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\*6198 HUNTER HEALTH COUNSELLING SERVICES—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

(1) Will the Government reopen Hunter Health Counselling Services?

(a) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

Refer to my previous response provided for Q.6006.

\*6199 PATIENT WAITING TIMES IN THE HUNTER—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

What will the Minister do to reduce waiting times, which have doubled since last year, for patients in the Hunter?

Answer—

I am advised:

NSW Health is working towards all patients being treated within their clinical priority timeframes.

John Hunter Hospital recorded a significant improvement in patients receiving their elective surgeries within clinically-recommended timeframes. In April to June 2014, 95 percent of patients were treated within clinically-recommended timeframes, a four percent improvement on the same quarter last year.

\*6200 AGED CARE FACILITIES—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

(1) How will the National Disability Insurance Scheme Act 2013 and the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NSW Enabling) Act 2013 apply to those with a disability living in aged care facilities like Wallsend Aged Care Facility?

(2) Will young people with a disability living in a state run aged care facility be unable to remain in this facility due to legislation removing care for those with a disability from State run services?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) - (2) Under the Commonwealth's National Disability Insurance Scheme Act 2013 a person may become a participant of the National Disability Insurance Scheme when they meet certain criteria related to age, residence, disability and early intervention.

The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NSW Enabling) Act 2013 does not apply to people with disability residing in aged care facilities like Wallsend.

A young person under the age of 65 who has been admitted formally to a residential aged care facility following eligibility approval by an Aged Care Assessment Team will continue to have permanent tenure.

\*6201 SAFETY FOR PARAMEDICS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

What is the Government doing to improve safety for paramedics?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Government has zero tolerance for any form of violence against paramedics.

The Health Services Act 1997 provides an offence of intentionally obstructing or hindering a paramedic that is providing services to a person, with penalties of up to two years imprisonment – or five years if combined with an act of violence.

In December 2013, NSW Ambulance commenced an ongoing campaign to eliminate assaults on paramedics. The first phase, aimed at raising community awareness was the 'If You Hurt a Paramedic' poster campaign. In conjunction with Clubs NSW, over 3500 posters have been distributed in pubs, clubs, emergency departments, and ambulance vehicles throughout New South Wales.

The second phase of the campaign is an Anti-violence Training package for paramedics. The package assists with situational awareness, de-escalating difficult situations, understanding patterns of behaviour and equipping paramedics with the skills to avoid verbal or physical assault.

This training was rolled out to all operational staff across New South Wales and a supplementary package was designed for all new recruits. In the most serious cases, ambulance crews are advised to "stand off" and await the arrival of police before approaching or entering an address.

Work Health and Safety training is also provided for all staff from trainees to qualified paramedics in Work Health Safety Induction, Hazardous Manual Tasks, Risk Management, Risk Assessment, and Responding to Challenging Behaviour.

Work Health and Safety Committees have been formed around the state and provide a forum for discussion and recommendations to management regarding health and safety issues in the workplace.

Paramedics can access duress alarms on their portable radios and in their vehicles to alert the control centres and allows them to call for urgent police assistance without alerting perpetrators.

NSW Ambulance also has a comprehensive support program in place to assist paramedics when they experience stressful or traumatic situations in their work, including assault. In addition to support provided by on-duty managers, other services are available to all staff 24 hours, seven days a week, including peer support officers, chaplains and an Employee Assistance Program.

Work Health and Safety Educators continue to provide training on fatigue including understanding contributing factors, how to report fatigue and what to do if they are suffering from fatigue.

All new equipment is subject to formal trials and an assessment process to ensure it meets Australian standards and protects paramedics from injury.

NSW Ambulance launched the 'THINK' campaign at the start of 2014. The campaign looks at the most prevalent injuries sustained by paramedics and uses short videos, messages and face to face training to reduce the prevalence of these injuries.

