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\*5304 AGEING, DISABILITY AND HOME CARE EMPLOYEE CONDITIONS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked 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) Will employees of Ageing, Disability and Home Care retain their current conditions and wages when their positions are transferred to non-government providers?
  - (a) If so, how long will these employees retain their current conditions and wages?
  - (b) If not, why won't these employees retain their current conditions and wages?

Answer—

In November 2013, the Parliament passed the NDIS (NSW Enabling) Act 2013 (the Act). The Act is designed to provide options for transferring funding, staff and assets to the non-government sector in a way that will help foster vibrant and diverse disability services to respond to significant growth that will be generated by the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS).

The Act allows for the continuity of core entitlements of transferred employees including superannuation, continuity of service and retention of leave conditions including annual leave, sick leave, extended or long service leave.

Importantly, the Act is designed to enable transfers to take place as seamlessly as possible to ensure there is minimal impact on people with disability currently receiving supports.

The implementation of the NDIS will provide many options for these disability sector workers. It is expected client numbers will increase from around 95,000 now to 140,000 when the NDIS is fully rolled out in 2018, and as many as 25,000 new employees will be needed across New South Wales to meet the needs of the community.

The Fair Work Amendment (Transfer of Business) Act 2012 contains a provision for the preservation of terms and conditions.

\*5305 TRANSFER OF CARE FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES—Ms Sonia Hornery asked 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 options are available to people in Ageing, Disability, and Home Care facilities who are happy with the agency's provision of services and do not wish to transfer their care to a private provider?

Answer—

The Government is committed to ensuring minimal disruption to people's lives and living arrangements during the process of transition to the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) and the transfer of group homes to the non government sector. People currently living in Ageing, Disability, and Home Care operated group homes in community settings can choose to remain in their homes, and, under the NDIS, will have the choice of many non-government providers to deliver their future supports.

\*5306 PRISON OFFICER NUMBERS IN 2013—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

- (1) How many new permanent prison officers were employed in 2013?
- (2) How many new permanent prison officers were employed in Hunter region prisons in 2013?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) There were no new appointments to permanent correctional officer positions in 2013. All appointments to permanent correctional officer positions are filled from a pool of casual correctional officer staff, via a merit selection process, to the position of probationary correctional officer. Confirmation of permanent employment status occurs following a six-month period.

In 2013, 28 casual correctional officers were appointed to probationary correctional officer positions.

(2) Of the 28 appointments to probationary correctional officer positions in 2013, five were employed in the Hunter region, specifically at St Heliers Correctional Centre.

\*5307 ACCESS TO LEGAL AID—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

Under what circumstances will legal aid be available to people who are not at risk of imprisonment?

Answer—

I am advised:

Legal aid is available in criminal matters for District and Supreme Court bail applications, trials and sentence hearings, subject to a means test, regardless of whether a person is at risk of imprisonment.

People can access the Legal Aid NSW duty solicitor service at the Local Court regardless of whether they are at risk of imprisonment.

Legal aid is available for all Children's Court matters, regardless of means and whether they are at risk of imprisonment.

Legal Aid advice clinics, available at Legal Aid offices around New South Wales and at some outreach locations, provide free legal advice and minor assistance to individuals facing charges, regardless of whether a person is at risk of imprisonment. People defending minor charges in the Local Court can also contact LawAccess NSW for information and referral and, in some cases, advice. Legal Aid NSW, LawAccess NSW and the Legal Information Access Centre produce a number of print and web publications and videos to assist people attending court.

In addition, legal aid is available for representation in defended hearings in the Local Court where there are 'exceptional circumstances', subject to a means test. Examples of 'exceptional circumstances' include where the defendant is a child or young person, or has substantial difficulty dealing with the legal system because of a substantial psychiatric condition or intellectual, physical or developmental disability; where the matter raises an issue of civil liberties; and where the person is a defendant in a domestic violence assault charge and is also the protected person in associated domestic violence order proceedings.

\*5308 TRANSPORT COMMAND OFFICERS AT MORISSET POLICE STATION—Ms Sonia Hornery asked 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) Are there plans for officers from the Police Transport Command to operate from Morisset Police Station?
- (2) If so, how many Transport Command officers will be stationed at Morisset Police Station?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Police Force routinely examines a range of options regarding the use of its properties, including Morisset police station. No decision has been made regarding Police Transport Command officers to be stationed at that location.

\*5309 ROADS AND MARITIME SERVICES ONLINE SYSTEM—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

- (1) How many times was the Roads and Maritime Services online system offline from 1 August 2013 to 31 January 2014?
- (2) How many times was the Roads and Maritime Services online system offline from 1 February 2013 to 31 July 2013?
- (3) What is the Government doing to improve the Roads and Maritime Services online system and avoid further offline periods?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) Six.

(2) Four.

(3) After 16 years of failure to maintain systems upgrades before 2011 under the previous Government, Roads and Maritime and Transport for NSW is now addressing ICT infrastructure capacity, single points of failure and service life of assets through an annual Asset Replacement/Capacity Plan program.

\*5310 COMMUNITY SERVICES CASE WORKER NUMBERS IN THE HUNTER—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

- (1) What is the Government doing to fill Community Services case worker vacancies in the Hunter region?
- (2) What are the reasons for the high vacancy rates for Community Services case workers in the Hunter

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region?

Answer—

I am advised caseworker vacancies are advertised through various on-line mediums such as the Jobs NSW website, SEEK and My Career, as well as print advertisements in hard to fill locations. The Department of Family and Community Services is working hard to fill all vacant positions, and vacancies in the Hunter New England District have decreased from 11% in the September 2013 quarter to 9% in December 2013.

\*5311 ACCESS TO DISABILITY SERVICES—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

What is she doing to increase Ministry of Health services to support those members of the community who can no longer access disability services previously provided by the Department of Ageing, Disability and Home Care, due to recent changes in legislation?

Answer—

I am advised:

In the lead-up to NDIS implementation in New South Wales, Ageing, Disability and Home Care (ADHC) is transitioning the majority of its services to the Non-Government Organisation sector with the transition at varying stages. ADHC is responsible for ensuring that there is adequate capacity in the Non-Government Organisation sector as it transitions its programs and services. NSW Health will continue to provide mainstream health services for the New South Wales population, including those with a disability.

\*5312 PUBLIC DEFENDER VACANCIES—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

In relation to the Public Defenders Annual Review 2012-13:

- (1) How many ongoing vacancies existed as at:
  - (a) 1 July 2012;
  - (b) 31 December 2012; and
  - (c) 30 June 2013?
- (2) How many, and for what period, were there delays in filling vacancies in positions of Public Defenders from 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) (a) 2; (b) 2; (c) 0.
- (2) Three vacant positions were filled in 2012 – 2013 as follows:
  - A Deputy Senior Public Defender position became vacant on 12 June 2012 and was filled on 25 October 2012.
  - A Public Defender position became vacant on 12 June 2012 and was filled on 27 May 2013.
  - A second Public Defender position became vacant on 24 August 2012 and was filled on 3 June 2013.

\*5313 CORONIAL INQUEST LEGISLATIVE SUGGESTIONS—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

What action does he propose to take on the legislative suggestions by the Coroner in the Coronial Inquest into the deaths of Will Dalton-Brown and Eliza Wannan?

Answer—

The relevant legislation is the Road Transport Act 2013. This question should be referred to the Minister for Roads and Ports, Duncan Gay MLC, who is responsible for this Act.

\*5314 JOINT SUPPORT PROGRAM—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

How many clients have received services under the Joint Support Program from 1 July 2013 to 30 December 2013 in the following areas:

- (a) Metropolitan Region;
- (b) Northern Region; and
- (c) Western Region?

Answer—

On 24 February 2014 Juvenile Justice implemented a new regional structure involving four regions replacing the previous three regions. The new regions are as follows:

- Metropolitan North Region
- Metropolitan Southern Region
- Northern Region
- Western Region

The information requested will be provided based on the new regional structure. In the period 1 July 2013 to 30 December 2013, the Joint Support Program has provided services to:

- 59 young people in the Metropolitan North Region
- 85 young people in the Metropolitan Southern Region
- 105 young people in the Northern Region
- 30 young people in the Western Region

\*5315 NSW POLICE FORCE RECOMMENDATIONS—Mr Paul Lynch asked 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—

Will the NSW Police Force accept the Ombudsman's recommendations in his report dated December 2013 under Section 49(1) of the Surveillance Devices Act 2007 for the period ending 30 June 2013?

Answer—

I am advised:

In the 6 months to 30 June 2013, the Ombudsman found New South Wales law enforcement agencies to be generally compliant or that they had made changes to address concerns.

Following the report ending December 2012, Police introduced new procedures aimed to fully comply with all requirements of s44. Most of the overdue reports have now been appropriately provided. In his most recent report the Ombudsman noted these improvements and the concerted efforts on the part of Police; however, some compliance with s44 remained problematic.

The Ombudsman anticipates that these administrative issues will be addressed in the next inspection period with the adoption of the new procedures. The NSW Police Force have advised that the revised procedures will continue to be maintained and monitored to ensure improved rates of compliance with all statutory requirements for applications processed by the Covert Applications Unit.

Where a device cannot be remotely deactivated or located and retrieved within the warrant period, the Act provides for a 10 day period after expiry of the warrant when any action is authorised as if it were a retrieval warrant. Any information which may be recorded beyond the warrant period is only used to determine its geographical location to enable its retrieval. Beyond the 10 day period, police will apply for a retrieval warrant. In these cases, any information inadvertently recorded is not provided to the investigator and is destroyed, in accordance with the Act.

\*5316 NSW POLICE FORCE INVESTIGATION—Mr Paul Lynch asked 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—

What investigations has he and other authorities undertaken regarding the NSW Police Force investigation into the deaths of Will Dalton-Brown and Eliza Wannan in 2010?

Answer—

I am advised that an inquest into this matter has concluded with the Deputy State Coroner delivering her findings. It should be noted that the Deputy State Coroner stated in her findings that the police investigation was "thorough" and "not compromised" by the fact that the driver of the vehicle was the son of a police officer. Nonetheless, I referred this matter to the NSW Ombudsman and the Police Integrity Commission, as well as to the Professional Standards Unit of the NSW Police Force, for further review.

\*5317 FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION OFFENCES—Mr Paul Lynch asked 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 many charges have been laid for offences under the current section 45 of the Crimes Act 1900 since that provision's introduction?

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Answer—

The NSW Police Force has advised me:

Although the legislation referred to was introduced in 1994, data from the NSW Police Force's COPS system is only available from 1998.

Between 1998 and 24 March 2014, three incidents of female genital mutilation have led to charges being laid, with 10 people being charged.

\*5318 HEAVY VEHICLE LICENCE ASSESSORS—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

- (1) What qualifications are required for assessors of people seeking licences to drive heavy vehicles?
- (2) Is it a requirement for such assessors to have professionally driven heavy vehicles themselves?
  - (a) If not, why are assessors not required to have professional experience in driving heavy vehicles?
- (3) In the training of assessors, what proportion of the training is class room theory and what proportion is actual driving?
- (4) How many Roads and Maritime Services auditors are there to audit such assessors?
- (5) How many assessors are audited per annum by the Roads and Maritime Services?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) There are two types of accredited Heavy Vehicle Competency Based Assessors in New South Wales, Roads and Maritime officers and private sector assessors. To become an accredited assessor the following qualifications are required:

- Certificate IV in Transport and Logistics (Road Transport - Heavy Vehicle Driving Instruction) TLI41310
- A NSW Driving Instructors Licence of the applicable class
- A NSW Drivers Licence of the applicable class.

For private sector assessors, a suitably qualified driving instructor must belong to (or themselves become) a registered training organisation.

(2) Yes.

(3) To obtain a Driving Instructors Licence in New South Wales, an approved Certificate IV in Transport and Logistics (Road Transport - Heavy Vehicle Driving Instruction) TLI41310 is required. This course is comprised of various elements that are not directly managed by Roads and Maritime.

(4) There are no auditors dedicated to auditing assessors only. Auditors that undertake this work are part of a larger group of cross scheme assessors.

(5) Approximately 93 assessors were audited in 2013.

\*5319 ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING AND ASSESSMENT ACT INFRINGEMENTS—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW, Leader of the House—

How many prosecutions, charges, on the spot fines or infringements have been issued under section 146A (3) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 in the following periods:

- (a) 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012;
- (b) 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013; and
- (c) 1 July 2013 to 18 March 2014?

Answer—

I am advised that local councils enforce Section 146A (3) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.

\*5320 LATE NIGHT TRAIN SERVICES FROM THE CITY TO CABRAMATTA—Mr Nick Lalich asked the Minister for Transport—

- (1) In relation to the new lockout laws aimed at curbing alcohol related violence, will the Government increase train services from the city to Cabramatta between 1.30am and 3am on weekends?
- (2) If not, how does the Government plan to safely transport people from the city to Cabramatta between 1.30am and 3am on weekends?

Answer—

I am advised:

NightRide bus route N50 operates from Town Hall to Liverpool via Cabramatta. The service departs Town Hall hourly each night between 00:05 and 04:05.

In 2013 and 2014, Transport for NSW released 345 new peak availability taxi licences. Peak availability licences cannot be used between 5am and midday, meaning they increase taxi numbers when customers need them, including Friday and Saturday nights.

In addition, customers can also get home safely using the two secure taxi ranks at Bayswater Road and Darlinghurst Road which are monitored by security guards.

\*5321 TRAIN SERVICES IN CABRAMATTA—Mr Nick Lalich asked the Minister for Transport—

- (1) How many people travelled on the Sydney Trains Bankstown Line to and from Cabramatta in:
  - (a) 2012;
  - (b) 2013?
- (2) Does the Government plan to increase train services to and from Cabramatta?
  - (a) If so, when will these additional services be implemented?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) Patronage data is available online at the Bureau of Transport Statistics website, [www.bts.nsw.gov.au](http://www.bts.nsw.gov.au).

(2) A new train timetable came into effect on 20 October 2013. The timetable delivers more than 1,000 additional weekly services, improved connections between other modes of public transport and reduced journey times. The timetable is easier for customers to use, with fewer stopping patterns and more express services, particularly during peak periods.

The timetable has increased service frequencies on all three lines servicing Cabramatta Station, including 220 extra weekly services on the T5 Cumberland Line.

\*5322 SMALL BUSINESSES IN CABRAMATTA—Mr Nick Lalich asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Small Business—

- (1) What initiatives or programs has the Government introduced to assist small businesses in the Cabramatta electorate since March 2011?
- (2) What programs are currently available to support small businesses in the Cabramatta electorate?

Answer—

(1) (a) The establishment of the Office of the Small Business Commissioner;

(b) The creation of the role of the NSW Small Business Commissioner;

(c) The Small Biz Connect program, including the Small Biz Bus which has visited the Greater Western Sydney region, including Cabramatta.

(2) All of the above mentioned services are currently available to small businesses in the Cabramatta electorate.

\*5323 YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT IN CABRAMATTA—Mr Nick Lalich asked the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) What is the current rate of youth unemployment in the Cabramatta electorate?
- (2) What initiatives or programs has the Government introduced to reduce youth unemployment in the Cabramatta electorate since March 2011?
- (3) How much funding has the Government committed to address youth unemployment in the Cabramatta electorate for the following financial years:
  - (a) 2013-14;
  - (b) 2014-15?

Answer—

Information regarding employment is available on the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) website [www.abs.gov.au](http://www.abs.gov.au).

Based on March data released in April 2014, according to the Australian Bureau of Statistics, New South Wales had the second lowest unemployment rate of all the states in Australia.

Since the 2011 election, 127,000 jobs have been created under the Government. Under the previous



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Government, New South Wales job growth was the slowest rate of any state for the past decade.

The Government is supporting job creation through a range of measures including:

- the Jobs Action Plan that provides payroll tax rebates for business;
- increasing the payroll tax threshold for business from \$689,000 to \$750,000;
- record investment on infrastructure of \$60 billion over four years;
- supporting the construction of residential building and dwellings; and
- restoring confidence in the economy so New South Wales is the first place to do business.

\*5324 PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE—Mr Nick Lalich asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) How many residents in the Cabramatta electorate have private health insurance as at 18 March 2014?
- (2) How many residents in the Cabramatta electorate do not have private health insurance as at 18 March 2014?
- (3) What percentage of New South Wales residents have private health insurance as at 18 March 2014?
- (4) What initiatives are currently underway to encourage residents in the Cabramatta electorate to obtain private health insurance?

Answer—

This is a matter more appropriately answered by my Federal counterpart, the Hon Peter Dutton MP, Minister for Health, who has responsibility for Private Health Insurance and should be referred accordingly.

\*5325 POLICE OFFICER NUMBERS IN CABRAMATTA—Mr Nick Lalich asked 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 police officers were stationed at the Cabramatta Local Area Command as at 18 March 2014?
- (2) How many police officers were stationed at the Cabramatta Local Area Command as at 31 March 2013?

Answer—

Authorised, actual and operational strength figures are available on the NSW Police Force website at [www.police.nsw.gov.au](http://www.police.nsw.gov.au).

\*5326 AVAILABLE ROOMS AT ROYAL NORTH SHORE HOSPITAL—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) Does the Government plan to replace the 19 rooms no longer available at Royal North Shore Hospital due to the closure of the Blue Gum Lodge?
  - (a) If yes, when will the Government replace these rooms?
  - (b) If not, why won't the Government replace these rooms?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) Master planning of the Royal North Shore Hospital campus has identified an on-site location for patient and carer accommodation. Work is expected to begin on the new patient and carer accommodation in 2015.

In the interim, Royal North Shore Hospital Social Work Department will continue to provide support and guidance to patients, carers and families who require accommodation.

\*5327 CONRAD CAPITAL PROJECTS AND STRATEGIES—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

In relation to her answers to LA Questions 4672 and 5066:

- (1) On which specific projects was the \$182,000 spent?
- (2) What new "education and communication strategies" did Conrad Capital help formulate?
- (3) Will any reports relating to these projects and strategies be made publically available?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) - (2) NSW Health engaged Conrad Capital to support education and communication strategies for health reform including Activity Based Funding, funding reform and the conduct of the NSW Health Innovation Awards.

(3) The consultancy provided strategic advice on communication and engagement strategies with regard to the implementation of health reform and effective stakeholder engagement strategies for NSW Health. These strategies included conduct of the Health Reform Symposium in 2013. An overview of proceedings is available at <http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/healthreform2013/Pages/default.aspx>.

\*5328 LUTATE THERAPY APPROACH FROM THE MINISTER FOR MENTAL HEALTH—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) Has she been approached by the Minister for Mental Health, Healthy Lifestyles, and Western New South Wales in relation to approving and funding Lutate therapy for neuroendocrine tumours?
- If yes, when did this approach occur?
  - If yes, what was the manner of your discussions?
  - If yes, what response was given to the Minister?

Answer—

(1) (a) - (c) I have received representations on behalf of constituents from the Minister for Mental Health, the Minister for Finance and Services, the Treasurer and the Attorney General.

I am advised:

For patients with life threatening disease, there is special dispensation to allow the use of therapies which have not been approved by the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA), such as Lutate, by a treating clinician under the Commonwealth's Special Access Scheme (SAS). Patients in New South Wales have been receiving Lutate under the SAS provisions, and they continue to do so at this time. There are also several alternate treatment options for Neuroendocrine Tumours (NETs) that include chemotherapy and radiotherapy.

The Agency for Clinical Innovation and the Cancer Institute (NSW) are working with clinicians to ensure that data can be gathered about the effectiveness of this treatment. Such data may then inform an application to the TGA for registration of Lutate, should it be shown to be effective and safe.

\*5329 LUTATE THERAPY APPROACH FROM THE TREASURER—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) Has she been approached by the Treasurer in relation to approving and funding Lutate therapy for neuroendocrine tumours?
- If yes, when did this approach occur?
  - If yes, what was the manner of your discussions?
  - If yes, what response was given to the Treasurer?

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\*5332 HOME CARE SERVICES—Mrs Barbara Perry asked 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 National Disability Agreement (NDA) and the Community Care Supports Program (CCSP):

- (1) What plans does the Government have to ensure that those people who are currently receiving state based services but do not fit the eligibility criteria of the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) are able to access quality, affordable services?
- (2) Will the Government continue to fund a CCSP for people who are ineligible for the NDIS?
- (3) What are the Government's plans for the Home Care Service of NSW, which is currently part of the Department of Family and Community Services (FACS)?
- (4) Does the Government intend to sell the Home Care Service of NSW before the implementation of the NDIS?
- (5) When will Home Care Service of NSW clients move into the NDIS in the Hunter trial site?
- (6) What are the immediate plans for the Hunter Valley Home Care branch?
- (7) Are there plans to close the Hunter Valley Home Care branch in the next year?
- (8) Will growth funding be allocated to the CCSP to address unmet need in the 'gap years' before the NDIS is implemented in each FACS region?

- (9) Will the Government be advocating for regional community development roles and disability peaks, who advocate for people with a disability, which are currently funded through NDA and CCSP, to continue under the NDIS?

Answer—

(1) - (2) People living in the NSW National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) trial site who are currently accessing funded disability supports, but who do not meet the NDIS eligibility criteria, will continue to receive their current level of supports through continuity of support arrangements agreed between the New South Wales and Federal Governments for the period of the trial.

People currently receiving disability supports who do not meet the age criterion because they are aged 65 years and over, have a choice under the National Health Reform Agreement funded by the Commonwealth to continue to receive disability supports in the NDIS trial site or receive aged care supports.

The manner in which these continuity of support arrangements are managed under full NDIS is subject to ongoing negotiation with the Commonwealth.

(3) - (4) and (6) - (7) The Government has commissioned a study to examine issues and opportunities for the transitioning of the Home Care Service of NSW (Home Care) and other Ageing, Disability and Home Care services to the non-government sector.

(5) The Bilateral Agreement for NDIS Launch between the Commonwealth and NSW outlines the planned intake of participants in the Hunter trial site.

(8) Unmet demand from people with disability, their carers and families is being addressed through growth funding available under Ready Together and will continue until the end of 2015-16 when the growth funding scheduled for the statewide NDIS implementation takes effect.

(9) Current funding arrangements for peak, advocacy or community development activities under the NDA or CCSP will end on 30 June 2015. The funding of such activities from 1 July 2015 will be considered in the context of New South Wales' future planning for the NDIS.

- \*5333 HOME MODIFICATION SERVICES—Mrs Barbara Perry asked 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 is the Government planning to transition home modification services across to the National Disability Insurance Scheme?

(2) Will the Government continue to fund home modification services outside the National Disability Insurance Scheme?

Answer—

(1) - (2) I am advised all funding currently allocated to the community care services sector in New South Wales, which includes home modification services, will be transitioned to the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) by July 2018.

I am further advised the NDIS Hunter Trial Site is trialling the most appropriate ways to transition all services including home modification services whilst ensuring a smooth transition for individuals and continuity of service delivery for the community.

- \*5334 ABORIGINAL HOME CARE SERVICE—Mrs Barbara Perry asked 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) What are the Government's plans for the future of the Aboriginal Home Care Service?

(2) Does the Government plan to divest itself of the Aboriginal Home Care Service?

Answer—

The Government is committed to the full rollout of National Disability Insurance Scheme and the implementation of national aged care reforms. While the Government will not be providing direct specialist disability services or basic community care services in the future, it recognises that the Aboriginal Home Care Service is an important provider for many Aboriginal communities within New South Wales and is exploring options for the future of Aboriginal home care services within the non-government sector.

- \*5335 ENABLENSW—Mrs Barbara Perry asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

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- (1) What is happening to EnableNSW under the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS)?
- (2) Will goods and equipment provided through EnableNSW still be available to New South Wales residents who are receiving aged care support?
- (3) What NSW Health programs and/or funding will be transferred to the NDIS?

