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(Paper No. 9)

*0125 GLENDALE TECHNOLOGY HIGH SCHOOL—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Education—

Will the Government match the former Government's election promise to provide upgrades to school science laboratories at Glendale Technology High School, Glendale?

Answer—

A project to upgrade the existing science laboratories at Glendale Technology High School is nominated for inclusion in a future capital works program. Funding for this project will be considered in the context of future capital works priorities.

*0126 FUNDING FOR STUDENTS WITH A PHYSICAL OR INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY—Mr Jamie Parker asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) How many students in government schools in the electorate of Balmain are receiving funding support for a physical or intellectual disability?
- (2) How many students in non-government schools in the electorate of Balmain are receiving funding support for a physical or intellectual disability?
- (3) Which schools, both government and non-government, in the electorate of Balmain run special units for students with physical or intellectual disabilities?
- (4) How many students are enrolled in each of these special units?

Answer—

- (1) There are 17 students with confirmed intellectual or physical disabilities in government schools in the electorate of Balmain who receive funding support.
- (2) The Department of Education and Communities does not maintain specific disability data for students enrolled in non-government schools.
- (3) Government schools in the electorate of Balmain which have support units for students with confirmed intellectual or physical disability are: Leichhardt Public School; Sydney Secondary College, Balmain Campus; Sydney Secondary College, Blackwattle Bay Campus; and Sydney Secondary College, Leichhardt Campus.

The Department has no equivalent data for non-government schools.

- (4) There are 27 students in the support unit at Leichhardt Public School; 8 students in the support unit at Sydney Secondary College, Balmain Campus; 19 students in the support unit at Sydney Secondary College, Blackwattle Bay Campus; and 26 students in the support unit at Sydney Secondary College, Leichhardt Campus.

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*0127 WORK EXPERIENCE FOR STUDENTS WITH A PHYSICAL OR INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY—Mr Jamie Parker asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) In the last three years which State Government workplaces have taken school students with physical or intellectual disabilities from within the electorate of Balmain for work experience?
- (2) How many school students with physical or intellectual disabilities undertook work experience with a State Government department or agency in each of the last three years?

Answer—

- (1) Within the past three years students with a physical or intellectual disability from within the electorate of Balmain have undertaken work experience in the following State Government workplaces - the Office of Environment and Heritage, the Department of Transport Sydney Ferries and Royal Prince Alfred Hospital.
- (2) It is not possible to identify the specific numbers of students with a physical or intellectual disability who undertook work experience with a State Government department or agency in the past three years as the Department of Education and Communities does not collect this information.

*0128 FUNDING FOR RESPITE CARE SERVICES—Mr Jamie Parker asked the Minister for Ageing, and Minister for Disability Services—

- (1) What Government funding is provided to services operating in the electorate of Balmain to provide respite care for school students with disabilities?
- (2) What Government funding is provided to services operating in the electorate of Balmain to provide

respite care for post-school adults with disabilities?

Answer—

The Electorate of Balmain includes the Local Government Area of Leichhardt and part of the Local Government Area of Ashfield.

- (1) Ageing, Disability and Home Care (ADHC) funds a total of 21 respite services in the Electorate of Balmain which can be accessed by people with a disability who are of school age. Seventeen of these services are funded through Disability funding at an amount of \$7,010,982. Four additional services are funded through the Home and Community Care (HACC) Program at an amount of \$619,506. The total funding for these services is \$7,630,488.
- (2) ADHC funds a total of 20 respite services in the Electorate of Balmain which can be accessed by people with a disability who are post school adults. Sixteen of these services are funded through Disability funding at an amount of \$6,566,689 and as noted above four of these services are funded through the HACC Program for \$619,506 (as per HACC guidelines these services are currently available to all age groups). The total funding for these services is \$7,186,195.

*0131 KEIRA ELECTORATE AND BROADER ILLAWARRA REGION—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) What are the Minister's priorities for the electorate of Keira over the next 12 months?
- (2) What are the Minister's priorities for the broader Illawarra region over the next 12 months?

Answer—

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*0135 KEIRA ELECTORATE AND BROADER ILLAWARRA REGION—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW—

- (1) What are the Minister's priorities for the electorate of Keira over the next 12 months?
- (2) What are the Minister's priorities for the broader Illawarra region over the next 12 months?

Answer—

- (1) The NSW Government is committed to returning planning powers back to Councils and has commenced the process to repeal Part 3A of the Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979. The Government has also committed to undertaking a comprehensive review of the State's planning system to deliver better planning outcomes to the community. This review will give the community an opportunity to help shape a new planning system for the State.
- (2) The Government has legislated that local government elections are to be held in Wollongong and Shellharbour in September this year, which will assist in providing local communities with a greater voice in planning issues.

In the Illawarra I will oversee the review of the Illawarra Regional Strategy which will guide growth and development, as well as maintaining the employment lands database to ensure short and long term availability of employment lands in the region.

I have requested Department of Planning and Infrastructure to liaise with Kiama and Shellharbour Councils to progress their Local Environmental Plans to ensure that these Council plans support future economic growth and the protection of the environment.

I look forward to working with Wollongong, Shellharbour and Kiama Councils on the future review of strategic planning for the Illawarra over the next 12 months.

*0137 KEIRA ELECTORATE AND BROADER ILLAWARRA REGION—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport—

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*0138 KEIRA ELECTORATE AND BROADER ILLAWARRA REGION—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Hospitality and Racing, and Minister for the Arts—

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*0142 COMPENSATION FOR LOCAL COUNCILS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Transport—

- (1) Will the Government compensate local councils for the extra time and finances that are being consumed for the upkeep of local roads, which in some places are already quite damaged due to these new and increased bus services?
- (2) How will this compensation be distributed?
- (3) How much will the compensation be for each council?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Yes.
- (2) The Transport Administration Act 1988 (the Act) provides for grants to be made to councils to defray the cost of maintaining public roads used by buses in the Sydney, Newcastle, and Wollongong Transport Districts.

The extent of funds distributed is based on the total Bus Weight Tax Collection in the previous financial year.

- (3) For the current year (2010-11) \$1,490,700 (which was collected in 2009-10) is being distributed to councils as follows:

Ashfield - 25,930
 Auburn - 20,979
 Bankstown - 76,560
 Blacktown - 74,039
 Botany Bay - 7,021
 Burwood - 22,543
 Camden - 4,025

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Campbelltown - 25,712
Canada Bay - 30,466
Canterbury - 62,122
Fairfield - 60,770
Hawkesbury - 3,380
The Hills - 12,940
Holroyd - 31,279
Hornsby - 26,961
Hunters Hill - 3,904
Hurstville - 24,908
Kogarah - 18,026
Ku-ring-gai - 21,803
Lake Macquarie - 21,614
Lane Cove - 8,834
Leichhardt - 38,736
Liverpool - 42,500
Manly - 12,291
Marrickville - 30,271
Mosman - 10,332
Newcastle - 45,102
North Sydney - 26,184
Parramatta - 42,745
Penrith - 24,022
Pittwater - 7,138
Randwick - 76,613
Rockdale - 38,114
Ryde - 28,784
Strathfield - 15,456
Sutherland - 33,680
Sydney - 266,234
Warringah - 21,976
Waverley - 27,762
Willoughby - 39,011
Wollondilly - 1,254
Wollongong - 50,344
Woollahra - 28,335

*0143 TRUNDLE MULTI PURPOSE SERVICE—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) Is the Minister aware of nursing staff shortages at Trundle Multi Purpose Service (MPS)?
- (2) How many full-time staff are employed at Trundle MPS?
- (3) How many vacancies are there?
- (4) When will these vacancies be advertised or filled?
- (5) Is the position of Permanent Manager of Trundle MPS being advertised or filled?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) to (4) There are currently 9.8 full-time equivalent nursing staff at the Trundle Multipurpose Service.

At any one time most hospitals operate with a degree of staff vacancies. However, where vacancies exist, temporary qualified staff are employed where required pending recruitment to these positions.

The Trundle Multipurpose Service continues to actively recruit for 4.2 full time equivalent registered nurse positions and 1 full time equivalent enrolled nurse position. The positions were advertised on 7 March 2011, 9 March 2011, 11 April 2011 and 21 April 2011.

(5) The permanent incumbent is on secondment to Wellington Hospital. A suitably qualified person is currently undertaking this role.

*0144 SOUTH WESTERN SYDNEY LOCAL HEALTH NETWORK—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) (a) Are there any open access adult ophthalmology outpatient clinics in South Western Sydney Local

Health Network (SWSLHN)?

(b) If so, where?

- (2) (a) How many patients for cataract surgery are on the waiting list in SWSLHN category 1, 2, 3?
(b) What is the average waiting time in each category?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) (a) and (b) There are two open access adult ophthalmology outpatient clinics in the South Western Sydney Local Health District. They are located at Bankstown and Liverpool Hospitals.
(2) The previous NSW Labor Government had a policy to artificially reduce waiting lists.

A special taskforce is currently undertaking an audit of unmet demand and waiting times.

*0145 TOMAREE COMMUNITY HOSPITAL—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

With respect to Tomaree Community Hospital:

- (1) What is the budget for the 2010-11 financial year?
(2) Are there plans for radiology and/or dialysis on site at this hospital?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The revised Net Cost of Services budget for Tomaree Community Hospital for 2010-11 is \$3.235 million.
(2) The Hunter New England Local Health District is currently undertaking a planning exercise of service needs for the Greater Newcastle Region, inclusive of Tomaree Community Hospital.

*0146 RENAL DIALYSIS—KEMPSEY DISTRICT HOSPITAL—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) How many renal dialysis chairs are available at Kempsey District Hospital?
(2) How many patients in the Kempsey area are on home dialysis?
(3) How many patients on renal dialysis need to travel to Port Macquarie Hospital?
(4) Are there any planned enhancements for renal dialysis at Kempsey Hospital?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Five chairs currently operate each morning Monday to Saturday and evenings on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.
(2) As of June 2011 there are 10 home dialysis patients in the Kempsey area.
(3) At present one patient requiring isolation facilities is transported to Port Macquarie Hospital for dialysis.
(4) The Government is currently undertaking a review of health priorities for capital investment. The specific timing of hospital projects will be announced after the budget process is completed in September 2011.

