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- 3886 PREVIOUS POSITIONS HELD—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Premier, and Minister for the Arts—
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- 3888 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTION COSTS—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Local Government, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—

- 3889 TILLEGRA DAM—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Minister for Water, Minister for Rural Affairs, and Minister for Regional Development—
- 3890 JOHN HUNTER HOSPITAL GYNAECOLOGY—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—
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- 3920 GREATER SOUTHERN AREA HEALTH SERVICE—MONIES OWED—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—
- 3921 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women—
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- 3928 FIREARMS—CRONULLA ELECTORATE—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—

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- 3929 FUNDING FOR REMOVAL OF GRAFFITI—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—
- 3930 UNDERAGE DRINKING CHARGES—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—
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- 3952 MOUNT PANORAMA FACILITY—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Gaming and Racing, and Minister for Sport and Recreation—
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- 3955 ROAD ACCESS TO NEWCASTLE AIRPORT—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Minister for Roads—
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- 3963 ENERGY GENERATION—Mr Thomas George to ask the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—
- 3964 AMBULANCE PATIENT TRANSFERS—Mr Thomas George to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—
- 3965 BODIES AWAITING A CORONIAL AUTOPSY—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, Minister for Justice, and Minister for Industrial Relations—
- 3966 TRAINING TO SUPPORT VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—
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- 3969 DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Community Services—
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- 4000 RENEWABLE ENERGY—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—
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- 4009 TREE PRESERVATION OFFICERS—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Local Government, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—
- 4010 DEDICATED LAND AT CURRAWONG—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—
- 4011 COMPANION ANIMALS—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 4014 PROTECTION OF FISH STOCKS—MID NORTH COAST—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—
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- 4016 FUNDING FOR THE NORTH WEST RAIL LINE—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Minister for Finance, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Regulatory Reform, and Minister for Ports and Waterways representing the Treasurer—
- 4017 FATIGUE WORK DIARY—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Minister for Roads—
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- 4020 USE OF TRANSPORT TO THE NORTHERN BEACHES—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Premier, and Minister for the Arts—
- 4021 WIRELESS BROADBAND—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—
- 4022 CONFIRMATION OF STATEMENT—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Premier, and Minister for the Arts—
- 4023 BUS ROUTE 311—Ms Gladys Berejiklian to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—
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- 4025 URBAN TRANSPORT STATEMENT—Ms Gladys Berejiklian to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—
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- 4029 HEAVY VEHICLE PERMITS—Mr Andrew Constance to ask the Minister for Roads—
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- 4033 BOWRAL AND DISTRICT HOSPITAL EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—

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- 4038 HORNSBY HOSPITAL RENAL OUTPATIENT CLINIC—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—
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- 4041 SUTHERLAND HOSPITAL BIRTHS—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—
- 4042 CANCER PREVENTION—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- 4043 SOUTH EASTERN SYDNEY AND ILLAWARRA AREA HEALTH SERVICE—OUTSTANDING INVOICES—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—
- 4044 COST OF BY-ELECTIONS—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Premier, and Minister for the Arts—
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- 4046 PUBLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL PLACES—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women—
- 4047 TOURISM INDUSTRY FUNDING—Mr Donald Page to ask the Minister for Tourism, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 4048 APPRENTICE LOCKSMITHS—Mr Donald Page to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—
- 4049 CREDITORS OF CONSUMABLE SUPPLIES—TWEED HOSPITAL—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—
- 4050 CONSUMABLE SUPPLIES—TWEED HOSPITAL—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—
- 4051 CROSS BORDER TRANSPORT TASKFORCE—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Roads—
- 4052 GRAVEL TAKEN FROM MACLEAY RIVER—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Minister for Roads—
- 4053 KEMPSEY DISTRICT HOSPITAL—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—

- 4054 SEAFORTH TAFE SITE—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women—
- 4055 PROPOSED WIND FARM—SILVERTON AREA—Mr John Turner to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—
- 4056 CORRESPONDENCE—MR AND MRS J EARSMAN—Mr John Turner to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—
- 4057 PRESCHOOL FUNDING IN SOUTH MAROOKA AND WISEMANS FERRY—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- 4058 AREA ASSISTANCE SCHEME—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Minister for Finance, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Regulatory Reform, and Minister for Ports and Waterways representing the Treasurer—

