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- 2036 RETAIL ELECTRICITY MARKET—Mr Richard Amery 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—
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- 2043 DESALINATION PROJECT—STAGE 2—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Water Utilities—
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- 2046 NSW MARITIME—EMPLOYMENT OF STAFF—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Minister for Ports and Waterways—
- 2047 PHARMACISTS—GREATER SOUTHERN AREA HEALTH SERVICE—Mr Adrian Piccoli to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2048 POPPA BILL'S MOTEL—BANORA POINT—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Housing, Minister for Tourism—
- 2049 KINGSCLIFF 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—
- 2050 TWEED HEADS COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2051 ATTENDANCE AT EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS—Mrs Jillian Skinner to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2052 FTE AGENCY NURSES IN THE GREATER WESTERN AREA HEALTH SERVICE—Mrs Jillian Skinner to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2053 FTE AGENCY NURSES IN THE SOUTH EASTERN SYDNEY ILLAWARRA AREA HEALTH SERVICE—Mrs Jillian Skinner to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2054 UNUSED SCHOOL SITES—Mr George Souris 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—

- 2055 LAND AT NARRABEEN LAGOON—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Climate Change Environment and Water representing the Minister for Lands, Minister for Rural Affairs, Minister for Regional Development—
- 2056 DOCTORS AT MONA VALE HOSPITAL—WHITE COATS—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Health—
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- 2058 SYDNEY PARKLANDS TRUST—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- 2059 NEW POWER GENERATION FACILITY—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- 2060 RENEWABLE ENERGY GENERATION—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—
- 2061 RENEWABLE ENERGY GENERATION—Mr Peter Debnam to ask 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—
- 2062 CLEAN COAL COUNCIL—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Premier, Minister for Citizenship—
- 2063 ROLL-OUT OF SMART METERS—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Premier, Minister for Citizenship—
- 2064 LEASING OF EXISTING ELECTRICITY GENERATORS—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Premier, Minister for Citizenship—
- 2065 YASS DAM UPGRADE—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—
- 2066 DOCS CASEWORKER STAFFING—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- 2067 P-PLATE EXEMPTIONS—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2068 EX-DOCTOR GRAEME REEVES—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2069 MENTAL HEALTH INTERVENTION TEAM—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 2070 EQUIPMENT AT HORNSBY HOSPITAL—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2071 UNIVERSITY OF NEWCASTLE—Ms Sonia Hornery 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—
- 2072 SYDNEY DESALINATION PROJECT LIAISON GROUP—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—
- 2073 MIRANDA RAILWAY STATION LIFT—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2074 TITLE OF LAND TRANSFER—KURNELL—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Climate Change Environment and Water representing the Minister for Lands, Minister for Rural Affairs, Minister for Regional Development—

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- 2075 SECURITY FENCE—YOWIE BAY PUBLIC SCHOOL—Mr Malcolm Kerr 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—
- 2076 ABORIGINAL LAND RIGHTS CLAIM—KURNELL—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—
- 2077 LEVEL CROSSINGS—IMPROVED SAFETY—Mr Daryl Maguire to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2078 WASTE AVOIDANCE AND RESOURCE RECOVERY ACT—Mr Daryl Maguire to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2079 BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY LONG SERVICE PAYMENTS CORPORATION BOARD—Mr Daryl Maguire 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—
- 2080 DRIVERS OVER 85 YEARS OF AGE—Mr Daryl Maguire to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2081 OLD TOWN BRIDGE—Mr Daryl Maguire to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2082 APPOINTMENT OF PLANNING PANEL TO KU-RING-GAI COUNCIL—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—
- 2083 STAFF NUMBERS IN MINISTERIAL OFFICES—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Premier, Minister for Citizenship—
- 2084 NEW NETBALL COURTS—BELROSE—Mr Jonathan O'Dea 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—
- 2085 RURAL LANDS PROTECTION BOARD—RATES AND ANNUAL REPORTING—Mr Donald Page 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—
- 2086 DIAGNOSTIC SERVICES FOR FOETAL ALCOHOL SPECTRUM DISORDER—Mr Donald Page to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2087 NOISE LEVEL TESTING—PACIFIC HIGHWAY UPGRADE—Mr Donald Page to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2088 PENSIONER ENERGY REBATE—Mr Geoff Provest to ask 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—
- 2089 CATTLE TICK SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS—Mr Geoff Provest to ask 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—
- 2090 REVIEW OF PUBLIC LIBRARY FUNDING—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- 2091 FTE AGENCY NURSES IN THE SYDNEY SOUTH WEST AREA HEALTH SERVICE—Mrs Jillian Skinner to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2092 FTE AGENCY NURSES IN THE NORTHERN SYDNEY CENTRAL COAST AREA HEALTH SERVICE—Mrs Jillian Skinner to ask the Minister for Health—

