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- *2632 TRAVELLING TIMES TO THE SYDNEY CBD—Mr Richard Amery asked the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
 - (1) Does the Roads and Traffic Authority monitor travelling times into the Sydney Central Business District from various locations in the Sydney Metropolitan area?
 - (2) From the junction of the M4 and M7 Motorways, situated in the Mount Druitt Electorate, how does the travelling time from this location into the CBD compare between the following routes:
 - (a) To the Sydney CBD via the M7/M2/Harbour Bridge;
 - (b) To the Sydney CBD via the M4 and Anzac Bridge?
 - (3) As this current information is not available in the Department's Annual Report, how have these travelling times changed in recent years?

Answer-

I am advised:

The average travelling time to the CBD along the M7/M2 route was 53.78 minutes in 2006 and 43.76 minutes in 2007.

The average travelling time to the CBD along the M4/Anzac Bridge route was 43.62 minutes in 2006 and 45.56 minutes in 2007.

Please note that times are decimal minutes.

*2634 CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAMS AT SOLDIERS POINT PUBLIC SCHOOL—Mr Craig Baumann asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—

Regarding the capital works programs at Soldiers Point Public School:

- (1) Can the Minister provide an update from the Department of Education and Training on the consideration being given to Stage 2 of the facilities upgrade at Soldiers Point Public School, given that the multi-stage program has left capital works on-site unfinished?
- (2) Is the Minister aware that the Hunter/Central Coast Region School Education Director Graeme Valler indicated the project has been nominated as a "very high regional priority"?
- (3) Is the Minister aware that the second stage of the capital works program was pledged seven years ago?

Answer-

Stage 2 of the facilities upgrade at Soldiers Point Public School has been nominated for inclusion in the Department of Education and Training's forward Total Asset Management Plan. It has a high regional priority.

- *2636 RENEWAL OF BOAT LICENCES—Mr Steve Cansdell asked the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Minister for Ports and Waterways—
 - (1) Why does Maritime Services not send out renewal notices for boat licences?
 - (2) Why is the cost of 'reinstating' a boat licence once the renewal date is passed more than double the cost of the annual licence fee?

Answer—

- (1) Renewal notices for boat licences are sent to clients 30 days prior to the due date.
 - If there has been no response to the renewal notice a reminder notice is sent 15 days after the due date
- (2) Cancellation of a licence automatically occurs 60 days after the due date, if the licence is not renewed.

A reinstatement fee of \$28 is charged to reinstate the licence, this assists in the recovery of administrative costs. The cost of a 1 year boat licence is currently \$41.

Once a licence is reinstated, it is valid from that date.

- *2637 YAMBA POLICE STATION—NIGHT SHIFT—Mr Steve Cansdell asked the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
 - (1) How many general duties police officers are on duty night shift Friday and Saturdays at Yamba police station?
 - (2) How many general duties police officers are on night shift other nights of the week, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday?
 - (3) What surrounding communities are these officers expected to respond to and patrol?

Answer-

The NSW Police Force has advised me:

- (1) to (3) Staffing allocations within a Local Area Command are matters for the Local Area Commander. Commanders routinely explore a range of options to provide the most effective policing response. Staffing allocations may therefore vary according to operational requirements.
- *2638 CORAKI POLICE STATION—Mr Steve Cansdell asked the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
 - (1) How many general duties police officers are assigned to Coraki police station?
 - (2) Are they exclusively assigned to the Coraki police station?
 - (3) If not, what other police stations or precincts are these officers expected to patrol?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force has advised me:

- (1) to (3) Staffing allocations within a Local Area Command are matters for the Local Area Commander. Commanders routinely explore a range of options to provide the most effective policing response.
- *2639 CORAKI POLICE STATION—NIGHT SHIFT—Mr Steve Cansdell asked the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
 - (1) How many general duties police officers are on duty night shift Friday and Saturdays at Coraki police station?
 - (2) How many general duties police officers are on night shift other nights of the week, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday?
 - (3) What surrounding communities are these officers expected to respond to and patrol?

Answer-

The NSW Police Force has advised me:

- (1) to (3) Staffing allocations within a Local Area Command are matters for the Local Area Commander. Commanders routinely explore a range of options to provide the most effective policing response. Staffing allocations may therefore vary according to operational requirements.
- *2640 CASINO POLICE STATION—Mr Steve Cansdell asked the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
 - (1) How many general duties police officers are assigned to Casino police station?
 - (2) Are they exclusively assigned to the Casino police station?
 - (3) If not, what other police stations or precincts are these officers expected to patrol?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force has advised me:

- (1) to (3) Staffing allocations within a Local Area Command are matters for the Local Area Commander. Commanders routinely explore a range of options to provide the most effective policing response.
- *2641 CASINO POLICE STATION—NIGHT SHIFT—Mr Steve Cansdell asked the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
 - (1) How many general duties police officers are on duty night shift Friday and Saturdays at Casino police station?
 - (2) How many general duties police officers are on night shift other nights of the week, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday?
 - (3) What surrounding communities are these officers expected to respond to and patrol?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force has advised me:

(1) to (3) Staffing allocations within a Local Area Command are matters for the Local Area Commander. Commanders routinely explore a range of options to provide the most effective policing response. Staffing allocations may therefore vary according to operational requirements.

*2642 FLUORIDATION—Mr Andrew Constance asked the Minister for Health—

- (1) Is there evidence that citizens ingesting fluoridated water may suffer both joint pain and bone damage?
- (2) Why does New South Wales disperse fluoride in the water supply when there are concerns that fluoride is toxic when ingested?
- (3) Since fluoride primarily prevents cavities while bathing teeth surfaces in the mouth does the Government have any intention to cease fluoridation that leads to the ingestion of fluoride throughout the entire body?
- (4) Does fluoridated water increase the absorption of toxic aluminium from aluminium cookware?
- (5) What Australian States and Territories use fluoride in their water supplies?
- (6) Will NSW Health indemnify and reimburse water districts in New South Wales for legal, health effects and other costs that may be incurred by water districts that fluoridate?
- (7) Does NSW Health have biologically tested evidence that silicofluorides disassociate completely when used in water fluoridation?
- (8) (a) Does NSW Health subscribe to the generally accepted environmental management practice that if large numbers of people are exposed to a chemical substance, the substance should be adequately tested for acute and chronic toxicity?
 - (b) If not, why not?
- (9) (a) Is NSW Health keeping a registry of bone fluoride levels so that data can be gathered for use in epidemiology studies on the practice of fluoridation?
 - (b) If not, why not?
- (10) (a) Can fluoride tablets, supplement pills or drops be bought over the counter in NSW?
 - (b) If not, why not?
- (11) How much money has NSW Health received in the last 10 years from sources other than State revenues for the promotion of fluoridation?
- (12) How much money in the last 10 years has NSW spent on the study of the efficacy and safety of fluoridation?
- (13) What scientific and medical research does NSW Health rely upon to prove that the chemically manufactured fluoride used to fluoridate water supplies is safe for human consumption and is effective in the control of dental caries?

Answer-

I am advised:

- (1) There is no evidence, as reported by the National Health and Medical Research Council and York Systematic Review.
- (2) The quality of water supplied to communities meets the requirements of the National Health and Medical Research Council's Australian Drinking Water Guidelines, which is Australia's peak health organisation for the achievement of the best possible standards for public health.
- (3) No.
- (4) No.
- (5) All States and Territories.
- (6) No.
- (7) No.
- (8) NSW Health is not the regulator for chemicals. In the case of chemicals used to fluoridate water, the National Health and Medical Research Council, has examined hydrofluorosilicic acid, sodium fluoride and sodium fluorosilicate and found them to be acceptable for use in drinking water.
- (9) Fluoride concentration in bone can only be determined from invasive surgery to take a bone sample. Such testing on a population basis would be unethical.
- (10) Yes
- (11) The NSW branch of the Australian Dental Association donated \$5,000 to the former Mid North Coast Area Health Service for the Teeth for Life Project.
- (12) Approximately \$237,500.
- (13) Australia's peak scientific body, the National Health and Medical Research Council, as recently as 2007 endorsed water fluoridation as a safe and effective method of control of dental caries after a

comprehensive systematic review of the recent evidence relating to the efficacy and safety of water fluoridation.