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- 4059 TRAVELLING STOCK ROUTES—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—
- (1) Has the Minister been advised of claims by environmental and farmer groups that the Government intends to sell off Travelling Stock Routes in New South Wales?
  - (2) What are the Government's plans for the current network of Travelling Stock Routes?
- 4060 WOODSTOCK EARLY CHILDHOOD INTERVENTION SERVICE—Mr Greg Aplin to ask the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—
- (1) Is the Minister aware that over 250 children in the area around Albury are in need of specialist early intervention services?
  - (2) As State funding is provided for only seven children at the Woodstock service, what action is being taken to assist the other young children in need?
- 4061 TENDER PROCESS FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD INTERVENTION FUNDING—Mr Greg Aplin to ask the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—
- (1) Why is access to funding for early childhood intervention services conducted on a competitive basis?
  - (2) Is allocation of funding influenced by geographical location?
- 4062 ACCESS TO EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES—Mr Greg Aplin to ask the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—
- (1) Given the ongoing unmet need of young children requiring early intervention services in the Albury area, what principles of equity of access are operative through the Department of Ageing, Disability and Home Care?
  - (2) What services are currently provided in the Albury electorate and how many children are assisted?
- 4063 SHOALING IN THE LOWER HUNTER RIVER—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Minister for Finance, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Regulatory Reform, and Minister for Ports and Waterways—
- (1) Is the Minister aware of the long-term environmental deterioration of the lower Hunter River?
  - (2) Is there a program in place to monitor environmental changes in the lower Hunter River?
  - (3) Is there a program in place to monitor changes in shoaling in the lower Hunter River?
  - (4) Is there a program to reverse the environmental deterioration of the lower Hunter River?
- 4064 ISLINGTON TO NEWCASTLE RAILWAY LINE—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- (1) What is the number of rail passengers who travel between Islington and Newcastle railway stations on an annual basis?
  - (2) What is the full financial cost of maintaining and operating the rail service between Islington and

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- Newcastle railway stations on an annual basis?
- (3) Has a study of the environmental efficiency (tonnes of greenhouse gases per passenger per kilometre) of this railway line ever been carried out?
  - (4) Can the Minister provide any comparisons on costs per passenger per kilometre and environmental efficiency between this railway service and other services in New South Wales?
  - (5) Will the environmental efficiency of this railway line be considered in any decision relating to its future?
- 4065 MYALL RIVER—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—
- (1) Given the Department has played down the ailing health of the Myall River in the Great Lakes/Port Stephens Marine Park by telling local media the river will "correct itself", can the Minister detail what studies the department has conducted in order to come to this conclusion?
  - (2) Given the Great Lakes Council has called for Government funding to dredge the mouth of the river in order to increase tidal flows and "flush out" the river, does the department's aforementioned comments mean the Government will not be adhering to this request?
  - (3) Regarding the current situation of the Myall River, has the department been in regular contact with the:
    - (a) Department of Primary Industries;
    - (b) Department of Lands;
    - (c) Marine Parks Authority; and
    - (d) National Parks and Wildlife Service?
  - (4) Recognising that at least eight oyster leases in the estuary have been closed due to lack of salinity and others closed due to siltation, fish kills have decimated fish stocks and other fish are ailing from redspot, winter disease and unknown toxins and the reduced amenity of the Myall River, will the Government undertake to compensate all affected businesses for losses sustained over the Christmas holiday period?
- 4066 FUNDING FOR COMMUNITY TRANSPORT—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- (1) Given the NSW Government has not increased funding for the provision of community transport for a decade, what advice can the NSW Department of Transport give to residents of Port Stephens who have no access to community transport and therefore health services in Newcastle and beyond?
  - (2) When will the NSW Government consider increasing funding for community transport across New South Wales?
- 4067 RETIREMENT VILLAGES—CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENTS—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Citizenship, and Minister Assisting the Premier on the Arts—
- (1) Is the Minister aware that some retirement villages in New South Wales sell villas to retirees without essential fittings like light fittings and fans, tiles, carpets, blinds etc?
  - (2) Is the Minister aware that new tenants of such villas must have these fittings installed at their own cost?
  - (3) Is the Minister aware that tenants of such retirement villages (or their family) are under contract to cover the cost of the removal of all such fittings upon vacating the premises, including any damage that may be caused to the villa as a result?
  - (4) Are these contractual agreements reasonable?
  - (5) Is the Minister aware that some elderly residents sign these contracts unaware of such an agreement?
  - (6) Will the Minister's department investigate such contractual agreements in retirement villages?
  - (7) What is the Minister's department doing to protect elderly residents from consenting to such contractual agreements without their knowledge?
- 4068 FREE IMMUNISATION—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- (1) Following the closure of the free immunisation clinic at Nelson Bay on 1 September 2006, what has the Minister's department done to ensure local families have access to free immunisation?
  - (2) (a) Is there currently somewhere for parents to access free immunisation in the Port Stephens area?  
(b) If so, where?
  - (3) What role does the NSW Government play in the provision of free vaccination?
  - (4) What does the provision of free immunisation cost the NSW Government each year?
  - (5) Does the Minister have any intention of reviewing the amount of money spent on free immunisation