*0147 MOUNT DRUITT HOSPITAL EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

In the six months July to December 2010:

- (1) How many children presented to Mount Druitt Emergency Department?
(2) How many children needing after-hours emergency surgery were transferred from Mount Druitt Hospital to Blacktown for surgery, and then back to Mount Druitt for post-operative care?
(3) Were any adverse outcomes recorded?

Answer—

I am advised that in the period stipulated in the question:

- (1) 5,633 children presented to the Mount Druitt Hospital Emergency Department.
(2) 9 children needing after-hours emergency surgery were transferred from Mount Druitt Hospital to Blacktown Hospital Emergency Department. None of these children were transferred back to Mount Druitt Hospital for post-operative care.
(3) There were no adverse outcomes recorded for any of these children.

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*0148 RAYMOND TERRACE HEALTHONE CLINIC—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

What is the status of the construction of the Raymond Terrace HealthOne Clinic?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Government is currently undertaking a review of health capital infrastructure.

The specific timing and scope of hospital projects will be announced after the budget process is completed in September 2011.

*0149 NELSON BAY AMBULANCE STATION—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

What is the status of the construction of the Nelson Bay Ambulance Station?

Answer—

I am advised:

The new station at Nelson Bay has been completed.

*0150 NEW PARENT AND INFANT NETWORK—Ms Clover Moore asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

Noting that Newpin (New Parent and Infant Network) intensive child protection and parent education programs have been working therapeutically for more than 10 years with families under stress to break destructive family behaviour cycles and enhance parent-child relationships:

- (1) What evidence does the Government have about the success of Newpin programs?
- (2) What Newpin services are available for families under stress in the inner city?
- (3) What intensive family support programs does the Government fund for families under stress in the inner city?
- (4) What family support services are available for families under stress in Woolloomooloo, Millers Point, Ultimo and Surry Hills?
- (5) What plans does the Government have to expand intensive family support services for the inner city?

Answer—

- (1) Newpin is an early intervention support program run under licence in Australia by Uniting Care Burnside. It aims to increase children's safety, wellbeing and life opportunities by responding to families exhibiting child protection risk factors. Evaluations of Newpin have generally assessed its qualitative impact and identified improved parental confidence and self esteem resulting from the program. However, there is currently insufficient data to determine whether Newpin has led to a measurable improvement in child protection outcomes.
- (2) There are no Newpin services located in the inner city. Newpin based services currently operate in Western Sydney.
- (3) Community Services funds a range of service providers to deliver support to families under stress in the inner city through Brighter Futures, Early Intervention and Placement Prevention Programs and Families NSW Programs as well as Specialist Homelessness Services.

In 2010-11, funding of \$140,000 was committed as part of the service system realignment reforms to create two new intensive family support services in the South East Sydney Network. This funding will service families in the City of Sydney Local Government Area (see question 5).

- (4) The following family support services operate in Woolloomooloo, Millers Point, Ultimo and Surry Hills:
 - Walla Mulla Family and Community Support Service is an Aboriginal Specific Service that runs family support projects in the Woolloomooloo area.
 - Barnardo's' Aboriginal Early Years project provides family support services across the inner city.
 - The Factory Community Centre and the Weave Women and Children's Centre are based in Waterloo and provide family support services to families across the inner city.
 - The Lone Parent Family Support Service based in Young Street, adjacent to Millers Point, provides services to families from all over the Inner City.
 - SDN Child and Family Service Pty Limited is the lead organisation contracted to deliver the Brighter Futures program in the Inner City and is based in Alexandria and Redfern.

- The Inner City Youth At Risk Service is a Specialist Homelessness Service that works in collaboration with other inner city services to provide brokerage, housing and intensive case management to homeless teenage parents.
- (5) From 2011-12 the Early Intervention and Placement Prevention program will provide an integrated system of appropriately targeted child, youth and family support services to reduce the likelihood of children and young people entering or remaining in the child protection and out-of-home care systems.

The program will have an annual on-going budget of \$64.2 million to provide an integrated system of appropriately targeted child, youth and family support services to reduce the likelihood of children and young people entering or remaining in the child protection and out-of-home care systems.

Within the South East Sydney and Inner West Networks, which encompass Woolloomooloo, Millers Point, Ultimo and Surry Hills, a total of \$248,000 per annum in new funding is being committed to Intensive Family Support services for 2011-12. This is in addition to over \$400,000 per annum in existing funds being realigned to Intensive Family Support Services and over \$60,000 per annum in existing funds to Intensive Family Preservation services in the same locations. The new services will be open and accepting referrals from 1 July 2011.

*0151 ULTIMO/PYRMONT BUSES—Ms Clover Moore asked the Minister for Transport—

With respect to bus services for Ultimo and Pyrmont precincts, and noting that the residential population at the 2006 Census was 16,500 compared to the 2023 estimate of 13,500 under the Ultimo-Pyrmont Plan:

- (1) What needs assessment has the Government carried out about bus services for Ultimo and Pyrmont since the Region 6 Bus Review?
- (2) What data has the State Transit Authority used to estimate need for bus services in this precinct?
- (3) What increased bus services have been provided over the past five years?
- (4) What plans does the Government have to extend and expand bus services to these precincts?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The Region 6 bus network review was implemented in March 2010. The Department of Transport will be conducting a follow up review during 2011-12.
- (2) The Department of Transport uses actual and forecast demand data as well as customer feedback and operational performance statistics in determining service requirements. This includes passenger boarding and service reliability data; customer feedback, including from community consultation; information on emerging trends including land use developments, and community travel patterns.
- (3) There has been no change in bus services provided in Ultimo and Pyrmont over the past five years.
- (4) This will be considered in the 2011-12 Region 6 timetable review.

*0152 ADULT COMMUNITY EDUCATION—Ms Clover Moore asked the Minister for Education—

Noting that Adult Community Education (ACE) provides second chance education opportunities, engages with alienated learners and has strong social inclusion outcomes:

- (1) What funds has the NSW Government provide for ACE over the past five years?
- (2) How many people in NSW have attended ACE programs and how many hours of tuition were provided over the past five years?
- (3) How many people have attended ACE programs in the Sydney electorate and how many hours of tuition in this electorate were provided over the past five years?
- (4) How does overall NSW Government funding for ACE compare with Victorian Government funding?
- (5) How does NSW Government per capita funding for ACE compare with Victorian Government per capita funding?
- (6) What additional funds do NSW ACE providers harness from business, community and other sources to provide ACE programs?
- (7) What plans does the Government have to expand funding and support for ACE?
- (8) What plans does the Government have to expand funding and support for ACE in the Sydney electorate?

Answer—

- (1) Approximately \$109 million from 2006 to 2010.
- (2) Around 578,000 people have undertaken 35 million hours of training over the five-year period.
- (3) Over 52,000 people have undertaken 1.5 million hours of training in Sydney electorate from 2006 to 2010.

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- (4) In the 2009-10 financial year, the NSW Government provided \$33 million to ACE colleges, while the Victorian Government provided \$58 million. The difference is largely due to ACE colleges in Victoria delivering more vocational education and training than ACE colleges in New South Wales.
- (5) NSW Government per capita funding in 2010 is estimated to be approximately \$600 to \$700 per student. Comparable Victorian data are not available on a calendar year basis.
- (6) The latest data show NSW ACE colleges accessed an additional \$52.4 million from business, community and other sources in 2009.
- (7) The NSW Government will consider funding for the ACE sector as part of the process for the 2011-12 State Budget.
- (8) Future funding for ACE colleges in the Sydney electorate will reflect decisions made in the 2011-12 State Budget.

*0153 ADULT LITERACY—Ms Clover Moore asked the Minister for Education—

Noting the recent assessment of international adult literacy policies by the Irish National Adult Literacy Agency showing the success of jurisdictions where there is a "culture of adult learning by removing barriers to learning", and Australian data that 40% of employed and 60% of unemployed people were found to have had poor or very poor literacy and numeracy skills:

- (1) Is the Government aware of the criticism of Australia's poor progress with adult literacy?
- (2) What assessment has the Government made of the findings of this review of the impact of literacy policies and programs, including:
 - (a) the need for a minimum 100 hours for effective literacy programs;
 - (b) embedding adult literacy programs in vocational education;
 - (c) the benefits of expanding adult literacy across a range of providers, venues and situations;
 - (d) helping parents support their children's literacy through family literacy programs?
- (3) What action will the Government take to increase adult literacy opportunities through:
 - (a) workplace education programs;
 - (b) vocational education programs including TAFE;
 - (c) migrant and refugee support services;
 - (d) indigenous organisations;
 - (e) local community organisations;
 - (f) adult education providers?
- (4) What other plans does the Government have to expand literacy education?

Answer—

- (1) The Government is aware of the international review of adult literacy commissioned by the National Adult Literacy Agency in Ireland.
- (2) to (4) The National Research and Development Centre for Adult Literacy and Numeracy which undertook this research has acknowledged limitations in terms of available research evidence. For example, in relation to the finding of the need for a minimum 100 hours for effective literacy programs, it does not reflect the fact that TAFE NSW exceeds this minimum by delivering adult literacy and numeracy qualifications ranging between 180 to 360 hours, based on individual student need.

The Australian research quoted in the Review refers to 2001-2004 research which is narrow in its focus and does not recognise the significant work that has been undertaken on language, literacy and numeracy over the past six years, including the development of a National VET Equity Advisory Council Equity Blueprint and a National Foundation Skills Strategy and National Foundation Skills Training Package.

The Department of Education and Communities delivers a diverse range of strong and effective programs in adult literacy and will continue to do so.

*0154 COMPANY TITLE DISPUTES—Ms Clover Moore asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

With regard to the 2007 NSW Law Reform Commission Report 115: Disputes in Company Title Home Units, which recommends legislative changes to enable some company title disputes to be heard by the Consumer Trader and Tenancy Tribunal and through mediation:

- (1) What plans does the Government have to implement the six recommendations?
- (2) What recommendations does the Government reject and what are the reasons for this?

Answer—

I am advised:

The recommendations of the Law Reform Commission were directed to establishing a simpler mechanism to resolve company title disputes between residents. My Department has identified difficulties in conferring this jurisdiction on the Consumer Trader and Tenancy Tribunal and is identifying other options for a Government response this year. The Government will also consider whether further consultation should be conducted.

