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\*4295 ISSUES AFFECTING THE RETAIL LEASING INDUSTRY—DISCUSSION PAPER—Mr Richard Amery asked the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

- (1) (a) Did the Government issue a discussion paper titled "Issues affecting the Retail Leasing Industry in NSW"?
- (b) If so, when was this discussion paper released?
- (2) What was the purpose of the discussion paper?
- (3) How many submissions were received in response to this document?
- (4) What is the current position with issues raised with the Government from this process?

Answer—

I am advised a discussion paper was released earlier this year seeking feedback on issues affecting the retail leasing industry.

I am further advised that 143 submissions have been received which are currently being considered.

\*4297 BILLABONG CREEK SALT INTERCEPTION SITE—Mr Greg Aplin asked the Minister for Water, Minister for Rural Affairs, and Minister for Regional Development—

Given your claims in Question no. 2199 that the Department of Water and Energy is working towards securing funding for the continued operation of the Billabong SIS beyond 30 June 2008:

- (1) What is the current funding arrangement of this project?
- (2) Will this project continue through the summer period, given the effects of current drought?

Answer—

- (1) and (2) The Department of Water and Energy has successfully negotiated a partnership with a private Albury based Timber Mill (Norske Skog) to fund the operation of the Billabong Creek Salt Interception Scheme. This proposal is currently on public exhibition until 19 December 2008 and is subject to approval from the Department of Planning.

The funding arrangement negotiated with Norske Skog will enable the continuing operation of the Salt Interception Scheme. If planning approval is granted, it is expected that the Scheme could recommence operating early in 2009.

\*4298 HORNSBY HOSPITAL MENTAL HEALTH INTENSIVE CARE UNIT—Mr Greg Aplin asked the Minister for Local Government, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—

- (1) Given the shortfall in staffing of the Unit, where have the budgeted funds been reallocated?
- (2) When is the unit expected to be fully staffed?
- (3) Following the closure of the unit after damage by patients, where were the high dependency occupants transferred?
- (4) What facility is being utilised for high dependency patients while the repairs to the unit are undertaken?

Answer—

- (1) to (4) Funds have been allocated to ensure the Hornsby Mental Health Intensive Care Unit runs smoothly and safely.

I am advised the Unit became fully operational from 3 November 2008.

The Mental Health Intensive Care Unit has all 12 beds opened and to date 87% of its staffing establishment has been recruited. Staffing levels are managed according to patient demand and the clinical need of the patients. Recruitment of nursing staff is ongoing with a number of key recruitment initiatives being implemented.

Two patients with high dependency needs were transferred to the high dependency section of the Lindsay Madew Unit at Hornsby Hospital. The remainder continued to be managed in the Mental Health Intensive Care Unit.

\*4299 ADOLESCENT DRUG AND ALCOHOL AWARENESS—Mr Greg Aplin asked 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—

Given the recent increase in the number of adolescent crimes relating to drug and alcohol misuse, what action is being taken to raise awareness of the risks involved with prolonged abuse and its associated links to mental health?

Answer—

I am advised by the Hon John Della Bosca MLC, Minister for Health:

The State Health Plan 2007 outlines the NSW Government's commitment to reducing the harms related to drug and alcohol use, particularly among young people. NSW Health has implemented a broad range of programs and activities to address the risks involved in drug and alcohol use. This includes the following initiatives:

- Targeted community education and information communication campaigns with the objectives of reducing the harms associated with drug and alcohol use, such as the "Cannabis Information Campaign" targeting teenagers;
- Distribution of print and online resources directly to young people and to the parents and carers of young people, for example, the "Family Matters: how to approach drug issues with your family" booklets;
- Grassroots community education activities conducted in collaborative partnership with local groups such as Community Drug Action Teams;
- Detailed drug and alcohol information and education materials provided directly to local communities through programs such as the state-wide "Drug Information @ Your Local Library Project"; and
- Innovative prevention education projects that directly target young people, such as the annual "Play Now/Act Now" drug and alcohol education film/video and creative writing competition.

\*4300 ADOLESCENT DRUG AND ALCOHOL AWARENESS—Mr Greg Aplin asked the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women—

Given the recent increase in the number of adolescent crimes relating to drug and alcohol misuse, what action is being taken to raise awareness of the risks involved with prolonged abuse and its associated links to mental health?

Answer—

The Department of Education and Training has a range of programs in place that aim to educate students about the problems of drug and alcohol misuse and to assist students and families where drug use has been identified.

Drug education in New South Wales government schools is delivered through the Personal Development, Health and Physical Education key learning area from Kindergarten to Year 10 and through the Crossroads program in Years 11 and 12. Its focus is on prevention, abstinence, harm reduction and skills development. The short and long term effects of a range of drugs and alcohol are included as part of this education process.

A number of resources have been developed to support the teaching of drug education. These provide opportunities for students to learn about the risks and potential harms associated with drug use and skills to keep themselves and their friends safe.

The pamphlet Frequently asked questions, available to secondary students and their teachers in NSW government schools, provides factual information on the short and long term effects of alcohol, cannabis, amphetamines and ecstasy as well as the dangers of poly drug use.

The resource Young People and Drugs: a guide for school staff to support students focuses on the role of the school in the prevention of drug use problems, the relationship between drug abuse and mental health problems and effective interventions when a drug use problem has been identified.

Every government school student has access to the school counselling service. School counsellors across the state have been trained in supporting students with co-existing mental health disorders and substance use problems through the School-Link training program.

The School-Link Program is a collaborative partnership between the Department and NSW Health. It aims to promote mental health and improve prevention, treatment and support for adolescents with mental health problems.

Where a student is at risk, school counsellors are also able to refer students to other specialist agencies.

The Department of Education and Training also provides an officer who participates in the Joint Assessment and Review Team of the Youth Drug and Alcohol Court program. This program was

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implemented in July 2000 as a recommendation of the 1999 NSW Drug Summit. It is concerned with reducing drug and/or alcohol-related criminal activity by young people aged 14 to 18 through a combination of judicial and therapeutic interventions that are designed to reduce or manage drug and or alcohol use.

\*4302 ALBURY BASE HOSPITAL SURGERY—Mr Greg Aplin asked 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) How many operating theatres were constructed at Albury Base Hospital?
- (2) How many operating theatres are used on a regular basis?
- (3) Is it correct that one theatre has been utilised as a storeroom since inception?
- (4) As a percentage of all elective procedures in the period 1 January to 30 September 2008, how many were listed for daylight (or business hours), how many were listed for after hours on weekdays and how many were listed for weekends?
- (5) How many elective surgery procedures were displaced by emergency surgery during the nine months to 30 September 2008?

Answer—

I am advised by the Hon John Della Bosca MLC, Minister for Health:

(1) to (3) When the Albury Base Hospital was rebuilt at the Borella Road site in 1994 four theatres were built but only three were commissioned. Three theatres are currently used on a regular basis.

(4) Between 1 January 2008 and 30 September 2008 at Albury Base Hospital:

- 100% of elective surgery was listed for business hours at Albury Base Hospital.
- Nil were listed for after hours.
- Nil were listed for weekends.

(5) Between 1 January 2008 and 30 September 2008, roughly 0.015 percent of all elective surgery cases were displaced as a result of a more clinically urgent case.

\*4303 PATRONAGE OF MANLY FERRY AND JETCAT SERVICES—Mr Mike Baird asked the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—

What is the patronage of the following services to Circular Quay for 2007/2008:

- (a) Manly Ferry: 7:30am, 8am, 8:15am; and
- (b) Manly JetCat: 7:05am, 7:25am, 7:45am, 8:05am?

Answer—

I am advised:

Patronage on weekday morning peak Manly services to Circular Quay for the 2007-2008 Financial Year is listed in the table below:

2007-2008

Freshwater:

7:30 - 136,837

8:00 - 126,235

8:15 - 103,976

JetCat:

7:05 - 61,047

7:25 - 20,010

7:45 - 38,024

8:05 - 60,004

\*4304 MANLY JETCAT STAFF—Mr Mike Baird asked the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—

If the Government proceeds with its plans to axe the Manly JetCats in the Mini-Budget, how many staff does it forecast will be made redundant as a result?

Answer—

I am advised:

The costs of operating the JetCat service from Manly in addition to the Manly Ferry, is disproportionately

high.

In the Government's Mini-Budget, savings of \$21 million over four years were announced as a result of the cancellation of the JetCat services.

How these savings are delivered including labour reductions is currently a matter under consideration by Sydney Ferries and its Board. I am advised that Sydney Ferries will embark on a consultative process with unions and staff to inform its business planning process in this regard.

\*4305 COST RECOVERY OF TRAIN SERVICES—Mr Mike Baird asked the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—

What is the full cost recovery of a train ride per person from Sydney (Central) to Wollongong one way?

Answer—

Information on the cost and revenue per journey is published in the RailCorp Annual Report in accordance with the Annual Reports (Statutory Bodies) Regulation 2005, the Annual Reports (statutory Bodies) Act 1984, the Public Finance and Audit Act 1983, and exemptions under those Acts.

\*4306 PROPOSED CHANGES TO BUS ROUTES—Mr Mike Baird asked the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—

- (1) How many submissions did the State Transit Authority receive on its proposed changes to bus routes in the Lower North Shore and Northern Beaches?
- (2) How many of these submissions were supportive of the STA's plan?
- (3) When will the STA release a revised version of its plan?
- (4) Considering the widespread opposition to the STA's proposed changes to bus routes during the submission process, will the Minister give the Northern Beaches community an assurance there will be further consultation before changes are made?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) and (2) State Transit received approximately 2,500 submissions. The majority of submissions were supportive or did not express concerns regarding the proposed changes to the bus routes.

(3) It is anticipated that the finalised bus routes will be released in early 2009. In the weeks prior to implementation of the new routes, State Transit will conduct an awareness campaign to inform the community of the changes.

(4) State Transit has already undertaken extensive community consultation on the proposed changes as part of its Northern Region Integrated Network Plan and it is carefully considering the community's feedback.

Where it is evident from the submissions that the proposals require adjustment, changes will be made to ensure bus users, and the wider community, get the best outcomes from the network review.

\*4307 COST OF JETCAT TRIP—Mr Mike Baird asked the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—

What is the breakdown of the \$44 quoted by the Minister as the cost per person for a one-way JetCat trip?

Answer—

I am advised:

Labour, fuel, maintenance and fixed costs contribute to the cost per passenger of the JetCat service.

\*4308 REACH FOR THE STARS PROGRAM—Mr Mike Baird asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—

What impact has the Government's 'Reach for the Stars' program had on boosting sales of energy efficient appliances in NSW?

Answer—

The program was discontinued in NSW in 2003.

\*4311 POLLUTION IN MYALL LAKES NATIONAL PARK—Mr Craig Baumann asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—

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- (1) Is the Minister aware of a foul odour emanating from the creek behind the Myall Shores Resort, in the Myall Lakes National Park?
- (2) Has the Department of the Environment and Climate Change conducted investigations into this potential pollution?
- (3) If so, what were the results?
- (4) Is this potential pollution related to the environmental problems in the Myall River?

Answer—

- (1) Yes.
- (2) Yes.
- (3) All available evidence suggests that the odour is associated with decaying native vegetation and associated algae.
- (4) See (3).

\*4312 CBD METRO—Ms Gladys Berejiklian asked the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—  
In relation to the CBD metro (Central Railway Station to Rozelle) announced by the Government last week:

- (1) How much will this project cost?
- (2) When was NSW Treasury commissioned to advise on the costings?
- (3) What expert/external advice was sought in relation to the costings?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The initial estimate for the infrastructure work required for the CBD metro is approximately \$4.8 billion in out-turn (nominal) dollars, including land acquisition.
- (2) and (3) Turner and Townsend, an International Construction and Management Consultant, is commissioned to prepare cost estimates.

\*4313 CBD METRO—Ms Gladys Berejiklian asked the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—  
In relation to the CBD metro (Central Railway Station to Rozelle) announced by the Government last week:

- (1) What feasibility test/studies were conducted in relation to this project?
- (2) When were these tests conducted?
- (3) What were the results of these studies?

Answer—

- (1) Studies were undertaken as part of the North West Metro project development.
- (2) The studies were conducted during the past twelve months.
- (3) That a CBD Metro is feasible and the central piece of any future Metro extensions.

\*4316 BOWRAL AND DISTRICT HOSPITAL EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT—Ms Pru Goward asked 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—

What patient load was Bowral Hospital's Emergency Department designed to cater for?

Answer—

I am advised by the Hon John Della Bosca MLC, Minister for Health:

The Emergency Department at Bowral District Hospital was redeveloped in 1996. At that time the patient load was 14,000 patients per annum.

In 1996, bed spaces were increased from 6 to 10 spaces. This included the addition of the following areas:

- Trauma/Resuscitation area;
- 2 Consult rooms;
- Plaster room.

The Emergency Department now caters for 18,000 patients per annum. Emergency Admission Performance (patients admitted to ward in under 8 hours) for the full year 2007-08 was 89 per cent, well above the target of 80 per cent.

\*4317 BULLYING IN THE NSW AMBULANCE SERVICE—Mr Chris Hartcher asked 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) How many incidents of bullying were reported in the Central Coast district of the NSW Ambulance service in:
  - (a) 2006;
  - (b) 2007?
- (2) How does this compare to the state-wide average in:
  - (a) 2006;
  - (b) 2007?

Answer—

I am advised by the Hon John Della Bosca MLC:

- (1) The number of incidents formally investigated in the Central Coast was three in 2006 and four in 2007.
- (2) The Ambulance Service of NSW does not keep records of statewide averages.

\*4321 EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTRES—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson asked the Minister for Community Services—

- (1) In the past five years, which early childhood centres have been involved with, but not convicted for, accidentally locking in children or babies after hours or the escape of children during operating hours?
- (2) On what date did each offence occur in relation to (1) above?

Answer—

Children's services across NSW are continuously monitored by the Department of Community Services. Visits to services can be announced or unannounced. These spot checks are undertaken regularly as part of licensing and monitoring, and can also occur as a result of complaints received by the Department, or in response to incidents that take place in services.

NSW regulations set out comprehensive requirements which must be met before a licence will be granted and also form the basis for on-going monitoring.

The Department of Community Services works with all service providers to make them aware of the requirements of the law, formally notify providers of any breaches of the law, and require all such breaches to be rectified.

