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\*2058 SYDNEY PARKLANDS TRUST—Mr Richard Amery asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—

- (1) On what date did the Sydney Parklands Trust commence?
- (2) Does the Eastern Creek Raceway form part of this trust area?
- (3) (a) Will the trust receive any rents and dividends previously paid to the Government?  
(b) If so, how much money is involved?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The Western Sydney Parklands Trust commenced on 1 January 2008.
- (2) The Eastern Creek Raceway forms part of the Western Sydney Parklands and was vested in the ownership of the Trust on commencement.
- (3) (a) The Western Sydney Parklands Trust will receive rents previously paid to the Government, excluding rents paid for Eastern Creek Raceway.  
(b) The budget estimate for rentals to the Trust from commencement date on 1 January 2008 to the end of the financial year 07/08 is \$700,000.

\*2059 NEW POWER GENERATION FACILITY—Mr Peter Debnam asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—

In relation to the Premier's announcement in Parliament of "critical infrastructure" status for new power generation facilities over 250 megawatts (26 February 2008):

- (1) Has the Minister received any application to build a new power generation facility since the release of the Owen Inquiry Report?
- (2) Who submitted the application?
- (3) Where is the proposed site of application?
- (4) What power generating technology is the application?

Answer—

I am advised that the Owen Inquiry Report was publicly released on 11 September 2007, and since that time, the following applications for electricity generating facilities have been lodged with the Department of Planning:

Proposal	Lodgement Date	Proponent	Location	Technology
Tallawarra B Power Station	14 September 2007	TRUenergy Tallawarra Pty Ltd	Wollongong local government area	open cycle gas turbine technology
Marulan A Power Station	14 December 2007	Delta Electricity	Upper Lachlan local government area	Stage 1 – open cycle gas turbine technology Stage 2 – combined cycle gas turbine technology
Marulan B Power Station	14 December 2007	EnergyAustralia	Upper Lachlan local government area	open cycle gas turbine technology
Ben Lomond Wind Farm	21 January 2008	Allco Wind Energy Management Pty Ltd	Guyra and Glenn Innes-Severn local government areas	wind farm
Silverton Wind Farm	23 January 2008	Silverton Wind Farm Developments Pty Ltd	Unincorporated Area, Broken Hill and Wentworth local government areas	wind farm
Bamarang Power Station Stage 2	24 January 2008	Delta Electricity	Shoalhaven local government area	conversion from open cycle gas turbine technology to combined cycle gas turbine technology

\*2060 RENEWABLE ENERGY GENERATION—Mr Peter Debnam asked 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 renewable energy generation and the Treasurer's response to Question 1485:

- (1) Given that the Treasurer is a key decision-maker in the energy reform process, since 2003 has the Treasurer personally visited any sites of wind, solar, wave, or geothermal energy generation within Australia?
- (2) If so, which locations and particular facilities were visited and what were the dates of the visits?

Answer—

I'm advised:

Please refer to the answer to Question 1485.

\*2061 RENEWABLE ENERGY GENERATION—Mr Peter Debnam asked the Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Water Utilities representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—

In relation to renewable energy generation and the Minister's response to Question 1486:

- (1) Since the Minister was appointed Minister for Energy in April 2007, what visits has the Minister made to sites of wind, solar, wave, or geothermal energy generation within Australia?
- (2) Where and when were the site visits?

Answer—

- (1) and (2) Since my appointment in April 2007 I have visited numerous sites and met with many groups in the course of my duties. I will continue to support efforts made for all types of renewable energy generation.

\*2063 ROLL-OUT OF SMART METERS—Mr Peter Debnam asked the Premier, Minister for Citizenship—

In relation to Premier's announcement of an "early roll-out of smart meters" ("NSW Government announces response to Owen inquiry", 10 December 2007):

- (1) When will the "early roll-out" commence?
- (2) Where will the "early roll-out" commence?
- (3) How many smart meters will be rolled out?

Answer—

NSW supports the current COAG process to achieve an early roll-out of smart meters and time-of-use pricing to allow customers to better manage electricity consumption and reduce electricity costs.

NSW distribution businesses have already been trialling and installing smart meters on a new and replacement basis. So far, a total of 250,000 smart meters have been installed in NSW.

\*2066 DOCS CASEWORKER STAFFING—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson asked the Minister for Community Services—

As at (i) 30 June 2004 and (ii) 1 March 2008, how many caseworker positions were allocated to the Community Service Centres at:

- (a) Coonabarabran;
- (b) Glen Innes;
- (c) Inverell;
- (d) Tamworth;
- (e) Armidale?

Answer—

As part of the Iemma Government's record investment in child protection, we are creating an extra 1025 caseworker positions around the state.

Included in these new positions are:

- An extra 6 caseworker positions each at both Coonabarabran and Glen Innes – both CSC's up 300% to 9 from 3 on 30 June 2004 .
- An extra 5 caseworker positions at Inverell – a 100% increase to 10 from 5 on June 30 2004.
- An extra 19 caseworker positions at Tamworth CSC – almost double the original 22 in June 2004, taking the total to 41.

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- An extra 8 caseworker positions at Armidale CSC – again almost double the number in June 2004 – taking the total from 10 to 18.

\*2067 P-PLATE EXEMPTIONS—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson asked the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

- (1) Does the Roads and Traffic Authority have the authority to issue exemptions to P-Plate drivers who are required to drive a V8 engine vehicle for the purpose of their employment?
- (2) What was the reason for the rejection of the application of Mr David Neale of the Cowra Crest Hotel for an exemption?
- (3) Why is driving a hotel courtesy car whilst employed as an assistant manager by the hotel not considered to be a genuine employment reason?

Answer—

I am advised that:

The RTA is given the responsibility under regulation 15D of the Road Transport (Driver Licensing) Regulation 1999 which was introduced on 11 July 2005.

The Authority may exempt the holder of a provisional licence from the prohibited vehicle condition if the Authority is satisfied that exceptional circumstances exist.

On 18 December 2006, Mr Neale was advised that there were no exceptional circumstances in regards to his case to warrant the issue of an exemption, and that he had the option of appealing the decision in the Local Court.

An exemption to drive prohibited vehicles for employment would be considered favourably only if other suitable alternatives were unavailable.

\*2068 EX-DOCTOR GRAEME REEVES—Mrs Judy Hopwood asked the Minister for Health—

- (1) Did ex-doctor Graeme Reeves work at Hornsby Hospital?
  - (a) If so, in which year/s?
  - (b) If so, how many patients did he treat (including surgery)?
- (2) How many were women?
- (3) What ages were these women?
- (4) What procedures were performed on the patients treated by ex-doctor Graeme Reeves?

Answer—

The Member is referred to statements provided in the Parliament in relation to this matter on the 28 February 2008, Tuesday 4 March 2008 and Thursday 6 March 2008.

Dr Graeme Reeves was initially appointed to work at Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Hospital as a Visiting Medical Officer within the speciality of "Obstetrics and Gynaecology" in December 1985.

The Government has referred the matter regarding Dr Reeves' employment to the Special Commission of Inquiry.

Furthermore, the NSW Department of Health has appointed retired Judge Deirdre O'Connor to review Dr Reeves' disciplinary history and assess the need for further statutory change. Judge O'Connor will also review his Visiting Medical Officer service history to identify any inadequacies and recommend whether further changes to NSW Health policies on Visiting Medical Officer appointments are necessary.

\*2069 MENTAL HEALTH INTERVENTION TEAM—Mrs Judy Hopwood asked the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—

- (1) How many police from the Kuring-gai Local Area Command (LAC) are on the first police mental health course, Mental Health Intervention Team (MHIT)?
- (2) How many police from this LAC will be attending into the future?
- (3) When will they be attending?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force has advised me:

- (1) None. Mental Health Intervention Teams (MHITs) are currently being piloted in three Local Area Commands (LACs) - Tuggerah Lakes, Eastern Beaches and Penrith.
- (2) and (3) At the conclusion of the two year pilot, MHIT will be evaluated and may subsequently be rolled out to all LACs across NSW.

\*2070 EQUIPMENT AT HORNSBY HOSPITAL—Mrs Judy Hopwood asked the Minister for Health—

What equipment at Hornsby Hospital is listed as fully depreciated?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Department of Health and Area Health Services routinely report on depreciable assets in their Annual Reports as part of their Financial Statements.

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.

The Member is referred to the publicly available Annual Reports of the Northern Sydney and Central Coast Area Health Service.

\*2071 UNIVERSITY OF NEWCASTLE—Ms Sonia Hornery asked 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) How many state public servants are employed at the University of Newcastle in 2008?
- (2) How many federal public servants are employed at the University of Newcastle in 2008?
- (3) How many students attend the University of Newcastle in 2008?

Answer—

(1) Nil.

(2) Nil.

(3) As of 29 February 2008, the total number of students enrolled at all University of Newcastle campuses was 26,182.