*0155 REPORT FROM INFORMATION COMMISSIONER—Ms Clover Moore asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

- (1) Will the NSW Government ask the Information Commissioner to report on the operations of the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 to identify barriers to open governance, recommend legislative changes, and identify agencies failing to comply with requirements?
- (2) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Government Information (Information Commissioner) Act 2009 requires the Information Commissioner to prepare and publish a report on the operation of the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 as soon as practicable after 30 June each year. The Commissioner must provide the report to the Presiding Officer of each House of Parliament, and to myself as the Minister responsible for the Act. The Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 commenced on 1 July 2010.

*0156 PREVENTING VIOLENCE AGAINST GAY, LESBIAN, BISEXUAL AND TRANSGENDER PEOPLE—Ms Clover Moore asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

With respect to implementation of the Government's "Strategic Framework 2007-2012 Working Together: Preventing violence against gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people":

- (1) What projects and action have been initiated since the projects listed on the Crime Prevention website for 2007-2008?
- (2) What new projects have been developed since 2008 to address problems arising in "key sites of violence, particularly education facilities and workplaces"?
- (3) What new projects have been developed since 2008 to address "service delivery reform"?
- (4) What new projects have been developed since 2008 to "reduce the incidence of hostility and violence by providing information and education"?
- (5) What new projects have been developed since 2008 to provide "support for victims of prejudice related violence"?
- (6) What new projects have been developed since 2008 to "research into prejudice related violence against GLBT people, with a focus on transgender and bisexual people"?
- (7) What further action will the Government take to address homophobic and transphobic violence and abuse?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) The Government remains committed to the whole of government strategy, "Strategic Framework 2007-2012 Working Together: Preventing violence against gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people". The Department of Attorney General and Justice (DAGJ) is currently compiling updated achievements and initiatives from participating agencies for 2010. Projects and actions for 2009, as reported to the Department by participating agencies, are listed in response to questions 2 to 6 below.

(2) New projects include:

- "Proud Schools", launched by the Department of Education and Communities (DEC) in January 2011, tackling homophobia in NSW high schools.
- The NSW Anti Homophobia Interagency (NSW AHI) Committee has supported projects to implement anti-homophobia training and resources within DEC, including:
 - meeting with members of the NSW Teachers Federation GLBT Training Course to report on DEC initiatives
 - contributing to the development of "FAIR (Fairness, Acceptance, Individuality, Respect), Putting Anti-Bullying into Action", a Student Services Initiative of the South Western Sydney Region of DEC.
- A review of the "Hate Comes Home" anti-homophobia DVD was sent to all NSW Government

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Schools.

- The NSW Police Force provided ongoing training to specialist and generalist police on a range of issues affecting GLBT communities, including training for School Liaison Police.
- The WorkCover NSW "Young Workers" website provides information on workplace violence and bullying for young workers.

(3) Legislative changes in NSW since 2008 include:

- The Adoption Amendment (Same Sex Couples) Act 2010
- The Relationships Register Act 2010
- The Surrogacy Act 2010

Service delivery initiatives include:

- Anti-discrimination awareness raising for staff of the Greater Southern Area Health Service.
- A conference hosted by the Same Sex Domestic Violence Interagency that examined same sex domestic violence.
- DAGJ published "Understanding your Legal Rights: A guide for lesbians and gay men in NSW".
- A training session conducted by DAGJ for the NSW Police Force regarding the Strategic Framework and research into homophobic violence.

(4) New projects include:

- The "This Is Oz" online gallery launched in 2009 and now managed by the Aids Council of NSW (ACON).
- A resource providing information regarding 'beats', developed by the Northern Sydney Central Coast and Sydney South West Area Health Services, in partnership with National Parks and Wildlife and North Sydney Council.
- Presentations to student officers at Goulburn Police College on GLBT issues, a new initiative by the NSW Police Force.

(5) New projects include:

- An education and awareness resource, "However you wanna see me, I'm just me", to assist Aboriginal gay, lesbian and sistergirl people.
- Expanded clinical Sexual Health Services provided by the Northern Sydney Central Coast Area Health Service for gay men.
- Gay and Lesbian Liaison Officer (GLLO) training courses conducted by the NSW Police Force in Tweed Heads and Parramatta

(6) In 2011, DAGJ will continue to develop a research framework examining the prevalence of hate crime, which includes crimes based on prejudice on the grounds of race, religion, ethnicity, gender, sexuality and disability.

(7) The Department will update the Framework beyond 2012 and publish the "2010 Annual Report - Key projects, Initiatives and Highlights" on an appropriate Crime Prevention Division website when available.

*0157 NATIONAL DISABILITY INSURANCE SCHEME—Ms Clover Moore asked the Minister for Ageing, and Minister for Disability Services—

Noting the Productivity Commission's report on a national disability insurance scheme that supports individualised funding for people with significant disability:

- (1) What action has the NSW Government taken in support of a national scheme?
- (2) What assessment has the Government made of the benefits of such a scheme?
- (3) What contribution has the Government made to national discussions towards a scheme?
- (4) What action will the Government take to lobby for and support a national disability insurance scheme?

Answer—

- (1) A response was provided to the Productivity Commission's Draft Report - and is available on the Ageing, Disability and Home Care website at www.adhc.nsw.gov.au

The response welcomed the Commission's Draft Report and gives in-principle support to the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS). It noted that such a national scheme is essential to ensuring a sustainable disability support system to provide certainty for people with a disability, their families and carers.

An information pack on the NDIS was provided to all members of both Houses of the NSW Parliament and to peak bodies and other significant disability organisations in NSW - including a fact sheet, newsletter article and press release.

It was also proposed, to the Commission, that the Hunter Region be the location for any trial of the NDIS.

- (2) Proposed NDIS was assessed for its social and financial impacts and viability, leading to the NSW Government giving in-principle support but also identifying a number of areas that required further analysis for the Commission's final report.

Assessment of the proposed NDIS and development of the NSW Government response was overseen by a cross-Departmental Steering Committee including NSW Treasury; NSW Health; Premier and Cabinet; Ageing, Disability and Home Care; Lifetime Care and Support Authority; and NSW Trustee and Guardian. Additional information was sought from the Departments of Education and Transport; WorkCover Authority and NSW Self Insurance Corporation.

- (3) Provided response to the Commission - publicly available on the Ageing, Disability and Home Care website.

Participated in a national meeting of Disability Ministers on 19 April 2011, at which the NDIS was discussed. At this meeting discussions were also held with Commissioners Patricia Scott and John Walsh and representatives of the Independent Panel advising the Commission on the Disability Care and Support Inquiry.

- (4) The NSW Government recognises that this is a critical opportunity to fight hard for the futures of people with a disability in NSW.

The information packs sent to Members of Parliament and peak bodies contained details of the Every Australian Counts campaign, which is being led by the National People with Disability and Carers Council and the National Disability Services. The NSW Government strongly supports this campaign.

It is essential that there is widespread support through the community for the introduction of a NDIS. As Minister, I have encouraged all people in NSW to express support for the NDIS through this national campaign at www.everyaustraliancounts.com.au

The NSW Government looks forward to the release of the Commission's Final Report and working with the Australian Government and other State and Territory Governments in developing a NDIS.

*0158 PEDESTRIAN SAFETY PADDINGTON/DARLINGHURST—Ms Clover Moore asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

With respect to community-supported City of Sydney recommendations for measures to improve pedestrian safety and access in Paddington and Darlinghurst:

- (1) Will the Government review options to address longstanding concerns about through traffic using South Dowling Street north?
- (2) What can be done to redirect northbound through traffic along Flinders Street instead of narrower residential South Dowling Street north?
- (3) What options have been considered to provide for northbound traffic to turn right from Flinders Street at Taylor Square?
- (4) What assessment has been made of options to provide safer crossing of South Dowling Street north near Napier Street?
- (5) What assessment has been made to provide pedestrian crossings:
 - (a) at Three Saints Square on the eastern side of Oxford Street at the intersection of Barcom Avenue and South Dowling Street;
 - (b) at Centennial Square on the eastern side of Oxford Street at the intersection with Moore Park Road and Lang Road?
 - (c) at Drivers Triangle on South Dowling Street, at the intersection with Moore Park Road and Flinders Street and with Fitzroy Street?
- (6) What plans does the Government have to improve pedestrian safety at these locations?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) In early 2006 the local Member met with the then Minister for Roads and agreement was reached to remove the clearways on the section of South Dowling Street between Oxford Street and Flinders

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Street, reducing the carriageway to one lane in each direction. The intention was to reduce traffic volumes and act as a traffic calming strategy.

The RTA has reviewed the State road network in this area and believes that it is operating at maximum efficiency.

- (2) Northbound traffic using South Dowling Street has the Darlinghurst/Paddington area as a destination. South Dowling Street is considered the most suitable access for this traffic.
- (3) A proposal has been previously considered at the request of the City of Sydney Council but did not proceed because of safety concerns about pedestrian and vehicle conflicts. Another concern is the limited capacity of this intersection. Under the current configuration the intersection is operating at maximum capacity and it is considered that the addition of a right turn movement would result in extensive delays, queuing and localised congestion.
- (4) In 2005, the RTA carried out an investigation of the signalisation of South Dowling Street and Napier Street.

In December 2005, the Member for Sydney convened a community meeting to determine the views of residents about installing traffic lights with pedestrian facilities at this intersection. There were numerous objections due to the loss of on-street parking, removal of established trees and the loss of access to Hannam Street. It was decided not to proceed with the installation because of community opposition.

- (5) (a) Due to the high vehicle volumes and limited capacity of the intersection, the addition of a pedestrian crossing on the eastern leg would result in a decreased level of service for the whole intersection, causing extensive queuing and congestion on South Dowling, Victoria and Oxford streets.
 - (b) These traffic lights are operating at capacity. Additional pedestrian facilities at this location would result in extensive delays, queuing and localised congestion.
 - (c) Drivers Triangle is an area isolated by the three surrounding high volume roads. There is a single pedestrian access between Flinders Street, the eastern side of South Dowling Street and the southern side of Moore Park Road, linking to Anzac Parade. Effective pedestrian links along other desire lines do not require access to Drivers Triangle.

Encouraging additional pedestrians onto Drivers Triangle is unnecessary, potentially dangerous and would have an immediate detrimental effect on the traffic flow pattern.

- (6) The RTA will review the existing pedestrian crossing facilities on major roads in the Paddington/Darlinghurst area to determine what enhancements can be reasonably provided.

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- *0161 HURSTVILLE PRIMARY SCHOOL—ADDITIONAL CLASSROOMS—Ms Cherie Burton asked the Minister for Education—

When will construction begin on the \$8 million additional classrooms for Hurstville Primary School?