Answer—

I am advised that:

(1) - (3) NSW Health and EnableNSW are participating in the trial of the NDIS in the Hunter region. NSW Health's further involvement in the NDIS will be determined following the outcome of the review of the trials and further definition of eligibility by the Commonwealth.

Goods and equipment will still be available through EnableNSW to residents of New South Wales, provided individuals meet EnableNSW policy and eligibility criteria.

- \*5336 HEALTH PROGRAMS AND FUNDING—Mrs Barbara Perry asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

What NSW Health programs and/or funding will be transferred to National Disability Insurance Scheme?

Answer—

I am advised:

NSW Health is participating in the trial of the NDIS in the Hunter region. NSW Health's further involvement in the NDIS will be determined following the outcome of the review of the trials and further definition of eligibility by the Commonwealth.

- \*5337 TAXI TRANSPORT SUBSIDY SCHEME—Mrs Barbara Perry asked the Minister for Transport—

Will the Taxi Transport Subsidy Scheme continue after the National Disability Insurance Scheme is implemented?

Answer—

I am advised:

Transport for NSW is in discussions with the Federal Government about how the National Disability Insurance Scheme will work alongside the Taxi Transport Subsidy Scheme.

- \*5338 SCHOOL POPULATIONS IN CENTRAL MAITLAND—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) What is the predicted population growth for schools in the Central Maitland area?
- (2) What strategies have the Government put in place to cope with the expected population growth in the Central Maitland area?
- (3) Does the Government have any plans to construct any additional primary or secondary schools in the Maitland area over the next two years?

Answer—

(1) The Department of Education and Communities estimates that in the Maitland Local Government Area (LGA), government school enrolments will increase.

(2) The following strategies are in place to manage expected population growth in the Maitland LGA:

- the Department is continuing to monitor demographic growth and anticipated enrolment demand in the area;
- the Department is currently developing a long-term strategy for managing future enrolments in the Maitland Growth Corridor;
- two new classrooms and associated support spaces were provided to Bolwarra Public School with the provision of a new double modular design range building at the school in 2014;
- 21 new classrooms will be provided at Rutherford High School; and
- demountable classrooms are installed in schools to meet increases in enrolments, as required.

(3) No.

- \*5339 FUNDING FOR ABORIGINAL EDUCATION—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) How much funding was allocated for Aboriginal education in the following school years:
  - (a) 2011;
  - (b) 2012;
  - (c) 2013;

- (d) 2014?
- (2) How many Personalised Learning Plans (PLPs) have been developed, as recommended by the 2004 review into Aboriginal education, as of 1 March 2014?
- (3) How many PLPs were developed in the following years:
- (a) 2012;  
(b) 2013?
- (4) How much funding was allocated to the Norta Norta Program for each of the following years:
- (a) 2010;  
(b) 2011;  
(c) 2012;  
(d) 2013;  
(e) 2014?
- (5) How much funding was allocated to learning assistance for Aboriginal students for each of the following years:
- (a) 2010;  
(b) 2011;  
(c) 2012;  
(d) 2013;  
(e) 2014?

Answer—

- (1) The Department receives and allocates funds on a financial year basis:
- 2010-11: \$74,494,000
  - 2011-12: \$72,973,000
  - 2012-13: \$83,395,000
  - 2013-14: \$88,241,000
- (2) Data on Personalised Learning Plans (PLPs) is collected in December annually. 33,521 Aboriginal students had a PLP in place as at December 2013.
- (3) 36,435 Aboriginal students had a PLP as at December 2012. 33,521 Aboriginal students had a PLP as at December 2013.
- (4) The Department receives and allocates funds on a financial year basis:
- 2009-10: \$16,000,000
  - 2010-11: \$16,000,000
  - 2011-12: \$16,000,000
  - 2012-13: \$16,200,000
  - 2013-14: \$16,400,000
- (5) As previously mentioned, the Department receives and allocates funds on a financial year basis:
- 2009-10: \$71,351,000
  - 2010-11: \$74,494,000
  - 2011-12: \$72,973,000
  - 2012-13: \$83,395,000
  - 2013-14: \$94,105,000 (forecast)

For the first time every New South Wales public school with Aboriginal students has received funding to support their additional learning from 2014. This was allocated through the Resource Allocation Model.

In 2014 the Department invested an additional \$18.5m for Aboriginal background loading, distributing around \$48m in total on this loading alone (The Norta Norta funding is included in the learning assistance funding detailed above. It should also be noted that the 4 Year Kids Excel Program finished in 2012 which is reflected in the reduction of funds from 2010-11 to 2011-12).

\*5340 ROAD MAINTENANCE CONTESTABILITY REFORM PROGRAM—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

- (1) Will the Road Maintenance Contestability Reform Program be extended to any areas outside the Sydney region?
- (a) If so, where in New South Wales will this program next commence?  
(b) If so, when will the future extension of the program commence?
- (2) Will the Illawarra area be included in the Road Maintenance Contestability Reform Program?

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- (a) If so, when will the program commence in the Illawarra?
- (3) What are the Government's plans for the asphalt plant in Bellambi that was decommissioned in 2011?
- (4) What costs are currently incurred by Roads and Maritime Services to maintain this plant?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) (2) There are no plans to extend the Road Maintenance Contestability Reform Program outside the Sydney region.
- (3) The Bellambi asphalt plant has ceased operation and there are no plans to restart asphalt mix production on the site.
- (4) No costs are incurred by Roads and Maritime to maintain the plant.

\*5341 THORACIC SURGEON AT WOLLONGONG HOSPITAL—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) Is she aware of community concerns regarding the need for a thoracic surgeon to be located at Wollongong Hospital on a weekly basis?
- (2) Are there any plans to fund a permanent thoracic surgeon at Wollongong Hospital?
- (a) If so, when does she expect a thoracic surgeon to be appointed at Wollongong Hospital?
- (3) What are the recurrent costs in ensuring that a thoracic surgeon is regularly operating at Wollongong Hospital?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District has a longstanding arrangement whereby two cardio-thoracic surgeons from South Eastern Sydney Local Health District visit weekly to undertake required consultations.

The District anticipates that a local thoracic service will commence following the commissioning of the new Illawarra Elective Surgical Services Centre at Wollongong Hospital, which is due for completion in late 2015.

The cost of a thoracic service will be determined as the service is developed and will be dependent on the level of service provided.

\*5342 OVERCROWDING ON THE SOUTH COAST LINE—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport—

- (1) How many complaints relating to overcrowding on carriage trains have been lodged to Transport for NSW via the Transport Information Line (131 500)?
- (2) How many complaints relating to overcrowding on carriage trains have been lodged to Transport for NSW via other avenues?
- (3) Has the Government consulted with South Coast Line commuters in relation to overcrowding on carriage trains?
- (a) If not, why have the South Coast Line commuters not been consulted?
- (4) What specific monitoring does the Government undertake in relation to overcrowding on the South Coast Line?

Answer—

(1) - (4) Customer feedback is appreciated. We will continue to closely monitor the performance of the timetable to ensure that services match the needs of customers.

\*5343 REGIONAL MINING COMMUNITY HEALTH AND SAFETY GRANTS PROGRAM—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Resources and Energy, and Special Minister of State—

In relation to the Regional Mining Community Health and Safety Grants program and the NSW Mine Safety Advisory Council (MSAC):

- (1) How much funding was available for the grants program in each of the following financial years:
- (a) 2010-11;
- (b) 2011-12;
- (c) 2012-13; and
- (d) 2013-14?

- (2) What communities were eligible for the funding in each of the following financial years?
- 2010-11;
  - 2011-12;
  - 2012-13; and
  - 2013-14?
- (3) What criteria is used to determine whether or not a community would be eligible for these grants?

Answer—

In relation to the Regional Mining Community Health and Safety Grants program and the NSW Mine Safety Advisory Council (MSAC), a total of \$163,500 has been provided to communities in Mudgee, the Hunter, Gunnedah, Narrabri and Wyong. Applicants are required to make a submission for a grant on behalf of a community organisation or school Parents and Citizens Association, and are required to demonstrate their group has a connection with the mining industry, that their idea was linked to at least one MSAC health and safety priority area, and that their idea would make a tangible improvement to health and safety in the applicant's local community.

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\*5344 EASTERN SUBURBS RAILWAY LINE NOISE—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Transport—

- What action has the Government taken on the Eastern Suburbs Railway Line Noise Abatement Project since 30 April 2013?
- What consideration has the Government given to providing noise barriers to protect residents?
- What further work is proposed for the Government's railway noise abatement program?
- What further action will the Government take to prevent noise impacts on adjacent residents?

Answer—

I am advised:

- The Noise Abatement Project was a trial study which is now completed.
- Transport for NSW considers improving the quality of the train tracks through rail grinding and rerailling to be the priority in reducing the levels of train noise.
- (4) All practical measures are taken to reduce noise emissions from trains, the tracks and other structures across the rail network. This includes rail and train wheel profile grinding and the removal of track surface irregularities to reduce noise emissions.

\*5345 LIGHT RAIL HOME ACQUISITIONS—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Transport—

- To what extent is the budget for the acquisition of residences in Olivia Gardens flexible to ensure owners get market value for their homes?
- Where an owner's valuer and the TfNSW valuer have agreed upon the value of a home, on what basis can TfNSW offer a lower price to an owner for their home?
- To what extent will TfNSW base its offer for removalist services on quotes?
- Will TfNSW cover legal costs beyond basic conveyancing for the sale of homes including legal representation obtained to ensure owners receive a fair deal and conveyancing and strata checks of potential new homes being considered by individuals having to move due to the Project?
- Why hasn't TfNSW issued Proposed Acquisition Notices to all owners yet?
- Will TfNSW comply with the Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991 in its offers to owners prior to the issue of a Proposed Acquisition Notice?
- Will TfNSW register the sale for each unit with the Land and Property register following completion of the acquisition?
  - If not, why won't TfNSW register these sales with the Land and Property register?
  - If not, how will TfNSW ensure that owners are no longer liable for the property following completion of the acquisition, including for rates and legal claims?
- What assistance is TfNSW offering tenants to help them relocate?
- Why is TfNSW withholding 10 per cent of the purchase price from owners who stay in their home after settlement under licence while they look for a new home and how will TfNSW ensure that withholding this amount does not disadvantage owners from purchasing a new property?



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- (10) Why is TfNSW requiring proof of upfront payment of buyer's agent fees?
- (11) Will TfNSW consider adopting the approach used in land acquisitions for the North West Rail Link so that owners can use and claim reimbursement for buyer's agent fees?
- (12) Will TfNSW consider introducing a quick and affordable dispute resolution process for owners who dispute a valuation?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The acquisition of properties and common property at Olivia Gardens is fully budgeted for.
- (2) Transport for NSW's independent valuer provides a report to Transport for NSW advising of any change to the valuation. Transport for NSW may then make a revised offer on the basis of this report.
- (3) Transport for NSW will pay reasonable costs for relocating in accordance with the Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991 (the Act).
- (4) Transport for NSW will pay reasonable costs for legal fees in accordance with the Act.
- (5) Transport for NSW is currently negotiating with individual owners. Issuing a Proposed Acquisition Notice does not impact negotiation.
- (6) Yes.
- (7) Yes.
- (8) As for (3).
- (9) In accordance with the Act, Transport for NSW will pay 90 per cent of the sum upon agreement. The remaining ten per cent will generally be paid upon settlement.
- (10) Transport for NSW will pay reasonable costs for buyer's agent fees.
- (11) The process is the same as for the North West Rail Link.
- (12) If a negotiated agreement cannot be reached, Transport for NSW may compulsorily acquire property in accordance with the Act.

\*5346 CYCLIST ROAD SAFETY—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

In relation to the Queensland Parliament's Report No. 39 - Inquiry into Cycling Issues tabled in November 2013:

- (1) What assessment has the Government made of the 68 recommendations in the Queensland Parliament's Report No. 39 - Inquiry into Cycling Issues, tabled in November 2013, for improving road safety relating to cyclists?
- (2) Is the Government aware of the Queensland Government's plans to commence a two year trial of a new road rule requiring motor vehicles to provide cyclists a minimum overtaking distance?
- (3) Is the Government aware of the Queensland Government's plans to allow drivers to overtake cyclists across centrelines?
- (4) What plans does the Government have to apply similar changes in New South Wales?
- (5) What plans does the Government have to improve road safety for cyclists in New South Wales?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Transport for NSW's Centre for Road Safety has reviewed the report.
- (2) Yes.
- (3) Yes.
- (4) There are no plans to introduce similar changes in New South Wales. Transport for NSW will monitor the trial in Queensland.
- (5) The Government worked closely with key road safety stakeholders over the past year to develop a NSW Cycling Safety Action Plan, as noted in the NSW Road Safety Strategy. This included collaboration with Bicycle NSW and the Amy Gillett Foundation.

As an early initiative Transport for NSW partnered with the Amy Gillett Foundation on the New South Wales campaign "It's a two way street". The campaign focused on sharing the road and mutual respect between motorists and bicycle riders, including the "a metre matters" message.

In late 2013, the Government released the Sydney Cycling Future plan, which aims to increase the number of people cycling in Sydney for transport purposes. The plan includes a focus on investment in separated cycleways and providing connected bicycle networks to major centres and transport interchanges.

\*5347 PACIFIC HIGHWAY UPGRADE IMPACT ON KOALA POPULATION—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

- (1) Did Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) direct contractors assessing koala activity along the planned Wardell bypass of the Pacific Highway upgrade in February 2014 to limit their assessment to the immediate vicinity of RMS determined animal underpass sites?
  - (a) If so, why did RMS instruct contractors to cease assessments outside of underpass sites?
- (2) How did RMS determine the location of animal underpass sites?
- (3) What involvement did koala conservation experts and the Office of Environment and Heritage have in the determination of animal underpass sites?
- (4) What concerns have been raised about the determined location of animal underpass sites?
- (5) How will RMS ensure underpass sites are ideally located to protect koalas from being injured by passing vehicles?
- (6) What other steps will RMS take to prevent koala fatalities in the region of the planned Wardell bypass?
- (7) To what extent do koala conservation experts agree that these planned steps will prevent loss of koala life?
- (8) What guarantee will RMS provide that coastal koala populations will not be impacted by the Wardell upgrade?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) No, Roads and Maritime requested specialists look at other sites not covered by the Ballina Shire Council study to reduce the duplication of data.
- (2) The locations of underpass sites are based on:
  - known records of koala activity;
  - the Office of Environment and Heritage's regional and sub-regional fauna corridor mapping and surveys undertaken as part of the environmental impact assessment process; and
  - additional information gathered from supplementary surveys (which led to additional targeted connectivity structures being incorporated into the project).
- (3) Roads and Maritime held a number of workshops with the Office of Environment and Heritage. Koala experts from the Australian Museum Business Services reviewed mitigation strategies specifically for koalas, including connectivity measures proposed for the project and the Koala Management Plan.
- (4) Responses to issues raised by the community, government agencies and stakeholders in response to the Environmental Impact Statement are documented in the Submissions and Preferred Infrastructure Report, which is available on the Roads and Maritime website.
- (5) - (6) Roads and Maritime plans to install koala exclusion fencing on both sides of the highway and build structures to allow koalas to cross the highway safely. Roads and Maritime is undertaking further surveys to improve the ability for koalas to move under and/or over the highway, and will work with government agencies and industry experts to improve these structures.
- (7) - (8) Roads and Maritime's strategy is guided by best practice and the recommendations of the Australian Museum Business Services' report on the Investigation of the Impact of Roads on Koalas (which is available on the Roads and Maritime website). The Koala Management Plan was also reviewed by an independent expert. Roads and Maritime is committed to implementing the Koala Management Plan and an ecological monitoring program, including monitoring to help assess the effectiveness of the mitigation measures.

\*5348 GUTTER, ROOF AND DOWN PIPE REPAIRS—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

- (1) Are repairs to gutters, down pipes and roofs done as part of planned maintenance of Land and Housing Corporation properties?
- (2) What is the current waiting time for gutter, down pipe and roof repairs in Millers Point, Dawes Point and The Rocks Land and Housing Corporation properties?
- (3) What are the Government's reasons for not treating damage to gutters, down pipes and roofs as

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- requiring responsive action?
- (4) What action has the Government taken to prevent further damage and costs of repair to gutters, downpipes and roofs that are listed for programmed maintenance?
  - (5) How many Land and Housing Corporation properties in the inner city have reported further damage to their homes as a result of existing damage to gutters and roofs having not been repaired since 19 March 2013?
  - (6) What action will the Government take to fix guttering, down pipes and roofs in:
    - (a) Dalgety Road;
    - (b) Kent Street;
    - (c) Lower Fort Street;
    - (d) High Street;
    - (e) Windmill Street;
    - (f) Merriman Street?
  - (7) What further action will the Government take to ensure prompt repair of roof leaks, gutters and down pipes?

Answer—

(1) Yes.

(2) - (7) I am advised works are undertaken according to nature, urgency and funding availability. Since 19 March 2013, works relating to gutter, roof or down pipe repairs or replacements were carried out on over 600 properties in the City of Sydney Local Government Area, including repairs to gutter blockages and obstructions, storm damage, pest intrusion and normal wear and tear.

\*5349 POLICE PRESENCE AT MINING PROTESTS—Mr Alex Greenwich asked 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) On how many occasions have NSW Police Force officers attended protests against mining in the Pilliga area including at the Santos facility at Narrabri and the Whitehaven Coal facility at Maule's Creek since 19 March 2013?
- (2) What additional patrolling activities have been undertaken for surveillance of the protesters' camps?
- (3) How many police officers have been transferred from other regions of New South Wales to support Barwon Area Command in response to the mining protests?
- (4) What other resources, such as vehicles and cherry pickers, have been used to support the NSW Police Force in response to those mining protests?
- (5) What is the total cost to the Government for police officers attending these protests?
- (6) To what extent have Santos and Whitehaven Coal contributed to the costs of police resources used in these instances?
- (7) To what extent are Santos and Whitehaven Coal complying with the NSW Police Force Cost Recovery and User Charges Policy in relation to provision of police security?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force has advised me:

- (1) Since 19 March 2013, officers from the Barwon Local Area Command (LAC) have attended 22 incidents of protest activity at Whitehaven Coal and 13 at Santos.
- (2) Barwon LAC has undertaken high visibility and proactive patrolling in relation to ongoing protest activity in the Maules Creek and Pilliga areas.
- (3) No officers have been transferred from other regions. Additional police resources, such as NSW Police Rescue and Operational Support Group officers, supplement local police as required.
- (4) Local police, rescue resources and other equipment as operationally required was used by the NSW Police Force.
- (5) A comprehensive and accurate cost is unable to be provided.
- (6) Nil.
- (7) No User Pays or other costs are sourced from Santos or Whitehaven.

The following response was submitted by the Minister on 12 June 2014:

The NSW Police Force has advised me it has become aware of inaccurate information it provided in relation to Written Question No. 5349 (answered on 23 April 2014). The NSW Police Force further advises the answer published in part 1 of the former Minister's response contained an incorrect figure

provided at that time. The NSW Police Force has now provided correct information regarding the number of incidents attended at Santos.

I therefore seek to amend the Parliamentary record with the revised answer below.

The NSW Police Force has advised me:

- (1) Since 19 March 2013, officers from the Barwon Local Area Command (LAC) have attended 22 incidents of protest activity at Whitehaven Coal and five at Santos.
- (2) Barwon LAC has undertaken high visibility and proactive patrolling in relation to ongoing protest activity in the Maules Creek and Pilliga areas.
- (3) No officers have been transferred from other regions. Additional police resources, such as NSW Police Rescue and Operational Support Group officers, supplement local police as required.
- (4) Local police, rescue resources and other equipment as operationally required was used by the NSW Police Force.
- (5) A comprehensive and accurate cost is unable to be provided.
- (6) Nil.
- (7) No User Pays or other costs are sourced from Santos or Whitehaven.

\*5351 STAMP DUTY—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

- (1) What assessment has the Government made of the impacts of stamp duty on housing affordability?
- (2) What options has the Government considered as alternatives to stamp duty?
- (3) What programs does the Government currently have to improve housing affordability?
- (4) What further action will the Government take to improve housing affordability?

Answer—

The Government directs its policies towards boosting housing supply that will improve affordability.

These policies include:

- 'First Home - New Home' scheme that provides eligible purchasers with exemptions from transfer duty on new homes (including homes purchased off the plan) valued up to \$550,000 and vacant land for homebuilding up to \$350,000, and concessions for new homes valued between \$550,000 and \$650,000 and vacant land for homebuilding between \$350,000 and \$450,000;
- 'First Home Owner Grant (New Homes)' scheme that assists eligible first home owners to purchase a new home or build their home by offering a \$15,000 grant for new homes up to \$650,000; and
- 'New Home Grant Scheme' that provides a \$5,000 grant towards the purchase of new homes (including homes purchased off the plan) up to \$650,000 and vacant land on which a new home will be built up to \$450,000.

This approach is unlike the previous Government that only increased the mortgage size of first home buyers with no boost to housing supply.

\*5352 DISCLOSURE OF PREVIOUSLY BANNED DONATIONS—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) What action will the Government take to ensure that political donations over \$1,000 from previously banned entities are disclosed, given the Election Funding, Expenditure and Disclosures Act 1981 only requires disclosure of reportable political donations from individuals on the electoral roll?
- (2) Will the Government make changes to ensure that any donations made from previously banned entities in this financial year are disclosed, given the 12 month disclosure period is set to end on 30 June 2014?

Answer—

The Government is reviewing NSW electoral legislation, including any amendments that may be necessary to respond to the High Court's decision in *Unions NSW v State of New South Wales*.

\*5353 SCHOOL BANKING PROGRAM—Mr Richard Amery asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) How many schools in the Mount Druitt electorate participate in the School Banking programme?
- (2) Which schools in the Mount Druitt electorate are involved in the School Banking programme?
- (3) How many students at each of these schools participate in the School Banking programme?

Answer—

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The Department of Education and Communities does not have a contracted school banking program for students. It is each principal's decision, in consultation with their local community, as to whether the school participates in such a program and with which bank. No record of these services is held centrally.

\*5354 GUNSMITH QUALIFICATION—Mr Richard Amery asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) What courses are available for individuals wanting to become a qualified gunsmith in New South Wales?
- (2) What advice does TAFE offer to anyone seeking such a qualification?

Answer—

(1) There are no specific vocational qualifications for gunsmiths. People working in the firearms industry in New South Wales must meet the appropriate firearm licensing conditions to allow them to possess and repair firearms. This includes a requirement to undertake firearms safety and handling courses.

While there is no specific gunsmith qualification, the Certificate III in Engineering - Mechanical Trade with a specialisation in toolmaking provides a range of skills appropriate for gunsmiths. This qualification is on the 2014 NSW Skills List and can be undertaken either as an apprenticeship or a non-apprenticeship qualification.

(2) TAFE NSW does not currently offer units in gunsmithing. However TAFE NSW delivers the Certificate III in Engineering – Mechanical Trade which can provide a foundation for on-the-job training with a gunsmith.

\*5355 SUPPORT ARRANGEMENTS FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES—Ms Sonia Hornery asked 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) What will happen to people with a disability who require the transfer of support arrangements under the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) but do not have appropriate arrangements in place by 2018?
- (2) What arrangements will the Government make for people with a disability who are unable to be provided services by the non-Government sector?

Answer—

(1) - (2) The Government will continue working with the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) to ensure all people with disability currently accessing disability supports transition smoothly to the National Disability Insurance Scheme by 1 July 2018.

After 1 July 2018, the NDIA will have full responsibility for all funded disability supports in New South Wales.