NSW Health's policy on water fluoridation is based on a weight of scientific evidence from major scientific bodies throughout the world including the World Health Organisation, the International Association for Dental Research and FDI World Dental Federation.

*2645 SCHOOL MAINTENANCE—Mr Peter Debnam asked the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

In relation to school maintenance:

- (1) What funding has been allocated to school maintenance at the following schools:
 - (a) Bellevue Hill Public School;
 - (b) Bondi Beach Public School;
 - (c) Bondi Public School;
 - (d) Double Bay Public School;
 - (e) Rose Bay Public School;
 - (f) Rose Bay Secondary College;
 - (g) Vaucluse Primary School;
 - (h) Woollahra Public School?
- (2) What school maintenance projects remain backlogged at each of the schools?

Answer-

Funding allocations for school maintenance are not determined by the Department of Commerce. The question should be addressed to the Minister for Education and Training.

*2646 THREATENED SPECIES PROTECTION—Ms Pru Goward asked the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

Given that the former Minister advised Budget Estimates of approximate expenditure attributable to threatened species protection:

- (1) What are the details of each project and program that received funding for threatened species protection?
- (2) What are the performance indicators used?
- (3) What are the results?

Answer-

(1) The Department of Environment and Climate Change's web site (www.environment.nsw.gov.au) contains detailed information on threatened species, including profiles of each listed species and the many actions that have been identified to assist in managing threats to their continued existence. Details of other innovative programs that help to protect threatened species, such as the NSW Biobanking scheme, are also available.

Case studies of projects across the state can be found in the Department's Annual Report. The 2006-07 report includes details of regional successes, such as the Lord Howe Island Biodiversity Management Plan, which is a multi-species, threat-based, landscape-level recovery plan. This plan will help protect over 330 native plants, animals and communities, and implement recovery planning actions for over 30 threatened species.

Threatened species recovery is integrated across a broad range of programs, including:

- the administration of the Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995, the Native Vegetation Act 2003 and the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979;
- the establishment and management of conservation reserves under the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974; and
- the development of a Priorities Action Statement, which focuses on implementation of priority actions for all listed threatened species, ecological communities and threats to biodiversity.
- (2) The 2007 Priorities Action Statement, published on the Department of Environment and Climate Change website outlines the Department's approach to performance reporting with respect to threatened species.
 - In 2010 the Priority Action Statement will be subject to its first three-year review. The review will include an assessment of the status of each threatened species, population and ecological community.

This monitoring and evaluation complements the work of the Natural Resources Commission in setting natural resource management targets.

The Department of Environment and Climate Change is also developing threatened species performance indicators in response to the NSW Government's target for an increase in the recovery of threatened species populations and ecological communities by 2015.

- (3) Refer to (2) above.
- *2647 LAKE BURRAGORANG WATER SUPPLY—Ms Pru Goward asked the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
 - (1) How much money was spent on the collaborative blue-green algae project between the former Department of Land and Water Conservation and Dr Nielan (UNSW) in 2002, which then failed to be developed to a stage where the Department could apply the testing techniques at its Wolli Creek laboratory?
 - (2) Given the Minister previously advised Budget Estimates (2007) that Dr Nielan's test results for Lake Burragorang found that over 99% of the algal cells within the lake did not have the toxicity gene, does this mean that water containing these algae blooms is therefore safe to drink?
 - (3) If water is still considered to be unsafe then what is the source of its danger to humans?

Answer-

This matter is the portfolio responsibility of the Minister for Water and should be referred to the Hon Nathan Rees MP.

- *2648 VEGETATION MONITORING—Ms Pru Goward asked the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
 - (1) What are the results of the Department of Environment and Climate Change's satellite monitoring on the extent of illegal land clearing, especially the \$5 million of Treasury capital funds on satellite-based woody vegetation extent monitoring?
 - (2) When will the new Vegetation Monitoring Program under development be implemented?

Answer-

- (1) The most recent Vegetation Change Report covering 2006 to 2007 has been released and is available on the Department of Environment and Climate Change website.
- (2) I am advised the first monitoring results using high resolution satellite imagery are expected in the second half of 2009. This four-year program commenced in July 2007, with the first high resolution satellite images collected in October 2007.
- *2650 STATE TRANSIT "RUNAWAYS"—Mr Chris Hartcher asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
 - (1) How many unattended State Transit buses moving by themselves called, "runaways" have occurred in 2006-07?
 - (2) (a) Were any of these incidents reported to WorkCover?
 - (b) If so, which ones?
 - (c) If not, why not?
 - (3) How does State Transit investigate these incidents?
 - (4) Do State Transit employ Accident Prevention Officers to investigate such and other incidents?
 - (5) Are reports into such incidents compiled for management?
 - (6) Are recommendations contained in those reports to management?
 - (7) What actions have State Transit taken since 2006 to prevent 'runaways' from occurring again?

Answer—

I am advised:

Accident Prevention Officers are employed by State Transit to investigate incidents and provide information to State Transit management and the Office of Transport Safety Investigation.

Any incidents that do occur are reported to the Office of Transport Safety Investigations.

*2652 STATE WARDS—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson asked the Minister for Community Services—

- (1) Given that the Mulligan Inquiry into the treatment of Children In State Care in SA has now been tabled in the South Australian Parliament, will you undertake to hold a similar inquiry into the treatment of children in State care in NSW?
- (2) If not, why do you consider that such an inquiry is not warranted?

Answer-

The South Australian Children in State Care Commission of Inquiry finalised by Commissioner Ted Mullighanin March 2008 specifically examined allegations of sexual abuse and death from criminal conduct concerning children and young people who were in State care.

NSW has previously enacted legislation or established systems which already address many of the recommendations resulting from the 2003 Australian Senate Inquiry into Children in Institutional Care. The NSW Government provided its response to the recommendations to all State and Territory Ministers in June 2006.NSW continues to contribute to cross-jurisdictional recommendations through the Community and Disability Services Ministers Conference (CDSMC).

In line with Recommendation 2 of the Senate Inquiry's Report, the then Minister for Community Services also apologised in the NSW Parliament on 23 June 2005 for any physical, psychological and social harm caused to the children entrusted to institutional care in NSW and expressed hope that it may help the process of healing.

A number of related inquiries in NSW which have relevance to the NSW child protection system include:

- A 1991 review of substitute care services in NSW (the 'Usher' review);
- The review of the Children (Care and Protection) Act 1987 from 1994 to 1997;
- The Royal Commission into the NSW Police Service in 1996-1997;
- The 2000 NSW Community Services Commission inquiry into the current practice and provision of substitute care in NSW; and
- The 2002 NSW Legislative Council Social Issues Committee Inquiry into Child Protection Services.

These various inquiries and reviews have led to significant reforms and improvements to out-of-home care services.

As you are aware, the Government in 2007 commissioned the Hon James Wood QC AO to conduct a Special Inquiry into Child Protection Services in NSW and this Inquiry is currently under way.

- *2653 BELLS LINE OF ROAD—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson asked the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
 - (1) What is the current status of the upgrade of the Bells Line of Road to a major freight route across the Blue Mountains?
 - (2) Given that the RTA released the Bells Line of Road Corridor Study Summary in November 2005, when will the NSW Government provide a response to this study?
 - (3) Which Councils along the route of the proposed upgrade have expressed support for this upgrade?
 - (4) Which Councils along the route of the proposed upgrade have refused to support this upgrade or have expressed reservations about the proposal?

Answer-

I am advised:

There have been a number of investigative studies into the use of the Bells Line of Road corridor. The most recent was a \$1.5 million study undertaken by consultants Sinclair Knight Merz into the development of the route as a motorway. The Bells Line of Road corridor study is available at www.rta.nsw.gov.au

The NSW and Federal governments responded to the study's findings on 14 November 2005 with the issue of a joint media release.

- *2654 AIR AMBULANCE COSTS—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson asked the Minister for Health—
 - (1) With reference to the reply by the Parliamentary Secretary for Health, to my representations on behalf of Mr C Brown of Young (your reference M08/531 dated 29 March 2008 refers), why have you not investigated the incorrect advice given to Mr Brown by the NSW Ambulance Service before the cost referred to in my representations was incurred?
 - (2) As this cost was incurred, based on incorrect advice from the NSW Ambulance Service, what action are you going to take to address Mr Brown's concerns?