\*2073 MIRANDA RAILWAY STATION LIFT—Mr Malcolm Kerr asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

How often is the lift at Miranda Railway Station cleaned? Who cleans the lift at Miranda Railway Station? Are there any plans to remove the smell, graffiti and lumps of dried gum in the lift at Miranda Railway Station?

Answer—

I am advised:

The lift at Miranda Station is cleaned twice daily by RailCorp station staff, as a minimum requirement.

RailCorp advises that a major clean of Miranda Station took place approximately six weeks ago, which included full maintenance of the lift.

RailCorp's Regional Business Manager for Illawarra/South Coast inspected Miranda Station lift on 3 March, 2008 and reported that the facility was clean, odourless, fully operational and free of debris, gum and graffiti.

I am advised that inspections of the lift by station managers and duty managers have been increased in order to maintain presentation standards. A further major clean has also been scheduled to take place at Miranda Station shortly.

\*2075 SECURITY FENCE—YOWIE BAY PUBLIC SCHOOL—Mr Malcolm Kerr asked 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 is the estimated date of commencement of construction of the security fence at Yowie Bay Public School?

Answer—

The project is expected to commence during the April 2008 school holidays.

\*2077 LEVEL CROSSINGS—IMPROVED SAFETY—Mr Daryl Maguire asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

- (1) How much money is allocated to improve safety at level crossings in New South Wales per year?
- (2) How much was spent in 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007?
- (3) How many crossings have been improved as a result?

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- (4) How many level crossings on high speed corridors have been protected by boom gates?
- (5) Where are crossings with new boom gates located?
- (6) Has a website been created to allow the public to access information regarding the safety upgrades at level crossings?
- (7) How many recommendations have been implemented as a result of the report into level crossings?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) to (7) Information regarding railway level crossings is available online at [www.levelcrossings.nsw.gov.au](http://www.levelcrossings.nsw.gov.au)

\*2078 WASTE AVOIDANCE AND RESOURCE RECOVERY ACT—Mr Daryl Maguire asked the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

- (1) What are the RTA quality assurance specifications and requirements under the Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Act?
- (2) Who audits the Minister's performance regarding the requirements in the Act?
- (3) Are the requirements being met?
- (4) How much garbage per annum is deposited on roadsides?
- (5) How much is removed per annum?
- (6) When will the trials of the new roadside garbage collection machine begin and where?

Answer—

I am advised:

Information regarding the NSW Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Strategy 2003 can be found at [www.resource.nsw.gov.au/strategy.html](http://www.resource.nsw.gov.au/strategy.html)

In addition, information on the Roadside Environment Committee, established in 1994 to encourage better management of the roadside environment, is available at [www.rta.nsw.gov.au](http://www.rta.nsw.gov.au)

The RTA is investigating a vacuum type machine for roadside litter collection with a view to trialling the equipment this year.

\*2080 DRIVERS OVER 85 YEARS OF AGE—Mr Daryl Maguire asked the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

- (1) How many people in the Wagga Wagga electorate were required to undertake the mandatory 85 years and over driving test?
- (2) How many people actually took the test?
- (3) How many people took and failed the test:
  - (a) on the first occasion;
  - (b) on the second occasion;?
  - (c) on the third occasion?
- (4) How many people applied and failed at Wagga Wagga, Tumut and Lockhart?
- (5) What is the State average failure rate of older drivers in NSW on:
  - (a) the first test;
  - (b) the second test;
  - (c) the third test?
- (6) How many driving instructors are employed in the Wagga Wagga electorate and where?
- (7) What is the average waiting time for older drivers who wish to be tested?
- (8) (a) Has the waiting time increased in the past 12 months?
  - (b) If so, why?
- (9) What measures have you taken to reduce the waiting times?
- (10) In circumstances where older drivers fail their driving test and reside in remote and isolated situations, what measures has the Minister taken to ensure that they can apply for and be tested at their earliest convenience?
- (11) Are some failed drivers waiting up to 5 weeks to apply for a second driving test?
- (12) What are the top 10 reasons for drivers over 85 failing their initial test and subsequent second and third attempt?
- (13) How many people have failed the test for putting their rear wheel over a divider line?
- (14) How many people have failed for not turning their head far enough to the right?
- (15) What is the over 85 driver failure rate in:

- (a) Albury;  
(b) Dubbo;  
(c) Tamworth?
- (16) What was the failure rate for the second and third driving attempts by over 85 drivers in:  
(a) Albury;  
(b) Dubbo;  
(c) Tamworth?
- (17) What was the failure rate for over 85 drivers in:  
(a) Cootamundra;  
(b) Griffith;  
(c) Goulburn;  
(d) Yass?

Answer—

(1) to (4) 356 aged drivers in the Wagga Wagga electorate were advised in 2007 they were required to undertake a mandatory aged driving test, of which 276 undertook the test at Wagga Wagga, Tumut or Lockhart. Details of the area's aged test success/failure rates are shown in the table below:

Test event	Number tested	Number failed
First attempt	276	119
Second attempt	101	48
Third attempt	27	15

In summary, while 15 older drivers were not successful in passing the test within three attempts, 90% of older drivers were successful in doing so.

- (5) The NSW average failure rate of older drivers is 30% on the first attempt, 35% on the second attempt and 32% on the third attempt.
- (6) The RTA does not employ driving instructors, however 17 driving instructors presented applicants for a driving test in the Wagga Wagga electorate in 2007.
- (7) to (9) The average waiting time for older driver tests was 16.1 days at 3 March 2008. Driving test waiting times fluctuate with seasonal variation, but the target is within 15 days. When the new driving test was introduced, waiting times were impacted for a short period. The RTA has increased resources, expanded testing times and improved rostering techniques to reduce waiting times.
- (10) The RTA tests at remote and itinerant places on a regular basis to facilitate tests for those living in rural communities.
- (11) Current waiting times do not reflect a five-week wait for driving tests.
- (12) The top 10 reasons for drivers over 85 failing their initial test include:
- Disobeying traffic signs, signals or road markings.
  - Exceeding the speed limit.
  - Frequently not signalling intention.
  - Performing an illegal act or manoeuvre.
  - Failing to give way when necessary.
  - Test score was below minimum required.
  - Causing a dangerous situation.
  - Frequently not performing observation checks.
  - Colliding with a vehicle, pedestrian or object.
  - Unreasonably obstructing other vehicles or pedestrians.
- (13) The RTA does not separately record instances of drivers putting their rear wheel over a divider line. The test is aligned to the Australian Road Rules.
- (14) Applicants are not failed for not turning their head far enough to the right.
- (15) and (16) The over-85 driver failure rate in the nominated locations is:

Test location	Number tested	Number failed within 2 attempts	Number failed within 3 attempts
Albury	170	29	6
Dubbo	106	24	6
Tamworth	200	25	5



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(17) The over-85 driver failure rate in the nominated locations is:

Test location	Number tested	Number failed within 3 attempts
(a) Cootamundra	63	4
(b) Griffith	119	1
(b) Dubbo	125	2
(c) Tamworth	40	2

\*2081 OLD TOWN BRIDGE—Mr Daryl Maguire asked the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

- (1) Has the Minister received applications from the Tumut Shire Council seeking funds to repair the Old Town Bridge?
- (2) Has the RTA furnished reports regarding the dilapidated state of the Old Town Bridge and the forecast closure of the bridge?
- (3) Will the Minister initiate urgent discussion with the RTA and Tumut Council to find a resolution to the Old Town Bridge crisis?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Old Town Bridge is a Council owned structure situated on a Local Road.

The RTA has contacted Tumut Shire Council in relation to funding the upgrade of the bridge under the Timber Bridges Partnership program.

\*2082 APPOINTMENT OF PLANNING PANEL TO KU-RING-GAI COUNCIL—Mr Jonathan O'Dea asked the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—

- (1) Did the Minister expressly concur with the Minister for Planning regarding the appointment of a planning panel to Ku-ring-gai Council?
- (2) If so:
  - (a) In what form did this expression of concurrence take place?
  - (b) On what information was it based?

Answer—

I provide the following details in response to your question:

- (1) Yes.
- (2) (a) I provided my concurrence in writing to the Minister for Planning.
  - (b) My concurrence was based on information provided to me by the Minister for Planning and the Department of Local Government.

\*2083 STAFF NUMBERS IN MINISTERIAL OFFICES—Mr Jonathan O'Dea asked the Premier, Minister for Citizenship—

- (1) How many staff are employed in each ministerial office?
- (2) How many press secretaries or staff with media-related responsibilities are employed in each ministerial office?
- (3) How many staff have left employment through the Department of Premier and Cabinet across all portfolios since the election of 24 March 2007?

Answer—

The Department of Premier and Cabinet employs staff temporarily, pursuant to the Public Sector Employment and Management Act 2002, for assignment to Ministers' offices. Budget estimates of average staffing for Ministers' offices have not changed in recent years.

The number of Ministers' staff with media-related responsibilities fluctuates from time to time, in recognition of changing public issues and work priorities. At any time, each Minister's office would usually have at least one member of staff whose responsibilities are primarily media related.

