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- *5098 PUBLIC HOUSING SHORTAGE IN FAIRFIELD ELECTORATE—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

What is the Government doing to address the public housing shortage in the Fairfield electorate?

Answer-

The Auditor General in his report Making the Best Use of Public Housing observed that the public housing system highlighted the challenges facing the public housing system, challenges that developed well before the Liberals & Nationals came to Government in 2011.

The Government is making the public housing system fairer and more transparent by making better use of vacant bedrooms in public housing, ensuring existing tenants pay the correct amount of rent and making the social housing waiting list transparent so clients can make informed decisions.

*5099 DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORTS IN FAIRFIELD ELECTORATE—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

- (1) How many reports were made to the Department of Family and Community Services (FACS) about children in the Fairfield area?
- (2) How many of these reports were followed up by FACS?
- Answer—

(1) - (2) Information concerning Risk of Significant Harm reports is published in Community Services Annual Statistical Report and on the Community Services Caseworker dashboard. Details are available on the Department of Family and Community Services website.

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- 5111 CABRAMATTA PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
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- 5113 BLACKTOWN AND ROOTY HILL RAILWAY STATION UPGRADES—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 5114 INVESTIGATION INTO THE AUSTRALIAN VACCINATION NETWORK—Mrs Barbara Perry to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

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- 5117 HUNTER NEW ENGLAND HEALTH COUNSELLING SERVICES—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 5118 CARE FOR PEOPLE WITH SEVERE DISABILITIES—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
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- 5120 WICKHAM STATION INTERCHANGE COST BENEFIT STUDY—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport—
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- 5122 MORISSET AND TORONTO POLICE STATIONS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 5123 HOUSING WAITING LIST FOR LAKE MACQUARIE, MAITLAND AND NEWCASTLE—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 5124 CORRECTIVE SERVICES NSW PSYCHOLOGIST SERVICES—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
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- 5133 SCHOOL CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM 2013—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Education—
- 5134 TEACHER PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Education—
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- 5136 NSW COUNTRY APPRENTICE SCHOLARSHIPS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Education—
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- 5145 ILLAWARRA GOVERNMENT COORDINATION GROUP—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
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- 5147 YALLAH TO OAK FLATS UPGRADE—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 5148 SHELLHARBOUR CITY HUB PROJECT—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Local Government, and Minister for the North Coast—
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- 5174 DISABILITY ACCESS AT CANLEY VALE STATION-Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Transport-
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- 5176 SUTHERLAND SHIRE LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN INQUIRY—Mr Barry Collier to ask the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW, Leader of the House—

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- 5180 PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE NUMBERS IN THE LOWER HUNTER—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 5181 THE CHAMPIONSHIPS CARNIVAL—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Hospitality and Racing, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 5182 CRIME PREVENTION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES BUDGET—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

- 5183 POLICE STATION CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
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- 5194 ACCESSIBLE LIFTS AT BIRRONG AND CHESTER HILL—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport—
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- 5199 LANSDOWNE BRIDGE WORKS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
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- 5203 READING RECOVERY TEACHERS IN MARRICKVILLE ELECTORATE—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—
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- 5205 MARRICKVILLE AND NEWTOWN FIRE STATIONS—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 5206 ILLEGAL TOBACCO SALES—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 5207 AMBULANCE SERVICE OF NSW REPORT—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 5208 FRESENIUS KABI CHEMOTHERAPY DRUGS—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 5209 WANAARING MEDICAL CENTRE—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 5210 WOMEN'S DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ADVOCACY SERVICES—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 5211 AIR POLLUTION LEVELS IN WESTERN SYDNEY—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

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5212 WITNESS ASSISTANCE SERVICE STAFF NUMBERS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

What does he propose to do to ensure that there are enough resources and staff for the Witness Assistance Service to deal with all priority matters?

5213 LEGAL AID NSW FREE WEEKLY ADVICE CLINIC—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

What is the cost to 4 March 2014 of the free weekly advice clinic in family and civil law matters provided at Manly Community Centre and funded by Legal Aid NSW?

