
- (d) 2003-04;
- (e) 2004-05;
- (f) 2005-06;
- (g) 2006-07;
- (h) 2007-08?

- (2) What is the actual amount of funding provided by the NSW Government to Cootamundra Shire Council for main roads rehabilitation and construction during 2007-08?

- (3) Why, despite many calls from my office seeking a response, have you not answered my correspondence 07K014 dated 24 May 2007 (your reference M07/3556)?

- (4) When will you reply to this letter?

Answer—

I am advised by the RTA the annual allocation for State Roads, including Regional Roads, rehabilitation and construction, varies year by year according to network needs across the State.

Cootamundra Shire Council has recently received a special allocation as a result of additional capital funds being made available in early 2008. In 2007/08 Council received \$1.553 million in funding from the State Government towards its regional road network.

I am advised a response to your correspondence has been sent.

*2137 HOSPITAL FOOD—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson asked the Minister for Health—

- (1) Which hospitals in the Burrinjuck electorate were part of the recent safety audit conducted by the NSW Food Authority?

- (2) If no hospitals in the Burrinjuck electorate took part in this audit, why were they excluded?

- (3) Which of the hospitals participating in the audit met all of the standards covered in the audit?

Answer—

The NSW Food Authority falls within the Ministerial responsibility of the Minister for Primary Industries and the question should be re-directed accordingly.

*2138 LEGAL COSTS—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson asked the Minister for Community Services—

What was the total legal cost incurred by the Department of Community Services in opposing the Government And Related Employees Tribunal Appeal No. PSD/287/06 heard on 23 January 2007?

Answer—

I understand that the matter was arbitrated on behalf of the Department by staff from NSW Businesslink as part of the shared service agreement between the agencies. No legal fees were incurred by the Department of Community Services.

*2139 MARY GILES WARD—AIR-CONDITIONING—Mrs Judy Hopwood asked the Minister for Health—

- (1) Is cost-cutting the reason the air-conditioning in Mary Giles Ward at Hornsby Hospital is not operational at all times?
- (2) If not, what is the reason the air-conditioning is not working, or turned off for part of the day?
- (3) Are there other wards operating air-conditioning in this manner?
- (4) If so, which wards?

Answer—

I am advised by the Chief Executive of the Northern Sydney and Central Coast Area Health Service:

- (1) The air-conditioning on Mary Giles Ward is operational at all times and there are no periods where it is turned off as a cost cutting measure.
- (2) The air-conditioning system in Mary Giles Ward is being upgraded as part of a scheduled upgrade program. The air-conditioning system is susceptible to malfunction due to lightning strikes which have occurred recently. If the air-conditioning is non-operational due to a lightning strike, it is rectified promptly.
- (3) and (4) There are no wards at the hospital where air-conditioning is operated in the manner suggested in the member's question.

*2140 MARY GILES WARD—BLINDS—Mrs Judy Hopwood asked the Minister for Health—

- (1) Are the blinds in some of the ward areas of the Mary Giles Ward at Hornsby Hospital broken?
- (2) If so, when will the blinds be repaired or replaced?

Answer—

I am advised by the Chief Executive of the Northern Sydney and Central Coast Area Health Service:

- (1) and (2) There are no broken blinds in the Mary Giles Ward at Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Hospital. At times some blinds can be difficult to retract from the fully extended position.

All blinds in the ward are part of an ongoing maintenance program and, where necessary, blinds will be resprung or replaced to ensure ease of use for patients.

*2141 AUDIOLOGY CLINIC—HORNSBY HOSPITAL—Mrs Judy Hopwood asked the Minister for Health—

- (1) What is the current status of the Audiology Clinic at Hornsby Hospital?
- (2) Will it reopen?

Answer—

I am advised by the Chief Executive of the Northern Sydney and Central Coast Area Health Service:

- (1) and (2) The audiology service provided at Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Hospital has been temporarily closed while a review is conducted to determine the most appropriate model of service delivery for the Hornsby Ku-ring-gai community.

Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Health Service Management are analysing the review data with key stakeholders to determine the preferred model of service delivery. In the interim, all enquiries requesting audiology services are provided with details of other service providers within the region.

*2144 UPGRADE OF CAPTAIN COOK'S LANDING SITE—Mr Malcolm Kerr asked the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

- (1) How much of the \$5.8 million promised in 2004 has been spent on the upgrade of Captain Cook's Landing Site at Kurnell?
- (2) What projects have been completed to date?
- (3) What projects are yet to be completed?

Answer—

- (1) I am advised that approximately \$2.14 million has been spent to date on the completion of a wide range of projects.

- (2) To date a number of projects have been completed, including:

- new car parks, road and access improvements for the main visitor area;
- new toilet facilities in the main visitor areas;
- installation of power to the festival area for ceremonies and special events;
- picnic area enhancements;
- a detailed history of the Kurnell precinct of Botany Bay National Park;
- assessment of the heritage values of the site and completion of a Conservation Management

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Plan to ensure heritage protection;

- vegetation history, survey and mapping project, including preparation of a definitive list of plant specimens collected by Banks and Solander;
- restoration of the Endeavour cannon and return of this item to display;
- assessment and recommendations for the historic ferry shelter shed;
- a community oral history project, for use in interpretation of the site;
- feasibility analysis for a catering outlet and meeting facilities; and
- interpretation, landscape and architectural design for the next stage of works.

(3) Projects to be completed in the next stage include:

- an interpreted walking track (the Burrawang Walk) with historical information about the site;
- the 'Meeting Place' at the start of the Burrawang Walk, which will comprise a sandstone seating and gathering area, along with introductory information about the site;
- the restoration of pre-1770 vegetation on the dune traversed by the Burrawang Walk;
- construction of a new timber jetty and viewing platform on the site of the early 1900s jetty, including seating and information panels about the site's history; restoration of the c1912 shelter shed associated with the old ferry wharf to provide a covered seating and gathering space for visitors;
- restoration of the freshwater stream, including opening the stream to the Bay as it was when Cook arrived in 1770, along with construction of a pedestrian bridge, seating and information panels about the site's history;
- interpretation of the monuments and memorials; and
- various improvements to the visitor centre, including a new forecourt, incorporation of the Environmental Education Centre, and the creation of a new multi-purpose theatre and meeting room.

*2146 PARTY BUSES—Ms Clover Moore asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

With respect to "party buses" that convey groups of people around the city, particularly in the evening:

- (1) Is the Minister aware of patrons of these bus services vomiting and urinating in public areas where these buses stop?
- (2) How many "party buses" operate in Sydney?
- (3) How does the Government accredit and monitor these bus services?
- (4) What requirements do these bus operators have to apply Responsible Service of Alcohol?
- (5) What requirements do these bus operators have to provide toilets or toilet breaks where toilets are available?
- (6) What is the Government's inspection program for these bus services?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) to (6) Various bus operators provide "party bus" services in Sydney. There are approximately 650 accredited bus operators in the Sydney metropolitan area.

All accredited bus operators are required to comply with the Passenger Transport Act and associated legislation. Under the bus operator accreditation scheme, all operators are required to submit an annual self assessment, and submit to an independent audit once every three years.

In addition, the Ministry of Transport conducts bus audits to ensure that bus operators comply. The Ministry of Transport also monitors complaints about operators, and can take action if an operator is found not to be fit and proper, or failing to demonstrate sufficient responsibility in operating a service.

Matters regarding passenger behaviour are the responsibility of the Minister for Police.

*2149 REPORT OF THE LEGAL FEES REVIEW PANEL—Mr Jonathan O'Dea asked the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

- (1) Regarding the December 2005 Report of the Legal Fees Review Panel into legal costs in New South Wales, how many of the 37 recommendations have been implemented?
- (2) Is the Government considering any future changes to the current system for cost assessment of legal bills?

