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- 5098 PUBLIC HOUSING SHORTAGE IN FAIRFIELD ELECTORATE—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
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- 5111 CABRAMATTA PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 5112 SMOKE FREE PUBLIC TRANSPORT STOPS AND STATIONS—Mr Alex Greenwich 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—
- 5113 BLACKTOWN AND ROOTY HILL RAILWAY STATION UPGRADES—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Transport—
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- 5115 CALVARY MATER NEWCASTLE HOSPITAL—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- (1) What is the Government doing to alleviate parking issues at the Calvary Mater Newcastle Hospital?
 - (2) If no action is being taken, why not?
- 5116 LOWER HUNTER HOSPITAL FUNDING—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- (1) Will the future Lower Hunter Hospital be a public hospital, fully funded by the New South Wales and Federal Governments?
 - (2) If the future Lower Hunter Hospital will not be a fully funded public hospital, how will it be funded?
- 5117 HUNTER NEW ENGLAND HEALTH COUNSELLING SERVICES—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- (1) How many registered clients did the Hunter New England Health counselling services have at 31 January 2014?
 - (2) How many jobs are expected to be lost as following the Government's review of Hunter New England Health counselling services?
 - (3) What non-government organisations (NGOs) will now provide these services?
 - (a) What will be the cost to the patient for each service provided by these NGOs?
 - (b) Which of these NGOs will charge an upfront fee to patients when attending appointments?

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- 5118 CARE FOR PEOPLE WITH SEVERE DISABILITIES—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- What steps is the Government taking to protect people with severe disabilities, who may find it difficult to make choices regarding care of provision and who require high levels of care?
- 5119 STOCKTON CENTRE CLOSURE—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- (1) Is the Government's decision to close the Stockton Centre and move its residents into the community based on evidence presented in a specific report or study?
 - (2) If the Government's decision was based on a specific report or study:
 - (a) What is the title of the report or study?
 - (b) Where was the report or study conducted?
- 5120 WICKHAM STATION INTERCHANGE COST BENEFIT STUDY—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport—
- (1) Will the Government prepare an updated cost benefit study for the transport interchange and rail terminus at Wickham station and associated light rail link?
 - (2) If so:
 - (a) when will the study commence and be completed?
 - (b) when will the study be publically available?
 - (3) If a cost benefit study is not being prepared, why not?
- 5121 NEWCASTLE INNER CITY BYPASS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- (1) Has the Government determined the cost of Stage 5 of the Newcastle Inner City Bypass?
 - (a) If so, how much will Stage 5 cost?
 - (2) If the Government has not determined the cost, when will the cost of Stage 5 be determined?
- 5122 MORISSET AND TORONTO POLICE STATIONS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- (1) Will Morisset and Toronto police stations be demolished and rebuilt?
 - (2) If so, when will the demolition and rebuilding commence?
 - (3) If there are no plans to rebuild Morisset and Toronto police stations, why not?
- 5123 HOUSING WAITING LIST FOR LAKE MACQUARIE, MAITLAND AND NEWCASTLE—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- How many people were on the Housing NSW waiting list as at 31 December 2013 in:
- (a) NN1 Lake Macquarie allocation zone;
 - (b) NN2 Lake Macquarie East allocation zone;
 - (c) NN3 Maitland allocation zone;
 - (d) NN7 Newcastle allocation zone?
- 5124 CORRECTIVE SERVICES NSW PSYCHOLOGIST SERVICES—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- How many vacancies were there for psychologists, senior psychologists, and specialist psychologists in Corrective Services NSW as at:
- (a) 1 July 2012;
 - (b) 1 July 2013;
 - (c) 1 January 2014?
- 5125 CORRECTIVE SERVICES NSW PSYCHOLOGIST SERVICES—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- How many full time equivalent psychologists, senior psychologists, and specialist psychologists were employed by Corrective Services NSW as at:

- (a) 1 July 2012;
- (b) 1 July 2013;
- (c) 1 January 2014?

