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- 4426 COMMUNITY OFFENDER SUPPORT PROGRAM REVIEW—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
  - (1) Is the review into the Community Offender Support Program Centre referred to in the public announcement of 9 August 2013 publicly available?
  - (2) If so, where is the review available?
- 4427 COMMUNITY OFFENDER SUPPORT PROGRAM REDUNDANCIES—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
  - (1) How many employee positions are affected by the announcement on 9 August 2013 of the discontinuation of six Community Offender Support Program Centres and the privatisation of one?
  - (2) How many redundancies will be offered in relation to these positions?
  - (3) How many redundancies have been accepted to date in relation to these positions?
- 4428 COMMUNITY OFFENDER SUPPORT PROGRAM CENTRE REPLACEMENT COSTS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
  - (1) What assessments have been done of the cost of non-government organisations in running the programs that will replace Community Offender Support Program Centres?
  - (2) Where are these assessments available?
- 4429 COMMUNITY OFFENDER SUPPORT PROGRAM STAFF RE-EMPLOYMENT—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
  - Will any arrangements be made for Corrective Services staff employed in discontinued Community Offender Support Program Centres to be employed by the non-government organisations which will provide replacement programs?
- 4430 CORRECTIVE SERVICES VACANCIES—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
  - (1) How many vacancies are there in positions in Corrective Services NSW as at 1 August 2013?
  - (2) How many vacancies are there in Community Corrections Officer positions as at 1 August 2013?
  - (3) Which positions in question (2) are vacant and in which offices?
- 4431 CORRECTIVE SERVICES VEHICLE REGISTRATION—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
  - (1) Were any vehicles owned by Corrective Services NSW unavailable for use in October 2012 due to delays in their registration?
  - (2) Were any Corrective Services NSW employees directed at any time in October 2012 not to use Corrective Services vehicles because of delays in the process of the vehicles' registration?
- 4432 CORRECTIVE SERVICES SUPERVISION OF PAROLEES—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
  - Which key performance indicators, if any, have been met by Corrective Services NSW staff in supervising Tier 3 parolees?
- 4433 YOUTH AND SPORT CENTRE FUNDING—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—
  - What payments, if any, have been made by the Government to:

- (a) Global Islamic Youth Centre Incorporated;
- (b) Global Islamic Youth Centre;
- (c) Global Sports and Function Centre;
- (d) Global Sports and Function Centre Ltd?
- 4434 TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT COMPANY FUNDING—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

What payments, if any, have been made by the Government to:

- (a) Precision Training Australia Pty Ltd;
- (b) Precision Employment Pty Ltd;
- (c) Precision Industries Australia Pty Limited;
- (d) Insight Training Group Australia Pty Ltd?
- 4435 GAME COUNCIL ABOLITION CONSULTATION—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Small Business—
  - (1) Was there any consultation with other affected parties after the Government received the Governance Review of the Game Council of NSW and prior to the abolition of the Game Council of NSW on 5 July 2013?
  - (2) If not, why not?
- 4436 GRAHAMSTOWN WATER TREATMENT PLANT TENDER—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Small Business—
  - (1) Has there been a call for expressions of interest to tender for the complete operation and maintenance of the Grahamstown Water Treatment Plant?
  - (2) If so, what measures will be put in place to ensure that safe standards of maintenance will continue at the plant when it is under the control of a private operator?
- 4437 EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT WAITING TIMES—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
  - (1) What steps are being taken to ensure New South Wales hospitals meet national targets when assessing waiting times in emergency departments?
  - (2) How is the Minister working towards the goal of treating and transferring or discharging 71 per cent of patients within four hours of arrival at emergency departments?
  - (3) How successful have these actions been in achieving this goal?
- 4438 HUNTER INTENSIVE CARE PARAMEDIC UNITS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
  - (1) Why are there only two six-person intensive care paramedic units in the Hunter (which has a population of more than 500,000) when the Central Coast (which has a population of 300,000) has three units?
  - (2) Will the Hunter be allocated more specialist paramedic units?
    - (a) If so, when;
    - (b) If not, why not?
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Have you made a submission to Infrastructure Australia that the Glendale Interchange be considered as a priority project?

- (a) If not, why not?
- (b) If so, when was the submission made?
- 4440 COMMUNITY OFFENDER SUPPORT PROGRAM CENTRE COST—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
  - How much will it cost a non-government organisation to run a Community Offender Support Program Centre in New South Wales?
- 4441 HUNTER WATER COMPLAINTS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Finance and Services—

- (1) How many complaints were made to Hunter Water from the Wallsend electorate in the 2012-13 financial year?
- (2) Of these complaints, how many were in relation to bill estimations?
- 4442 EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION FUNDING—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Education—
  - (1) When will the Government release the new early childhood education funding schedule?
  - (2) How much money was the State Government allocated by the Federal Government under the National Partnership Agreement on Universal Access to Early Childhood Education?
  - (3) How much of this allocation has the Government spent?
  - (4) Where has the Government spent this allocation?
- 4443 NEWCASTLE LIGHT RAIL—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport—

What evidence regarding the feasibility of light rail was used to justify the Government's decision to commit to light rail in Newcastle?

- 4444 BULLI MEMORIAL DRIVE EXTENSION—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
  - (1) What planning works are currently underway for the extension of Memorial Drive at Bulli?
  - (2) Do any of these planning works involve the purchase of private property?
    - (a) If so, how many properties still need to be purchased?
  - (3) How much funding has been allocated to these planning works?
  - (4) When will these works be completed?
- 4445 WOLLONGONG HOSPITAL CAR PARK REDEVELOPMENT—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
  - (1) What is the current ratio of hospital beds to car park spaces at Wollongong Hospital?
  - (2) What will this ratio be following the redevelopment of the car park and the upgrade of the hospital?
- 4446 NEW SOCIAL HOUSING ACCOMODATION—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
  - (1) How many public or social housing dwellings were built or had building commence in the financial year ending 30 June 2013?
  - (2) How many of these dwellings were situated in the following postcodes:
    - (a) 2770;
    - (b) 2766;
    - (c) 2761?
  - (3) How do the figures in (1) and (2) compare to the two previous financial years?
  - (4) How do the figures in (1), (2) and (3) compare to the figures put forward in the budget for each financial year?

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