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0012 COST OF CHANGE OF NAME—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

0013 BLUE MOUNTAINS DISTRICT ANZAC MEMORIAL HOSPITAL—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

0014 UNATTACHED/DISPLACED EMPLOYEES—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

0015 VEHICULAR FLOW FROM ARCHBOLD ROAD TO PENSHURST STREET—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

0016 M2-F3 LINK PROJECT—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

0017 WAKEHURST PARKWAY FLOODING—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

0018 RAPID BUS TRANSIT SYSTEM—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

0019 STATE DEBT RECOVERY OFFICE—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

0020 PRIMARY SCHOOL DRUG PREVENTION PROGRAM—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Education—

0021 BULLI HOSPITAL—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- 0022 MOUNT OUSLEY ROAD REST STOP—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 0023 PICTON ROAD IMPROVEMENTS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 0024 FIGTREE HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Education—
- 0025 LAKE MACQUARIE LOCAL AREA COMMAND—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 0026 AIR-CONDITIONING POLICY FOR SCHOOLS—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Minister for Education—
- 0027 CASINO-MURWILLUMBAH RAIL LINE—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 0028 TWEED HOSPITAL—HIP REPLACEMENTS—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 0029 SOLAR BONUS SCHEME—Mr Richard Torbay to ask the Minister for Resources and Energy, Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Central Coast—

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- 0030 METROBUS SERVICES—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 0031 NEWCASTLE INNER CITY BYPASS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 0032 PAMBULA HOSPITAL—MATERNITY SERVICES—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 0033 MONA VALE HOSPITAL—MATERNITY SERVICES—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 0034 EASTERN SUBURBS RAILWAY NOISE ABATEMENT—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 0035 FORGOTTEN AUSTRALIANS COMPENSATION—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 0036 FLYING FOXES—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—
- 0037 HOUSING NSW RENTS FOR SINGLE PENSIONERS—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 0038 TOM UREN SQUARE—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 0039 WOONONA HIGH SCHOOL—NEW SCIENCE LABS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Education—
- 0040 BELLEVUE ROAD AND PRINCES HIGHWAY INTERSECTION—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 0041 KEIRA HIGH SCHOOL—HALL UPGRADE—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Education—
- 0042 SCHOOL COUNSELLING SERVICES—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—

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- 0043 MOUNT DRUITT POLICE STATION—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- (1) Has the construction of a new Mount Druitt Police Station been announced?
 - (2) What is the present position with the planning, tendering and construction timeline for this project?
- 0044 GLENDALE POLICE STATION—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- When will the Government purchase the land, as provided in the 2009-2010 budget, for the Glendale Police Station, housing the Local Area Command?
- 0045 WORKCOVER DIRECTIVE—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- In relation to complaints by the owners of premises at 1/71 Hoxton Park Road, Liverpool:
- (1) Did WorkCover direct the owners of an adjacent service station to construct a fence between that service station and 1/71 Hoxton Park Road, Liverpool?
 - (2) Is any such fence between the two premises referred to in (1) above adequate or appropriate?
- 0046 SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Education—
- Given that the former Government, on the advice of the Department of Education and Training, compulsorily acquired 98 Johnson Road, Bass Hill on 21 May 2010 for the purpose of building a school for students with special needs, and it committed upwards of \$14 million for the special needs schools' construction:
- (1) Will the Government continue to commit to the building of the school for special needs students at 98 Johnson Road, Bass Hill?
 - (2) Has planning work for the school for students with special needs begun?
 - (3) When is construction for the new school expected to start?
 - (4) When is it expected that the new school will be operational?
- 0047 ILLEGAL POSTERS—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- With regard to councils paying up to almost six million dollars a year to remove illegal posters:
- (1) Is the Government aware that Woollahra, Waverley and City of Sydney councils say that changing the Summary Offences Act NSW 1988 to allow councils to prosecute companies instructing the display of illegal posters, will reduce council expenditure on illegal posters?
 - (2) What consideration will the Government give to changing the Act in this way?
- 0048 CAMPERDOWN PROJECT—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- With regard to the Housing First project at Camperdown currently under construction and expected to be complete in late 2011:
- (1) What plans does the Government have to provide wrap-around support for residents, as envisaged in the Housing First model?
 - (2) What support services will the Government provide at this facility?
 - (3) What funds have been allocated for support services at this facility?
 - (4) What plans does the Government have to arrange these services?
- 0049 STRICKLAND HOUSE GROUNDS—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW—
- (1) Is the Government committed to upgrading the Strickland House site?
 - (2) To what extent will the Government ensure full public access to the site is retained?
 - (3) Will the Government conduct community consultation before introducing any new use for Strickland House?
 - (4) To what extent will the Government rule out any new uses in Strickland House that privatise the space or limit general community use?