in New South Wales?

4069 TRANSPORT CONCESSIONS—OVERSEAS STUDENTS—Ms Gladys Berejiklian to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—

In relation to overseas students studying in New South Wales:

- (1) What are the economic implications of providing international full-time students transport concessions in line with student concessions?
- (2) In relation to the \$800 million spent annually on transport concessions, how much of that is for eligible full-time tertiary students and how much would it cost to supply this benefit to full-time international students?
- (3) Has an assessment been made as to the economic benefits to the State if the concession was to be extended to full-time international students?

4070 DEATH OF ANGELA PLEVEY—Mr Andrew Constance to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—

- (1) Is the Minister aware that the family of Angela Plevey, who passed away on 19 April 1999 at the Bega District Hospital, still has no answer as to the cause of her death?
- (2) What was the cause of Angela Plevey's death?
- (3) What inquiries were undertaken following Angela's death at the time and by whom?
- (4) What were the findings of the HCCC inquiry into the matter?
- (5) What were the findings of the coronial inquest into the matter?
- (6) Was the use of Haemacel stopped by Southern Area Health Service following the coronial inquest into Angela Plevey's death and replaced with the medication Gelofusin?
- (7) Did the use of the medication Haemacel contribute to the death of Angela Plevey?
- (8) (a) Was the drug administered further after a decline in Angela's condition?  
(b) If so, why?
- (9) (a) Was the family advised at any point that Haemacel had been ruled out as a cause of death?  
(b) If so, by whom and why?
- (10) Why was the Health Service using Haemacel any why was it replaced following Angela's death?
- (11) (a) Is the Minister aware of family concerns relating to a cardiac puncture mark in Angela's chest?  
(b) What was the cause of this puncture mark and was it noted in the autopsy report?
- (12) (a) Is the Minister aware of the concerns of the family about the time it took to administer the adrenalin during the emergency resuscitation?  
(b) Was it administered?  
(c) How long did it take for the adrenalin to be administered?
- (13) (a) Was there a team of people involved in the emergency resuscitation of Angela Plevey?  
(b) How long did it take for an emergency resuscitation to commence?  
(c) Were members of that team elsewhere in the hospital at the time of the emergency?
- (14) What were the findings of the investigation by the Area Health Service into Angela's death?

4071 BROGO DAM—Mr Andrew Constance to ask the Minister for Water, Minister for Rural Affairs, and Minister for Regional Development—

- (1) What work is being undertaken to increase the capacity of Brogo Dam through the height of the wall?
- (2) What would be the cost to do so?
- (3) Have there been any reports into increasing the height of the wall and if so, at what cost?

4072 PUBLIC SECTOR REFORM—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Premier, and Minister for the Arts—

Given the response to Question 3870 advises that: "the Victorian public sector includes approximately 1872 public entities" what is the equivalent number of entities in NSW?