\*6202 DISPLACED RAIL STAFF—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—

- (1) Will staff who are displaced from railway stations between Wickham and Newcastle stations following the truncation of the rail line be offered permanent positions elsewhere within State rail?
- (2) Will the jobs of displaced staff be guaranteed following the implementation of the light rail?

Answer—

I am advised:

Staff will be kept fully informed of any decisions that may affect them.

\*6203 SAFETY ON NEWCASTLE BUSES—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—

- (1) Is the Government taking action to improve the safety of passengers and drivers on Newcastle Buses?
  - (a) If so, what is being done to improve safety?
  - (b) If not, why is no action being taken?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Government takes the safety of its customers and staff very seriously. Security for the entire public transport network is now overseen by the NSW Police Force's Police Transport Command. Transport for NSW works closely with the Police Transport Command and transport operators in Newcastle on programs to ensure safety of customers and drivers on services.

Transport for NSW meets with Newcastle Buses regularly to discuss and implement operational matters. Safety is a key standing item on the agenda.

\*6204 NEWCASTLE LIGHT RAIL—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—

- (1) What public transport options will be available to commuters between Wickham and Newcastle while the proposed light rail is being constructed?
- (2) How long will this temporary transport option be in place?

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- (3) What is the time frame for completion of the light rail construction?  
(4) What is the cost of the light rail construction?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) - (2) Buses will be in place while light rail is under construction.  
(3) - (4) Detailed planning is now underway to determine the exact timeframe and cost of the project.

\*6205 TAFE NSW COUNSELLORS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) Is the Government committed to supporting TAFE NSW meet its responsibilities under the Children and Young Persons (Care and Protection) Act 1998 by providing fully registered psychologists as TAFE counsellors?  
(2) What is the Government's response to the existing counselling cuts caused by the threat of privatisation, including those in New England, the Hunter, the Illawarra, and South West Sydney?

Answer—

- (1) The Children and Young Persons (Care and Protection) Act 1998 does not require fully registered psychologists to be employed as TAFE Counsellors.  
(2) The Government is not privatising TAFE. TAFE NSW Institutes review their staffing requirements and services to students regularly.

\*6207 HOUSING OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Family and Community Services representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

Will the Department of Ageing, Disability and Home Care retain ownership of properties currently used to house people with a disability, in light of the transfer of the management of people with a disability to the non-government sector under the National Disability Insurance Scheme Act?

Answer—

As you are aware, the Government is committed to a disability service system that increases choice and control for people with disability. For this reason, in December 2012 the Government became the first state to sign a historic agreement with the Commonwealth to implement the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS).

These reforms mean the budget to support people with disability will increase from \$2.7 billion to a \$6.4 billion partnership between the New South Wales and Federal Governments. Importantly, the NDIS will benefit around 140,000 people with disability in New South Wales alone.

The Government has commissioned a scoping and strategy study to examine the issues associated with transferring disability and community care assets and services to the non-government sector.

\*6208 SPEECH THERAPISTS IN SCHOOLS—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) How many speech therapists, employed by NSW Health, currently work in schools?  
(2) Does the Department of Education and Communities fund any additional speech therapists?  
(a) If so, how many?  
(3) For each speech therapist working in schools in New South Wales, can you provide a breakdown of the schools they are currently attached to?

Answer—

- (1) The Department does not hold information centrally about the number of speech pathologists, employed by NSW Health currently working in schools.  
(2) Yes; (a) The NSW Department of Education and Communities employs three speech pathologists through the NSW Centre for Effective Reading.  
(3) Three speech pathologists are employed through the NSW Centre for Effective Reading, supporting students referred to the Centre.

Individual schools may engage the services of registered speech pathologists. The Department does not hold information centrally about speech pathologists engaged by individual schools.

\*6209 NEWCASTLE EAST PUBLIC SCHOOL—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Education—

What specific support will the Minister offer to Australia's oldest school, Newcastle East Public School,

to celebrate its Bicentenary in February 2016?