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- 2093 FTE AGENCY NURSES IN THE NORTH COAST AREA HEALTH SERVICE—Mrs Jillian Skinner to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2094 PRIVATISATION OF ELECTRICITY SECTOR—IMPACT ON PENSIONERS—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2095 DRESS POLICY FOR MEDICAL STAFF—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2096 BUS SERVICES BETWEEN MONA VALE AND WYNYARD—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2097 SCHOOLCHILDREN WITH ADD AND ADHD—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—
- 2098 OFFICE OF THE PROTECTIVE COMMISSIONER—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 2099 MARIA RIVER BRIDGE—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2100 KEMPSEY SHOWGROUND FUNDING—Mr Andrew Stoner 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—
- 2101 MANNING RIVER ENTRANCE OPENING—Mr John Turner to ask the Minister for Climate Change Environment and Water representing the Minister for Lands, Minister for Rural Affairs, Minister for Regional Development—
- 2102 KERIN REPORT INTO THE WESTERN LANDS—Mr John Turner to ask the Minister for Climate Change Environment and Water representing the Minister for Lands, Minister for Rural Affairs, Minister for Regional Development—
- 2103 OVERTAKING LANES—OLD NORTHERN ROAD—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2104 NORTH RICHMOND BRIDGE—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2105 TREES ALONG WISEMANS FERRY ROAD—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2106 LOT 59 BROADWATER ROAD GLENORIE—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Minister for Climate Change Environment and Water representing the Minister for Lands, Minister for Rural Affairs, Minister for Regional Development—

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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—

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

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

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- 2108 SUPPLY OF COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT—Mr Greg Aplin to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—
- What is the update for the completion of the supply of communication equipment for the NSW State Emergency Service as committed to in Budget Paper No. 4 2007-2008?
- 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)—
- (1) How many beds are currently provided for mental health patients at Concord Hospital?
 - (2) Is there a plan to increase the number of beds provided for mental health patients at Concord Hospital?
- 2110 BUS RAPID TRANSIT SYSTEM—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- (1) Has the Minister considered the feasibility of a Bus Rapid Transit system on the Northern Beaches?
 - (2) When will a public transport plan for the Northern Beaches be released?
- 2111 STAFF TURNOVER—RAILCORP—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- What was the staff turnover rate (defined as the percentage of staff who resigned, were terminated or moved to a different department in the NSW public service) at RailCorp every year between 2002 and 2007?
- 2112 STAFF TURNOVER—DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- What was the staff turnover rate (defined as the percentage of staff who resigned, were terminated or moved to a different department in the NSW public service) at the Department of Community Services every year between 2002 and 2007?
- 2113 STAFF TURNOVER—NORTHERN SYDNEY CENTRAL COAST AREA HEALTH SERVICE—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Health—
- What was the staff turnover rate (defined as the percentage of staff who resigned, were terminated or moved to a different department in the NSW public service) at the Northern Sydney Central Coast Area Health Service every year between 2002 and 2007?
- 2114 NORTHERN AREA HOSPITAL PLAN—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Health—
- When will the Northern Area hospital plan, which the Minister said on 29 November 2007 would be going to Cabinet imminently, be made available?
- 2115 LICENSING OF OLDER DRIVERS—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- (1) When will the Roads and Traffic Authority respond to the submissions received in relation to its discussion paper on the Licensing of Older Drivers?
 - (2) Does the Minister support a mandatory 10-km restriction for drivers once they turn 85?
- 2116 STAFF TURNOVER—DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- What was the staff turnover rate (defined as the percentage of staff who resigned, were terminated or moved to a different department in the NSW public service) at the Department of Commerce every year between 2002 and 2007?
- 2117 DISBANDING OF PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- (1) What efficiencies have been gained from disbanding the NSW Public Works Department and having projects managed by each Department?
 - (2) What was the total number of people managing infrastructure projects before the Public Works Department was disbanded?
 - (3) How many people currently manage infrastructure projects?