4073 GOVERNMENT BUREAUCRACY—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Premier, and Minister for the Arts—

In relation to Government Bureaucracy as at 22 October 2008:

- (1) What is the status of the Government's plan to reduce the number of bureaucrats?
- (2) What is the reduction in bureaucrats achieved in each of the financial years 2006-07, 2007-08 and

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- 4074 INCREASES IN COSTS AND CHANGES IN STAFF AND AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—
- (1) What cost areas of the Department of the Environment and Climate Change have risen by more than the CPI during the period 2007-08?
  - (2) What are the changes in the numbers of rangers employed by the National Parks and Wildlife Service over the period 2007-08 and the areas for which the National Parks and Wildlife Service is responsible?
- 4075 ANALYSIS OF RIVER RED GUM WETLANDS—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—
- Will the Minister provide all DECC analysis regarding the need to preserve the river red gum wetlands in State forests, including analysis of the "River Red Gum Forestry in the New South Wales Riverina" report prepared for the National Parks Association and the Wilderness Society by Economists at Large, which is available under FOI?
- 4076 WASTE MANAGEMENT SERVICES LEGAL COSTS AND LIABILITIES—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Finance, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Regulatory Reform, and Minister for Ports and Waterways representing the Treasurer—
- (1) What was Waste Management Services' (WSN) total expense for legal costs incurred during 2007-08 and 2006-07 years?
  - (2) What financial reserves has WSN to account for future remediation liabilities and how has this amount reduced over the past four years?
- 4077 ANALYSIS OF HEALTH AND SURVIVAL PROSPECTS OF THE BABY WHALE, COLIN—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—
- Will the Minister provide all written analysis and reports from DECC and the National Parks and Wildlife Service regarding the health and survival prospects of the baby whale dubbed Colin (later Colette) killed by NPWS rangers in Sydney Harbour earlier this year?
- 4078 OUTSTANDING CORRESPONDENCE—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Roads—
- (1) Why has correspondence dated 1 April 2008 sent on behalf of Mr Robert McIntosh of Wahroonga to the Minister's office regarding a drivers licence issue not been answered?
  - (2) When will Mr McIntosh receive an answer?
- 4079 SMOKE-FREE ZONES—HORNSBY—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Local Government, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—
- (1) Did Hornsby Council receive a NSW Cancer Council grant of \$2,500 for the setting up of smoke-free zones on council land?
  - (2) If yes, have there been any fines issued for smoking in these areas?
  - (3) If not, why not?
- 4080 REPAIR OF HOUSING NSW HOMES—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Housing, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- (1) In accordance with the \$1.6 billion pledged to repair 127,000 Housing NSW homes, how many of these are in the Hornsby electorate and where are they located?
  - (2) How much has been spent in the Hornsby electorate?
- 4081 CONSEQUENCES OF GROUP OFFENDING—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Juvenile Justice, Minister for Volunteering, and Minister for Youth—
- What programs are available to young people in New South Wales to raise awareness and educate them on the consequences of group offending?
- 4082 PENALTIES FOR GRAFFITI OFFENDERS—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, Minister for Justice, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