Answer-

I am advised by the Chief Executive of the Ambulance Service of NSW:

(1) and (2) Enquiries regarding accounts within the Ambulance Service should be directed to staff in the Revenue Department of the Ambulance Service, who are well aware of procedures relating to accounts, including interstate accounts.

The Parliamentary Secretary for Health has already advised the Member of the course of action recommended to be taken in this matter by Mr Brown (Ministerial representations M08/531 of 29 March 2008 refers).

*2655 INQUIRY FOR OUT OF HOME CARE OF CHILDREN—Mrs Judy Hopwood asked the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

Given that South Australia has just completed the Children in State Care Inquiry, Queensland has held the Forde Inquiry, Western Australia, Queensland and Tasmania have all established redress schemes and that the NSW Government did not make a submission to the Senate Inquiry into Child in Institutional Care:

- (1) When is the Government going to conduct an inquiry into children who grew up in out-of-home care in NSW during the last century?
- (2) When is the Government going to establish a redress scheme for these people?

Answer—

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

- *2656 ALCOHOL RELATED BREACHES—Mrs Judy Hopwood asked the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
 - (1) How many breaches of liquor licences have occurred in the Hornsby electorate in:
 - (a) 2003;
 - (b) 2004;
 - (c) 2005;
 - (d) 2006;
 - (e) 2007?
 - (2) How many "move-ons", cautions and/or charges have been made for consuming alcohol in "Alcohol Free Areas" within:
 - (a) the Hornsby electorate (Kuring-gai LAC);
 - (b) other areas?

Answer-

The Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (BOCSAR) analyses NSW recorded crime statistics. I suggest the Honourable Member's questions are more appropriately addressed to the Attorney General, within whose portfolio the Bureau resides.

*2657 DAME EDITH FACILITY—CONCORD HOSPITAL—Mrs Judy Hopwood asked the Minister for Health—

What are the details of the Dame Edith Facility at Concord Hospital that is alleged to be changing from a nursing home to a palliative care facility?

Answer-

I am advised:

The Dame Edith Walker facility located in the suburb of Concord is not a nursing home. The facility currently serves as a Satellite Haemodialysis Unit of the Sydney South West Area Health Service.

- *2658 LOCK DOWN POLICY—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
 - (1) What are the details of the successful lock down policy used at Merrylands High School?
 - (2) Is this the model for all public schools in New South Wales?

Answer—

(1) Lockdown is an emergency management strategy which can be used when there is an immediate threat to a school, such as intruders.

A lockdown commences when a signal or code is given. After placing the school in lockdown, the principal or a senior staff member calls 000 for emergency services. All exterior doors and entrances are closed and locked where possible. If safe to do so, the principal or nominee accompanies or directs emergency services to the location of the emergency.

Students who are in the playground or outside the school fence are directed to immediately return to the nearest school building and classroom.

Teachers keep classroom doors secured and students out of line of sight of doors and windows. The teachers also assist students to try and remain calm and quiet. They record the names of students who are in the classroom with them. Any missing and/or extra students are noted. Details are provided to the principal or police at the earliest opportunity.

Teachers remain in classrooms with students until they receive official notification from the principal or a police officer that the lockdown is over and the school no longer at risk.

(2) Every school is required to develop an emergency management plan that reflects its own physical layout and location and which considers possible risks to the school.

Lockdown is one strategy that schools can implement as part of their emergency management plans if required. It is not a mandatory procedure for all schools.

*2661 EXPRESS TRAINS—CRONULLA RAILWAY LINE—Mr Malcolm Kerr asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

Will commuters between Cronulla and Kirrawee receive any express trains to and from the City on completion of the duplication of the Cronulla railway line?

Answer-

I am advised:

Express services between Cronulla and Kirrawee currently run approximately every 15 minutes during morning and evening peak periods, and every 30 minutes at other times.

Once the duplication of the Cronulla line is complete, a further two trains every hour will be scheduled during peak periods. This represents a 50% increase in existing peak capacity for Cronulla line passengers.

These additional services will run to a similar stopping pattern as those trains travelling to these stations today.

- *2662 PROBATION OFFICES—SUTHERLAND SHIRE—Mr Malcolm Kerr asked the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
 - (1) Is there a probation office in Caringbah?
 - (2) What are the locations of the probation offices in the Sutherland Shire?

Answer-

I refer the Member to the Department of Corrective Services' Annual Report.

*2666 CHATSWOOD TO EPPING RAIL LINE—Mr Jonathan O'Dea asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

Regarding the new Chatswood to Epping rail line:

- (1) When will the new line now open to the public and with what rolling stock?
- (2) Will the opening result in any further reduction in the number of peak hour trains travelling through Chatswood from Roseville?

Answer-

I am advised:

The commissioning of the Epping to Chatswood Rail Line has commenced. Passenger services will commence when the commissioning program is complete, including all the appropriate testing and safety checks.

Details regarding the 2009 timetable will be provided when they are available.

*2668 CHATSWOOD TO EPPING RAIL LINE—EMERGENCY PLANS—Mr Jonathan O'Dea asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

Regarding the new Chatswood to Epping rail line:

- (1) Is the Minister satisfied with the emergency plans for passengers to be evacuated from relevant train tunnels, particularly given constraints on the type of rolling stock that can be used?
- (2) Will the relevant tunnel width properly allow evacuation from the side of trains?

Answer-

I am advised:

(1) The Epping to Chatswood Rail Line is fitted with state of the art fire and life safety systems. The tunnel has a raised walkway along its length which allows passengers to be evacuated from the side doors of a train, and walk alongside a train, rather than having to evacuate through the end doors to the track.

In the event of a fire leading to the need to evacuate a train in the tunnel, the twin-tunnel configuration allows quick evacuation away from the smoke and fire to the non-incident tunnel, which is protected by fire doors and an emergency ventilation system.

Emergency and incident response plans will be developed to suit all types of rolling stock that will operate on the line, including trains that may be diverted due to incidents elsewhere on the network.

- (2) Yes.
- *2669 IPART RECOMMENDATIONS—Mr Donald Page asked the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Minister for Ports and Waterways—

With respect to the 16 key recommendations made by the IPART investigation into the burden of regulation in NSW and improving regulatory efficiency:

- (1) Which recommendation between 1 and 16 has the NSW Government implemented?
- (2) Which recommendations has the NSW Government not implemented?
- (3) Of those not yet implemented, which recommendations does the Government propose to implement?
- (4) Of those not yet implemented, which recommendations does the Government propose not to implement?
- (5) What briefly are the reasons for not implementing those recommendations identified in question 4?

Answer—

- (1) The Government has implemented 12 recommendations: 1, 2, 4-8, 11-14, 16.
- (2) The Government is implementing recommendations 3, 9, 10, 15.
- (3) All. (4) Nil.
- (5) Not applicable.
- *2670 PLATFORM AWNINGS—MORISSET—Mr Greg Piper asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

Are there any plans for provision of additional platform awnings for Morisset Cityrail customers, in consideration of the minimal coverage that is currently provided?

Answer-

I am advised:

RailCorp has an ongoing program to provide additional shelter at stations through the construction of canopies.

Morisset is listed on the next program of works to be undertaken.

*2671 MORISSET STATION—Mr Greg Piper asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

Why are public toilets not provided on both platforms at Morisset station, given that it is a transport interchange servicing localities as distant as Belmont and Cessnock and there is commonly a 30 minute interval between trains and there is a minimum journey time of 2 hours to Sydney?

Answer-

I am advised:

Services at Morriset Station are timetabled frequently to allow customers to use the existing toilet facilities, regardless of which platform they arrive or depart.

Morriset Station currently has one male and one female toilet. Additionally, intercity trains running to Morriset on the Newcastle Line routinely provide toilet facilities for customers to accommodate longer journeys.

- *2672 PENALTIES FOR CHILD HOMICIDE AND INJURY—Mr Greg Piper asked the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
 - (1) Is the Attorney General aware of the Victorian Crimes Amendment Child Homicide Bill 2007 which increases penalties for child homicide and injury?
 - (2) Is a review of current penalties in NSW planned?

Answer-

I am advised that the NSW Crimes (Sentencing Procedure) Act 1999 was recently amended to deliver a Government election commitment to introduce a standard non-parole period of 25 years imprisonment for the murder of a child under the age of 18 years.