Answer—

The National Model Legal Profession Laws, enacted in NSW in the Legal Profession Act 2004, include uniform national standards on costs disclosure and assessment.

I also refer the member to the amendments to the Legal Profession Act 2004 that commenced on 1 July 2007 which implemented a number of recommendations.

Given the National Model Legal Profession Laws, other recommendations arising from the report will be considered in future reviews of the model laws, rather than being implemented unilaterally.

*2150 REFERRALS TO LEGAL SERVICES COMMISSIONER—Mr Jonathan O'Dea asked the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

- (1) Mindful of the obligation in Section 393 of the Legal Profession Act (Part 3.2) with respect to cost assessors, how many legal professionals have been referred to the Legal Services Commissioner for disciplinary action since the start of 2005?
- (2) Mindful of the obligation in Section 393 of the Legal Profession Act before it was reviewed in 2004 with respect to cost assessors, how many legal professionals have been referred to the Legal Services Commissioner for disciplinary action since the Act was gazetted in 1994?

Answer—

The question is incorrect. Matters are referred for to the Legal Services Commissioner for investigation in the first instance. The Commissioner may then determine if any disciplinary action is warranted.

*2151 WSN ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES—Mr Jonathan O'Dea asked the Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Youth, Minister for Volunteering—

- (1) What plans are being considered to sell WSN Environmental Services?
- (2) What plans are being considered specifically to sell the WSN Belrose landfill site?

Answer—

The Office of Fair Trading advises me that matters relating to the sale of WSN Environmental Services and the WSN Belrose landfill site should be addressed to my colleague, the Hon Michael Costa MLC, Treasurer.

*2152 DRINK DRIVING OFFENCES—TWEED ELECTORATE—Mr Geoff Provest asked the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—

What is the number of drink driving offences committed in the Tweed electorate by:

- (a) Drivers residing in the Tweed electorate:
 - (i) during 2006;
 - (ii) during 2007 year-to-date?
- (b) Drivers from Queensland:
 - (i) during 2006;
 - (ii) during 2007 year-to-date?
- (c) Drivers residing in any other part of NSW other than the Tweed electorate:
 - (i) during 2006;
 - (ii) during 2007 year-to-date?

Answer—

The Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (BOCSAR) analyses NSW recorded crime statistics. I suggest the Honourable Member's questions are more appropriately addressed to the Attorney General, within whose portfolio the bureau resides.

*2155 FTE AGENCY NURSES IN THE GREATER SOUTHERN AREA HEALTH SERVICE—Mrs Jillian Skinner asked the Minister for Health—

How many FTE agency nurses are employed at each hospital in the Greater Southern Area Health Service?

Answer—

I am advised:

As the Member has not specified a time period for the data in this question it is not possible to provide accurate data and any interpretation of the question would be subjective.

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However, the Department of Health reports agency nursing staffing data on a monthly basis on the NSW Health internet site at www.health.nsw.gov.au/nursing/dohrs. Additionally, information about Health Service staffing is published each year in the Area Health Services Annual Report.

*2156 FTE AGENCY NURSES IN THE HUNTER NEW ENGLAND AREA HEALTH SERVICE—Mrs Jillian Skinner asked the Minister for Health—

How many FTE agency nurses are employed at each hospital in the Hunter New England Area Health Service?

Answer—

I am advised:

As the Member has not specified a time period for the data in this question it is not possible to provide accurate data and any interpretation of the question would be subjective.

However, the Department of Health reports agency nursing staffing data on a monthly basis on the NSW Health internet site at www.health.nsw.gov.au/nursing/dohrs. Additionally, information about Health Service staffing is published each year in the Area Health Services Annual Report.

*2157 NORTHERN SYDNEY CENTRAL COAST AREA HEALTH SERVICE BUDGET—Mrs Jillian Skinner asked the Minister for Health—

What was the 2006-07, 2005-06 and 2004-05 budget, on a net cost of services basis, for each of the hospital-based networks within the Northern Sydney Central Coast Area Health Service?

Answer—

I am advised that data on the net cost of services for Northern Sydney Central Coast Area Health Service is available in the Area's annual report.

I refer the Member to the Northern Sydney Central Coast Area Health Service annual report.

*2158 TRAFFIC SIGNALS AT PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS—Mr Rob Stokes asked the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

Is there a formula to qualify the installation of traffic signals at pedestrian crossings?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Roads and Traffic Authority maintains a set of guidelines for the installation of traffic signals at pedestrian crossings.

*2161 MARTIN BRIDGE—TAREE—Mr John Turner asked the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

- (1) Does the Roads and Traffic Authority own the Martin Bridge at Taree?
- (2) If so, has there been a deterioration of the pavement surface of the bridge?
- (3) If so, is this impacting on the smoothness of the ride surface and potentially causing road safety issues?
- (4) If so, why has the Roads and Traffic Authority allowed this condition to arise?
- (5) If so, what do they intend to do about it?
- (6) If so, when do they intend to do something about it?
- (7) Is the same bridge experiencing peeling paint on the bridge superstructure?
- (8) If so, is such paint a lead based paint?
- (9) If so, are these paint fragments falling into and therefore polluting the Manning River?
- (10) If so, what does the Roads and Traffic Authority intend to do about it?
- (11) If nothing, why not?
- (12) If they intend to do something, what will they do?
- (13) If so, when will they do something about this problem?
- (14) Are parts of the bridge components rusting?
- (15) If so, does this affect the integrity of the bridge?
- (16) If so, what does the Roads and Traffic Authority intend to do about it?
- (17) If nothing, why not?
- (18) If they intend to take action, what action will they take?
- (19) When will they take such action?
- (20) Is the bridge included in any program for repainting works?

- (21) If so, when?
 (22) If not, why not?
 (23) If not, when will it be included in any program?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA) controls and maintains Martin Bridge.

The RTA undertakes periodic inspections to monitor the condition of the asphalt surface of the bridge deck. Rehabilitation of the deck joints was completed in late 2007, and the final surfacing of the bridge is planned for May 2008. Maintenance work is currently in progress.

The bridge is experiencing minor flaking of lead-based paint. The Department of Environment and Climate Change has written to Greater Taree City Council, which has investigated the issue and determined that the environmental impact on the Manning River is not significant.

Some rust locations have been identified that do not affect the integrity of the bridge. Repairs will be done as part of normal maintenance works on the bridge.

The re-painting of the Martin Bridge is included in the RTA's bridge program.

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- 2162 TEACHER PLACEMENT—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- 2163 GARNAUT CLIMATE CHANGE REVIEW: INTERIM REPORT—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts representing the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 2165 RENEWABLE ENERGY GENERATION—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Premier, Minister for Citizenship—
- 2166 DICK PERSSON—APPOINTMENT AS ADMINISTRATOR OF PORT MACQUARIE COUNCIL—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—
- 2167 RESPITE CARE—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services—
- 2168 HEALTH INQUIRY—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2169 ABC LEARNING CENTRES—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- 2170 AUDIOLOGY CLINICS—NORTHERN SYDNEY—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2171 ACCREDITATION OF ENT SURGEONS—HORNSBY HOSPITAL—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2172 SAFETY OF BICYCLES AT RAILWAY STATIONS—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- *2173 FUNDING FOR HUNTER WETLANDS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- (1) How much money has the State Government allocated to the Hunter Wetlands at Shortland:
 (a) in 2006/2007;
 (b) in 2007/2008?
- (2) What projects were these funds allocated for?
- Answer—

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- (1) The NSW Government, through the NSW Environmental Trust, allocated:
 - (a) \$98,598 to the Hunter Wetlands Centre at Shortland in 2006/2007.
 - (b) No applications for further funding were received by the Environmental Trust from the Hunter Wetlands Centre for 2007/2008.
 - (2) The funds were allocated in 2006/07 for a three-year project entitled 'Biodiversity Enhancement of Shortland Wetlands Ramsar and Endangered Ecological Communities Site'.