Answer—

Mr John Beach, Principal of Newcastle East Public School, with the support of the Department of Education and Communities, is leading and managing the bicentenary celebrations in consultation with the community.

\*6210 BULLI HOSPITAL UPGRADE—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) When will construction on the upgrade to Bulli Hospital commence?
- (2) What is the estimated completion date for these works?
- (3) Has the project received all of the funding it was allocated under the Illawarra Infrastructure Fund?
  - (a) If not, how much funding has the project received?
  - (b) If not, when will the rest of the funding be allocated?

Answer—

I am advised:

Planning is ongoing for the Restart NSW Illawarra Infrastructure project at Bulli Hospital. A timetable for the project will be announced in due course.

Funding will be made available to the project from the Illawarra Infrastructure Fund based on a claim for expenditure basis.

\*6211 NSW HEALTH SPEECH THERAPISTS—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) How many speech therapists are employed by NSW Health and currently work in schools?
  - (a) Can you list each of the schools that each of the speech therapists work in?
  - (b) How many of these speech therapists worked in schools in each year from 2008 to 2013?
- (2) How much funding does the Government allocate to the provision of speech therapists in schools?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) - (2) The employment of speech therapists in schools is a matter for the Minister for Education. I note the member has asked a question of the Minister for Education (ref Q.6208) concerning speech therapists currently working in schools and I refer the member to that response.

\*6214 SHELLHARBOUR JUNCTION SIGNAGE—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—

- (1) What is the total cost of erecting new signage that says "Shellharbour Junction" for the new station under construction between Dunmore and Flinders?
- (2) Why was signage erected prior to the formal meeting of the Geographical Names Board of New South Wales meeting scheduled for the 16 September 2014?
- (3) Who was responsible for instructing the erection of the signage?

Answer—

I am pleased to advise that the Geographical Names Board has determined that the new station will be named Shellharbour Junction. The name reflects the station's intended role as a gateway to Shellharbour's city centre.

As you are aware, signs showing the new name were erected by contractors during the station's construction.

\*6215 ILLAWARRA COMMUNITY ADVISORY PANEL—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Family and Community Services representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

- (1) What are the qualifications of each member of the Illawarra Community Advisory Panel announced on 29 July 2014?
  - (a) What organisations are represented by each member?
  - (b) What is the residential post code of each member?
- (2) Are any of the members of the Illawarra Community Advisory Panel also members of a political party?

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- (a) If so, which political party?
- (3) What was discussed at the Illawarra Community Advisory Panel induction session held on 13 August 2014?
- (a) What was the venue of this induction session?
- (b) Did all members of the the Illawarra Community Advisory Panel attend?
- (i) If not, why not?
- (c) What was the cost for hosting the induction session?
- (4) When was the inaugural meeting of the Illawarra Community Advisory Panel new membership held?
- (a) What issues were on the agenda for the inaugural meeting?
- (b) What was the outcome of the issues discussed on the agenda?
- (5) What was the cost of holding previous meetings of the Illawarra Community Advisory Panel since it was first established?

Answer—

(1) Panel members were selected in their capacity as individual community members in accordance with the selection criteria outlined in the Expression of Interest document. All Illawarra local government areas are represented on the Panel.

(2) Applicants were not asked to disclose political party membership in the Expression of Interest process as it does not relate to the selection criteria.

(3) The induction session was hosted by the Department of Premier and Cabinet at the State Office Block in Wollongong. There was no venue cost associated with holding the meeting at the Government offices. One Panel member was an apology and was inducted by the Department of Premier and Cabinet on 20 August 2014.

(4) The meeting was held on 3 September at the State Office Block in Wollongong. A wide range of topics relating to the Illawarra region were discussed.

(5) Panel meetings are currently held at the State Office Block in Wollongong. There is no venue cost associated with holding meetings at the Government offices.