Answer—

Planning for the provision of additional classrooms at Hurstville Public School is currently underway. Priority consideration will be given for inclusion of the project in the forthcoming State Budget.

- *0162 ALLAWAH BRIDGE WIDENING—Ms Cherie Burton asked the Minister for Transport—

When will construction begin to widen the Allawah Bridge?

Answer—

I am advised:

RailCorp will commence work on the bridge renewal project in 2013-2014, with major construction to commence in 2015-2016.

- *0163 ST GEORGE HOSPITAL EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT—Ms Cherie Burton asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

When will construction begin on the new \$30 million emergency department at St George Hospital?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Government is currently undertaking a review of health capital infrastructure. The specific timing of hospital projects will be announced after the budget process is completed in September 2011.

*0164 HUNTER REGION RESPITE SERVICES—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Ageing, and Minister for Disability Services—

- (1) What respite services are available in the Hunter Region for parents of young adults with disabilities?
- (2) How often is respite available?

Answer—

- (1) Ageing, Disability and Home Care (ADHC) operates six centre-based respite units in the Hunter Region, which provide 29 respite beds per night. Twenty of these beds are available for young people and adults.

Additionally, ADHC funds 18 non-government organisations to deliver 45 respite services for carers of adults with a disability. These respite services include centre based respite, own home, host family, peer support and flexible respite packages.

A centre-based respite service offers a minimum of 25 days of respite per year per person for 16 hours per day. This equates to 400 hours of respite per annum per person. A flexible respite place provides a minimum of 168 hours of respite per annum per person.

- (2) Centre-based respite operated by ADHC is allocated and available on a quarterly basis. An average allocation is four nights per stay and most families receive three stays per quarter.

Own home, host family and flexible respite programs are allocated on either a six or 12 month basis, depending on the particular application and prioritisation process used by an individual service provider. The use of the respite allocation is planned between the respite provider, the carer, and (where relevant) the case manager. Carers may receive different amounts of respite from their package, depending on their expressed preferences, choice of service model or individual respite plan.

Peer Support programs usually operate every week and activities are provided two or three times per week on average, on weeknights and weekends.

*0165 JOHN PAGET—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

- (1) Is John Paget employed or retained by the Department of Attorney General and Justice?
- (2) If so:
 - (a) What are the terms and conditions of his employment?
 - (b) When did his employment commence?
 - (c) What selection process was adopted?
- (3) Has John Paget Consulting been engaged by the Department of Attorney General and Justice?
- (4) If so, and in relation to that consultancy:
 - (a) What are the terms and conditions of his employment?
 - (b) When did his employment commence?
 - (c) What selection process was adopted?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Dr John Paget has been engaged as a consultant by the Department of Attorney General and Justice.
- (2) (a) Dr Paget is engaged as a consultant to give high-level policy advice in regard to corrections. His remuneration is based on an hourly rate commensurate with his expertise. He is subject to standard departmental requirements with respect to insurance coverage, ABN disclosure and confidentiality.

Payments for consultants are published in the Department's Annual Report in accordance with the Annual Reports (Departments) Act 1985.

(b) Dr Paget has been engaged since 19 May 2011.

(c) Dr Paget was engaged on the basis of his known Senior Executive expertise as a former Senior Corrections Executive (including Chief Executive Officer) in three jurisdictions.

- (3) John Paget Consulting has not been engaged by the Department of Attorney General and Justice, though it is open to Dr John Paget to submit invoices through that entity.
- (4) Not applicable.

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*0166 POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) Has the Government or your department retained the services of the legal firm DLA Phillips Fox, now known as DLA Piper?
- (2) If so, what consideration has been given to managing potential conflicts of interest?

Answer—

I am advised:

I refer to the responses provided by the Attorney General in relation to Question 0167 and the Minister for Finance and Services in relation to Question 0168.

There is no record of recent payments to legal firm DLA Piper (formerly known as DLA Phillips Fox) in the Department of Premier and Cabinet's finance system.

*0167 POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

- (1) Has the Government or your department retained the services of the legal firm DLA Phillips Fox, now known as DLA Piper?
- (2) If so, what consideration has been given to managing potential conflicts of interest?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) My Department has retained the services of DLA Phillips Fox regarding leasing matters.
- (2) Potential conflicts of interest are managed in accordance with NSW Government procurement policies and the relevant provisions of the Law Society of NSW's Revised Professional Conduct and Practice Rules 1995.

*0169 NATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS REWARD PAYMENTS—Ms Carmel Tebbutt asked the Minister for Education—

What discussions have occurred between the NSW Government and the Australian Government about the use of National Partnerships reward payments since 26 March 2011?

Answer—

There have been no discussions.

*0170 NATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS REWARD PAYMENTS—Ms Carmel Tebbutt asked the Minister for Education—

Has the Australian Government agreed to the use of National Partnerships reward payments to fund the NSW Government's election commitment to employ additional literacy and numeracy teachers?

Answer—

The National Partnership Agreement on Literacy and Numeracy between the Commonwealth and New South Wales requires only that "states and territories that receive reward funding must use this funding for education purposes".

There is no requirement for the State to reach agreement with the Commonwealth on the specific use of National Partnership reward payments.

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*0171 NUMBER PLATE RECOGNITION TECHNOLOGY—Mr Richard Amery asked 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 Mount Druitt Police Station been equipped with the new number plate recognition technology?
- (2) If so, what results have been achieved in detecting stolen vehicles and unregistered vehicles with this technology?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force has advised me:

- (1) The Mount Druitt Local Area Command became involved in the trial of mobile automated number plate recognition (ANPR) technology in January 2010.
- (2) This technology has led to 650 Traffic Infringement Notices issued for unregistered vehicles. Police cannot advise the number of stolen vehicles detected due to the way the data is currently recorded, however this issue will be addressed in the near future.

*0172 JOHN HUNTER HOSPITAL—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) For the period covering the first quarter of 2011, how many persons attended the John Hunter Hospital for medical treatment in all categories?
- (2) Of this number, how many were treated by the emergency department?
- (3) How many were admitted to hospital?
- (4) Of the number admitted at question (3), how many patients were transferred to other hospitals?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) and (2) 93,286 patients attended the John Hunter Hospital for medical treatment from 1 January to 31 March 2011. 16,379 of these patients were treated in the Emergency Department.
- (3) and (4) 18,196 patients were admitted to the John Hunter Hospital from 1 January to 31 March 2011. 630 of these patients were transferred to other hospitals.

*0173 INGLEBURN POLICE STATION—Dr Andrew McDonald asked 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) Does the Government plan to reopen Ingleburn Police Station?
- (2) What staff enhancements would be required?
- (3) What cost implications are there?
- (4) When would any reopening occur?
- (5) Would this station be manned/staffed 24 hours per day and seven days per week?
- (6) What effect would any reopening have on staffing at Macquarie Fields Local Area Command?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force has advised me that there is no existing or planned police stations at Ingleburn. Police from Macquarie Fields Local Area Command patrol the Ingleburn area on a regular basis.

*0174 TIGERS DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION—Mr Jamie Parker asked the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW—

- (1) Given the transitional arrangements announced by the Government in relation to development applications previously being dealt with under Part 3A of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, why has the Tigers development application in Rozelle not been referred back to Leichhardt Council for determination?
- (2) Will the applicant be required to comply with the voluntary planning agreement (VPA) between council and applicant?
- (3) How will any requirement to comply with the VPA be ensured?
- (4) What planning rules will apply to consideration of the Tigers development application?
- (5) (a) Has a deadline been set for determining the Tigers development application?
(b) If so, what is that deadline?

Answer—

(1) The NSW Government has acted on a pre-election commitment to repeal Part 3A of the EP&A Act by initially removing residential, commercial, retail and coastal subdivision projects from the Major Development SEPP. This means these projects will no longer be identified as major projects. Transitional arrangements were established such that projects which had already had Director General's Requirements issued as at 8 April 2011 were retained as Part 3A projects given that they had substantially progressed in the assessment system. The Tigers project will therefore continue to be assessed as a major project consistent with the transitional arrangements.

(2) and (3) The Director General's requirements issued for the proposal specifically require the proponent to address public benefit and provide details of any proposed contributions or any VPA. The Department

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of Planning and Infrastructure will ensure full consultation with Leichhardt Council on this issue and that the development contributes reasonably to any additional demands it generates. The VPA previously negotiated between Council and the applicant will be fully considered as part of this process.

(4) The Department will undertake a full merit based assessment of the application and will consider Council's planning controls for the site as well as the Director General's requirements. The project will be determined by the Planning Assessment Commission.

The assessment process will also include a full public exhibition through which the views of the Council and community will be sought and carefully considered.

(5) (a) No.

(b) N/A

*0175 1300 HOUSING PHONE NUMBER—Mr Jamie Parker asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

(1) What is the average waiting time for public housing tenants ringing the 1300 HOUSING phone number when repairs are required to their public housing property?

(2) (a) Has the Government explored the feasibility of an internet-based supplementary service to take pressure off the phone-based booking service and reduce waiting times?

(b) If not, will the Government undertake such a feasibility study?

Answer—

(1) In 2010 the Housing Contact Centre responded to over 770,000 calls and it is acknowledged that the Centre has recently experienced longer than normal wait times. Peak times are not always predictable given that the Centre provides state-wide services and, in particular, provides a key point of contact for tenants when there are instances of higher call volumes than normal due to poor weather and other localised situations. Housing NSW has however, taken a number of initiatives to reduce the call response times. These include recruiting additional staff to manage customer enquiries, reviewing processes to reduce the time taken to respond to calls and to expand the ways that customers can make contact with the Centre.

(2) Housing NSW is currently reviewing the feasibility of an internet-based supplementary service.

*0176 WORLD CLASS EXHIBITION CENTRE—Mr John Robertson asked the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

I refer to your plans to construct a World Class Exhibition Centre:

(1) What is the current status of this project?

(2) What are the most recent cost estimates of this project?

(3) What is the timeline for completion of this project?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) The Government has commenced preparation of a call for expressions of interest for a world class convention and exhibition centre at Darling Harbour.

(2) Cost estimates are currently being developed.

(3) It is intended to call expressions of interest in 2011; the timeline for completion of the project will depend on market outcomes but a 2015 completion date is the current target.

*0177 SYDNEY DESALINATION PLANT—Mr John Robertson asked the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

(1) What is the current status of your plans to lease the Sydney Desalination Plant?