In addition, section 21A of the Act sets out a list of aggravating factors that the court must take into account when determining an appropriate sentence. One of these factors includes the victim being 'very young'.

The maximum sentence for any manslaughter in NSW is 25 years imprisonment, which is greater than the maximum sentence for child homicide in Victoria, which is 20 years. Additionally, where a person is found guilty of manslaughter of a child in NSW, the court is required to take the victim's age into account in sentencing.

*2673 MAINTENANCE OF STATE-OWNED ROADS IN THE TWEED—Mr Geoff Provest asked the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

Given that the condition of roadside areas along state-owned roads in the Tweed has deteriorated to the extent that weeds are now in excess of 2 metres high and rubbish lies along the road:

- (1) Will the current weed and maintenance problem be addressed immediately?
- (2) What are the intervals for which roadside maintenance is planned to be conducted for the rest of the year?
- (3) Will rubbish collectors not only empty rubbish bins but also collect the large amounts of rubbish strewn along the roadside?

Answer-

I refer to my previous answer on this matter.

*2674 DRIVERS OVER 85—TWEED ELECTORATE—Mr Geoff Provest asked the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

In relation to drivers aged over 85 in the Tweed:

- (1) How many people in the Tweed electorate were required to undertake the mandatory 85 years and over driving test?
- (2) How many people in the Tweed electorate:
 - (a) took the test;
 - (b) passed the test?
- (3) How many people in the Tweed electorate failed the driving test after:
 - (a) one attempt;
 - (b) two attempts:
 - (c) three or more attempts?
- (4) What is the State average failure rate of older drivers in NSW after:
 - (a) one attempt;
 - (b) two attempts;
 - (c) three or more attempts?

Answer-

I am advised:

- (1) There were 618 letters issued to aged drivers in the Tweed electorate in 2007, advising them that a driving test was required.
- (2) In 2007, 518 drivers aged 85 and over undertook the aged driving test at the Tweed Heads Motor Registry. Of these, 512 passed the driving test within the three allowable test attempts. Some drivers may have undertaken the driving test at a location outside the Tweed electorate, for example at Murwillumbah.
- (3) In 2007, 40 drivers aged 85 and over failed the driving test at Tweed Heads Motor Registry after one attempt, eight drivers failed after two attempts and three drivers failed after three or more attempts.

(4) In 2007, the failure rate of older drivers in NSW was 30 per cent after one attempt, 35 per cent after two attempts, and 32 per cent after three or more attempts. In NSW, 90.5 per cent of aged drivers passed the test within three attempts.

*2676 HOSPITAL FOOD SERVICES—Mrs Jillian Skinner asked the Minister for Health—

With respect to the Special Commission of Inquiry into acute care services, which heard on April 2 that patients are starving in NSW public hospitals and that many patients develop malnutrition whilst in hospital:

- (1) What steps are being taken to ensure that patients admitted into NSW hospitals have their nutritional care needs met throughout their hospital stay?
- (2) With the transition of food service responsibility away from hospitals and into the business unit HealthSupport, which person or what section within Health will have the responsibility or accountability to provide the appropriate menu and nutrition care standards that will inform HealthSupport to enable the delivery of quality patient food services?
- (3) What checks and balances will be put in place to reassure the public that patient care will not suffer and that patient nutritional needs can be met when food services are contracted out to private providers as will occur in current and future PPP hospital redevelopments such as that for Royal North Shore Hospital?

Answer-

(1) I refer the Member to my response to Question 2573 in the Legislative Assembly.

I am advised:

- (2) Responsibility for the provision of appropriate menu and nutrition care standards will be shared between Area Health Services and Health Support Services. Clinicians within Area Health Services are responsible for ensuring patients nutritional needs are met, as part of their overall plan of care. Health Support Services has the responsibility to establish consistency in the way food is provided to patients across Area Health Service boundaries.
- (3) Private providers will be required to adhere to the statewide nutritional standards and agreed governance structure for food services.
- *2677 RAIL TUNNEL ARDGLEN—Mr George Souris asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
 - (1) What is the status of the proposed project to construct a new railway tunnel through the Liverpool Range at Ardglen between Willow Tree and Murrurundi?
 - (2) What is the current estimated cost of the project and what are its specifications such as number of rail paths, length, gradient etc? Are there any alternative proposals currently under consideration?

Answer-

I am advised:

- (1) and (2) Matters regarding the proposed project to construct a rail tunnel through the Liverpool Range at Ardglen between Willow Tree and Murrurundi fall under the responsibility of the Australian Rail Track Corporation.
- *2678 FUNDING FOR MAINTENANCE—PITTWATER SCHOOLS—Mr Rob Stokes asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
 - (1) How much money has been allocated for maintenance works and the upgrading of school buildings in the Pittwater electorate during 2007/08?
 - (2) What are the details of the expenditure, if any?

Answer—

Maintenance in schools in the Pittwater electorate, as in all NSW government schools is an ongoing activity, constantly delivered throughout the year through a comprehensive suite of initiatives designed to best meet a range of circumstances:

• Preventative Maintenance is regular work performed by a contractor to keep specific building elements and equipment in good repair.

- Programmed Maintenance is work based on items that are picked up in the bi-annual condition assessments of each school. Annual maintenance plans are developed by schools in conjunction with their local Asset Management Unit.
- Essential Urgent Repairs are maintenance works undertaken immediately by the contractor if required by the school, with the school contributing up to its specific contribution limit.
- The Extra Maintenance Program is a four year statewide program aimed at injecting additional funding into priority areas.

The Department of Education and Training continues to work with school Principals and school communities to identify priority projects to deliver safe, well-maintained learning environments for the students of NSW.

*2679 WAKEHURST PARKWAY—Mr Rob Stokes asked the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

How many times was the Wakehurst Parkway closed due to flooding in 2007?

Answer—

I am advised the Wakehurst Parkway was closed three times due to flooding in 2007.

*2681 TEACHERS WORKER'S COMPENSATION CLAIMS—Mr Andrew Stoner asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—

For NSW teachers away from work on worker's compensation claims:

- (1) Do they receive a salary from the Department of Education and Training during the school holiday period?
- (2) Do they receive financial compensation equivalent to their salary from the Government insurer (GIO) during the school holiday period?

Answer-

- (1) School based staff employed by the Department of Education and Training continue to receive their salary entitlement during the school holiday period.
- (2) Consistent with the provisions of the Workers Compensation Act 1987, employees are entitled to receive their workers compensation benefits during the school holiday period.
- *2682 HOSPITAL TV RECEPTION—Mr Andrew Stoner asked the Minister for Health—

When will work commence on improving television reception for patients at Macksville District Hospital?

Answer-

I am advised by the Chief Executive of the North Coast Area Health Service:

An Expression of Interest for the Provision of Television Entertainment System for Macksville Health Campus commenced on 25 March 2008 with a closing date of 30 April 2008.

An evaluation of the Expression of Interest responses and approval of the recommended provider and contract implementation will take place during May and June 2008.

*2683 SAVE THE BRUMBIES INC—Mr Andrew Stoner asked the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

When will you respond to the letters sent to you and the Deputy Director General, Parks and Wildlife, DECC by 'Save the Brumbies Inc' on December 14 2007?

Answer-

The Department of Environment and Climate Change has written in reply to letters received in December 2007 from "Save the Brumbies Inc" that were sent to the Department and to the former Minister for Climate Change, Environment and Water.

*2686 UNANSWERED CORRESPONDENCE—Mr John Turner asked the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

When will the Minister reply to my letter to him dated 9 October 2007 (your ref: M07/7164) and further follow up letters dated 12 December 2007 and 11 January 2008 concerning legislative requirements involving braking systems of off road transport?

Answer-

I am advised a response to correspondence reference M07/7164 has been issued.