\*5356 ADOPTION PROCEEDINGS IN THE SUPREME COURT—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

What action has he taken or will he take in response to correspondence (dated 14 January 2014) from Karen Thorpe of Indooroopilly concerning adoption proceedings in the Supreme Court in 1970?

Answer—

I am advised:

On the 14 March 2014 I replied to representations made on behalf of Ms Thorpe dated 14 January 2014.

\*5357 EATING DISORDER PATIENTS—Mrs Barbara Perry asked the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Healthy Lifestyles, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

- (1) Are the three designated eating disorder beds at Westmead Hospital fully operational for treating patients with eating disorders?
- (2) Are the designated eating disorder beds at Westmead Hospital available to all New South Wales residents regardless of their allocated local health district?
- (3) How many patients have received treatment for an eating disorder at Westmead Hospital since 1 October 2013?
- (4) Is it true that Westmead Hospital is refusing to admit patients with eating disorders due to a lack of funding for designated eating disorder beds?
- (5) When can New South Wales residents who experience eating disorders expect to have full access to the inpatient services outlined in the NSW Service Plan for Eating Disorders?

Answer—

(1) – (5) I am advised that, the NSW Service Plan for People with Eating Disorders 2013-2018 incorporates a state-wide 'hub and spoke' model designed to best meet the needs of every Local Health District. The Government has allocated \$15.2 million over five years to enhance access to inpatient and community based treatment for people with eating disorders.

The Plan emphasises the responsibility of the district to develop a local service plan for eating disorders and outline plans for creating local networks, referral pathways and treatment options to maximise local access and service provision.

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\*5358 REFURBISHMENT OF CESSNOCK HOUSE—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

Further to her response to LA Question 4705 relating to the refurbishment of Cessnock House at Cessnock Hospital:

- (1) What is the expected total cost of refurbishing Cessnock House?
- (2) How much was spent on this refurbishment up to 31 October 2013?
- (3) How much is expected to be spent on the refurbishment of Cessnock House from 1 November 2013 to 30 June 2014?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The expected total cost of refurbishing Cessnock House is yet to be determined by the Hunter New England Local Health District.
- (2) \$150,000.
- (3) Nil.

\*5359 LOCAL HEALTH DISTRICT EXPENDITURE—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) What percentage of a Local Health District's total budget expenditure being allocated to services of Visiting Medical Officers (VMOs) is considered reasonable?
- (2) At what percentage point is it considered necessary to seriously review Local Health District expenditure on VMOs and consider employing a Resident Medical Officer?
- (3) Does her office and the Ministry of Health take an active role in reviewing the percentage of funds spent on VMOs for each Local Health District?
- (4) If reviews of the VMO expenditure of Local Health Districts are not undertaken annually, how frequently are reviews conducted?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) Local Health District Chief Executives and Boards are responsible for managing their budget in accordance with the requirements of the annual Service Agreement between the Ministry of Health and Districts. The Local Health District is also responsible for determining the right composition of the workforce to meet the health needs of their community, including determining the need for Visiting Medical Officers, and monitoring Visiting Medical Officer expenditure.

(2) Visiting Medical Officers generally have specialist qualifications, and undertake different roles and responsibilities to those of Resident Medical Officers. It is a matter for Local Health Districts to consider what combination of skills and qualifications of their workforce are required to meet patient needs.

(3) - (4) Healthshare NSW, NSW Health's shared services provider, has redeveloped the State's VMoney system and is currently rolling out the new web based application that will provide Districts with:

- a single source of information for planning and monitoring VMO expenditure
- improved access to VMO payment related reports
- optimisation of VMO resource allocation and utilisation.

In addition, VMO claims management is considered as part of each Local Health District's audit program.

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\*5360 SCHOOL BUS CAPACITIES—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Transport—

In relation to school buses that travel on roads with speed limits of 80 kilometres per hour and above:

- (1) How many children are authorised to stand on school buses because there are no seats available before an additional bus is required?
- (2) How many children are authorised to stand on school buses that have seatbelts fitted?
- (3) Is there a maximum distance that a bus can travel with standing school children before an additional bus is required?

Answer—

I am advised:

The passenger capacity of a bus is prescribed by Roads and Maritime Services when the bus is first registered.

Where a Transport for NSW contracted bus is fitted with seat belts no passenger is allowed to stand.

\*5361 TRAIN CLEANLINESS INSPECTIONS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Transport—

- (1) How regularly are trains travelling outside of Sydney to rural and regional areas inspected to ensure minimum standards are being met?
- (2) Are all complaints regarding cleanliness provided to the contractors to ensure their full knowledge of customer dissatisfaction?
- (3) What is the maximum time provided for contractors to address complaints regarding cleanliness?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) Trains are inspected daily to ensure they meet customers' expectations. Customers can report unclean carriages by calling 131 500 and quoting the carriage number.

(2) Complaints regarding cleanliness are provided to Transport Cleaning Services. Transport Cleaning Services is regularly briefed on train cleanliness results from Transport for NSW's Customer Satisfaction Index surveys.

(3) Complaints are addressed as soon as operationally possible.

\*5362 DEMOUNTABLE SCHOOL BUILDINGS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) What percentage of schools in the Cessnock electorate had two or more demountable buildings in use as designated classrooms or homerooms during 2013?
- (2) What was the state average, as a percentage, for schools across New South Wales that had two or more demountable buildings in use as designated classrooms or homerooms during 2013?
- (3) What percentage of schools in the Cessnock electorate will be using two or more demountable buildings as designated classrooms or homerooms throughout 2014?
- (4) What percentage of schools in New South Wales will be using two or ore demountable buildings as designated classrooms or homerooms throughout 2014?

Answer—

Demountables allow the Department to manage periodic fluctuations in school enrolments. In addition, demountables allow the Department to be highly responsive to schools' changing needs by enabling the provision of emergency accommodation following fires and natural disasters, and in meeting accommodation needs arising from capital works and maintenance projects in schools.

Cessnock electorate has a number of schools with two or more demountables. The number of demountables in schools in the Cessnock electorate are broadly in line with other schools in the state.

\*5363 LOCAL COURT SITTINGS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

In relation to the 2013-14 Budget Paper No 3, page 2-10, entitled "Court Support Services":

- (1) Why will the number of Local Court sittings with a uniformed sheriff's officer present fall from 79% in 2010-11 to 70% in 2013-14?
- (2) What additional processes will be implemented to ensure that all participants are safe during Local Court proceedings?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) The figure for 2013-14 is a forecast figure only. The final 2013-14 figure for Local Court sittings with a uniformed Sheriff's officer present will depend on the workload of the court and the types of matters listed.

(2) A range of security services and controls provided by the Sheriff's Office address the safety of participants in Local Court proceedings. Security services range from full perimeter security with multiple officers, to single officers providing patrols. Available controls include perimeter screening, (such as walk through metal detectors and hand scanning), electronic measures (such as duress alarms and CCTV), and Sheriff's officers presence within court premises. Services are determined according to the level of security risk for each location.

\*5364 CESSNOCK STATE EMERGENCY SERVICES UNIT VOLUNTEERS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

How many volunteers are presently registered with the Cessnock State Emergency Services Unit?

Answer—

I am advised:

This question should be directed to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services.

\*5365 CEMETERIES AND CREMATORIA ACT 2013—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Small Business—

In relation to the Cemeteries and Crematoria Act 2013:

- (1) Which entity is responsible for keeping and retaining records of options chosen for burial?
- (2) Which entity is responsible for keeping and retaining records of options chosen for internment?
- (3) Which entity is responsible for contacting family to seek directions and payment when the initial internment contract expires?

Answer—

On commencement of the Cemeteries and Crematoria Act 2013:

- (1) - (3) The cemetery operator.

\*5366 RETURNED SERVICEMEN GRAVES—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

Can he give assurances that the graves of returned servicemen will not be resold under the Cemeteries and Crematoria Act 2013?

Answer—

The Cemeteries and Crematoria Act 2013 falls within the portfolio responsibility of the Minister for Primary Industries. The Member for Cessnock may wish to direct his question to the responsible Minister.

\*5367 WASTE STORAGE AND PROCESSING FACILITY FIRE—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) What investigations have been undertaken in relation to a fire at a waste storage and processing facility at 191 Miller Road, Chester Hill as at 20 March 2014?
- (2) What actions and prosecutions will be considered as a result of these investigations?

Answer—

I am advised as follows:

- (1) The EPA is undertaking an investigation into the activities on the site, the cause of the fire and breaches of legislation administered by the EPA.
- (2) If there is evidence to support a criminal prosecution of any person in relation to activities at the site or the fire, the EPA will take action in accordance with the EPA's Prosecution Guidelines.

\*5368 WASTE STORAGE AND PROCESSING FACILITY LICENCE BREACHES—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

In relation to the fire at a waste storage and processing facility at 191 Miller Road, Chester Hill:

- (1) Could she confirm if the licence for the processing facility has been revoked?
- (2) Has this facility previously breached its licence conditions?



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(a) If yes, were the breaches prosecuted?

Answer—

I am advised as follows:

(1) The EPA revoked the licence on 20 December 2013 but on 24 January 2014 the Land and Environment Court put a stay on the revocation. This means the licence is still in force. The stay conditioned that no further waste could be received at the premises. The licence revocation is currently before the Court.

(2) The EPA issued a written warning on 10 February 2010, for failure to comply with a condition on the licence in relation to dust emissions.

(a) This breach was not prosecuted as a written warning was determined to be the appropriate regulatory response in accordance with the EPA Prosecution Guidelines.

The EPA has undertaken other regulatory actions including the issuing of six fines and three legal notices requiring a clean-up to be undertaken, the most recent issued on 21 February 2014 to extinguish the fire and stop fire water run-off leaving the premises.

\*5369 COMPLAINTS TO THE ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION AUTHORITY—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

How many complaints has the Environment Protection Authority received relating to the fire at a waste storage and processing facility at 191 Miller Road, Chester Hill?

Answer—

I am advised as follows:

Between 17 February and 20 March 2014, the EPA has received 90 complaints about 191 Miller Road, Chester Hill.

\*5370 DEMOUNTABLE CLASSROOM NUMBERS—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Education—

(1) How many demountable classrooms were there at each of the following schools in the 2013 school year;

- (a) Bankstown North Public School;
- (b) Bankstown Senior College;
- (c) Bankstown South Infants;
- (d) Georges Hall Public School;
- (e) Mount Lewis Infants;
- (f) Bankstown Public School;
- (g) Bass Hill High School; and
- (h) Bankstown West Public School?

(2) How many demountable classrooms are there for each of the following schools in the 2014 school year;

- (a) Bankstown North Public School;
- (b) Bankstown Senior College;
- (c) Bankstown South Infants;
- (d) Georges Hall Public School;
- (e) Mount Lewis Infants;
- (f) Bankstown Public School;
- (g) Bass Hill High School; and
- (h) Bankstown West Public School?

Answer—

(1) As at 8 March 2013, the number of demountable classrooms at the schools listed was as follows:

- (a) Eight at Bankstown North Public School;
- (b) Nine at Bankstown Senior College;
- (c) Five at Bankstown South Infants School;
- (d) Six at Georges Hall Public School;
- (e) Four at Mount Lewis Infants School;
- (f) Four at Bankstown Public School;
- (g) Five at Bass High School; and
- (h) Two at Bankstown West Public School.

(2) As at 7 March 2014, the number of demountable classrooms at the schools listed is as follows:

- (a) Eight at Bankstown North Public School;
- (b) Nine at Bankstown Senior College;
- (c) Five at Bankstown South Infants School;
- (d) Six at Georges Hall Public School;
- (e) Four at Mount Lewis Infants School;
- (f) Four at Bankstown Public School;
- (g) Five at Bass High School; and
- (h) Two at Bankstown West Public School.

\*5371 RETENTION RATE OF GRADE 12 STUDENTS—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Education—

(1) What is the retention rate of students at the following schools completing Grade 12 studies per year in the period 2011 to 2013:

- (a) Bankstown Girls High School;
- (b) Bass High School;
- (c) Chester Hill High School;
- (d) Punchbowl Boys High School;
- (e) Birrong Boys High School; and
- (f) Birrong Girls High School?

Answer—

A retention rate is a measure of the number of school students in a designated year of education expressed as a percentage of their respective cohort group in a base year, such as from the first year in the secondary school (Year 7) to Year 10 or Year 12.

(1) The retention rate of Year 12 students per year for the period 2011 to 2013 at each of the following schools:

-	School	2011	2012	2013
a.	Bankstown Girls High School	78.3%	74.6%	87.0%
b.	Bass High School	68.1%	56.6%	60.4%
c.	Chester Hill High School	85.0%	73.7%	84.1%
d.	Punchbowl Boys High School	56.1%	48.8%	65.6%
e.	Birrong Boys High School	61.5%	53.4%	41.4%
f.	Birrong Girls High School	75.0%	70.6%	71.0%

\*5372 GOVERNMENT GRANTS TO YOUTH ORGANISATIONS—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

(1) What grants did the Government provide to youth organisations and youth programs in the years 2011, 2012, and 2013 in the following electorates:

- (a) Bankstown;
- (b) East Hills;
- (c) Granville;
- (d) Smithfield;
- (e) Oatley;
- (f) Wyong; and
- (g) Blue Mountains?

(2) Please name the organisations, amount received and purpose of each project for the Government grants in (1) for each of the following electorates:

- (a) Bankstown;
- (b) East Hills;
- (c) Granville;
- (d) Smithfield;
- (e) Oatley;

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- (f) Wyong; and  
(g) Blue Mountains?

Answer—

I refer the Member to the Department of Education and Communities' annual report for the respective years listed.

\*5373 GOVERNMENT GRANTS TO SPORTING ORGANISATIONS—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Sport and Recreation—

- (1) What grants did the Government provide to sporting clubs and sporting organisations in the years 2011, 2012, and 2013 in the following electorates:
- (a) Bankstown;  
(b) East Hills;  
(c) Granville;  
(d) Smithfield;  
(e) Oatley;  
(f) Wyong; and  
(g) Blue Mountains?
- (2) Please name the organisations, amount received and purpose of each project for the Government grants in (1) for each of the following electorates:
- (a) Bankstown;  
(b) East Hills;  
(c) Granville;  
(d) Smithfield;  
(e) Oatley;  
(f) Wyong; and  
(g) Blue Mountains?

Answer—

A list of Sport and Recreation grant recipients, amounts and purpose of grants is provided at Tabs A G attached.

Tab A - Bankstown Electorate

Program/Year	Organisation	Description	Amount \$
SADP 11-12	NSW TOUCH ASSOCIATION	FEMALE COACHING UPDATE AND MENTORING SEMINAR	6,500.00
SADP 11-12	NSW TOUCH ASSOCIATION	REFEREES SEMINAR	2,000.00
SREP 12-13	CYCLING AUSTRALIA	CYCLING AUST ELITE & U19 TRACK NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS	7,000.00
SRPP 11-12	BANKSTOWN SPORTS CYCLING CLUB INC	TRAINING FOR VOLUNTEER CYCLING COMMISSARS AND COACHES.	5,710.00
SRPP 12-13	BANKSTOWN CITY COUNCIL	ULTIMATE FUN WITH FRISBEES FOR BANKSTOWN'S YOUTH	3,860.00
SRPP 12-13	BANKSTOWN CITY COUNCIL	SET UP TWILIGHT INDOOR SOCCER IN BANKSTOWN	10,000.00
SREP 13-14B	CYCLING NSW	2014 NATIONAL JUNIOR TRACK CYCLING CHAMPIONSHIPS	6,000.00
SFRG 13-14	ST JOHN'S YOUTH GROUP INC	INSTALLATION OF SAFETY NETTING AT MULTI-PURPOSE FACILITY	15,750.00

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SDP 2011-12	CYCLING NSW	SPORT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FUNDING	55,000
SDP 2012-13	CYCLING NSW	SPORT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FUNDING	55,000
SDP 2013-14	CYCLING NSW	SPORT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FUNDING	55,000
SDP 2011-12	NSW TOUCH	SPORT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FUNDING	55,000
SDP 2012-13	NSW TOUCH	SPORT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FUNDING	55,000
SDP 2013-14	NSW TOUCH	SPORT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FUNDING	55,000

Key:

SADP	Sport and Athlete Development Program
SRFG	Sport and Recreation Facility Program
SRPP	Sport and Recreation Participation Program
SREP	Sport and Recreation Events Program
SDP	Sport Development Program

Tab B - East Hills Electorate

Program/Year	Organisation	Description	Amount \$
SRPP 11-12	PANANIA EAST HILLS RSL YOUTH CRICKET CLUB	YOUTH CRICKET COACHING AND DEVELOPMENT	8,280.00
SRPP 11-12	PANANIA RSL YOUTH SOCCER CLUB	REFUGEE PARTICIPATION PROGRAM	10,000.00
SRPP 12-13	DISABILITY SERVICES AUSTRALIA	PROVISION OF A MULTI SPORT COMPETITION FOR DSA STAFF	9,319.00
SRPP 12-13	BANKSTOWN CITY COUNCIL	MIDNIGHT BASKETBALL PROGRAM AT BANKSTOWN	10,000.00
SSGP 12-13	MARITIME PISTOL CLUB OF NSW	TRAIN RANGE OFFICERS TO FACILITATE TRAINING OF NEW AND LEARNER SHOOTERS	780.00
SRPP 13-14	BANKSTOWN CITY COUNCIL	BASKETBALL BANKSTOWN BONANZA	10,000.00

Key:

SRPP	Sport and Recreation Participation Program
SSGP	Safe Shooting Grant Program

Tab C - Granville Electorate

Program/Year	Organisation	Description	Amount \$
SADP 11-12	LITTLE ATHLETICS ASSOCIATION OF NSW INC	ATHLETES & VOLUNTEERS ASSISTANCE	15,000.00
SRFG 11-12	HOLROYD CITY COUNCIL	INSTALLATION OF SUB-SURFACE DRAINAGE AT TED BURGE SPORTSGROUND	42,500.00
SRFG 11-12	PARRAMATTA CITY COUNCIL	INSTALLATION OF NEW SYNTHETIC GRASS CRICKET WICKET AT EVERLEY PARK SOUTH	2,949.00

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SRFG 11-12	PARRAMATTA CITY COUNCIL	INSTALLATION OF A NEW SYNTHETIC GRASS CRICKET WICKET AT HARRY GAPES RESERVE	2,949.00
SRFG 11-12	PARRAMATTA CITY COUNCIL	CONSTRUCTION OF A CONCRETE PATHWAY AND STEPS TO CONNECT THE AMENITIES BUILDING TO PLAYING FIELDS AT OLLIE WEBB RESERVE	2,675.00
SRFG 11-12	PARRAMATTA DISTRICT RUGBY UNION FOOTBALL CLUB	INSTALLATION OF SECURITY FENCING, A COVERED SEATING AREA AND UPGRADE OF LIGHTING AT GRANVILLE PARK	50,000.00
SRPP 11-12	AWEIL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION IN NSW	SOUTH SUDANESE GIRLS SOCCER PROJECT	10,000.00
SRPP 11-12	PARRAMATTA CITY COUNCIL	BALLERS	2,850.00
SRPP 11-12	RUGBY YOUTH FOUNDATION	RUGBY YOUNG LEADERS	7,600.00
SRPP 11-12	SOUTHERN HOPE COMMUNITY ORGANISATION INC.	SOUTH SUDANESE GIRLS AND YOUNG WOMEN'S SPORT	9,920.00
SRFG 13-14	HOLROYD CITY COUNCIL	HOLROYD GARDENS PARK - STAGE 1 UPGRADE SURFACE (50LM) OF EXISTING FOOTPATH NETWORK	25,000.00
SRPP 13-14	WORLD RESCUE MISSION AGENCY DEVELOPMENT SERVICE INC	BASKETBALL FOR AFRICAN YOUNG PEOPLE	5,790.00
SRPP 13-14	PARRAMATTA DISTRICT RUGBY UNION FOOTBALL CLUB	TWO BLUES KICK START INTO RUGBY	10,000.00
SRPP 13-14	PARRAMATTA CITY COUNCIL	SWIMMING PROGRAM FOR YOUNG PEOPLE FROM CALD FAMILIES IN GRANVILLE	4,518.00

Key:

SADP	Sport and Athlete Development Program
SRFG	Sport and Recreation Facility Program
SRPP	Sport and Recreation Participation Program

Tab D - Smithfield Electorate

Program/Year	Organisation	Description	Amount \$
SADP 11-12	PONY CLUB ASSOCIATION OF NSW INCORPORATED	STATE CAMP	15,000.00
SRPP 11-12	DEAF FOOTBALL AUSTRALIA	VOLUNTEER DEVELOPMENT	8,000.00
SREP 13-14B	DRESSAGE NSW INC	2014 SYDNEY CDI - INTERNATIONAL AND NATIONAL DRESSAGE EVENT	15,000.00

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SRFG 13-14	FAIRFIELD CITY COUNCIL	ATHLETICS FACILITIES - ROSFORD RESERVE	15,000.00
10-11	EASTERN CREEK RACEWAY	DEVELOPMENT OF EASTERN CREEK RACEWAY TRACK EXTENSION AND PIT LANE BUILDING	3,000,000
11-12	EASTERN CREEK RACEWAY	DEVELOPMENT OF EASTERN CREEK RACEWAY TRACK EXTENSION AND PIT LANE BUILDING	2,000,000
12-13	EASTERN CREEK RACEWAY	DEVELOPMENT OF EASTERN CREEK RACEWAY TRACK EXTENSION AND PIT LANE BUILDING	2,000,000

Key:

SADP	Sport and Athlete Development Program
SRFG	Sport and Recreation Facility Program
SRPP	Sport and Recreation Participation Program
SREP	Sport and Recreation Events Program

Tab E - Oatley Electorate

Program/Year	Organisation	Description	Amount \$
MDF 11-12	OATLEY RSL SOCCER	REPLACE GOALPOSTS AT RENOWN PARK	2,000.00
MDF 12-13	LIONS CLUB OF LUGARNO	LUGARNO LIONS SPRING FESTIVAL SPORTS EXPO	3,000.00
SRPP 11-12	BLUEFIT FOUNDATION	LEARN 2 PLAY PROGRAM AT HURSTVILLE	10,000.00
SRPP 12-13	NSW SNOWSPORTS	CROSS COUNTRY SKIING SUMMER TRAINING AND PARTICIPATION PROGRAM	4,500.00
SSGP 12-13	CONCORDIA RIFLE PISTOL AND HUNTING CLUB	PURCHASE OF A FIREARMS SAFE	967.00
SRPP 13-14	NSW BIATHLON ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED	NSW BIATHLON SUMMER TRAINING AND SHOOTING PARTICIPATION PROGRAM 2013-2014	4,000.00
SRPP 13-14	POLE DEPOT COMMUNITY CENTRE INC	PROVIDE STRUCTURED SPORTS ACTIVITIES FOR AT RISK YOUTH IN ST GEORGE AREA	3,543.00

Key:

SRPP	Sport and Recreation Participation Program
SSGP	Safe Shooting Grant Program
MDF	Minister's Discretionary Fund

Tab F - Wyong Electorate

Program/Year	Organisation	Description	Amount \$
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SREP 12-13	CENTRAL COAST SEVENS INCORPORATED	CENTRAL COAST SEVENS INTERNATIONAL RUGBY FESTIVAL	10,000.00
SRFG 12-13	NORTHERN LAKES POWER AFL INC	INSTALLATION OF FLOODLIGHTING AT NORTHLAKES OVAL	25,000.00
SRFG 12-13	WYONG SHIRE COUNCIL	UPGRADE OF TENNIS COURT SURFACES TO INCLUDE MULTI-SPORT USE AT WYONG TENNIS FACILITY	25,000.00
SRPP 12-13	BATEAU BAY NETBALL CLUB	PROVIDE NETBALL EDUCATION, TRAINING AND COMPETITION OPPORTUNITIES	1,100.00
SRPP 12-13	CENTRAL WYONG RLFC	PROVISION OF COMPETITION AND TRAINING PROGRAM FOR YOUTH TO PLAY RUGBY LEAGUE	10,000.00
SRPP 12-13	PARKINSONS NSW INC	PROVIDE A WEEKEND WORKSHOP OF SPORTING ACTIVITIES FOR PARKINSONS SUFFERS	10,000.00
SRPP 12-13	NORAH HEAD WOMEN IN THE WAVES	SURF COACHING AND FUN TAG TEAM CONTEST FOR CENTRAL COAST GIRLS	500.00
SRPP 12-13	THE BENEVOLENT SOCIETY	OPPORTUNITY FOR FAMILIES IN GOROKAN AND THE ENTRANCE TO PARTICIPATE IN A VARIETY OF SPORTS	9,410.00
SRPP 12-13	TOUKLEY DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB INC	FUTURE KOOKA'S PROGRAM SUBSIDISATION OF SUMMER CRICKET PROGRAM	2,260.00
SRFG 13-14	DOYALSON WYEE RSL CLUB	AUTOMATED IRRIGATION SYSTEM FOR SPORTING FIELDS	8,200.00

Key:

SRFG	Sport and Recreation Facility Program
SRPP	Sport and Recreation Participation Program
SREP	Sport and Recreation Events Program

Tab G - Blue Mountains

Program/Year	Organisation	Description	Amount \$
SRFG 11-12	BLUE MOUNTAINS CROQUET CLUB	CONSTRUCTION OF A LARGE SHED FOR EQUIPMENT STORAGE AND SHELTER FOR MEMBERS AT BLUE MOUNTAINS CROQUET CLUB	1,072.00
SRFG 11-12	KATOOMBA DISTRICT LITTLE ATHLETICS CENTRE INC	UPGRADE OF CANTEEN FACILITIES AT PITT PARK OVAL	2,050.00

SRFG 11-12	MEGALONG VALLEY PONY CLUB	PROVISION OF A MULTI-PURPOSE CLUB HOUSE AT MEGALONG RESERVE	7,050.00
SRPP 11-12	ELOURA - BLUE MOUNTAINS DISABILITY SERVICES	ELOURA EXERCISE HUB - SPORT AND RECREATION EQUIPMENT	9,800.00
SRPP 11-12	SPECIAL OLYMPICS AUSTRALIA (NSW)	CRICKET PROGRAM FOR ATHLETES WITH AN INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY	2,800.00

Key:

SRFG	Sport and Recreation Facility Program
SRPP	Sport and Recreation Participation Program

\*5374 COMPLAINTS REGARDING LEASING OR RENTING OF GOODS—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Fair Trading, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Western Sydney—

How many complaints has Fair Trading received regarding the leasing or renting of goods in the following years:

- (a) 2011;
- (b) 2012;
- (c) 2013; and
- (d) 2014?