The Department of Community Services' preference is to work with children's services providers to get problems fixed quickly. Nevertheless strong enforcement action is directed at deterring or punishing repeat offenders and those who wilfully disregard their obligations.

If licence-holders are found to have breached the conditions of their licence, there are a range of penalties that can apply.

These include the addition of conditions to a licence, a licence suspension or revocation, or prosecution, with associated penalties of up to \$22,000.

Information is provided on the Department of Community Services website related to convictions under the Children's Services Regulation 2004 since September 2004 and for any major licence changes or events since 1 July 2007.

The Director-General is writing to all licensees of licensed children's services to stress the critical importance of supervision for child safety. She is reminding licensees of their responsibility in this area and asking that all licensees consider whether they need to review and if necessary amend their policy, practice and procedures that impact on child safety at the end of the day and during departure times, and the supervision and management of children in and around licensed premises.

The Department will be following up with additional compliance and enforcement measures in 2009.

\*4322 NURSES AT HORNSBY HOSPITAL—Mrs Judy Hopwood asked 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) In relation to Hornsby Hospital, how many nurses (registered and enrolled) have resigned to date



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since 1 January 2008?

(2) How many nurses have been employed?

Answer—

I am advised by the Minister for Health:

- (1) An average of 1.7 non-casual FTE per month (January to October 2008) Registered and Enrolled Nurses have separated from Hornsby Hospital since 1 January 2008.
- (2) An average of 4.22 non-casual FTE per month (January to October 2008) Registered and Enrolled Nurses have been employed by Hornsby Hospital since 1 January 2008.

\*4324 MENTAL HEALTH NURSES—Mrs Judy Hopwood asked the Minister for Local Government, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—

- (1) How many mental health nurse practitioners are there in NSW?
- (2) Where are they located?

Answer—

- (1) I am advised there are currently 11 Nurse Practitioner positions in Mental Health in the public health system.
- (2) These positions are located at Royal Prince Alfred, Nepean, Westmead, Prince of Wales, Gosford, Canterbury, Coffs Harbour and Nimbin Hospitals. Also included in the above position numbers are two positions in community settings in Baradine.

\*4325 WOMEN'S SPORTS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Gaming and Racing, and Minister for Sport and Recreation—

- (1) What is being done to raise the profile of women's sports in NSW?
- (2) What programs are available for women's sports groups?

Answer—

(1) and (2) The NSW Government is committed to raising the profile of women's sport in NSW and to improving women's involvement in sport, recreation and physical activity at all levels and in all capacities. A number of strategies and programs are in place to implement this:

- The Government has provided \$500,000 to the International Working Group on Women and Sport (IWG) for the period 2006-2010. This funding is to assist them to organise and conduct the Conference in Sydney in 2010. The Conference focus is on increasing the profile of women in sport.
- The Government through the Premier's Sporting Challenge is undertaking a "Girls in Sport Intervention and Research Project".
- Funding has been provided to the Women's Sport Media Group to conduct four media training courses to help raise the profile of women's sport in the media.
- NSW Sport and Recreation coordinates and funds the annual NSW Minister's Recognition Award for Contribution to Women in Sport and Recreation.
- In 2008 Womensport and Recreation NSW was granted \$15,000 to host two breakfasts targeting schoolgirls, one in Sydney and one in regional NSW. Over 1000 schoolgirls attended these breakfasts.
- The Women's Sport Leaders Scholarship Program is a major program specifically targeted to women with the aim to develop and extend the skills, knowledge and networks of women in leadership and decision-making roles in sport and recreation. Funding of \$100,000 p.a. has to date enabled over 500 women to receive scholarships under this program.
- NSW Sport and Recreation also runs a number of programs that provide sport and physical activity opportunities to women from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds.
- Community based participation programs conducted by NSW Sport and Recreation for women and girls have included swimming and surfing programs, teaching and coaching courses and "come and try" sports clinics.
- NSW Sport and Recreation provides Sports Development Program funding of \$10,000 annually to assist Womensport and Recreation NSW.

The development and implementation of policies and programs aimed at increasing the involvement of women in sport and raising the profile of women's sports will continue to be a priority of this Government.

\*4328 OSCAR TRAINS—Mr Malcolm Kerr asked the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—

How many OSCAR trains are travelling through and stopping at Cronulla, Woolooware, and Caringbah per day?

Answer—

I am advised:

OSCAR trains do not service the Cronulla branch at present.

\*4329 SUSTAINABLE ANIMAL FARMING—Ms Clover Moore asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—

- (1) What research has the NSW Government conducted on the reductions in greenhouse gas emissions associated with free-range and organic animal farming methods in comparison to factory and intensive farming methods?
- (2) What research has the NSW Government conducted on the reductions in water use associated with free-range and organic animal farming methods in comparison to factory and intensive farming methods?
- (3) What research has the NSW Government conducted on the reductions sequestration of greenhouse gases associated with free-range and organic animal farming methods where animals are moved frequently to allow grasses to regenerate in comparison to factory and intensive farming methods?
- (4) What conclusions has the NSW Government come to about the environmental benefits of free-range and organic animal farming methods in comparison to factory and intensive farming methods?

Answer—

- (1) to (4) The NSW Government has supported research investigating the potential for a range of agricultural practices to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. However, to date this research has not specifically examined differences between free-range and organic animal farming and other farming methods.

\*4330 REGISTRATION EXEMPTIONS FOR ANIMAL RESCUERS—Ms Clover Moore asked the Minister for Local Government, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—

Given thousands of cats and dogs are put down in NSW pounds every year and that rescue organisations' costs to re-home companion animals could be significantly reduced if the Director General of the Department of Local Government provides them with exemptions from registration requirements (currently possible under clause 16d of the Companion Animals Regulation 2008):

- (1) On what date did the Director General issue such an exemption to a rescue organisation not already listed in the Regulation for exemptions?
- (2) Which rescue organisation received this exemption?
- (3) Why have there been no other exemptions issued since that time?
- (4) How many rescue organisations have applied since then and not been considered?
- (5) When will the Director General resume considering rescue organisations for registration exemptions?
- (6) What education campaigns will the Department of Local Government commence to ensure that rescue organisations know that they can apply for an exemption to reduce the cost of re-homing animals on death row in pounds?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) and (2) The following additional organisations have been granted an exemption along with the date the exemption was gazetted:

- Animal Rights and Rescue Group Inc. - July 2001
- Central Coast Cat Care Inc. - July 2001
- Friends of the Pound (Bowral) - July 2001
- Manning Valley Cat Rescue - July 2001
- Doggie Rescue - November 2001
- Domestic Animal Birth Control Cooperative Society - December 2001
- Northern Rivers Animal Shelter - April 2002
- Friends of the Shelter - August 2003
- Paws n Hooves Inco - November 2003
- Snowy Mountains Animal Rescue Team - February 2004
- DCH Animal Adoption - August 2005

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(3) A full review of the registration exemption process was undertaken this year. The Department has now published its new Guidelines and application and reporting process for clause 16(d) exemptions.

(4) Another seven organisations have expressed interest in being exempt from the registration requirements. The Department has responded to each organisation.

(5) The Director General considers applications from animal rescue organisations promptly.

(6) The Department has advised all councils of the changes through a departmental circular. The circular encourages councils to inform appropriate animal rescue organisations in their areas.

\*4331 REFORM OF THE ANTI-DISCRIMINATION ACT—Ms Clover Moore asked the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, Minister for Justice, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

With respect to the 1999 Law Reform Commission Report 92 recommendations for reform of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 to provide equal legal protection for lesbians and gay men:

- (1) When will the Government amend the Act to remove exemptions that allow some employers to discriminate against gay men and lesbians?
- (2) When will the Government consult on anti-discrimination reform proposals?
- (3) What is the Government's timetable for this reform?
- (4) What community education will the Government provide to improve tolerance and acceptance of diversity?

Answer—

I am advised:

I refer the Member to a previous answer to a question on notice and other public statements on the matter, including those made in the NSW Parliament. I also refer the member to the Anti-Discrimination Board's website on Lawlink.

\*4332 COMMUNITY COSTS OF DRUG ADDICTION—Ms Clover Moore asked 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—

With respect to the PriceWaterhouseCoopers United Kingdom research published in June 2008, which estimates that the community cost of each person addicted to drugs through the health and criminal justice system, loss of earning and productivity and family/child protection services is at least £833,000 while each person who stops using drugs could save the country up to £730 000:

- (1) Is the Government aware of this research and its key findings, and what analysis has the Government made of its relevance to NSW?
- (2) What assessment has the NSW Government made of these costs and benefits in Australia and what is the estimated cost/benefit in NSW?
- (3) What action has the NSW Government taken to facilitate a national approach to drug/alcohol drug detoxification, treatment and rehabilitation with the Commonwealth and other States and Territories?
- (4) What new approaches and programs does the NSW Government plan based on the extensive work done in this study and analysis of its usefulness for NSW?

Answer—

I am advised by the Hon John Della Bosca MLC, Minister for Health:

More relevant data on the situation in Australia was released by the Commonwealth Government this year. This publication, "The costs of tobacco, alcohol and illicit drug abuse to Australian Society in 2004/05", is available on the National Drug Strategy website [www.nationaldrugstrategy.gov.au](http://www.nationaldrugstrategy.gov.au)

The NSW Government participates in the Ministerial Council on Drug Strategy and has endorsed the national policies that sit under the umbrella of the National Drug Strategy: Australia's integrated framework 2004-2009.

Information on the NSW Drug and Alcohol Program is available in the NSW Health Drug and Alcohol Plan 2006-2010 which can be accessed on the NSW Health website [www.health.nsw.gov.au](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au)

\*4335 FUTURE RAIL LINE TO THE WARRINGAH AREA—Mr Jonathan O'Dea asked the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—

- (1) What concept plans have been developed or are held by RailCorp for a future rail line to the

Warringah area from the Artarmon, Chatswood or Roseville areas?

- (2) When the Chatswood to Epping rail line was being designed, in the vicinity of Chatswood and Roseville, was provision made in the track alignment and civil structural works for a future rail line offtake towards the Warringah area?
- (3) When the civil engineering construction for the Chatswood to Epping rail line was underway in the vicinity of Chatswood and Roseville, were civil and structural works, such as a tunnel portal, undertaken to allow for a future rail line towards the Warringah area?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) None.
- (2) and (3) By providing an alternate train path into the city via the North Shore Line, the Epping Chatswood Rail Link will free up capacity and provide for additional train services on the CityRail network. The new line will also deliver rail services to the growing educational and commercial hub of Macquarie Park/North Ryde for the first time.

Whilst providing additional capacity on the network, the design of the project did not make specific provision for a rail line to Warringah.

\*4337 BUS INTERCHANGE AND PARKING SPACES—MORISSET STATION—Mr Greg Piper asked the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—

In view of the current Mini-Budget, will the Government, in its current term, honour its commitment of \$2.6 million of the total \$3 million needed for a bus interchange and 90 parking spaces at Morisset Station?

Answer—

I am advised:

Yes.

\*4340 HOT WATER SYSTEM REBATE—Mr Geoff Provest asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—

In relation to the NSW hot water system rebate, how many households in the Tweed electorate have received the rebate for:

- (a) Replacement by a gas hot water system with a 5-star energy rating?
- (b) A solar or heat pump hot water system with:
  - (i) 20-27 RECs;
  - (ii) 28-35 RECs;
  - (iii) 36-43 RECs; and
  - (iv) 44+ RECs?

Answer—

- (a) 14
- (b) 20-27 RECs = 4  
28-35 RECs = 305  
36-43 RECs = 178  
44+ RECs = 32

\*4341 CONSTRUCTION OF COMMERCIAL TOURISM FACILITIES IN WILDERNESS AREAS—Mr Michael Richardson asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—

Does the Minister have any plans to adopt the O'Neill report's key recommendation to permit construction of commercial tourism facilities in wilderness areas?

Answer—

The Report of the Taskforce into Tourism and National Parks was released on 3 December 2008. The Government has accepted the report recommendations and will be working with relevant parties on their implementation.

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\*4343 NATIONAL PARKS TOURISM—Mr Michael Richardson asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—

- (1) What is the Minister's response to the O'Neill report that names national parks as "state tourism assets"?
- (2) Does the Minister agree that national parks should offer increased tourist facilities such as cafes and built accommodation to those able to pay for them?

Answer—

- (1) It appears to have been a reasonable statement for Mr O'Neill to make.
- (2) The Report of the Taskforce into Tourism and National Parks was released on 3 December 2008. The Government has accepted the report recommendations and will be working with relevant parties on their implementation.

\*4344 APPEALS FOR INCREASED COSTS IN STREET LIGHTING—Mr Rob Stokes asked the Minister for Local Government, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—

What mechanisms exist for a local council to appeal an increase by a monopoly provider in the costs of electricity for street lighting?

Answer—

I provide the following details in response to your questions:

The Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) is responsible for the determination of electricity prices.

All questions on this matter should be referred to the Treasurer, as the Minister responsible for overseeing IPART.

\*4345 POLLUTANTS FROM STORMWATER RUNOFF—Mr Rob Stokes asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—

- (1) What actions has the NSW Government taken to reduce the level of pollutants that flow into the ocean through stormwater runoff during periods of heavy rain?
- (2) What future plans does the NSW Government have to address this issue?

Answer—

- (1) The Government has invested \$101 million in projects to reduce stormwater pollution under the Urban Stormwater Program and the Blue Mountains Urban Runoff Control Program.

Government-funded stormwater projects have prevented an estimated 24,000 tonnes of pollution from entering waterways each year. The Government has also funded council stormwater management plans and a public education program.

In addition the Local Government Act 1993 has been amended to allow councils the option of levying a stormwater management service charge to fund stormwater projects.

- (2) The Government provides councils with ongoing funding support through the Urban Sustainability Program which has a particular focus on urban stormwater runoff.

The Government also provides technical guidance to councils to improve the management of stormwater in existing and new urban areas.

\*4346 CHECKING OF SHARK MESHING—Mr Rob Stokes asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—

How often is shark meshing on Sydney's Northern Beaches checked for entangled marine life?

Answer—

This matter is the portfolio responsibility of the Minister for Primary Industries.

\*4348 FACILITIES FOR HEARING-IMPAIRED STUDENTS—Mr Rob Stokes asked the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women—

- (1) How many NSW high schools have dedicated facilities to support hearing-impaired students?
- (2) How many of these schools are in the Pittwater electorate?
- (3) What level of funding has been provided by the NSW government to support these facilities in the following years:
  - (a) 2005-06;

- (b) 2006-07; and  
(c) 2007-08?