Ministers' offices are very demanding and fluid work environments, reflecting the career choices of individuals and the need to match the skills, knowledge and experience of staff to current work requirements. During the period 24 March 2007 to 3 March 2008, there was a staff mobility rate of approximately 30 per cent.

\*2086 DIAGNOSTIC SERVICES FOR FOETAL ALCOHOL SPECTRUM DISORDER—Mr Donald Page asked the Minister for Health—

- (1) Given there are at present no official Government funded specially trained teams providing diagnostic services anywhere in Australia for people with Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD), when will the Government establish appropriate diagnostic and support services for people with FASD and their families?
- (2) Why are there no Government services in NSW when the data from the USA and Canada would suggest that there could be more than 200,000 people in Australia with FASD?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) and (2) The Member is referred to my response to Written Question LA1702.

\*2087 NOISE LEVEL TESTING—PACIFIC HIGHWAY UPGRADE—Mr Donald Page asked the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

- (1) Given that correspondence received from the Parliamentary Secretary for Roads confirms that "the RTA commenced monitoring of operational noise levels and traffic volumes in October" of the Brunswick Heads to Yelgun Pacific Highway upgrade, will the Minister provide the results of those tests so the community can be informed?
- (2) (a) Was the noise level testing done by an independent consultant?  
(b) If not who did the testing?

Answer—

I am advised:

Following concerns raised by the community the RTA has undertaken noise monitoring of operational noise levels and traffic volumes on the Pacific Highway at Ocean Shores. The noise levels are being compared against previous noise models for the project.

Monitoring commenced in late October 2007 by an independent noise specialist consulting firm. Ongoing wet weather conditions impacted on the ability to obtain noise readings. The report is expected to be released in the near future.

\*2090 REVIEW OF PUBLIC LIBRARY FUNDING—Mr Geoff Provest asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—

Given that the independent review of public library funding in NSW undertaken by Dr Tom Parry was completed in November 2007:

- (1) Why have the findings of the review not been released?
- (2) When will the report of the review and its findings be released to the public?
- (3) Given that the Tweed Council has lower library expenditure than any other NSW council at \$20.13 per person, will the Government increase library funding in the Tweed to bring it on par with other council group expenditure averages?

Answer—

- (1) The review of public library funding report including the timing of any public release is currently being considered.
- (2) As above.
- (3) Public library funding is comprised of local and State Government funds. Local government is the principal funding body for public libraries in NSW. State Government subsidy and population-based funding to Tweed Shire Council for its library services has increased by 64% since 1995. Tweed Council has also received over \$136,000 in Library Development Grants during the same period.

\*2091 FTE AGENCY NURSES IN THE SYDNEY SOUTH WEST AREA HEALTH SERVICE—Mrs Jillian Skinner asked the Minister for Health—

How many FTE agency nurses are employed at each hospital in the Sydney South West 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](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/nursing/dohrs). Additionally, information about Health Service staffing is published each year in the Area Health Service's Annual Report.

\*2092 FTE AGENCY NURSES IN THE NORTHERN SYDNEY CENTRAL COAST AREA HEALTH SERVICE—Mrs Jillian Skinner asked the Minister for Health—

How many FTE agency nurses are employed at each hospital in the Northern Sydney Central Coast 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](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/nursing/dohrs). Additionally, information about Health Service staffing is published each year in the Area Health Service's Annual Report.

\*2093 FTE AGENCY NURSES IN THE NORTH COAST AREA HEALTH SERVICE—Mrs Jillian Skinner asked the Minister for Health—

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

Answer—

I am advised:

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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](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/nursing/dohrs). Additionally, information about Health Service staffing is published each year in the Area Health Service's Annual Report.

\*2094 PRIVATISATION OF ELECTRICITY SECTOR—IMPACT ON PENSIONERS—Mr Rob Stokes asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

What impacts will the Government's proposals to privatise parts of the electricity sector have on the affordability of energy for pensioners?

Answer—

I am advised:

This matter does not fall under the Minister for Transport and Minister for Finance and should be referred to the Minister for Energy.

\*2095 DRESS POLICY FOR MEDICAL STAFF—Mr Rob Stokes asked the Minister for Health—

Does the Department of Health have any policy relating to the wearing of neckties by medical staff?

Answer—

I am advised that there is no written Department of Health policy regarding the wearing of neckties by medical staff.

\*2096 BUS SERVICES BETWEEN MONA VALE AND WYNYARD—Mr Rob Stokes asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

How many security officers monitor the bus service between Mona Vale and Wynyard on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights?

Answer—

I am advised:

State Transit deploys security guards on services in the Northern Beaches on Friday and Saturday nights.

The deployment of these patrols is regularly assessed to ensure that the coverage is as effective as possible.

State Transit is working closely with NSW Police, who also patrol the area, to boost security on public transport services and develop strategies to make night bus travel safer.

\*2097 SCHOOLCHILDREN WITH ADD AND ADHD—Mr Andrew Stoner asked 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) How many children are there in the public education system with confirmed diagnoses of attention deficit disorder (ADD)?
  - (a) How many are in special classes?
  - (b) How many are in mainstream classes?
- (2) How many children are there in the public education system with confirmed diagnoses of attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD)?
  - (a) How many are in special classes?
  - (b) How many are in mainstream classes?
- (3) (a) How many support class places are there in NSW for children with ADD and ADHD?  
(b) How many of these places are in rural and regional areas?

Answer—

The NSW Department of Education and Training does not keep records of the number of students with Attention Deficit Disorder or Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder in special classes or mainstream classes.

The Department is strongly committed to supporting the learning needs of all its students, including those with Attention Deficit Disorder or Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder.

Public schools in New South Wales provide a range of specialist services to support students with Attention Deficit Disorder and Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder through the Department's \$134 million Learning Assistance Program. Students access this program in NSW public primary and secondary schools without the need for a diagnosis or label of Attention Deficit Disorder or Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder.

\*2098 OFFICE OF THE PROTECTIVE COMMISSIONER—Mr Andrew Stoner asked the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

With regard to the proposed restructure of the Office of the Protective Commissioner, who looks after the affairs of people with mental health issues:

- (1) What is the planned restructure?
- (2) When it is going to commence?
- (3) Will services to clients be improved?

Answer—

Information about the restructure is made publicly available through the website of the Office of the Protective Commissioner.

\*2099 MARIA RIVER BRIDGE—Mr Andrew Stoner asked the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

In relation to the replacement of the bridge over the Maria River on the Pacific Highway south of Kempsey:

- (1) Why has the completion date for the work been delayed from November 2007 to June 2008?
- (2) Did the contractors cease work for 3 weeks over Christmas and do they regularly not work on weekends?
- (3) Are there any penalties in the contract for late completion of this work?

Answer—

I am advised:

The replacement of the Maria River Bridge has been delayed due to extremely wet weather over recent months.

During the peak Christmas holiday period, road construction activities were restricted on the Pacific Highway to avoid impacting on holiday traffic.

The original contract period allows extensions of time for wet weather.

\*2103 OVERTAKING LANES—OLD NORTHERN ROAD—Mr Ray Williams asked the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

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When will the Government implement the overtaking lanes on Old Northern Road between Maroota and Wisemans Ferry which were promised over two years ago after fatal accidents on this road in this area?

Answer—

I am advised that the overtaking lanes were promised as part of the current Section 94 funded program which runs from 2006-2007 to 2011-2012.

Scoping is currently underway for construction of an overtaking lane between Glenorie and Maroota, with the work expected to be undertaken in 2008-2009.

\*2104 NORTH RICHMOND BRIDGE—Mr Ray Williams asked the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

Given the North Richmond bridge becomes impassable during flooding of the Hawkesbury River, when will the Government raise the level of this bridge to enable residents living on the western side of the bridge the opportunity to access their homes during floods?

Answer—

The RTA advises the bridge is in sound condition and no recent repairs or maintenance have been required.

The RTA will continue to monitor the bridge, with particular attention during and after wet weather conditions.

\*2105 TREES ALONG WISEMANS FERRY ROAD—Mr Ray Williams asked the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

Given Wisemans Ferry Road has many trees and branches close to the road that have fallen onto vehicles during storms and also cause problems for the local bush fire brigade who remove these trees and branches, when will the Government remove these trees and branches close to the road that are causing severe safety problems for residents and vehicles using this road?

Answer—

I am advised that the RTA's contractor removed eleven trees from the roadside on Wisemans Ferry Road on 7 February 2008, as agreed at an on-site inspection with Baulkham Hills Shire Council and a Wisemans Ferry Road resident.

I am also advised the RTA will remove further dead trees, and undertake trimming works to improve sight distance, as part of its ongoing maintenance program.