(2) What advice have you received from Government agencies as to the potential revenue from this plan?

Answer—

I am advised:

The future plan for the Sydney Desalination Plant is currently being considered by the Government.

*0179 SOBERING UP CENTRES—Mr John Robertson asked the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

I refer to your Government's proposed Sobering Up Centres:

(1) What is the current status of this project?

- (2) What are the most recent cost estimates of this project?
- (3) What is the timeline for completion of these centres?
- (4) What advice has been received from the NSW Police force regarding this proposal?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Government's plan to trial "Sobering Up Centres" is part of its commitment to improve safety by tackling alcohol related violence. The Government has made significant progress in implementing this commitment by strengthening police move-on powers and introducing, into the Parliament, offence provisions targeted at people who continue to behave in an intoxicated and disorderly manner after receiving a move-on direction. Related to this commitment is the establishment of a "Three Strikes" system to discipline licensed venues which repeatedly breach liquor laws, and the Government has introduced legislation into the Parliament to give effect to this commitment.

The "Sobering Up Centres" project is in the planning stages, and a range of agencies including the NSW Police Force have been, and will continue to be, consulted on the development of the Centres.

*0180 GRAFFITI CRACKDOWN—Mr John Robertson asked the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

What is the current status of your Government's proposed graffiti crackdown?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Government has made substantial progress in implementing its election commitments on graffiti by introducing the Graffiti Legislation Amendment Bill (2011) into Parliament on 1 June 2011.

*0182 NORTH WEST RAIL LINK—Mr John Robertson asked the Minister for Transport—

I refer to your plans to construct the North West Rail Link:

- (1) What is the current status of this project?
- (2) What are the most recent cost estimates of this project?
- (3) What is the timeline for completion of this project?

Answer—

- (1) to (3) The North West Rail Link was originally committed to by the previous Labor Government in 1998, for delivery by 2010.

The O'Farrell Government is absolutely committed to delivering this project, and on 29 June 2011, I opened a project information centre in Castle Hill.

Planning and development work is also underway. By the end of 2011 the delivery strategy and project scope will be finalised. The project scope will be decided in consultation with the community.

Cost estimates will be determined in accordance with the project scope and delivery strategy.

*0183 INTEGRATED TRANSPORT AUTHORITY—Mr John Robertson asked the Minister for Transport—

- (1) What are the estimated costs of your plans to establish an Integrated Transport Authority?
- (2) How does this agency differ from its predecessor Transport New South Wales?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The integrated transport authority is being designed to ensure improved transport services in NSW.

The creation of the Integrated Transport Authority will result in significant long term savings for the administration of the transport portfolio and ensure more resources are dedicated to front line services.

- (2) The new integrated transport authority will for the first time in NSW coordinate planning and policy across all modes. The Transport operators, such as RailCorp and the State Transit Authority, will focus on the delivery of services.

The Integrated Transport Authority will have six divisions; Customer Experience, Planning and Programs, Transport Policy and Regulation, Transport Services, Transport Projects, Transport Freight and Regional Development.

*0184 MYZONE TICKETING SYSTEM—Mr John Robertson asked the Minister for Transport—

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I refer to your plans to implement the MyZone ticketing system for Sydney's existing Light Rail network:

- (1) What is the current status of this project?
- (2) What are the most recent cost estimates of this project?
- (3) What is the timeline for the expected implementation date of MyZone ticketing on light rail?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) to (3) Travel on light rail services using a MyMulti, PET or Funday Sunday Ticket became available on Monday 27 June 2011.

The cost to include Light Rail in MyZone, as well as Pensioner Excursion Tickets (PET) and Family Funday Sundays is up to a maximum of \$2.5 million per annum.

*0185 EXPRESS SERVICES FROM WESTERN SYDNEY AND THE CENTRAL COAST—Mr John Robertson asked the Minister for Transport—

I refer to your Government's proposed increase in the number of express services from Western Sydney and the Central Coast:

- (1) What is the current status of this project?
- (2) What are the most recent cost estimates of this project?
- (3) What is the timeline for the implementation of this project?
- (4) What advice has been received from either Transport NSW or RailCorp regarding the likely success of this proposal?
- (5) Will any train services be cut or reduced in order to make way for these additional express services?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) to (5) The Department of Transport and RailCorp are developing proposals to increase the number of express and semi-express services for consideration by Government.

*0186 LITERACY AND NUMERACY ACTION PLAN—Mr John Robertson asked the Minister for Education—

I refer to your Government's proposed Literacy and Numeracy Action Plan:

- (1) What is the current status of this project?
- (2) What are the most recent cost estimates of this project?
- (3) What advice has been received from the Department of Education and Training as to the potential efficacy of this program?
- (4) What is the current status of a ministerial working group to report annually on the performance of the Action Plan?

Answer—

- (1) to (4) A Ministerial Advisory Group comprising education experts has been established to provide advice and direction in creating the Literacy and Numeracy Action Plan. The Advisory Group is headed by an independent chair, Dr Ken Boston and includes three principals, two teachers, three education experts at professorial level, one representative of a non-government organisation and one representative from the Aboriginal Education Consultative Group Inc.

Through the Action Plan, early intervention for students most in need will be supported through the progressive allocation of 900 additional teachers over 5 years at a cost of \$250 million.

Support in the later primary and early secondary years will also be strengthened through redirecting over 300 Support Teachers Learning Assistance from the early years of school to specifically work with students with learning difficulties in the middle years of schooling.

*0187 INCREASE IN BED AND NURSE NUMBERS—Mr John Robertson asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

I refer to your Government's plan to increase the number of beds and nurses in NSW hospitals:

- (1) What is the current status of this project?
- (2) What are the most recent cost estimates for this project?
- (3) What is the timeline for completion of this project?
- (4) What advice has been received from the NSW Health regarding this proposal?

Answer—

- (1) to (4) The Government's Better Hospitals & Healthcare Plan includes a \$3 billion investment into health capital. The government is also committed to opening 1,390 beds and providing 2,475 extra nurses. This includes an allocation of \$293 million to make 550 adult acute overnight public hospital beds available and \$47 million to employ an estimated 275 additional Clinical Nurse/Midwife Educators and Clinical Nurse Midwife Specialists over the term of this Parliament.

I am advised that 44 beds have already been opened in the first 11 weeks and further beds will continue to be made available during the term of this Government.

In addition, nurse recruitment has begun with national advertising and an overseas recruitment campaign will begin later this year. Since March to the end of April 2011, there has been a net increase of 169 nurses who have been employed in permanent full time and part time positions.

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- *0188 SHALVEY POLICE CITIZENS YOUTH CLUB—Mr Richard Amery asked 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) What capital projects are currently underway to enhance the services provided to the Mount Druitt community from the Shalvey Police Citizens Youth Club?
- (2) Has money been announced for the construction of a "drop in" cafe on this site?
- (3) When will this project be completed?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) A security fencing and safety upgrade is being undertaken as well as a kitchen upgrade for a café training program.
- (2) Yes.
- (3) It is anticipated that both projects will be completed by August 2011.

- *0189 CALLAGHAN COLLEGE WALLSEND—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Education—

Will the Government match the former Government's election promise to provide upgrades to school science laboratories at Callaghan College Wallsend?

Answer—

On 15 March 2011, the former Government committed to upgrade science laboratories at Callaghan College Wallsend.

With the change of Government on 26 March 2011, any commitments made by the former Government, such as funding for the provision of a further upgrade to the science laboratories at Callaghan College Wallsend Campus, will only be considered in the context of future capital works priorities.

The NSW Government has a mandate to deliver the election commitments made by the NSW Liberals and Nationals.

- *0190 MULTIPLE TRIP RAIL TICKET—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Transport—

- (1) Has the Minister investigated the possibility of a multiple trip rail ticket, similar to the MyMulti system used on buses?
- (2) Is such a system feasible for those who take trips intermittently rather than regularly?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) and (2) I appreciate that a TravelTen product for trains would be very popular with customers.

Unfortunately, existing CityRail ticketing equipment cannot 'read' and deduct or print the details of a trip on a ticket like the green ticket machines on government buses can.

This Government is committed to making the customer the centre of everything we do in transport, which is why we are working hard to implement electronic ticketing as soon as possible.

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Electronic ticketing will make travelling by public transport simpler and more convenient for infrequent customers as they will be able to pre-load value onto a smartcard, eliminating the need to queue for tickets each time they travel or pay for trips they may not make.

*0191 KEIRA ELECTORATE AND BROADER ILLAWARRA REGION—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Ageing, and Minister for Disability Services—

- (1) What are the Minister's priorities for the electorate of Keira over the next 12 months?
- (2) What are the Minister's priorities for the broader Illawarra region over the next 12 months?

Answer—

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On 6 September 2011 the NSW Government will hand down the budget for 2011-12 to deliver stability, growth and ensure that our priorities will be funded.

*0192 KEIRA ELECTORATE AND BROADER ILLAWARRA REGION—Mr Ryan Park asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

- (1) What are the Attorney General's priorities for the electorate of Keira over the next 12 months?
- (2) What are the Attorney General's priorities for the broader Illawarra region over the next 12 months?

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*0196 KEIRA ELECTORATE AND BROADER ILLAWARRA REGION—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Healthy Lifestyles, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

- (1) What are the Minister's priorities for the electorate of Keira over the next 12 months?
 (2) What are the Minister's priorities for the broader Illawarra region over the next 12 months?

Answer—

The NSW Government have established a number of key priority areas for each of the administrations, Mental Health, Healthy Lifestyles and Western NSW. Outlined below are actions that will support constituents in the Keira electorate by improving Mental Health service provision and focusing on preventative and proactive health initiatives across NSW.

Mental Health

Delivered on Thursday 2 June was the first of the election pledges with the launch of the Mental Health taskforce. In announcing the composition of the 12 member Taskforce, the Government has taken the first step towards the formation of the NSW Mental Health Commission.

The Mental Health Taskforce will hold its meetings over the coming months and will advise the Government on how best to establish the new Commission.

The aim of the Taskforce is to develop and deliver a Mental Health Commission that represents world's best practice. By July 2012, the Government will have an operational Mental Health Commission which will ensure that there is quarantined and accountable funding for mental health expenditure and that resources are focused on where they are most needed through the most appropriate models of care.

The Taskforce will consult widely across New South Wales. Mental health stakeholders from across NSW will be invited to attend community consultations to ensure the taskforce and the commission reflect the needs of practitioners, consumers, community groups, governments and individuals.