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- 6216 CLEANING OF TRAINS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 6217 SEATBELTS ON BUSES—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 6218 NEW SOUTH WALES PASSENGER TRAIN FLEET—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 6219 BUS ROUTE 163—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 6220 WICKHAM TO NEWCASTLE RAIL SERVICE—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 6221 CROWN ROADS IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Natural Resources, Lands and Water, and Minister for Western NSW—
- 6222 MOBILE SPEED CAMERA VEHICLES—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Roads and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 6223 SECURITY FENCING AROUND PUBLIC SCHOOLS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Education—
- 6224 KURRI KURRI HOSPITAL—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

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- 6225 MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE AND REPAIR INDUSTRY CODE OF CONDUCT—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Finance and Services representing the Minister for Fair Trading—
- 6226 INQUIRY INTO THE FINANCIAL OMBUDSMAN SERVICE—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Finance and Services representing the Minister for Fair Trading—
- 6227 STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Finance and Services representing the Minister for Fair Trading—
- 6228 REPORT OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE INTO THE MOTOR VEHICLE REPAIR INDUSTRY—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Finance and Services representing the Minister for Fair Trading—
- 6229 QUALIFIED ELECTRICIANS AND ELECTRICAL ENGINEERS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Finance and Services representing the Minister for Fair Trading—
- 6230 NSW FAIR TRADING FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT EMPLOYEES—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Finance and Services representing the Minister for Fair Trading—
- 6231 STUDENT COUNSELLING SERVICES AT BANKSTOWN TAFE—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Education—
- 6232 HSC COURSES AT BANKSTOWN TAFE—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Education—
- 6234 TAFE NSW HUNTER INSTITUTE—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Education—
- 6235 TAFE NSW ILLAWARRA INSTITUTE—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Education—
- 6236 TAFE NSW NEW ENGLAND INSTITUTE—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Education—
- 6237 TAFE NSW NORTH COAST INSTITUTE—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Education—
- 6238 TAFE NSW RIVERINA INSTITUTE—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Education—
- 6239 TAFE NSW WESTERN INSTITUTE—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Education—
- 6240 CLUBGRANTS FUNDING POOL—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Hospitality, Gaming and Racing, and Minister for the Arts—
- 6241 CLUBGRANTS FUNDING CONTRIBUTIONS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Hospitality, Gaming and Racing, and Minister for the Arts—
- 6242 POLDING STREET ROUNDABOUT—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Roads and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 6243 DARLING HARBOUR LIVE DEVELOPMENT—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Trade and Investment, Minister for Regional Infrastructure and Services, Minister for Tourism and Major Events, Minister for Small Business, and Minister for the North Coast—
- 6244 TACKLING RACISM—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister for Veterans Affairs, and Assistant Minister for Education—
- 6245 BRIGALOW AND NANDEWAR STATE CONSERVATION AREAS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, Minister for the Central Coast, and Assistant Minister for Planning—
- 6246 BUSES IN ULTIMO AND PYRMONT—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 6249 FARE EVASION—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 6250 ROAD SIDE SAFETY RAILS—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Roads and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—



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- 6251 MRI MACHINE AT MOUNT DRUITT HOSPITAL—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 6252 SPECIALIST MELANOMA NURSE—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 6253 BLACKTOWN HOSPITAL RADIOLOGY—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 6254 OPERATIONAL NOISE AND VIBRATION ASSESSMENT—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—