Answer—

- (1) There are 19 classes in 11 high schools to support hearing-impaired students.
- (2) None of these schools are in the Pittwater electorate, however students who live in the Pittwater electorate access two of these classes which are located in Northern Sydney region.
- (3) The NSW Government's total allocation for the year 2005-2006 was \$2,577,728; 2006-2007 - \$2,804,119 and 2007-2008 - \$2,835,550.

\*4349 ENERGY EFFICIENT STREET LIGHTING—Mr Rob Stokes asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—

- (1) What proportion of street lighting in the Pittwater electorate uses energy efficient illumination?
- (2) What actions has the NSW Government taken to ensure streetlights in NSW use energy efficient bulbs?

Answer—

This matter falls within the portfolio responsibilities of the Minister for Energy. The questions should therefore be directed to the Hon Ian Macdonald MLC.

\*4350 PROTECTIVE NETTING ON BEACHES—Mr Rob Stokes asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—

How many sharks and dolphins perished due to entanglement in protective netting on beaches between Manly and Palm Beach in 2006-07 and 2007-08?

Answer—

This matter is the portfolio responsibility of the Minister for Primary Industries.

\*4356 OUTSTANDING CORRESPONDENCE—Mr John Turner asked the Minister for Gaming and Racing, and Minister for Sport and Recreation—

When will the Minister reply to my letter to him dated 18 June 2008 and further follow up letters dated 25 July 2008 and 11 September 2008 concerning Mr Dean Lynch and the temporary freeze of the sale of poker machines?

Answer—

A response has been provided.

\*4358 DRAFT PLAN OF MANAGEMENT FOR THE MANNING REGIONAL CROWN RESERVE—Mr John Turner asked the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—

- (1) (a) Does the Draft Plan of Management for the Manning Regional Crown Reserve state that "silting of the (Manning) river is a management issue" and "that maintenance of the navigatable channel in the water way is a manageable objective pending appropriate resources and environmental approvals"?
- (b) If so, what management is envisaged by the Minister and his Department for the shoaling in the river?
- (c) If so, what "resources" will the Minister or his Department make available for the maintenance of a navigatable channel?
- (2) If no funds will be made available, why not?

Answer—

- (1) (a) Yes.
- (b) Several government agencies and Greater Taree City Council have an interest in the management of shoaling in the Manning River.
- (c) In respect of the Department of Lands, the allocation of "resources" will be subject to the normal budgeting processes and competing statewide priorities.
- (2) Allocation of funding will be determined after the adoption of the plan and in the light of normal budgeting processes and competing state-wide priorities. It will include consideration of factors such as income available from the reserve, relative priorities of management objectives and relevant strategies identified in the Manning River Estuary Management Plan and the Farquhar Inlet Entrance

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Opening Management Plan, which is currently being prepared by Greater Taree City Council and the Department of Environment and Climate Change.

\*4359 CROWN LAND RESERVES—Mr John Turner asked 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 separate Crown Land Reserves are there on the foreshore at Port Macquarie between the area known as Town Beach and the area known as Settlement Point?
- (2) What is the official description of each of those reserves?
- (3) How and by whom are each reserve administered?
- (4) (a) Is there a Trust Deed for each reserve?  
(b) If so, where may those Trust Deeds be inspected?
- (5) If there are no Trust Deeds, why not?
- (6) What income, if any, is delivered from each such reserve?
- (7) If any income is derived, what is such income used for?

Answer—

- (1) There are four Crown reserves on the foreshore between Town Beach and Settlement Point.
- (2) They are reserve 82916 for public recreation notified in the Government Gazette on 2 December 1960, reserve 82306 for public recreation notified on 29 January 1960, reserve 87617 for public recreation notified on 9 January 1970 and reserve 54279 for public recreation notified 19 November 1920.
- (3) These reserves are managed by Port Macquarie-Hastings Council in accordance with the provisions of the Crown Lands Act 1989.
- (4) No.
- (5) It is no longer the practice of the Department of Lands to issue trust deeds for reserved Crown land. This practice ceased many years ago.
- (6) and (7) Income delivered from these reserves is collected by Port Macquarie-Hastings Council in its capacity as reserve trust manager. Further enquiries in this regard should be directed to Council.

\*4360 IMPROVED FIRE TRAIL ACCESS—Mr Ray Williams asked the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—

- (1) What avenues, either practical or financial, are available for the State Government to assist with fire trail improvements and access roads to fire trails?
- (2) Will the Government assist Hawkesbury Council with its application for funding from the Federal Government for improved fire trail access through the upgrade of Mountain Lagoon Road?
- (3) Will the Government improve the fire trail access in the Colo Heights area by contributing to a bridge on Comleroy Road over Wheeney Creek?

Answer—

- (1) There are a number of State and Commonwealth grant funding programs to assist land managers, including local government, in the maintenance and construction of fire trails.
- (2) Funding under the Commonwealth and State Mitigation Grant programs is not available for public roads.
- (3) I am advised that Hawkesbury Council has not raised this as an issue with either the local Bush Fire Management Committee or as an application for grant funds through the various programs.

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\*4361 SMALL BUSINESSES—Mr Richard Amery asked the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

- (1) How many small businesses are there in the State of New South Wales?
- (2) What number of these are in regional parts of the State?
- (3) What is the estimated number of people in New South Wales that are employed by small businesses?
- (4) What is the number or percentage of small businesses in Australia that are located in New South Wales?

(5) What policies have been implemented to assist small business operators in this State?

Answer—

I am advised:

There are more than 635,000 small businesses in New South Wales, which account for 95 per cent of all businesses in the state and employ approximately 1 million people.

Around 34 per cent of all small businesses in Australia are located in NSW, with approximately 44 per cent based in regional areas.

The NSW Government has implemented a range of initiatives to help small business operators including:

- The Small Business Regulation Review which aims to reduce unnecessary bureaucracy and red tape
- Working with Commonwealth, State and Territories to introduce a national system for registering Australian Business Numbers and business names, trademark searching and a whole-of-government online business information service
- From 1 July this year the payroll tax threshold was increased to \$623,000 and will rise again each year in line with CPI and from 1 January 2009, payroll tax will be cut to 5.75 per cent.

4363 SOUTH EASTERN SYDNEY ILLAWARRA AREA HEALTH SERVICE—Mr Greg Aplin to ask the Minister for Local Government, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—

\*4364 UPGRADE OF ROYAL NORTH SHORE HOSPITAL—Mr Mike Baird asked 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—

Did the additional funds announced for the upgrade of Royal North Shore Hospital come from the funds allocated to the new Northern Beaches hospital?

Answer—

I am advised by the Hon John Della Bosca MLC, Minister for Health:

The funding for the redevelopment of Royal North Shore Hospital is as announced by the Treasurer in his Mini-Budget Speech of Tuesday 11 November 2008.

\*4365 SEAFORTH TAFE SITE—Mr Mike Baird asked the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women—

- (1) Will the Minister give the people of the Northern Beaches an assurance it will not sell the Seaforth TAFE site to free up funds as part of the Mini-Budget process?
- (2) Is the Minister open to using the Seaforth TAFE site for educational purposes?

Answer—

- (1) and (2) The Seaforth TAFE site will be sold in accordance with the plans announced in the NSW mini-budget, following the issue of a Department of Planning Director-General's site compatibility certificate enabling the site to be redeveloped for alternative purposes.

\*4367 PRIMARY SCHOOL PLAYGROUND FUNDING—Mr Peter Debnam asked the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women—

In relation to primary school playground funding:

What total funding has been provided to primary schools in the last 2 years for the establishment, maintenance or upgrade of playgrounds or playground equipment and in each case what funding was received by which school?

Answer—

There is no distinct program for funding primary school playgrounds. Playground maintenance and upgrades may be funded from the Department of Education and Training's Maintenance or Capital Works Programs.

In addition, schools may use their global funding budget, general school contributions, proceeds from the hire of school facilities and interest earnings to fund the installation and maintenance of playground equipment or playground upgrades.

As the Department identifies and records information relating to the establishment, maintenance or upgrade of playgrounds or playground equipment in various forms and databases, the production of a



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single list representing every playground item raised would be a significant diversion of the Department's resources.

4369 COMMUTER PARKING AT WEST RYDE AND EASTWOOD RAILWAY STATIONS—Mr Victor Dominello to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—

4371 NORTH COAST DAIRY INDUSTRY—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—

4373 BUDGET CUTS TO THE SYDNEY METROPOLITAN CATCHMENT AUTHORITY—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Water, Minister for Rural Affairs, and Minister for Regional Development—

4374 RESIDENTIAL REBATE PROGRAM—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—

\*4377 SCHOOL HALL—WHEELER HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL—Mr Brad Hazzard asked the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women—

(1) What is the timeline for delivery of a new school hall to Wheeler Heights Public School?

(2) Have tenders been called for the delivery of the school hall?

Answer—

(1) and (2) Planning for the Wheeler Heights Public School hall commenced this year.

As part of this Government's Building Better Schools program the hall will be built within the current term of Government.

\*4379 DEBT OUTSTANDING TO CREDITORS OF MANLY AND MONA VALE HOSPITALS—Mr Brad Hazzard asked 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—

What was the amount of debt outstanding for 30 days or more to creditors of (a) Manly Hospital and (b) Mona Vale Hospital as at:

- (i) 31 October 2008;
- (ii) 30 September 2008;
- (iii) 31 August 2008;
- (iv) 31 July 2008; and
- (v) 30 June 2008?

Answer—

Area Health Services are required to manage their budgets and pay their bills in a timely and business-like way.

The Department has introduced a number of strategies to reduce payment delays, including urgently establishing a special taskforce to identify changes that Area Health Services can make in order to keep within their budgets.

Other strategies include making sure that expenditure does not outstrip available funds for that month and prioritising payment of creditors. These activities are being monitored monthly.

As well as stronger monitoring each Area Health Service has been set an absolute target for creditors. This comes on top of protocols which require each Area Health Service to have a dedicated phone number for creditor enquiries to get back to creditors quickly about any inquiries and to keep a log of all creditor inquiries.

Northern Sydney Central Coast Area Health Service creditors with enquiries are encouraged to contact the Area Health Service creditor info line on 1800 818 507.

\*4380 AGENCY NURSES—Mr Brad Hazzard asked 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—

How many agency nurses were employed at the end of each month from June to October 2008 at:

- (a) Manly Hospital;

(b) Mona Vale Hospital?

Answer—

I am advised by the Hon John Della Bosca MLC, Minister for Health:

NSW Health utilises agency nurses on a needs basis, to ensure continuity of service provision during periods of staff absences or pending recruitment action to fill vacancies, where appropriate staff from the Area Health Service are unavailable.

The Department of Health routinely provides state wide workforce data in its Annual Report. Similarly, all Area Health Services publish localised workforce data in their Annual Reports.

\*4383 PUBLIC SCHOOL RESIDENCES—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson asked the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women—

- (1) Given the increasing levels of anxiety among school communities regarding the sale of school residences by the Department, exactly how many and which residences are earmarked for sale in Western, Southern, and Riverina regions?
- (2) Will community consultation take place prior to any decisions being made?
- (3) Are you aware that Monteagle Public School's residence, one of those earmarked for sale, is in the middle of the school's grounds?
- (4) When can I expect a response to my letter of May 2008 in regard to protests from Illabo P & C about the sale of that school's residence?

Answer—

- (1) Residences located at Bombala, Barmedman, Beelbangera, Bemboka, Bendick Murrell, Berrigan, Bibbenluke, Binalong, Binya, Borenore, Bowning, Breadalbane, Bredbo, Bribbaree, Burcher, Burraboi, Bylong Upper, Capertee, Captains Flat, Cargo, Coolabah, Cullen Bullen, Euabalong West, Eugowra, Ganmain, Greenthorpe, Hermidale, Hill End, Holbrook, Illabo, Jerangle, Junee, Koorawatha, Lue, Maimuru, Mallan, Manildra, Meadow Flat, Monteagle, Mumbil, Murrami, Nangus, Nevertire, Nimmitabel, Numeralla, Oaklands Central, Pleasant Hills, Rand, Rankin Springs, Reids Flat, Rugby, Savernake, Tallimba, Tarcutta, Tharbogang, Trangie, Ulan, Walbundrie, Wallendbeen, Wamoon, Whitton, Windeyer, Yanco, Yerong Creek in the Western, Illawarra and South East and Riverina Regions have been identified as no longer being required for teacher housing purposes and are subject to review.

It is likely that many of these residences will eventually be sold for private occupation.

- (2) Yes. Consultation is being undertaken with the local School Education Director, Principal and community as appropriate, based on the circumstances at each location.
- (3) The Monteagle residence sits across two residential lots on the south/western corner of the school site. It is not situated in the middle of the school grounds.
- (4) A letter in response to Ms Hodgkinson's representations of 29 May 2008, was forwarded directly to Mr David Carter, Secretary, Illabo Progress Association, by Ms Virginia Judge MP, the former Parliamentary Secretary for Education and Training on 15 July 2008. A copy was also forwarded to Ms Hodgkinson's electorate office on the same day.

\*4389 PARKING FEES AT SUTHERLAND HOSPITAL—Mr Malcolm Kerr asked 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) How much money has been raised by the collection of parking fees at Sutherland Hospital for each of the last three years?
- (2) For what purpose are these monies allocated?

Answer—

I am advised by the Minister for Health:

Each Area Health Service is required, in their respective annual reports, to publish information on revenue raised from other sources, which includes car parking.

The Member's question relates to hospitals within the South East Illawarra Area Health Service. The South East Illawarra Area Health Service's 2007/08 Annual Report will be available shortly.

All income, including car parking fees, is utilised within Area Health Services to provide direct clinical services to the community.

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4391 CHATSWOOD TO EPPING RAIL LINE—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—

4398 ENERGY EFFICIENCY AUDIT AND REFIT PROGRAM—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—

\*4401 MOUNT DRUITT HIGH DEPENDENCY UNIT—Mrs Jillian Skinner asked 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—

Given that the Minister for Health announced on 23 March 2005 that Mount Druitt Hospital was to become the Centre for Excellence with a commitment to providing ongoing Emergency Department Service including the essential High Dependency Unit (announced in the 2004 Area Health Service Report), why was this High Dependency Unit closed for a number of weeks in September and October 2008?