- *2687 MULLER PARK RESERVE—Mr John Turner asked the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Lands, Minister for Rural Affairs, Minister for Regional Development—
 - (1) (a) Was Dubbo City Council the trust manager for Crown Land known as Muller Park Reserve?
 - (b) If so, what activities took place at that reserve?
 - (2) (a) Has the Minister terminated the arrangement for the Council to be trust manager?
 - (b) If so, why?
 - (3) (a) If the Dubbo City Council was the trust manager, did they, prior to any sacking that may have occurred, issue a dual licence agreement to Muller Park Tennis Club and North Dubbo Family Tennis Club to allow equal usage of the Reserve tennis courts?
 - (b) If so, did the Minister sack the Dubbo City Council as a result of the issue of such a licence agreement?
 - (c) If so, why?
 - (4) If the Minister has sacked the Dubbo City Council as trust manager, who now are the managers of the reserve and what are the terms of any appointment and usage for the reserve?
 - (5) If the Minister has not appointed a new manager, why not?
 - (6) (a) Does the usage of the reserve provide for general public access to the reserve and tennis courts?
 - (b) If not, why not?
 - (c) If so, has general access been denied in any instance?
 - (d) If so, why?
 - (7) (a) If the Dubbo City Council has been sacked as trust manager for the reserve, did the Minister take advice from any person prior to taking such action?
 - (b) If so, which person or persons did the Minister take advice from?
 - (c) If so, why did he take such advice?
 - (8) (a) Did the Minister speak specifically to Councillor Allan Smith in relation to this matter?
 - (b) If so, what advice did Councillor Smith offer to the Minister?

Answer-

- (1) (a) Yes.
 - (b) Tennis and passive recreation.
- (2) (a) Yes, but only over the part of the reserve developed for tennis.
 - (b) Council failed to negotiate equitable tenure arrangements for the organisations seeking to use the courts currently managed by the Muller Park Tennis Club.
- (3) (a) No.
 - (b) N/A.
 - (c) N/A.
- (4) An administrator has been appointed to manage the affairs of the reserve trust for that part of the reserve developed for tennis. The administrator was primarily appointed to resolve the competing tenure issues in an equitable manner. Pending such resolution, Muller Park Tennis Club continues to operate the tennis courts in question.
- (5) N/A.
- (6) (a) Yes.
 - (b) N/A.
 - (c) Not to my knowledge.
 - (d) N/A
- (7) (a) Yes.

- (b) Ministerial and departmental staff.
- (c) To ascertain the facts surrounding the competing interests for control of the tennis courts.
- (8) (a) Yes.
 - (b) Councillor Smith expressed concern that the credentials of Muller Park Tennis Club Inc, which had operated and maintained the tennis courts for the past 80 years, were not being fully considered by Council.

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- 2688 SCHOOL UNIFORMS—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- 2689 REVESBY COMMUTER PARKING—Mr Alan Ashton to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2690 REVESBY TURNBACK FACILITY—Mr Alan Ashton to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2691 RTA'S BICYCLE MASTERPLAN 2010—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2692 BEAR COTTAGE—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2693 MANLY JETCAT SERVICES—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2694 HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATION—MANLY—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- 2695 CYCLEWAYS—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2696 141 BUS SERVICE—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2697 BALGOWLAH PIONEER CLUBHOUSE—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2698 INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2699 NSW MARITIME RENTS—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Minister for Ports and Waterways—
- 2700 CHATSWOOD-EPPING RAIL LINE OPENING—Ms Gladys Berejiklian to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2701 CHATSWOOD-EPPING RAIL LINE DELAY—Ms Gladys Berejiklian to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2702 EPPING ROAD BUS SERVICES—Ms Gladys Berejiklian to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2703 272 BUS SERVICE—Ms Gladys Berejiklian to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2704 272 BUS SERVICE—APRIL 2007—Ms Gladys Berejiklian to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

- 2705 273 BUS SERVICE—Ms Gladys Berejiklian to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2706 273 BUS SERVICE—APRIL 2007—Ms Gladys Berejiklian to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2707 ROADS FUNDING—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2710 FARMER EXIT ASSISTANCE—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- 2711 RAINWATER TANK SUBSIDIES—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- 2722 COURT COSTS—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- 2724 COWRA HOSPITAL—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2725 CONFUSED AND DISTURBED ELDERLY—LONG JETTY—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2726 TUBERCULOSIS—HORNSBY HOSPITAL—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2728 TRANSFER SYSTEM FOR TEACHERS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- 2729 ROADSIDE MAINTENANCE—CRONULLA—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2730 WAGGA WAGGA BASE HOSPITAL CHILDREN'S WARD—Mr Daryl Maguire to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2731 SYDNEY TO MELBOURNE RAIL LINE UPGRADE—Mr Daryl Maguire to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2732 PARRAMATTA TO EPPING RAIL LINK—Mr Wayne Merton to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2733 APPLICATIONS FOR ADDITIONAL BUSES—Mr Wayne Merton to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2735 ENVIRONMENT EDUCATION—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- 2736 PRISONER REHABILITATION—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 2737 DRUG TREATMENT—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2745 PATIENT TRANSFER BUDGET—Mr Robert Oakeshott to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2746 RESOURCE DISTRIBUTION FORMULA—Mr Robert Oakeshott to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2747 PORT MACQUARIE BASE HOSPITAL PATIENT TREATMENT COSTS—Mr Robert Oakeshott to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2748 KOOMPAHTOO LOCAL ABORIGINAL LAND COUNCIL—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 2749 REGISTRATION OF MODIFIED VEHICLE—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

- 2753 SYDNEY CATCHMENT AUTHORITY—FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- 2754 SYDNEY CATCHMENT AUTHORITY—MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- 2755 SYDNEY CATCHMENT AUTHORITY—INTERNAL CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- 2756 ACCELERATED SEWERAGE PROGRAM—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- 2757 SYDNEY CATCHMENT SPECIAL AREAS—NATIVE TITLE CLAIMS—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- 2758 SYDNEY CATCHMENT AUTHORITY—BORROWINGS—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- 2759 DELAYS IN OBTAINING DEATH CERTIFICATES—Mr Greg Smith to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 2760 BURDEKIN PARK SINGLETON—Mr George Souris to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- AIR COOLING PROGRAM—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- 2762 PATIENTS AT ROYAL NORTH SHORE HOSPITAL—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2764 SCHOOL BUS INTERCHANGE—SOUTH WEST ROCKS ROAD—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- 2765 ROAD BRIDGES OVER THE NORTH COAST RAIL LINE—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2766 TUNCURRY AMBULANCE SERVICE—Mr John Turner to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2767 WENTWORTH NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH PETITION—Mr John Williams to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2768 OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PRIMARY SCHOOL IN KELLYVILLE—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—

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2769 GOVERNMENT SUPPORT FOR LAWN BOWLS—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Gaming and Racing, Minister for Sport and Recreation—

- 2770 ROOF REPAIRS—WESTERN SYDNEY—Mr Greg Aplin to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—
- 2771 MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM—Mr Greg Aplin to ask the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—
- 2772 PATHOLOGY SERVICES—ALBURY—Mr Greg Aplin to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2773 SPIT-MILITARY ROAD WORKING GROUP—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2774 SPIT-MILITARY ROAD WORKING GROUP—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2775 LIFETIME SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE CLAIMS—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, and Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- 2776 JESSIE NEAL—Mr Andrew Constance to ask the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services—
- 2777 JESSIE NEAL—Mr Andrew Constance to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- 2778 JESSIE NEAL—PLACEMENT OF—Mr Andrew Constance to ask the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services—
- 2779 JESSIE NEAL—PLACEMENT OF—Mr Andrew Constance to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- 2780 JESSIE NEAL—TEMPORARY CARE AGREEMENT—Mr Andrew Constance to ask the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services—
- 2781 JESSIE NEAL—TEMPORARY CARE AGREEMENT—Mr Andrew Constance to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- 2782 JESSIE NEAL—COSTS AND DIFFICULTIES WITH PLACEMENT—Mr Andrew Constance to ask the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services—
- 2783 JESSIE NEAL—COSTS AND DIFFICULTIES WITH PLACEMENT—Mr Andrew Constance to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- 2784 NON-INVESTIGATION BY POLICE—Mr Andrew Constance to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 2789 COFFS HARBOUR HEALTH CAMPUS—Mr Andrew Fraser to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2792 DETAILS OF GRANT TO COROWA FEEDLOT—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- 2793 COMPOSTING AND USE OF AQUATIC WEED—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- 2794 REFURBISHMENT OF CHILDREN'S WARD AT BOWRAL AND DISTRICT HOSPITAL—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2795 AWARENESS OF UNSAFE DRUG USE AMONG YOUNG WOMEN—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2796 HAIRDRESSING COURSES IN TAFE REGIONAL COLLEGES—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—