- (5) What is the Government's response to the Woollahra History and Heritage Society's proposal that the land be rezoned E2 Environmental Conservation?
- 0050 UNDERGROUNDING ELECTRICITY CABLES—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Resources and Energy, Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Central Coast—
- Following heavy storms in New South Wales last year which brought powerlines down, and given strong community support for undergrounding electricity cables particularly because overhead cables result in street tree mutilation:
- What consideration will the Government give to establishing an achievable plan to put aerial cables underground and bring New South Wales into line with comparable international standards?
- 0051 BARANGAROO CONTAMINATION—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW—
- Following the transfer of roads authority of sections of Hickson Road from the City of Sydney to the Barangaroo Delivery Authority, and changes to the State Environmental Planning Policy 55 Remediation of Land (SEPP 55):
- (1) What advice has the Government sought about these decisions?
 - (2) Will the Government amend SEPP 55 to ensure that:
 - (a) council is informed about work carried out on and under Hickson Road while the Barangaroo Delivery Authority has roads authority given it will be the owner for the road from 31 January 2013;
 - (b) remediation work complies with guidelines of the Contaminated Land Management Act 1997, given the then Parliamentary Secretary for Health's February letter to me states that it would ensure the land is remediated and residents are not exposed to contaminants during remediation;
 - (c) remediation work complies with the SEPP?
 - (3) What action will the Government take to ensure the site is remediated and residents are not exposed to contaminants during remediation?
- 0052 PIG DOG HUNTING—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Small Business—
- With regard to the Game Council's announcement of a hunting trial using dogs to hunt feral pigs in the Nundle, Hanging Rock and Tomalla State forests:
- (1) How many hunters are going to take part in the pig dog hunting trial?
 - (2) How many dogs will be used in the trial?
 - (3) How will the Government ensure that dogs used in pig dog hunting do not attack pigs, given section 18 of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act makes it an offence to pit one animal against another?
 - (4) What enforcement and monitoring of prevention of cruelty to animals legislation will the Government employ during the trial?
- 0053 ADDITIONAL TEACHERS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Education—
- What schools in the Keira electorate will receive additional teachers to improve literacy and numeracy?
- 0054 PUBLIC SCHOOL UPGRADE FUND—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Education—
- When will schools be able to apply for funding under the Public School Upgrade Fund?
- 0055 PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT AND ROADS—Mr John Robertson to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- What specific areas of responsibility within the portfolios of Transport and Roads have been allocated to the Hon. John George Ajaka MLC as Parliamentary Secretary for Transport and Roads?
- 0056 PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY FOR REGIONAL PLANNING—Mr John Robertson to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- What specific areas of responsibility within the portfolio of Planning have been allocated to Mr Craig Asbjorn Baumann MP as Parliamentary Secretary for Regional Planning?
- 0057 PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY FOR POLICE—Mr John Robertson to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

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- What specific areas of responsibility within the portfolio of Police have been allocated to Mr Stephen Rhett Cansdell MP as Parliamentary Secretary for Police?
- 0058 PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY FOR JUSTICE—Mr John Robertson to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—
What specific areas of responsibility have been allocated to the Hon. David Clarke, MLC as Parliamentary Secretary for Justice?
- 0059 PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY TO THE PREMIER—Mr John Robertson to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—
What specific areas of responsibility have been allocated to the Hon. Marie Ann Ficarra MLC as Parliamentary Secretary to the Premier?
- 0060 PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY FOR NATURAL RESOURCES—Mr John Robertson to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—
What specific areas of responsibility have been allocated to Mr Troy Wayne Grant MP as Parliamentary Secretary for Natural Resources?
- 0061 PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY FOR VETERANS AFFAIRS—Mr John Robertson to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—
What specific areas of responsibility have been allocated to the Hon Charlie John Stuart Lynn MLC as Parliamentary Secretary for Veterans Affairs?
- 0062 PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY FOR TREASURY AND FINANCE—Mr John Robertson to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—
What specific areas of responsibility have been allocated to the Hon. Matthew Ryan Mason-Cox MLC as Parliamentary Secretary for Treasury and Finance?
- 0063 PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY FOR REGIONAL HEALTH—Mr John Robertson to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—
What specific areas of responsibility have been allocated to the Hon. Melinda Jane Pavey MLC as Parliamentary Secretary for Regional Health?
- 0064 PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY—Mr John Robertson to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—
What specific areas of responsibility have been allocated to Mr Robert Gordon Stokes MP as Parliamentary Secretary for Renewable Energy?
- 0065 PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY TO THE DEPUTY PREMIER AND FOR ASIA-PACIFIC TRADE—Mr John Robertson to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—
What specific areas of responsibility have been allocated to Mr Paul Lawrence Toole MP as Parliamentary Secretary to the Deputy Premier and for Asia-Pacific Trade?
- 0066 PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY FOR TERTIARY EDUCATION AND SKILLS—Mr John Robertson to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—
What specific areas of responsibility have been allocated to Ms Gabrielle Cecelia Upton MP as Parliamentary Secretary for Tertiary Education and Skills?
- 0067 PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY FOR WESTERN SYDNEY—Mr John Robertson to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—
What specific areas of responsibility have been allocated to Mr Raymond Craig Williams, MP as Parliamentary Secretary for Western Sydney?
- 0068 FAIRFIELD INTERCHANGE—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Transport—
What is the specific and latest progress of the Fairfield Interchange?

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