Answer—

I am advised by the Hon John Della Bosca MLC, Minister for Health:

The High Dependency Unit at Mount Druitt Hospital was vacant for four days in September, 2008 and 18 days in October, 2008 as there were no patients requiring High Dependency Unit service at those times.

\*4404 FUNDING FOR ANTI-BULLYING PROGRAMS—Mr Rob Stokes asked the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women—

What level of funding has been provided to primary and high schools in the Pittwater electorate to support anti-bullying programs?

Answer—

The New South Wales Government does not tolerate any form of bullying in our schools. We are sending a strong message that bullying is unacceptable through our Anti-bullying Plan for Schools. All schools must have a plan that equips schools, teachers, students and parents with specific strategies to identify, report and deal with bullying behaviours. \$67 million has been provided in the State Budget over four years for initiatives to combat disruptive behaviour.

A range of financial, professional and advisory support is provided to primary and high schools in the Pittwater electorate to enable them to promote, plan, implement and evaluate individual Anti Bullying Plans in schools.

All schools are required to have an Anti-bullying Plan, which includes strategies to identify, report and deal with bullying behaviour. Regional support officers such as student welfare consultants are trained, and have been resourced, to support government schools with anti-bullying initiatives.

Government schools implement programs via curriculum areas such as Personal Development, Health and Physical Education and Child Protection Education. Indirect bullying is also addressed via multiagency approaches such as the Crime Prevention Workshop for Secondary Schools which has a module addressing the issue of cyber harassment and intimidation designed to be jointly delivered by teachers and New South Wales Police. MindMatters, a national mental health initiative for secondary schools also includes modules for females to develop social and emotional skills and foster home, school and community partnerships.

There are also many programs which provide particular support for female students and encourage positive peer relations across schools such as peer support, 'buddy' programs and mentoring programs. Peer mediation programs where students help resolve student disputes in a positive manner, and social skills programs, with modules for teachers, students and parents, to reinforce skills learnt at school and at home help foster skills which help to counter bullying behaviour.

Many schools offer programs in which female students can demonstrate responsibility and citizenship through community service both within and outside their school. Student representative councils and student anti-bullying committees also encourage students to become actively involved in their school, holding regular meetings to discuss issues and find solutions.

Student-led activities in schools such as school poster competitions, skits, drama, and visual arts help raise student awareness and promote responsible behaviour. Students implement resources such as Taking Action, Keeping Safe: A resource for student leaders to counter bullying. Activities in the resource have been designed to be conducted either by teachers with student leaders or by student leaders with other

students and aim to teach the skills to be able to recognise and respond appropriately to bullying behaviour, including covert or indirect bullying.

Students are now more willing to speak out about bullying behaviour with schools implementing excellent strategies to raise awareness and teach students the skills to counter bullying.

The Government is actively involved in developing and promoting strategies to counter covert bullying. Recently, for example, a technology guide for parents was produced titled Click - A technology guide for parents. The guide provides parents with information and strategies to better protect young people from risks associated with technology use and is available on the Department of Education and Training's internet web site.

The Government has also undertaken to establish a Youth Advisory Group to ensure that the Government is kept up-to-date with issues that affect young people online.

The issue of bullying in our schools is taken seriously and all schools make strenuous efforts to ensure that children are safe. Evidence of the excellent practices in place to counter bullying and examples of what schools are already doing are provided on national web sites such as Bullying. No Way!

4405 CORRECTIONAL CENTRE ESCAPE—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—

4406 KEMPSEY DISTRICT HOSPITAL—FORMER EMPLOYEE—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—

\*4408 ARSENIC AND OTHER METALS—MACLEAY RIVER AT BELLBROOK—Mr Andrew Stoner asked 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—

In relation to the presence of arsenic and other metals in the Macleay River at Bellbrook following periods of rain:

- (1) What are safe National Health and Medical Research Council levels of arsenic in drinking water?
- (2) What blood tests have been done of the Bellbrook population, particularly the children?
- (3) How many times have the North Coast Area Health Service Public Health Unit and other accountable groups met?

Answer—

I am advised by the Hon John Della Bosca MLC, Minister for Health:

- (1) The guideline value for arsenic in drinking water is 0.007 milligrams per litre (Australian Drinking Water Guidelines, National Health and Medical Research Council 2004). The guideline value is "the concentration that, based on present knowledge, does not result in any significant risk to the health of the consumer over a lifetime of consumption."
- (2) The North Coast Area Health Service Public Health Unit has not conducted any blood tests on the Bellbrook population. The Area Health Service is aware that a local GP has conducted blood tests for arsenic and he reported no abnormal findings.
- (3) The Public Health Unit of the North Coast Area Health Service has held numerous meetings with Macleay Valley Water. The Public Health Unit has also met as part the Hillgrove/Macleay Interagency Working Group (chaired by Department of Premier and Cabinet) on three occasions and jointly with the Bellbrook Community and Macleay Water on one occasion.

4409 ARSENIC AND OTHER METALS—MACLEAY RIVER AT BELLBROOK—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Minister for Water, Minister for Rural Affairs, and Minister for Regional Development—

4411 WORKBENCHES AT MID NORTH COAST CORRECTIONAL CENTRE—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—

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- 4414 MONEY TRANSFERS INTO TAB ACCOUNTS BY PHONE—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Gaming and Racing, and Minister for Sport and Recreation—
- 4415 ROYAL NORTH SHORE HOSPITAL—Mr Greg Aplin to ask the Minister for Local Government, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—
- 4416 LAND TAX CLAIM OVER SYDNEY AIRPORT—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Finance, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Regulatory Reform, and Minister for Ports and Waterways representing the Treasurer—
- 4417 INVESTMENTS FOR NSW LOTTERIES—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Finance, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Regulatory Reform, and Minister for Ports and Waterways representing the Treasurer—
- 4418 ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Minister for Finance, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Regulatory Reform, and Minister for Ports and Waterways—
- \*4419 PACIFIC BLUE RESORT—Mr Craig Baumann asked the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo—
- (1) How many submissions did the Department of Planning receive prior to approving the development application for the Pacific Blue Resort at Salamander Bay, Port Stephens?
  - (2) How many objections did the Department of Planning receive to the development application for the resort?
  - (3) How many letters of support did the Department of Planning receive for the development application for the resort?
  - (4) What conditions were placed on the Department of Planning's approval of the resort DA?
  - (5) Acknowledging that the resort is within a residential neighbourhood, what noise restrictions were placed on the Department of Planning's approval of the Pacific Blue Resort?
- Answer—
- (1) I am advised by the Department of Planning that they have received four public submissions on the Pacific Blue Resort development application.
  - (2) All four submissions objected to the proposal.
  - (3) There were no letters of support.
  - (4) 80 conditions were imposed to ensure the on-going amenity of residents, prevent/minimise environmental impacts and appropriately manage the facility, including, hours of operation, noise limits for plant and machinery, design details, earthworks, traffic and parking, landscaping, ESD, ventilation, waste management, s.94 contributions, demolition, excavation, structural works, fire safety, public safety, tourist occupation, noise management, lighting, auditing and compliance.
  - (5) Noise restrictions placed on the development approval include limits for noise emissions from plant and machinery, restrictions on the hours of operation and restrictions during construction.
- 4420 ACCESS TO FREE IMMUNISATION—Mr Craig Baumann 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—
- 4421 PROVISION OF DISABILITY SERVICES—Mr Andrew Constance to ask the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—
- 4422 SOLAR ENERGY TECHNOLOGY—Mr Peter Debnam 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, Minister for State Development, and Acting Minister for Small Business—
- 4423 ELECTRIC CAR TECHNOLOGY—Mr Peter Debnam 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, Minister for State Development, and Acting Minister for Small Business—
- 4425 SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS REGIONAL SHOOTING COMPLEX—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Gaming and Racing, and Minister for Sport and Recreation—
- 4426 MENTAL HEALTH DIAGNOSES—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Local Government, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—

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- 4427 HOSPITAL CONTRACT WORKS—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson 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—
- 4428 TRAIN TRAVEL—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 4429 WUNDARRA SERVICES—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Community Services—
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- 4516 SHOWGROUND FUNDING—Mr Kerry Hickey to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—
- \*4517 WEST WALLSEND FIRE STATION—Mr Kerry Hickey asked the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—
- When was the West Wallsend fire station that is/was being built first promised to the community and when is it likely to be built?
- Answer—
- The NSW Fire Brigades Hunter Valley building program was announced in 1999.
- The West Wallsend construction project is being managed by the Department of Commerce, which advises that it expects the station to be completed by the end of 2009.
- 4518 KURRI KURRI AND CESSNOCK HOSPITALS—Mr Kerry Hickey 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—
- 4519 CESSNOCK AND KURRI KURRI POLICE STATIONS—Mr Kerry Hickey to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—
- 4520 ROADS IN THE HUNTER VINEYARD AREA—Mr Kerry Hickey to ask the Minister for Roads—
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- 4522 GREATER SOUTHERN AREA HEALTH SERVICE (GSAHS) BREACH OF PRIVACY—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson 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—
- 4523 WIND FARM COST—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—
- 4524 SPRING FAIR—HORNSBY HOSPITAL—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—
- 4525 MENTAL HEALTH INTENSIVE CARE UNIT—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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- 4527 HEATHCOTE LAND—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 4528 GRAFFITI DAMAGE—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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- 4530 SUTHERLAND HOSPITAL NURSES—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—
- 4531 EMERGENCY OPERATIONS—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—
- 4532 TRAIN TICKET SALES—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 4533 CAPTAIN COOK'S LANDING PLACE—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—
- 4535 EXTRA NEW BUSES—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 4536 UNATTACHED/DISPLACED EMPLOYEES—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Premier, and Minister for the Arts—
- 4537 NORTH WEST METRO RAIL LINE—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 4538 MEMBERSHIP OF THE AUSTRALIAN ROAD RULES MAINTENANCE GROUP—Mr Donald Page to ask the Minister for Roads—
- 4539 SPECIAL NEEDS TEACHERS—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women—
- 4540 SCHOOL AND TAFE FUNDING—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women—
- 4541 FOR FIRST HOME BUYERS—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Finance, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Regulatory Reform, and Minister for Ports and Waterways representing the Treasurer—
- 4542 WASTE SERVICE IMPROVEMENT PAYMENTS—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—
- 4543 WASTE SERVICE IMPROVEMENT PAYMENTS—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—
- 4544 STATE COORDINATOR CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—
- 4545 GOVERNMENT BUS PASSES—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 4546 STATE LOTTERIES REVENUE—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Gaming and Racing, and Minister for Sport and Recreation—
- 4547 ALCOHOL-RELATED INJURIES OR ILLNESSES—Mr Rob Stokes 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—
- 4548 REVOCATION OF LAND—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—
- 4549 "PARK-AND-RIDE" FACILITIES—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—

\*4550 STATE HERITAGE REGISTER—Mr Rob Stokes asked the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo—

- (1) How many recommendations for inclusion of items on the State Heritage Register has the department received from the Heritage Council in the financial year 2007-08?
- (2) How many of these were approved?
- (3) How many were rejected?
- (4) How many were subject to review by a Ministerial Review Panel before a decision was made?

Answer—

- (1) There were fourteen recommendations made by the Heritage Council for listing on the State Heritage Register during the financial year 2007-2008.
- (2) Nine of these items have been listed on the State Heritage Register.
- (3) One.
- (4) Five items were subject to review by a Ministerial Review Panel. A decision has been made on four of these items.

\*4551 STATE HERITAGE REGISTER—Mr Rob Stokes asked the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo—

- (1) How many items included on the State Heritage Register were deemed to have met only one of the seven criteria for heritage significance?
- (2) What, if any, were these items?

Answer—

- (1) For items included on the State Heritage Register and subject to assessment under the State Heritage Register criteria there are two items deemed to have met one of the seven criteria for State heritage significance.
- (2) The items are:
  - Woodlands, 1 Werona Avenue, Killara.
  - Rosebank, 17 Speed Street, Liverpool.

4552 STATE HERITAGE REGISTER—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo—

\*4553 TREE PRESERVATION OFFICERS—Mr Rob Stokes asked the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo—

- (1) Do council Tree Preservation Officers or other council officers possess the legal authority to require persons engaged in trimming or lopping trees to provide evidence as to their identify, address and qualifications?
- (2) If yes, where is this authority enshrined in legislation?
- (3) If no, why do council officers not possess this authority?

Answer—

- (1) Yes.
- (2) Part 6 Division 1A of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act.
- (3) N/A.