Mental health reform across the state will be achieved through developing community solutions that are practical, financially viable and sustainable.

Healthy Lifestyles

On 4 March 2011 the Coalition announced a Preventative Health election commitment to establish:

1. A \$120 million Preventative Health Fighting Fund which pools health promotion resources for prevention programs and facilitates a more strategic and integrated approach to keeping people healthy and out of hospital.
2. An Office of Preventative Health - Located in South West Sydney, the office will have a state-wide focus and be established in partnership with the University of Western Sydney.

This year, significant funds will be invested into preventative health in NSW. The National Partnership Agreement on Preventive Health will bring more than \$100 million over four years to provide evidence-based programs supporting children's and adult's health through targeting chronic disease risk factors including healthy weight, fruit and vegetable consumption, physical activity & smoking.

The Childhood Physical Activity and Healthy Weight Program will involve a revised and refocused state wide roll out of existing evidence-based programs that promote physical activity and healthy nutrition. These programs will be delivered in a variety of community settings such as playgroups, child care services and schools.

In addition to the state wide roll out of existing programs, new initiatives that address the promotion of physical activity and healthy nutrition through community education and sporting club settings will be developed.

Implementation plans specifying the program to be delivered, program scheduling and performance targets have been approved by the Commonwealth and NSW Ministers for Health.

NSW Health is now planning and delivering the Childhood Physical Activity and Healthy Weight Program across NSW as well as targeted programs such as the Targeted Family Physical Activity and Healthy Eating Program provides intensive support for families with a child aged seven to 13 years who is overweight or obese, to provide lifestyle change for better health.

The Targeted Family Physical Activity and Healthy Eating Program will reach 7,000 children aged seven to 13 years will participate in the program over the next four years.

Recruitment will shortly be underway to ensure NSW Health staffs are ready to deliver these important programs across NSW.

The National Partnership Agreement on Preventive Health will also bring \$46 million to NSW for investment in healthy workplaces.

The NSW Healthy Workers initiative will have a strong focus on supporting working adults to achieve lifestyle change by achieving and maintaining a healthy weight, consuming two serves of fruit and five serves of vegetables a day, undertaking at least 30 minutes of physical activity at least five times a week and quitting smoking.

The Healthy Workers programs are currently being developed and will target workers in industry sectors and communities which have a high prevalence of chronic disease risk factors.

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NSW Health has in place a range of relationships with NSW universities to provide the academic and research support needed to deliver and evaluate the NSW Government's investment in preventative health.

As part of the Government's election commitment in preventative health, NSW Health are exploring opportunities for collaboration with the University of Western Sydney.

*0199 KEIRA ELECTORATE AND BROADER ILLAWARRA REGION—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Sport and Recreation—

- (1) What are the Minister's priorities for the electorate of Keira over the next 12 months?
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*0202 COAL SEAM GAS—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) In relation to current coal seam gas exploration activities in the northern Illawarra region, where is the water that is extracted from the bores during this process stored?
- (2) In relation to the current exploration activities by APEX Energy NL in the northern Illawarra, is APEX Energy NL able to conduct hydraulic fracturing under their current development application for the AI16 and AI19 bores?
- (3) What is the status of the Illawarra Coal Measures Project and is this or has this project carried out seismic testing or drilling in the area?

Answer—

This matter is primarily for the Minister for Infrastructure and Planning. However, I am advised as follows:

- (1) The coal seam gas exploration activities are regulated by a Major Project Approval granted by the Department of Planning and Infrastructure under Part 3A of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979. Under the requirements of this approval, Apex Energy is required to install a sump at each drill site to store the water that is extracted from the bores. The sump is required to be lined with plastic and a tanker empties the sumps as necessary.
- (2) No. Hydraulic fracturing was not considered as part of the current development application for boreholes AI16 and AI19. Borehole AI19 was not included as part of the original development application and currently does not have approval. The Department of Planning and Infrastructure is considering a modification to the project approval to include borehole AI19.
- (3) The Department of Planning and Infrastructure has advised the Office of Environment and Heritage that the Illawarra Coal Measures Project has not commenced gas exploration activities in the northern Illawarra Region to date. No seismic testing or drilling has occurred in the area.

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*0203 WESTERN SYDNEY ACADEMY OF SPORT—Mr Richard Amery asked the Minister for Sport and Recreation—

- (1) What is the current level of funding from the State Government to the Western Sydney Academy of Sport?
- (2) Are there any plans to increase this level in future years?

Answer—

- (1) \$143,000.
- (2) The current funding agreement expires 30 December 2012. The level of funding will be considered during preparation of a new funding agreement.

*0204 NO COST TO CONSUMER DENTAL SERVICES—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

What no cost to consumer dental services are available in the NSW Public Health system to adults who are not in possession of a Health Care Card?

Answer—

As it was under the previous government, eligibility for public dental services in New South Wales is governed by NSW Health Department Policy Directive 2009/74 Oral Health - Eligibility of Persons for Public Oral Health Care in NSW.

This Policy Directive states inter alia:

"For an adult to be eligible for free public oral health services they must:

- Hold, or be listed as a dependent on, one of the following valid Australian Government concession cards:
 - Health Care Card
 - Pensioner Concession Card
 - Commonwealth Seniors Health Card."

Therefore, in addition to Health Care Card holders, those adults who hold a valid Pensioner Concession Card or a valid Commonwealth Seniors Health Card are also eligible for free public dental services in New South Wales.

*0205 NURSE PRACTITIONERS—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) (a) How many nurse practitioners have been appointed in NSW?
(b) Where are they located?
- (2) Are there plans to create new positions for Nurse practitioners in the NSW public health system?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) 185 nurses are currently appointed to Nurse Practitioner positions in NSW across rural, remote and metropolitan regions.
- (2) Yes.

*0206 METHADONE DISPENSERS—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) How many private clinics are authorised by the Government to dispense methadone?
- (2) How many pharmacies have been authorised to dispense methadone?
- (3) How many other dispensing agencies are there?
- (4) What measures are taken to ensure security controls of methadone dispensers?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) to (4) Controls on the dispensing of methadone and/or buprenorphine are primarily under the provisions of the Poisons and Therapeutic Goods Act 1966, which governs the receipt, storage, prescribing, recording, accountability, supply and the labelling of takeaway doses. As for all Schedule 8

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drugs, methadone and buprenorphine are fully accountable by way of drug register entries and must be stored in a safe.

12 privately operated clinics are licensed under the provisions of the Poisons and Therapeutic Goods Act to supply methadone and/or buprenorphine for the treatment of opioid dependence.

Privately operated clinics are additionally subject to a range of conditions attaching to their licenses, including the need to maintain accreditation. Accreditation standards address issues such as patient assessment treatment and care, amenity, community liaison, safety and the ongoing monitoring of the clinic's total operation.

Prior to licensing, private clinics are inspected to ensure that security is of a high standard, including the installation of safes, the security of the premises and that procedures are in place to properly account for the receipt, storage and supply of methadone and/or buprenorphine.

772 community pharmacies in NSW are authorised to supply methadone and/or buprenorphine for the treatment of opioid dependence.

Community pharmacists are required to provide a signed undertaking to comply with the Department of Health's Guidelines for Community Pharmacies supplying Methadone and Buprenorphine, prior to authorisation. The Guidelines incorporate the requirements of the Poisons and Therapeutic Goods Act and the Department of Health's Clinical Practice Guidelines.

37 clinics operated by NSW Health and 185 other administration points, including hospital pharmacies, adult correctional centres, juvenile justice centres and doctors' surgeries are authorised to supply methadone and/or buprenorphine for the treatment of opioid dependence.

The public sector clinics are subject to rigorous accreditation standards. All public sector administration points are subject to auditing and the governance of the local public sector authority.

Privately licensed clinics, community pharmacies and all administration points in the public sector can be subject to inspections at any time by Department of Health inspectors.

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*0207 MOUNT DRUITT HOSPITAL—EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT ENHANCEMENT—Mr Richard Amery asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) What is the present position with the enhancement of the emergency department at Mount Druitt Hospital?
- (2) Will this enhancement include:
 - (a) a new urgent care centre;
 - (b) a mental health safe assessment room?

Answer—

The Government is currently undertaking a review of health capital infrastructure.

The specific timing of hospital projects will be announced after the budget process is completed in September 2011.

*0208 BUS SERVICE BETWEEN MATRAVILLE AND MAROUBRA JUNCTION—Mr Michael Daley asked the Minister for Transport—

With respect to the Liberal Party's commitment in the recent State election to implementing a bus service between Matraville and Maroubra Junction in the Maroubra electorate:

- (1) Will the Minister honour that commitment?
- (2) When will the service commence?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) and (2) A direct service will be considered as part of the Region 9 timetable review to be undertaken in 2011-12.

*0209 PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE AT BANKSIA STREET, BOTANY—Mr Michael Daley asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

When will the construction of the pedestrian bridge over the railway line at Banksia Street, Botany be completed?

Answer—

I am advised that:

Completion of the pedestrian bridge is anticipated during the first quarter of 2012.

*0210 INCENTIVE TRANSFER SCHEME FOR TEACHERS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Education—

What are the details of the Government's incentive transfer scheme for teachers, referred to by the Minister for Education during question time on 30 May 2011?

Answer—

A wide range of incentives are provided to attract and retain teachers in rural and isolated locations, including small schools.

Teachers in our remote rural schools receive additional benefits and incentives including subsidised housing, additional vacation and leave periods, retention benefits and additional training and development days. Furthermore, they may apply for an incentive transfer to a school to which they wish to be appointed. Incentive transfer applications are given priority when positions are filled.

The Department's incentive transfer scheme enables classroom teachers, executive staff and principals in 8 and 6 point incentive schools to apply for a transfer to a school of their choice after completing 3 years of service, or 2 years of service in an identified small number of schools.

Teaching partners of classroom teachers, executive staff and principals appointed to or transferring out of positions in 8 and 6 point incentive schools are eligible for concurrent compassionate transfer status, enabling them to transfer when a suitable vacancy arises.

Classroom teachers, executive staff and principals in 4 point incentive schools are eligible to apply for transfer to a school of their choice after completing 5 years of service.