This project has been identified as a priority in the Ramsar Ecological Character Report and Management Plan 2004-09. The project will ensure the on-going protection of this significant wetlands complex, and the improvement of habitat values for threatened species.
- 2174 ADMISSIONS TO SUTHERLAND HOSPITAL—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2175 COUNTRYLINK SERVICE—TUMBARUMBA TO COOTAMUNDRA—Mr Daryl Maguire to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2176 SCHOOL ZONE SPEEDING FINES—WAGGA WAGGA ELECTORATE—Mr Daryl Maguire to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts representing the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 2177 FORENSIC PATHOLOGISTS—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2178 BUS SERVICES AND REAL TIME INFORMATION—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2180 SENIORS CARD—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services—
- 2181 DEMOUNTABLE CLASSROOMS—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- 2182 DEMOUNTABLE CLASSROOMS—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- 2183 SPEED LIMITS FOR HEAVY VEHICLES—Mr Robert Oakeshott to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2184 TWEED HEADS MARINA—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Lands, Minister for Rural Affairs, Minister for Regional Development—
- 2185 TWEED HEADS MARINA—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Lands, Minister for Rural Affairs, Minister for Regional Development—
- 2186 SURGE BED STRATEGY IN NORTH COAST HOSPITALS—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2187 DOCTORS IN NSW HOSPITALS—Mrs Jillian Skinner to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2188 SCHOOL ZONE FLASHING LIGHTS—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2190 KIDNEY DIALYSIS MACHINES—MONA VALE HOSPITAL—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2191 KEMPSEY DISTRICT HOSPITAL—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2192 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH OUTSOURCING—Mr John Turner to ask the Minister for Health—

- 2193 FLEET LANE CHATSWOOD—Mr John Turner to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Lands, Minister for Rural Affairs, Minister for Regional Development—
- 2194 HOUSING MARKET VALUES—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts representing the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 2195 WARRAGAMBA DAM—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—
- 2196 PURCHASE OF BUSES—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

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- 2197 COUNCIL INVESTMENT OF SECTION 94 CONTRIBUTIONS—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—
- 2198 ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY LIAISON OFFICER APPOINTMENT—Mr Greg Aplin to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 2199 BILLABONG CREEK SALT INTERCEPTION SITE—Mr Greg Aplin to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—
- 2200 NSW INTERGENERATIONAL FUND—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts representing the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 2202 REDUCTION OF BUREAUCRATS—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts representing the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 2203 COMMONWEALTH STATE HOUSING AGREEMENT—Mr Thomas George to ask the Minister for Housing, Minister for Tourism—
- 2204 MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES—SOUTH COAST—Mrs Shelley Hancock to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2205 CANADA BAY COUNCIL DEVELOPMENT APPROVALS—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—
- 2206 COUNCILS' DEVELOPMENT PROCESS—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health) —
- 2207 UNANSWERED REPRESENTATIONS—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts representing the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 2208 UNANSWERED REPRESENTATIONS—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Youth, Minister for Volunteering—
- 2209 UNANSWERED REPRESENTATIONS—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services—
- 2210 BABY JOAN—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Community Services—

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- 2211 PUBLIC LIBRARY FUNDING—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- 2212 PUBLIC DENTAL WAITING LISTS—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2213 BEROWRA RAILWAY STATION—TICKET MACHINE—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2214 HORNSBY HOSPITAL GARDENERS—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2215 SHORELINK PATRONAGE—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2216 PRIVATE PHONE NUMBERS—USE BY ORGANISATIONS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 2217 SUTHERLAND HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2218 OLDER DRIVERS—MANDATORY TEST—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2219 WAGGA WAGGA BASE HOSPITAL CHILDREN'S WARD—Mr Daryl Maguire to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2220 RURAL FIRE SERVICE ASSOCIATION FUNDRAISING—Mr Daryl Maguire to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—
- 2221 PROTECTING APARTMENT RESIDENTS FROM IMPACTS OF SHORT-TERM ACCOMMODATION—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Youth, Minister for Volunteering—
- 2222 BIKE BOXES—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2223 FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REFORM—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Premier, Minister for Citizenship—
- 2224 PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AT ST GEORGE SAILING CLUB—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Minister for Ports and Waterways—
- 2225 PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AT ST GEORGE SAILING CLUB—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- 2226 ILL TRAIN PASSENGERS—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2227 FIREARMS LICENCE RENEWALS—Mr Adrian Piccoli to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 2228 REPRESENTATIONS—TRACY CALABRO—Mr Adrian Piccoli to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2229 REPRESENTATIONS—SHANNON IRVIN—Mr Adrian Piccoli to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2230 GRIFFITH BASE HOSPITAL PUBLIC DENTAL CLINIC—Mr Adrian Piccoli to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2232 ELECTRICITY SUBSIDY FOR ALUMINIUM INDUSTRY—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2233 MAILING COSTS—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Premier, Minister for Citizenship—
- 2234 BORDER PARK RACEWAY—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Gaming and Racing, Minister for Sport and Recreation—

- 2235 POLICE STAFFING—TWEED-BYRON LOCAL AREA COMMAND—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 2236 NOT-FOR-PROFIT CHILDCARE FACILITIES IN THE TWEED—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts representing the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 2237 IRON COVE BRIDGE—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- *2238 WILDLIFE LAND TRUST—NOMINATION—Mr Michael Richardson asked the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- (1) Will the Government support the Wildlife Land Trust's nomination of Bull Mallee near West Wyalong for listing as a critically endangered ecological community under the Threatened Species Conservation Act?
 - (2) Is the Government aware of estimates that there are only 100 hectares of Bull Mallee still remaining?
 - (3) Will the Government assure voters that it will not use the biobanking provisions to allow development in the remaining areas?
- Answer—
- (1) The Scientific Committee has advised me that they have received a nomination proposing that Bull Mallee, White Mallee and tall mallee woodland on red sand loam soils in the central western slopes of NSW be listed as a critically endangered ecological community.
The Committee is currently assessing whether this ecological community meets the criteria for listing as being critically endangered. I am awaiting the outcome of the Committee's assessment.
 - (2) I anticipate that the extent of the Bull Mallee community will be assessed by the Scientific Committee as part of their deliberations.
 - (3) The Biodiversity Banking and Offsets Scheme (BioBanking) is intended to address the clearing of native vegetation for urban development and the impact it has on biodiversity values, including threatened species. Any assessment under the Native Vegetation Act 2003 and under the BioBanking proposal would need to meet the 'maintain or improve' test under that Act.
- 2239 PARRAMATTA-EPPING RAIL LINK—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2240 BAYVIEW BUSES—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2241 MANDATORY DRIVING TESTS—WARRIEWOOD RTA—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2242 MANDATORY DRIVING TESTS—PITTWATER RESIDENTS—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2243 PACIFIC HIGHWAY UPGRADE—WARRELL CREEK—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2244 APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATORS—Mr John Turner to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Lands, Minister for Rural Affairs, Minister for Regional Development—
- 2245 CORRESPONDENCE—LINDSAY ROUND—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Minister for Health—

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- 2246 TAFE FEES—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—

