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Why has the Court Information Act 2010 not been proclaimed?

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- 5998 PUBLIC PURPOSE FUND TRUSTEES FUNDING LEVELS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- Will the Public Purpose Fund Trustees provide the clarifications sought by the Law and Justice Foundation concerning their levels of funding and their reserves, as referred to by the Chair of the Foundation Board of Governors in his message in the Law and Justice Foundation 2013 Annual Report?
- 5999 CORRECTIVE SERVICES NSW VACANCIES—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- How many vacancies were there in positions in Corrective Services NSW as at 1 August 2014?
- 6000 COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS OFFICER POSITION VACANCIES—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- (1) How many Community Corrections Officer position vacancies were there in NSW Corrective Services as at 1 August 2014?
- (a) Which positions were vacant and in which offices?
- 6001 OPERATION PROSPECT CONFLICT OF INTEREST—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Premier, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- (1) Did one of the senior officers in the Office of the Ombudsman, involved in Operation Prospect, have a close personal relationship with one of the potential principal witnesses?
- (a) If so, why does this not pose a conflict of interest?
- (b) If so, was this conflict declared?
- (c) If so, how can this conflict be resolved other than by the senior officer not being involved in the Operation?
- 6002 COMPLETION DATE OF OPERATION PROSPECT—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Premier, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- When will the Ombudsman complete Operation Prospect?
- 6003 OPERATION PROSPECT—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Premier, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- Why did the Deputy Ombudsman describe Operation Prospect as not being "criminal"?
- 6004 NSW POLICE FORCE TRAINING—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for Sport and Recreation, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Western Sydney—
- What training do members of the NSW Police Force undergo concerning the behaviour of those with a mental illness and issues of mental health?
- 6005 NSW POLICE FORCE USE OF DRONES—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for Sport and Recreation, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Western Sydney—
- (1) Does the NSW Police Force use or contract for the use of drones or unmanned aerial vehicles?
- (a) If so, how much of such use has there been from 1 July 2013 to 12 August 2014?
- 6006 HUNTER NEW ENGLAND HEALTH—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- (1) Will Hunter New England Health follow up with patients who attended the now defunct generalist counselling service to ensure that they have transitioned successfully into a new service?
- (a) If not, why not?
- 6007 COUNSELLING SERVICES IN THE HUNTER COMMUNITY—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- (1) Will the Government re-establish Hunter New England Health generalist counselling services or a similar free generalist counselling service within the Hunter community considering the uncertain future of Medicare Locals?
- (a) If not, why not?

- 6008 NURSES AT THE JOHN HUNTER HOSPITAL—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- (1) How many extra nurses will be employed at the John Hunter Hospital as a result of the current recruitment process to alleviate understaffing in operating theatres?
 - (2) Will the Government follow the recommendations of the external expert review commissioned by the Nurses and Midwives Association to make 37 extra nursing positions available?
 - (a) If not, why not?
- 6009 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE DEATH REVIEW TEAM—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- (1) Why has there has been an 8 month delay in convening the Domestic Violence Death Review Team which examines deaths resulting from domestic violence and reports to Parliament?
 - (2) How many cases are currently waiting to be examined?
 - (3) When will these domestic violence deaths be examined?
 - (4) When will the New South Wales public be informed of the results of these examinations?
- 6010 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE DEATH REVIEW TEAM MEETINGS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- Why hasn't the Domestic Violence Death Review Team, who are required under the Coroners Act 2009 to meet four times annually to make recommendations to the Government, met this year?
- 6011 2012 NEWCASTLE URBAN RENEWAL STRATEGY—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Women—
- For what period were the amendments to the 2012 Newcastle Urban Renewal Strategy (NURS) relating to high-rise development, which was exhibited for public comment from 14 December 2012 until 19 April 2013, displayed and for how long?
- 6012 PUBLIC HOUSING MAINTENANCE BUDGET—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services—
- (1) How much did the New South Wales Land and Housing Corporation allocate across New South Wales in the 2013-14 maintenance budget?
 - (2) What were the forecasted requirements in 2013-14 for the maintenance of public housing properties in the Hunter Region?
 - (3) What was the actual allocation of funds in 2013-14 for public housing properties in the Hunter Region?
 - (4) What were the forecasted requirements in 2013-14 for the maintenance of public housing properties in the Wallsend electorate?
 - (5) What was the actual allocation of funds in 2013-14 for public housing properties in the Wallsend electorate?
- 6013 SAFETY FOR PARAMEDICS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for Sport and Recreation, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Western Sydney—
- What is the Government doing to improve safety for paramedics?
- 6014 DAILY TRAIN COMMUTERS IN THE HUNTER—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—
- How many train commuters travelled daily from Maitland station to Newcastle Station and from East Maitland Station to Newcastle Station from 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2014?
- 6015 GOVERNMENT FUNDING FOR LOCAL LIBRARIES—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Local Government—
- (1) Is the Minister aware of concerns by local councils about the level of funding provided by the Government to local libraries?
 - (2) What is the Government doing to address the current funding shortage?
 - (3) What are the reasons for Government funding for public libraries being at their lowest level in decades?
- 6016 OPAL CARD RETAILERS IN THE NORTHERN ILLAWARRA—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—

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- (1) How come the distribution of Opal card retailers are so sparse in the Northern Illawarra?
 - (2) Why are there no facilities at any of the major transport hubs such as Thirroul and Austinmer to allow passengers to purchase Opal cards?
 - (3) What is the Government doing to educate retail outlets to help them better inform passengers about the Opal card?
- 6017 BUSTECH BOARD OF DIRECTORS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—
- (1) Do any of the board of directors of Bustech have direct links to any present or former Members of the New South Wales Parliament?
 - (a) If so, who are they and what are the links?
 - (b) If so, have they made any donations to the Liberal Party of New South Wales since 2011?

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