4554 SALE OF CROWN ROADS—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—

4555 HARRINGTON BEACH STATE PARK—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—

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- 4557 WORLD YOUTH DAY—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo—
- 4558 SPECIAL NEEDS TEACHERS—ALBURY ELECTORATE—Mr Greg Aplin to ask the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women—
- 4559 STUDENT BUS PASSES—ALBURY ELECTORATE—Mr Greg Aplin to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 4560 FORMER SEAFORTH TAFE SITE—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women—
- 4561 NORTHERN BEACHES HOSPITAL—Mr Mike Baird 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—
- \*4562 POLICE COLLEGE—COLLINS BEACH—Mr Mike Baird asked the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo—
- Will the Minister agree to formally consult with the community before approving development plans in relation to the Australian Federal Police's police college at Collins Beach, North Head?
- Answer—
- The community has been formally consulted. The Project Application for the proposal was formally publicly exhibited from 15 December 2007 to 15 February 2008. At this time, submissions were invited from the community and any other interested party.
- 4563 WATER INFRASTRUCTURE—HUNTER WATER CORPORATION—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Minister for Water, Minister for Rural Affairs, and Minister for Regional Development—
- 4565 UPGRADE TO THE NELSON BAY AMBULANCE STATION—Mr Craig Baumann 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—
- 4566 CAR SPACE LEVY—CHATSWOOD—Ms Gladys Berejiklian to ask the Minister for Roads—
- 4567 CAR SPACE LEVY—CHATSWOOD—Ms Gladys Berejiklian to ask the Minister for Roads—
- 4568 BERMAGUI PRESCHOOL—Mr Andrew Constance to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- 4569 TRUCK STOPS—Mr Andrew Constance to ask the Minister for Roads—
- 4570 BEGA VALLEY SHIRE HOSPITAL—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—
- 4571 STAFFING AND STRUCTURAL CHANGES—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Premier, and Minister for the Arts—
- 4572 GRAFFITI RELATED OFFENCES—Mr Victor Dominello 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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- 4574 GRAFFITI RELATED OFFENCES—Mr Victor Dominello 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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- 4575 GRAFFITI REMOVAL AND PREVENTION—STATE RAIL—Mr Victor Dominello to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 4576 GRAFFITI REMOVAL AND PREVENTION MEASURES—Mr Victor Dominello to ask the Premier, and Minister for the Arts—
- 4577 INQUIRY INTO CHILD PROTECTION—Mr Victor Dominello to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- 4578 ZEBRA CROSSING—HASTINGS PUBLIC SCHOOL—Mr Andrew Fraser to ask the Minister for Roads—
- 4579 COSTS OF PENSIONS TO FORMER MEMBERS AND BY-ELECTIONS—Mr Thomas George to ask the Minister for Finance, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Regulatory Reform, and Minister for Ports and Waterways representing the Treasurer—
- 4580 TECHNOLOGY FOR THE HARBOUR BRIDGE AND TUNNEL CONGESTION TAX—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Roads—
- 4581 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PERPETRATOR PROGRAMS—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women—
- 4582 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PERPETRATOR PROGRAMS—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—
- 4583 LOGGING OPERATIONS IN OLD GROWTH FORESTS—Ms Pru Goward 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, Minister for State Development—
- 4584 FILLING OF VACANCIES—Mrs Shelley Hancock to ask the Minister for Local Government, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—
- 4585 ORTHOPAEDIC SURGERY—Mrs Shelley Hancock 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—
- 4586 BUILDING STRONGER LOCAL COMMUNITIES—Mr Chris Hartcher 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—
- 4587 POLICE NUMBERS—BRISBANE WATER LOCAL AREA COMMAND—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—
- 4588 SWORN STATEMENTS—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Premier, and Minister for the Arts—
- 4589 STUDIES OF PINCH POINTS IN TRAFFIC FLOW—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Minister for Roads—
- 4590 IMPROVING TRAFFIC FLOW—WARRINGAH ROAD AND WAKEHURST PARKWAY INTERSECTION—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Minister for Roads—
- 4591 EXPANSION OF PORT OF NEWCASTLE—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Minister for Finance, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Regulatory Reform, and Minister for Ports and Waterways—
- 4592 TRAVEL FROM THE NORTHERN BEACHES—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Premier, and Minister for the Arts—
- 4593 TRAVEL FROM THE NORTHERN BEACHES—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Premier, and Minister for the Arts—
- 4594 TRAVEL TO AND FROM THE NORTHERN BEACHES—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Minister for Finance, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Regulatory Reform, and Minister for Ports and Waterways—

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- 4597 ASSETS SALES—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- 4598 ASSETS SALES—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women—
- 4599 MRS J HOLLAND—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson 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—
- 4600 CHILD SERVICES FACILITIES—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- 4601 REPRESENTATION ABOUT PACIFIC HIGHWAY—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Roads—
- 4602 RENAL DIALYSIS FACILITY—MONA VALE HOSPITAL—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—
- 4603 MAINTENANCE WORKS—TOM UGLY'S BRIDGE—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Roads—
- 4604 UPGRADE OF TRAFFIC LIGHTS—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Roads—
- 4605 CONSULTATIONS WITH INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVES—Mr Daryl Maguire to ask the Minister for Gaming and Racing, and Minister for Sport and Recreation—
- 4606 CLOSURE AND AMALGAMATION OF POLICE COMMUNICATIONS CENTRES—Mr Daryl Maguire to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—
- 4607 RESTRUCTURING NSW ELECTRICITY INDUSTRY AND FEDERAL CARBON POLLUTION REDUCTION SCHEME—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Premier, and Minister for the Arts—
- 4608 SACS INDUSTRY PLAN—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- 4609 ADOPTION ACT—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- 4610 ANIMAL PRODUCTS FOOD LABELLING—Ms Clover Moore 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, Minister for State Development—
- 4611 FRAUD COSTS AND PREVENTION—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—
- 4612 SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH CITY OF SYDNEY—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Housing, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 4613 INJECTION OF PRESCRIPTION DRUGS—Ms Clover Moore 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—
- 4614 CHILDREN OF PRISONERS—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, Minister for Justice, and Minister for Industrial Relations—
- 4615 ALLEGED INCIDENT—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo—
- 4616 FUNDING FOR "EXTRA SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECTS"—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women—

- \*4617 SCHOOL MAINTENANCE AND CAPITAL WORKS—Mr Jonathan O'Dea asked the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women—  
How much was spent in school maintenance and capital works in the past financial year for schools in the Davidson electorate?  
Answer—  
In 2007-08, \$558,783 was spent on school maintenance and \$496,269 was spent on capital works for schools in the Davidson electorate.
- 4618 COUNTRY REGIONAL NETWORK SERVICES—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 4619 MERGER OF BACK OFFICE FUNCTIONS—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—
- 4620 IMPROVEMENT OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 4621 ADVERTISED POSITIONS—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—
- 4622 VALUATION REPORT—Mr Michael Richardson 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—
- 4623 INTERSTATE TRAFFIC FINES—LENIENCY PROVISION—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Finance, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Regulatory Reform, and Minister for Ports and Waterways representing the Treasurer—
- 4624 CAR-POOLING—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Roads—
- 4626 REVOCATION OF DRIVERS LICENCES—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Finance, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Regulatory Reform, and Minister for Ports and Waterways representing the Treasurer—
- 4627 USE OF POLICE STATIONS AS POLICE RESIDENCES—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—
- 4628 DPI DAIRY OFFICER—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, Minister for State Development—
- 4629 CAPE HAWKE COMMUNITY PRIVATE HOSPITAL—Mr John Turner 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—
- 4630 SALE OF PERPETUAL LEASES—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—
- 4631 UNDERGROUND WATER LICENCES—Mr John Turner 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, Minister for State Development—

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- 4632 HEALTH FUNDING—WESTERN SUBURBS OF SYDNEY—Mr Richard Amery 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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- 4633 ALBURY LOCAL AREA COMMAND—Mr Greg Aplin to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—
- 4634 PEAK-HOUR TOLL/CONGESTION TAX—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Roads—
- 4635 GREEN SLIP INCREASES—Mr Andrew Constance to ask the Minister for Roads—
- 4636 BONDI ROAD WEEKEND CLEARWAY TRIAL—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Roads—
- 4637 WOOD REPORT—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- \*4638 COWRA LOCAL ABORIGINAL LANDS COUNCIL—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson asked the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—
- Given the widely held concerns by the Aboriginal community in the Cowra district about the operation of the Cowra Local Aboriginal Lands Council will you appoint an administrator to oversee the operations of the council?
- Answer—
- The Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983 specifies the grounds on which I, as Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, may consider appointing an administrator to a Local Aboriginal Land Council.
- It should be noted that I can only appoint an administrator with the consent of the NSW Aboriginal Land Council.
- According to the most recent NSW Aboriginal Land Council report to me summarising the performance of Local Aboriginal Land Councils to 30 June 2008, Cowra Local Aboriginal Land Council is not in breach of the Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983.
- 4639 COWRA COURT HOUSE—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, Minister for Justice, and Minister for Industrial Relations—
- 4641 AMBER ALERT PROGRAM—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—
- 4642 STAFF AT HORNSBY POLICE STATION—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—
- 4643 WORKPLACE INJURIES—SYDNEY DESALINATION PLANT SITE—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Water, Minister for Rural Affairs, and Minister for Regional Development—
- 4644 KU-RING-GAI COUNCIL HIGH DENSITY PLAN—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo—
- 4645 SPEED CAMERA—ARTERIAL ROAD ST IVES—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—
- 4646 TAXI SUBSIDY SCHEME SMART CARD—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 4647 HOME MODIFICATION AND MAINTENANCE SERVICES—Mr Adrian Piccoli to ask the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—
- 4648 TARGET ACTION GROUP—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—
- 4649 ABORIGINAL LIAISON OFFICER—Mr Geoff Provest 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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- 4651 UPGRADE OF THE PACIFIC HIGHWAY BETWEEN KEMPSEY AND EUNGAI—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Minister for Roads—
- 4652 CROWN LAND—SOUTH WEST ROCKS—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—
- 4653 REZONING DECISIONS—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo—
- 4654 PUBLIC TRAVELLING STOCK ROUTE—Mr Ray Williams 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, Minister for State Development—
- 4655 CLOSURE OF DPI RESEARCH STATIONS—Mr Ray Williams 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, Minister for State Development—
- 4656 EMISSIONS PERFORMANCE OF THE STATE TRANSIT AUTHORITY BUS FLEET—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Minister for Roads—

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- 4657 ACCIDENTS AND EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS—Mr Richard Amery 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—
- 4658 RAYMOND TERRACE POLICE STATION—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—
- 4659 FUNDING FOR LOWER HUNTER TEMPORARY CARE INC.—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—
- 4660 PRESCHOOL AND CHILDCARE SERVICES—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- 4661 GRAFFITI AND VANDALISM—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—
- 4662 PROPERTY VALUERS—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Citizenship, and Minister Assisting the Premier on the Arts—
- 4663 HOLYOAKE MAITLAND—Mr Craig Baumann 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—
- 4664 WASTE AND ENVIRONMENT LEVY—Mr Steve Cansdell to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—
- 4665 USE OF E10 FUEL IN GOVERNMENT VEHICLES—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Premier, and Minister for the Arts—
- 4666 LIDDELL SOLAR GENERATOR—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—
- 4667 VISITS TO SOLAR THERMAL ELECTRICITY GENERATORS—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women—

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- 4668 GRAFFITI DAMAGE—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—
- 4669 GRAFFITI DAMAGE—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 4670 CONCESSIONS FOR BUS SERVICES IN REGIONAL AREAS—Mr Thomas George to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 4671 FEED IN TARIFF SCHEME—Ms Pru Goward 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, Minister for State Development—
- 4672 MATERNITY SUPPORT—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women—
- 4673 WASTE LEVY REVENUE—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—
- 4674 WASTE LEVY—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—
- 4675 BIDWELL HOUSING ESTATE—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Minister for Housing, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 4676 SCHOOL BUS PASSES—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 4677 PRIVATISATION OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES—Mr Kerry Hickey to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, Minister for Justice, and Minister for Industrial Relations—
- 4678 SPECIAL COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO CHILD PROTECTION—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- 4679 BOOROWA HOSPITAL—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson 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—
- 4680 TIMBER BRIDGES AND MR54—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Roads—
- 4681 RECORD KEEPING—HORNSBY PUBLIC HEALTH FACILITIES—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—
- 4682 REPRESENTATION REGARDING TRAFFIC CONDITIONS AT WAITARA—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Roads—
- 4683 DEFERRED PAYMENT OF TAX ON GAMING MACHINE REVENUE—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Gaming and Racing, and Minister for Sport and Recreation—
- 4684 BRANCH LINE CLOSURES—Mr Kevin Humphries to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 4685 LOCAL ABORIGINAL LAND COUNCIL FRAUD—Mr Kevin Humphries to ask the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—
- 4686 POLICE REQUESTS—Mr Kevin Humphries 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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- 4687 INCIDENTS OF SELF-HARM—CRONULLA ELECTORATE—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—
- 4688 SCHOOL MAINTENANCE AND CAPITAL WORKS EXPENDITURE—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women—
- 4689 FUNDING FOR THE SOUTH EASTERN SYDNEY AND ILLAWARRA AREA HEALTH SERVICE—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—
- 4690 CROWN LEASE CONVERSIONS—Mr Daryl Maguire to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—
- 4691 POLICE MEDALS—Mr Daryl Maguire to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—
- 4692 SENTENCES FOR GRAFFITI OFFENCES—Mr Wayne Merton to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, Minister for Justice, and Minister for Industrial Relations—
- 4693 GRAFFITI OFFENCES—Mr Wayne Merton to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, Minister for Justice, and Minister for Industrial Relations—
- 4694 TEACHERS STOP WORK MEETING—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women—
- 4695 DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND YOUTH AFFAIRS PROPERTIES—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women—
- 4696 TEACHERS PAY NEGOTIATIONS—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women—
- 4697 NORTH COAST AREA HEALTH SERVICE—Mr Donald Page 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—
- 4698 TROPICAL HORTICULTURE CENTRE—Mr Donald Page 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, Minister for State Development—
- 4699 FUNDING FOR COASTAL FLOOD PROJECTS—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—
- 4700 PHYSIOTHERAPISTS EMPLOYED AT 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—
- 4701 AGENCY NURSES EMPLOYED AT 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—
- 4702 LPG GAS BOTTLES—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—
- 4703 BLUE CIRCLE SOUTHERN CEMENT EMISSIONS—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—
- 4704 MYALL RIVER AND LAKES SYSTEM—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—

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- 4705 CLIMATE CHANGE, POLICY AND PROGRAMS GROUP—POLICY OFFICERS—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—
- 4706 CLIMATE CHANGE, POLICY AND PROGRAMS GROUP—PROJECT OFFICERS—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—
- 4707 CLIMATE CHANGE, POLICY AND PROGRAMS GROUP—TECHNICAL POLICY ADVISORS—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—
- 4708 DETENTION OF JUVENILE OFFENDERS—Mr Anthony Roberts to ask the Minister for Juvenile Justice, Minister for Volunteering, and Minister for Youth—
- 4709 DETENTION OF JUVENILE OFFENDERS—Mr Anthony Roberts to ask the Minister for Juvenile Justice, Minister for Volunteering, and Minister for Youth—
- 4710 REVENUE RAISED FROM SPEED CAMERA ON VICTORIA ROAD—Mr Anthony Roberts to ask the Minister for Finance, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Regulatory Reform, and Minister for Ports and Waterways representing the Treasurer—
- 4711 FUNDING FOR MARINE RESCUE SERVICES—Mr Anthony Roberts to ask the Minister for Finance, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Regulatory Reform, and Minister for Ports and Waterways—
- 4712 EPPING ROAD USAGE—Mr Anthony Roberts to ask the Minister for Roads—
- 4713 SPEEDING INFRINGEMENT NOTICES—VICTORIA ROAD—Mr Anthony Roberts to ask the Minister for Finance, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Regulatory Reform, and Minister for Ports and Waterways representing the Treasurer—
- 4714 DRUG PAMPHLETS—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—
- 4715 CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITIES—BUDGETS—Mr John Turner to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—
- 4716 SYDNEY INTERNATIONAL EQUESTRIAN CENTRE—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—
- 4717 COST OF ADVERTISING THE NORTH WEST METRO—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 4718 BUS EXHAUST GASES PURIFIER—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Minister for Roads—