- 5214 DISTRICT COURT BACKLOGS-Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice-
 - (1) What were the findings of the interagency group established to determine the extent of the District Court backlogs and their causes?
 - (2) Is the interagency group's report available to the public?
- 5215 JUDICIAL OFFICER COMPLAINTS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

Which are the two complaints about a judicial officer referred to at page 36 of the Annual Report 2012-13 of the Judicial Commission that were referred to the Conduct Division?

5216 MODEL LITIGANT POLICY AND ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

What mechanisms does the Government have in place to measure:

- (a) The compliance of Government agencies with the Model Litigant Policy; and
- (b) The use of alternative dispute resolution by Government agencies?
- 5217 NSW TRUSTEE AND GUARDIAN APPOINTEES—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

What is the basis for NSW Trustee and Guardian to increase the proportion of private financial managers appointed for people with decision making incapacities?

5218 CIRCUS ANIMALS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

Does the Government propose to introduce legislation to prevent the use of animals for entertainment in circuses?

- 5219 HOUSING AND ACCOMMODATION SUPPORT INITIATIVE PLUS PACKAGES—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
 - (1) How many Housing and Accommodation Support Initiative (HASI) plus packages have been funded and in what periods since 1 January 2013?
 - (2) As a result of HASI plus packages, how many people have been released from:
 - (a) correctional centres; and
 - (b) forensic institutions?
- 5220 CONFISCATED MOTOR VEHICLE NUMBER PLATES—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

How many motor vehicle number plates have been confiscated by the NSW Police Force following the introduction of the Road Transport (General) Amendment (Vehicle Sanctions) Act 2012 in the following periods:

- (a) 1 July 2012 to 31 December 2012;
- (b) 1 January 2013 to 30 June 2013;
- (c) 1 July 2013 to 31 December 2013; and
- (d) 1 January 2014 to 4 March 2014?
- 5221 BUS DRIVER SECURITY—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport—

How is management at the State Transit Authority of NSW responding to security concerns of bus drivers throughout New South Wales following recent incidents of abuse and harassment on several Sydney bus routes?

5222 RUBBISH ALONGSIDE RAILWAY LINES—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport—

What is the Government doing to clean up rubbish alongside railway lines, in light of reports of excessive amounts of rubbish between Gosford and Woy Woy Railway Stations?

- 5223 SEIZURE OF ILLICIT DRUGS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
 - (1) Is only one person qualified and employed by the Government to analyse illicit drugs seized by the NSW Police Force?
 - (2) If yes, what is the Government doing to increase staffing levels in order to provide faster processing and avoid undue delays in drug related criminal matters?
- 5224 STRESS LEAVE FOR FEMALE PARAMEDICS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
 - (1) How many female paramedics are currently on stress leave due to verbal abuse and threats directed towards them by patients in Newcastle?
 - (2) How many female paramedics are currently on stress leave due to verbal abuse and threats directed towards them by patients across the Hunter region?
- 5225 INCREASED ROAD SAFETY MEASURES IN THE HUNTER—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
 - (1) How much revenue was received from speed and red light cameras in 2013?
 - (2) How is the Government using this revenue to increase safety on the roads in the Hunter region, which currently has five fixed location speed cameras, including Gateshead which raised over \$8 million across four years from 2007 to 2011?
- 5226 NEWCASTLE MEMORIAL WALK FUNDING—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—
 - (1) Has the Government committed \$1.5 million towards the funding of a Memorial Walk in Newcastle?(a) If yes, when will the Government be funding this project?
 - (b) If not, why did the Government withdraw from funding this project?