*0211 FUNDS FOR FACILITIES AT BRAYE PARK—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Local Government, and Minister for the North Coast—

- (1) What planning issue has prevented Newcastle City Council allocating funds for facilities at Braye Park in their quarterly budget surplus?
- (2) Why was the "planning issue" not resolved earlier?
- (3) Why were councillors only made aware of the "planning issue" days before they were to vote on the allocation of surplus funding?

Answer—

I provide the following details in response to your questions:

These questions should be directed to Newcastle City Council.

*0212 SEWERAGE CONNECTION TO WEST HOXTON—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

- (1) What are the current plans of Sydney Water for connection of sewerage to West Hoxton?
- (2) Is there a possible timeframe?
- (3) Is there an estimate of total cost?
- (4) Is there an estimate of likely cost to the individual consumer?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Sydney Water commenced planning for the West Hoxton Sewerage Scheme in early 2011 and has identified a number of suitable and efficient servicing strategies. All the proposed options connect to the wastewater system being constructed as part of the Middleton Grange development, which is to the east of the West Hoxton village.

Further planning is in progress to determine the preferred servicing strategy, the environmental impacts and the best way of delivering the scheme.

- (2) At this time no construction commencement date has been determined. Planning typically takes about two years as public health and environmental requirements are assessed.
- (3) A preliminary estimate of \$10 million has been prepared for the scheme.

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- (4) The costs to the customer are typical and standard for connecting to a sewerage system. These include:

Connection Fees and Sewerage Charges as at 1 July 2011 (to Sydney Water)

- A one off fee of \$178.75 to connect to the system, which consists of an application fee plus a \$94.70 inspection fee. A further fee of \$94.70 would be required if the property needs extra inspections.
- An on-going Sydney Water standard sewerage service charge, currently \$134.89 per quarter. Pensioner rebates apply for eligible customers.

On-site Costs for information

- The installation of new pipework to connect the house to Sydney Water's wastewater network and any remedial works to ensure that the existing house plumbing conforms with plumbing standards.
- The decommissioning of existing septic tanks if they are no longer required.
- If the sewerage system provided requires pumping from the property, the additional costs would be for:
 - Electricity charges associated with operating pumps. (About \$36 per year for a normal residential property)
 - Any remedial works that may be required to ensure the household electrical distribution board meets relevant energy supplier's requirements.
 - Industrial zoned properties and some commercial properties will be required to provide their own on-property pumping equipment where pumped systems are used.

Given that many of the costs associated with the connection can vary from property to property, it is not possible to provide a clear guide to the costs associated with connection. Sydney Water does advise the community of the costs during the community consultation process.

- *0213 BUS SERVICE FROM CARNES HILL VIA PRESTONS—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Transport—

- (1) Has a daily bus run from Carnes Hill via Prestons, catering for students at the selective schools at Hurlstone Agricultural High School and Macquarie Fields High School, been investigated?
- (2) Are there any cost implications?
- (3) Is a bus service running until the South West Rail link opens a feasible option?
- (4) What current options exist for students from these areas (i.e. Carnes Hill, Horningsea Park and Prestons) to get to these schools?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Department of Transport will introduce direct school bus services where no alternative route bus or rail services are available.

The Department of Transport considers that viable route bus and rail services are available for students travelling from Carnes Hill, Horningsea Park and Prestons to Hurlstone Agricultural High School and Macquarie Fields High School.

Students can currently catch a Route 851 or 852 bus service to Liverpool Station. Students may then either transfer to a Route 870, 871 or 872 bus service or catch a train to Glenfield or Ingleburn.

- *0214 LOW SOCIO-ECONOMIC STATUS SCHOOL COMMUNITIES NATIONAL PARTNERSHIP—Ms Carmel Tebbutt asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) Which NSW schools are participating in the Low Socio-economic Status School Communities National Partnership?
- (2) How much additional funding does each school receive as a result of the partnership?
- (3) Which schools are included in the partnership as a result of additional NSW funding being provided?
- (4) When is this additional NSW funding due to expire?

Answer—

- (1) A list of NSW government schools participating in the Low Socio-Economic Status (SES) School Communities National Partnership can be found at web link:

<http://www.nationalpartnerships.nsw.edu.au/resources/documents/SchoolList-LSES.pdf>

- (2) There are 3 groups of schools included in the Low SES School Communities National Partnership. Firstly, all government schools in the Low SES School Communities National Partnership will receive approximately \$1,000 per student or approximately \$1,400 per student for remote schools each year of their participation. The funding is capped at a maximum of \$1 million per school per year.
- Secondly, all government schools participating from 2010 in the Low SES School Communities National Partnership Reform Extension Initiative received a payment of \$5,000 plus \$500 per student.
- Thirdly, all government schools participating from 2011 in the Low SES School Communities National Partnership Reform Extension Initiative received a payment of \$5,000 plus \$200 per student.
- (3) 170 schools are participating in the Low SES School Communities National Partnership as a result of additional NSW funding. These schools are included in the list published as per (1) above.
- (4) The additional NSW funding is due to expire in 2015.

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*0215 MOUNT DRUITT RAILWAY STATION—TICKET SALES—Mr Richard Amery asked the Minister for Transport—

- (1) Over the past 12 months, how many rail journey tickets have been sold from the Mount Druitt Railway Station?
- (2) Of those ticket sales, how many were for the purchase of:
- weekly tickets;
 - monthly tickets;
 - quarterly tickets;
 - yearly tickets?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) and (2) For the period 1 June 2010 to 31 May 2011, a total of 907,584 tickets were issued at Mount Druitt Station.

Included in the issues for this 12 month period were 121,194 weekly tickets, 1,421 monthly tickets, 258 Quarterly tickets and 56 Yearly tickets.

*0216 TRANSFER OF HOUSING NSW STAFF—Mr Michael Daley asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

Given the Public Sector Employment and Management (Departments) Order 2011 states in:

Part 6, clause 32: Transfer of certain DHS housing staff to DFS

- (1) The group of staff in Housing NSW, Department of Human Services who, in the opinion of the Director-General of the Department of Premier and Cabinet are principally involved in asset management, are removed from the Department of Human Services and added to the Department of Finance and Services.

Can the Minister clarify whether the staff dealing with maintenance of the assets will remain in Housing NSW or be transferred to the Department of Finance and Services?

Answer—

Work is progressing with the Department of Premier and Cabinet, Treasury and the Directors General of Family and Community Services and Finance and Services to determine exactly which staff and asset management functions will transfer to Finance and Services.

*0217 TRANSFER OF HOUSING NSW ASSETS—Mr Michael Daley asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

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Can the Minister clarify whether the assets of Housing NSW i.e. the social housing stock, will be classified as assets of the Department of Finance and Services or of the Department of Family and Community Services?

Answer—

Work is progressing with the Department of Premier and Cabinet, Treasury and the Directors General of Family and Community Services and Finance and Services to determine exactly which staff and asset management functions will transfer to Finance and Services.

*0218 NEWCASTLE AND LAKE MACQUARIE CITY COUNCILS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Local Government, and Minister for the North Coast—

- (1) When will the Minister's office be undertaking an audit of Newcastle City Council and Lake Macquarie City Council?
- (2) How will the Minister inform the local community of the outcomes of the report?
- (3) Will the Government then be providing financial support to councils to address any infrastructure shortfall?

Answer—

I provide the following details in response to your questions:

- (1) The Division of Local Government is currently undertaking an infrastructure audit on all councils that were in Group 1 for integrated planning and reporting purposes. Lake Macquarie City Council was in Group 1. It is expected that the infrastructure audit will be completed by late August 2011.

Newcastle City Council is in Group 2, and it is anticipated that the infrastructure audit for all Group 2 councils will be completed by December 2011.

- (2) The information being gathered in the audit is for information only. All councils in NSW are required to report on infrastructure maintenance and backlogs in their annual reports. Councils' annual reports are publicly available.
- (3) The management of local infrastructure is the responsibility of each council.

Councils, in consultation with their communities, are expected to take necessary action to address the backlog. This may include seeking approval from IPART to increase rate revenue, borrowing additional funds or seeking grants.

The Government is committed to ensuring local communities have appropriate infrastructure and will use the audit information to assist in meeting that aim.

The Government will establish a Local Infrastructure Renewal Scheme, which will provide interest subsidies to councils. This will unlock up to \$1 billion in funds that councils can borrow for infrastructure upgrades.

*0219 CARING TOGETHER—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) Is "Caring Together", the response to the Garling Commission of Inquiry, still available for the public to view via a link from the NSW Health website?
- (2) What has happened to the "Caring Together" implementation team?
- (3) How is the Government proposing to continue the rest of the Garling recommendations?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) No.
- (2) The co-ordinating role of the former Caring Together Unit has concluded and its work will be absorbed into implementation plans for the Government's election commitments. The election commitments include the ongoing implementation of the Garling recommendations. This work is being led by the Director-General of NSW Health.
- (3) The O'Farrell Stoner Government's health policies are underpinned by a strong commitment to the changes to the NSW health system recommended by Commissioner Garling.

Work is currently occurring to embed these changes and includes action to ensure that the health system is a patient centred one, supported by high quality clinical care, strengthened local decision making, enhanced clinician engagement and reduced red tape.

The recent establishment of Local Health Districts and Boards brings all decision making closer to the patient and means local clinicians and local communities have a greater role in the way health services are provided and delivered.

This structural change will drive the major cultural changes needed in the health system as identified by Commissioner Garling. Culture change under the O'Farrell Stoner Government will be supported by CORE values - collaboration, openness, respect and empowerment to ensure supportive working environments free of bullying and harassment.

*0220 PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE—NEPEAN HIGH SCHOOL—Ms Carmel Tebbutt asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) How much funding has been allocated to provide a performing arts centre at Nepean High School for the Creative and Performing Arts?
- (2) What construction work, infrastructure, facilities and equipment will this funding provide for?
- (3) When was the project control group first formed for this project?
- (4) In relation to the planning and consultation phase of the project:
 - (a) When was this phase first commenced?
 - (b) When will this phase be finalised?
 - (c) What is the total cost of this phase?
 - (d) When was funding for this phase first allocated?
- (5) When will construction of the proposed performing arts centre begin and when will it be completed?
- (6) (a) Which teaching facilities will be upgraded and refurbished to meet the specialist teaching requirements of a creative and performing arts high school?
 - (b) How much funding has been allocated for this purpose?

