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0006 INCENTIVES TO SMALL BUSINESSES AND BANKS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Small Business—

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0010 LIVERPOOL RAILWAY TURNBACK—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Transport—

0011 LIVERPOOL POLICE STATION—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

0012 COST OF CHANGE OF NAME—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

0013 BLUE MOUNTAINS DISTRICT ANZAC MEMORIAL HOSPITAL—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

0014 UNATTACHED/DISPLACED EMPLOYEES—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

0015 VEHICULAR FLOW FROM ARCHBOLD ROAD TO PENSHURST STREET—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

0016 M2-F3 LINK PROJECT—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

0017 WAKEHURST PARKWAY FLOODING—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

0018 RAPID BUS TRANSIT SYSTEM—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

0019 STATE DEBT RECOVERY OFFICE—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

0020 PRIMARY SCHOOL DRUG PREVENTION PROGRAM—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Education—

0021 BULLI HOSPITAL—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- 0022 MOUNT OUSLEY ROAD REST STOP—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 0023 PICTON ROAD IMPROVEMENTS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 0024 FIGTREE HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Education—
- 0025 LAKE MACQUARIE LOCAL AREA COMMAND—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 0026 AIR-CONDITIONING POLICY FOR SCHOOLS—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Minister for Education—
- 0027 CASINO-MURWILLUMBAH RAIL LINE—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 0028 TWEED HOSPITAL—HIP REPLACEMENTS—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 0029 SOLAR BONUS SCHEME—Mr Richard Torbay to ask the Minister for Resources and Energy, Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Central Coast—

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- 0030 METROBUS SERVICES—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Transport—
- (1) How many Metrobus services are currently operating in the Sydney Metropolitan area?
 - (2) Has the Metro 71 service been announced to provide a service from Mount Druitt to Castle Towers?
 - (3) Will the Government proceed with the introduction of the Metro 71 service?
- 0031 NEWCASTLE INNER CITY BYPASS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- What funding will be provided in the 2011-2012 budget for the building of the Newcastle Inner City Bypass (NICB), Stage 5, from Jesmond to Rankin Park?
- 0032 PAMBULA HOSPITAL—MATERNITY SERVICES—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- What are the Minister's plans for maternity services at Pambula Hospital?
- 0033 MONA VALE HOSPITAL—MATERNITY SERVICES—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- What are the Minister's plans for maternity services at Mona Vale Hospital?
- 0034 EASTERN SUBURBS RAILWAY NOISE ABATEMENT—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Transport—
- With regard to the RailCorp noise abatement program for areas acutely affected by rail noise:
- (1) What action has been taken to date on this project and what is the outcome of the Options Study referred to in Question 11288 (previous Session)?
 - (2) What action has been taken to mitigate noise impacts around:
 - (a) The Domain portal and Woolloomooloo;
 - (b) Rushcutters Bay/Paddington to Glenmore Road;
 - (c) Edgecliff?
 - (3) What other options are available to reduce noise in these areas?
 - (4) What complaints have been received about train noise in these areas over the past 12 months and are these complaints increasing or decreasing?
 - (5) What action is included in RailCorp's Rail Noise Abatement Program?
 - (6) What other action can be taken to prevent train and railway noise impacts on adjacent residents?

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0035 FORGOTTEN AUSTRALIANS COMPENSATION—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

With respect to the NSW Government action to redress the physical, psychological and social harm suffered by the "Forgotten Australians" while in institutional or out-of-home care as children:

- (1) What services have been provided to "Forgotten Australians" in NSW to help them deal with the long term impacts of this abuse?
- (2) What funds of the \$9 million previously committed over five years have been spent on these services?
- (3) What new services will be funded in the next four years?
- (4) How will the Government identify and promote specialised counselling and training services for "Forgotten Australians"?
- (5) What action will the Government take in response to the Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee 2010 Review of Government Compensation Payments recommendation that the NSW Government should establish an administrative scheme to provide redress to "Forgotten Australians"?
- (6) What other action does the Government plan to help "Forgotten Australians"?

0036 FLYING FOXES—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

With regard to the State Government's pre-election commitment of \$5 million in subsidies to net smaller farms in the Sydney basin to protect fruit crops from flying foxes:

- (1) (a) Will all farms on which flying fox shooting licences are held receive assistance?
(b) If not, how many farms with shooting licences will not receive assistance?
- (2) When will farms commence getting assistance for netting?
- (3) (a) Once the netting is in place, will the NSW Government revoke shooting licences for netted properties?
(b) If not, why not?

0037 HOUSING NSW RENTS FOR SINGLE PENSIONERS—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

With respect to the 2009 addition to Commonwealth Government single pensions, and noting that proposed Housing NSW rent increases have been twice deferred because of the impact on single pensioners:

- (1) What review has the Government carried out of these pension updates and the rationale for excluding this from calculation of rents?
- (2) What assessment has the Government made of potential impacts of rent increases on single pensioners?
- (3) When does the Government plan to inform pensioners about any rent increases linked to these pension updates?
- (4) How will Community Housing Providers treat the 2009 single pension update in rent calculations?
- (5) How will the Government ensure that single pensioners retain the benefit of the 2009 pension update and are not worse off as a result of changes to Housing NSW rent calculation?

0038 TOM UREN SQUARE—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

With respect to longstanding anti-social behaviour problems in Housing NSW property at and around Tom Uren Square:

- (1) What assessment has Housing NSW made to apply for an Alcohol Prohibited Zone for Tom Uren Square, following legislative changes that allow this measure to be applied to address serious alcohol-related crime and anti-social behaviour?
- (2) Will Housing NSW apply for an Alcohol Prohibited Zone at this location to enable police to act on these concerns?
- (3) What action will Housing NSW take to address residents' concerns about waste, litter, vomit and public urination in Tom Uren Square?
- (4) What action will the Government take to address anti-social behaviour on Housing NSW property at Tom Uren Square?

0039 WOONONA HIGH SCHOOL—NEW SCIENCE LABS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Education—

What is the latest information on the timeline to commence construction of the new science labs for Woonona High School?

0040 BELLEVUE ROAD AND PRINCES HIGHWAY INTERSECTION—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

(1) What is the latest information on the works being carried out at the intersection of Bellevue Road and Princes Highway, Figtree?

(2) What month in 2012 is this expected to be open for traffic?

0041 KEIRA HIGH SCHOOL—HALL UPGRADE—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Education—

Are there any plans to upgrade the hall at Keira High School to cope with the demands of the school going forward?

0042 SCHOOL COUNSELLING SERVICES—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—

(1) How many meetings have been held of the group reviewing school counselling services, established following the Deputy Coroner's report into the death of a student at Kadina High School?

(2) Is the Minister committed to implementing the findings of the review?