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- 4719 CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT POINTS SYSTEM—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Citizenship, and Minister Assisting the Premier on the Arts—
- 4720 REDUCTION OF CHLOROFLUOROCARBONS—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—
- 4721 COUNCIL RATES—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Local Government, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—
- 4722 MANLY WHARF—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 4723 PATRONAGE ON MANLY TO CIRCULAR QUAY SERVICES—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—

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- 4724 ELECTRICITY PLAN—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Finance, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Regulatory Reform, and Minister for Ports and Waterways—
- 4725 ELECTRICITY PLAN—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Premier, and Minister for the Arts—
- 4726 CUTS TO YOUTH HEALTH SERVICES—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Juvenile Justice, Minister for Volunteering, and Minister for Youth—
- 4727 CONNECTING NSW STRATEGY—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—
- 4728 DEPARTMENTAL STAFF—Mr Mike Baird 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—
- 4729 MORTGAGE STRESS—NELSON BAY AND RAYMOND TERRACE—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Premier, and Minister for the Arts—
- 4730 CRISIS ACCOMMODATION IN PORT STEPHENS—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Minister for Housing, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 4731 CHANGES TO NEWCASTLE BUSES TIMETABLES—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 4732 MINISTERIAL STAFF—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Roads—
- 4733 MINISTERIAL STAFF—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Finance, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Regulatory Reform, and Minister for Ports and Waterways—
- 4734 CLEARWAYS ON NEW SOUTH HEAD ROAD—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Roads—
- 4735 SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION OF HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women—
- 4736 GOSFORD AND WYONG HOSPITALS—Mr Chris Hartcher 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—
- 4737 BUYBACK OF SOLAR ENERGY—Mr Kerry Hickey to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—
- 4738 E-BIKES—Mr Kerry Hickey to ask the Minister for Roads—
- 4739 CONTRACTS WITH COAL PRODUCERS—Mr Kerry Hickey to ask the Minister for Finance, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Regulatory Reform, and Minister for Ports and Waterways—
- 4740 MR220 LEVEL RAILWAY CROSSING—Mr Kerry Hickey to ask the Minister for Roads—
- 4741 ADOPTION ACT 2000—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- 4742 ROAD OVER RAIL BRIDGES IN HARDEN SHIRE—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Roads—
- 4743 COWRA HOSPITAL—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson 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—
- 4744 REPRESENTATION REGARDING NEW RULES FOR OLDER DRIVERS—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Roads—
- 4745 HORNSBY HOSPITAL MENTAL HEALTH INTENSIVE CARE UNIT—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Local Government, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—
- 4746 REPRESENTATION REGARDING PEDESTRIAN SAFETY—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Roads—

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- 4747 TOURISM EXPENDITURE—Mr Wayne Merton to ask the Minister for Tourism, Minister for the Hunter, Minister for Small Business, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- 4748 RED LIGHT CAMERA—BAULKHAM HILLS—Mr Wayne Merton to ask the Minister for Finance, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Regulatory Reform, and Minister for Ports and Waterways representing the Treasurer—
- 4749 HOSPITAL PUBLIC WORKS FUND—Mr Jonathan O'Dea 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—
- 4750 CORPORATE SERVICE AND SUPPORT ROLES—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Premier, and Minister for the Arts—
- 4751 RTA ADVICE ON HIGH RISE DEVELOPMENT ZONES—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Roads—
- 4752 ICU BEDS—HUNTER HOSPITALS—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—
- 4753 DIESEL SUBSIDY—Mr Greg Piper 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, Minister for State Development—
- 4754 PROJECT AT SANDLEWOOD AVENUE, CABARITA—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—
- 4755 GOVERNMENT SPECTACLES PROGRAM—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- 4756 ABORIGINAL HOUSING—TWEED ELECTORATE—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Housing, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 4757 BUSES—VICTORIA ROAD, GLADESVILLE—Mr Anthony Roberts to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 4758 CLOSURE OF KEELONG JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTRE—Mr Anthony Roberts to ask the Minister for Juvenile Justice, Minister for Volunteering, and Minister for Youth—
- 4759 CLOSURE OF JUVENILE JUSTICE FACILITIES—Mr Anthony Roberts to ask the Minister for Juvenile Justice, Minister for Volunteering, and Minister for Youth—
- 4760 MIDWIFERY STAFF—ROYAL PRINCE ALFRED HOSPITAL—Mrs Jillian Skinner 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—
- 4761 RECRUITMENT OF MIDWIVES AND NURSES—ROYAL PRINCE ALFRED HOSPITAL—Mrs Jillian Skinner 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—
- 4762 NURSES AND MIDWIVES—ROYAL PRINCE ALFRED HOSPITAL—Mrs Jillian Skinner 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—
- 4763 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING LAND—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women—
- 4764 RIOT SQUAD DEPLOYMENT—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—

- 4765 TRANSPORT BETWEEN ELANORA HEIGHTS AND CHATSWOOD—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 4766 INFRINGEMENT NOTICES FOR UNDERAGE DRINKING—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—
- 4767 INFRINGEMENT NOTICES FOR DRINKING IN ALCOHOL FREE ZONES—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—
- 4768 CONSIDERATION OF DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo—
- 4769 ALCOHOL-RELATED DAMAGE AND VIOLENCE—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—
- 4770 HERITAGE COUNCIL—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo—
- 4771 SALE OF CROWN LAND—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—
- 4772 OUTSTANDING CORRESPONDENCE—Mr John Turner to ask the Minister for Roads—
- 4773 OUTSTANDING CORRESPONDENCE—Mr John Turner to ask the Minister for Roads—
- 4774 NORTH WEST METRO UNDERGROUND TESTING—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 4775 NORTH WEST METRO OFFICE—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 4776 EMERGENCY SERVICES LEVY—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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- 4777 EMERGENCY SURGICAL OPERATIONS—Mr Richard Amery 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—
- 4778 DEPARTMENTAL STAFF—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women—
- 4779 DEPARTMENTAL STAFF—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 4780 DEPARTMENTAL STAFF—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—
- 4781 WALLSEND AGED CARE FACILITY—Mr Craig Baumann 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—
- 4782 POWER KIOSK AT MEDOWIE PUBLIC SCHOOL—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women—



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- 4783 TESTS FOR ALGAL BLOOMS IN MYALL RIVER—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—
- 4784 SCHOOL TRANSPORT SUBSIDY SCHEME—Ms Gladys Berejiklian to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 4785 CHATSWOOD TO EPPING RAIL LINE—Ms Gladys Berejiklian to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—
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- 4912 RESPITE CARE PLACES—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—
- (1) How many respite care places are situated in Western Sydney?
  - (2) How many of these are situated in the Mount Druitt electorate?
  - (3) What plans does the Government have for respite care places in the western suburbs of Sydney?
- 4913 SALE OF SPRAY PAINT CANS—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Citizenship, and Minister Assisting the Premier on the Arts—
- (1) What action is being taken by the Department of Fair Trading to enforce restrictions on the retail sale of spray paint cans?
  - (2) If any, has this action been shown to reduce the number of spray paint cans being sold for illegal purposes, such as for use in graffiti damage to public and private property?
- 4914 MURRAY CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY—Mr Greg Aplin to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—
- When will a Chairman and full board be appointed to the Murray Catchment Management Authority which currently has only two board members and an acting general manager?
- 4915 WETLAND LEASES—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Finance, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Regulatory Reform, and Minister for Ports and Waterways—
- How many invoices for wetland leases has NSW Maritime issued in the past 12 months that have been renegotiated because the payment requested exceeds that expected by the lessee?
- 4916 SHARK NETS—Mr Mike Baird 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, Minister for State Development—
- (1) Is the Minister aware that the by-catch for shark nets exceeds shark species?
  - (2) What is the Department doing to overcome the problem of species other than shark being trapped in shark nets?
- 4917 MONTHLY EXPENSE PERFORMANCE—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—
- Does the Minister receive a monthly update on expense performance relative to budget for both ministerial and departmental responsibilities?

- 4918 MONTHLY EXPENSE PERFORMANCE—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—  
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- 4919 MONTHLY EXPENSE PERFORMANCE—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women—  
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- 4920 MONTHLY EXPENSE PERFORMANCE—Mr Mike Baird 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, Minister for State Development—  
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- 4921 MONTHLY EXPENSE PERFORMANCE—Mr Mike Baird 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—  
Does the Minister receive a monthly update on expense performance relative to budget for both ministerial and departmental responsibilities?
- 4922 MONTHLY EXPENSE PERFORMANCE—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo—  
Does the Minister receive a monthly update on expense performance relative to budget for both ministerial and departmental responsibilities?
- 4923 PORT STEPHENS/MYALL LAKES ESTUARY MANAGEMENT PLAN—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Minister for Finance, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Regulatory Reform, and Minister for Ports and Waterways—  
(1) Following the publication of the Port Stephens/Myall Lakes Estuary Management Plan in July 2000, what recommendations, if any, as outlined in the report did any of your departments act on?  
(2) (a) Did your departments reject the recommendation in Table 4.6 of the report to "carry out channel maintenance dredging within carefully defined requirements"?  
(b) If so, on what grounds did your department reject this advice?  
(3) (a) Did your departments reject the recommendation in Table 4.6 of the report to "continue to pursue options for cost neutral dredging"?  
(b) If so, on what grounds did your department reject this advice?
- 4924 PORT STEPHENS/MYALL LAKES ESTUARY MANAGEMENT PLAN—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—  
(1) Following the publication of the Port Stephens/Myall Lakes Estuary Management Plan in July 2000, what recommendations, if any, as outlined in the report did any of your departments act on?  
(2) (a) Did your departments reject the recommendation in Table 4.6 of the report to "carry out channel maintenance dredging within carefully defined requirements"?  
(b) If so, on what grounds did your department reject this advice?  
(3) (a) Did your departments reject the recommendation in Table 4.6 of the report to "continue to pursue options for cost neutral dredging"?  
(b) If so, on what grounds did your department reject this advice?
- 4925 PORT STEPHENS/MYALL LAKES ESTUARY MANAGEMENT PLAN—Mr Craig Baumann 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) Following the publication of the Port Stephens/Myall Lakes Estuary Management Plan in July 2000, what recommendations, if any, as outlined in the report did any of your departments act on?  
(2) (a) Did your departments reject the recommendation in Table 4.6 of the report to "carry out channel maintenance dredging within carefully defined requirements"?



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- (b) If so, on what grounds did your department reject this advice?
- (3) (a) Did your departments reject the recommendation in Table 4.6 of the report to "continue to pursue options for cost neutral dredging"?
- (b) If so, on what grounds did your department reject this advice?
- 4926 WOMBAT CULLING—Ms Gladys Berejiklian to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—
- In relation to wombat culling in NSW:
- (1) What is your response to the article in the Sun Herald on 30 November 2008 regarding the culling of wombats?
- (2) How many wombats are culled every year in this state?
- (3) Why is this culling necessary?
- (4) What was the wombat population in NSW in 2003, and what is it now?
- (5) What is your position in relation to wombat culling in the future?
- 4927 ACCESS TO PUBLIC TRANSPORT—Ms Gladys Berejiklian to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- In relation to access to public transport for commuters with a disability:
- (1) What plans does the Government have to improve access in the 2008-2009 financial year?
- (2) What process does the Government use to consult with stakeholders on access issues in which stakeholders are involved?
- (3) What does the Government perceive to be the biggest challenges facing it in relation to delivering better access to transport services for people with a disability?
- 4928 STATE SUPER FUNDS—Ms Gladys Berejiklian to ask the Minister for Finance, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Regulatory Reform, and Minister for Ports and Waterways—
- In relation to superannuation:
- (1) How much does the State Government contribute to the State Superannuation Funds?
- (2) How much does the State Government contribute to the old SASS scheme?
- (3) How much does the State Government contribute to the current scheme?
- (4) What is the guaranteed amount of income for this financial year?
- 4929 ARTARMON RAILWAY STATION—Ms Gladys Berejiklian to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- In relation to Artarmon Railway Station:
- (1) What action has been taken by the Government to address concrete cancer in the southern underpass which was highlighted by a local engineer (North Shore Times 25 July 2008)?
- (2) Does the concrete cancer constitute a safety risk?
- (3) (a) Does the Government intend to take any further action in relation to this matter?
- (b) If so, when?
- 4930 SOLAR ENERGY—Ms Gladys Berejiklian 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, Minister for State Development—
- In relation to solar energy:
- (1) Does the Minister support the Federal Government's move to slash the rebate for residential solar panels?
- (2) (a) Has the Minister done an analysis as to the impact of this decision on NSW households wanting to invest in alternative energy?
- (b) If so, what are the results?
- 4931 CITYRAIL SCHEDULED SERVICES—Ms Gladys Berejiklian to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- (1) In relation to current CityRail scheduled services, how many:
- (a) 4 car services are:
- (i) morning peak services;
- (ii) afternoon peak services;

- (iii) weekday off peak services;
- (iv) weekday evening services; and
- (v) weekend services?
- (b) 6 car services are:
  - (i) morning peak services;
  - (ii) afternoon peak services;
  - (iii) weekday off peak services;
  - (iv) weekday evening services; and
  - (v) weekend services?
- (c) 8 car services are:
  - (i) morning peak services;
  - (ii) afternoon peak services;
  - (iii) weekday off peak services;
  - (iv) weekday evening services; and
  - (v) weekend services?
- (2) In relation to the proposed CityRail scheduled services, how many:
  - (a) 4 car services will be:
    - (i) morning peak services;
    - (ii) afternoon peak services;
    - (iii) weekday off peak services;
    - (iv) weekday evening services; and
    - (v) weekend services?
  - (b) 6 car services will be:
    - (i) morning peak services;
    - (ii) afternoon peak services;
    - (iii) weekday off peak services;
    - (iv) weekday evening services; and
    - (v) weekend services?
  - (c) 8 car services will be:
    - (i) morning peak services;
    - (ii) afternoon peak services;
    - (iii) weekday off peak services;
    - (iv) weekday evening services; and
    - (v) weekend services?

4932 SUBSIDY FOR THE SCHOOL STUDENT TRANSPORT SCHEME—Mr Peter Besseling to ask the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women—

- (1) How does the Department of Education and Training intend to collect the parental subsidy for bus travel under the School Student Transport Scheme?
- (2) What are the yearly income projections from this subsidy?