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

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

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

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

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

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

2114 NORTHERN AREA HOSPITAL PLAN—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Health—

- 2115 LICENSING OF OLDER DRIVERS—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2116 STAFF TURNOVER—DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2117 DISBANDING OF PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2118 SPIT-MILITARY ROAD WORKING GROUP—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2119 CHATSWOOD-EPPING RAIL LINE—Ms Gladys Berejiklian to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2120 NORTH-WEST HEAVY RAIL LINK—Ms Gladys Berejiklian to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2121 STA BUSES—EPPING ROAD—Ms Gladys Berejiklian to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2122 CHATSWOOD RAILWAY STATION—SIGNAGE—Ms Gladys Berejiklian to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2123 267 BUS SERVICE—Ms Gladys Berejiklian to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- \*2128 IMPROVING THE NSW PLANNING SYSTEM DISCUSSION PAPER—Mr Brad Hazzard asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- Will any submissions into the "Improving the NSW Planning System" discussion paper be made public?
- Answer—
- A summary of submissions has been made available to the public.
- \*2129 PART 3A PROJECTS—Mr Brad Hazzard asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- Which Part 3A projects has the Minister approved against advice from panels and/or his department?
- Answer—
- I am advised by the Department of Planning that no projects under Part 3A were approved against panels and/or departmental advice. The details are shown on the Department of Planning website.
- \*2130 PART 3A PROJECTS—Mr Brad Hazzard asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- How many Part 3A projects were being considered by the Minister as at 31 December in each of the following years:
- (a) 2007;
- (b) 2006;
- (c) 2005?
- Answer—
- I am advised:
- (a) 74.
- (b) 80.
- (c) 21.
- \*Numbers taken from the lodgement of an adequate Environmental Assessment.
- \*2131 PROCESSING OF PART 3A DEVELOPMENTS—Mr Brad Hazzard asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- (1) What is the average time taken for the Minister and his department to process a Part 3A development?
- (2) What is the longest time taken for the Minister and his department to process a Part 3A

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development?

(3) What are the details of the development in question (2)?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) 92 days this current financial year.
- (2) and (3) Excluding deferred period by the applicant (Ports NSW), and the time involving the Independent Review Panel, the net time taken to assess the Enfield Intermodal Logistics Centre is 170 days.

\*2132 PART 3A PROJECTS—Mr Brad Hazzard asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—

- (1) How many projects has the Minister called in under Part 3A since 2005, where a council has objected to his doing so?
- (2) What are the details of each of these projects?

Answer—

- (1) Nearly 90% of all projects declared to be Part 3A matters meet non-discretionary criteria. The remainder have been called in following consideration of State and regional planning objectives.

Few Councils have objected to State significant projects being dealt with at State level. Indeed, many Councils recognise they don't have the planning resources necessary to process them.

The main source of opposition to State decisions comes from the LGSA which has a "philosophical and territorial" interest in the matter.

- (2) Details of all projects determined by the Minister including the Director-General's report are listed on the Department of Planning website. The Director General's report summarises the views of all key stakeholders including those of the relevant council/s.

\*2133 MEETINGS WITH ABORIGINAL HOUSING COMPANY—Mr Brad Hazzard asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—

How many times has the Minister met with representatives of the Aboriginal Housing Company since 2005? What were the dates and outcomes of these meetings?

Answer—

- (1) Since the Redfern Waterloo Authority was created there have been a number of meetings, and telephone conversations, with the Aboriginal Housing Company (AHC) and its representatives. These have been of both a formal and informal nature. The most recent formal meeting included the AHC's planning advisers and concerned the lodgement of a DA for the AHC site in Everleigh Street. The Director General of the Department of Planning and the CEO of the Redfern Waterloo Authority were in attendance at the meeting and "concept plan applications" was discussed amongst other things.
- (2) I do not have available a ready record of all such meetings and conversations.

\*2134 RELEASE OF SUBREGIONAL STRATEGIES—Mr Brad Hazzard asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—

When will the Minister release the:

- (a) Sydney City subregional strategy;
- (b) Inner West subregional strategy?

Answer—

I am advised that the Sydney City and Inner West Subregional Strategies are anticipated to be publicly exhibited before the middle of the year.

\*2135 IMPROVING THE NSW PLANNING SYSTEM DISCUSSION PAPER—Mr Brad Hazzard asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—

Which organisations, councils or individuals have provided submissions to the "Improving the NSW Planning System" discussion paper?

Answer—

In total 538 submissions were received on the Discussion Papers "Improving the NSW Planning System". The Department of Planning has commissioned an independent report summarising in detail the submissions received.

180 submissions were received from residents, 117 formal submissions were received from local government, 71 from community groups, 120 from planning professional practitioners, 21 from State Government agencies, 26 from industry and three from MPs.

Peak body representatives who provided a submission included:

- The Housing Industry Association
- Urban Development Institute of Australia
- Property Council of Australia
- NSW Urban Taskforce
- Royal Australian Institute of Architects
- Planning Institute of Australia.

Details on all the submissions received and who they came from have been provided in the independent summary report which has been publicly released through the Department of Planning's website.

- 2136 UNANSWERED CORRESPONDENCE—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2137 HOSPITAL FOOD—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2138 LEGAL COSTS—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- 2139 MARY GILES WARD—AIR-CONDITIONING—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2140 MARY GILES WARD—BLINDS—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2141 AUDIOLOGY CLINIC—HORNSBY HOSPITAL—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Health—
- \*2142 STATUTORY PLANNING POWERS OF LOCAL COUNCILS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—

In relation to the Local Government Act:

- (1) What planning powers do local councils have under the Local Government Act and the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act?
- (2) What are the processes taken to order landlords of derelict buildings to secure or demolish their premises?
- (3) What are the time frames for security or demolition?
- (4) What is the financial penalty and how does it work?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Local council planning powers under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act include preparing local environmental plans and development control plans, assessing development applications for local development, entering into planning agreements, issuing Part 4A certificates and enforcement powers including entering and inspecting premises for enforcement purposes and issuing enforcement orders.

Planning powers under the Local Government Act include the management of community land, assessing applications for the carrying out of activities, issuing enforcement orders, and powers in relation to the acquisition of land.

- (2) Orders can be given under section 121B of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act to owners of derelict buildings to demolish or remove a building, or repair or make structural alterations to a building. Similar orders can be made under section 124 of the Local Government Act.
- (3) Each individual order must specify a reasonable period within which the terms of the order are to be complied with.
- (4) Failure to comply with an order is an offence under section 125 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act to be enforced through Court proceedings. The maximum penalty for an offence under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act is 10,000 penalty units (\$1.1 million dollars). Alternatively, councils may impose a fine for certain offences, in accordance with the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation, by issuing a penalty infringement notice.



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- 2144 UPGRADE OF CAPTAIN COOK'S LANDING SITE—Mr Malcolm Kerr 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)—
- 2146 PARTY BUSES—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2149 REPORT OF THE LEGAL FEES REVIEW PANEL—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 2150 REFERRALS TO LEGAL SERVICES COMMISSIONER—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 2151 WSN ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Youth, Minister for Volunteering—
- 2152 DRINK DRIVING OFFENCES—TWEED ELECTORATE—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- \*2153 SPEED CAMERA—SEXTON HILL—Mr Geoff Provest asked 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 speed camera on the Sexton Hill section of the Pacific Highway:

- (1) What is the breakdown of the number of automobiles caught speeding by the speed camera located at Sexton Hill by:
- (a) light vehicles (i.e. cars, minivans etc.);
  - (b) heavy vehicles (i.e. trucks, heavy transports etc.);
  - (c) motorcycles?
- (2) What is the breakdown of revenues generated for NSW through speeding tickets issued to automobiles caught speeding by the speed camera located at Sexton Hill by:
- (a) light vehicles (i.e. cars, minivans etc.);
  - (b) heavy vehicles (i.e. trucks, heavy transports etc.);
  - (c) motorcycles?

Answer—

I'm advised:

The production of accurate figures broken down by vehicle type would require considerable time and an unjustifiable diversion of resources away from the core responsibilities of the Office of State Revenue.

- \*2154 PETROLEUM PRODUCTS SUBSIDY SCHEME—NORTHERN NSW—Mr Geoff Provest asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts representing the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter—

Given that he has previously advised on the total dollar value of petroleum supplied to Northern NSW from the period 2000-01 to present:

- (1) What is the dollar value of the subsidy applied to the provision of both diesel and unleaded petroleum to the Zone 1 region for each financial year beginning 2000-01 to present?
- (2) What is the dollar value of the subsidy applied to the provision of both diesel and unleaded petroleum to the Zone 2 region for each financial year beginning 2000-01 to present?