- 5227 SEX WORKER INTEGRATED CARE COORDINATION—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
 - (1) Will the Government reinstate funding for the Sex Worker Integrated Care Coordination Project and a dedicated case worker for sex workers in the Newcastle suburb of Islington?
 - (a) If so, when will the Government reinstate funding for the Sex Worker Integrated Care Coordination Project and what amount of funding will be provided?
 - (b) If the Government is not planning to reinstate funding for the Sex Worker Integrated Care Coordination Project, why not?
- 5228 AGEING DISABILITY AND HOME CARE—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

Was there a similar provision in previous legislation to the current provision that empowers the Government to forcibly transfer Ageing, Disability and Home Care responsibilities to the private sector without compensation?

- 5229 PRISON OFFICER RECRUITMENT—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
 - (1) When was the last recruitment drive for prison officers in New South Wales?
 - (2) Will the Government hold a recruitment drive for prison officers in 2014?
 - (a) If yes, when will the Government hold a recruitment drive for prison officers?
 - (b) If not, why won't the Government hold a recruitment drive for prison officers?
- 5230 REDUCING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN CABRAMATTA—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
 - (1) What initiatives did the Government establish to raise awareness of, prevent, and reduce domestic violence in the Cabramatta electorate between 27 March 2011 and 4 March 2014?
 - (2) How much funding has the Government committed for the current financial year to raising awareness of, preventing, and reducing domestic violence in the Cabramatta electorate?
 - (3) How much funding will the Government commit for the 2014-15 financial year to raising awareness of, preventing, and reducing domestic violence in the Cabramatta electorate?
- 5231 JOB CREATION IN CABRAMATTA AND GREATER WESTERN SYDNEY—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—
 - (1) What initiatives did the Government establish to create jobs in the Cabramatta electorate between 27 March 2011 and 4 March 2014?
 - (2) How much funding aimed at creating local jobs did the Government invest in the Cabramatta electorate between 27 March 2011 and 4 March 2014?
 - (3) What initiatives did the Government establish to create jobs in Greater Western Sydney between 27 March 2011 and 4 March 2014?
- 5232 PROPOSED MEDICARE CO-PAYMENTS SYSTEM—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
 - (1) Has the Government made any representations to the Federal Government to protest against a proposed Medicare co-payment and the impact it will have on the people of New South Wales?
 - (a) If so, how were these representations against proposed co-payments to Medicare made and when?
 - (2) Has the Government undertaken any analysis of the impact of the proposed co-payment system on people in the Cabramatta electorate and other electorates in New South Wales?(a) If so, will the results of this analysis be made publically available?
- 5233 RED LIGHT SPEED CAMERA REVENUE IN CABRAMATTA—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Finance and Services—

How much revenue did the Government generate from red light speed cameras in the Cabramatta electorate during the periods:

- (a) 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013; and
- (b) 1 July 2013 to 4 March 2014?

- 5234 CANCELLATION OF THE 88 BUS SERVICE IN CABRAMATTA—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Transport—
 - (1) Prior to the cancellation of the 88 bus service in the Cabramatta electorate, how many passengers on average used the service per week across the entire route?
 - (2) Did the Government consult with the public in the Cabramatta electorate before cancelling the 88 bus service?
 - (a) If the Government did consult with the public in the Cabramatta electorate regarding this decision, what form did this consultation take and when did this consultation occur?
- 5235 LAND BELONGING TO SCHOOLS IN THE CABRAMATTA ELECTORATE—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Education—
 - (1) Was any land belonging to schools in the Cabramatta electorate rezoned to be consistent with the zoning of adjacent lands between 27 March 2011 and 4 March 2014?
 - (2) Was any land belonging to schools in the Cabramatta electorate sold between 27 March 2011 and 4 March 2014?
 - (a) If yes, which schools in the Cabramatta electorate had land sold?
 - (b) If yes, how much land belonging to schools in the Cabramatta electorate was sold and when did these sales occur?
- 5236 POLICE ACTION TO PREVENT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN CABRAMATTA—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
 - (1) What initiatives did the Government establish to help police in the Cabramatta electorate raise awareness of, prevent, and reduce domestic violence in the area from 27 March 2011 to 4 March 2014?
 - (2) How much funding has the Government committed for the 2013-14 financial year to help police in the Cabramatta electorate raise awareness of, prevent, and reduce domestic violence in the area?
 - (3) How much funding will the Government commit for the 2014-15 financial year to help police in the Cabramatta electorate raise awareness of, prevent, and reduce domestic violence in the area?
- 5237 NSW SMART WORK HUB PILOT PROGRAM—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Trade and Investment, and Minister for Regional Infrastructure and Services—