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- 6255 REGISTERED TRAINING ORGANISATION STATUS OF BRUSH FARM ACADEMY—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 6256 BRUSH FARM CORRECTIVE SERVICES ACADEMY—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 6257 BRUSH FARM ACADEMY—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 6258 PRACTICE MANAGER—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 6259 LIVERPOOL TAFE BUILDING—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Education—
- 6260 LIVERPOOL HOSPITAL—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Education—
- 6261 CONSTRUCTION NOISE IN LIVERPOOL—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, Minister for the Central Coast, and Assistant Minister for Planning—
- 6262 CLOCK AT LIVERPOOL RAILWAY STATION—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 6263 CRIME IN LIVERPOOL—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for Sport and Recreation, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Western Sydney—
- 6264 FLASHING LIGHTS AT LAKELANDS PUBLIC SCHOOL—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Roads and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 6265 M1 MOTORWAY BETWEEN FIGTREE AND DAPTO—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Roads and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 6266 REGIONAL ROADS FUND—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Roads and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 6267 ILLAWARRA REGIONAL GROWTH AND INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN ADVISORY GROUP—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Women—
- 6268 DAPTO TAFE CAMPUS—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Education—
- 6269 SHELLHARBOUR JUNCTION—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Finance and Services—
- 6270 ROADS AND MARITIME SERVICES FORWARD PLANNING AGENDA—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Roads and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 6271 HOXTON PARK ROAD AND HUME HIGHWAY INTERSECTION—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Roads and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- 6272 UPTODATE.COM PROGRAM—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 6273 RAILWAY STREET ENTRANCE TO MOUNT DRUITT HOSPITAL—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Roads and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 6274 COMO RAILWAY STATION EASY ACCESS UPGRADE—Mr Barry Collier to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—

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- 6275 TRUNCATION OF THE NEWCASTLE RAIL LINE—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 6276 ADDITIONAL BUS SERVICES—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 6277 REVIEW OF NEWCASTLE BUS ROUTES—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 6278 OUTREACH HEALTH PROGRAM RESOURCES—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 6279 SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH FUNDING—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 6280 THE CSIRO IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 6281 ASSISTANCE FOR PEOPLE UNDER 65 WITH A DISABILITY—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 6282 AMBULANCE STATION STAFFING SHORTAGES—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for Sport and Recreation, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Western Sydney—
- 6283 FAMILY ENERGY REBATE APPLICATIONS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Resources and Energy, and Special Minister of State—
- 6284 WOMEN'S REFUGES IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services—
- 6285 STRUCTURAL DEFECTS IN RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Finance and Services representing the Minister for Fair Trading—
- 6286 LIMITING STATUTORY WARRANTIES UNDER THE HOME BUILDING ACT 1989—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Finance and Services representing the Minister for Fair Trading—
- 6287 MOTOR VEHICLE REPAIR INDUSTRY NAME AND SHAME REGISTER—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Finance and Services representing the Minister for Fair Trading—
- 6288 MOTOR VEHICLE ASSESSOR NUMBERS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Finance and Services representing the Minister for Fair Trading—
- 6289 MILLER ROAD AND HUME HIGHWAY INTERSECTION UPGRADE—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Roads and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

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- 6290 REPLANTING OF TREES IN BASS HILL—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Roads and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 6291 STAFFING FIGURES AT BANKSTOWN RAILWAY STATION—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 6292 PUBLIC HOUSING PROPERTIES IN BANKSTOWN—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services—
- 6293 BANKSTOWN AIRPORT PRELIMINARY DRAFT MASTER PLAN 2014—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Women—
- 6294 SMOKING INFRINGEMENTS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 6295 THE FREE GONG SHUTTLE BUS SERVICE—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 6296 MOUNT OUSLEY ROAD HEAVY VEHICLE REST STOP—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Roads and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 6297 JORDAN SPRINGS PRIMARY SCHOOL—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Education—
- 6298 UNFLUED GAS HEATERS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Finance and Services—
- 6299 PARRAMASALA FESTIVAL—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Trade and Investment, Minister for Regional Infrastructure and Services, Minister for Tourism and Major Events, Minister for Small Business, and Minister for the North Coast—

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(Paper No. 9)