- 2797 WORKERS COMPENSATION PAYMENTS—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- 2799 SCHOOL MAINTENANCE—CENTRAL COAST—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2801 MUNCHAUSEN SYNDROME BY PROXY CHILD PROTECTION ISSUES—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- 2802 DISABILITY ACCOMMODATION—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services—
- 2803 FIREARMS VIOLATIONS—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 2804 SOUND BARRIERS—F3—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2806 RENAL PHYSICIAN HORNSBY HOSPITAL—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2807 "CLOSE THE GAP"—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—
- 2808 FUNDING FOR SCHOOL MAINTENANCE—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2809 ALCOHOL RELATED BREACHES—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 2810 WORDING ON IPTAAS APPLICATION FORM—Mr Daryl Maguire to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2811 ROAD USAGE—BAULKHAM HILLS—Mr Wayne Merton to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2812 ROAD USAGE—BAULKHAM HILLS—Mr Wayne Merton to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2813 ROAD USAGE—BAULKHAM HILLS—Mr Wayne Merton to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
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- 2815 CONSTRUCTION OF WEST FACING RAMP—M2 MOTORWAY—Mr Wayne Merton to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2816 ADDITIONAL DISABILITY FACILITIES—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services—
- PERMISSION TO LODGE—REQUIREMENT—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Minister for Ports and Waterways—
- 2818 ASSISTANCE TO MEN'S SHEDS PROJECTS—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- 2819 PACIFIC HIGHWAY UPGRADE—Mr Donald Page to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- NOT FOR PROFIT CHILDCARE FACILITIES—TWEED—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Community Services—
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- 2824 RADIOACTIVE CONTAMINATION—NELSON PARADE, HUNTERS HILL—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2825 POLICE OFFICER ACTIONS FOR COMPENSATION—Mr Greg Smith to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 2826 GUIDELINES FOR CLAIMS BY POLICE OFFICERS—Mr Greg Smith to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 2827 RENAL DIALYSIS UNIT AT MONA VALE HOSPITAL—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Health—
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- 2831 EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT—KEMPSEY DISTRICT HOSPITAL—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2832 RENAL DIALYSIS SERVICES—MID NORTH COAST—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2833 EQUIPMENT FOR KEMPSEY DISTRICT HOSPITAL—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2834 MAINTENANCE WORK—TINONEE PUBLIC SCHOOL—Mr John Turner to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- 2835 REPAINTING OF MARTIN BRIDGE, TAREE—Mr John Turner to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

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- 2836 READYMIX REGIONAL DISTRIBUTION CENTRE ROOTY HILL—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- YARRAWONGA-MULWALA BRIDGE—Mr Greg Aplin to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2838 MUDGEE CSC—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- 2839 YOUNG HOSPITAL MAMMOGRAM X-RAYS—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2840 HARNESS RACING IN THE RIVERINA—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Gaming and Racing, Minister for Sport and Recreation—
- 2841 SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 2842 HORNSBY HOSPITAL MENTAL HEALTH INTENSIVE CARE UNIT—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Health—
- DEMOUNTABLE CLASSROOMS—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—

- 2844 ST IVES SHOWGROUND—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Lands, Minister for Rural Affairs, Minister for Regional Development—
- 2845 ROAD LINK BETWEEN THE F3 AND M2—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2846 COST PLUS RESIDENTIAL CONTRACTS—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Youth, Minister for Volunteering—
- 2847 ILLEGAL CATTLE MOVEMENTS ON THE NSW NORTH COAST—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—
- 2848 CROSS-BORDER HEALTH AGREEMENT—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2849 RESURFACING OF THE PACIFIC HIGHWAY AT SEXTON HILL—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2850 NATIONAL PARKS AND WILDLIFE SERVICE—ROTARY WING HELICOPTER—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- 2851 NATIONAL PARKS AND WILDLIFE SERVICE—ROTARY WING TENDER—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- 2852 NATIONAL PARKS AND WILDLIFE SERVICE—ROTARY WING TENDER—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- 2853 INCIDENTS OF ASSAULT IN JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTRES—Mr Greg Smith to ask the Minister for Juvenile Justice, Minister for Western Sydney, Minister Assisting the Premier on Citizenship—
- 2854 INCIDENTS OF CONTRABAND IN JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTRES—Mr Greg Smith to ask the Minister for Juvenile Justice, Minister for Western Sydney, Minister Assisting the Premier on Citizenship—
- 2855 INCIDENTS OF ASSAULT ON STAFF IN JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTRES—Mr Greg Smith to ask the Minister for Juvenile Justice, Minister for Western Sydney, Minister Assisting the Premier on Citizenship—
- 2856 DAWN SERVICE AT GALLIPOLI—Mr George Souris to ask the Premier, Minister for Citizenship—
- 2857 COMMUNITY TRANSPORT SERVICE TYPE REVIEW—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
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- 3088 INSPECTIONS OF SEWERAGE TREATMENT SYSTEMS—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—
 - (1) Does the Local Government Act require local councils to inspect on-site sewerage treatment systems?
 - (2) Is the Yass Valley Council undertaking such inspections of on-site sewerage treatment systems in the village of Murrumbateman?
 - (3) Are these inspections in preparation for the installation of a water and sewerage scheme?
 - (4) Is the Yass Valley Council charging property owners the sum of \$90 for these inspections under their management plan's fees and charges?
 - (5) By what authority can a council charge landowners for an inspection which is not sought by the landowner?
- 3089 CO-LOCATION OF CHILD PATIENTS IN ADULT WARDS AT HUNTER HOSPITALS—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Minister for Health—
 - (1) Is the Minister aware that due to a lack of beds at the John Hunter Hospital and other Hunter health care facilities, child patients are being co-located in the adult hospital wards and vice versa?
 - (2) What initiatives has the Department of Health put in place to prevent this from happening?
 - (3) How many additional children's hospital beds will be required in the Hunter Valley to prevent the practice of child patient co-location from occurring?
- 3090 FUNDING FOR MOTOR-NEURONE DISEASE RESEARCH—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Minister for Health—
 - (1) Has the Department of Health engaged in funding any motor-neurone disease research in the last

budget period?

- (2) What ongoing programs has the Department of Health implemented to specifically support people living with motor-neurone disease in New South Wales?
- 3091 FUNDING FOR MOTOR-NEURONE DISEASE SUPPORT—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services—
 - (1) How much funding has the Department of Ageing Disability and Home Care (DADHC) provided to motor-neurone disease support groups in the last budget period?
 - (2) What ongoing programs are in place to support people living with motor-neurone disease in New South Wales?
- 3092 POLICE RADIO—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—

Acknowledging that criminal and antisocial elements within the community can currently listen in on police radio networks:

- (1) Are plans in place to encrypt the police radio network in regional areas?
- (2) If so, what is the timing on the implementation of this encryption?
- (3) In the meantime are police officers issued with mobile phones to ensure secure communication when required?
- 3093 PAEDIATRIC REGISTRARS IN THE HUNTER REGION—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Minister for Health—

Regarding the paediatric registrars in the Hunter region:

- (1) Is the Minister aware of a shortage of paediatric registrars in Hunter region hospitals?
- (2) Has the Department of Health engaged in any programs to ensure the number of paediatric registrars increases?
- (3) What is the Government doing to attract more senior clinicians to Hunter hospitals?
- 3094 TWO PERSON CREWS FOR HUNTER AMBULANCES—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Minister for Health—

Regarding two person crews for Hunter ambulances:

- (1) Has the Government engaged the NSW Ambulance Service and the Health Services Union in discussions concerning the lack of two person crews for ambulances in the Hunter region?
- (2) Is additional funding required to furnish Hunter region ambulances with two person crews?
- (3) When will this funding be made available?
- (4) Will additional ambulance officers be required to ensure two person crews on Hunter roads?
- (5) What has the Government done to recruit more ambulance officers in New South Wales?
- 3095 STUDENT ENROLMENT AND TRUANCY LEVELS—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
 - (1) How many students are enrolled at:
 - (a) Terrigal High;
 - (b) Kincumber High;
 - (c) Erina High?
 - (2) What is the rate of truancy in each school in:
 - (a) 2006;
 - (b) 2007?
- 3096 SHARED ACCOMMODATION IN PUBLIC HOSPITALS—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Minister for Health—
 - (1) What is the policy in public hospitals in relation to men and women being accommodated in the same ward?
 - (2) Which hospitals have a policy of accommodating men and women in the same ward?
 - (3) Why do men and women share the same ward at Gosford Hospital?