Why wasn't the Wollongong Local Government Area and the Illawarra region included in the NSW Smart Work Hub Pilot Program?

5238 ILLAWARRA REGION MANUFACTURING SECTOR—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Trade and Investment, and Minister for Regional Infrastructure and Services—

How is the Government ensuring that no more jobs are lost from the manufacturing sector in the Illawarra region?

- 5239 ILLAWARRA DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Trade and Investment, and Minister for Regional Infrastructure and Services—
 - (1) Can he provide an update to his answer to LA Question 4759 in relation to the proposal to establish an Illawarra Development Corporation?
 - (2) Has the Government received a formal request or been provided with relevant data to support establishing an Illawarra Development Corporation?
- 5240 REVITALISING LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINAL REPORT—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Local Government, and Minister for the North Coast—

When will the Government formally respond to the recommendations of the NSW Independent Local Government Review Panel contained in the Revitalising Local Government final report?

- 5241 CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM SCHOOL APPLICANTS IN SHELLHARBOUR—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Education—
 - (1) Which schools in the Shellharbour electorate applied for funding under the Department of Education and Communities Capital Works Program in 2013-14?
 - (2) On how many previous occasions had these schools applied for funding from the Capital Works Program?

- (3) What specific projects were submitted for funding?
- (4) What was the value of each project submitted for funding?
- (5) Were any of the schools that applied for funding in the Shellharbour electorate successful?
- (6) If any Shellharbour electorate schools were unsuccessful in applying for funding, what were the reasons for the schools applications being rejected?
- 5242 RESTART NSW ILLAWARRA INFRASTRUCTURE FUND—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—
 - (1) How much funding was allocated from the Restart NSW Illawarra Infrastructure Fund in the 2013-14 budget?
 - (2) When will all funding from the \$100 million Restart NSW Illawarra Infrastructure Fund be allocated?
 - (3) Which Minister will have responsibility for paying funds to approved projects under the Restart NSW Illawarra Infrastructure Fund?
 - (4) What are the administrative arrangements for the allocating payments to approved projects under the Restart NSW Illawarra Infrastructure Fund?
 - (5) What are the key dates for allocating payments to approved projects under the Restart NSW Illawarra Infrastructure Fund?
- 5243 STATE INVESTMENT ATTRACTION SCHEME IN THE ILLAWARRA—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Trade and Investment, and Minister for Regional Infrastructure and Services—
 - (1) How much funding from the \$130 million State Investment Attraction Scheme has been allocated to businesses in the Wollongong Local Government Area?
 - (2) How much funding from the State Investment Attraction Scheme has been allocated to businesses in the five Local Government Areas that the Government defines as the Illawarra region?
- 5244 JOBS ACTION PLAN IN THE ILLAWARRA—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—
 - (1) How many new jobs have been created in the Wollongong Local Government Area since April 2011 under the Government's Jobs Action Plan which targets 100,000 new jobs through the promotion of a payroll tax rebate?
 - (2) How many new jobs have been created under the Jobs Action Plan in the following five Local Government Areas that the Government defines as the Illawarra region:
 - (a) Wollongong;
 - (b) Shellharbour;
 - (c) Kiama;
 - (d) Wingecarribee; and
 - (e) Shoalhaven?
- 5245 LOCAL COUNCIL ZONING CHANGES—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW, Leader of the House—
 - (1) Is he aware of any local councils changing the zoning of schools or TAFE college land to match the zoning status of adjacent land?
 - (a) If yes, which councils have changed the zoning status of land in this manner?
 - (b) If yes, what schools and/or TAFE colleges were impacted by the rezoning?
 - (2) Have there been any changes made to the zoning of the Mount Druitt TAFE site?
 - (a) If yes, what was the previous zoning?
 - (b) If yes, what is the new zoning?
 - (c) If yes, why were these changes made to the zoning?
- 5246 STATE LIBRARY OF NEW SOUTH WALES—Mr Jamie Parker to ask the Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Hospitality and Racing, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for the Hunter—
 - (1) What changes are proposed as part of the planned \$25 million revitalisation of the State Library of New South Wales?
 - (2) How many staff currently work at the State Library of New South Wales?
 - (3) How will staff numbers reduce as a result of the proposed changes?
 - (4) What is proposed for the conversion of the Mitchell Reading Room?