Answer—

NSW Fair Trading's complaint management database shows the following complaints relating to the hire of retail products and services, for the calendar years:

- (a) 2011 - 356;
- (b) 2012 - 350;
- (c) 2013 - 360; and
- (d) 2014 - 77 (year to date - 26 March 2014).

\*5375 WAITING TIMES AT BANKSTOWN-LIDCOMBE HOSPITAL—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) Why is the waiting time for ear, nose and throat surgery at Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital presently 247 days when the waiting time in the A1 peer hospital group is 87 days?
- (2) Why is the waiting time for ophthalmology surgery at Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital presently 340 days when the waiting time in the A1 peer hospital group is 70 days?
- (3) Why is the waiting time for orthopaedic surgery at Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital presently 260 days when the waiting time in the A1 peer hospital group is 69 days?
- (4) Will extra funding and resources be allocated to Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital to alleviate waiting times for elective surgery?

Answer—

I am advised that:

(1) - (3) Waiting times for ear, nose and throat; ophthalmology and orthopaedic patients at Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital are managed in accordance with the NSW Health Waiting Times and Elective Surgery Policy; that patients are treated within their clinical priority timeframes.

As at 31 December 2013, there were no Category One patients waiting for surgery at Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital for ear, nose and throat; ophthalmology and orthopaedic surgery.

As at 31 December 2013, there were:

- no patients outside the Category Two Clinical Priority Categories (CPC) timeframe and
- 95.7% of Category Three patients were seen within the CPC timeframe for ear, nose and throat; ophthalmology or orthopaedic surgery.

New South Wales has consistently been one of the highest performing jurisdictions in Australia for on time elective surgery performance.



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In 2013 (calendar year) the New South Wales performance against the National Elective Surgery Target (NEST) for the percentage of surgery patients treated within clinically recommended time was:

- 99.4% for Category 1,
- 96.4% for Category 2 and
- 95.3% for Category 3.

(4) Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital's budget has increased by 3.7% when compared to the 2012/13 financial year and the Hospital is implementing a 24/7 Peri-Operative Service in April 2014 to assist in decreasing surgery wait lists.

The Government has recently allocated \$800,000 to create a master plan for future development at Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital.

\*5376 GW10 HOUSING REGION—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

Will the Government provide further funding for the procurement of additional Housing NSW properties in the GW10 Housing region?

Answer—

I am advised the NSW Land and Housing Corporation has an ongoing program to review its public housing assets to ensure they meet the needs of public housing tenants. New housing is provided based on available funding and priorities within the social housing system.

\*5377 SALE OF PROPERTIES AT MILLERS POINT—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

- (1) Where will Housing NSW reinvest funds gained from the sale of properties at Millers Point?
- (2) What is the estimated total figure for the sale of these properties at Millers Point?

Answer—

(1) I am advised proceeds from the sale of assets will be reinvested into the public housing system.

(2) I am advised the property market will determine the sales figures generated for the Millers Point properties.

\*5378 RELOCATION OF HOUSING NSW MILLERS POINT RESIDENTS—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

- (1) Will residents of properties to be sold by Housing NSW at Millers Point be relocated to the GW10 Housing region?
  - (a) If so, how many of these residents will be relocated to the GW10 Housing region?
  - (b) If so, will the relocation of these residents affect the waiting time for other people currently on the waiting list in the GW10 housing region?

Answer—

I am advised it is not known at this stage whether any tenant will request the GW10 housing allocation zone.

\*5379 RACIAL DISCRIMINATION ACT 1975—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

- (1) What is the Government's position on the revocation of Section 18C of the Racial Discrimination Act 1975?
- (2) Has he had any discussions with representatives of the Federal Government concerning this matter?

Answer—

(1) Please refer to the Government's submission to the Federal Government.

(2) Where appropriate the Minister consults the Federal Government on policy matters.

\*5380 CENTENARY OF ANZAC COMMEMORATIONS—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

When will he receive the recommendations from the NSW Centenary of Anzac Advisory Council concerning the commemorations for the Centenary of Anzac in August 2014?

Answer—

The Government is committed to ensuring New South Wales plans appropriate commemorations for the centenary of the First World War.

The former NSW Centenary of Commemoration Committee, led by the Hon Peter Collins AM and the Hon John Watkins, consulted with veterans' organisations, community groups and government agencies and submitted a report in May 2011 proposing 41 initiatives.

The Centenary of Anzac Advisory Council, appointed in April 2012, to advise on the Centenary Commemoration Program, considered the former committee's proposals and has made recommendations for a program of commemorative activities.

These recommendations are informing the planning around NSW's Centenary of Anzac commemoration activities.

Initiatives announced to date include:

- the new NSW Veterans' Affairs website (which also serves as the NSW Government's Centenary of Anzac site)
- the State Library's digger diaries digitisation project
- a community commemoration guide available online on the NSW Centenary of Anzac website
- the Centenary of Anzac book project - NSW and the Great War
- the NSW Centenary of Anzac Commemoration History Fellowship
- United We Stand - an initiative encouraging sports clubs to engage with the Centenary
- Joining Forces - a joint initiative between the NSW Government, RSL (NSW) and Sydney Legacy encouraging multicultural communities to engage with the Centenary
- Wartime Legends - encouraging recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander military service during the First World War.

The Government and the NSW Centenary of Anzac Advisory Council continue to work together to finalise the Centenary Commemoration Program. Further initiatives and activities will be announced in due course.

\*5381 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OF ESL TEACHERS—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Education—

Who is responsible for the professional training and development of English as a Second Language (ESL) teachers?

Answer—

The Department provides teacher professional learning funds directly to schools to meet the identified and planned needs for all teachers to improve student learning outcomes.

Principals are responsible for the effective leadership and management of their school, including working in consultation with ESL teachers to enhance student learning and teacher quality through professional learning.

\*5382 SCHOOL PRINCIPAL PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Education—

What mechanisms are in place to ensure school principals maintain the professional standards expected from teachers of English as a Second Language?

Answer—

Principals report to a Director, Public Schools NSW and are accountable for the effective leadership and management of their school including the professional learning needs of teachers of English as a Second Language.

Principals determine the professional learning of their staff to enhance student learning and teacher quality.

\*5383 FIRE STATION IN YENNORA—Mr Guy Zangari asked 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) Where will the new fire station in Yennora be built?
- (2) When will construction commence?

Answer—

Fire and Rescue NSW has advised me:

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- (1) 198 Fairfield Road, Yennora.
- (2) Construction is scheduled to commence by the end of 2014.

\*5384 YENNORA FIRE STATION CAPACITY AND SERVICES—Mr Guy Zangari asked 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 the capacity of the new fire station in Yennora increase following the station's completion?
- (2) What additional services will be available from this new fire station?

Answer—

Fire and Rescue NSW has advised me:

- (1) Yes, the new fire station at Yennora will include a dual engine bay. The current fire station at Fairfield has only one bay.
- (2) There will be greater capacity at the new fire station and improvements in service delivery and response capability, due to a range of factors including:
  - location on a major arterial route with quicker access to its response area;
  - modern design enabling more rapid exits for incident response; and
  - the inclusion of a designated firefighter training area.

\*5385 PUBLIC CAR PARK AT ASHFIELD RAILWAY STATION—Ms Linda Burney asked the Minister for Transport—

- (1) Will the Government commit to the construction of a much needed multi-level public car park at Ashfield Railway Station?
- (2) If there are no immediate plans to construct a multi-level public car park at Ashfield Railway Station, could she indicate when this project may become a reality?

Answer—

I am advised:

In 2012, the Government announced a new Transport Access Program which will deliver accessible, modern, secure and integrated transport infrastructure where it is needed most. This includes station upgrades, better interchanges and commuter car parks. This program includes more than \$770 million for improvements over four years.

More planning and design work will now occur to see which projects will come next. Ashfield Railway Station will be considered as part of this process.

The Transport Access Program is part of the Government's commitment to improve public transport services and provide a world-class transport system people want to use.

\*5386 BUS SERVICES FROM CROYDON PARK—Ms Linda Burney asked the Minister for Transport—

- (1) Is she aware that the late running and non-arrival of bus routes 490, 492, 466, 464 and 413 from Croydon Park to other suburbs is a common occurrence?
- (2) What action will the Government take to ensure the on-time running and arrival of these services, given that Croydon Park is not on a railway line and commuters generally rely on these bus services to reach a railway station to travel to work?

Answer—

I am advised:

Services can be impacted by traffic incidents, congestion, bad weather, and operational and mechanical issues. On these occasions, adjustments are made to minimise disruption and return services to normal as quickly as possible.

The Government is working hard to ensure customers can access the best transport information in the way that suits their needs. Real time bus tracking is available for customers through real-time smart phone applications. Customers can use their smart phone to see where buses are on their route and when they will arrive. They can also get directions to the closest bus stop as well as locate where to buy tickets.

\*5387 REMOVAL OF THE VICTORIA STREET ROUTE 406 BUS STOP—Ms Linda Burney asked the Minister for Transport—

Does she acknowledge that the removal of the Route 406 bus stop in Victoria Street, Ashfield has inconvenienced elderly and disadvantaged residents of the Cardinal Freeman Village, many of whom use the bus service as their only means of transport?

Answer—

I am advised:

There has been no removal of a Route 406 bus stop in Victoria Street, Ashfield.

\*5388 LIGHT RAIL NETWORK IN DULWICH HILL—Ms Linda Burney asked the Minister for Transport—

- (1) With the imminent commencement of the light rail network from Dulwich Hill, can she advise whether concession travel will be available to school students using this service?
- (2) When will the Opal card be introduced for use on the light rail network?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) The following light rail half fare concession tickets are already available to school students:

- Students aged 4 - 15 years
- Senior Secondary School Students (16- 18 years) with a Senior Secondary Student Card
- School students aged 19 years and over with a Tertiary Student Concession Card

I have asked Transport for NSW to examine how light rail could be included within the current School Student Transport Scheme policy guidelines.

(2) The Opal card is now available on all Sydney Ferries services, Sydney Trains services and all NSW Trainlink Intercity services. By the end of 2014, more than 5,000 buses will be Opal accessible, with light rail coming on line in 2015.

\*5389 HOME AND COMMUNITY CARE TRANSPORT SUPPORT—Ms Linda Burney asked the Minister for Transport—

- (1) Is the Government aware that the cessation of community transport support to various Home and Community Care (HACC) funded services is having a severe impact on the large number of local services in the Canterbury electorate being provided to clients, the majority of whom are elderly or disabled?
- (2) Does she acknowledge that this reduced support will impose increased travel costs on the organisations concerned and their clients?
- (3) What action will the Government take to alleviate this situation to maintain dependable, appropriate and accessible transport to these clients?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Government is aware of this issue.

Transport for NSW has provided assistance where possible, however, any decisions regarding HACC are a matter for the Federal Government.

\*5390 POLLUTION IN THE COOKS RIVER—Ms Linda Burney asked the Minister for Finance and Services—

- (1) Is Sydney Water seeking approval from the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) for variation to some of its long term discharge targets into Botany Bay through its feeder rivers, the Cooks River and the Georges River?
- (2) Are there plans to allow discharges further along the main sewer line into the Cooks River or east of Sydney Airport?
- (3) Has Sydney Water applied to the EPA to review its southern Sydney sewer overflow license?
- (4) What measures are being taken to ensure that Sydney Water will provide an environmental impact statement and undertake public consultation should any changes occur?

Answer—

(1) - (3) I am advised by Sydney Water that the answer to questions 1,2 and 3 is no.

(4) This question proceeds on a false premise.

\*5391 ABORIGINAL SACRED SITE IN EARLWOOD—Ms Linda Burney asked the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

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- (1) Is he aware of the damage being caused to the Aboriginal Sacred Site in Earlwood?
- (2) What action will the Government take to ensure the preservation and safety of this special site in the future?

Answer—

(1) Matters relating to the protection of Aboriginal heritage are the responsibility of my colleague, the Minister for Environment and Minister for Heritage, the Hon Rob Stokes MP. The Government is currently in the process of developing a model for stand-alone Aboriginal cultural heritage legislation to strengthen the protections of Aboriginal cultural heritage.

(2) The Government is currently in the process of developing a model for stand-alone Aboriginal cultural heritage legislation to strengthen the protections of Aboriginal cultural heritage.

\*5392 HERITAGE COUNCIL PROPOSALS FOR ABORIGINAL SACRED SITE—Ms Linda Burney asked the Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) Is she aware of the damage being caused to the Aboriginal Sacred Site in Earlwood?
- (2) What action will the Government take to ensure the preservation and safety of this special site in the future?
- (3) What action has been proposed by the Heritage Council to prosecute the persons responsible for the damage?

Answer—

I am advised as follows:

(1) Yes.

(2) On 24 March 2014, the Office of Environment and Heritage sent the landowner a draft Remediation Direction under the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974 and invited comment by 11 April 2014. The draft Remediation Direction would require the landholder to erect a fence to prevent machinery access to the Aboriginal objects without limiting access to the site for members of the Aboriginal community. The draft Remediation Direction also proposes the revegetation of the site with native species to reduce weathering of the Aboriginal artworks and control erosion from the midden on the site. The Office of Environment and Heritage will consider any landowner comments before issuing any final Remediation Direction.

(3) A Remediation Direction under the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974 is considered the appropriate response to achieve remediation and ongoing protection of the site.

\*5393 PARKES AND FORBES HOSPITAL PROJECTS—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) How much of the \$113 million in funding for the Parkes and Forbes hospital projects is supplied by the:
  - (a) Government;
  - (b) Federal Government; and
  - (c) private sector?
- (2) Will the projects be fully tendered to the private sector, as with the Northern Beaches Hospital?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) - (2) The \$113.4 million Parkes Hospital and Forbes Hospital projects are solely funded by the Government.

The construction of the hospitals will be fully tendered to the private sector which will support hundreds of construction jobs in Parkes and Forbes.

\*5394 REOPENING OF BOURKE HEALTH SERVICES—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

In relation to the closure of maternity services at Bourke Health Service:

- (1) Will the risk assessment and report into the reopening of these services be made available to the public?
  - (a) If so, when will the risk assessment and report be available?
  - (b) If not, why won't the risk assessment and report be available?
- (2) What investigations were made by the Ministry of Health into steps that could be taken to reduce

risks?

(a) Will these recommendations be released to the public?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) The Risk Assessment Report is readily available on request from the Western NSW Local Health District.

(2) In August and September 2011, GIO Insurance Australia facilitated an interactive risk assessment of the proposed Collaborative Maternity Model of Care for Bourke Health Service with a multidisciplinary team of 12 members.

The Bourke Birthing Service Steering Committee, which was established to organise the risk assessment and action the report, continues to meet and has nearly completed all the actions from the risk assessment.

Midwives continue to work closely with the community to ensure appropriate antenatal and postnatal care is provided.

\*5395 MATERNITY SERVICES AT BOURKE HEALTH SERVICE—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Healthy Lifestyles, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

In relation to the continuing closure of maternity services at Bourke Health Service:

(1) Did he advise locals in 2011 that the maternity ward would be reopened earlier than expected?

(a) If so, why did he provide this advice to locals?

(b) If so, did the advice that the maternity ward would be reopened earlier than expected originate from the Minister for Health?

Answer—

As you are aware the former Government suspended this service.

I am advised that the Western NSW Local Health District is working collaboratively with Ochre Health to secure appropriately qualified medical staff, to enable birthing services to resume in Bourke.

\*5396 PRIVATISATION OF SYDNEY WATER ASSETS—Mr Barry Collier asked the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

Will he rule out privatising Sydney Water assets before the March 2015 election?

Answer—

The Government has no plans to privatise Sydney Water.

\*5397 PROPOSED SALE OF SYDNEY WATER ASSETS—Mr Barry Collier asked the Minister for Finance and Services—

(1) What steps have been taken towards the privatisation of Sydney Water assets?

(2) When will existing Sydney Water assets be sold to the private sector in full or in part?

Answer—

The Government has no plans to privatise Sydney Water.

\*5398 SYDNEY WATER ASSETS—Mr Barry Collier asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

(1) What is the current value of Sydney Water assets as at 19 March 2014?

(2) Will he rule out privatising Sydney Water assets during this term of Government?

(3) What plans does the Government have to privatise Sydney Water?

Answer—

Information regarding Sydney Water balance sheet, budget and expenditure is available in the Sydney Water Annual Report.

The Government has no plans to privatise Sydney Water.

\*5399 BUSINESS PAYROLL TAX REBATES—Mr Richard Amery asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

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- (1) Does the Government provide payroll tax rebates for certain categories of businesses in New South Wales?
- (2) How many businesses in New South Wales have applied for this rebate?
- (3) How many of the businesses in New South Wales that have applied for this rebate are in the following postcodes:
  - (a) 2770;
  - (b) 2766; and
  - (c) 2761?

Answer—

Information regarding payroll tax is available at the Office of State Revenue (OSR) website at <http://www.osr.nsw.gov.au/taxes/payroll>.

Information regarding the Jobs Action Plan, that has helped facilitate new jobs through payroll tax rebates, including registrations in Western Sydney, is available in a media release of 9 April 2014, available on NSW Treasury website at [http://www.treasury.nsw.gov.au/nsw\\_treasurer/treasurers\\_news](http://www.treasury.nsw.gov.au/nsw_treasurer/treasurers_news).

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\*5400 CONVENER OF THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE REVIEW TEAM—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

- (1) When does the Government expect to fill the vacancy for convener of the Domestic Violence Review Team?
- (2) What action has the Government taken to fill this vacancy in 2014?

Answer—

I am advised:

There was no vacancy. In July 2010, State Coroner Mary Jerram, as she then was, commenced as the first Convenor of the Domestic Violence Death Review Team.

On 1 November 2013, Ms Jerram retired as State Coroner, however, pursuant to provisions in the Coroners Act 2009, she continued as Convenor of the Team until 24 March 2014, when I appointed the current State Coroner Michael Barnes as Convenor.

\*5401 EAST MAITLAND COURT HOUSE—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

- (1) Does the Government plan to close the East Maitland Court House?
  - (a) If so, why does the Government plan to close the East Maitland Court House?
  - (b) If so, when does the Government plan to close the East Maitland Court House?
  - (c) If so, where will the services carried out by East Maitland Court be moved to?

Answer—

- (1) There are no current plans to close East Maitland court house.

\*5402 COURT HOUSE OFFICER NUMBERS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

- (1) How many Sheriff's Officers, Local Court Officers, and District Court Officers were stationed at the Maitland Court House and at the East Maitland Court House as at 31 December 2013?
- (2) How does this compare to the number of officers in each role stationed at the Maitland Court House and East Maitland Court House as at 31 December 2010?

Answer—

- (1) East Maitland Court House

Sheriff's Officers\*: 3; Local and District Court Officers\*\*: 9

Maitland Court House

Sheriff's Officers\*: 0; Local and District Court Officers\*\*: 0

At 31 December 2013 all Local Court staff usually stationed at Maitland Court House were transferred to

East Maitland Court House while renovations to Maitland Court House were completed.

(2) East Maitland Court House

Sheriff's Officers\*: 3; Local and District Court Officers\*\*: 2

Maitland Court House

Sheriff's Officers\*: 0; Local and District Court Officers\*\*: 7

\* Refers to the total number of sworn FTE Sheriff's Officers.

\*\* Refers to the total number of Court Services FTE staff employed at the Maitland and East Maitland Local Courts. Court Services staff provided registry and in court support services for both Local and District Court matters. The question incorrectly refers to the positions of 'Local Court Officers' and 'District Court Officers' as separate types of staff.

\*5403 HOSPITAL COMPLAINTS IN THE HUNTER—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

What steps will the Minister take to reduce the number of complaints at hospitals in the Hunter New England Local Health District?

Answer—

I am advised:

Hunter New England Local Health District openly encourages and welcomes feedback from the community. Feedback includes compliments, complaints and suggestions and provides a valuable opportunity for the District to review and, where necessary, make improvements to services.

At a senior level, the Hunter New England Executive Leadership Team and Board review and discuss compliments and complaints at their monthly meetings. There is a continuing downward trend in the number of complaints received by the District, with a 19% reduction in 2012-13 compared to 2011-12.

\*5404 JOHN HUNTER HOSPITAL EYE CLINIC—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

(1) Will the John Hunter Hospital Eye Clinic be re-opened as part of the planning process on how to improve access to services for ophthalmology outpatients currently being undertaken by Hunter New England Local Health District?

(a) If not, why won't the John Hunter Hospital Eye Clinic be re-opened?

(b) If so, when?

Answer—

I am advised:

Hunter New England Local Health District is currently developing a plan that will improve access to complex and tertiary services for ophthalmology outpatients.

Once this plan is finalised, it will be presented to local ophthalmologists, with the aim of re-establishing eye clinics mid-year.