- 5126 CORRECTIVE SERVICES NSW PSYCHOLOGIST SERVICES—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- (1) How many psychologist, senior psychologist, and specialist psychologist positions in Corrective Services NSW have been vacant for more than six months since 1 March 2011?
 - (2) Where are these vacancies located?
- 5127 FUNDED PARTNERSHIPS INITIATIVES—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- (1) Which organisations tendered for the Funded Partnerships Initiatives (FPI)?
 - (2) Which organisations were successful in their tender for the FPI?
 - (3) When will funding for the successful tenderers commence?
 - (4) When will services commence to be delivered?
- 5128 NEW SOUTH WALES COURTS RESOURCE ALLOCATION—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- What extra resources have been allocated to New South Wales courts to deal with the 67 cases that will be appealed by Legal Aid NSW on the basis of the decision in Muldrock?
- 5129 OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- Is there currently a case manager within the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions to superintend and supervise sexual assault cases?
- 5130 SURVEILLANCE DEVICES AMENDMENT (MUTUAL RECOGNITION) ACT 2013—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- (1) Under the provisions of the Surveillance Devices Amendment (Mutual Recognition) Act 2013, how many applications have been:
 - (a) Requested;
 - (b) Granted?
- 5131 VANDALTRAK USE OF INFORMATION—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- How would the use by the NSW Police Force of information for Vandaltrak breach its Sponsorship and Endorsement Policy?
- 5132 SOBERING UP CENTRE ADMITTANCE—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- (1) How many people were admitted to the mandatory Sobering Up Centre in Central Street, Sydney, between the date of its establishment and 25 February 2014?
 - (2) How many people were admitted to the non-mandatory Sobering Up Centers at Coogee and Wollongong between the date of their establishment and 25 February 2014?
- 5133 SCHOOL CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM 2013—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Education—
- (1) Which schools in the Keira electorate applied for funding under the Department's Capital Works Program in 2013?
 - (2) On how many previous occasions had these schools applied for funding under the Capital Works Program?
 - (3) What specific projects were submitted for funding?
 - (4) What was the value of each project submitted for funding?
 - (5) Were any of the schools that applied for funding successful?
 - (6) If the schools were unsuccessful in applying for funding, what were the reasons for not being successful?

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- 5134 TEACHER PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Education—
- (1) In 2012:
 - (a) How many teachers were placed on a performance improvement program?
 - (b) How many of these teachers had previously been placed on a performance improvement program?
 - (2) In 2013:
 - (a) How many teachers were placed on a performance improvement program?
 - (b) How many of these teachers had previously been placed on a performance improvement program?
- 5135 READING RECOVERY TEACHER NUMBERS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Education—
- (1) How many Reading Recovery teachers were there in New South Wales as at:
 - (a) 30 June 2013;
 - (b) 31 December 2013?
 - (2) How many Reading Recovery teachers were there in New South Wales as at:
 - (a) 30 June 2012;
 - (b) 30 June 2011;
 - (c) 30 June 2010;
 - (d) 30 June 2009?
- 5136 NSW COUNTRY APPRENTICE SCHOLARSHIPS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Education—
- In relation to NSW Country Apprentice Scholarships:
- (1) How many students applied for a NSW Country Apprentice Scholarship in 2013?
 - (2) What was the gender breakdown of these students?
 - (3) What trades did each student apply for?
 - (4) How many students were awarded scholarships in 2013?
 - (5) What was the gender breakdown of the scholarship winners?
 - (6) Which trades were the scholarship winners undertaking?
 - (7) Which regions in New South Wales did the scholarship winners come from?
 - (8) What was the monetary value of each scholarship in 2013?
 - (9) How many scholarships will be awarded in 2014?
 - (10) What will the monetary value of all scholarships be in 2014?
 - (11) What criteria is used when assessing the suitability of candidates?
- 5137 NUMERACY AND LITERACY TEACHERS IN ILLAWARRA—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Education—
- (1) How many of the 60 promised literacy and numeracy teachers were in place in Illawarra schools as of February 2014?
 - (2) At which schools in the Illawarra are these teachers located?
 - (3) When will the remaining teachers be allocated to Illawarra schools?
 - (4) To which schools in the Illawarra will the remaining teachers be allocated?
- 5138 SCHOOL TEACHER VACANCIES—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Education—
- (1) How many vacant school teacher positions were there in New South Wales primary schools at 25 February 2014?
 - (2) How many vacant primary school teacher positions are currently filled by temporary appointment?
 - (3) How many vacant school teacher positions were there in New South Wales secondary schools at 25 February 2014?
 - (4) How many vacant high school teacher positions are currently filled by temporary appointment?
- 5139 RISK OF SIGNIFICANT HARM REPORTS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Education—
- (1) How many Risk of Significant Harm (ROSH) reports were made by Department of Education and Communities staff to Department of Family and Community Services in the 2012 school year?
 - (2) How many 2012 ROSH reports were lodged by school counsellors?
 - (3) How many 2012 ROSH reports were assessed by Department of Family and Community Services as not meeting the risk of significant harm threshold and were referred back to the NSW Department of Education and Communities?