4933 VACANT LAND—PORT MACQUARIE—Mr Peter Besseling to ask the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women—

- (1) What vacant land does the Department of Education and Training hold in the Port Macquarie Electorate?
- (2) What area (in square metres) do these sites cover?

4934 CROWN LAND MANAGEMENT—Mr Peter Besseling 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) Is the government undertaking a plan of management process for Crown lands within the Harrington/Crowdy Head area?
- (2) If yes, at what stage have these plans progressed to?

4935 DEBTS OWED BY THE NORTH COAST AREA HEALTH SERVICE—Mr Peter Besseling 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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- (1) What is the value of outstanding debts owed by the North Coast Area Health Service that are more than 30 days in arrears?
  - (2) What is the value of outstanding debts owed by Port Macquarie Base Hospital that are more than 30 days in arrears?
  - (3) What is the government's policy on the timely payment of invoices from suppliers of goods and services to the North Coast Area Health Service?
- 4936 OXLEY HIGHWAY UPGRADE—Mr Peter Besseling to ask the Minister for Roads—
- (1) What is the current status of land acquisition negotiations for properties affected by the Oxley Highway upgrade?
  - (2) What is the government's planned completion date for the Oxley Highway upgrade from Wrights Road to the Pacific Highway?
- 4937 STAFFING NUMBERS AT PORT MACQUARIE BASE HOSPITAL—Mr Peter Besseling 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—
- What is the effect on staffing numbers at Port Macquarie Base Hospital as a result of the recent NSW mini-budget?
- 4938 NORTH COAST AREA HEALTH SERVICE FUNDING—Mr Peter Besseling 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) What is the North Coast Area Health Service funding shortfall compared to the Government's own resource distribution formula?
  - (2) Will the Government commit to providing the NCAHS with its full budget allocation, as determined by the RDF?
- 4939 JOB LOSSES—CAMPBELL HOSPITAL, CORAKI—Mr Steve Cansdell 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) With the NSW Government proposing to cut 400 jobs from the NCAHS following its Mini-Budget last month, how many jobs will be lost at Campbell Hospital, Coraki?
  - (2) What is the job description of these job losses?
  - (3) How many beds at Campbell Hospital, Coraki will have to be closed because of job losses?
- 4940 JOB LOSSES—GRAFTON BASE HOSPITAL—Mr Steve Cansdell 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) With the NSW Government proposing to cut 400 jobs from the NCAHS following its Mini-Budget last month, how many jobs will be lost at Grafton Base Hospital?
  - (2) What is the job description of these job losses?
  - (3) How many beds at Grafton Base Hospital will have to be closed because of job losses?
- 4941 JOB LOSSES—MACLEAN DISTRICT HOSPITAL—Mr Steve Cansdell 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) With the NSW Government proposing to cut 400 jobs from the NCAHS following its Mini-Budget last month, how many jobs will be lost at Maclean District Hospital?
  - (2) What is the job description of these job losses?
  - (3) How many beds at Maclean District Hospital will have to be closed because of job losses?
- 4942 JOB LOSSES—CASINO MEMORIAL HOSPITAL—Mr Steve Cansdell 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) With the NSW Government proposing to cut 400 jobs from the NCAHS following its Mini-Budget last month, how many jobs will be lost at Casino Memorial Hospital?
  - (2) What is the job description of these job losses?
  - (3) How many beds at Casino Memorial Hospital will have to be closed because of job losses?

4943 ADVANCED CARE DIRECTIVES—Mr Andrew Constance to ask the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

- (1) How many clients living in DADHC funded care currently have advanced care directives?
- (2) How many of these clients who have advanced care directives did not have the cognitive capacity at the time of making these directives to make such a decision?
- (3) What does DADHC do to ensure that these advanced care directives are clearly understood by the client when they are being drafted?
- (4) Given that the Ombudsman's 2007 report on reviewable deaths of people with disabilities living in care, states that 3 clients in a single service were found to have advanced care directives, what is the nature of the disabilities of these particular clients?

4944 NSW GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Premier, and Minister for the Arts—

In relation to the number of employees in the NSW Government Total State Sector:

Given the Treasurer's response to Question 3916 said "the 2008 Workforce Profile data is still in the collection and compilation stage", when will the collection and compilation phase be completed and the breakdown of full-time, part-time and casual employees in the NSW Government Total Sector be made available?

4945 NSW PUBLIC SECTOR WORKFORCE STRATEGY—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Premier, and Minister for the Arts—

In relation to NSW Public Sector Workforce Strategy:

Given that the 2008-09 priorities of the NSW Public Sector Workforce Strategy include: "increase the number of apprenticeships", what action has been taken and what progress has been made to achieve this outcome?

4946 HIGH RISE DEVELOPMENT—DOUBLE BAY—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo—

In relation to High Rise Development, is the Minister aware that the more than 500 people who attended the public meeting on Sunday 30 November to express community concern regarding the Ashington Group's proposed high-rise development at 33 Cross Street, Double Bay unanimously resolved:

"That this meeting condemns the decision of the NSW Minister of Planning to declare the Ashington Development as a project of State significance under the Environmental Planning Act as such a declaration:

- Allows for a development that is in gross breach of council's planning controls
- Takes the planning assessment decision away from our locally elected representatives
- Takes away the rights of residents and owners impacted by the development to be heard by the Minister

and accordingly this meeting calls on the NSW Minister of Planning to either reject the Ashington Development outright or return the project to its rightful consent authority the Woollahra Council"?

4947 REPORT ON FLASHING LIGHTS IN SCHOOL ZONES—Mr Victor Dominello to ask the Minister for Roads—

Given the findings of the Final Report: Evaluation of flashing lights in 40 km/h school speed zones, dated April 2006 notes that flashing lights were effective in reducing vehicle speed outside schools during the operation of the 40km/h school speed zone and that speed reductions were statistically significant and not due to other factors:

- (1) How many schools in the electorate of Ryde did not have flashing lights installed outside the school as at 30 June 2008?
- (2) How many schools in NSW did not have flashing lights installed outside the school as at 30 June 2008?
- (3) (a) Since April 2006, has any other report, including but not limited to any report on the implementation of the Final Report, been commissioned in relation to flashing lights in 40km/h school speed zones?  
(b) If so, when was the report commissioned and when will the report be published?

4948 FLASHING SCHOOL ZONE SIGNS—Mr Victor Dominello to ask the Minister for Roads—

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- (1) When were flashing school zone signs first installed in NSW?  
 (2) In what locations were the first 10 flashing school zone signs installed?  
 (3) In what state electorates were the first roll-out of the flashing school zone signs installed?
- 4949 FLASHING SCHOOL ZONE SIGNS—Mr Victor Dominello to ask the Minister for Roads—  
 (1) Are there plans to install flashing school zone signs for the 40 kph school zones on Blaxland Road, Denistone for the benefit of the primary school children that attend St Therese Primary School?  
 (2) If so, when will flashing school zone signs be installed?  
 (3) If not, why not?
- 4950 CYCLING PROJECTS—RYDE—Mr Victor Dominello to ask the Minister for Roads—  
 What cycling projects are planned for the Ryde electorate with the \$50 million planned for such projects across NSW for the 2008-09 financial year?
- 4951 SCHOOL BUS AND TRAIN PASSES—Mr Victor Dominello to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—  
 How many school students in the electorate of Ryde currently have access to school:  
 (a) bus passes; and  
 (b) train passes?
- 4952 ALCOHOL-RELATED VIOLENCE—Mr Victor Dominello 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 incidents of malicious damage or violence recorded by the Eastwood Local Area Command in the Ryde electorate were alcohol-related in the financial year 2007-2008?  
 (2) What proportion of the total number of incidents of malicious damage or violence does this comprise?
- 4953 SHOPPING TROLLEYS—Mr Victor Dominello to ask the Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Citizenship, and Minister Assisting the Premier on the Arts—  
 What action has the Government taken to counter the nuisance created by shopping trolleys being dumped on residential properties located close to supermarkets?
- 4954 MISUSE OF SICK LEAVE ENTITLEMENTS—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—  
 (1) What investigations have been carried out into allegations of improper and coordinated misuse of sick leave entitlements by Corrective Service officers?  
 (2) Will the Minister provide details of those investigations and the results of the investigations?
- 4955 WIND ENERGY—Ms Pru Goward 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, Minister for State Development—  
 (1) What is the percentage of power generation provided by wind?  
 (2) What is the cost subsidy required to ensure wind energy is competitive with current standard tariffs?
- 4956 PAID SICK DAYS—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—  
 (1) What is the ratio of Corrective Services officers to high and low security prisoners (ie not including "supermax" prisoners) and how does this compare with ratios ten years ago?  
 (2) What is the most recent figure obtained of the average number of paid sick days claimed by Corrective Services officers, and how does this compare with the public sector and state average over the last five years?
- 4957 CLIMATE CHANGE CONSULTATIONS—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—  
 (1) How many times has the NSW Climate Change Council met as at 3 December 2008, and who were the attendees at those meetings?  
 (2) How many times has the Sydney Carbon Market Taskforce met as at 3 December 2008, and who

- were the attendees at those meetings?
- (3) What has been the cost of conducting climate change consultations in NSW up until 3 December 2008?
- 4958 PUBLIC HOUSING PROPERTIES VALUED AT \$1 MILLION OR MORE—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Minister for Housing, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- (1) What is the total rent received on properties valued at \$1 million or more?
- (2) How many of the properties valued at \$1 million or more are rented by public tenants, who receive rent subsidies?
- 4959 PRIVATE LEASING—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Minister for Housing, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- (1) How many properties does Housing NSW currently lease from the private sector in each of the following areas:
- (a) Central Sydney;
- (b) Greater Western Sydney;
- (c) Northern NSW;
- (d) Southern and Western NSW?
- (2) What is the cost to Housing NSW for private leasing in each of the above areas?
- 4960 VANDALISM—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Minister for Housing, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- How many tenanted properties and how many vacant properties were vandalised during the past year in each of the following areas:
- (a) Central Sydney;
- (b) Greater Western Sydney;
- (c) Northern NSW;
- (d) Southern and Western NSW?
- 4961 VACANT LAND OWNED BY HOUSING NSW—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Minister for Housing, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- What is the location of each parcel of land owned by Housing NSW, which represents, in total, approximately 1% of Housing NSW's total property asset value?
- 4962 DRUG DEALING ON PUBLIC HOUSING PROPERTIES—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Minister for Housing, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- On how many occasions were the leases terminated and possession of the properties taken by Housing NSW in relation to the 50 incidents of drug dealing during the past year?
- 4963 PUBLIC HOUSING WAITING LIST—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Minister for Housing, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- Of the 43,134 people listed on the statewide housing register in June 2008, how many were registered in each of the following areas:
- (a) Central Sydney;
- (b) Greater Western Sydney;
- (c) Northern NSW; and
- (d) Southern and Western NSW?
- 4964 INFRASTRUCTURE LEVIES—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo—
- Which groups/individuals are being consulted in the Minister's review of infrastructure levies?
- 4965 ROLL OUT OF LAPTOPS—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women—
- If a school has already adequate desktop and/or laptop computers for students, will such a school have the entitlement to take its share of the proposed roll out of laptops in a cash equivalent for other applications?

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- 4966 WAKEHURST PARKWAY—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Minister for Roads—
- (1) What assessment has been made of the structure and suitability of Wakehurst Parkway?
  - (2) Has any plan been considered to widen and improve Wakehurst Parkway?
- 4967 AGENCY NURSES—MONA VALE HOSPITAL—Mr Brad Hazzard 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—
- How many nursing shifts were undertaken by agency nurses at Mona Vale Hospital in 2007-2008?
- 4968 AGENCY NURSES—MANLY HOSPITAL—Mr Brad Hazzard 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—
- How many nursing shifts were undertaken by agency nurses at Manly Hospital in 2007-2008?
- 4969 NURSING SHIFTS—MONA VALE HOSPITAL—Mr Brad Hazzard 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—
- How many nursing shifts were undertaken at Mona Vale Hospital in 2007-2008?
- 4970 NURSING SHIFTS—MANLY HOSPITAL—Mr Brad Hazzard 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—
- How many nursing shifts were undertaken at Manly Hospital in 2007-2008?
- 4971 AMBULANCES TURNED AWAY—Mr Brad Hazzard 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—
- How often were ambulances turned away from Manly Hospital in the last 12 months due to Emergency being closed to new admissions?
- 4972 DEE WHY POLICE STATION—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—
- How much has been spent on (a) maintenance and (b) capital works at Dee Why Police Station in the last 12 months?
- 4973 GREYHOUND RACING—Mr Kerry Hickey to ask the Minister for Gaming and Racing, and Minister for Sport and Recreation—
- (1) Is there opportunity for greyhound racing to be reintroduced as TAB meetings at Cessnock?
  - (2) Are the decisions of the Greyhound NSW Board scrutinised by anyone before implementation?
  - (3) Who is ultimately responsible for decisions made by the board?
- 4974 DSP FUNDING—Mr Kerry Hickey to ask the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women—
- (1) Which schools in the Cessnock electorate received DSP funding in 2005?
  - (2) Which schools in the Cessnock Electorate now receive DSP funding in 2008?
- 4975 KURRI KURRI AND CESSNOCK AMBULANCE STATIONS—Mr Kerry Hickey 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 there a commitment to improve the facilities of the Kurri Kurri and Cessnock ambulance stations?
  - (2) When is there likely to be improvements to the Cessnock and Kurri Kurri stations?
- 4976 BREWARRINA COMMUNITY SERVICE CENTRE—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- (1) Given that the DoCS Annual Report 2007-08 stated that the Brewarrina CSC was involved in the Enhanced Services Delivery project intended to achieve better service delivery to clients through improved resources, policies, procedures and systems including extra caseworker positions, will the Minister explain why the Brewarrina Shire Council found it necessary to write to her on 14