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- (1) How many graffiti offenders faced court in 2007?  
 (2) How many of these offenders received gaol terms?  
 (3) How many of these offenders received good behaviour bonds?  
 (4) How many of these offenders received fines?  
 (5) How many of these offenders received community service orders?  
 (6) How many of these offenders were directed to counselling?
- 4083 ASBESTOS IN SCHOOLS—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women—
- (1) How many schools in the Cronulla electorate have been subject to asbestos removal?  
 (2) How many schools in the Cronulla electorate still contain asbestos?  
 (3) What are the names of these schools?
- 4084 ENHANCEMENT FUNDING—BUSINESS ENTERPRISE CENTRES—Mr Daryl Maguire to ask the Minister for Finance, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Regulatory Reform, and Minister for Ports and Waterways representing the Treasurer—
- (1) What involvement has the NSW Government had in enhancement funding for Business Enterprise Centres (BECs) recently provided to some BECs of up to \$33,000 including Albury and Bathurst?  
 (2) What input has the NSW Government had in assessing and distributing enhancement funding for BECs?  
 (3) What were the criteria to receive enhancement funding?  
 (4) What are the names of BECs that have not received enhancement funding?  
 (5) What was the time frame for distribution of enhancement funding?  
 (6) When were applications called for originally?
- 4085 ENDOCRINOLOGIST AND NEPHROLOGIST SERVICES—Mr Daryl Maguire to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—
- (1) Given that the Minister's answer to my question No 3793 parts (1) to (4) advises that the level of detail requested would divert resources of the department and the Area Health Service away from their core functions, is the Minister confident that these services are adequately staffed by specialists in the Greater Southern Area Health Service (GSAHS)?  
 (2) How can the Minister be assured that services by endocrinologists and nephrologists in the GSAHS are adequate when basic information as requested is apparently not collected and is unavailable to the Minister and in public reports issued by the Area Health Service?
- 4086 BUS STOP INFRASTRUCTURE—ST IVES—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- (1) What plans are there to upgrade bus stop infrastructure at St Ives to accompany plans for increased building density and population?  
 (2) What consideration is being given to the suggestion of a central bus stop located in Memorial Avenue for bus services travelling through St Ives?
- 4087 FEMALE RATES OF LEUKAEMIA—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- Based on the figures supplied by the NSW Central Cancer Registry, out of the eight regions in NSW, the Northern Sydney and Central Coast Area Health Service has the highest incident rate of leukaemia for females:
- (1) What investigation has been made as to why this is the case?  
 (2) What regional measures have been implemented to address this disturbing statistic?
- 4088 POLICE SERVICE BRANCH—DOSSIERS—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—
- (1) How many dossiers on individuals, groups, politicians and journalists are kept by the Police Service Branch?  
 (2) How many applications for access to these dossiers have been made?  
 (3) How do individuals know if there is a dossier on them?



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- 4089 RADIATION/ONCOLOGY SERVICE—CENTRAL COAST—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—
- Will the State Government fund a radiation/oncology service on the Central Coast?
- 4090 HUNTER WATER CORPORATION—REDUCED YIELD FIGURES—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Minister for Water, Minister for Rural Affairs, and Minister for Regional Development—
- Why has the Hunter Water Corporation reduced its yield figures from 90 Gl/year to 67.5 Gl/year as reported in "Why Tillegra Now" 9 months after the Tillegra proposal was announced?
- 4091 MORISSET STATION SECURITY—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- Are there any plans to provide improved security at Morisset Station, particularly the eastern car park where there is currently no security whatever?
- 4092 CLIMATE CHANGE, POLICY AND PROGRAMS GROUP—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—
- Given that the Climate Change, Policy and Programs Group within the Department of Environment and Climate Change is currently advertising for a Public Affairs Officer:
- (1) Why does the Public Affairs Officer need the "capacity for analytical thinking and sound judgement in a politically and socially sensitive environment"?
  - (2) Why is the Climate Change, Policy and Programs Group so politically sensitive at present?
- 4093 STAFF OF THE CLIMATE CHANGE, POLICY AND PROGRAMS GROUP—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—
- (1) How many people were employed by the Climate Change, Policy and Programs Group in:
    - (a) 2005;
    - (b) 2006;
    - (c) 2007;
    - (d) 2008?
  - (2) What was the total wages cost of the Climate Change, Policy and Programs Group in:
    - (a) 2005;
    - (b) 2006;
    - (c) 2007;
    - (d) 2008?
  - (3) How many staff is the Climate Change, Policy and Programs Group intending to employ in 2009?
- 4094 MACQUARIE MARSHES—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—
- (1) Does the NSW Government support Humane Society International's nomination of the entire Macquarie Marshes as an endangered ecological community under the federal Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act?
  - (2) What is the NSW Government doing to stop illegal floodwater diversion in the Macquarie Marshes?
- 4095 ILLEGAL DIVERSIONS IN THE MACQUARIE MARSHES—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—
- (1) How many illegal diversions were removed from the Macquarie Marshes in the last year?
  - (2) How many landowners have been fined for illegal diversions in the Macquarie Marshes in the last year?
- 4096 BOTTLED DRINKING WATER—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—
- Given that a plastic bottle takes a fifth of a litre of crude oil to make:
- (1) Has the DECC unofficially banned bottled water in all its offices this year?
  - (2) When will the DECC make the ban official?
  - (3) What plans does the DECC have to scale back the State's bottled drinking water industry?
  - (4) What plans does the DECC have to increase the rate of recycling for used water bottles?