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- 2247 FIRE SERVICES LEVY—Mr Greg Aplin to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—
- 2248 ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY LIAISON OFFICERS—Mr Greg Aplin to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 2249 PATIENTS TRAVELLING ON PUBLIC TRANSPORT—Ms Gladys Berejiklian to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2250 COMMUTER SURVEY CONSULTANCY—Ms Gladys Berejiklian to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2251 CHATSWOOD HIGH SCHOOL UPGRADE—Ms Gladys Berejiklian to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- 2252 CHATSWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL UPGRADE—Ms Gladys Berejiklian to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- 2253 REVIEW OF RETAIL FLOOR SPACE CAP—MERIMBULA—Mr Andrew Constance to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- 2254 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION—SURF BEACH—Mr Andrew Constance to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- 2255 DR REEVES—Mr Andrew Constance to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2256 "CLEANER NSW GOVERNMENT FLEET"—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2257 PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS AND PEDESTRIAN REFUGES—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2258 SYDNEY FERRIES—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2259 PUBLIC RESERVE MANAGEMENT FUND—Mr Andrew Fraser to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Lands, Minister for Rural Affairs, Minister for Regional Development—
- 2260 SPEED CAMERA—EWINGSDALE—Mr Andrew Fraser to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2261 UNANSWERED REPRESENTATIONS—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 2262 UNANSWERED REPRESENTATIONS—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2263 PUBLIC HOUSING IN GOSFORD—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Minister for Housing, Minister for Tourism—
- 2264 MAINTENANCE OF SCHOOLS—WAKEHURST ELECTORATE—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- 2265 MANLY HOSPITAL—EAST WING—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—

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- 2267 NORTHERN BEACHES LOCAL AREA COMMAND—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 2268 MEETINGS WITH DEVELOPERS—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- 2269 SCHOOL COUNSELLORS—WAKERHURST ELECTORATE—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- 2270 DOUGLAS GRAEME MCCOY—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Youth, Minister for Volunteering—
- 2271 ROADWORKS—WAKEHURST ELECTORATE—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2272 SPEECH THERAPIST AT YASS—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2273 CORPORATE SERVICES EFFICIENCY REVIEW—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 2274 DOCS STAFFING—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- 2275 HORNSBY HOSPITAL CLEANERS—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2276 SCHOOL CROSSING SUPERVISORS—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2277 DELIBERATELY LIT BUSHFIRES—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—
- 2278 SCHOOL BUS PASSES—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2279 SCHOOL ZONE FLASHING LIGHTS—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2280 ISOLATED PATIENTS TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION ASSISTANCE SCHEME—Mr Daryl Maguire to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2281 PEDESTRIAN PRIORITY FOR TRAFFIC LIGHTS—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2283 NATIONAL ART SCHOOL—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- 2284 BRIAN BURKE—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Premier, Minister for Citizenship—
- 2285 GOVERNMENT FUNDED INSURANCE SCHEME—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- 2286 SPECIALISED EQUIPMENT FOR DISABLED CHILDREN—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services—
- 2287 ASSISTANCE FOR PARENTS WITH ADULT DISABLED CHILDREN—Mr Donald Page to ask the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services—
- 2288 JUSTICE OF THE PEACE—ONLINE REGISTER—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2290 CITYRAIL SURVEY—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

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- 2291 YOUTH CRIME PREVENTION INITIATIVES—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Juvenile Justice, Minister for Western Sydney, Minister Assisting the Premier on Citizenship—
- 2292 SURGE BED STRATEGY—TWEED HOSPITAL—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2294 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- 2295 IMPACT OF SEA LEVEL RISES—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- 2296 CASTLEREAGH LIQUID WASTE DISPOSAL DEPOT—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- 2297 PARKING FINES—“OVERALL PARKING SECTOR”—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 2298 PARKING FINES—“OVERALL PARKING SECTOR”—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2299 PARKING FINES—“OVERALL PARKING SECTOR”—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts representing the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 2300 SCHOOL BUS PASSES—Mr Anthony Roberts to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2301 FERRY TRAVEL PASSES—Mr Anthony Roberts to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2302 FERRY TRAVEL PASSES—Mr Anthony Roberts to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2303 COMMUNITY TRANSPORT SERVICE TYPE REVIEW—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2304 TRAVELLING TIMES TO SYDNEY CBD—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2305 MONITORING OF BUS TRAVELLING TIMES—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2306 FAMILY-SCHOOLS PARTNERSHIP FRAMEWORK—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- 2307 REPORT INTO TVET CHARGES—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- 2308 RURAL COUNCILS ACCESS TO CROWN LAND—Mr John Turner to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Lands, Minister for Rural Affairs, Minister for Regional Development—
- 2309 ADMINISTRATOR FOR COFFS HARBOUR SHOWGROUND TRUST—Mr John Turner to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Lands, Minister for Rural Affairs, Minister for Regional Development—

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- 2310 TUBERCULOSIS—WESTERN SUBURBS—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2311 COMMISSION FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- 2312 COMMUNITY ANGER MANAGEMENT—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- 2313 NSW COUNCILS INVESTMENT PORTFOLIOS—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health) —
- 2314 MINISTERIAL INVESTMENT ORDER—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—
- 2315 MANLY VALE PUBLIC SCHOOL—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- 2316 LICENSING LAW BREACHES—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Gaming and Racing, Minister for Sport and Recreation—
- 2317 YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH FUNDING—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2318 AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF POLICE MANAGEMENT—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- 2319 SEAFORTH TRAFFIC LIGHTS PROJECT—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2320 SEAFORTH TAFE—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- 2321 STATE HERITAGE OFFICE—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- 2322 TAFE QUALIFICATIONS—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- 2323 ELECTRICITY PRIVATISATION—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts representing the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 2324 ENERGY REDUCTION TARGETS—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—
- 2325 GOVERNMENT ENERGY POLICIES—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—
- 2326 CATTLE TICK MINISTERIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE—Mr Thomas George to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—
- 2327 RENEWABLE DEVELOPMENT FUND—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- 2328 RECYCLING AND STORMWATER HARVESTING PROGRAM—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

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- 2329 RESIDENTIAL REBATE PROGRAM—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- *2330 SYDNEY COASTAL COUNCILS GROUP INC—Ms Pru Goward asked the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- Regarding the \$71,000 funding given to the Sydney Coastal Councils Group Inc for the project Quantifying the Value of Sydney Beaches to be funded from the Climate Change Fund, has the Minister received on-going reports to detail results that show:
- (a) how to protect 'at threat' coastal property;
 - (b) infrastructure;
 - (c) beach environments and amenity;
- as a result of inevitable and immediate coastal erosion risk?
- Answer—
- The Sydney Coastal Councils Group's "Quantifying the value of Sydney (NSW) Beaches" project is funded through the Climate Action Grants Program and commenced in December 2006. The Department of Environment and Climate Change is represented on the project's steering committee.
- The project will provide final results in July 2009, the primary aim of which will be to provide assistance to local and state government agencies in valuing local beach assets. This will in turn assist in determining cost/benefit assessment criteria when developing adaptation and mitigation measures.
- 2331 NSW GREEN BUSINESS PROGRAM—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- 2332 PUBLIC FACILITIES PROGRAM—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- 2333 SISTASPEAK PROGRAMME—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- 2334 MOTORSPORT SCHOLARSHIP—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- 2335 ASIAN WOMEN WORKERS' FORUM—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- 2336 HIGHWAY PATROL OFFICERS—BRISBANE WATER COMMAND—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 2337 HIGHWAY PATROL OFFICERS—TUGGERAH LAKES COMMAND—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 2338 FLASHING LIGHTS FOR SCHOOL CROSSINGS—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2339 PROPOSED EPURON WIND FARM AT GULLEN RANGE—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- 2340 CORPORATE SERVICES EFFICIENCY REVIEW—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 2341 BULLYING AND HARASSMENT—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- 2342 PEAT ISLAND—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services—