- 2118 SPIT-MILITARY ROAD WORKING GROUP—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- (1) Has the Spit-Military Road working group made any recommendations to the Government on the corridor?
 - (2) Has the Government provided the working group with a deadline?
 - (3) How many times has the working group met since it was established in May 2007?
- 2119 CHATSWOOD-EPPING RAIL LINE—Ms Gladys Berejiklian to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- From what date will rail commuters be able to use the Chatswood-Epping rail line?
- 2120 NORTH-WEST HEAVY RAIL LINK—Ms Gladys Berejiklian to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- From what date will rail commuters be able to use the North-West heavy rail link?
- 2121 STA BUSES—EPPING ROAD—Ms Gladys Berejiklian to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- In relation to STA buses travelling along Epping Road:
- (1) How many services to the city via the freeway currently service the morning peak?
 - (2) How many of these services were introduced following the opening of the Lane Cove tunnel?
 - (3) How many additional services will be introduced to service the needs of residents in Lane Cove North, heavily reliant on freeway buses to the city?
- 2122 CHATSWOOD RAILWAY STATION—SIGNAGE—Ms Gladys Berejiklian to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- What provision is there for signage at Chatswood Railway Station when lifts or escalators are not operational to save the less mobile from further inconvenience?
- 2123 267 BUS SERVICE—Ms Gladys Berejiklian to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- In relation to the 267 bus service from Crows Nest to Chatswood (via Northbridge):
- (1) How frequent is this bus service both in peak time and off-peak time?
 - (2) What is the on-time running record of the service?
 - (3) What action has the Government taken to make the service more reliable?
 - (4) Is the Government considering increasing the frequency of the service?
- 2124 NSW FOOD AUTHORITY INVESTIGATIONS—Mr Richard Amery 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 light of the information provided by the Minister for Health in answer to Question No 1264:
- (1) Has the New South Wales Food Authority carried out any investigation into any complaints from people suffering ill health caused by the consumption of genetically engineered (GE) foods?
 - (2) Is the authority aware of any such investigation being carried out in any other jurisdiction?
 - (3) Is there any evidence available to the New South Wales Food Authority that would suggest that the consumption of genetically engineered food is harmful to human health?
 - (4) If so, what is this evidence?
- 2125 PUBLIC SECTOR USE OF ETHANOL BLENDS—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Premier, Minister for Citizenship—
- In relation to public sector use of ethanol blends:
- Given the Premier's response to Question No 1118, can the Premier confirm the Government therefore collects no management information on the quantity of ethanol used by public sector vehicles?
- 2126 ENERGY DIRECTIONS GREEN PAPER—Mr Peter Debnam to ask 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 the NSW Government's 2004 Energy Directions Green Paper and the Minister's response to

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Question No 1447:

- (1) Has the Minister retained a list of which individuals and organisations made submissions on the 2004 Energy Directions Green Paper?
- (2) If so, how many "submissions made to the Energy Directions Green Paper" were made available for "approximately two years on the website of the former Department of Energy, Utilities and Sustainability"?
- (3) Which individuals and organisations made submissions?

2127 FEED-IN TARIFFS—Mr Peter Debnam to ask 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 feed-in tariffs and the Minister's responses to Question No 1268 and Question No 1888:

- (1) Given that the Minister agrees that a viable feed-in tariff would encourage large-scale commercial premises to install PV solar panels, why will the Minister not follow the example of other states and introduce feed-in tariffs?
- (2) What meetings has the Minister had with the Federal Minister for Energy to discuss the introduction of feed-in tariffs?

2128 IMPROVING THE NSW PLANNING SYSTEM DISCUSSION PAPER—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask 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?

2129 PART 3A PROJECTS—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask 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?

2130 PART 3A PROJECTS—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask 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?

2131 PROCESSING OF PART 3A DEVELOPMENTS—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask 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 development?
- (3) What are the details of the development in question (2)?

2132 PART 3A PROJECTS—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask 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?

2133 MEETINGS WITH ABORIGINAL HOUSING COMPANY—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask 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?

2134 RELEASE OF SUBREGIONAL STRATEGIES—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask 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?