Answer—

I'm advised:

	Petroleum Subsidy Zone 1	Petroleum Subsidy Zone 1	Petroleum Subsidy Zone 1	Petroleum Subsidy Zone 2	Petroleum Subsidy Zone 2	Petroleum Subsidy Zone 2
Financial Year	Motor Spirit	Diesel Fuel On Road	Total Subsidy	Motor Spirit	Diesel Fuel On Road	Total Subsidy
2000-2001	\$3,220,903	\$2,885,980	\$6,106,883	\$11,439,630	\$5,280,759	\$16,720,389
2001-2002	\$3,986,939	\$3,439,214	\$7,426,153	\$11,742,804	\$5,345,188	\$17,087,992
2002-2003	\$4,084,587	\$3,569,563	\$7,654,150	\$11,773,577	\$5,457,596	\$17,231,173

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2003-2004	\$4,486,470	\$3,558,953	\$8,045,423	\$11,818,299	\$5,521,850	\$17,340,149
2004-2005	\$4,449,176	\$3,627,276	\$8,076,452	\$11,809,205	\$5,818,994	\$17,628,199
2005-2006	\$4,422,485	\$3,854,299	\$8,276,784	\$11,396,173	\$6,190,705	\$17,586,878
2006-2007	\$4,030,246	\$4,012,980	\$8,043,226	\$11,860,099	\$6,525,454	\$18,385,553
2007-2008*	\$2,092,617	\$2,070,989	\$4,163,606	\$5,816,618	\$3,202,138	\$9,018,756

\*2007-2008 figures current to 31 January 2008.

- 2155 FTE AGENCY NURSES IN THE GREATER SOUTHERN AREA HEALTH SERVICE—Mrs Jillian Skinner to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2156 FTE AGENCY NURSES IN THE HUNTER NEW ENGLAND AREA HEALTH SERVICE—Mrs Jillian Skinner to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2157 NORTHERN SYDNEY CENTRAL COAST AREA HEALTH SERVICE BUDGET—Mrs Jillian Skinner to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2158 TRAFFIC SIGNALS AT PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2161 MARTIN BRIDGE—TAREE—Mr John Turner to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

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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 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)—
- 2174 ADMISSIONS TO SUTHERLAND HOSPITAL—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Health—

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- 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—
- \*2189 PROPOSED COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT MANUAL—Mr Rob Stokes asked 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 notice of the publication of the proposed coastal zone management manual be provided in the NSW Government Gazette?
- Answer—
- Coastal zone management is a matter for my colleague the Hon Verity Firth, MP, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment.
- 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—
- 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—

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- 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—

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- 2236 NOT-FOR-PROFIT CHILDCARE FACILITIES IN THE TWEED—Mr Geoff Provost 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 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)—
- 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—
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- 2350 OUTPATIENT FACILITY—TWEED HOSPITAL—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health—
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- 2354 BUS SERVICES ALONG EPPING ROAD AT LANE COVE—Mr Anthony Roberts to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
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- 2359 SPEED CAMERA—NARRABEEN—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
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- 2361 REPRESENTATION—MR JOHN GREENTREE—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

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- 2364 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS FROM ELECTRICITY GENERATION—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—
- 2365 ELECTICITY PRIVATISATION—INDEMNITIES—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—
- 2366 JEFF ANGEL'S REPORT TO THE ENERGY CONSULTATIVE REFERENCE COMMITTEE—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—
- 2367 TRANSMISSION LINES ON BEAUFORT RD AND HASTINGS RD TERRIGAL—Mr Chris Hartcher 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—
- 2368 MINISTERIAL TRAVEL—ORKOPOULOS—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Premier, Minister for Citizenship—
- 2369 REFUND FROM PURCHASE OF PERPETUAL LEASE—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) representing the Minister for Lands, Minister for Rural Affairs, Minister for Regional Development—
- 2370 SCHOOL ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAM—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)—
- 2371 OURGUNYA WOMEN'S INCORPORATION SAFE HOUSE FUNDING—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- 2372 DIETICIANS AND OTHER NUTRITION WORKERS—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2373 HORNSBY COURT—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 2374 UNITING CARE HOUSING AND SUPPORT INITIATIVE—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—
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- 2381 REDUCED TARGETS FOR CARBON EMISSIONS—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—
- 2382 TAXI TRANSPORT SUBSIDY SCHEME—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2383 HUNTER INSTITUTE OF TAFE—Mr Greg Piper 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—
- 2384 CATTLE TICK FEVER—Mr Geoff Provest 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—
- 2385 CLOSURE OF LAKESIDE CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL—Mr Geoff Provest 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—
- 2386 CANCER PATIENTS—NSW NORTH COAST—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)—
- 2387 BROUGHTONS PASS WEIR—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—
- 2388 RADIOACTIVE STORAGE SITES—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)—
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- 2390 ELECTRICITY PRIVATISATION—Mr George Souris to ask the Premier, Minister for Citizenship—
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- 2392 MONA VALE HOSPITAL—FOOD SAFETY AUDIT—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2393 SPEEDING FINES IN 40 KPH SCHOOL ZONES—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2394 BUS SAFETY MODELLING—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2395 MID NORTH COAST STRATEGY – LATE APPLICATIONS—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—

- 2396 NSW COMMUNITY COLLEGES – FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS—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—
- 2397 NEW STAFFING PROPOSALS—Mr Richard Torbay 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—
- 2398 INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- 2399 FREEHOLD TITLE OF LAND—MR MARTIN TEBBUTT—Mr Ray Williams 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—
- 2400 BREAST CANCER TESTING—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Minister for Health—

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- 2401 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—
- (1) Do local councils in New South Wales receive financial assistance grants from both Federal and State Government?
  - (2) If so, under what schemes or programmes are these grants provided by the:
    - (a) Federal Government;
    - (b) State Government?
  - (3) What role does the Department of Local Government play in ensuring these grants are audited and spent on community projects?
  - (4) Is there any requirement for a local council to provide details on how these grants are spent?
  - (5) If so, is the information available concerning both specific purpose grants and united general purpose grants?
- 2402 TOURIST DEVELOPMENT AT NOBBY'S HEADLAND—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- Regarding the proposed tourist development at Nobby's Headland, Newcastle:
- (1) Has the Minister been contacted by the Federal Heritage Minister regarding the future of development on Nobby's Headland, Newcastle?
  - (2) Was the Minister at any point made aware of the Federal Government's plans to deny any proposed development on the site?
  - (3) Was the Minister at any stage contacted by any group or individual considering development of Nobby's Headland?
  - (4) At any stage did the Minister's office support such development going ahead?
- 2403 NELSON BAY AMBULANCE STATION—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Minister for Health—
- Regarding the proposed construction of a new Nelson Bay Ambulance Station, as mentioned in the 2007 Budget:
- (1) Has the Department of Health selected or suggested a site for the construction of a new Nelson Bay Ambulance Station?
  - (2) Will the proposed sites for a new Ambulance Station be revealed to the public before a decision is made?
  - (3) Will the wider Port Stephens community who rely on effective Ambulance transfers to John Hunter Hospital have sufficient time to comment upon the proposed site to ensure it meets community expectations?
  - (4) With only \$75,000 allocated in the previous budget for planning toward the construction of a new Nelson Bay Ambulance Station, can the Government guarantee a start date for the project?

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- (5) Can the Government provide the people of Port Stephens with a date upon which the proposed new Nelson Bay Ambulance Station will be completed?
- 2404 POST STEPHENS LOCAL AREA COMMAND—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- Regarding the proposed creation of a dedicated Port Stephens Local Area Command, recommended by the New South Wales Police Northern Region Commander:
- (1) Does the Minister support the creation of a dedicated Port Stephens Local Area Command as proposed by the Northern Region Commander?
  - (2) Will the proposed creation of a Port Stephens Local Area Command accelerate the timetable for the construction of a new Raymond Terrace Police Station?
  - (3) Has the Minister undertaken planning toward increasing the numbers of police officers in Port Stephens to authorised Local Area Command strength?
- 2405 ILUKA 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 Iluka Police Station?
  - (2) Are they exclusively assigned to the Iluka Police Station?
  - (3) If not, what other police stations or precincts are these offices expected to patrol?
- 2406 ILUKA POLICE STATION—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 Fridays and Saturdays at Iluka 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?
  - (3) What surrounding communities are these officers expected to respond to and patrol?
- 2407 DENTAL CARE—WAITING TIMES—Mr Steve Cansdell to ask the Minister for Health—
- (1) How many Clarence residents have been waiting more than 3 months for non-urgent dental care?
  - (2) How many Clarence residents have been waiting more than 6 months for non-urgent dental care?
  - (3) How many Clarence residents have been waiting more than 3 months for urgent dental care?
  - (4) How many Clarence residents have been waiting more than 6 months for urgent dental care?
- 2408 ARUMA DENTAL CLINIC—Mr Steve Cansdell to ask the Minister for Health—
- (1) How many days a week over the last 12 months has the Aruma Dental Clinic in Grafton had a dentist available on the premises for consultation and dental work?
  - (2) How long has it been since a permanent dentist has been attached to Aruma Dental Clinic?
  - (3) When will the North Coast Area Health Service employ a permanent dentist to fill the current vacancy?
- 2409 PACIFIC HIGHWAY—Mr Steve Cansdell to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- (1) Has the Minister determined in favour of Clarence Valley cane growers and varied the new Pacific Highway route between Tyndale and Shark Creek in order to preserve high value farming land?
  - (2) When will the Minister announce the preferred Pacific Highway route between Wells Crossing and Harwood?
  - (3) When is construction scheduled to start on this section of the Pacific Highway and what is the projected completion time?
- 2410 SNOWY HYDRO CORPORATION—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 Snowy Hydro Corporation and the Minister's response to a Question Without Notice on 4 March 2008:
- (1) On what date did the Minister meet with "representatives of Snowy Hydro in Cooma"?
  - (2) Which "representatives of Snowy Hydro" did the Minister meet in "at least two or three groups", and in which "groups" did the Minister meet them?
  - (3) What did the Minister mean when he informed the Legislative Council that the "representatives of