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- 2343 RESPITE CARE—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services—
- 2344 SHORELINK PERFORMANCE BASED CONTRACT—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
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- 2456 MIKE BAILEY—Mr John Turner to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Lands, Minister for Rural Affairs, Minister for Regional Development—
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- 2459 XPT SERVICE TO DUBBO—Mr Russell Turner to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2460 TRAFFIC SURROUNDING SCHOOLS—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
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- 2463 **SPRAY PAINT CANS—REGULATIONS**—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Youth, Minister for Volunteering—
- (1) Do officers of the Department of Fair Trading inspect retail outlets to ensure compliance with regulations relating to the display and sale of spray paint cans?
 - (2) If so, how many retailers have been found to be in breach of these regulations?
 - (3) How many of the retailers referred to in (2) have been:
 - (a) Prosecuted;
 - (b) Issued with an infringement notice;
 - (c) Cautioned?
- 2464 **POLLUTION REDUCTION PROGRAM**—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- (1) Has the EPA's lack of forward standard setting, as identified by an IPART determination in May 2003, been addressed in relation to Sydney Water?
 - (2) Why has the EPA not taken action with Sydney Water to enforce its Pollution Reduction Program 010 at the North Head Sewage Treatment Plant?
 - (3) Does the Minister acknowledge that this Pollution Reduction Program would have almost halved the Plant's pollution of oil/grease and solids to the ocean?
 - (4) What was the justification behind the EPA's statement to IPART in 2002 that, "upgrading of the ocean outfalls is not a priority" in relation to the proposed North Head Sewage Treatment Plant upgrade?
- 2465 **NORTH HEAD SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT**—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—
- (1) Why does the North Head Sewage Treatment Plant have a licence to pollute the same levels of oil/grease and solids as it did in 1993?
 - (2) Does the licence to pollute oil/grease and solids at the same level extend to 2023?
 - (3) Is the Minister aware of any place in the world where licensed pollution levels of solids, oil and grease to the ocean have not been reduced over a 30-year period?
 - (4) Why has Sydney Water not implemented the EPA's Pollution Reduction Program 010 at the North Head Sewage Treatment Plant?
- 2466 **NORTH HEAD SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT—LICENCE CONDITIONS**—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—
- (1) Is the North Head Sewage Treatment Plant's licence to pollute at the 50-percentile level of concentration in plant effluent for each of the following higher than the Malabar Sewage Treatment Plant:
 - (a) Oil/Grease;
 - (b) Solids?
 - (2) If so, why, and how long will this be allowed to continue?
- 2467 **NORTH HEAD SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT UPGRADE**—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—
- (1) Was Sydney Water's application to IPART for \$16 million for the preliminary design of the North Head Sewage Treatment Plant upgrade in 2002 in the form of an oral presentation to a consultant, and not in a formal submission direct to IPART?
 - (2) Is this the usual practice for justifying the need for significant expenditure preliminary to a major project?
- 2468 **PRUNING OF TREES NEAR POWER LINES**—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—
- (1) What policy is followed by contractors employed to prune trees that are in close proximity to power lines?

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- (2) Will the Minister provide a copy of this policy?
(3) What measures are in place to ensure a minimum environmental impact is caused by those who undertake this work?
- 2469 ALCOHOL RELATED OFFENCES—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- (1) How many young people committed an offence while under the influence of alcohol in 2006-07, 2005-06 and 2004-05 and for what types of offences?
(2) How many incidents involving altercations between young people (aged under 25) and hotel (i.e. pub/club) staff were reported to NSW Police in 2006-07, 2005-06 and 2004-05?
- 2470 YOUTH SUICIDE—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Health—
- (1) How many young people committed suicide in NSW in 2006-07, 2005-06 and 2004-05?
(2) Of those in question (1), what percentage was male and what percentage was female?
(3) What is the Government doing to prevent youth suicide?
- 2471 BROOKVALE OVAL—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Gaming and Racing, Minister for Sport and Recreation—
- What were the outcomes of the Government's discussions in relation to the upgrade needed at Brookvale Oval?
- 2472 MANLY WHARF—SALE OF COMMUTER TICKETS—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- Will the Minister consider making changes at Manly Wharf to allow commuters to purchase bus and train tickets?
- 2473 REFERENCES FOR HOUSING DEPARTMENT TENANTS—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Minister for Housing, Minister for Tourism—
- Regarding references for prior Housing Department tenants:
- (1) What processes are followed by Housing Department staff when providing former tenants with references when accessing private housing?
(2) What processes are in place to prevent problem tenants from receiving favourable references from Housing Department staff?
- 2474 PUBLIC TRANSPORT IN PORT STEPHENS—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- (1) Given that no public transport funded by the NSW State Government operates in the Port Stephens region, has the Government undertaken any planning toward expanding Newcastle bus routes into Port Stephens in the future?
(2) Has the Department of Transport given any thought to alternative public transport options that could be accessed by residents in Port Stephens?
(3) Has the Government at any stage considered expanding Hunter rail service to the Port Stephens region?
- 2475 PROPOSED HIGH SCHOOL AT MEDOWIE—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- Regarding the proposed Medowie High School that received Government planning support in the lead up to the 2007 State Election:
- (1) Does the Minister have any update from the Department of Education regarding the proposal to build a public high school in Medowie?
(2) Has any planning been undertaken by the Department with regard to future education needs in the Medowie region?
(3) How will the future education needs of a region such as Medowie be provided for?
- 2476 OPERATING STANDARDS FOR SCHOOLS—Ms Gladys Berejiklian to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—

- (1) In relation to the opening of new public primary schools in New South Wales:
- (a) What are the categories of requirements, specifications or standards that need to be addressed when opening a school in New South Wales?
 - (b) What are the Department of Education's specifications for the physical structure and surrounding grounds for the operation of schools such as size of classrooms, amount of playground space and type of surfaces?
- (2) Where a public school has previously operated but has closed, does the Government recognise existing use rights if such specifications or standards have altered in the time of the school's closure?
- 2477 OPERATING STANDARDS FOR SCHOOLS—REVIEWS—Ms Gladys Berejiklian to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- What are the dates for any reviews of any specifications or standards for the physical structure and surrounding grounds of a school operating in New South Wales and the publication of those reviews since 1988?
- 2478 HYDROTHERAPY POOL—ROYAL NORTH SHORE HOSPITAL—Ms Gladys Berejiklian to ask the Minister for Health—
- (1) Will the Minister ensure the continued operation of the hydrotherapy pool at Royal North Shore Hospital at its current location?
 - (2) If not, why not?
- 2479 USE OF HYDROTHERAPY POOL—ROYAL NORTH SHORE HOSPITAL—Ms Gladys Berejiklian to ask the Minister for Health—
- (1) How many patients use the hydrotherapy pool at Royal North Shore Hospital?
 - (2) In which geographic region do most of these patients reside?
- 2480 FORESHORE RENTAL INCREASES—MIDDLE HARBOUR—Ms Gladys Berejiklian to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Minister for Ports and Waterways—
- What action will the Minister take to ensure a fairer outcome for residents in Middle Harbour who have faced 50% increases with regard to the rental of private foreshore leases in the past few years?
- 2481 MACLEAN POLICE STATION—Mr Steve Cansdell to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- (1) How many general duties police officers are assigned to Maclean police station?
 - (2) Are they exclusively assigned to the Maclean police station?
 - (3) If not, what other police stations or precincts are these officers expected to patrol?
- 2482 MACLEAN POLICE STATION—NIGHT SHIFT—Mr Steve Cansdell to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- (1) How many general duties police officers are on duty night shift Friday and Saturdays at Maclean police station?
 - (2) How many general duties police officers are on night shift other nights of the week, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday?
 - (3) What surrounding communities are these officers expected to respond to and patrol?
- 2483 GRAFTON POLICE STATION—Mr Steve Cansdell to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- (1) How many general duties police officers are assigned to Grafton police station?
 - (2) Are they exclusively assigned to the Grafton police station?
 - (3) If not, what other police stations or precincts are these officers expected to patrol?
- 2484 GRAFTON POLICE STATION—NIGHT SHIFT—Mr Steve Cansdell to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- (1) How many general duties police officers are on duty night shift Friday and Saturdays at Grafton police station?
 - (2) How many general duties police officers are on night shift other nights of the week, i.e. Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday?