- 6300 AUSGRID STAFF EDUCATION AND TRAINING—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Resources and Energy, and Special Minister of State—
- 6301 APPRENTICESHIPS AT GOVERNMENT OWNED ENERGY PROVIDERS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Resources and Energy, and Special Minister of State—
- 6302 SCHOOLS CLASSIFIED AS BEING IN RECESS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Education—
- 6303 FUNDING FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Education—
- 6304 TONNAGE OF TIMBER LOGGED BY FORESTRY CORPORATION NSW—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Natural Resources, Lands and Water, and Minister for Western NSW—
- 6305 FOSTER CARE PLACES IN THE HUNTER REGION—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services—
- 6306 RESTART NSW—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Premier, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 6307 REVENUE FROM PRIVATELY OWNED RADARS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for Sport and Recreation, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Western Sydney—
- 6308 STRATEGIC REGIONAL LAND USE PLANS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Women—

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- 6309 WALLA MULLA PARK—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services—
- 6310 COMMUNITY HOUSING AT MILLERS POINT—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services—
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- 6313 WHITE BAY TERMINAL NOISE AND AIR POLLUTION—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, Minister for the Central Coast, and Assistant Minister for Planning—
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- 6315 SHORT TERM LETTING AND OVERCROWDING IN APARTMENTS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Local Government—
- 6316 COMPULSORY MANAGEMENT OF STRATA TITLES—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Finance and Services representing the Minister for Fair Trading—
- 6317 INNER CITY SATELLITE CLASSES—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Education—
- 6318 NSW GOVERNMENT IMMIGRATION AND SETTLEMENT PLANNING COMMITTEE—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister for Veterans Affairs, and Assistant Minister for Education—
- 6319 IMPROVING ACCESS TO SERVICES FOR HUMANITARIAN ENTRANTS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister for Veterans Affairs, and Assistant Minister for Education—
- 6320 MULTICULTURAL TOURISM STRATEGY—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister for Veterans Affairs, and Assistant Minister for Education—
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- 6359 VALENTINE AVENUE REFURBISHMENTS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Trade and Investment, Minister for Regional Infrastructure and Services, Minister for Tourism and Major Events, Minister for Hospitality, Gaming and Racing, and Minister for the Arts—
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- 6365 SALE OF HERITAGE BUILDINGS IN MILLERS POINT—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services—
- (1) Are the Conservation Management Plans that apply to social housing properties being sold in Millers Point, Dawes Point and The Rocks legally binding?
  - (2) Do purchasers of these properties have a legal obligation to undertake specific heritage conservation works on individual properties?
  - (3) What legal requirements apply for new owners of these properties to restore and conserve individual properties?
  - (4) What provisions apply to prevent these properties from being purchased and left to fall into disrepair or be demolished?
  - (5) Will the Government legislate against the sale of the registered freehold title of each of these properties to protect the heritage of the buildings?