\*5405 LIGHT RAIL FOR MAITLAND—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Transport—

(1) Does the Government plan to extend the proposed light rail for Newcastle from Wickham to Maitland?

(a) If so, is this to allow more freight trains to utilize the existing heavy rail line?

Answer—

I am advised:

The proposed light rail line between Wickham and the beach will be the first stage of a light rail network for the Hunter.

The Government has committed to investigate potential future extensions to the light rail network.

\*5406 ANNUAL MAINTENANCE BUDGET FOR PUBLIC HOUSING PROPERTIES—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

(1) What is the 2014 annual maintenance budget for public housing properties in the Wallsend electorate (ref Q.4499)?

Answer—



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I refer to the answer provided in LA Question 4499.

\*5407 YOUNG PEOPLE WITH A DISABILITY LIVING IN AGED CARE FACILITIES—Ms Sonia Hornery asked 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) Will young people with a disability living in state-owned aged care facilities be affected by the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NSW Enabling) Act 2013?
- (2) Will young people with a disability living in state-owned aged care facilities be able to remain in their current facility?
  - (a) If so, for how long will they be allowed to live in their current facility?
  - (b) If not, why won't they be allowed to live in their current facility?

Answer—

(1) - (2) The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NSW Enabling) Act 2013 applies to all people with a disability, including young people with disability residing in Ageing, Disability and Home Care aged care facilities.

If they choose to, young people with a disability who are living aged care facilities will be able to remain living in their current accommodation model. This decision will be made by the person with disability and their family at the time of their National Disability Insurance Scheme planning, which will be facilitated by the National Disability Insurance Agency.

\*5408 HUNTER DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION PROJECTS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW, Leader of the House—

- (1) What projects have been funded by the Hunter Development Corporation in the Wallsend electorate since March 2011?
- (2) How much did each of the Hunter Development Corporation's projects cost?
- (3) When did each of the Hunter Development Corporation's projects commence and when were they completed?

Answer—

(1) - (3) I am advised that links and information regarding all current HDC projects can be found through the HDC website.

\*5409 SYDNEY DRUG COURT REFERRALS—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

How many referrals have there been to the Sydney Drug Court since 1 May 2013?

Answer—

There have been 107 referrals to the Sydney Drug Court between 1 May 2013 and 25 March 2014.

\*5410 CROWN PROSECUTOR POSITIONS—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

- (1) How many Crown Prosecutor positions in New South Wales were funded as at:
  - (a) 1 July 2013;
  - (b) 1 December 2013;
  - (c) 1 February 2014?
- (2) How many Crown Prosecutor positions in New South Wales were filled as at:
  - (a) 1 July 2013;
  - (b) 1 December 2013;
  - (c) 1 February 2014?

Answer—

(1) (a) 84; (b) 84; (c) 84.

(2) (a) 80; (b) 80; (c) 78.

As at 1 February 2014 there were a number of vacant Crown Prosecutor positions, due to natural attrition of Crown Prosecutors who left the ODPP due to retirement or to go to the bench. These positions are now in the process of being filled.

\*5411 LEGAL AID GRANTS—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

What cuts have been made to legal aid grants in New South Wales to private solicitors from 1 July 2013 to 25 March 2014?

Answer—

I am advised:

Legal Aid grants are made to clients, not to solicitors or barristers. Legal Aid pays fees to solicitors and barristers on behalf of Legal Aid clients who have received a grant of legal aid.

Payments to solicitors and barristers are determined according to fee scales set by Legal Aid.

Between 1 July 2013 and 25 March 2014, there have been no cuts to fee scales paid to private solicitors or barristers undertaking work on the basis of a grant of legal aid.

During the same period, there have been increases in parts of fee scales in multiple areas of law in Commonwealth matters including civil, family and criminal law matters.

\*5412 COMMUNITY CORRECTION OFFICER VACANCIES—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

How many vacancies were there in Community Correction Officer positions in Corrective Services NSW as at:

- (a) 1 January 2013;
- (b) 25 March 2014?

Answer—

I am advised that there were:

- (a) 91 substantive vacancies as at 1 January 2013; and
- (b) 28 substantive vacancies as at 25 March 2014.

\*5413 LIVERPOOL POLICE STATION REFURBISHMENT—Mr Paul Lynch asked 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—

When will the refurbishment of Liverpool Police Station commence and when will it be completed?

Answer—

I am advised:

There are no plans to refurbish Liverpool police station. The Government has, however, committed to the construction of a new police station for Liverpool and has allocated \$22 million to the project.

\*5414 HOXTON PARK ROAD SERVICE STATION FIRE—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Finance and Services—

What was the result of the listing before the Coroner of the matter involving the fire and explosions at the BP Service Station on Hoxton Park Road, Liverpool (ref Q.4987)?

Answer—

I am advised that at the listing before Deputy State Coroner MacMahon on 21 February 2014, this matter was adjourned to 28 March 2014. Following consideration of reports from the NSW Police Force and WorkCover, the Coroner has dispensed with the holding of an inquiry into the fire. Therefore, the listing for mention of this matter before Deputy State Coroner MacMahon on 28 March 2014 did not proceed.

\*5415 NSW BUSINESSLINK—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

- (1) How many voluntary redundancies have been accepted by current and former employees of NSW Businesslink since 24 May 2013?
- (2) How many contractors with NSW Businesslink have had their contracts terminated or not renewed since 24 May 2013?
- (3) What has been the decline in staff numbers at NSW Businesslink since 24 May 2013?

Answer—

Information on NSW Businesslink staffing is available in the 2012-13 Businesslink and Department of Family and Community Annual Reports.

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\*5416 T80 BUS SERVICE OPERATOR—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Transport—

What action do you propose to take concerning the unsatisfactory performance of the operator of the T80 bus service?

Answer—

I am advised:

Under its contract, Transit Systems is required to operate 95 per cent of scheduled services on time.

Since December 2013, Transit Systems scheduled T80 services have exceeded this performance target.

\*5417 HEALTH SERVICES ACT 1997—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

How many prosecutions have there been under Section 67J of the Health Services Act 1997 in the following periods:

- (a) 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012;
- (b) 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013;
- (c) 1 July 2013 to 31 December 2013?

Answer—

I am advised that:

This is a matter more appropriately answered by the NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research agency within the Department of Attorney General and Justice and should be referred accordingly.

\*5418 PROBLEM GAMBLING IN CABRAMATTA—Mr Nick Lalich asked the Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Hospitality and Racing, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for the Hunter—

- (1) How many problem gamblers are there in the Cabramatta electorate in 2013?
- (2) What programs are currently available in the Cabramatta electorate to help address the high levels of gambling addiction in the Cabramatta electorate?
- (3) How much funding did the Government provide to programs that are helping to tackle gambling addiction in the Cabramatta electorate in 2013?
- (4) How does 2013 funding levels compare to funding in previous years?

Answer—

(1) In 2011, a Government commissioned survey of gambling practices found that in the south west Sydney region, including Cabramatta, around 0.3% of the adult population are classified as problem gamblers. This compares to a statewide estimation of 0.8% of the adult population classified as problem gamblers (see: [www.olgr.nsw.gov.au/r\\_prevalence\\_study\\_2012.asp](http://www.olgr.nsw.gov.au/r_prevalence_study_2012.asp)).

(2) The Government's Responsible Gambling Fund supports nine services to deliver problem gambling and support in the south west Sydney region, including five providing outreach into the Fairfield LGA including Cabramatta. The service providers are Uniting Care Mental Health, Wesley Mission, Arab Council Australia, Vietnamese Community in Australia and the Western Sydney Local Health District (delivering a Chinese-specific service). In addition, the Fund supports online and telephone counselling and awareness raising activities including Responsible Gambling Awareness Week. Other initiatives are in development.

(3) - (4) All allocation of funding for the 2013-2017 funding round is based on the 2012 Needs Analysis of the NSW Problem Gambling Counselling and Support Services Program Report.

In 2013/14 the Government provided \$1.195m from the Responsible Gambling Fund to fund counselling programs and services for south West Sydney. This includes an allocation of \$495,918 towards counselling services in the Fairfield LGA, within the Cabramatta Electorate.

This is in addition to 2012/13 funding of \$894,774 towards providing mainstream services to south western Sydney and a further \$344,511 for two language specific services that also met the needs of the coastal and western Sydney regions.

\*5419 PUBLIC AND PRIVATE INVESTMENT IN CABRAMATTA—Mr Nick Lalich asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Trade and Investment, and Minister for Regional Infrastructure and Services—

- (1) What programs has the Government established to generate public and private investment in the Cabramatta electorate?
- (2) How much funding did the Government commit to generating public and private investment in the

Cabramatta electorate in 2013-14 financial year?

Answer—

(1) The Government has launched a number of initiatives aimed at increasing investment and creating jobs across NSW, which the Cabramatta electorate has been able to draw upon. These include Innovate NSW, the Supply Chain Accelerator Program, and the Export Accelerator Program. The Jobs Action Plan has also been launched to help promote employment of new staff to investors.

(2) Since March 2011, NSW Trade & Investment has provided over \$1 million in direct support to the Cabramatta LGA. Between 1 July 2013 and the end of March 2014, NSW Trade & Investment has also committed \$115,000 to generate public and private investment in Cabramatta. Other areas of government have also committed funding in support of Cabramatta.

\*5420 FIRST HOME BUYERS IN CABRAMATTA—Mr Nick Lalich asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

- (1) How many first home buyers were there in the Cabramatta electorate in 2010?
- (2) How many first home buyers were there in the Cabramatta electorate in 2013?
- (3) What programs has the Government initiated to support first home buyers in NSW purchasing their first home?

Answer—

Information in relation to housing finance is available from the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) website [www.abs.gov.au](http://www.abs.gov.au).

The Government directs its policies towards boosting housing supply that will improve affordability for first home buyers.

These policies include:

- 'First Home - New Home' scheme that provides eligible purchasers with exemptions from transfer duty on new homes (including homes purchased off the plan) valued up to \$550,000 and vacant land for homebuilding up to \$350,000, and concessions for new homes valued between \$550,000 and \$650,000 and vacant land for homebuilding between \$350,000 and \$450,000;
- 'First Home Owner Grant (New Homes)' scheme that assists eligible first home owners to purchase a new home or build their home by offering a \$15,000 grant for new homes up to \$650,000; and
- 'New Home Grant Scheme' that provides a \$5,000 grant towards the purchase of new homes (including homes purchased off the plan) up to \$650,000 and vacant land on which a new home will be built up to \$450,000.

This approach is unlike the previous Government that only increased the mortgage size of first home buyers with no boost to housing supply.

\*5421 DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE FUNDING PROGRAM—Mr Nick Lalich asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

- (1) What agencies in the Cabramatta electorate will receive funding from the \$9.8 million Domestic and Family Violence Funding Program to address gaps in the prevention of domestic violence and early intervention programs?
- (2) How much funding these will each of these agencies receive?

Answer—

Information about the Domestic and Family Violence Funding Program is available at [http://www.women.nsw.gov.au/violence\\_prevention/domestic\\_and\\_family\\_violence\\_funding](http://www.women.nsw.gov.au/violence_prevention/domestic_and_family_violence_funding).

\*5422 ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE TEACHERS IN CABRAMATTA—Mr Nick Lalich asked the Minister for Education—

How many English as a Second Language teachers were employed in schools in the Cabramatta electorate in 2011, 2012 and 2013?

Answer—

The numbers of teachers in Intensive English Centres fluctuate throughout the year and from year to year, in response to changes in the immigration program, as newly arrived students enrol and other students complete their program at the Intensive English Centre and transfer to high school.

Based on the February census data, the number of full-time equivalent English as a Second Language teachers allocated to schools and Intensive English Centres in the Cabramatta electorate were:

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- 2011 - 59.
- 2012 - 56.
- 2013 - 57.

\*5423 NSW POLICE FORCE RESPONSE TIMES—Mr Nick Lalich asked 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) What is the expected average response time for the NSW Police Force to respond after a crime is reported?
- (2) What was the average response time in Cabramatta and Fairfield Local Area Commands in 2013?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force has advised me:

(1) Response times are reported annually in the NSW Police Force Annual Report and Budget Papers. The target for police response is to arrive at 80% of urgent duty jobs within 12 minutes, which is considered to be a realistic target given the size of the state of New South Wales. Response times are influenced by a range of factors including the number of calls being responded to at that time, the time of day, traffic and weather conditions and the distance to travel.

(2) The average response time for urgent calls in Cabramatta Local Area Command in 2013 was 6 minutes 36 seconds, and in Fairfield Local Area Command it was 7 minutes 31 seconds.

\*5424 RELOCATION OF PUBLIC HOUSING TENANTS IN THE ILLAWARRA—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

- (1) Is the Minister aware of a report published in the Illawarra Mercury on 22 March 2014 of a proposal by Wollongong City councillor Bede Crasnich, urging the Government to sell Housing NSW land on Cliff Road, Woolongong; Hill 60, Port Kembla; and at Bellambi Point and to relocate public housing tenants to Warrawong or West Dapto?
- (2) Has the Minister received any representations from Cr Crasnich and Wollongong City Council supporting this proposal?
- (3) Does the Government plan to adopt Cr Crasnich's proposal?
  - (a) If not, what are the Government's reasons for not adopting Cr Crasnich's proposal?

Answer—

I am advised the Department of Family and Community Services has not received any formal representations from Cr Crasnich or Wollongong City Council regarding the proposal.

\*5425 PUBLIC HOUSING TENANTS TRANSFER REQUESTS—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

- (1) Have all of the transfer requests in the Shellharbour electorate for public housing tenants to transfer to accommodation with fewer bedrooms been accommodated (ref Q.4905)?
  - (a) If not, why not?
- (2) How many public housing tenants in the Shellharbour electorate have requested a transfer to accommodation with fewer bedrooms since the Government announced its new policy?

Answer—

I am advised by the Department of Family and Community Services that a number of requests have been approved for transfer and can occur when suitable accommodation becomes available.

\*5426 ALBION PARK RAIL BYPASS—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

- (1) How many people attended information sessions hosted by Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) on the Albion Park Rail bypass held on 1 March 2014, 3 March 2014, 8 March 2014 and 10 March 2014?
- (2) What were the main issues raised by residents who attended the RMS consultation sessions?
- (3) Can the Minister outline the next stages in the planning process for the Albion Park Rail bypass project, including the dates for commencement and completion of each stage?
  - (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) More than 400 residents attended these sessions.

(2) Issues raised by residents included:

- when major work on the bypass would start
- access to and from the bypass
- traffic impacts at Albion Park after the bypass is operating
- flood immunity
- shortening the route through the Croom Regional Sporting Complex.

(3) Roads and Maritime will continue to identify access/interchange options for the bypass, as well as an option to shorten the route. Roads and Maritime expects to award a contract for the concept design and environmental assessment by mid 2014.

\*5427 VENUES NSW ACTION—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Sport and Recreation—

What specific action has been taken by Venues NSW to enforce its five year agreement with the St George Illawarra Dragons Rugby League Club (ref Q.5067)?

Answer—

Venues NSW, including the Local Venues Council, are committed to attracting the best content from all codes to WIN Stadium. Venues NSW has and will continue to work with the NRL and the St George Illawarra Dragons to attract elite rugby league to the venue.

\*5428 HUNTINGWOOD FIRE STATION—Mr Richard Amery asked 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 times was the Huntingwood Fire Station closed due to the Government's "rolling closures" policy from 25 March 2013 to 25 March 2014?

(2) What fire stations covered the Huntingwood district during these closures?

Answer—

Fire & Rescue NSW has advised me:

There is no "rolling closures" policy. Of the 730 shifts between 25 March 2013 and 25 March 2014, there were 14 shifts where the fire truck and crew at Huntingwood fire station was not available due to staff absences. On these occasions, a truck and crew from another station was moved to Huntingwood to provide emergency response coverage for the area. On one further occasion, the truck and crew was offline for 50 minutes due to illness. For that period, surrounding stations provided coverage.

Moving permanent firefighters and trucks around Sydney is a standard practice. Every day, experienced Fire & Rescue NSW Commanders make operational decisions on how fire trucks and their crews are deployed to ensure appropriate response coverage is maintained within Fire & Rescue NSW operational areas.

\*5429 SALE OF PUBLIC HOUSING IN BELLAMBI—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Finance and Services—

Does the Government have plans to sell further public housing properties in the Bellambi area?

- (a) If so, which properties does the Government plan to sell in Bellambi?
- (b) If so, when will this project commence?

Answer—

This question should be directed to the Minister for Family and Community Services.

\*5430 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, TOURISM INDUSTRY COUNCIL NSW—Mr Nathan Rees asked the Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Hospitality and Racing, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for the Hunter—

(1) Was the position of executive officer of the Tourism Industry Council NSW vacated as recently as two weeks ago?

(2) Was the executive officer position abolished or made redundant?

Answer—

The Tourism Industry Council NSW is a private sector industry association and is not part of the Government. This is a matter for the Board of the Tourism Industry Council NSW.

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\*5431 WOOLLOOMOOLOO SOCIAL HOUSING—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

- (1) Does the Government plan to sell social housing properties in Woolloomooloo?
- (2) Has the Government assessed the possible sale of social housing properties in Woolloomooloo?
- (3) Has the Government contracted consultants to review and assess the social impacts of the possible sale of social housing properties in Woolloomooloo?
- (4) What plans does the Government have to review social housing in Woolloomooloo?
- (5) Does the Government remain committed to maintaining the tripartite agreement that established the social housing estate in Woolloomooloo 50 years ago?

Answer—

I am advised by the Department of Family and Community Services that the NSW Land and Housing Corporation has an ongoing program to review its public housing assets to ensure that they meet the needs of public housing tenants and to provide a sustainable social housing system.

\*5432 SOCIAL HOUSING IN MILLERS POINT, DAWES POINT AND THE ROCKS—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

- (1) Did the Government consider alternatives to the sale of public housing properties in Millers Point including building new social housing in the inner city?
- (2) Did the Government amend its relocation policy to reduce the rights of the 400 tenants being relocated from Millers Point, Dawes Point and The Rocks?
- (3) What changes were made to rules governing the following:
  - (a) The number of offers of alternative housing;
  - (b) Financial help for tenants who are relocated;
  - (c) Compensation for tenant funded property improvements;
  - (d) The terms of leases of the new properties?
- (4) Will public housing tenants from Millers Point, Dawes Point & The Rocks retain the same lease conditions after relocation?
- (5) Is the Government selling homes that were recently renovated at an approximate cost of \$5 million in Gloucester Street, the Rocks?
- (6) Is the Government selling the 79 homes in the Sirius building, despite the building being in very good condition, fully accessible and containing a mixture of one, two, three, and four bedroom units?
- (7) What arrangements will be made for co-operative housing tenants who are not eligible for public housing but whose homes are being sold?
- (8) What information has been provided to tenants about their tenancy rights and Housing NSW's relocation process?
- (9) How will the Government ensure advocates or support workers provide help to tenants with a disability or reduced capacity when negotiating relocation?
- (10) What plans does the Government have to support tenants of public housing properties in Millers Point, Dawes Point and The Rocks through the relocation process?

Answer—

I am advised by the Department of Family and Community Services that:

- The NSW Land and Housing Corporation has an ongoing program to review its public housing assets to ensure that they meet the needs of public housing tenants and to provide a sustainable social housing system.
- Maintenance on properties in Millers Point costs more than the average for public housing dwellings in New South Wales.
- Housing NSW is working with tenants at Millers Point on alternative housing options.

\*5433 PUBLIC HOUSING TENANTS LIVING IN HERITAGE PROPERTIES—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

- (1) How many tenancies are affected by the exemption in the Residential Tenancies Act 2010, identified by the Tenants Union of NSW, that exempts public housing tenants living in heritage listed properties from most provisions of the Act in:
  - (a) Millers Point;

- (b) Pyrmont;
  - (c) Surry Hills;
  - (d) Chippendale;
  - (e) Woolloomooloo?
- (2) What information has the Government provided to affected tenants on the impacts and limitations of addressing tenancy issues through the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal (NCAT)?
  - (3) What information and training has been provided to Housing NSW and Land and Housing Corporation officers regarding tenants affected by the exemptions and limitations on pursuing action through the NCAT?
  - (4) What will the Government do to remedy this exemption for existing tenants?
  - (5) Will the Government redraft the Residential Tenancies Regulation 2010 to remove these exemptions for future tenants of heritage properties?

Answer—

I am advised by the Department of Family and Community Services that public housing tenants including those living in heritage listed properties are on Residential Tenancy Agreements under the Residential Tenancies Act and are bound by terms of the Agreement.

\*5434 FIREWORK DISPLAYS—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Finance and Services—

- (1) What approval process is required for firework displays at community and tourism events?
- (2) What notification of firework displays is required to be given to affected communities?
- (3) When approving firework displays, what assessment does the Government make regarding:
  - (a) Safety concerns;
  - (b) Impacts on companion animals;
  - (c) Impacts on wildlife;
  - (d) Noise pollution;
  - (e) Air pollution;
  - (f) Pollution from waste and chemicals?
- (4) What measures are applied to ensure safety and reduce negative impacts on the community resulting from firework displays?
- (5) What plans does the Government have to reduce pollution and other negative impacts caused by firework displays?
- (6) What further action will the Government take to reduce the negative impact of firework displays?

Answer—

(1) A licenced pyrotechnician must make a written application to WorkCover of a proposed pyrotechnic / fireworks display. Other agencies such as NSW Police and Fire and Rescue NSW are also involved in assessing an application for a fireworks display. The local council responsible is the government body responsible for the site and may apply conditions on the conduct of the display.

(2) As well as notifying the relevant authorities, a Pyrotechnician's Licence requires the person conducting the fireworks display to provide advance notice to those people who might be affected by the display, such as neighbours of the display site.

(3) Please refer to WorkCover's Operational conditions for pyrotechnician's and single use fireworks licenses available at:

[http://www.workcover.nsw.gov.au/formspublications/publications/Documents/operational\\_conditions\\_fireworks\\_pyrotechnics\\_singe\\_use\\_licence\\_holders\\_5659.pdf](http://www.workcover.nsw.gov.au/formspublications/publications/Documents/operational_conditions_fireworks_pyrotechnics_singe_use_licence_holders_5659.pdf).

(a) - (e) Refer to answer to question 3

(f) There is very little, if any, chemical waste produced in a fireworks display with most of the chemicals being consumed in the pyrotechnic functioning of the firework.

(4) While WorkCover has no evidence of significant negative impact from legitimate fireworks displays, it conducts regular fireworks display inspections at various times of the year, to ensure compliance with the Explosives Act 2003.

(5) Please refer to the answer to question 4.

(6) Please refer to the answer to question 4.

\*5435 PARTY BOAT REGULATIONS—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—



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- (1) How does the Government ensure the regulation of party boats is coordinated between maritime, food safety, police and liquor licencing agencies?
- (2) What measures has the Government applied to align party boat regulations with new CBD Liquor Precinct restrictions?
- (3) What joint operations have been carried out to ensure safety and compliance?
- (4) How many joint operations have been carried out each year for the past five years?
- (5) What operations have been carried out to address incidents of anti-social behaviour related to passengers leaving wharves at:
  - (a) Pyrmont, Darling Harbour and King Street;
  - (b) Walsh Bay and Dawes Point;
  - (c) Circular Quay, Sydney Opera House and Botanic Gardens;
  - (d) Woolloomooloo, Elizabeth Bay and Rushcutters Bay;
- (6) How many fines were issued to party boats over the past five years?
- (7) What evaluation has been carried out on the "Code of Conduct for Charter Vessels - Managing Passengers and Alcohol"?
- (8) What plans does the Government have to prevent noise and anti-social behaviour from party boats?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The regulation of charter vessels (party boats) is coordinated through the Joint Waterfront Enforcement Committee, which is facilitated by NSW Police Marine Area Command. Roads and Maritime is a member of this committee.
- (2) (6) These are matters for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services. Refer to Q.1244.
- (7) The Code of Conduct is periodically reviewed at Commercial Vessel Advisory Group meetings.
- (8) Refer to Q.1244.