3097 EARLY INTERVENTION CASEWORKERS—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Community Services—

- (1) As of 13 May 2008 how many caseworker positions exist within DoCS, which have been 'quarantined' to provide case management for families involved in the Brighter Futures program?
- (2) As of 13 May 2008, how many of these caseworker positions were actually filled?
- (3) As of 13 May 2008 how many families in NSW are receiving assistance through the Brighter Futures Program?
- (4) As of 13 May 2008 how many families have been approved for eligibility in the Brighter Futures program by a Community Services Centre or have been referred from a community agency or individual or Aboriginal Maternal Infant Health Service but have not yet received this support?
- (5) Will the Minister provide me with a copy of the interim report of the evaluation of the Brighter Futures program by the Social Policy Research Centre at the University of NSW?
- 3098 SCHOOL CROSSINGS—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

With the installation of the flashing lights and electronic alert system at the Campbell Street School Crossing in Young, will the RTA withdraw funding for the Traffic Guard (Lollipop Lady) at this location?

- 3099 SHEPHERDS COTTAGE AT COOMA COTTAGE—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
 - (1) Is the NSW Heritage Office providing funding to renovate the Shepherd's (or Coachman's) Cottage on the grounds of Cooma Cottage in Yass?
 - (2) How much is being spent on this project?
 - (3) Given the need for urgent repairs to Cooma Cottage itself, why was work on the Shepherd/Coachman's Cottage prioritised above work on Cooma Cottage?
 - (4) Is this work being carried out in accordance with the Cooma Cottage Management Plan?
- FUNDING FOR SCHOOL MAINTENANCE—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—

What funding has been allocated to school maintenance at the following schools:

- (a) Galston Public School;
- (b) Galston High School;
- (c) Middle Dural Public School;
- (d) Cherrybrook Technology High School;
- (e) John Purchase Public School;
- (f) Hornsby Heights Public School;
- (g) Hornsby North Public School;
- (h) Asquith Public School;
- (i) Mount Colah Public School;
- (j) Asquith Boys High School;
- (k) Asquith Girls High School;
- (1) Normanhurst West Public School;
- (m) Hornsby South Public School;
- (n) Clarke Road School for Special Purposes;
- (o) Mount Kuring-gai Public School;
- (p) Berowra Public School;
- (q) Wideview Public School;
- (r) Cowan Public School;
- (s) Brooklyn Public School?
- 3101 DISABILITY HOMES IN HORNSBY—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services—

In relation to disability homes in the Hornsby electorate:

- (1) What is the number of disability homes that are currently owned or leased by the Department of Ageing, Disability and Home Care in the Hornsby electorate?
- (2) What is the maximum number of disabled persons that could be accommodated in the homes listed in response to (1)?

- (3) What is the actual number of disabled persons currently being accommodated in the homes listed in response to (1)?
- (4) (a) Are there any future plans to lease, purchase or build additional disability homes in Hornsby?
 - (b) If so, what are they?
- 3102 MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELLING—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—
 - (1) What is the number of hours provided for mental health counselling at:
 - (a) Northern Institute of TAFE:
 - (b) Hornsby campus?
 - (2) For (a) and (b) how many students are accessing this?
 - (3) (a) Has any change in the number of hours for (a) and (b) been reduced since December 2007?
 - (b) If so, to what number of hours?
- 3103 FOSTER CARERS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Community Services—
 - (1) How many foster carers are there in the electorate of Wallsend?
 - (2) How many children do they care for?
- 3104 MOREE ABORIGINAL LANDS COUNCIL—Mr Kevin Humphries to ask the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)

What is the current status of the Moree Aboriginal Lands Council with particular reference to:

- (a) the outcome of the role of Lawler and Associates who acted in an Administrative capacity for 3 years:
- (b) the costs of an appointed administrator;
- (c) the most recently audited set of financial statements;
- (d) the legal status of the current committee and their ability to prioritise tenants, set and collect rents and also evict tenants;
- (e) the future of the Moree LALC?
- 3105 TRUANCY TRENDS—Mr Kevin Humphries to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—

With respect to truancy trends across the Barwon electorate:

- (1) What are the primary and secondary truancy trends in each DET regional area?
- (2) What are the results of the Walgett trial for non-compulsory attending students?
- (3) What has been the result of announcements made by the Premier that the Government would hold parents accountable and if necessary gaol parents if their children did not attend school?
- 3106 STUDENT DEBT—Mr Kevin Humphries to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—

Are students who receive student allowances via Centrelink but are not meeting the regular attendance criteria leaving the education system with a Commonwealth Centrelink debt?

- 3107 SUTHERLAND HOSPITAL BUDGET FOR NEW EQUIPMENT—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Health—
 - (1) Is Sutherland Hospital provided with funds in its budget to pay for new equipment?
 - (2) How many pieces of new equipment has it paid for from its budget each year for the past five years?
- 3108 NANOPARTICLES IN NSW FOOD—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—

Given growing concern about the increased use of nanoparticles in agricultural chemicals, food and food additives, food packaging and food contact materials:

(1) What safety testing is required before food produced using agricultural chemicals that contain nanoparticles is sold in NSW?

- (2) What safety testing is required before food, including processed food and food additives, that contain nanoparticles is sold in NSW?
- (3) What safety testing is required before food packaging and food contact materials that contain nanoparticles is sold in NSW?
- (4) What is the NSW Government's response to the call of Friends of the Earth Australia that all particles smaller than 300 nanometres should require health and environment assessment prior to use in food and food associated products?
- (5) What consideration has the NSW Government given to implementing a limit on the size of particles used in food and food related products sold in NSW?
- (6) What consideration has the NSW Government given to introducing requirements to label food and food associated products sold in NSW that were produced using nanoparticles?
- 3109 PLASTIC BAG WASTE—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

Given that the Environment Protection and Heritage Council did not resolve to take mandatory action to phase out plastic bags:

- (1) (a) Does the NSW Government remain committed to phasing out plastic bags by January 2009?
 - (b) If not, why not?
- (2) What date does the NSW Government plan to phase out plastic bags by?
- (3) Given that previous voluntary measures have not worked, what measures are being considered by the NSW Government to:
 - (a) Significantly reduce plastic bag use;
 - (b) Phase out plastic bags altogether?
- (4) Why has the NSW Government refused to commit to banning plastic bags without other States when South Australia has committed to banning plastic bags?
- 3110 LARGE ERECTING SHOP ROLLING STOCK—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

With regard to the progressive removal of rolling stock from the Large Erecting Shop in Eveleigh, which is the longest continuous operating railway workshop in Australia:

- (1) Given that the roof of the State Heritage listed AAH19 carriage was damaged by exposure to the elements the last time it was removed from the Large Erecting Shop in Eveleigh and the NSW Transport Museum is short of undercover space, how will the NSW Government ensure that the AAH19 carriage is not damaged by exposure to the elements at the NSW Rail Transport Museum?
- (2) Is the NSW Government aware of the Friends of Eveleigh advice that covering timber carriages with canvas can cause major damage to paintworks?
- (3) What is the NSW Government's response to the widespread community view that the Large Erecting Shop is the most suitable place to store and protect rail heritage?
- (4) Does the NSW Government have ownership records prior to 2006 of heritage rolling stock currently stored at the Large Erecting Shop?
- (5) What is the NSW Government's response to concerns that it plans to relocate all rolling stock currently located at the Large Erecting Shop?
- 3111 NATURAL DISASTERS—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—

Following publication of "Taking a punch: Building a more resilient Australia" by David Templeman and Anthony Bergin for the Australian Strategic Policy Institute, which identifies that most Australians are unlikely to find themselves victims of a terrorist attack but many will face the risks posed by a natural hazard, agricultural or health crisis or a significant failure in critical infrastructure such as power or water:

- (1) Is the NSW Government aware of the analysis and conclusions in this paper?
- (2) What actions has the Government taken to ensure that NSW is adequately prepared for a large mass causality situation such as a natural disaster?
- (3) What has the Government done to ensure that NSW is able to withstand a disaster and return to its pre-disaster state quickly?
- (4) What has the Government done to test NSW capacity to respond to large-scale emergencies?
- (5) What initiatives has the Government taken to ensure the community, emergency volunteers,

businesses and others are prepared for large scale natural disasters?