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- (3) What surrounding communities are these officers expected to respond to and patrol?
- 2485 PRINCES HIGHWAY—NAROOMA—Mr Andrew Constance to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- (1) Why after two years are there no line marks on the Princes Highway along 'the flats' at Narooma when the work was completed by Eurobodalla Shire to improve the street scape?
 - (2) Why does there need to be further studies on whether this section of highway should include a pedestrian refuge given the heavy foot traffic in the area with the shops and caravan park in the vicinity?
 - (3) Is the Minister aware of the Council's view on this?
 - (4) Why has the Roads and Traffic Authority built pedestrian refuges in the 80 km zone at Wandandian very quickly but neglected Narooma's pedestrian refuge?
- 2486 FISHERIES—RESTRICTION ON COMMUNICATION—Mr Andrew Constance to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—
- (1) Why was a ban placed on Ron Snape of Central Tilba in 2002 not allowing him to communicate with all but 3 NSW Fisheries officers?
 - (2) What legislation does such a ban fall under?
 - (3) Is Mr Snape allowed to enter fisheries offices around the State or is he restricted to one office in Eden?
- 2487 JOHN MARCHEFF SOLAR PROJECT—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—
- In relation to the John Marcheff Solar Project at Macquarie Generation's Liddell power station and the Minister's response to Question 0435:
- (1) Given the Minister's response that "the first stage to be operational by the end of 2007 or soon thereafter", is the first stage of the solar project fully operational?
 - (2) How much electricity is being generated by the "first stage" and how consistent is the generating capacity?
 - (3) How many tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions are saved through the "first stage" of the project?
 - (4) When will the next stage be completed?
 - (5) Is the Minister aware of plans to use the "solar-derived steam technology" at any other power station?
 - (6) Is the technology owned by an individual or corporation, and if so, who?
- 2488 NRET SCHEME—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—
- In relation to state-based renewable energy targets:
- (1) Has the Government now scrapped the NRET scheme?
 - (2) If so, will the "Renewable Energy (New South Wales) Bill" be dropped from the Legislative Assembly "Notices of Motion"?
- 2489 COMPENSATION FOR GENERATORS—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts representing the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter—
- In relation to the "Garnaut Climate Change Review: Interim Report to the Commonwealth, State and Territory Government of Australia":
- (1) Is the Treasurer aware that the Review does not support "compensation" for the "non-traded sector" (i.e. production industries not exposed to international competition and producing only for internal markets), in particular "stationary energy" (i.e. production of electricity and other direct combustion of fossil fuels (other than in transport), p. 50)?
 - (2) What is the Treasurer's response to Professor Ross Garnaut's published comments concerning electricity generators: "There is a good prospect of substantial capital devaluation for a range of their assets from introducing carbon pricing. . . . Some generators will be very substantially affected. They are very long-life assets worth billions of dollars."

- (3) Has Treasury assessed the impact of no compensation for Macquarie Generation, Delta Energy and Eraring Energy on their potential "lease" values, as a result of a national emissions trading scheme being introduced?
- (4) If so, what is the assessed impact on the potential "lease" values?
- 2490 JENOLAN CAVES RESERVE TRUST—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- (1) During the period beginning February 2004 until July 2006 were any cheques paid by the Jenolan Caves Trust to creditors?
- (2) Has the Minister provided the Auditor General with a copy of Jenolan Caves Reserve Trust Annual Report for:
- (a) 2006;
- (b) 2007?
- (3) If not, why not?
- (4) If so, when will Members of Parliament be receiving a copy of those reports?
- 2491 OMBUDSMAN RECOMMENDATIONS—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- Of the Ombudsman's 44 recommendations noted in a special report tabled in Parliament in December 2006:
- (1) Which 2 of the 31 recommendations specific to Police were not supported by Police?
- (2) Which recommendations have been fully implemented by Police?
- (3) Which recommendations are yet to be fully implemented?
- 2492 LONGWALL MINING—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—
- When will the independent inquiry into the impacts of longwall mining in the Southern Coalfield be available?
- 2493 TRANSIT OFFICERS—SOUTH COAST RAIL LINE—Mrs Shelley Hancock to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- Will the Minister increase the number of transit officers on the Illawarra/South Coast rail line in light of disturbing violence, increasing assaults and an alleged rape recently on this line?
- 2494 GARAGE DOOR FITTERS—Mrs Shelley Hancock to ask the Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Youth, Minister for Volunteering—
- When will the Minister respond to my concerns regarding the imposition of unfair fines and unreasonable licence expectations on garage door fitters in my electorate?
- 2495 40 KM ZONE AT SOUTH NOWRA—Mrs Shelley Hancock to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- Given that St Johns High School have constructed a perimeter fence that will deny students' access to the Princes Highway, will the Minister now remove the 40 km zone in the location at South Nowra which has exacerbated traffic congestion and delay?
- 2496 ROADWORKS—JERVIS BAY ROAD—Mrs Shelley Hancock to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- Given that roadworks are currently underway in the location of the Currumbene Creek Bridge on the Princes Highway to provide four lanes that will not extend to the Jervis Bay Road intersection, a location with extreme traffic congestion:
- When will the Government complete the final one kilometre to extend four lanes to the Jervis Bay Road/Princes Highway intersection?
- 2497 PENSIONER EXCURSION TICKET SCHEME—Mrs Shelley Hancock to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

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- Given that the Minister has indicated to Ms Josephine Dunne of Sanctuary Point that the Pensioner Excursion Ticket Scheme will be rolled out in 2008 to rural and regional areas, when will this occur in the South Coast and Kiama electorates?
- 2498 SECURITY FENCES—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- (1) When will security fences be constructed at:
 - (a) Terrigal High;
 - (b) Erina High?
 - (2) When will security fences be constructed at primary schools in the electorate of Terrigal?
- 2499 FALSIFICATION OF WAITING TIMES—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Minister for Health—
- (1) What action has the Minister taken in relation to revelations that waiting times in the emergency and accident unit at Gosford Hospital have been falsified?
 - (2) Over what period did the falsifications take place?
 - (3) Who was involved?
 - (4) What disciplinary proceedings have been instituted and against whom?
- 2500 SPEEDING OFFENCES—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- (1) How many people were fined for speeding offences detected by the fixed camera on Terrigal Drive, Terrigal in:
 - (a) 2006;
 - (b) 2007?
 - (2) How much money was paid in fines in:
 - (a) 2006;
 - (b) 2007?
- 2501 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CRISIS ACCOMMODATION—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- (1) Given that the NSW Government provides capital funding for the purchase of premises for public housing, volunteer emergency services and disability accommodation, why is the Department of Community Services unable to provide capital funding for the purchase of premises as stated in your letter R07/01854 dated 17 March 2008?
 - (2) Why does the NSW Government allocate a higher priority to capital funding for public housing and other services than for women and children seeking refuge from domestic violence?
- 2502 KOSCIUSZKO NATIONAL PARK—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- (1) What percentage of the Kosciuszko National Park is infested with blackberries?
 - (2) How many hectares of the Kosciuszko National Park are infested with blackberries?
 - (3) When was the last survey of noxious weeds in the Kosciuszko National Park undertaken?
 - (4) How much has been spent by park management on the control of noxious weeds in the Kosciuszko National Park, by year, over the past five years?
- 2503 YASS FISHING INSPECTOR—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—
- (1) Will the Minister confirm local reports that the fishing inspector currently located in Yass is being transferred to Tumut, without replacement?
 - (2) If so, what measures has the Minister put in place to provide fisheries inspection coverage and protection of seeded stock in the Burrinjuck and Googong dams?
- 2504 PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP PROJECTS—HORNSBY COUNCIL—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—
- (1) Is the Department of Local Government considering any public private partnership projects