\*5436 DEAF TAFE STUDENTS—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) Will deaf students be eligible for a 10 per cent loading to purchase access support under the Smart and Skilled reform?
- (2) Is it true that the 10 per cent loading for a Certificate III course over three years costing \$8,500 would pay for approximately half of one day of the cost of an Auslan interpreter?
- (3) What improvements will apply to deaf students under the Smart and Skilled reform?
- (4) What changes will ensure deaf students gain access to Auslan interpreters and note takers?
- (5) What changes will ensure deaf students gain access to specialist consultant and teacher support?
- (6) How will the Government ensure that deaf students continue to get necessary help to learn and participate?
- (7) What further action will the Government take to ensure access to TAFE and other post-school education for deaf students?

Answer—

(1) The Government will release details of the prices, subsidies and fees that will apply under Smart and Skilled later this year. This will include the level of price loadings available to providers for students with a disability.

(2) All training providers must take reasonable steps to support access to training for people with a disability, as required by the Disability Discrimination Act, 1992 and the Disability Standards for Education, 2005.

Under Smart and Skilled there will be a loading paid to approved providers to help them meet the learning needs of students with a disability. However, these price loadings are not intended to be the sole source of funding for students with specific high cost needs. TAFE NSW will receive community service obligation funding to provide support services to students with a disability. This recognises the role of TAFE NSW as a public provider with a statutory obligation to meet the needs of disadvantaged learners. This funding will help fund support services, specialist staff and higher equipment costs to enable access to training.

(3) Under Smart and Skilled, price loadings to providers and community service obligation payments to TAFE NSW will be available to provide support services, specialist staff and equipment to enable access to training for students with a disability.

(4) - (5) All training providers, including TAFE NSW, must take reasonable steps to support access to training for people with a disability, as required by the Disability Discrimination Act, 1992 and the

Disability Standards for Education, 2005. Price loadings to providers and community service obligation payments to TAFE NSW will be available to provide support services, specialist staff and equipment to enable access to training for disadvantaged students.

(6) Under Smart and Skilled, price loadings to providers and community service obligation payments to TAFE NSW will be available to provide support services, specialist staff and equipment to enable access to training for students with a disability.

(7) In addition to price loadings and community service obligation payments to TAFE NSW to provide support services, specialist staff and equipment to enable access to training, the Government will continue its fee exemptions policy under Smart and Skilled for students with disabilities.

\*5437 FIRE STATION CLOSURES—Mr Alex Greenwich asked 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 days have the following fire stations been closed due to officers being on leave since 26 March 2012:
  - (a) Alexandria;
  - (b) Darlinghurst;
  - (c) Glebe;
  - (d) Pyrmont;
  - (e) Redfern;
  - (f) Sydney;
  - (g) The Rocks;
  - (h) Woollahra?
- (2) Were any of these stations closed on the same day?
  - (a) If yes, on how many occasions were these stations closed on the same day?
- (3) How many times were these stations taken temporarily offline since 26 March 2008?
- (4) How many times were these fire stations affected when crews were sent on "standby" to cover another station?
- (5) Has the statewide budget for fire officer overtime remained at \$10 million for a number of years?
- (6) What actual budget savings have resulted since the introduction of the temporarily offline policy?
- (7) What is the actual number of days lost due to staff reporting ill at these stations since 26 March 2008?
- (8) What further action will the Government take to ensure full coverage of inner city fire stations?

Answer—

Fire & Rescue NSW has advised me:

(1) - (3) The following table identifies the number of shifts where fire trucks and their crews from these stations have been taken offline since 19 November 2012 up to and including 26 March 2014.

Fire station	Number of trucks based at station	Number of shifts (2 shifts per day for 504 days; 1008 shifts per truck)	Number of shifts when an appliance was not available	% of shifts when appliances were available
Alexandria	2	2,016	14	99.3
Darlinghurst	2	2,016	72	96.4
Glebe	2	2,016	49	97.6
Pyrmont	2	2,016	28	98.6
Redfern	1	1,008	40	96.0
Sydney	5	5,040	130	97.4
The Rocks	1	1,008	39	96.1
Woollahra	2	2,016	31	98.5
Total	17	17,136	403	97.6

Every day, including for these 403 shifts, experienced Fire & Rescue NSW Area, Zone and Duty Commanders make operational decisions on how fire trucks and their crews are deployed to ensure appropriate response coverage is maintained within Fire & Rescue NSW operational areas.

Since 26 March 2012, none of these stations were closed on the same day due to staff absences. However, all stations were closed when the Fire Brigade Employees' Union took industrial action on 21 June 2012.

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(4) Of the 17,136 shifts between 19 November 2012 and 26 March 2014, fire trucks and their crews from these stations were 'moved up' to other stations on 228 occasions. This equates to 1.3 per cent of the time. The process of 'moving up' fire trucks and their crews is based on operational risk assessments that include consideration of a variety of factors such as proximity of adjoining fire stations, fire danger and weather conditions.

(5) - (7) In 2011-12, sick leave averaged 118 hours per permanent firefighter – the highest of any public sector worker in New South Wales, and possibly the highest amongst fire services in Australia.

Prior to 19 November 2012, when there were unplanned absences, Fire & Rescue NSW called in off-duty firefighters on overtime to keep all fire trucks in the system available to respond. The above average rates of sick leave meant that Fire & Rescue NSW's overtime bill escalated to \$25 million in 2011-12, more than \$8 million over budget.

Since the introduction of the process of taking permanent crews offline and other initiatives designed to maximise the attendance of firefighters at work, sick leave has reduced significantly. While still above the 87 hours target agreed with the Fire Brigade Employees' Union during the 2008 Permanent Firefighter Award negotiations, there has been a decrease in sick leave for permanent firefighters, averaging 100 hours during 2012-13.

Despite considerable improvement, Fire & Rescue NSW was still \$6.3 million over its overtime budget in 2012-13 (2012-13 overtime budget was \$10 million). This was due to the delay in introducing the policy of taking permanent crews temporarily offline until November 2012 because of industrial action initiated by the Fire Brigade Employees' Union.

Notwithstanding budget constraints, Fire & Rescue NSW maintains operational efficiency and fire protection coverage for the community.

(8) The Commissioner Fire & Rescue NSW will continue to make operational decisions regarding the coverage of fire districts in accordance with his obligations under the Fire Brigades Act 1989.

\*5438 SCHOOL STUDENT TRANSPORT SCHEME LIGHT RAIL INTEGRATION—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Transport—

- (1) What assessment has the Government made of barriers to the integration of light rail into the School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS)?
- (2) How long has Transport for NSW been considering this integration?
- (3) Is the Government committed to including light rail as a valid public transport option?
- (4) When will the Government announce a decision on including light rail in the SSTS?
- (5) What further action does the Government plan to ensure that light rail services are fully integrated into Sydney's transport system for all passengers?

Answer—

I am advised:

The following light rail half fare concession tickets are available to school students:

- Students aged 4-15 years
- Senior Secondary School Students (16-18 years) with a Senior Secondary Student Card
- School students aged 19 years and over with a Tertiary Student Concession Card

I have asked Transport for NSW to examine how light rail could be included within the current School Student Transport Scheme policy guidelines.

Light rail concession entitlements have been brought into line with buses, trains and ferries, with more customers eligible for discounted concession fares on light rail, including:

- All eligible tertiary students;
- All New South Wales school students including those aged 15 years or over
- Ex-Member of the Defence Forces pass holders, who can travel for free on light rail;
- All pensioners.

In addition, full fare light rail tickets for customers travelling on the new Inner West Light Rail Extension remain the same, so customers can now travel almost twice the distance without paying more.

The Opal card is now available on all Sydney Ferries services, Sydney Trains services and all NSW Trainlink Intercity services. By the end of 2014, more than 5,000 buses will be Opal accessible, with light rail coming on line in 2015.

\*5439 RENEWABLE ENERGY GENERATION AND CONSUMPTION—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Resources and Energy, and Special Minister of State—

- (1) To what extent has New South Wales increased its renewable energy generation and consumption in the last three years?
- (2) Will the Government consider legislating the renewable energy target of 20 per cent by 2020?
- (3) How will the Renewable Energy Action Plan ensure that:
  - (a) New South Wales generates 20 per cent of its energy needs through renewables;
  - (b) 20 per cent of energy consumed in New South Wales is renewable energy?
- (4) How is New South Wales tracking towards achieving these renewable energy generation and consumption goals?

Answer—

(1) In 2011, renewable energy generation in New South Wales was approximately 6,722 gigawatt hours, representing 8.9 per cent of total energy generation for that year.

In 2012, energy generated from renewables increased by 30 per cent, to a total of 8,754 gigawatt hours, representing 12.4 per cent of total energy generation in New South Wales.

Data relating to energy generated from renewable sources in 2013 is not yet available.

(2) - (4) In September 2013, this Government released the Renewable Energy Action Plan (the Plan) to support the Commonwealth Government's Renewable Energy Target and grow renewable energy in New South Wales. The Plan details three important goals:

- (1) Attracting renewable energy investment and projects;
- (2) Building community support for renewable energy; and
- (3) Attracting and growing expertise in renewable energy technology.

The Plan supports the achievement of the national target of 20 per cent renewable energy by 2020. The Plan also positions New South Wales to increase the use of energy from renewable sources at least cost to the energy consumer and with maximum benefits to New South Wales.

The renewable energy target of 20 per cent by 2020 is already legislated by the Federal Government.

Under the Plan, the role of Renewable Energy Advocate has been created. The Advocate, Ms Amy Kean, is working across government, industry and communities to promote and facilitate investment opportunities in renewable energy throughout New South Wales. This includes working to support the Regional Clean Energy Program, which has been established by the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage to engage communities early and effectively in renewable energy projects. The Regional Clean Energy Program improves and expands the Regional Energy Precincts Program, extending its reach to include other strategic locations in New South Wales.

Combined, renewable projects in excess of 9,000 megawatts are either under construction, have development approval, or are seeking development approval in New South Wales.

The Government has contributed \$64.9 million in funding for the development of a solar PV project in Broken Hill and Nyngan in partnership with the Federal Government. The \$450 million project, built under the Solar Flagships Program, will produce enough electricity to power 50,000 homes. This is a clear example of the Government's willingness to support renewable energy projects.

\*5440 ERSKINEVILLE SOCIAL HOUSING—Mr Ron Hoenig asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

- (1) Does the Government plan to sell Housing NSW properties in Erskineville?
- (2) Has the Government assessed possible sales of Housing NSW properties in Erskineville?
- (3) Has the Government contracted consultants to review and assess social impacts of the possible sales of Erskineville Housing NSW properties?
- (4) What plans does the Government have to review social housing in Erskineville?
- (5) Does the Government remain committed to maintaining the tripartite agreement that established the social housing estate in Erskineville 50 years ago?

Answer—

I am advised by the Department of Family and Community Services that the NSW Land and Housing Corporation has an ongoing program to review its public housing assets to ensure that they meet the needs of public housing tenants and to provide a sustainable social housing system.

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\*5441 REDFERN SOCIAL HOUSING—Mr Ron Hoenig asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

- (1) Does the Government plan to sell Housing NSW properties in Redfern?
- (2) Has the Government assessed possible sales of Housing NSW properties in Redfern?
- (3) Has the Government contracted consultants to review and assess social impacts of the possible sales of Redfern Housing NSW properties?
- (4) What plans does the Government have to review social housing in Redfern?
- (5) Does the Government remain committed to maintaining the tripartite agreement that established the social housing estate in Redfern 50 years ago?

Answer—

I am advised by the Department of Family and Community Services that the NSW Land and Housing Corporation has an ongoing program to review its public housing assets to ensure that they meet the needs of public housing tenants and to provide a sustainable social housing system.

\*5442 WATERLOO SOCIAL HOUSING—Mr Ron Hoenig asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

- (1) Does the Government plan to sell Housing NSW properties in Waterloo?
- (2) Has the Government assessed possible sales of Housing NSW properties in Waterloo?
- (3) Has the Government contracted consultants to review and assess social impacts of the possible sales of Waterloo Housing NSW properties?
- (4) What plans does the Government have to review social housing in Waterloo?
- (5) Does the Government remain committed to maintaining the tripartite agreement that established the social housing estate in Waterloo 50 years ago?

Answer—

I am advised by the Department of Family and Community Services that the NSW Land and Housing Corporation has an ongoing program to review its public housing assets to ensure that they meet the needs of public housing tenants and to provide a sustainable social housing system.

\*5443 HOSPITAL PATIENT FEEDBACK FORMS—Mr Richard Amery asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) Are recently discharged patients sent patient survey forms to obtain feedback regarding their experience with the subject hospital?
  - (a) If so, are these surveys conducted by the Ipsos Social Research Institute in Hawthorn, Victoria?
    - (i) If so, why are these surveys conducted by a Victorian company?
- (2) Are there any Sydney based research institutes carrying out this work?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) - (2) As part of the NSW Patient Survey Program, people across New South Wales are being asked to tell us about their experiences with the NSW healthcare system.

The Adult Admitted Patient Survey invites around 75,000–85,000 adults in New South Wales who have been admitted to hospital to participate. The survey is sent about three months after the hospital stay.

Management of the NSW Patient Survey Program was transferred to the Bureau of Health Information in July 2012. Previously, the NSW Health Patient Survey was administered by the Ministry of Health.

The Bureau is supported in its work by Ipsos Social Research Institute, a company very experienced in conducting patient surveys. Their mailing and data processing functions are located in Melbourne. Once survey responses are collated, de-identified information is transferred to the Bureau of Health Information for reporting purposes. Ipsos has an office in Sydney, where the main team working with the Bureau on the development and running of the survey program is located. Ipsos is contracted by the Health Administration Corporation to provide this service.

The Ministry of Health was responsible for coordinating the competitive tender process through which Ipsos was engaged for this work in late 2011 and early 2012. The tender process was consistent with Government processes.

\*5444 WHITE BAY CRUISE SHIP TERMINAL—Mr Jamie Parker asked the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW, Leader of the House—

- (1) What other sites in the Sydney region were considered as alternatives to the cruise ship terminal at White Bay?
- (2) Why was the chosen site at White Bay the preferred location?
- (3) Was a comprehensive impact study done for the chosen site at White Bay?
- (4) How many ships were anticipated to use the facility in a 12 month period?
- (5) How many ships were anticipated to dock overnight at the facility in a 12 month period?
- (6) How many ships were approved to use the facility?
- (7) Was NSW Health consulted on the potential health impacts of the emissions and noise from ships docking at the facility?
  - (a) If not, why not?
- (8) How was the accuracy and rigor of the Air Quality Assessment conducted by Sinclair Knight Merz tested before it formed the basis for the approved air quality management and measurement regime for the facility?
- (9) Was a health risk assessment conducted in relation to the fumes known to emanate from the diesel fuel used by cruise ships?
- (10) Why was only one stationary measuring device for air quality measurement approved?
- (11) Why were no specific conditions put on air quality monitoring to require monitoring on days when pollution impacts were identified as likely to be greatest, such as when ships stayed overnight, when southerly winds were blowing and when there were complaints from residents?
- (12) Is it usual practice to approve developments when the proponent's advice is that they have no powers to require companies using that approved development to comply with requirements of the proponent in relation to air and noise pollution?
- (13) When did the Director General or other Department of Planning and Infrastructure personnel learn:
  - (a) That the World Health Organisation (WHO) recommends daily guidelines for protecting public health based on levels of pollution?
  - (b) That restrictive emission control areas have been established for shipping in North America and Europe?
  - (c) That the level of daily emissions allowed for cruise ships docking at White Bay terminal are ten times greater than those recommended by the WHO and than those allowed for cruise ships in North America and eight major European countries?
  - (d) That the conditions now prevailing in the northern hemisphere cruise ship companies has likely resulted in some of those companies moving dirtier cruise ships to White Bay?
  - (e) That a cruise ship is fundamentally different from any other ship which has ever operated at White Bay Port due to the large amounts of electricity required to support activities and services for cruise ship passengers?
  - (f) That the topography of the area immediately adjacent to White Bay Cruise Ship Terminal is such that the active funnels of the ships are virtually at the same height as the residences, resulting in the wind being unable to properly disperse the fumes?
  - (g) That the peak cruise season coincides with increased prevalence of southerly winds making the adjacent high density residential area more vulnerable to emissions?
  - (h) That it was likely that the area adjacent to the White Bay Cruise Ship Terminal would be inundated with a nauseous smell as a result of the terminal's use?
  - (i) That a number of the ships docking at White Bay Cruise Ship Terminal have the capacity to use shore to ship power?
  - (j) That the Sydney Ports Authority believes that provision of shore to ship power at the White Bay Cruise Ship Terminal will cause problems for the capacity of the surrounding Balmain electricity grid?
  - (k) That the area immediately adjacent to the White Bay Cruise Ship Terminal is a high density residential area?
  - (l) That the area adjacent to the White Bay Cruise Ship Terminal includes a NSW Housing facility housing mostly elderly residents?
  - (m) That the area adjacent to the White Bay Cruise Ship Terminal includes two schools that use adjacent parks as play grounds?
  - (n) That the area adjacent to the White Bay Cruise Ship Terminal includes a hospital?
  - (o) That the area adjacent to the White Bay Cruise Ship Terminal includes several older residences which are more prone to the effects of pollution?
  - (p) That the single, stationary, air measuring device for the White Bay Cruise Ship Terminal operations was not located in the area which Sydney Ports identified as most likely to be impacted?

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- (14) Did the Minister, the Director General, or other Department of Planning and Infrastructure personnel consider that the proponent should include an electricity sub-station as part of the facility?
- (15) Did the Minister, the Director General, or other Department of Planning and Infrastructure personnel see a cost benefit analysis of the benefits of the cruise ship industry to New South Wales versus the cost of providing infrastructure such as ship to shore power?
- (16) Is the Minister aware that when cruise ships are docked at the White Bay Cruise Ship Terminal the unfiltered smoke stacks pump out over a nine hour period 100 tonnes of sulphur dioxide and 136 tonnes nitrogen oxide, and that such levels are significantly above the daily levels identified by the WHO as causing serious health effects?
- (17) Was the Minister or the Department of Planning and Infrastructure advised that Sydney Ports did not fulfill its undertaking to have an air quality monitor in place in the first quarter of operations?
- (18) Was the Minister or the Department of Planning and Infrastructure advised that the part of the White Bay port where the new terminal is sited was only converted from residential and green-space 45 years ago, and then only operated at full capacity as a container port for approximately 15 years before activities were reduced?
- (19) Is the Government aware of complaints by residents adjacent to the White Bay Cruise Ship Terminal of worsening respiratory or other medical conditions which are known effects of exposure to dangerous levels of particulate matter and sulphur dioxide?
- (20) What steps will the Minister take to alleviate health concerns and other impacts on the surrounding community resulting from the operation of the terminal?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The former Government identified the preferred location for the terminal at White Bay berth No.5, with a secondary berthing at White Bay No.4.
- (2) The assessment report on the Department of Planning and Environment's website outlines why the site was chosen as the preferred location.
- (3) An Environmental Assessment (EA) of the White Bay CPT was prepared by JBA Urban Planning Consultants on behalf of Sydney Ports Corporation.
- (4) The EA assumed approximately 170 cruise ships would use the White Bay CPT each year.
- (5) The air quality assessment modelled continuous emissions from a ship at the berth for a 24 hour period. Approximately 16 ships are scheduled to stay overnight between April 2014 and April 2015.
- (6) The EA assumed approximately 170 ships would use the facility per year.
- (7) The air quality assessment indicated emissions from operation of the CPT would be below the air quality assessment criteria set by the Environment Protection Authority.
- (8) It was reviewed by the former Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water (DECCW) which did not raise any objections. As well, the assessment was prepared consistent with Approved Methods for Modelling and Assessment of Air Pollutants in NSW (DECC 2005).
- (9) No.
- (10) Because the air quality assessment concluded the operation of the CPT would not result in adverse air quality impacts.
- (11) The conditions of approval require Sydney Ports Corporation to prepare an Operational Air Quality Management Plan which included air quality monitoring to confirm the air quality performance of the project.
- (12) Yes.
- (13) (a) - (p) The air quality assessment was required to be undertaken in accordance with the NSW guidelines for assessment, being the Approved Methods for Modelling and Assessment of Air Pollutants in NSW (DECC, 2005).  
The project was assessed against New South Wales guidelines.
- (14) The EA stated that electricity capacity was available to support the terminal and a new main switch room would be established with underground consumer mains installed from one of the existing substations located adjacent to the site. The terminal was also designed to allow space for shore based power to be installed in the future.
- (15) The project approval included a condition that required the Proponent to design the terminal so as

not to preclude the future provision of shore to ship power.

(16) The air quality assessment predicted air emissions from the facility would meet required air quality criteria.

(17) The Operational Air Quality Management Plan states that air quality monitoring would be undertaken in the first quarter following the commencement of operations. The project commenced on 15 April 2013. Two rounds of air quality monitoring were undertaken, the first between 21 September and 7 October 2013 and included 3 cruise ship visits, and the second between 4 December and 23 December 2013 and included 11 cruise ship visits. Given the limited ship movements in winter, monitoring was undertaken in spring thereby capturing more ships.

(18) The assessment of the project considered the environment of the site and its surrounds and permissibility of the development at that time.

(19) All air quality monitoring undertaken at Grafton Street indicates air emissions are below the relevant criteria. The Department is advised Sydney Ports has installed a second air quality monitoring station (corner of Adolphus and Wallace Streets) commenced on 24 February 2014. Analysis of the data is yet to be provided from this monitoring station.

(20) The Department continues to work with the Sydney Ports Corporation, Environment Protection Authority, Roads and Maritime Services and NSW Health to address issues of concern raised by the community.

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\*5445 NEW LOWER HUNTER HOSPITAL—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) How long is the master planning process for the new Lower Hunter hospital expected to take?
- (2) When will these plans be made available to the public?
- (3) How soon after the completion of the master planning process will funding for the new Lower Hunter hospital be announced?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) - (3) The master planning stage for the New Maitland Hospital is scheduled for completion later this year, following further community consultation. The next phase of planning will determine the clinical and support services and quantum of funds required to build the new hospital.

\*5446 NEW LOWER HUNTER HOSPITAL SITE—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) Will there be any cost to the Government to rehabilitate the site chosen for the new Lower Hunter hospital?
- (2) When will the site be available to start construction of the new Lower Hunter hospital?
- (3) Will the Aboriginal community have an opportunity to lodge a land claim against the site?
- (4) Has there been any progress in the identification of protected flora and fauna species on the site?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) - (4) There will be no cost to Government to rehabilitate the New Maitland Hospital site and construction can commence when the works associated with the Mine Closure Plan for the site have been completed.

All relevant land claims are considered during the planning process and will be addressed during the site acquisition.

A preliminary review of flora and fauna on the site has been completed as part of the planning process. A detailed review will be carried out following completion of the mine closure plan.

\*5447 SITE SELECTION PROCESS FOR THE NEW LOWER HUNTER HOSPITAL—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—



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- (1) Was \$20 million originally allocated to the site selection and purchase for the new Lower Hunter hospital?
  - (a) If so, how much of the allocated \$20 million has been spent to 27 March 2014?
- (2) Will the entire \$20 million be required for site selection and purchase?
  - (a) If not, will the remaining funds be re-allocated to other projects?
- (3) Did the \$20 million of funding originate from the Ministry of Health budget or the Hunter Infrastructure and Investment budget?
- (4) Will any remaining funds from the site selection and purchase process be returned to the Ministry of Health budget or the Hunter Infrastructure and Investment budget?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) - (4) The Government allocated \$20 million for planning and site acquisition for the new Maitland Hospital. Until the planning and site acquisition process has concluded, final costs cannot be determined.