- 3112 PARKING ON MOORE PARK—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Gaming and Racing, Minister for Sport and Recreation—
 - (1) How much revenue did the Centennial Park and Moore Park Trust raise from on grass parking on Moore Park at Kippax Lake in:
 - (a) the 2006-2007 financial year;
 - (b) the 2005-2006 financial year;
 - (c) the 2004-2005 financial year?
 - (2) Has the Centennial Park and Moore Park Trust leased the site of on-grass parking at Kippax Lake and the area between Lang Road and the Royal Hall of Industries, adjacent to Driver Avenue (known as Area 2), to the Sydney Cricket Ground Trust?
 - (3) If not, has the Centennial Park and Moore Park Trust leased these sites to any other body?
 - (4) If the sites have been leased:
 - (a) What period is the lease for?
 - (b) How much money will the Centennial Park and Moore Park Trust receive from the lessee for the period of the lease?
 - (c) Is there a requirement in the lease for the lessee to maintain the site for car parking purposes?
 - (d) Does the lease include any requirements to repair damaged grass areas caused by activities on the site?
- 3113 PLANNING PANEL—KU-RING-GAI COUNCIL—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)

Further to Question 2082 regarding the planning panel appointed regarding Ku-ring-gai Council:

- (1) Did the material the Minister based his concurrence on include the same town centre maps that were ultimately gazetted, including for the Pymble Town centre?
- (2) Did the Minister separately concur in writing to the decision on the second panel appointment, before it was made, as well as the first?
- 3114 COST ASSESSMENT DEPARTMENT—NSW SUPREME COURT—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
 - What were the costs incurred in maintaining and running the Cost Assessment Department of the NSW Supreme Court for each of the years between 1994 to 2007?
- 3115 TOWN CENTRE MAPS—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
 - (1) After gazetting the original town centre maps covered by the relevant Planning Panel, did the Minister indicate to the Ku-ring-gai Council Mayor, Nick Ebbeck, that:
 - (a) a mistake had been made by the Department of Planning regarding the maps;
 - (b) the maps would be corrected?
 - (2) Did the Minister direct anyone in the Department of Planning to correct or replace the maps?
 - (3) Why were the maps (other than for Pymble) not corrected before being gazetted a second time?
 - (4) Why did all the maps need to be gazetted a second time?
- 3116 DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Minister for Housing, Minister for Tourism—
 - Will the Minister implement a review of the Department of Housing's standard written communications to ensure that they are not perceived as being overbearing or ambiguous and to avoid causing unwarranted distress to recipients?
- 3117 SUPPORT FOR DISABLED STUDENTS—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
 - Is it standard policy for permanently disabled TAFE students to be advised of note-taking support on a

weekly basis, rather than under a permanent arrangement for the duration of the course?

3118 TAFE CLASSES—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—

Does a teacher always supervise TAFE classes participating in simulated work practice and is additional support for disabled students always provided as required by legislation?

3119 PUBLIC DENTAL SERVICES IN THE TWEED—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health—

Given that of the three dentist positions at the Tweed Hospital, one dentist has resigned, another has taken long-term leave, and the third position has never been filled, leaving the Tweed Hospital with no full time dentists currently available:

- (1) Why was the third dentistry position at the Tweed Hospital never filled?
- (2) When is it anticipated that the two vacant dentistry positions at the Tweed Hospital will be filled?
- (3) Given that the fill-in dentist only visits the Tweed Hospital one day a week, why have more replacement dentists not been recruited to meet the enormous demand for dental services in the Tweed?
- 3120 HOUSING AVAILABILITY IN THE TWEED—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Housing, Minister for Tourism—
 - (1) Is the Minister aware that as many as 30 homeless people are living in Kingscliff beach sand dunes as a result of the lack of available housing in the Tweed?
 - (2) Will the Minister ensure that these homeless people are urgently found emergency accommodation?
 - (3) How many Tweed residents are currently on public housing waiting lists, and what is the present waiting time for public housing?
 - (4) Are there any NSW Government plans to address the shortage of housing in the Tweed?
 - (a) If yes, what are they?
 - (b) If no, how does the Minister intend to meet the growing demand for housing in the Tweed?
- 3121 CATTLE TICK FEVER—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—

Given that the Minister has advised "The most effective method of preventing cattle tick fever outbreaks is by controlling cattle tick" and that recent outbreaks indicate that the NSW DPI has been unable to control cattle tick:

- (1) Will the Minister introduce more cattle tick surveillance cameras to complement the camera operating at Sexton Hill on the Pacific Highway?
- (2) As the NSW DPI does not hold quantities of the Imizol vaccination due to its short shelf life, will the Minister consider an offer made from the Blissett family to re-establish a cattle dip facility on their land for use by surrounding properties, as means of preventing cattle tick outbreaks?
- 3122 HEALTH CARE COMPLAINTS COMMISSION—Mrs Jillian Skinner to ask the Minister for Health—

In relation to the Health Care Complaints Commission:

- (1) What internal management processes exist for complaints about case load management by liaison or resolution officers?
- (2) What guidelines are used or followed by liaison/resolution or complaints officers in the handling of patient complaints?
- (3) What protocols exist for liaison, complaints and resolution officers to declare any conflict of interest before speaking to complainants and handling complaints?
- (4) To whom does the HCCC and its complaints and resolution officers owe their over-riding duty of care in receiving and responding to patient complaints?
- (5) What is the HCCC's main priority and goal in the receipt and handling of patient complaints?
- (6) What key performance indicators are used to measure the performance of the HCCC?
- (7) To what degree do internal key performance indicators and performance bonuses for complaints and resolution officers, impact on the handling, resolution or ending of complaints?
- (8) On average what is the case load for individual complaints and resolution officers per year from 2003 to date?
- (9) What is the minimum level of medical training and/or health care service expertise of complaints

officers employed at the HCCC?

- (10) What rewards or recognition is given to complaints and resolution officers for the expedient closure of complaint files?
- (11) How many complaints though reported as closed or resolved, were then litigated in the courts from 2003 to date?
- (12) What protocols exist within the HCCC for the socialising (professional or otherwise) of complaints and resolution officers, with the NSW medical profession and its associated professional bodies?
- 3123 PUBLIC DENTAL TREATMENT IN THE FORSTER-TUNCURRY AREA—Mr John Turner to ask the Minister for Health—
 - (1) (a) Is a dentist operating the public dental treatment in the Forster-Tuncurry area?
 - (b) If not, why not?
 - (c) If not, when was the last public dental patient treated by a dentist in the Forster-Tuncurry area?
 - (2) If there is no dentist working in the public dental surgery in the Forster-Tuncurry area, when will there be such a dentist?
 - (3) What do people from the Forster-Tuncurry area do if they need public dental treatment?
 - (4) (a) If there is a backlog of patients waiting for the resumption of public dental treatment in the Forster-Tuncurry area, will there be extra services available to catch up on the backlog of waiting patients?
 - (b) If not, why not?
- 3124 LANDS BOARD ORDERS—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Lands, Minister for Rural Affairs, Minister for Regional Development—

Given Mr Anthony Desposito has had his recently erected boundary fence illegally removed by his next door neighbour and that at a subsequent hearing by the Lands Board 5 months ago an order was made by the Chairman of the Lands Board to re-erect this fence immediately but that draft orders, which do not contain this direction were challenged in January 2008 and remain unanswered and unresolved:

- (1) When will the correct orders be issued to Mr Desposito instructing his neighbour to immediately reerect their adjoining boundary fence?
- (2) When will action be taken against the neighbour to discontinue further damage to the adjoining boundary fence?
- 3125 CLOSURE OF WISEMANS FERRY ROAD—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

Given a truck loaded with "hotmix" overturned on Wisemans Ferry Road at Cattai near Riverside Oaks on Wednesday afternoon 7 May at approximately 2 pm dropping 'hotmix' onto the road reserve but that the road was not blocked and the truck was removed by a tilt tray at 4 pm that same afternoon:

Why did the RTA works officer close the road until 8 pm that night forcing local residents to either wait four hours in a traffic jam or travel an additional 50 km on other roads to bypass the road closure, when the road could have remained open and the "hotmix" removed from the side of the road the next morning after peak traffic movement?

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