- (5) What is the reason for the conversion of the Mitchell Reading Room?
- (6) Will any books be available for reading in the Mitchell Reading Room following its conversion?
- (7) Who is responsible for the decision to convert the Mitchell Reading Room?
- (8) Is the conversion considered an improvement to the Mitchell Reading Room?
- (9) If yes, how is it an improvement?
- 5247 VICTIMS RIGHTS AND SUPPORT ACT 2013—Mr Jamie Parker to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
 - (1) What is the average length of time between a victim first making a claim and compensation being paid, since the commencement of the Victims Rights and Support Act 2013?
 - (2) What was the average length of time between a victim first making a claim and compensation being paid, prior to 3 June 2013?
 - (3) How many victims compensation claims are currently outstanding?
 - (4) What review has been undertaken since the commencement of the Victims Rights and Support Act 2013 to determine the benefits that are being delivered to victims under the new system?
 - (5) What is the total amount of payments that have been made to victims under the Victims Rights and Support Act 2013?
 - (6) What was the total amount of payments that were made to victims from 3 June 2012 to 4 March 2013?
 - (7) How many claims are currently outstanding, from the time of first making a claim until compensation is paid, for a period of more than:
 - (a) 6 months;
 - (b) 1 year;
 - (c) 2 years; and
 - (d) 3 years?
 - (8) Which of the current outstanding claims is the oldest?
 - (9) Does the system now allow for faster processing of new claims compared to claims made prior to the introduction of the new system?
 - (10) What is the average length of time for processing claims since the introduction of the new system?
 - (11) What was the average length of time for processing claims made prior to the introduction of the new system?
- 5248 WHITE BAY CRUISE TERMINAL FUEL EMISSIONS—Mr Jamie Parker to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
 - (1) What is the average volume of emissions produced by a cruise ship during a 10 hour stay at the White Bay Cruise Terminal?
 - (2) What are the upper and lower volumes of emissions for a 10 hour stay at the White Bay Cruise Terminal?
 - (3) What is the composition of the fuel used by cruise ships coming into White Bay?
 - (4) How does the composition of fuel used by cruise ships coming into White Bay compare with those countries where there is legislation to improve cruise ship fuel quality? Please provide a summary numerical comparison.
 - (5) Will the results of the air quality monitoring undertaken at the White Bay Cruise Terminal be made public?
 - (6) What testing of noise and vibrations at White Bay has Sydney Ports undertaken as at 4 March 2014?
 - (7) Are the results of this testing publicly available?
 - (8) What other Australian ports operate cruise ship terminals in close proximity to a high density residential area as at White Bay?
 - (9) What was the intent of the original agreements relating to the use of the White Bay Cruise Terminal by cruise ship operators?
 - (10) Does the current use of the White Bay Cruise Terminal reflect the original intent of the agreements for its use by cruise ship operators?
 - (11) How many ships are intended to stay at the White Bay Cruise Terminal in 2014?(a) Of these ships, how many would not have the ability to use an onshore power supply?
 - (12) Is he aware of the legislated requirement to use onshore power in other jurisdictions in the world, including the United States of America?

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