- submitted by Hornsby Shire Council?
- (2) If so, what are they?
- 2505 DADHC ACCOMMODATION—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services—
- (1) What is the status of the properties in Hornsby electorate that are used as DADHC accommodation?
- (2) Are the "blocked" DADHC group homes now "unblocked"?
- 2506 HORNSBY HOSPITAL—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Health—
- (1) When will the decision be made regarding the use of the now unused lower floor of the old maternity unit at Hornsby Hospital?
- (2) Will a diabetes centre be established at this site?
- 2507 FIRE SAFETY PROGRAMS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—
- (1) Are there any fire safety programs available to householders in New South Wales?
- (2) If so:
- (a) What are they;
- (b) How does the community access this information?
- 2508 STANWELL PARK VIADUCT—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- (1) What is the speed limit for trains travelling over the viaduct at Stanwell Park?
- (2) How often are safety inspections of the Stanwell Park viaduct undertaken?
- (3) Is there an anticipated replacement date of the Stanwell Park viaduct?
- 2509 CRONULLA RAILWAY LINE—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- Will Millennium trains be able to service the Cronulla railway line after the duplication of the Cronulla Railway line is completed?
- 2510 PORT HACKING—CAULERPA TAXIFOLIA—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—
- (1) What areas of Port Hacking are still affected by caulerpa taxifolia?
- (2) What further plans are in place to eradicate caulerpa taxifolia from Port Hacking?
- 2511 COMMUTER PARKING—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- (1) How many commuter parking spaces are available at the following railway stations:
- (a) Cronulla;
- (b) Woolooware;
- (c) Caringbah;
- (d) Miranda;
- (e) Gymea;
- (f) Kirrawee;
- (g) Sutherland?
- (2) What plans are there to increase commuter parking spaces at these railway stations?
- 2512 CRONULLA RAILWAY LINE—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- What are the anticipated closure dates of the Sutherland to Cronulla railway line for the remainder of 2008 as part of the duplication of the Cronulla railway line?
- 2513 COMMUTER PARKING—Mr Wayne Merton to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- (1) How many car parking stations have been built for the North West Bus Transitway?
- (2) What is the capacity of any such parking stations?
- (3) Does the Government intend to build any parking facilities for commuters using the North West Bus

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- 2514 OLD NORTHERN ROAD CONSTRUCTION WORK—Mr Wayne Merton to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

When will the construction work relating to the bus lane on Old Northern Road, Baulkham Hills, near Windsor Road be completed?

- 2515 ADDITIONAL DRIVING LIGHTS—Mr Wayne Merton to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

What is the law relating to motor vehicles fitted with additional driving lights at the front of such vehicles?

- 2516 ABORIGINAL RECONCILIATION—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—

Following the Commonwealth Government's welcome Statement of Apology to the Stolen Generation and national recognition of past but recent injustices toward Aboriginal families and children:

- (1) What action has the NSW Government taken to acknowledge our complicity in this awful history and provide some form of compensation to those who have suffered from racist policies?
- (2) What assessment has the NSW Government made of the numbers of Indigenous people in NSW affected who might be included in a compensation program?
- (3) What assessment has the NSW Government made of the Tasmanian Government's allocation of \$5 million to 84 victims and 22 of their children?
- (4) What action will the NSW Government take to acknowledge the awful impacts of these practices on Indigenous families in NSW?

- 2517 KINGS CROSS YOUTH AT RISK PROJECT—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Premier, Minister for Citizenship—

With respect to the Kings Cross Youth at Risk project, funded as a "Community Solutions" program involving South Eastern Sydney and Illawarra Area Health Service, Department of Community Service, Housing NSW, Kings Cross Police, the City of Sydney and local non-Government community service providers:

- (1) What analysis has the NSW Government made of this project and its impact on young people at risk of crime, drug addiction, sex work, homelessness and exploitation?
- (2) How many young people has the project worked with during its operation, and what evidence is there about ongoing need, including young people continuing to move to inner city streets to escape problems?
- (3) What outcomes were achieved as a result of this coordinated approach to preventing harm and risk for vulnerable young people, including reduced "service surfing" and improved referral?
- (4) What outcomes were possible because of the project's access to brokerage funds to help young people get home, reunite with their families or establish a new home?
- (5) What specific strategies were identified as effective in working with at-risk young people?
- (6) How will the NSW Government ensure that this work to prevent young people entering a career of homelessness, drug addiction and crime will continue?

- 2518 RESTRUCTURE OF THE HERITAGE OFFICE WITHIN DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—

With regard to the absorption of the NSW Heritage Office within the Department of Planning:

- (1) How will the new structure provide for excavation advice that was given by the NSW Heritage Office during excavations when relics are discovered?
- (2) How will the new structure provide for the assistance that the NSW Heritage Office provided in the conservation of movable heritage items?
- (3) Will the new structure maintain Local Government Liaison Officers who provide advice to councils and the community on local heritage matters?
 - (a) If so, how will this work?
 - (b) If not, why not and how will councils and the community get the advice previously provided by Local Government Liaison Officers?
- (4) How many NSW Heritage Office staff members worked on State heritage listings?
- (5) How many staff in the NSW Government's proposed "stand alone unit" will work on State heritage

listings?

- (6) How will the "stand alone unit" provide the technical and administrative support to the NSW Heritage Council that was provided by the NSW Heritage Office?
- (7) How will the NSW Government ensure that none of the functions of the NSW Heritage Office are reduced as a result of the new structure?

2519 BASS AND FLINDERS—LEASE AGREEMENT—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Minister for Ports and Waterways—

With respect to information provided in relation to the award of a lease to Bass and Flinders Cruises charter company (ref. Written Question 2347):

- (1) What lease documents have been registered for the Bass and Flinders operation at Blackwattle Bay since the company was awarded tenancy in 2003?
- (2) Does the company currently have a written lease agreement?
- (3) What monthly rent did the company pay when it was awarded tenancy in 2003?
- (4) What monthly rent does Bass and Flinders currently pay?
- (5) What lease reviews have taken place since the temporary six-month lease was granted to Bass and Flinders in 2003?

2520 COAL BUNKER WHARF—EOI PROCESS—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Minister for Ports and Waterways—

With respect to information provided in relation to the termination of an EOI process for a lease at Blackwattle Bay (ref. Written Question 2347):

- (1) In what month and year did the partial collapse of the coal bunker wharf occur?
- (2) When did the demolition of the coal bunker wharf begin?
- (3) When was the demolition of the coal bunker wharf completed?
- (4) When did the 2006 EOI process begin?
- (5) When was this 2006 EOI terminated?

2521 BELL FAMILY JETTY AT FRANCE BAY—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Minister for Ports and Waterways—

- (1) What representations were made by the Member for Drummoyne to the Minister, his staff or executives of NSW Maritime on behalf of the Bell family to keep the derelict jetty at France Bay?
- (2) On what grounds did the Minister reverse the previous decision by Chris Oxenbould (the former Chief Executive of NSW Maritime) to demolish the unsafe structure?
- (3) Is public safety potentially being put at risk by allowing the structure to stand?
- (4) Why does the Bell family still have private use of the jetty when its tenure ceased with the death of Mr Bell senior?
- (5) Why was special Ministerial treatment afforded to the Bell family outside normal NSW Maritime tenure and safety guidelines?
- (6) Why is the structure allowed to remain when it fails to meet published Government policy, including statutory planning provisions?
- (7) In the interests of public safety and the pursuit of Government policy, when will you have the structure demolished?