- 4097 TRUEGAIN WASTE-OIL REFINERY—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—
- (1) Why did the Environment Protection Authority suspend the operation of the Truegain waste-oil refinery at Rutherford from 30 September?
  - (2) What evidence does the DECC have to prove that the Truegain waste-oil refinery is the source of foul odour pollution?
  - (3) If the evidence is compelling enough for the DECC to seek to close the business, why has the NSW Land and Environment Court allowed Truegain to continue operating?
  - (4) Will the DECC appeal the court's decision?
- 4098 CONVICTION OF BRUCE MACKAY—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, Minister for Justice, and Minister for Industrial Relations—
- In relation to the conviction in 2005 of Bruce Mackay of Kempsey on charges of possession child pornography under section 578B (2) of the Crimes Act 1900:
- (1) What was Mr Mackay's sentence?
  - (2) (a) If he was imprisoned, has Mr Mackay now been released from gaol?  
(b) If so, when was he released?  
(c) If so, what were the conditions pertaining to his release?
- 4099 LAND TITLE INFORMATION SERVICE—Mr John Turner to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—
- (1) (a) Is the Minister aware that the Land Title Information (LPI) Service online title searching service was unable to be accessed between approx. 9.00 am and 3.30 pm on Tuesday 14 October?  
(b) If so, why did this occur?
  - (2) (a) Is the Minister aware that it is a requirement in land settlements that a final search be done on the day of settlement for settlement to take place and that if a settlement does not take place it can lead to drastic consequences such as terminating contracts and forfeiting deposits, extra mortgage interest for vendors, redrawing cheque fees and settlement fees, people having loaded all their furniture into the removalist van having nowhere to go overnight?  
(b) If so, what does the Minister say to those that might have been so affected by the outage that occurred in (1) above?
  - (3) What has the Minister done to ensure such happenings as mentioned in (1) above do not occur again?
  - (4) Did a flood occur in the basement of the LPI building that disrupted computer services to the LPI?
  - (5) (a) What contingency plan for the back up of computer services was undertaken by the LPI following the major flood?  
(b) If nothing, why not?
  - (6) If contingency plans have been put in place, why did they not work during the time mentioned in (1) above?
  - (7) What action will be undertaken to ensure the Land Titles Office is able to operate and fulfil its functions?
- 4100 NAMBUCCA HEADS ISLAND GOLF CLUB LIMITED—Mr John Turner to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—
- (1) (a) Has the Lands Department increased the rental of Nambucca Heads Island Golf Club Limited (the golf club)?  
(b) If so, what was the rental in 2006/07, 2007/08 and what will be the rental for 2008/09?
  - (2) If there has been an increase in the rental for those periods of time how does the Department of Lands justify the increase in the rental?
  - (3) (a) Has the golf club lodged an objection under the terms of the land valuation system and asked for an independent valuation?  
(b) If so, what was the name of the valuer?  
(c) If so, has the valuation occurred?  
(d) If so, when did it occur?

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- (e) If so, when will the golf club receive advice of the valuation?
- (4) If the independent valuation has not been done, when will it be done?
- (5) (a) Is the Minister aware that the Nambucca Shire Council, the trustees of the Stuart Island Reserve upon which the golf club stands, is now requesting payment of the original amounts owing?
  - (b) If so, will the Minister instruct the council to withhold such requests pending the finalisation of the valuation?
  - (c) If not, why not?
- (6) (a) Is the Minister aware that interest may be charged on the outstanding amounts of the original rental?
  - (b) If so, will the Minister instruct the trustees not to proceed to seek such interest in view of the fact that the independent valuation has not been forthcoming?
  - (c) If not, why not?
- (7) (a) Will the Minister give an undertaking that no interest or penalty will be charged on the original amount or any recalculated amount on the basis that the independent valuation has not been received by the golf club as at the date of lodgement of these questions and that a reasonable time will be granted after the receipt of the valuation for the golf club to consider the valuation and make payment without penalty or interest being paid?
  - (b) If not, why not?