- Snowy Hydro" conveyed to him that they "might be left stranded in the privatisation debate"?
- (4) What reasons did the "representatives of Snowy Hydro" provide the Minister in support of their argument that they "might be left stranded in the privatisation debate"?
  - (5) Who are the "number of my [the Minister's] colleagues" who demonstrated a "degree of upset" about there being "no plans whatsoever to privatise the Snowy Hydro Corporation"?
  - (6) Is the Government considering the sale of NSW's shareholding in Snowy Hydro to one or more of the other current shareholders, that is, the Victorian or Federal Governments?
- 2411 MUNMORAH POWER STATION—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 Munmorah power station and "Jeff Angel's Report to the Energy Consultative Reference Committee" on behalf of the Total Environment Centre:
- (1) Given that to continue operating the power station requires "necessary refurbishment to extend the life of the Munmorah Power Station beyond 2012" ("Delta Electricity Submission to NSW Government: Owen Inquiry into the Supply of Electricity in NSW", p. 47), will the Minister follow Mr Angel's advice that "The permanent closure of Munmorah as a coal power station site and removing the option of its refurbishment, would be a strong signal from the government about its climate change credentials" (p. 7)?
  - (2) Will the Minister follow Mr Angel's advice that "The peaking Colongra 660MW open cycle gas turbine is already being built at Munmorah and according to Delta it could be converted to 1000MW baseload CCGT [closed cycle gas turbine] by 2011" (p. 7)?
- 2412 DOOR TO DOOR SALES OF RETAIL ENERGY—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 sales practices by energy retailers and "The Rev. Harry Herbert's Report to the Energy Consultative Reference Committee" on behalf of UnitingCare and low income earners:
- (1) Will the Minister act on the advice of Rev Herbert to "Strengthen rules to ensure electricity retailers comply with ethical rules in regards to door-to-door marketing of their products. Penalties to be applied where this is not the case. Energy and Water Ombudsman to have powers to order compensation payments to consumers where unfair practices have occurred" (pg 1)?
  - (2) If so, what action will the Minister take?
- 2413 NSW GOVERNMENT BIOBANKING SCHEME—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) How many developers used the biobanking scheme in the Lower Hunter and Far North Coast region to offset their development?
  - (2) How much did these developers pay and where have these funds been expended?
  - (3) What biodiversity importance were these areas under?
  - (4) Have the conservation projects funded from the biobanking scheme resulted in the same biodiversity rating on the areas the funds have gone to conserve?
  - (5) What and how many threatened species have been protected as a result of the biobanking scheme?
  - (6) Has the biobanking scheme in the Lower Hunter and Far North Coast resulted in a net loss of natural habitat and threatened species?
- 2414 ENVIRONMENTAL FLOW LEVELS—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) What are the Department's estimated environmental flow levels for:
    - (a) Narran Lakes;
    - (b) Paroo-Warrego Wetlands;
    - (c) Lobidgee Wetlands;
    - (d) Great Cumbung Swamp;
    - (e) Central Murray State Forests and Fivebough;
    - (f) Tuckerbill Swamps?
  - (2) Is this amount in line with the estimated environmental flow requirements as set out by the Department?



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- (3) What percentage of the water catchment do these areas represent?
- 2415 NSW RIVERBANK ENVIRONMENTAL 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)—
- Of the \$105 million in the NSW RiverBank environmental fund:
- (1) How much water has been purchased as a result of the water 'buy back' licenses?
  - (2) What is the Department's estimate of the amount of water allocated that must be recalled to ensure the sustainability of the environment?
  - (3) Will the Government be reviewing the effectiveness of this plan prior to the 2011 funding completion date?
  - (4) If so, when are these results going to be released to the public?
- 2416 CORRESPONDENCE FROM MRS K CUBBON—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- (1) Why has the Minister not replied to the urgent correspondence sent to him by email by Mrs K Cubbon of Rankin Park on 12 March 2008?
  - (2) Why has the Director General of the Department of Community Services not replied to the urgent correspondence sent by Mrs Cubbon to him by email on 14 February 2008?
  - (3) Why did DoCS not agree to Mr and Mrs Cubbon's request for financial support to care for their grandchild on 29 January 2008?
  - (4) Given that the child was in the care of Mr and Mrs Cubbon for about four months and that they made full disclosure to DoCS staff of all their family circumstances at the time of being given care of the child, why was he subsequently removed from their care on 19 February 2008?
- 2417 ABORIGINAL HOUSING—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—
- (1) How many dedicated houses are available in the Burrinjuck Electorate through the Department of Housing and other sources that are dedicated for use by Aboriginal tenants?
  - (2) How many people are on the waiting list for housing in the Onerwal Lands Council area?
  - (3) On what date was the last Aboriginal housing home constructed in Yass and in the Burrinjuck electorate, under the Community Housing and Infrastructure Program?
- 2418 BRANCH LINE CLOSURES—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- (1) Is any consideration being given to stopping rail movements and maintenance on the Cowra to Eugowra railway line?
  - (2) Will the Minister give an undertaking to grain producers that there will be no further closure of branch lines in the Cowra district?
- 2419 SUPPORTED ACCOMMODATION PACKAGES—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services—
- (1) Have tenders been called for the provision of supported accommodation packages for the provision of alternative services for young people in nursing homes?
  - (2) When were tenders called?
  - (3) What are the specific details of these packages?
- 2420 ALCOHOL ADDICTION REHABILITATION—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Health—
- (1) How many alcohol addiction rehabilitation beds are there in NSW?
  - (2) Where are they located?
- 2421 HAWKESBURY RIVER ASSESSMENT—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—
- When will the next assessment on the health of the Hawkesbury River take place in light of the connection to sewerage of Brooklyn and Dangar Island?
- 2422 COUNTRY TOWNS WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE PROGRAM—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—
- (1) What is the Government doing under the Country Towns Water Supply and Sewerage Program to

- update water and sewerage services to the Wallsend Electorate?
- (2) How many projects are currently under construction in the Wallsend Electorate?
  - (3) How many projects have been funded since March 2007?
- 2423 TUBERCULOSIS—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Health—
- (1) How many positive tests for tuberculosis have been detected in the Sutherland Shire over the past 12 months?
  - (2) How does this figure compare with previous years?
  - (3) Has there been an increase in the prevalence of this disease?
- 2424 ILLAWARRA LINE—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- (1) How many delays occurred on the Illawarra Line between 1 March 2008 and 30 March 2008?
  - (2) What were the reasons for these delays?
- 2425 HEAVY VEHICLE LICENCE TEST—Mr Daryl Maguire to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- (1) Why is it necessary to have an eye test each time you do the Heavy Vehicle licensing test when you have passed a GP licence medical one month previously?
  - (2) Why is it not permissible to use a Federally registered prime mover for licence testing when the vehicle can legally pick up and set down goods within the State on an interstate journey?
  - (3) Why is the pass mark 95-100 when no profession or trade test has such a high pass mark?
  - (4) Why is it necessary to do the complete test each time you fail?
  - (5) Why does excessive emphasis on mirror observation mean test failure, which amounts to the tester's opinion and judgement?
  - (6) Why can failure of the indicator to cancel due to insufficient steering wheel movement when going through a roundabout mean test failure?
  - (7) If Heavy Vehicle tests are deemed to be necessary why are they not done by driving schools who do all other truck licence testing?
- 2426 NIMBO CREEK—Mr Daryl Maguire to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—
- (1) On what principle have water flows to the Nimbo Creek been reduced?
  - (2) What is the real purpose of the newly constructed choke on the Nimbo Creek?
  - (3) Why was the new choke level lifted higher than the previous choke?
  - (4) How much water does the 10 km of Nimbo Creek hold?
  - (5) How many landholders are affected by the installation of the new choke?
  - (6) What arrangements have been made to offer landholders alternative means of watering their stock?
  - (7) What arrangements have been made to supply Brungle with a permanent water supply?
  - (8) How much did the choke cost to construct?
  - (9) Why was the 2007 rebuilt choke so completely different in design and specifications from the previous 2002 choke?
  - (10) (a) Were proper procedures followed before this new, rebuilt 2007 choke was installed?  
(b) If not, why not?
- 2427 RTA DATABASE—Mr Daryl Maguire to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- (1) Does the Roads and Traffic Authority collect data, in particular with regard to safety around schools?
  - (2) Is there a database relating to speed zones in each Roads and Traffic Authority area?
  - (3) Who collects and maintains the data?
  - (4) Can particular school crossings be identified?
  - (5) Can the data be accessed by:
    - (a) the public;
    - (b) Members of Parliament?
- 2428 TOY POKER MACHINES—Mr Daryl Maguire to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- (1) Is your Department accountable for the responsible sale of toy poker machines in toy shops?
  - (2) Is the toy poker machine considered a concern due to the potential harm that could be done in

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exposing minors to the concept of gambling while playing the machine?