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- (5) How many 2013 ROSH reports were lodged by school counsellors?
- (6) How many 2013 ROSH reports were assessed by Community Services as not meeting the risk of significant harm threshold and were referred back to the Department of Education and Communities?
- 5140 PARKING FACILITIES AT THIRROUL RAILWAY STATION—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport—
- In light of significant parking congestion at Thirroul railway station:
- (1) What plans does the Government have to improve parking facilities at Thirroul station?
- (2) When will these plan be implemented?
- (3) What community consultation has the Government undertaken in relation to parking congestion at Thirroul station?
- (4) When and how did this consultation take place?
- 5141 NSW GRAFFITI HOTLINE—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- (1) How many reports were made to the NSW Graffiti Hotline between 1 July 2013 and 1 October 2013?
- (2) How many of these reports were from:
- (a) the Wollongong Local Government Area?
- (b) the Shellharbour Local Government Area?
- (3) How many reports were made to the NSW Graffiti Hotline between 1 November 2013 and 1 February 2014?
- (4) How many of these reports were from:
- (a) the Wollongong Local Government Area?
- (b) the Shellharbour Local Government Area?
- 5142 ILLAWARRA REGIONAL TRANSPORT PLAN—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Transport—
- What are the reasons for the delay in releasing the Government's Illawarra Regional Transport Plan?
- 5143 RENAMING OF FLINDERS STATION—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Transport—
- (1) Has Transport for NSW submitted a revised proposal to the Geographical Names Board of NSW in relation to the renaming of Flinders railway station?
- (2) If so, on what date were the revised proposals submitted?
- (3) Will the revised proposal be made public?
- (4) If the revised proposal will not be made public, why not?
- 5144 MINISTERIAL VISITS TO THE SHELLHARBOUR ELECTORATE—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- (1) How many times has he personally visited the Shellharbour electorate since his appointment?
- (2) In relation to each of these visits:
- (a) What was the date of the visit?
- (b) What organisations did he meet with?
- (c) What was the nature of the meeting?
- (d) What was the outcome of the representation(s) made?
- 5145 ILLAWARRA GOVERNMENT COORDINATION GROUP—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- In relation to the Illawarra Government Coordination Group (IGCG);
- (1) How many times has the IGCG met since its establishment?
- (2) What are the dates of these meetings?
- (3) Where did these meetings take place?
- (4) What matters were discussed at these meetings?
- (5) Which members of the IGCG were:
- (a) Present for these meetings;
- (b) Absent from these meetings?

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- (6) What Illawarra organisations did the IGCG meet with?
(7) What matters were discussed at these meetings?
- In relation to the Illawarra Community Advisory Panel (ICAP)
- (1) How many times has the ICAP met since its establishment?
(2) What are the dates of these meetings?
(3) Where did these meetings take place?
(4) What matters were discussed at these meetings?
(5) Which members of the ICAP were:
(i) Present for these meetings;
(ii) Absent from these meetings?
(6) What Illawarra organisations did the ICAP meet with?
(7) What matters were discussed at these meetings?
- 5146 TAFE ENROLMENT AND STAFF NUMBERS—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Education—
- (1) How many students were enrolled for 2013 at the following TAFE campuses:
(a) Dapto;
(b) Shellharbour;
(c) Yallah;
(2) What was the total number of staff for 2013 at the following TAFE campuses:
(a) Dapto;
(b) Shellharbour;
(c) Yallah?
- 5147 YALLAH TO OAK FLATS UPGRADE—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- (1) Will the Government seek funding from the federal Government to progress construction of the Yallah to Oak Flats upgrade?
(2) If the Government will not seek funding from the Federal Government, why not?
(3) What additional studies are required before the Yallah to Oak Flats upgrade can proceed to construction?
(4) What are the time frames for completion of the additional studies in (3)?
- 5148 SHELLHARBOUR CITY HUB PROJECT—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Local Government, and Minister for the North Coast—
- (1) Has he received any correspondence in the form of letters, petitions, emails, and telephone calls from any individual or community organisation in relation to the proposed Shellharbour City Hub project?
(a) If so, what are the names of the individuals and community organisations?
(2) Has he or the Division of Local Government been requested to provide any funding for the project?
(a) If so, by whom?
(3) Can he confirm that the only involvement by the Government in this project has been an evaluation undertaken as part of the Treasury's Gateway Review process?
- 5149 LAKE ILLAWARRA ESTUARY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Trade and Investment, and Minister for Regional Infrastructure and Services—
- (1) Can he provide an update on any progress in the establishment of an estuary management committee for Lake Illawarra?
(2) When will the Government repeal the legislation which established the Lake Illawarra Authority?
- 5150 COAL STRATEGY—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Resources and Energy, and Special Minister of State—
- (1) When did the preparation of a coal strategy, as mentioned in the NSW Energy Security Summit Communique dated 26 September 2013, commence?
(2) Which stakeholders have been or will be consulted in preparing the coal strategy?
(3) Will there be wider community consultation in preparing the coal strategy?
(a) If so, what will the consultation involve?
(4) When will the coal strategy be finalised and released to the public?

5151 LES POWELL SCHOOL FUNDING—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Education—

- (1) What consultation did the Department of Education and Communities undertake with the Principal, teachers, and school community of Les Powell School before reducing the school's funding by \$12,000 in 2014?
- (2) If the Department consulted with the Principal, teachers, and school community:
 - (a) How was this consultation carried out;
 - (b) When did this consultation take place?

5152 EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION FUNDING IN CABRAMATTA—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Education—

- (1) Which preschools in the Cabramatta electorate will receive funding increases for early childhood education under reforms recently announced by the Government?
- (2) Which preschools in the Cabramatta electorate will have funding decreased as a result of these reforms?
- (3) By what amount will funding decrease for each of these preschools?