\*5448 DEMOUNTABLE CLASSROOMS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) How many public schools in New South Wales had demountable classrooms replaced by newly constructed classrooms in each of the years 2011, 2012, and 2013?
- (2) How many public schools in New South Wales are scheduled to have demountable classrooms replaced by newly constructed classrooms in 2014?

Answer—

Since 2011 the Department has created over 250 permanent spaces with many more to come when plans for projects announced in last year's budget are finalised and this year's budget is announced.

\*5449 OUT-OF-HOME CARE—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

- (1) What was the average cost per child in Out-of-Home Care foster care during each of the years 2011, 2012, and 2013?
- (2) What was the average cost per child in Out-of-Home Care adopted care during each of the years 2011, 2012, and 2013?

Answer—

I am advised by the Department of Family and Community Services that actual expenditure for the Out-of-Home Care Service Group is available in Department of Family and Community Services Annual Reports which is available at <http://www.facs.nsw.gov.au/>.

\*5450 NATIONAL BROADBAND NETWORK IMPACT—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Trade and Investment, and Minister for Regional Infrastructure and Services—

- (1) Will the growth area of information and communications technology be impacted positively or negatively by the Federal Government's National Broadband Network (NBN) rollout ?
- (2) Was the Deloitte report and recommendations made prior to the changes by the Federal Government to the NBN?

Answer—

(1) The Government is committed to making New South Wales the leader in Information Communication and Technology (ICT). The Government's Digital Economy Industry Action Plan outlines a vision and strategy for the digital economy in New South Wales over the next decade and actions for both industry and Government that will encourage industry growth, development and innovation.

A dynamic and strong digital economy is essential to drive economic growth in New South Wales and the development of an innovation-driven digital economy has the potential to transform existing industries, drive efficiency and productivity, and create new opportunities for Australian businesses to export innovation overseas.

The Government supports the Federal Government's rollout of the National Broadband Network (NBN) which will deliver broadband upgrades sooner and at less cost to taxpayers.

New South Wales has the largest ICT industry in Australia. We believe that the Federal Government's rollout of the NBN will contribute to the further growth in this industry.

(2) Deloitte published a number of reports prior to the changes by the Federal Government to the NBN.

This is a matter for the Federal Government.

\*5451 NEW NEW SOUTH WALES TRAINS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Transport—

- (1) Has the Government entered into any new contracts for the manufacture and delivery of trains in addition to the number of trains that had been ordered by the previous Government?
  - (a) If so, what is the value of these new orders for trains?
  - (b) If so, where will these new trains be manufactured?
  - (c) If so, how many people will be employed in New South Wales to ensure the production and delivery of these new trains?

Answer—

I am advised:

No.

\*5452 CESSNOCK STATE EMERGENCY SERVICES UNIT—Mr Clayton Barr asked 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 much recurrent funding did the Cessnock State Emergency Services Unit receive from the Government in each financial year between 2010-11 and 2013-14?
- (2) How much capital funding did the Cessnock State Emergency Services Unit receive from the Government in each financial year between 2010-11 and 2013-14?

Answer—

The NSW State Emergency Service has advised me:

(1) Recurrent funding provided to the Cessnock Unit includes:

- 2010-11: \$11,798
- 2011-12: \$5,301
- 2012-13: \$5,960
- 2013-14: invoices yet to be received from Cessnock Council for reimbursement.

(2) Capital funding including low value assets and equipment provided to the Cessnock Unit includes:

- 2010-11: \$16,535
- 2011-12: \$5,070
- 2012-13: \$7,534
- 2013-14: \$2,386 (as at 9 April 2014)

It should be noted that funding of a Unit is not based on a pre-set amount, rather it covers the actual costs incurred by the Unit for that year. The change in funding between 2010-11 and 2011-12 specifically related to a reduction in consumable items required by the Unit in the provision of its response capability to the community. In addition to the funding detailed above, during this time the Cessnock Unit has undergone telephony/computer upgrades and acquired a Toyota Hilux vehicle as part of its operational fleet.

\*5453 FISHING TRENDS IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Small Business—

What has been the trend over the past 20 years in New South Wales regarding the annual tonnage of fish caught as part of the commercial fisheries and aquacultural industries?

Answer—

The trend has been downward.

\*5454 FAIR TRADING INSPECTORS—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Fair Trading, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Western Sydney—

- (1) How many Fair Trading inspectors were employed in each of the years from 2011-14?
- (2) How many inspections did these inspectors undertake in each of the years from 2011-14?

Answer—

(1) The following number of Fair Trading inspectors were employed in the years from 2011-2014:

- 2011: 127
- 2012: 132
- 2013: 122

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(2) This information is publicly available on the NSW Fair Trading website.

\*5455 PLUMBING AND DRAINING INSPECTOR QUALIFICATIONS—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Fair Trading, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Western Sydney—

What qualifications are required for plumbing and draining inspectors employed by NSW Fair Trading?

Answer—

NSW Fair Trading plumbing and drainage inspectors must have the necessary qualifications and experience for obtaining an endorsed plumbing and drainage contractor licence or supervisor certificate.

\*5456 MOTOR VEHICLE INDUSTRY INSPECTOR QUALIFICATIONS—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Fair Trading, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Western Sydney—

What qualifications are required for motor vehicle industry inspectors employed by NSW Fair Trading?

Answer—

All Automotive Inspectors are mechanically qualified, possess dispute resolution skills and have a diverse range of industry experience.

\*5457 BUILDING INDUSTRY INSPECTOR QUALIFICATIONS—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Fair Trading, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Western Sydney—

What qualifications are required for home building industry inspectors employed by NSW Fair Trading?

Answer—

NSW Fair Trading building inspectors carrying out functions under the Home Building Act 1989 must have the necessary qualifications to obtain an endorsed contractor licence or supervisor certificate in the class of 'building'. They must also demonstrate substantial practical experience in the building industry.

\*5458 GOVERNMENT GRANTS TO ART PROGRAMS—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Hospitality and Racing, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for the Hunter—

(1) What grants did the Government provide to arts organisations and arts programs in the years 2011, 2012, and 2013 in the following electorates:

- (a) Bankstown;
- (b) East Hills;
- (c) Granville;
- (d) Smithfield;
- (e) Oatley;
- (f) Wyong;
- (g) Blue Mountains?

(2) Please name the organisations, amount received and purpose of each project for the Government grants in (1) for each of the following electorates:

- (a) Bankstown;
- (b) East Hills;
- (c) Granville;
- (d) Smithfield;
- (e) Oatley;
- (f) Wyong;
- (g) Blue Mountains?

Answer—

(1) Since 2011 to date, the Government has provided grants over \$1.9 million to the Arts Funding Program in Bankstown, Oatley, Wyong and the Blue Mountains. These include:

In FY 2011-12:

- \$478,330 in Bankstown,
- \$35,000 in Wyong; and
- \$177,064 in Blue Mountains.

No applications for grants under the Arts Funding Program were received from the electorates of Granville, Oatley and Smithfield. Only one application was received from the electorate of East Hills which was unsuccessful as it did not meet the program's criteria.

In FY 2012-13:

- \$406,540 in Bankstown,
- \$10,000 in Oatley,
- \$68,000 in Wyong; and
- \$160,000 in Blue Mountains.

No applications for grants under the Arts Funding Program were received from the electorate of Smithfield. Applications received from the electorates of East Hills and Granville were unsuccessful as it did not meet the program's criteria.

In FY 2013-14 (to date):

- \$379,700 in Bankstown,
- \$54,700 in Wyong; and
- \$150,000 in Blue Mountains.

No applications for grants under the Arts Funding Program have been received from the electorates of East Hills, Granville, and Smithfield. One application was received from the electorate of Oatley which was unsuccessful as it did not meet the program's criteria.

(2) Tab A provides a detailed list of arts and cultural organisations and the purpose of each project that received grants from the Arts Funding Program.

TAB A

Bankstown Electorate:

Year	Organisation	Title	Sum
2013-14	Bankstown City Council for Bankstown Arts Centre	interGENERATE 2014 Annual program funding for Bankstown Arts Centre	\$0 \$30,000
-	Bankstown Youth Development Service	Year 1 of a spoken word poet in residence program at Sir Joseph Banks High School and the creation of a poetic culture (2014-16) Year 2 of the multiyear program funding (2013-15)	\$0 \$197,000
-	Urban Theatre Projects LTD	Year 3 of triennial program funding (2012-14)	\$152,700
-	-	-	2013-14 Total \$379,700
2012-13	Bankstown City Council for Bankstown Arts Centre	2013 annual program funding The 2013 Access Program	\$30,000 \$26,840
-	Bankstown Youth Development Service	Young days; songs with Bankstown elders Year 1 of multiyear program funding (2012-15)	\$0 \$197,000
-	Recreation Sports and Aquatics Club	RSAC Night of the Stars	\$0
-	Urban Theatre Projects Ltd	A residency and mentorship program targeting Western Sydney theatre artists Year 2 of triennial program funding (2012-14)	\$0 \$152,700
-	Urban Theatre Projects Ltd for Mr Perry Keyes	The creative development of a new music theatre work, "Soft Blue Sky" by Perry Keyes	\$0
-	Urban Theatre Projects Ltd for Ms Alicia Talbot	The creative development of site based installation, "Tall Grass"	\$0
-	Urban Theatre Projects Ltd for Ms Rosalie Tsarpalias	The public presentation of performance work, "Life As We Know It"	\$0

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-	-	-	2012-13 Total \$406,540
2011-12	Bankstown City Council for Bankstown Arts Centre	The 2012 annual program Year 3 of the strategic industry development: the Bankstown Arts Centre Director's position (201-12)	\$41,750 \$50,533
-	Bankstown Youth Development Service	Participation in the 2012 Sydney Festival Year 3 of the triennial program funding (2010-12)	\$9,200 \$177,387
-	Bankstown Youth Development Service for Mr Peter Polites and Ms Helen Dallas	The 2012 performance and literature workshops	\$0
-	Urban Theatre Projects Ltd	Travel costs The public presentation of "The Quarry" (renamed "Buried City") Year 1 of triennial program funding (2012-14)	\$4810 \$30,000 \$152,700
-	Urban Theatre Projects Ltd for Mr Perry Keyes	The creative development of "the Soft Blue Sky"	\$11,950
-	-	-	2011-12 Total \$478,330

Bankstown Total: \$1,264,570

Blue Mountains Electorate:

Year	Organisation	Title	Sum
2013-14	Blue Mountains Artists Connection for Ms Linda Seiffert	Development and presentation of new work reflecting the local environment in a solo exhibition at the Blue Mountains Cultural Centre	\$0
-	Blue Mountains City Council for Blue Mountains Cultural Centre	2014 annual program funding for the Blue Mountains Cultural Centre	\$0
-	Katoomba Theatre Company Ltd	Youth theatre & comedy express for Katoomba	\$0
-	Penrith Symphony Orchestra Inc	2014 annual program funding	\$0
-	The Eleanor Dark Foundation Ltd	2014 annual program funding for Varuna	\$150,000
-	-	-	2013-14 Total \$150,000
2012-13	Blue Mountains City Council	2013 annual program funding	\$0
-	Katoomba Neighbourhood Centre Inc	Dis/Street Art Project	\$0
-	Mid Mountains Neighbourhood Centre for Shiney Pictures	The creative development and public presentation of the interactive light sculpture "Solas Phase 2"	\$0
-	Mountains Community Resource Network for Biloela Art Music Media (BAMM!)	Club Weld	\$0
-	Penrith Symphony Orchestra Inc	2013 annual program funding	\$10,000
-	The Eleanor Dark Foundation Ltd	2013 annual program funding	\$150,000
-	-	-	2012-13 Total \$160,000

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2011-12	Blue Mountains City Council	The creative development of "Crossing Country, Making Tracks and Sharing Culture"	\$30,000
	Blue Mountains City Council for Blue Mountains Cultural Centre	The capital development of the City Art Gallery Year 1 of the strategic industry development: the City Art Curator position (2012-14)	\$0 \$0
	Mid Mountains Neighbourhood Centre for Shiney Pictures	The creative development and public presentation of the Solas light and sound sculpture project	\$0
	Ms Johanna Clancy	Participation in 2012 Dance and the Child International and World Dance Alliance Global Dance Summit	\$3,000
	Penrith Symphony Orchestra Inc	2012 annual program funding	\$7,000
	The Eleanor Dark Foundation Ltd	Year 3 of triennial program funding (2010-12)	\$137,064
-	-	-	2011-12 Total \$177,064

Blue Mountains Total: \$487,064

East Hills Electorate:

Year	Organisation	Title	Sum
2012-13	The College of Art of Red Cloud of Sydney	The creative development and public presentation of a series of visual art works	\$0
-	-	-	2012-13 Total \$0
2011-12	The College of Art of Red Cloud of Sydney	The creative development and public presentation of "Invitation with Spring"	\$0
-	-	-	2011-12 Total \$0

East Hills Total: \$0

Granville Electorate:

Year	Organisation	Title	Sum
2012-13	Ars Musica	2013 annual program funding A tour of four short dance works, along with workshop presentations, to four NSW regional centres	\$0 \$0
-	-	-	2012-13 Total \$0

Granville Total: \$0

Oatley Electorate:

Year	Organisation	Title	Sum
2013-14	Hurstville City Council	The creative development of "I Do" by writer and director Stefo Nantsou	\$0
-	-	-	2013-14 Total \$0
2012-13	Arts Radar Pty Ltd for Theatre of Rhythm and Dance	Participation in the INTERFACE Festival, Delhi, Kolkata and Bangalore, India	\$10,000
-	-	-	2012-13 Total \$10,000

Oatley Total: \$10,000

Wyong Electorate:

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Year	Organisation	Title	Sum
2013-14	Wyong Neighbourhood Centre	2014 annual program funding	\$21,700
-	Wyong Shire Council	Upgraded professional lighting for a contemporary and performing arts venue in Wyong Shire. Year 3 of the strategic industry development: the Arts Facility Program Development Office position (2012-14)	\$0 \$33,000
-	Youth Connections for Feed'em Fighters Margaret Meehan	"Freedom Fighters"	\$0
-	-	-	2013-14 Total \$54,700
2012-13	Wyong Neighbourhood Centre	"Creative Connections": a community cultural development project 2013 annual program funding	\$0 \$35,000
-	Wyong Shire Council	Year 2 of strategic industry development: the Arts Facility Program Development Office position (2012-14)	\$33,000
-	-	-	2012-13 Total \$68,000
2011-12	Wyong Neighbourhood Centre	2012 annual program funding	\$35,000
-	-	-	2011-12 Total \$35,000

Wyong Total: \$157,700

Grand Total: \$1,919,334

\*5459 RELOCATION OF PUBLIC SERVANTS—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

Will the Premier commit to relocating Government services to the Bankstown CBD following the recent announcement to relocate New South Wales public servants to Western Sydney?

Answer—

Information regarding plans to relocate and consolidate more than 3,000 public servants to new offices in Western Sydney - a move that will boost the region's economy and support local jobs as part of the Government's 'decade of decentralisation' policy, is available at <http://www.nsw.gov.au/news/jobs-boost-western-sydney-nsw-government-agencies-go-west>.

The Government has committed to a 'decade of decentralisation' and we are now delivering.

There are currently over 750 NSW public servants in 10 Government agencies in Bankstown.

\*5460 MONITORING OF POLLUTION LEVELS IN CHESTER HILL—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

(1) Has the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) been monitoring the levels of air and water pollution in the Chester Hill area in light of the recent fire at a waste storage and processing facility at 191 Miller Road, Chester Hill?

(a) If yes, how have these pollution levels been monitored?

(b) If not, why have pollution levels not been monitored?

Answer—

(1) (a) As part of its criminal investigation, the EPA has taken water samples of runoff discharging from the site into a nearby storm water drain and is awaiting the results of the analysis of those samples. The EPA has not been monitoring air pollution from the site.

(b) The EPA has not monitored for air pollution at 191 Miller Road, Chester Hill. I am advised that, in this case air pollution monitoring is the responsibility of Fire & Rescue NSW and that monitoring has

occurred for the duration of the clean-up activities at the site. Fire & Rescue NSW has also conducted air monitoring offsite, including at a kindergarten about 150 metres to the north of the site on Waldron Road. I am advised that to date, Fire & Rescue NSW has not detected any levels of gases outside the site that were of concern. Further questions on this matter should be referred to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services.

\*5461 MILLER ROAD, CHESTER HILL FIRE—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked 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—

When did Fire and Rescue NSW first become aware of a fire at a waste storage and processing facility at 191 Miller Road, Chester Hill in December 2013?

Answer—

Fire & Rescue NSW has advised me that it was notified of a fire at a waste facility on Miller Road, Chester Hill at 00:12:21 hrs on 16 March 2014, following a Triple Zero call from a passer-by.

The following further response was submitted by the Minister on 12 June 2014:

Fire & Rescue NSW advised me it has become aware of further information in relation to Written Question No. 5461 (answered on 1 May 2014). According to Fire & Rescue NSW, the answer published in the former Minister's response was based on an incomplete records search. Fire & Rescue NSW has now provided updated, more complete information. I therefore seek to amend the Parliamentary record with the revised answer below.

Fire & Rescue NSW has advised me that it first became aware of the fire at a waste facility on Miller Road, Chester Hill on 14 February 2014.

\*5462 ILLEGAL TOBACCO SALES IN BANKSTOWN—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) Have the King of the Pack store in Bankstown Centro and TSG Tobacconist store in Restwell Street, Bankstown been investigated for selling illegal tobacco?
  - (a) If not, why have these stores not been investigated?
- (2) How many investigations have been undertaken regarding the sale of illegal tobacco in New South Wales in each year from 2011 to 2014?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) Both the TSG Tobacconist in Restwell Street, Bankstown and the King of the Pack Tobacconist in Bankstown Centro have been inspected for the sale of illegal tobacco. No evidence was obtained that either shop was selling illegal tobacco.

(2) Public Health Units across New South Wales Local Health Districts conduct inspections in relation to sales to minors and point of sale compliance with the Public Health (Tobacco) Act 2008. Illegal tobacco investigations occur in response to specific complaints. Illegal tobacco may also be identified as part of routine point of sale or sales to minors compliance monitoring.

A total of 9,582 point of sale inspections recorded in New South Wales from January 2011 to December 2013. A further 3,883 sales to minors inspections were recorded in the same period.

\*5463 ESL SUPPORT OFFICERS IN INNER-CITY SYDNEY—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Education—

How many English as a Second Language (ESL) support officers at the Head Office in the Inner-City Sydney region have been made redundant since July 2013?

Answer—

No Multicultural/ESL consultants have been made redundant since July 2013.

\*5464 ESL SUPPORT OFFICERS IN THE HUNTER REGION—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Education—

How many English as a Second Language (ESL) support officers at the Head Office in the Hunter region have been made redundant since July 2013?

Answer—

No Multicultural/ESL consultants have been made redundant since July 2013.



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\*5465 ESL SUPPORT OFFICERS IN THE ILLAWARRA—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Education—

How many English as a Second Language (ESL) support officers at the Head Office in the Illawarra region have been made redundant since July 2013?

Answer—

No Multicultural/ESL consultants have been made redundant since July 2013.

\*5466 ESL SUPPORT OFFICERS IN THE METRO-EAST REGION—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Education—

How many English as a Second Language (ESL) support officers at the Head Office in the Metro-East region have been made redundant since July 2013?

Answer—

No Multicultural/ESL consultants have been made redundant since July 2013.

\*5467 ESL SUPPORT OFFICERS IN THE METRO-ST GEORGE REGION—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Education—

How many English as a Second Language (ESL) support officers at the Head Office in the Metro-St George region have been made redundant since July 2013?

Answer—

No Multicultural/ESL consultants have been made redundant since July 2013.

\*5468 ESL SUPPORT OFFICERS IN THE METRO-SOUTH WEST REGION—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Education—

How many English as a Second Language (ESL) support officers at the Head Office in the Metro-South West region have been made redundant since July 2013?

Answer—

No Multicultural/ESL consultants have been made redundant since July 2013.

\*5469 ESL SUPPORT OFFICERS IN THE METRO-WEST REGION—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Education—

How many English as a Second Language (ESL) support officers at the Head Office in the Metro-West region have been made redundant since July 2013?

Answer—

No Multicultural/ESL consultants have been made redundant since July 2013.

\*5470 FUNDING FOR FAIRFIELD HOSPITAL—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

Will the Government commit to providing additional funding to Fairfield Hospital to cater for the needs of local residents who present at the hospital's emergency department?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Fairfield Hospital emergency department is one of the top performing departments in New South Wales, across all emergency triage categories.

Fairfield Hospital staff have achieved this through a range of measures, including through improved models of care for patients.

In 2013-14 Fairfield Hospital received a budget increase of 5.6% to \$101.9 million.

During 2012-13 a number of enhancements were made to Fairfield Hospital's Emergency Department – from a staffing and equipment perspective. Within Fairfield Hospital's X-ray Department a replacement digital x-ray machine has been installed and 105 beds have been replaced within Fairfield Hospital.

The population of the Fairfield Local Government Area is projected to grow to 197,421 (a 3% increase since 2011) by 2016 and to ensure that health services continue to meet this growing demand a master planning exercise for Fairfield Hospital is scheduled to commence in May 2014.

\*5471 SURGERY WAITING TIMES—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

Will the Government provide any additional resources to the New South Wales hospital system to cater for the increase in surgery waiting times, including at Fairfield Hospital?

Answer—

I am advised that:

The recurrent budget for NSW Health is now a record \$17.9 billion, plus an additional \$1.2 billion on capital works. An additional \$884 million has been allocated to the health system in 2013-14, which is an increase of 5.2% compared to the previous year.

South Western Sydney LHD Budget for 2013/2014 is \$1.43 billion, \$66 million or 4.9%, more than in 2012-2013.

New South Wales has consistently been one of the highest performing jurisdictions in Australia for on time elective surgery performance. In 2013, Fairfield Hospital met or exceeded the National Elective Surgery Target (NEST) for all Clinical Priority Categories.

The NSW Ministry of Health and the Pillars work with Local Health Districts to improve access to surgery, and reduce surgery waiting times across the New South Wales hospital system, by:

- Ensuring there are robust processes in place for monitoring and actively managing patients waiting for surgery.
- Optimising preadmission assessment processes for surgery patients.
- Improving the efficiency of operating theatres to increase the number of surgical operations.
- Designing models of care (such as the high volume short stay surgical units, streaming of elective and emergency surgery and specialist centres) that improve access for surgery, and provide patients with quality care.

\*5472 COMMUNITY SERVICES DATA COLLECTION AND PUBLICATION PROCESS—Ms Linda Burney asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

(1) What external validation exists for the data collection and publication process for the Community Services division of the Department of Family and Community Services in regard to caseworker vacancies?

(2) What is the role of the NSW Ombudsman and Auditor-General in this validation?

Answer—

I am advised by the Department of Family and Community Services that an external provider validates the data collected prior to quarterly publication of Community Services Dashboard on the Department of Family and Community Services website.

\*5473 CHILDREN IN OUT-OF-HOME CARE—Ms Linda Burney asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

How many children aged 10 to 14, who are currently in Out-of-Home Care, were originally reported to the Community Services division of the Department of Family and Community Services:

- (a) Before the age of 1;
- (b) Between the ages of 2 to 4;
- (c) Between the ages of 5 to 9?

Answer—

I am advised by the Department for Family and Community Services that data concerning the age at which children were initially reported to Community Services prior to entering Out-of-Home Care is not currently collated.