2429 TOY POKER MACHINES—Mr Daryl Maguire to ask the Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Youth, Minister for Volunteering—

- (1) Is your Department accountable for the responsible sale of toy poker machines in toy shops?
- (2) Is the toy poker machine considered a concern due to the potential harm that could be done in exposing minors to the concept of gambling while playing the machine?

2430 RIVER RED GUM FORESTS—Ms Clover Moore 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—

With regard to commercial logging in the River Red Gum forests:

- (1) How many environment impact assessments has Forests NSW carried out in the River Red Gum forest region specifically to determine the impact of the logging industry in the Red Gums in the last 10 years?
- (2) How many threatened species exist in the River Red Gum forests?
- (3) For which types of threatened species, excluding the Superb Parrot and the Regent Parrot are pre-harvest and routine surveys undertaken in the River Red Gum forests?
- (4) Is the NSW Government aware that after only five days of surveying, the National Parks Association discovered a threatened species, the Yellow-bellied Sheathtail Bat in the Red Gum forests that Forests NSW had never recorded?
- (5) To what extent is the NSW Government committed to increasing threatened species surveys in the Red Gum forests?
- (6) Given that approval for selective logging techniques within Ramsar listed wetlands within the River Red Gum forests was given under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999, why do current logging operations in these areas now concentrate on the use of clear patch fells?
- (7) Given that forest operations in the Riverina are under a temporary licence issued under the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1992, which does not provide for the same standard of protection as the Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995, what plans does the NSW Government have to update threatened species licensing to increase the protection of the Riverina?
- (8) Is the NSW Government aware that the Victorian Environmental Assessment Council found that due to the lack of flooding, sustainable yields of Red Gum would be reduced in Victoria by about 62 per cent if National Parks protection was not introduced?
- (9) Has the NSW Government conducted a similar assessment for yields of Red Gum in NSW?
- (10) If not, why not?
- (11) To what extent is the NSW Government committed to reducing logging volumes in the Central Murray region given that current volumes are based on yields calculated in 1985, which was before recent droughts and does not reflect increased mortality rates and reduced growth rates of forests in the region caused by the droughts?
- (12) To what extent has the NSW Government consulted with Custodial Traditional Owners of the River Red Gum forests over management of these forests and cultural sites contained within?
- (13) Given that the Riverina Bioregion is one of the most poorly reserved in the country with no National Parks occurring along the Murray River in NSW and that the Victorian Environmental Assessment Council has recommended the creation of seven new National Parks in Victoria, what plans does the NSW Government have for the creation of new National Parks in NSW River Red Gum forests, to bring the region in line with state and national reserve targets?
- (14) Will the NSW Government consult with Custodial Traditional Owners over the creation of new National Parks in the River Red Gum forests?

2431 CLIENT SERVICE OFFICERS—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Housing, Minister for Tourism—

With respect to the vital role of Client Service Officer (CSO) in Housing NSW:

- (1) How many CSO positions in Housing NSW zones CS1, CS2 and CS3 are vacant?
- (2) How many CSO positions Housing NSW zones CS1, CS2 and CS3 are filled by temporary officers?
- (3) How many formal complaints has Housing NSW received in zones CS1, CS2 and CS3?
- (4) What training is provided to CSOs to help them manage this demanding and complex role?
- (5) What ongoing support is provided to CSOs to help them provide fair and efficient help to Housing NSW tenants?

- (6) How does Housing NSW ensure that CSOs carry out their work without discrimination and respectful of tenants' dignity?
- 2432 EDGECLIFF RAILWAY STATION AND BUS INTERCHANGE—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- Given ongoing requests for improved access to Edgecliff Railway Station and Bus Interchange, reduced inner east bus services since the 2001 "Better Buses" program, and the high proportion of aged and disabled passengers needing public transport in this area:
- (1) How many passengers use Edgecliff Railway Station each year?
  - (2) How many passengers use the Edgecliff Bus Interchange each year?
  - (3) How many busier Railway Stations are accessible to people using wheelchairs without help?
  - (4) How many less busy Railway Stations are accessible to people using wheelchairs without help?
  - (5) When does the Government plan to provide an Easy Access upgrade of Edgecliff Railway Station and Bus Interchange, given the Minister has previously informed me that this would occur in 2011/2012?
  - (6) When will design and planning work for Easy Access upgrade of Edgecliff begin?
  - (7) When will construction work begin on this Easy Access upgrade?
- 2433 KINGSWAY FINANCIAL ASSESSMENT PTY LTD—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- (1) What is the current arrangement between the Government and Kingsway Financial Assessment Pty Ltd?
  - (2) How much has the company been paid by the Government since its appointment?
- 2434 FIXED SPEED CAMERAS—Mr Donald Page to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- (1) (a) Will the Minister supply me with a copy of the Guidelines for Fixed Speed Cameras (not the criteria listed on the Roads and Traffic Authority website) as determined by the Roads and Traffic Authority?
  - (b) If not, why not?
  - (2) What are the guidelines for the placement of fixed speed cameras in New South Wales in relation to:
    - (a) Location;
    - (b) Topography;
    - (c) Speed zones?
  - (3) (a) Will the Minister supply me with a copy of the operation manual for fixed cameras like the one at Ewingsdale?
  - (b) If not, why not?
- 2435 REVIEW OF TOURISM IN NSW REPORT—Mr Donald Page to ask the Minister for Housing, Minister for Tourism—
- (1) When was the John O'Neill AO 'Review of Tourism in NSW' report submitted to the Government or any of its Ministers or departments?
  - (2) Did the office of the Minister for Tourism receive this report prior to Christmas 2007?
  - (3) Has the original report been amended by the Premier's Department or the Premier's office in any way?
  - (4) When will the report be released to the public?
  - (5) (a) Will the Government release both the original report and the amended report?
  - (b) If not, why not?
- 2436 ALLEGED ASSAULT— TORONTO HIGH SCHOOL—Mr Greg Piper 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—
- Is the Minister aware that video of an alleged assault at Toronto High School is posted on "YouTube"?
- 2437 FAST SERVICE FROM NEWCASTLE—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- (1) Why is the 5.08 am fast service from Newcastle changed to an "all stations" service when it is

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- running behind schedule on reaching Gosford, adding 15 minutes to the journey?  
(2) In such instances, does it replace the 6.38 am all stations from Gosford?
- 2438 STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES—Mr Greg Piper 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—
- Given the NSW TAFE Students with Disabilities Policy, why does the Hunter Institute refuse to provide a writer for a student suffering numerous disabilities, including a physical disability?
- 2439 MATERNITY UNITS— TWEED—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health—
- (1) What is the yearly average figure for childbirths carried out in Tweed hospitals for the period 30 June 2000 to 30 June 2007 inclusive?
  - (2) What is the yearly average number of Queensland residents giving birth in Tweed hospitals for the period 30 June 2000 to 30 June 2007 inclusive?
  - (3) What is the current 2007/08 financial year-to-date figures for:
    - (a) total childbirths carried out in Tweed hospitals;
    - (b) the number of Queensland residents giving birth in Tweed hospitals?
- 2440 LEASING OF CROWN LAND—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—
- Given that there are three equestrian clubs located in the Tweed electorate, all of which operate on Crown land leases:
- (1) When do the Crown leases expire for:
    - (a) Tweed Heads Pony Club;
    - (b) Cabarita Beach Pony Club;
    - (c) Terranora Equestrian Club?
  - (2) Is the Minister aware of any discussion concerning the merging of these three equestrian clubs and relocating to a new Crown land location?
  - (3) If yes, what locations have been identified for the proposed new amalgamated equestrian club and are there any environmental issues concerned with these sites?
- 2441 POTTSVILLE COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health—
- Given that no funding details or planned development start and finish dates have been provided for the HealthOne NSW Centre in the 2007/08 budget or by the Minister in previous correspondence:
- (1) How much funding does the Government intend to commit to this project?
  - (2) (a) Will funding for this facility be provided in the 2008/09 budget?  
(b) If not, why not?
  - (3) What are the planned start and finish dates for this project?
- 2442 ACCELERATED SEWERAGE PROGRAM—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)—
- (1) What towns are serviced by the eight sewerage projects under the Accelerated Sewerage Program?
  - (2) Which catchments do those towns currently discharge sewerage into?
  - (3) When will the last of these projects be completed?
- 2443 RECYCLED WATER—SOUTH WEST—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—
- (1) What potential recycled water plans have been developed for the South West Growth Sector?
  - (2) How many recycled water plants will be built in the South West Growth Sector?
  - (3) What level of treatment will be applied?
  - (4) What technologies will be employed?
  - (5) When will the South West Sector Environmental Impact Assessment be finished?