- November 2008 to inform her that "DoCS has not had a significant presence in the town in recent months"?
- (2) Will the Minister explain why, when representatives of the Attorney General's Department visited Brewarrina in early November, a representative of DoCS did not accompany them despite advice to council that DoCS would be represented in the visit?
- 4977 CELIAC'S/COELIAC'S DISEASE—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson 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) Has the NSW Department of Health considered the introduction of a gluten-free product subsidy similar to that offered on prescription by the New Zealand Government to people diagnosed as having Celiac's/Coeliac's Disease by a specialist?
- (2) If not, given the high cost of gluten-free products, will the Minister investigate the value of this subsidy?
- 4978 RTA BOOKING REQUIREMENTS—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—
- (1) Given that the RTA require a credit card to be used to make a booking for a licence or other appointment, and that disabled people frequently cannot afford a credit card and many mental health clients are encouraged not to have a credit card to avoid getting into financial difficulties, has the Minister made representations to the Minister for Transport seeking a change in RTA policy to remove this area of discrimination against disabled people and mental health clients?
- (2) If the Minister has not made representations to the Minister for Roads about this matter, will he undertake to do so?
- 4979 REPRESENTATION ABOUT SCHOOL ZONE SIGN—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Roads—
- In relation to a representation made on behalf of Mr I. Joyner, dated 8 June 2008, who has concerns about the 40 km/h school zone sign on Jersey Road North, Hornsby, when will this be answered?
- 4980 ANTI-GAMBLING KITS—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Gaming and Racing, and Minister for Sport and Recreation—
- (1) Have anti-gambling kits been distributed to schools and TAFE campuses as indicated by a Ministerial Statement a few months ago?
- (2) In relation to the anti-gambling advertisement campaign, how widespread has this been and how successful in terms of its message?
- 4981 AVAILABILITY OF PUBLICATION—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—
- Where can a copy (either paper or electronic) be obtained of the publication "NSW Health: Children - Management of Seriously Ill in Adult Intensive Care Units 2005"?
- 4982 LIMBURG CORRESPONDENCE—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Roads—
- When will the representation on behalf of Mr G. Limburg, dated 6 June 2007, in relation to the apparent increase in road fatalities, be answered?
- 4983 STAFF NUMBERS—SUTHERLAND HOSPITAL—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—
- In relation to staff numbers employed at Sutherland Hospital what were the different categories of staff and number employed in each category at Sutherland Hospital in:
- (a) 2006-2007;
- (b) 2007-2008; and
- (c) at the end of each month from July to November 2008?
- 4984 LIBRARY FUNDING—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Local Government, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—
- (1) What has been done to meet the increased need for funding for Sutherland Shire Library and its



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- attached libraries?
- (2) Will funding be increased in the future to meet demands for library services?
- 4985 BED OCCUPANCY RATE—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—
- (1) What was the bed occupancy rate at Sutherland Hospital during:
- July 2008;
  - August 2008;
  - September 2008;
  - October 2008; and
  - November 2008?
- (2) How do these figures compare with the same months in 2007 and 2006?
- 4986 RESPITE CARE PLACES—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—
- How many respite care places are there in the Macarthur region?
  - Where are they situated?
  - Have they increased since 2001?
  - What has been the affect of "Stronger Together" on the availability of respite care places?
- 4987 NORTH WEST RAIL—Mr Wayne Merton to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- Has all work ceased on the preliminary construction of the North West Rail which has now been scrapped by the Government?
- 4988 WEST FACING RAMP ON THE M2 MOTORWAY AT BAULKHAM HILLS—Mr Wayne Merton to ask the Minister for Roads—
- What is the present situation in respect of the construction of the west facing ramp on the M2 Motorway at Baulkham Hills?
- 4989 BUSES FOR THE NORTH WESTERN SYDNEY AREA—Mr Wayne Merton to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- Has the order for the additional buses for the north western Sydney area been placed?
  - If so, when will the buses be delivered?
  - If not, when will the order be placed and what is the anticipated delivery date?
- 4990 LIABILITY FOR UNFUNDED SUPERANNUATION—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Finance, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Regulatory Reform, and Minister for Ports and Waterways—
- How much has the NSW Government's liability increased for unfunded superannuation since 1 November 2007?
- 4991 STAFF FREEZE—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Premier, and Minister for the Arts—
- Since the Treasurer's mini-budget announcement on 11 November regarding a staff freeze, how many new public service non front-line positions have been:
- advertised;
  - filled by permanent staff; and
  - filled by consultants?
- 4992 OVERSEAS TRADE POSTS—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Premier, and Minister for the Arts—
- Where are the foreshadowed new NSW overseas trade posts proposed to be established?
  - What are the projected costs for:
    - Set up; and
    - Ongoing annual operations?

- 4993 HOSPITAL STAFF NUMBERS—Mr Donald Page 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—

In relation to staff numbers employed at:

- (a) Ballina District Hospital;
- (b) Byron District Hospital; and
- (c) Mullumbimby & District War Memorial Hospital,

what were the different categories of staff and number employed in each category at the above hospitals in:

- (1) 2005-06;
- (2) 2006-07;
- (3) 2007-08; and
- (4) at the end of each month from July to November 2008?

- 4994 TARIFF PAID FOR ELECTRICITY—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—

Will the premium tariff to be paid for electricity produced by photovoltaic installations also be payable for electricity produced by small-scale wind turbine installations?

- 4995 SCHOOL BUS SUBSIDIES—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—

In relation to the recent announcement of changes to school bus subsidies:

- (1) How many students in the Tweed Electorate have a school pass?
- (2) What is the expected cost saving of this initiative in the Tweed Electorate?

- 4996 TWEED HOSPITAL ONCOLOGY UNIT—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—

In relation to advice previously given by the Minister (QON 4235) what is the actual operational date of the upgraded Tweed Hospital Oncology Unit, which is still under construction?

- 4997 CREDITORS OF THE 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—

In relation to money owed to creditors of the Tweed Hospital by the North Coast Area Health Services, what is the specific total value of the invoices outstanding as follows:

- (a) over 45 days from the date of invoice;
- (b) over 60 days from the date of invoice;
- (c) over 90 days from the date of the invoice; and
- (d) more than 120 days from the date of invoice?

- 4998 CLIMATE CHANGE PLANNING—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—

Given that the Planning Institute of Australia marked NSW's climate change planning a "D+ with inadequate progress and no action under way":

- (1) Will the Minister support moves to increase the DECC's role in the planning process?
- (2) Will the Minister support moves to increase the DECC's authority to stop developments that will impact on climate change?
- (3) Will the Minister support moves to increase the DECC's authority to stop developments that will be impacted by climate change?

- 4999 CARBON DIOXIDE EMISSIONS FROM SOIL—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—

- (1) Is the Minister aware of recent research by CSIRO in Queensland and the Northern Territory which shows that current modelling over-estimates carbon dioxide emissions from soil by as much as 20 per cent?
- (2) Does the Minister agree with Dr Evelyn Krull's statement that because of this error, current scenarios

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- predicted by climate change modelling "are making it look worse than it actually would be"?
- (3) What plans does the Minister have to carry out a similar study on NSW soils?
- 5000 TANDOU WATER PURCHASES—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—
- (1) How much of the \$34 million paid to Tandou for 250 GL of water came from the NSW Government?
  - (2) Is the Minister aware that Tandou's own website says that the 250 GL purchased was only ever available to Tandou after high rainfall and flood events about once every ten years or so in normal climatic times?
  - (3) Why are the State and federal governments paying \$34 million for just 250 GL in very wet seasons, when Tandou's directors valued the company's total water allocations at \$33,571,000 in 2007?
  - (4) Did the DECC check the water valuation on the company's website before the offer was made?
  - (5) Why was the press briefing held at 4pm on a Friday afternoon after most media outlets had closed for the weekend?
  - (6) Does the Minister agree with NSW Water Minister Costa's comments that it would be a long time until the benefits of such a big purchase would be realised and that savings would only happen in really big flood events?
  - (7) Will the Minister sack the relevant DECC staff for failing to achieve value for money?
- 5001 SEPTEMBER 2008 QUARTERLY HOSPITAL REPORT—Mrs Jillian Skinner 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) How can the Minister for Health justify publishing an 18 page Quarterly Hospital Performance Report for September when in March his predecessor, Reba Meagher, published an 89 page performance report?
  - (2) What is the Minister trying to hide?
  - (3) Why has the Minister left 11 key performance indicators out of the most recent report?
  - (4) Why has the Minister not reported on any information about 31 individual hospitals out of 72?
- 5002 WAITING LISTS FOR ELECTIVE SURGERY—ARMIDALE HOSPITAL—Mrs Jillian Skinner 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—
- As at September 2008 how many patients were waiting for ophthalmology surgery at Armidale Hospital and how long had they been waiting at the time of their treatment?
- 5003 WAITING LISTS FOR ELECTIVE SURGERY—GOULBURN HOSPITAL—Mrs Jillian Skinner 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—
- As at September 2008 how many patients were waiting for surgery in each of the specialities of ophthalmology and orthopaedics at Goulburn Hospital and how long had they been waiting at the time of their treatment?
- 5004 WAITING LISTS FOR ELECTIVE SURGERY—GRIFFITH BASE HOSPITAL—Mrs Jillian Skinner 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—
- As at September 2008 how many patients were waiting for general surgery at Griffith Base Hospital and how long had they been waiting at the time of their treatment?
- 5005 WAITING LISTS FOR ELECTIVE SURGERY—BATHURST BASE HOSPITAL—Mrs Jillian Skinner 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—
- As at September 2008 how many patients were waiting for orthopaedic surgery at Bathurst Base Hospital and how long had they been waiting at the time of their treatment?

- 5006 WAITING LISTS FOE ELECTIVE SURGERY—GRAFTON HOSPITAL—Mrs Jillian Skinner 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—
- As at September 2008 how many patients were awaiting ENT surgery at Grafton Hospital and how long had they been waiting at the time of their treatment?
- 5007 WAITING LISTS FOR ELECTIVE SURGERY—MURWILLUMBAH HOSPITAL—Mrs Jillian Skinner 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—
- As at September 2008 how many patients were awaiting surgery in the speciality of ophthalmology and the non specific category of "Other 14" surgery at Murwillumbah Hospital and how long had they been waiting at the time of their treatment?
- 5008 WAITING LISTS FOR ELECTIVE SURGERY—BLUE MOUNTAINS HOSPITAL—Mrs Jillian Skinner 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—
- As at September 2008 how many patients were awaiting general surgery at Blue Mountains Hospital and how long had they been waiting at the time of their treatment?
- 5009 WAITING LISTS FOR ELECTIVE SURGERY—HAWKESBURY PRIVATE HOSPITAL—Mrs Jillian Skinner 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—
- As at September 2008 how many patients were awaiting orthopaedic surgery at Hawkesbury Private Hospital and how long had they been waiting at the time of their treatment?
- 5010 REVIEW OF THE SWIMMING POOLS REGULATION—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Local Government, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—
- (1) When is the review of the Swimming Pools Regulation due to begin and when is the final report due to be released?
  - (2) Why was the review of the Swimming Pools Regulation undertaken before the review of the Swimming Pools Act?
  - (3) (a) Have the terms of reference been established for the review of the Swimming Pools Act 1992?  
(b) If so, is the implementation of a mandatory inspection regime for pool fences included in these terms?
- 5011 MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS AND EMISSIONS—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—
- (1) What has been the increase in motor vehicle registrations in NSW between 1998 and 2008?
  - (2) What has been increase in carbon emissions from motor vehicles in NSW over this time?
- 5012 THERMAL EFFICIENCY OF COAL-FIRED POWER STATIONS—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—
- (1) What plans do the government have to increase the thermal efficiency of existing coal-fired power stations in NSW?
  - (2) Can you provide details regarding any such plans?
- 5013 EUTHANASIA OF ANIMALS—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Local Government, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—
- How many animals were euthanased in NSW pounds in the following years?
- (a) 2005-2006;
  - (b) 2006-2007; and
  - (c) 2007-2008?

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- 5014 CAULERPA TAXIFOLIA—PITTWATER—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—
- (1) What action is the government currently undertaking to address the outbreak of Caulerpa Taxifolia in Pittwater?
  - (2) Is the minister aware of any current research into the impacts of Caulerpa Taxifolia and how the aquatic weed can be controlled or eradicated?
- 5015 CAPITAL WORKS FUNDING—PITTWATER SCHOOLS—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women—
- (1) Of the \$170 million to be spent by the Department of Education and Training on additional minor capital works and additional capital works in the financial years 2008-09, 2009-10, and 2010-11 as outlined in the mini-budget, how much is being spent on capital works and maintenance in public schools in the Pittwater electorate?
  - (2) Of this amount, what capital works will be funded in which schools?
- 5016 RED LIGHT AND SPEED CAMERAS—PITTWATER—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Finance, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Regulatory Reform, and Minister for Ports and Waterways representing the Treasurer—
- (1) How much revenue has been generated from the red light camera on Pittwater Road in Narrabeen since its installation?
  - (2) (a) Are there plans to install any more speed cameras or red light cameras in the Pittwater electorate?  
(b) If so, where are these cameras going to be installed?
- 5017 INSTALLATION OF TRAFFIC LIGHTS—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Roads—
- What will be the total cost of installation for the traffic lights at the intersection of Foley Street and Mona Vale Road, Mona Vale?
- 5018 INTERPRETERS FOR THE DEAF—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—
- (1) Does the government provide funding for deaf and hard of hearing people in NSW to access interpreters for private legal appointments?
  - (2) If not, are there any plans to subsidise the additional costs that legal firms must pay to provide an interpreter for deaf and hard of hearing people in NSW?
- 5019 NEW YEAR'S EVE FIREWORKS—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Premier, and Minister for the Arts—
- (1) How much is being spent by the NSW State Government on this year's New Year's Eve fireworks in and around Sydney Harbour?
  - (2) What measures is the State Government taking to control the level of air pollution caused by a major fireworks event such as this?
- 5020 ENERGY ACCOUNTS PAYMENT ASSISTANCE SCHEME—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, Minister for State Development—
- In relation to the NSW Government's Energy Accounts Payment Assistance (EAPA) Scheme:
- (1) How many requests for EAPA vouchers were received in:
    - (a) 2006;
    - (b) 2007; and
    - (c) 2008 (to date)?
  - (2) How many of those requests were approved in:
    - (a) 2006;
    - (b) 2007; and
    - (c) 2008 (to date)?
- 5021 NAMBUCCA HEADS STUART ISLAND RESERVE TRUST—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) Does the Department of Lands charge the Nambucca Heads Stuart Island Reserve Trust a rental or other charge for the land they are Trustees of?

- (2) If so, how much is that rental or charge?
- (3) If so, has the rental or charge changed over the last five years?
- (4) If so, what have been such changes?