2522 ROZELLE BAY SUPERYACHT MARINA—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Minister for Ports and Waterways—

With respect to advice given (Written Question 2348) that the matter of the Rozelle Bay Superyacht Marina operation is being considered by NSW Maritime:

- (1) Is the Rozelle Bay Superyacht Marina planned to be privatised?
- (2) Have staff been told they are going to lose their jobs?
- (3) If so, what transparent tender or selection process will NSW Maritime or the Minister undertake to ensure a proper return to taxpayers?
- (4) Has any organisation already received indications from the Government that it will be allowed to operate the facility?

2523 WORKPLACE DRUG TESTING—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Minister for Ports and Waterways—

What is the Government's response to demands from the Maritime Union of Australia that workplace drug testing of heavy machinery drivers be severely watered down?

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- 2524 DATA ON RECIDIVISM LEVELS—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
Can the Attorney General provide data on the recidivism level of convicted child homicide and assault offenders?
- 2525 CARBON TAXATION—EXEMPTIONS—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts representing the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter—
Does the Treasurer propose to underwrite or exempt any private operator from the obligation of carbon taxation for any period of time following any sale or lease of the power industry?
- 2526 MORISSET STATION—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
In view of increasing commuter numbers utilising Cityrail services at Morisset Station, what infrastructure projects are planned or commencing to meet current demands?
- 2527 TWEED HEADS SOUTH SKATE PARK—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Gaming and Racing, Minister for Sport and Recreation—
Given that in January 2008 the Minister announced a \$30,000 Government funding commitment to the proposed Tweed Heads South skate park:
(1) Who approached the Minister's office for funding for this project and when was the office approached?
(2) Who carried out an analysis of the funding application for this project?
(3) Is there a current contract in place with the Tweed Shire Council concerning funding for this project?
- 2528 BLACK SPOT FUNDING—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
Given the Kennedy Drive pedestrian crossing is regarded as a well known black spot in the Tweed and has been the scene of numerous road accidents including the death of an elderly man:
(1) Is there any planned black spot funding for the Tweed electorate?
(2) If so, what is the amount of funding to be given to the Tweed electorate to fix black spots?
(3) Is the Kennedy Drive pedestrian crossing on any black spot funding list?
- 2529 WOMMIN ROAD AND PHILLIP STREET INTERSECTION—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
Given that it has been announced that the Federal and NSW Governments will jointly fund the installation of a one-lane roundabout at the Wommin Road and Phillip Street intersection:
(1) What is the amount of funding to be contributed to this project by the NSW Government?
(2) What is the planned date for which this upgrade is expected to commence?
- 2530 HELICOPTER FLIGHTS—Mr Anthony Roberts to ask the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—
(1) How many flights were taken aboard helicopters by departmental or ministerial staff for the years 2003 to 31 March 2008 inclusive?
(2) What was the cost of these flights, by flight?
- 2531 COMMUTER PARKING—Mr Anthony Roberts to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
(1) How many commuter parking spaces are available at the following railway stations:
(a) St Leonards;
(b) Wollstonecraft;
(c) Artarmon?
(2) What plans are there to increase commuter parking spaces at these railway stations?
- 2532 LICENSING PROPOSALS FOR OLDER DRIVERS - SUBMISSIONS—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
When will the Roads and Traffic Authority respond to the public submissions received in relation to its Discussion Paper on Licensing Proposals for Older Drivers?

- 2533 MAINTENANCE WORK—PITTWATER—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- (1) What public schools in the Pittwater electorate currently have outstanding maintenance work requests with the Department of Education?
 - (2) What is the nature of the outstanding work?
 - (3) When is the work scheduled for completion?
- 2534 CAULERPA TAXIFOLIA—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—
- (1) Is caulerpa taxifolia an aquatic weed?
 - (2) If yes, what measures are being taken to stop the sale of caulerpa taxifolia in New South Wales?
- 2535 STUDENT TRANSPORT—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- In relation to student transport between the Central Coast and Newcastle:
- (1) How many students in Newcastle schools reside on the Central Coast?
 - (2) How many students travel between the Central Coast and Newcastle on a daily basis?
 - (3) How many bus student-specific services run between the Central Coast and Newcastle on a daily basis?
- 2536 MARTIN BRIDGE—Mr John Turner to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- (1) Why has upgrade work needed desperately on the Martin Bridge not been placed on any upgrades of the traffic authority's maintenance schedule?
 - (2) When will the painting of the bridge be put on the schedule?
 - (3) Is the Minister aware that paint, which could well contain lead concentrates, is peeling from the Bridge and falling into the Manning River?
 - (4) If not, will the Minister acquaint himself with this?
 - (5) If so, why will the Minister not take remedial action forthwith to ensure that this action is stopped by the cleaning and painting of the bridge?
- 2537 PLANNING—MID NORTH COAST—Mr John Turner to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- (1) In view of the substantial growth occurring in the Mid North Coast, particularly in the sections between Great Lakes Council and Coffs Harbour Council, is there any plan by the Minister, his Department or the Government to locate a regional planning office on the Mid North Coast?
 - (2) If so, when?
 - (3) If so, where?
 - (4) If not, why not?
 - (5) If not, does the Minister concede that the existing regional planning offices are remote to the development and growth areas, particularly on the Mid North Coast?
 - (6) Does the Minister concede that the planning officers, particularly in the areas of Great Lakes Council and Greater Taree City Council are located in Newcastle, which is a separate geographical setup?
 - (7) If so, what does the Minister intend to do in that regard?
- 2538 FUNDING OF CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITIES—Mr John Turner to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—
- (1) What is the Government's plan for the continued funding of catchment management authorities?
 - (2) What guarantees exist for funding?
 - (3) If no guarantees exist, what arrangements are there for funding?
 - (4) If there are no guarantees or arrangements for funding, when will funding expire?
 - (5) If funding expires, how will catchment management authorities be funded?
 - (6) If catchment management authorities intend to levy rates, what formula has been set for the levy of such rates?

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2539 MIDDLE DURAL PUBLIC SCHOOL—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—

- (1) Why has Middle Dural Public School been advised that an assessment has been made to remove the demountable building within their school?
- (2) Why has Middle Dural Public School been advised that the demountable building within their school is to be removed at any time?
- (3) Why has the Demountable Review Committee not heard the appeal of the Middle Dural Public School, made according to the guidelines as set out on the Department of Education and Training's website, against the removal of the demountable building within their school?
- (4) Will the New South Wales State Government allow procedural fairness and extend to Middle Dural Public School the opportunity to have an appeal heard by the Demountable Review Committee?

2540 DANGEROUS DOGS – TYRA'S LAW—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—

Since the amendment to the Companion Animals Act 1998 known as "Tyra's Law":

- (1) How many fines have been issued for owning an unsupervised dangerous dog which is in public?
- (2) How many dangerous or restricted animals have been destroyed?
- (3) Are fines being issued and/or dangerous dogs being destroyed each time a child is savagely mauled by a dangerous dog?
- (4) Are Councils compelled to issue fines or destroy dangerous dogs each time a child is mauled by a dangerous dog?
- (5) Have any Councils been punished for not issuing fines or destroying dangerous dogs each time a child is mauled by a dangerous dog?

2541 BOUNDARY ROAD AND OLD PITT TOWN ROAD INTERSECTION—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

Given the intersection of Boundary Road and Old Pitt Town Road in Oakville has had 24 serious accidents over the last six years including a fatality in the past three weeks:

Will the Government support Baulkham Hills Shire Council and Hawkesbury City Council in providing the necessary funding to implement a roundabout at this intersection to improve the safety for motorists?