\*5474 PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN IN OUT-OF-HOME CARE—Ms Linda Burney asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

(1) What percentage of children in Out-of-Home Care (OOHC) or in the parental responsibility of the Minister are living in youth refuges or circumstances not known to the Community Services division of the Department of Family and Community Services?

(2) What percentage of these children in OOHC are regularly attending school?

Answer—

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(1) Information relating to children and young people in out-of-home care is provided in the Annual Statistical Report which is available at:

[http://www.community.nsw.gov.au/welcome\\_to\\_docs\\_website.html](http://www.community.nsw.gov.au/welcome_to_docs_website.html).

(2) I am advised that the Department of Family and Community Services works closely with non-government organisations and the Department of Education and Communities to assist children in OOHC achieve educational outcomes.

\*5475 CASE WORKERS IN THE COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISION—Ms Linda Burney asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

(1) How many case workers in the Community Services division of the Department of Family and Community Services are generally assigned to each supervisor?

(2) What is the maximum number of case workers allowed per supervisor?

Answer—

I am advised by the Department of Family and Community Services that the supervisory ratio is unchanged.

\*5476 CHILDREN REMOVED AT BIRTH BY COMMUNITY SERVICES—Ms Linda Burney asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

How many children were removed at birth by the Community Services division of the Department of Family and Community Services in each of the years from 2010-2013?

Answer—

I am advised by the Department of Family and Community Services that information in relation to the age of children and young people in out-of-home care is provided in the Annual Statistical Report which is available on the Department of Family and Community Services website.

\*5477 PARKING AT LIVERPOOL HOSPITAL—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

(1) Are parking charge exemptions available for some patients at Liverpool Hospital?

(a) If so, what kinds of patients are eligible for these parking exemptions?

(b) If so, how do they apply for the exemption?

(c) If so, how has the availability of these exemptions been advertised?

(2) How much does parking cost at Liverpool Hospital?

(3) How much revenue was raised in parking fees from July 2013 to December 2013?

(a) What proportion of this revenue was returned in funding to Liverpool Hospital?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) Liverpool Hospital offers the following car parking exemptions:

- Concession parking which is available to patients, carers and family who are financially disadvantaged and meet the required criteria; and
- Visitor Congress Pass is available for patients and relatives of patients who do not meet the criteria for concessional parking.

Parking information is available on the Liverpool Hospital website and application forms for concessional parking are available in all departments and wards.

(2) The cost of parking at Liverpool Hospital is:

- \$3.80 per half hour, maximum \$22.00 per day or \$110 for 5 days
- Concession Parking rate is \$20.40 for 5 day pass
- Visitor Congress Pass is \$63.00 for 5 day pass.

(3) Liverpool Hospital car parking is managed by the International Parking Group and some of the revenue is used to repay NSW Treasury for the construction costs of the car park.

\*5478 NORTHERN RIVERS RAIL TRAIL PROPOSAL—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Transport—

(1) Is the land surrounding the former rail tracks between Casino and Murwillumbah publicly owned?

(a) If not, which sections of surrounding land are privately owned?

- (2) Has Transport for NSW considered the Northern Rivers Rail Trail proposal?
- (3) Has Transport for NSW been approached by the office of the Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Hospitality and Racing, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for the Hunter regarding the Northern Rivers Rail Trail proposal?
- (4) Will the Government provide funding to realise the proposed 132 kilometres of rail trail?
- (5) What is the estimated cost of the Northern Rivers Rail Trail project?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The rail corridor is owned by Transport for NSW.
- (2) - (5) The Government is undertaking a feasibility study with input from a variety of stakeholders. This work is ongoing.

\*5479 WIDENING OF CAMPBELLTOWN ROAD, DENHAM COURT—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW, Leader of the House—

- (1) Has the land surrounding Campbelltown Road, Denham Court in the Scenic Hills been rezoned?
  - (a) If yes, when was the rezoning of this land gazetted?
  - (b) If yes, what is the definition of this new zoning and what are its practical implications for residents?
  - (c) If yes, why was this land rezoned?
- (2) Did the Department of Planning and Infrastructure investigate the effects of rezoning this land on residents or receive advice from the Roads and Maritime Service?
- (3) Who is the responsible authority and department for rezoning of this type?
- (4) Is compulsorily acquisition of this land being considered by the Department of Planning and Infrastructure?
  - (a) If yes, would the rezoning of this land significantly reduce any future valuation by the Valuer General?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) - (4) No.

\*5480 REZONING OF LAND NEAR CAMPBELLTOWN ROAD—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

- (1) When were residents and property owners informed of the proposal to rezone parts of their land for the widening of Campbelltown Road, Denham Court?
  - (a) How were residents notified of these rezoning changes?
- (2) Did Transport for NSW offer residents and property owners an opportunity to have input into zoning changes?
- (3) Does the Government plan to compulsorily acquire residential and commercial properties affected by this rezoning?
  - (a) If so, have property owners been advised?
  - (b) If so, when will property owners be advised?
  - (c) If so, what is the expected cost of acquiring this land?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) (2) There is no proposal to rezone land as part of the Campbelltown Road upgrade. The Review of Environmental Factors for the proposed upgrade of Campbelltown Road, showing indicative property impacts, was displayed for community comments in April 2013. The community was encouraged to provide feedback during the submissions period, which was extended to 12 weeks. Information was provided to the community via media releases, the project website, a community information session, and letters from Roads and Maritime to Denham Court residents.

(3) There will be partial (strip) property acquisitions required for the Campbelltown Road upgrade. Roads and Maritime will directly contact affected property owners during detailed design, when the extent of property impact is confirmed. Land acquisition is estimated to cost \$1.5 million.

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\*5481 SPORT AND RECREATION EXPENDITURE—Mr Barry Collier asked the Minister for Sport and Recreation—

- (1) What was the total Government budget for Sport and Recreation in 2011-12, 2012-13, and 2013-14?
- (2) What was the total contribution in terms of dollars and staff from all Government departments to the four baseball events at the Sydney Cricket Ground held on 20-23 March 2014?
- (3) What was the total expenditure by the Sport and Recreation branch of the Office of Communities in each of the years 2011-12, 2012-13, and 2013-14?

Answer—

- (1) Information on the Sport and Recreation budget is in Budget Paper 3.
- (2) Destination NSW was the responsible agency within the Government with respect to this event. All investments by Destination NSW in events are commercial-in-confidence, which allows the organisation to bid for events in a competitive market.
- (3) Information on the Sport and Recreation budget is in Budget Paper 3.

\*5482 SYDNEY MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL EXPENDITURE—Mr Barry Collier asked the Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Hospitality and Racing, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for the Hunter—

What was the total expenditure incurred by Events NSW in bringing the Los Angeles Dodgers and Arizona Diamondbacks to Sydney and to stage four baseball events at the Sydney Cricket Ground between 20-23 March 2014?

Answer—

The functions of Events NSW were encompassed into Destination NSW in July 2011.

All investments by Destination NSW in events are commercial-in-confidence, which allows the organisation to bid for events in a competitive market.

\*5483 MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL AT THE SCG—Mr Barry Collier asked the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) Did the Government contribute to the following costs incurred by the Los Angeles Dodgers, Arizona Diamondbacks, and Team Australia baseball teams:
  - (a) air travel;
  - (b) accommodation;
  - (c) travel to and from the Sydney Hotel and the Sydney Cricket Ground (SCG);
  - (d) food and beverages;
  - (e) advertising?
- (2) What was the travel expenditure incurred by the Government in bringing the Los Angeles Dodgers and Arizona Diamondbacks to Sydney and in staging the baseball events at the SCG on 20-23 March 2014?

Answer—

I trust you enjoyed watching the game between the Los Angeles Dodgers and Arizona Diamondbacks as a guest of the SCG Trust as much as I did.

Destination NSW was the responsible agency within the Government with respect to this event. All investments by Destination NSW in events are commercial-in-confidence, which allows the organisation to bid for events in a competitive market.

\*5484 TRAMSHEDS ALONGSIDE NEWTOWN RAILWAY STATION—Ms Carmel Tebbutt asked the Minister for Transport—

- (1) Does the Government plan to sell the tramsheds alongside Newtown Railway Station now that the redevelopment of the station is complete?
  - (a) If not, what are the Government's plans for the tramsheds?
- (2) What action is the Government taking to consult the local community about future uses for this site?
- (3) What is the time frame for any decisions regarding the future plans for the tramsheds?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) - (3) Initial investigations into the future of the Newtown Tram Shed and adjoining land are underway and are expected to continue until mid to late 2014.

\*5485 PETERSHAM RAILWAY STATION—Ms Carmel Tebbutt asked the Minister for Transport—

- (1) Has the Government completed any investigations related to upgrading Petersham Railway Station, including the construction of lifts from the street level to the station level for residents with reduced mobility?
- (2) Does the Government plan to upgrade Petersham Railway Station?
  - (a) If so, what is the timeline for construction work to upgrade Petersham Railway Station?

Answer—

I am advised:

In 2012, the Government announced a new Transport Access Program which is delivering accessible, modern, secure and integrated transport infrastructure where it is needed most. This includes station upgrades, better interchanges and commuter car parks. This program includes more than \$770 million for improvements over four years.

More planning and design work will now occur to see which projects will come next. Petersham Railway Station will be considered as part of this process.

The Transport Access Program is part of the Government's commitment to improve public transport services and provide a world-class transport system people want to use.

\*5486 RELOCATED HOUSING NSW TENANTS—Ms Carmel Tebbutt asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

- (1) When did the Government place new tenancies in certain Housing NSW allocation zones "on hold" in order to relocate current tenants being removed from their existing properties in locations such as Millers Point?
- (2) How long will new tenancies be kept "on hold" during this process?
- (3) How many potential new tenants will have to wait longer while new tenancies are placed "on hold"?

Answer—

I am advised by the Department of Family and Community Services that vacant properties are offered to relocating tenants as soon as possible.

\*5487 HIGHLY ACCOMPLISHED TEACHERS—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) How many Highly Accomplished Teachers are there in New South Wales schools as at 27 March 2014?
- (2) How many Highly Accomplished Teachers does the Minister expect there to be in New South Wales schools by 27 March 2015?
- (3) What strategies is the Government implementing to encourage more teachers to become Highly Accomplished Teachers?

Answer—

(1) - (3) The employment classification of Highly Accomplished Teacher was created under the National Partnership on Improving Teacher Quality. Highly Accomplished Teacher positions are two year temporary appointments.

The majority of these two year temporary positions supported schools participating in the National Partnership on Low Socioeconomic Status School Communities and the National Partnership on Improving Teacher Quality. Both of these partnerships concluded at the end of 2013.

Over the life of these National Partnerships, 118 two year temporary Highly Accomplished Teacher positions have been created, exceeding the Commonwealth target of 100 positions.

There are currently four teachers employed as Highly Accomplished Teachers in New South Wales public schools.

Schools participating in current National Partnership programs may still choose to create a temporary Highly Accomplished Teacher position. Schools will make this decision based on local context and the strategic directions identified in the school plan.

\*5488 SCHOOL SUSPENSIONS—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Education—

How many students in the following grades in New South Wales schools were suspended for both a short suspension and long suspension period between 1 April 2011 and 27 March 2014 :

- (a) Kindergarten;

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- (b) Year 1;
- (c) Year 2;
- (d) Year 3;
- (e) Year 4;
- (f) Year 5;
- (g) Year 6?

Answer—

In 2013 the Department of Education and Communities introduced a new system for the collection of annual suspension data fully utilising the information technology capabilities of ERN (Enrolment and Registration Number). Data prior to 2013 was not collected in a way that enables accurately comparable data sets with that collected in 2013 for short and long suspensions at an individual student level.

Suspension data is available by calendar year. 2014 data will be available in 2015.

The data for students suspended for both a short suspension and long suspension by primary grade for 2011, 2012 and 2013 is as follows:

-	-	2011	2012	2013
a	Kindergarten	44	47	61
b	Year 1	75	100	108
c	Year 2	126	149	159
d	Year 3	167	183	199
e	Year 4	216	261	218
f	Year 5	257	287	330
g	Year 6	337	371	385

\*5489 RELOCATION OF GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS—Mr Richard Amery asked the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) Has the Premier announced plans to move a number of Government departments from the Sydney Central Business District to various locations in Western Sydney?
  - (a) If so, what departments will be moved as a result of this plan?
- (2) Will any departments or Government jobs be located in the Blacktown City Council area?
  - (a) If not, why will no departments or Government jobs be relocated to the Blacktown City Council area?

Answer—

The Government announced last month that starting next year, more than 3,000 public servants will be relocated to Western Sydney. This will provide more opportunities for Western Sydney residents who want to work closer to where they live, and will help reduce congestion in the Sydney CBD.

A number of Government departments already have offices in Blacktown, including agencies from Family and Community Services, Attorney General and Justice, Education and Communities, and Finance and Services. There are currently over 600 public servants working in these agencies at their Blacktown locations.

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5490 HEALTH SERVICES ACT 1997—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

How many prosecutions have there been under Section 67J of the Health Services Act 1997 in the following periods:

- (a) 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012;
- (b) 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013;
- (c) 1 July 2013 to 31 December 2013?

5491 CRIMES ACT 1900 REVIEW—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

- Who is currently carrying out the review of the Crimes Act 1900 to determine whether further offences should be identified as indictable offences triable summarily and whether any indictable offence currently triable summarily be recategorised as strictly indictable offences?
- 5492 COMMUNITY OFFENDERS SUPPORT PROGRAM CENTRE—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- (1) What is the location of the Community Offenders Support Program Centre, that was completed in the 2012-13 year by the Department of Corrective Services (DCS) Statewide Infrastructure Group?
    - (a) When did the work commence?
    - (b) What was the cost of the work?
    - (c) What was the date of completion?
- 5493 TWO-MAN CELLS AT PARKLEA CORRECTIONAL CENTRE—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- (1) Did the Minister approve the conversion of two-man cells at Parklea Correctional Centre to hold three prisoners?
    - (a) If so, why?
    - (b) If not, why not?
- 5494 DESTRUCTION OF PRISONERS PROPERTY—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- What steps will the Attorney General take to ensure prisoners' property is not destroyed following the cessation of funding to the Prisoners' Aid Association of NSW Inc?
- 5495 ASBESTOS INJURIES COMPENSATION FUND—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- (1) What advice has the Attorney General received concerning the financial viability of the Asbestos Injuries Compensation Fund (AICF)?
  - (2) Will the AICF continue to be able to meet verdicts or claims resulting from liabilities it was established to meet?
  - (3) What is now estimated to be the peak year for the mesothelioma claims?
- 5496 INMATE NUMBERS IN NEW SOUTH WALES CORRECTIONAL CENTRES—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- (1) What is the highest number of inmates held in New South Wales Correctional Centres on any one day since 1 January 2014?
    - (a) On which date did this occur?
- 5497 OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF OF NEW SOUTH WALES—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- Who currently holds the Office of the Sheriff of New South Wales?
- (a) If the position is vacant, how long has it been vacant?
- 5498 EARLY CHILDHOOD DAY CARE PROVIDERS IN LIVERPOOL—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Education—
- How many early childhood day care providers have been approved within the Liverpool electorate?
- 5499 GOVERNMENT INFORMATION (PUBLIC ACCESS) ACT 2009—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Premier, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- How many people or entities have been declared pursuant to clause 5 of Schedule 4 of the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009?
- 5500 HUNTER NEW ENGLAND HEALTH GENERALIST COUNSELLING SERVICES CLOSURE—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- (1) What documentation was used to justify the closure of the Hunter New England Health generalist counselling services?
  - (2) Will this documentation be made available to the public?
    - (a) If not, why not?



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- 5501 HUNTER NEW ENGLAND HEALTH COUNSELLING SERVICES—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- (1) What is the cost to Hunter New England Health's budget for the counselling services provided through Community Health Centres to 30 June 2014?
  - (2) What was the cost for the financial year ending:
    - (a) 30 June 2013; and
    - (b) 30 June 2012?
  - (3) How many referrals did Hunter New England Health counselling services receive in each of the calendar years 2012 and 2013?
- 5502 RAILWAY STATION AT GLENDALE—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—
- (1) Will the Government provide a railway station at Glendale?
    - (a) If so, when is construction expected to commence?
    - (b) If not, why not?
- 5503 TRAIN TIMETABLE AVAILABILITY—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—
- (1) Has the Government ceased printing train timetables for the Hunter lines, in particular the Newcastle to Sydney timetable?
    - (a) If so, why?
    - (b) If not, where are these timetables available?
  - (2) Has the Government ceased printing train timetables for other parts of New South Wales?
  - (3) Is the Government still printing timetables for the Sydney lines?
- 5504 STATE ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING POLICY AMENDMENT—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Women—
- Will the Minister provide a separate and extended consultation period for the State Environmental Planning Policy Amendment (Newcastle City Centre), which facilitates significant changes in building heights and abolishes clause 7.9 (4) of the Newcastle Local Environmental Plan 2012 (LEP)?
- 5505 INNER CITY NEWCASTLE PROJECTS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Women—
- (1) What projects are jointly owned by UrbanGrowth NSW and GPT in inner city Newcastle?
  - (2) What is the nature of these projects?
- 5506 THE HUNTER REGION BOTANIC GARDENS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, and Assistant Minister for Planning—
- (1) Will the Government continue the \$50,000 annual allocation to the Hunter Region Botanic Gardens for the 2014-15 period?
    - (a) If so, when will the money be allocated to the Hunter Region Botanic Gardens?
    - (b) If so, will the Consumer Price Index (CPI) be included in the package?
      - (i) If not, why not?
- 5507 EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT AT SHOALHAVEN HOSPITAL—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- (1) How many children presented to the emergency department at Shoalhaven Hospital between the hours of 10pm and 8am in 2013?
  - (2) What are the hours of staffing for the designated paediatric area of the emergency department at Shoalhaven Hospital?
  - (3) For times when there are no allocated staff to the paediatric area, what alternative arrangements are made?
  - (4) Are there plans to increase the number or hours of nursing staff allocated to this area?
- 5508 PROPOSED MEDICARE CO-PAYMENT—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- (1) Has the feasibility of having a Medicare co-payment for non-admitted patients who attend the emergency departments run by NSW Health been investigated?

- (a) If so, by whom?
- (2) Are there plans in place for such a co-payment to be collected if such a measure is adopted by the Federal Government at any time in the future?
- (a) If so, in which hospitals?
- 5509 FOOD SERVICES DEPARTMENT AT ROYAL PRINCE ALFRED HOSPITAL—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- Was a review of the food services department at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital conducted by an external consultant?
- (a) If so, by whom?
- (b) If so, is this report available to the public?
- 5510 PROPOSED MEDICARE CO-PAYMENT CONSULTATION—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- (1) Has the Minister or NSW Health met with their federal counterparts regarding the proposed \$6 Medicare co-payment for bulk billed GP visits?
- (a) If so, when did this meeting occur?
- (b) If so, who was in attendance?
- (c) If not, why not?
- (2) What is the Minister's view of the consequences on the NSW Health emergency departments of imposing such a co-payment?
- 5511 GENERAL PRACTITIONER CO-PAYMENTS—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- (1) Has NSW Health conducted any modelling to assess the impact of the proposed \$6 Medicare co-payment for bulk billed GP visits on public hospital presentations?
- (a) Will this modelling be made available to the public?
- (b) When will it be made available to the public?
- (2) Will the Minister demand additional Federal Government funding if emergency department presentations increase as a result of the GP co-payment?
- 5512 CONCESSION PARKING AT LIVERPOOL HOSPITAL—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- What are the "required criteria" for concession parking to be offered to patients, family, and carers of patients at Liverpool Hospital (ref Q.5477)?
- 5513 PARKING FEES AT LIVERPOOL HOSPITAL—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Treasurer—
- (1) How much money was received by the International Parking Group for parking fees at Liverpool Hospital from July 2013 to December 2013 (ref Q.5477)?
- (2) How much was paid by the International Parking Group to the NSW Treasury from parking funds raised at Liverpool Hospital from July 2013 to December 2013 (ref Q.5477)?
- 5514 CABRAMATTA STREET TEAM—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services—
- (1) Are there any plans to reinstate the Cabramatta Street Team?
- (2) Since the Cabramatta Street Team was dismantled, has the Government established or funded any other programs to work with marginalised young people in the Cabramatta electorate?
- 5515 PUBLIC HOUSING PROPERTY SALES IN CABRAMATTA—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services—
- In the financial year 2012-13:
- (a) How many public housing properties in the Cabramatta electorate were sold?
- (b) What types of public housing properties in the Cabramatta electorate were sold?
- 5516 SOUTH WESTERN SYDNEY INSTITUTE STAFF NUMBERS—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Education—
- (1) By what amount will staff numbers at the South Western Sydney Institute (SWSi) be reduced in the

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- next 12 months?
- (2) How will this reduction in staff impact on students currently attending SWSi?
- 5517 RELOCATION OF GOVERNMENT AGENCIES—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Premier, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- Is the Government considering relocating government agencies to Cabramatta?
- (a) If so, what agencies will be relocated to Cabramatta?
- (b) If so, when is the relocation expected to occur?
- (c) If not, why not?
- 5518 IMPACT OF ELECTRICITY PRIVATISATION ON HOUSEHOLDS—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Resources and Energy, and Special Minister of State—
- Has the Government conducted an analysis on the impact of electricity privatisation on households in the Cabramatta electorate?
- (a) If yes, will this analysis be made available to the public?
- (b) If not, why not?
- 5519 RACIAL DISCRIMINATION ACT 1975—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister for Veterans Affairs, and Assistant Minister for Education—
- Has the Government made any representations to the Federal Government against proposed changes to the Racial Discrimination Act 1975?
- (a) If not, why not?
- 5520 FORENSIC AND ANALYTICAL SCIENCE SERVICE LABORATORY—Mrs Barbara Perry to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- What is the projected financial saving to NSW Health from the planned closure of the forensic and analytical science service (FASS) laboratory at Lidcombe?
- 5521 FORENSIC AND ANALYTICAL SCIENCE SERVICE LABORATORY—Mrs Barbara Perry to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- (1) When was the Minister first informed of the planned closure of the forensic and analytical science service (FASS) laboratory at Lidcombe?
- (2) How was the Minister informed?
- 5522 FORENSIC AND ANALYTICAL SCIENCE SERVICE—Mrs Barbara Perry to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- (1) What risk management study was conducted to assess the possible impact on public safety of closing the forensic and analytical science service (FASS) laboratory at Lidcombe?
- (a) Who performed this study?
- (b) During which period was this study conducted?
- (c) When was the final report of this study produced?
- (d) Has the Minister seen this report?
- (e) Will this report be released to the public?
- 5523 OPERATION OF FASS LABORATORY IN LIDCOMBE—Mrs Barbara Perry to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- (1) When will the forensic and analytical science service (FASS) laboratory at Lidcombe cease all operations?
- (2) Which private provider has been chosen to replicate the work from this laboratory?
- (3) When will the new provider start receiving specimens?
- 5524 SALE OF PUBLIC HOUSING IN BELLAMBI—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services—
- Does the Government have plans to sell further public housing properties in the Bellambi area?
- (a) If so, which properties does the Government plan to sell in Bellambi?
- (b) If so, when will this project commence?

5525 RISK OF SIGNIFICANT HARM REPORTS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

- (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?
- (4) How many ROSH reports were made by Department of Education and Communities staff to Department of Family and Community Services in the 2013 school year?
- (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?

5526 RETURNED SERVICEMEN GRAVES—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, and Assistant Minister for Tourism and Major Events—

Can the Minister give assurances that the graves of returned servicemen will not be resold under the Cemeteries and Crematoria Act 2013?