- 2135 IMPROVING THE NSW PLANNING SYSTEM DISCUSSION PAPER—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask 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?
- 2136 UNANSWERED CORRESPONDENCE—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- (1) What was the percentage real increase in funding for main roads rehabilitation and construction that Cootamundra Shire Council received from the NSW Government in:
 - (a) 2000-01;
 - (b) 2001-02;
 - (c) 2002-03;
 - (d) 2003-04;
 - (e) 2004-05;
 - (f) 2005-06;
 - (g) 2006-07;
 - (h) 2007-08?
 - (2) What is the actual amount of funding provided by the NSW Government to Cootamundra Shire Council for main roads rehabilitation and construction during 2007-08?
 - (3) Why, despite many calls from my office seeking a response, have you not answered my correspondence 07K014 dated 24 May 2007 (your reference M07/3556)?
 - (4) When will you reply to this letter?
- 2137 HOSPITAL FOOD—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Health—
- (1) Which hospitals in the Berrinjuck electorate were part of the recent safety audit conducted by the NSW Food Authority?
 - (2) If no hospitals in the Berrinjuck electorate took part in this audit, why were they excluded?
 - (3) Which of the hospitals participating in the audit met all of the standards covered in the audit?
- 2138 LEGAL COSTS—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- What was the total legal cost incurred by the Department of Community Services in opposing the Government And Related Employees Tribunal Appeal No. PSD /287/06 heard on 23 January 2007?
- 2139 MARY GILES WARD—AIR-CONDITIONING—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Health—
- (1) Is cost-cutting the reason the air-conditioning in Mary Giles Ward at Hornsby Hospital is not operational at all times?
 - (2) If not, what is the reason the air-conditioning is not working, or turned off for part of the day?
 - (3) Are there other wards operating air-conditioning in this manner?
 - (4) If so, which wards?
- 2140 MARY GILES WARD—BLINDS—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Health—
- (1) Are the blinds in some of the ward areas of the Mary Giles Ward at Hornsby Hospital broken?
 - (2) If so, when will the blinds be repaired or replaced?
- 2141 AUDIOLOGY CLINIC—HORNSBY HOSPITAL—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Health—
- (1) What is the current status of the Audiology Clinic at Hornsby Hospital?
 - (2) Will it reopen?
- 2142 STATUTORY PLANNING POWERS OF LOCAL COUNCILS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask 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?

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- 2143 UNRULY HOUSING COMMISSION TENANTS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Housing, Minister for Tourism—
- (1) What are the procedures for dealing with unruly tenants in housing commission developments?
 - (2) Is there a time frame for an outcome to any action required?
 - (3) What are the penalties for misconduct by the unruly tenant?
 - (4) How do we protect other tenants?
- 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)—
- (1) How much of the \$5.8 million promised in 2004 has been spent on the upgrade of Captain Cook's Landing Site at Kurnell?
 - (2) What projects have been completed to date?
 - (3) What projects are yet to be completed?
- 2145 SALE OF AQUATIC WEEDS—Mr Daryl Maguire to ask 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—
- (1) What measures are being taken to stop the sale of aquatic weeds in New South Wales?
 - (2) Does NSW legislation mirror that of Queensland and Victoria in relation to aquatic weed sales legislation?
 - (3) What inspections are carried out to ensure aquatic weed sales are monitored?
 - (4) Have there been any prosecutions of illegal weed retailers or growers?
 - (5) Have any examples been uncovered of individuals deliberately spreading weeds in an aquatic environment with the intention to harvest the weed for sale in nurseries and pet shops?
 - (6) Who monitors the sale of aquatic noxious weeds?
 - (7) Under which jurisdiction does prosecution take place?
- 2146 PARTY BUSES—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- With respect to "party buses" that convey groups of people around the city, particularly in the evening:
- (1) Is the Minister aware of patrons of these bus services vomiting and urinating in public areas where these buses stop?
 - (2) How many "party buses" operate in Sydney?
 - (3) How does the Government accredit and monitor these bus services?
 - (4) What requirements do these bus operators have to apply Responsible Service of Alcohol?
 - (5) What requirements do these bus operators have to provide toilets or toilet breaks where toilets are available?
 - (6) What is the Government's inspection program for these bus services?
- 2147 "GREENING" ELECTORATE OFFICES—Ms Clover Moore 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)—
- Given recent installations of solar panels, water tanks and other energy saving provisions in Parliament House:
- (1) To what extent will the NSW Government retrofit electorate offices across the State with water and energy saving devices?
 - (2) What consideration has the NSW Government given to installing solar panels on electorate office roofs?
 - (3) What consideration has the NSW Government given to installing water tanks in electorate offices for use in bathrooms?
 - (4) What assessment has the NSW Government made on establishing a policy to only rent buildings for electorate offices that meet a minimum energy and water sustainability requirement?
- 2148 PADDINGTON BOWLING CLUB SITE—Ms Clover Moore 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—

With regard to revelations during the current Inquiry into Paddington Bowling Club Ltd that since refusal in 2006 of the club's application to purchase the Crown land site it leases, the club has approached the Minister and again asked to purchase the site:

- (1) Does the NSW Government plan to sell the Paddington Bowling Club site and an area of land adjacent to the site to the Paddington Bowling Club?
 - (2) If not, to what extent is the NSW Government committed to maintaining the site in public ownership in the long-term?
- 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—
- (1) Regarding the December 2005 Report of the Legal Fees Review Panel into legal costs in New South Wales, how many of the 37 recommendations have been implemented?
 - (2) Is the Government considering any future changes to the current system for cost assessment of legal bills?
- 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—
- (1) Mindful of the obligation in Section 393 of the Legal Profession Act (Part 3.2) with respect to cost assessors, how many legal professionals have been referred to the Legal Services Commissioner for disciplinary action since the start of 2005?
 - (2) Mindful of the obligation in Section 393 of the Legal Profession Act before it was reviewed in 2004 with respect to cost assessors, how many legal professionals have been referred to the Legal Services Commissioner for disciplinary action since the Act was gazetted in 1994?
- 2151 WSN ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Youth, Minister for Volunteering—
- (1) What plans are being considered to sell WSN Environmental Services?
 - (2) What plans are being considered specifically to sell the WSN Belrose landfill site?
- 2152 DRINK DRIVING OFFENCES—TWEED ELECTORATE—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- What is the number of drink driving offences committed in the Tweed electorate by:
- (a) Drivers residing in the Tweed electorate:
 - (i) during 2006;
 - (ii) during 2007 year-to-date?
 - (b) Drivers from Queensland:
 - (i) during 2006;
 - (ii) during 2007 year-to-date?
 - (c) Drivers residing in any other part of NSW other than the Tweed electorate:
 - (i) during 2006;
 - (ii) during 2007 year-to-date?
- 2153 SPEED CAMERA—SEXTON HILL—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts representing the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 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?

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- 2154 PETROLEUM PRODUCTS SUBSIDY SCHEME—NORTHERN NSW—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts representing the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 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?
- 2155 FTE AGENCY NURSES IN THE GREATER SOUTHERN AREA HEALTH SERVICE—Mrs Jillian Skinner to ask the Minister for Health—
- How many FTE agency nurses are employed at each hospital in the Greater Southern Area Health Service?
- 2156 FTE AGENCY NURSES IN THE HUNTER NEW ENGLAND AREA HEALTH SERVICE—Mrs Jillian Skinner to ask the Minister for Health—
- How many FTE agency nurses are employed at each hospital in the Hunter New England Area Health Service?
- 2157 NORTHERN SYDNEY CENTRAL COAST AREA HEALTH SERVICE BUDGET—Mrs Jillian Skinner to ask the Minister for Health—
- What was the 2006-07, 2005-06 and 2004-05 budget, on a net cost of services basis, for each of the hospital-based networks within the Northern Sydney Central Coast Area Health Service?
- 2158 TRAFFIC SIGNALS AT PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- Is there a formula to qualify the installation of traffic signals at pedestrian crossings?
- 2159 NEW SEATING AT BROOKVALE OVAL—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Gaming and Racing, Minister for Sport and Recreation—
- Has the Minister received any request from the Manly Sea Eagles about getting new seats at Brookvale Oval?
- 2160 BROOKVALE OVAL UPGRADE—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Gaming and Racing, Minister for Sport and Recreation—
- (1) Will further State Government funding be given to upgrade Brookvale Oval?
 - (2) If so, when?
- 2161 MARTIN BRIDGE—TAREE—Mr John Turner to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- (1) Does the Roads and Traffic Authority own the Martin Bridge at Taree?
 - (2) If so, has there been a deterioration of the pavement surface of the bridge?
 - (3) If so, is this impacting on the smoothness of the ride surface and potentially causing road safety issues?
 - (4) If so, why has the Roads and Traffic Authority allowed this condition to arise?
 - (5) If so, what do they intend to do about it?
 - (6) If so, when do they intend to do something about it?
 - (7) Is the same bridge experiencing peeling paint on the bridge superstructure?
 - (8) If so, is such paint a lead based paint?
 - (9) If so, are these paint fragments falling into and therefore polluting the Manning River?
 - (10) If so, what does the Roads and Traffic Authority intend to do about it?
 - (11) If nothing, why not?
 - (12) If they intend to do something, what will they do?
 - (13) If so, when will they do something about this problem?
 - (14) Are parts of the bridge components rusting?
 - (15) If so, does this affect the integrity of the bridge?
 - (16) If so, what does the Roads and Traffic Authority intend to do about it?
 - (17) If nothing, why not?

- (18) If they intend to take action, what action will they take?
- (19) When will they take such action?
- (20) Is the bridge included in any program for repainting works?
- (21) If so, when?
- (22) If not, why not?
- (23) If not, when will it be included in any program?