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- (6) What other action will the Government take to protect heritage buildings in Millers Point, Dawes Point and The Rocks?
- 6366 INQUIRY INTO SOCIAL, PUBLIC AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services—
- (1) Will the Government halt tenant relocations and property sales in the Millers Point, Dawes Point and The Rocks precinct until the development of the assets portfolio strategy recommended by the Inquiry into Social, Public and Affordable Housing?
  - (2) How will the Government ensure that sale decisions are consistent with strategic policy, make the best use of public assets and comply with obligations under the Housing Act to provide housing to those in need?
  - (3) How will the Government ensure all funds from the sale of these properties are used to buy or build additional social housing as recommended in the Inquiry?
  - (4) Will the Government retain community housing properties in this precinct as listed in recommendation 21 of the Inquiry report?
  - (5) Will the Government transfer management of social housing properties in this precinct to Community Housing providers?
  - (6) Will the Government retain multi-unit dwellings such as the Sirius building for social housing, as indicated in recommendation 3 of the Inquiry report?
  - (7) Will the Government retain purpose-built social housing such as the Cumberland and High Street properties, as indicated in recommendation 4 of the Inquiry report?
  - (8) What other action will the Government take to implement the recommendations resulting from the Inquiry into Social, Public and Affordable Housing report in Millers Point, Dawes Point and The Rocks?
- 6367 DARLING HOUSE AGED CARE FACILITY—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services—
- (1) Will there be a substantial increase in rent for the Darling House Aged Care facility in Dawes Point?
    - (a) If so, what will be the size of the rent increase?
    - (b) If so, when will this rent increase apply?
    - (c) If so, what notice was given regarding this rent increase?
  - (2) When did the lease for the Darling House Aged Care facility expire?
  - (3) Will the rent increase make the service of the Darling House Aged Care facility unviable and thereby result in the closure of the facility?
    - (a) If so, what are the reasons for allowing the closure of this facility?
  - (4) How has the Government helped Darling House identify ways to continue to provide the service?
  - (5) How has the Government helped to ensure that the frail aged residents at Darling House retain their homes?
  - (6) Will the Government review this rent increase in order to allow the service to continue?
  - (7) What other action will the Government take to help the Darling House Aged Care facility?
- 6368 TAFE OUTREACH PROGRAMS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Education—
- (1) How many students in New South Wales took part in TAFE Outreach programs from 2010 to 2014?
  - (2) How many students took part in TAFE Outreach programs through Ultimo TAFE from 2010 to 2014?
  - (3) How many students are expected to participate in TAFE Outreach programs in 2015?
  - (4) What changes will the Government make to these Outreach programs and the teaching of these courses?
  - (5) How will the Government ensure continued operation of TAFE Outreach classes?
  - (6) How will any changes made to the Outreach programs ensure continued access to TAFE for disadvantaged and marginalised groups and students who have previously been excluded from education?
  - (7) What changes will be made to TAFE Outreach staffing?
    - (a) How will these changes impact on existing teachers and coordinators?
  - (8) Has the minimum qualification for Outreach staff been downgraded from a degree to a Certificate 4 qualification?
    - (a) If so, what are the reasons for this change?
  - (9) How will the Government ensure that qualified, experienced and expert Outreach staff are retained?
  - (10) What plans does the Government have to contract Outreach programs outside of TAFE colleges?

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- (11) What further action will the Government take to maintain second chance education through TAFE Outreach?
- 6369 SEX EDUCATION FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Education—
- (1) What programs does the Government provide for high school students to learn about sex and sexuality?
  - (2) How do these programs include information and skills for students to understand and negotiate safe sex?
  - (3) How do these programs include bisexuality?
  - (4) How do these programs include homosexuality?
  - (5) How do these programs include transgender identity?
  - (6) How do these programs include intersex status?
  - (7) What plans does the Government have to ensure these programs are inclusive and that students learn about the diversity of human sexuality?
  - (8) What further action will the Government take to provide a more inclusive sex education curriculum?
- 6370 GAY HATE CRIMES—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for Sport and Recreation, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Western Sydney—
- (1) How many of the NSW Police Force's Unsolved Homicide Team cases relating to gay hate crimes from the 1980's and 1990's will be re-investigated?
    - (a) What new rewards have been offered for information contributing to these investigations?
    - (b) How many of these cases have had new evidence or information provided?
    - (c) What resources are available to the Unsolved Homicide Team for this work?
  - (2) How will the Government ensure a full review of possible gay hate crimes?
  - (3) What assessment has the Government made of allegations about the involvement at that time of some police officers in assaults of people perceived as homosexual?
  - (4) How will the Government ensure that the community can have full confidence that police officers will respond appropriately to anyone reporting crime or anti-social behaviour irrespective of gender, race, ethnicity, sexuality and disability?
  - (5) What other action will the Government take to ensure thorough investigation of these concerns?
- 6371 MARDI GRAS POLICING—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for Sport and Recreation, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Western Sydney—
- (1) What was the outcome of the court cases resulting from incidents involving police officers at the 2013 Mardi Gras festival and what charges were upheld?
    - (a) What action has been taken with the officers involved?
    - (b) What action has been taken to ensure that police officers do not behave in this way in future?
  - (2) What community feedback was obtained regarding the agreement made between the Government and LGBTI organisations for the 2014 Mardi Gras?
  - (3) Is the Government committed to renewing and maintaining this agreement and a community policing approach to the Mardi Gras festival?
  - (4) What further action will the Government take to ensure appropriate community policing for future Mardi Gras festivals?
- 6372 CANCER SERVICES—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- (1) Has the Government reviewed the Cancer Council NSW "Vision for Change" report ?
    - (a) If so, what action will be taken on the key recommendations of the report?
  - (2) How will the Government increase access to palliative care for people with cancer to at least one specialist per 100,000 people and create extra nursing positions?
  - (3) Has the Government reviewed the Palliative Care Home Support Program?
    - (a) If so, what is the Government's assessment of the cost effectiveness of community-based palliative care compared to intensive care and hospital services?
  - (4) What action has the Government taken to remove chemotherapy co-payments of up to \$180 and additional medicine costs in order to increase access to treatment?
  - (5) What action has the Government taken to fund a coordinated cancer care model that meets the needs of patients, carers and families?
  - (6) What assessment has the Government made of the need for targeted controls on the number, type,