- 2444 SYDNEY CATCHMENT AUTHORITY—ACCOUNTS—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)—
- (1) What capital projects were funded with the Sydney Catchment Authority's (SCA) increased borrowings of \$64 million in 2007?
  - (2) What institution was this money borrowed from?
  - (3) What are the total borrowings for the SCA?
  - (4) How much interest does the SCA pay on this debt annually?
  - (5) In the Abridged Consolidated Income Statement, what forms of income are included under 'Other Income'?
- 2445 BOTTLED OR SPRING WATER—Mr Anthony Roberts to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—
- How much money has been spent by the Department on bottled or spring water in each financial year from 2000-2001, through to 2007 up to 31 March 2008, inclusive?
- 2446 OVERSEAS TRAVEL—Mr Anthony Roberts to ask the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—
- (1) How much money has been spent on overseas travel by the Department for each financial year commencing 2000-2001 up to 2006-2007, inclusive?
  - (2) What were each of the destinations visited, how many staff attended and what was the individual cost per trip?
- 2447 TUBERCULOSIS—Mr Anthony Roberts to ask the Minister for Health—
- Over the past 12 months, how many positive tests for tuberculosis have been detected in:
- (a) the Sydney Metropolitan area;
  - (b) the north shore?
- 2448 F3 FREEWAY—Mr George Souris to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- (1) What is the current status of the "extension of the F3 to Branxton" project?
  - (2) Is this project part of the Government's 2010 or 2020 Transport Vision or State Plan?
  - (3) What proportion of the total funds is the Government of NSW committed to?
  - (4) Are you currently engaged with the Federal Government in discussions to vary the scope, specification and timetable for the extension of the F3?
  - (5) What are the details of these discussions and what is the NSW position on the proposed project?
- 2449 TILLEGRA DAM—Mr George Souris to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—
- In respect of the proposed Tillegra Dam in the Dungog Shire:
- (1) Is it intended that water stored in Tillegra Dam be used for (a) residential supply (b) industrial and/or new industrial water supply, in the Hunter Water Board area?
  - (2) Is it intended to supply by sale water for the Central Coast Water Utility and/or the Sydney Water area?
  - (3) Will supply, in the case of either (1) or (2) above, be on a total cost recovery or commercial sale rates? How will the selling price be determined?
- 2450 TAXIS—NORTHERN BEACHES—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- How many taxis operated from the Northern Beaches of Sydney in each of the years 1996 to 2007 inclusive?
- 2451 TAXIS—NORTHERN BEACHES—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- How many taxi plates have been issued to taxis operating from the Northern Beaches of Sydney since 1996?
- 2452 BIRTHS AT MONA VALE HOSPITAL—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Health—

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How many babies were born at Mona Vale Hospital in 2007?

- 2453 COMMUNITY USE OF SCHOOLS—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—
- (1) Given the Community Use of Schools document has been languishing within the Department of Education and Training's bureaucracy for the last two years, what is the current status of the document?
  - (2) When will the document be made public?
  - (3) What is being done to develop a distinctive directive for Community Colleges' access to the State's schools?
- 2454 COMMUNITY COLLEGES – FUNDING AGREEMENTS—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—
- (1) Given the Federal Government provides indexation with agreements it has with the NSW Government will the Minister agree to provide indexation on future funding agreements with the NSW Community Colleges sector?
  - (2) If not, why not?
- 2455 MELVILLE HIGH SCHOOL—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 the support unit at Melville High School:
- (1) How long has the support unit at Melville High School been in a demountable building?
  - (2) When is it proposed to provide proper shower and toilet facilities and construct a permanent purpose-built support unit at Melville High School?
- 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—
- (1) Is the former Labor candidate for North Sydney, Mike Bailey employed in any capacity within the Department of Lands?
  - (2) If so, in what capacity?
  - (3) If so, on what remuneration?
  - (4) If so, when and how was the position to be filled advertised and what was the wording of such advertisement?
  - (5) Did you personally know Mr Bailey before he applied for the position in your department?
  - (6) Did you have any contact, directly or indirectly, in any manner with Mr Bailey prior to him applying for the position?
  - (7) If so, why and in what context?
  - (8) Did you in any way suggest or encourage Mr Bailey to apply for any position in your department?
  - (9) Did you indicate your support to Mr Bailey should he apply for any positions in your department?
  - (10) Did you indicate your support to Mr Bailey to any person in your department or who might be directly or indirectly involved in the recruitment of Mr Bailey?
  - (11) If so, who was that person or persons?
  - (12) Who was the person who was directly responsible for the employment of Mr Bailey at your department?
  - (13) Have you called in that person and/or your Director General to explain to you why Mr Bailey was employed, what role he has in your department and what expertise he has to fulfil that role?
  - (14) If not, why not?
  - (15) If so, what was the result of such discussions?
  - (16) When was the first time you knew Mr Bailey was employed by your department?
  - (17) What in fact is the role Mr Bailey undertakes in your department?
  - (18) What are his hours of work?
  - (19) If less than normal public service hours of work, why are they less?
  - (20) Does Mr Bailey undertake secondary employment?

- (21) If so, in what capacity?
- (22) If so, did he seek secondary employment as part of his agreement to work with your department?
- (23) If so, why was secondary employment granted?
- (24) If he did not seek secondary employment as part of his original employment arrangement, when did he seek permission from your department to undertake any such secondary employment?
- (25) Who in your department granted permission, if any, for Mr Bailey to undertake secondary employment?
- (26) Were you informed of Mr Bailey's secondary employment?
- (27) If so, when?
- (28) If so, by whom?
- (29) How many other persons in your department on a like salary/wage band to Mr Bailey have sought and obtained permission from the relevant officer of your department to undertake secondary employment?
- (30) Would Mr Bailey's position in consideration of his wage/salary be considered a Senior Executive Service position?
- (31) If so, do you have to approve any appointments at Senior Executive level?
- (32) If so, on what date were you made aware of Mr Bailey's appointment?
- (33) If so, on what date did you approve the appointment to Senior Executive level?
- 2457 CAPE HAWKE COMMUNITY PRIVATE HOSPITAL—Mr John Turner to ask the Minister for Health—
- (1) Did the Minister make public statements that 20 public beds would be available in the Cape Hawke Community Private Hospital by the end of the financial year (2007-2008)?
- (2) If so, what is the current position in relation to the supply and commissioning of the beds?
- (3) If so, will the commissioned beds be open by the end of the financial year mentioned above?
- (4) If not, why not?
- (5) If not, when will the beds be supplied and commissioned?
- 2458 REPRESENTATIONS—MR PHIL BAKER—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)—
- When will the Minister reply to my letter dated 2 October 2007 and follow up letters dated 15 November 2007, 12 December 2007 and 11 January 2008 on behalf of Mr Phil Baker concerning running a commercial enterprise in a national park on special occasions?
- 2459 XPT SERVICE TO DUBBO—Mr Russell Turner to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- (1) What is the total number of passengers travelling on the Sydney-Dubbo-Sydney XPT service for the years:
- (a) 2004;
- (b) 2005;
- (c) 2006;
- (d) 2007?
- (2) Of those passengers what percentage were:
- (a) Full paying passengers;
- (b) Passengers utilising a pensioner or other rebate allowance?
- (3) What is the passenger capacity of this service?
- (4) How often is service capacity reduced through a reduction of carriages or engines?
- 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—
- Given there are considerable problems with traffic surrounding schools built in the past ten years due to a lack of car parking spaces and inappropriate kiss and drop zones being implemented in the initial planning stages of these schools:
- (1) Will the Government ensure appropriate parent parking and kiss and drop facilities will be built within the boundaries of all new schools to eliminate further traffic problems around these areas in the future?
- (2) Will the Minister review the traffic problems around existing schools to investigate opportunities of



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incorporating additional parking facilities within these sites?

2461 LYMPHOEDEMA TREATMENT—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Minister for Health—

Given many women who have been affected by breast cancer also suffer lymphoedema as a result of breast cancer and that treatment by massaging to alleviate the pain is extremely costly with limited rebates:

When will the Government increase funding for women suffering lymphoedema who are not in a position to pay for additional massage treatment?

2462 COMMUNITY TRANSPORT—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Minister for Health—

Given the Health Department was granted \$10,000 some time ago to undertake a study into the needs of greater community transport in the rural areas of Hawkesbury:

- (1) When will this study be completed?
- (2) Will the Government provide additional community transport on behalf of the residents in New South Wales who are suffering cancer and renal failure and who need this service desperately?