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- distribution and location of retail outlets selling tobacco, including a licensing scheme?
- (7) What action has the Government taken to increase the Aboriginal workforce in cancer services?
- (8) What further action will the Government take to increase access to appropriate cancer services?
- 6373 INNER CITY FERRY SERVICES—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—
- (1) What work will be undertaken to upgrade ferry wharves in the Sydney electorate, as listed in the "Sydney's Ferry Future" strategy released May 2013?
- (a) When will this work be completed?
- (2) What work has been undertaken concerning a ferry wharf at Barangaroo?
- (a) When will information relating to this work be provided for community comment?
- (3) What assessment has been made regarding the viability of ferry wharves at Glebe Point, Johnstons Bay Pyrmont, Woolloomooloo and Elizabeth Bay?
- (a) When will information about these options be made available to the public for community comment?
- (b) When does the Government expect to finalise and announce the decisions about the viability of these wharves?
- (c) When does the Government anticipate these wharves being operational?
- (4) What further action will the Government take to expand inner city ferry access?
- 6374 AMBULATORY CARE CENTRE—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- (1) Can the Minister confirm that the Ambulatory Care Centre at Shellharbour Hospital and the Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District's proposed Shellharbour Primary Health and Community Care Centre are not two separate health projects (ref Q.6170)?
- (2) How many suitably qualified subcontractors tendered on the Ambulatory Care Centre following the placement of advertising by Fugen Constructions?
- (a) What are the names of the suitably qualified subcontractors that submitted tenders?
- (b) Which of these subcontractors has been selected for work on this project?
- (3) What is the total size of the subcontractor workforce involved in the Ambulatory Care Centre project?
- (4) How many of the personnel working on the Ambulatory Care Centre project live in the Illawarra's local government areas of Wollongong, Shellharbour, Kiama, Shoalhaven and Southern Highlands?
- 6375 EATING DISORDERS PROJECT FORUM—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Assistant Minister for Health—
- (1) How many people attended the Eating Disorders Project Forum on 15 October 2014 in the Illawarra Shoalhaven region (ref Q.6117)?
- (2) Was the Eating Disorders Project Forum advertised?
- (a) If so, where and when was the Forum advertised?
- (3) Which stakeholders were invited to participate in the Eating Disorders Project Forum?
- (4) What issues were raised at the Eating Disorders Project Forum?
- (5) What are the key milestones in the development of the Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District Eating Disorders Service Plan?
- 6376 ROOTY HILL ROADWORKS—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Roads and Freight, Minister for the North Coast, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- (1) Are there plans for a large commercial development at Eastern Creek between Rooty Hill Road South, Church Lane, and the Great Western Highway?
- (2) What roadworks will be carried out on Rooty Hill Road South to ensure that residents on that street can leave and access their own driveways with safety?
- 6377 KIDS HELPLINE FUNDING—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- (1) Do any Government agencies provide funding to the Kids Helpline?
- (a) If so, which agencies and how much funding do they provide?

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