Answer—

- (1) The provision of a performing arts centre at Nepean High School for the Creative and Performing Arts is an election commitment and it will be considered for funding in the forthcoming Budget.
- (2) Construction of a new performing arts centre is expected to provide a performance studio with retractable seating, performance workshops, shower and change facilities, storage facilities, staff room and covered outdoor area, a multipurpose sports court to replace the existing one and a covered pathway from the performing arts centre to the existing hall.
- (3) The Project Control Group was formed before master planning began and its first meeting occurred on 24 May 2011.
- (4) (a) Mid-2009.
 - (b) The phase will be finalised once the design and capital works are agreed on and endorsed by the school principal.
 - (c) The cost of the planning and consultation phase is included in the total cost of the project. A separate cost for the planning and consultation phase cannot be determined at this stage.
 - (d) The Department of Education and Communities allocated internal funding for the planning and consultation phase when it commenced in 2009.
- (5) Subject to funding approval and the development application process construction is expected to take approximately 19 months.
- (6) (a) See answer for question (2).
 - (b) See answer for question (1).

*0221 SCHOOL ZONE FLASHING LIGHTS—Ms Carmel Tebbutt asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

- (1) What action has been taken to fast-track the installation of school zone flashing lights?
- (2) What action has been taken to prioritise schools where children are most at risk?
- (3) What methodology is used to determine schools where children are most at risk?
- (4) How much funding has been allocated to fast-tracking the installation of school zone flashing lights?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The NSW Government has committed \$13 million over four years for the installation of flashing

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lights in school zones.

- (2) To select the school zones with the highest need for flashing lights, a school pedestrian risk model is used which has measures of severity, exposure and likelihood to assess the seriousness of a potential crash against the possibility of a crash occurring.
- (3) Information about traffic and pedestrian volumes, approach speed limits, number of travel lanes, existing crossing facilities, sight distance requirements, road environment and geometry are entered into the risk model. School zones are then ranked and schools with the highest risk score are prioritised for flashing lights.
- (4) The NSW Government's commitment of \$13 million over four years will almost double the number of school zones with flashing lights in the state.

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0222 BUS INTERCHANGE—MOUNT DRUITT RAILWAY STATION—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Transport—

0224 BROADMEADOW SPORTING PRECINCT—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—

0225 REPLY TO EMAIL—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

*0226 POST-MORTEM REPORT—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

When will the Department of Forensic Medicine complete the post-mortem report in relation to Ben Ewings who died on 3 January 2011?

Answer—

I am advised:

The final report of the post mortem examination of Mr Ben Ewings was completed and forwarded from the Department of Forensic Medicine, Glebe to the Office of the NSW State Coroner on Thursday 9 June 2011.

*0227 STAFF BASED IN WOLLONGONG LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA BOUNDARY—Mr Ryan Park asked the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

How many staff do your departments have based in the areas bound by the Wollongong local government area boundary?

Answer—

The NSW Government has approximately 20,000 public sector employees in 50 agencies in the Wollongong local government area boundary.

0228 STAFF BASED IN WOLLONGONG LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA BOUNDARY—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Trade and Investment, and Minister for Regional Infrastructure and Services—

0229 STAFF BASED IN WOLLONGONG LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA BOUNDARY—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

0230 STAFF BASED IN WOLLONGONG LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA BOUNDARY—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Education—

0231 STAFF BASED IN WOLLONGONG LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA BOUNDARY—Mr Ryan Park 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—

0232 STAFF BASED IN WOLLONGONG LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA BOUNDARY—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

*0233 STAFF BASED IN WOLLONGONG LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA BOUNDARY—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW—

How many staff does your department have based in the areas bound by the Wollongong local government area boundary?

Answer—

As at 31 May 2011, the Department of Planning and Infrastructure employed 18 staff within the Wollongong Local Government area. The Regional staff are extensively supported by many resources from Head Office, such as corporate governance, policy, legal services and the like.

0234 STAFF BASED IN WOLLONGONG LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA BOUNDARY—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Resources and Energy, Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Central Coast—

0235 STAFF BASED IN WOLLONGONG LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA BOUNDARY—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport—

0236 STAFF BASED IN WOLLONGONG LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA BOUNDARY—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Hospitality and Racing, and Minister for the Arts—

*0237 STAFF BASED IN WOLLONGONG LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA BOUNDARY—Mr Ryan Park asked the Treasurer—

How many staff does your department have based in the areas bound by the Wollongong local government area boundary?

Answer—

The NSW Government has approximately 20,000 public sector employees in 50 agencies in the Wollongong local government area boundary.

0238 STAFF BASED IN WOLLONGONG LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA BOUNDARY—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

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0239 INTERSECTIONS WITH MOST RECORDED ACCIDENTS—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

*0240 SHORT-TERM "PAY DAY" LENDING—Mr Bryan Doyle asked the Minister for Fair Trading—

How many complaints have there been to Fair Trading regarding short-term "pay day" lending in the Campbelltown electorate?

Answer—

NSW Fair Trading advises me that, for the period of 1 January 2009 to 27 June 2011, no complaints on short-term "pay day" lenders have been identified from consumers residing in the postcode areas that comprise the Campbelltown electorate.

*0241 NO INTEREST LOANS SCHEMES—Mr Lee Evans asked the Minister for Fair Trading—

How much funding has been given to No Interest Loans Schemes (NILS) in the Heathcote electorate?

Answer—

Since 2 February 2010, NSW Fair Trading has provided NICCI NILS with funding of \$32,856 (plus GST) per annum, which services postcodes 2508, 2515 and 2516 in the Heathcote electorate.

0242 CHILDREN TRANSFERRED FROM JOHN HUNTER HOSPITAL—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

0243 BREACH OF NON-PUBLICATION ORDER—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

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- 0244 CRIMINAL CHARGES OR INDICTMENTS NOT BE PROCEEDED WITH—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- *0245 REPRESENTATIONS CONCERNING PLUMBING ISSUES—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- (1) Has the Minister received representations from Mohamed Ahmad dated 25 May 2011, as the owner of premises in Ashcroft, concerning plumbing issues caused by contractors retained by Housing NSW?
- (2) If so, what is the Minister's response?
- Answer—
- (1) and (2) Representations were received in my office from Mr Ahmad dated 25 May 2011. The representations were forwarded to my colleague the Hon Pru Goward MP, Minister for Family and Community Services.
- 0246 COFFS HARBOUR DISTRICT HOSPITAL—VACANT POSITIONS—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 0247 SOLAR PANEL INSTALLATION COMPLAINTS—Mr Dominic Perrottet to ask the Minister for Fair Trading—
- 0248 SKILLED MIGRANT AND REFUGEE MENTORING PROGRAMMES—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—
- *0249 FUNDING FOR FINANCIAL COUNSELLING SERVICES—Mr Darren Webber asked the Minister for Fair Trading—
- How much funding has been given to provide financial counselling services in the Wyong electorate?
- Answer—
- The Financial Counselling Services Program is a funding program which assists consumers who are encountering financial hardship to gain the ability, skills and knowledge to successfully manage their financial affairs. This is achieved by providing financial grants to community based organisations as a contribution towards the delivery of financial counselling services by accredited counsellors, consumer legal casework and training of financial counsellors or public education in the management of personal finances.
- Currently, \$100,988 (plus GST) is provided to the Gosford/Wyong Financial Counselling Service, and Remo Financial Counselling Service receives \$98,948 (plus GST) a year. Both services provide financial counselling to people residing in the Wyong electorate.
- 0250 HOME BUILDING WARRANTY COMPLAINTS—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Minister for Fair Trading—

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(Paper No. 19)

- 0251 FIRST YEAR PROBATIONARY CONSTABLE—SALARY—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—
- 0252 UNETHICAL BUILDERS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Fair Trading—
- 0253 WARATAH 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—
- 0254 CUTS IN NURSING POSITIONS—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 0255 NSW AMBULANCE SERVICE—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- 0256 COMPLIANCE COSTS—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 0257 CLOSING THE GAP—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—
- 0258 MUNMORAH AND MOUNT PIPER STATIONS—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Resources and Energy, Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Central Coast—
- 0259 VERY FAST TRAIN—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Transport—

*0260 BAYS PRECINCT—Ms Clover Moore asked the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW—

- (1) Is the Government committed to developing a long term strategic planning framework/ master plan for the whole Bays Precinct area?
- (2) If so, what timeframe has the Government set for finalising the plan?
- (3) To what extent will the Government halt consideration and approval of development proposals until an integrated framework or plan has been finalised?
- (4) What role will the Community Reference Group have in Stage 2 of the Bays Precinct consultation process?

Answer—

- (1) The NSW Government is committed to developing a long-term strategic planning framework for the Bays Precinct.
- (2) The NSW Government is continuing with a consultation and engagement process to gather ideas and information from the community on the future of the Bays Precinct, in particular White Bay, Glebe Island and White Bay Power Station.
- (3) I have requested that the Department of Planning and Infrastructure undertake extensive consultation with the community, Leichhardt Council and the City of Sydney Council in considering any proposals relating to the Bays Precinct.
- (4) I have recently reviewed the membership and terms of reference for the Bays Precinct Taskforce and consider it appropriate that its membership be expanded to include Leichhardt Council, the City of Sydney Council and community representation.

0261 SAME SEX MARRIAGE—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

*0263 GARDENS OF STONE ACTIVITY—Ms Clover Moore asked the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW—

With regard to mining operations in the Gardens of Stone:

- (1) Is the Government aware of widespread concerns that the proposed open-cut mine in the Ben Bullen State Forest within the Gardens of Stone will:
 - (a) impact on the sandstone sculpted landscape;
 - (b) clearfell, scalp and destroy 1,088 hectares of old growth forest, turning them into piles of waste rock;
 - (c) destroy the habitat of at least 32 threatened native animals including the lyrebird, regent honeyeater, tiger quoll and powerful owl;
 - (d) contradict the responsibility of Forests NSW to manage State forests based on principles of ecological sustainability?
- (2) Will the Government ban open-cut mining in the public forests of the scenic and diverse Gardens of Stone region, given that the intensive underground mining has already exceeded an appropriate resource management balance for this sensitive region?
- (3) To what extent is the Government committed to minimising, adequately treating and discharging any waste effluent from coal mines away from the World Heritage area?
- (4) Will the Government require subsidence management plans for coal mining that includes subsidence protection for the Newnes Plateau pagodas, cliffs, streams and in particular upland swamps, noting that longwall mining is listed as a Key Threatening Process to these swamps under the Threatened Species Conservation Act, 1995?

Answer—

- (1) The Government is aware of the public concerns about the Coalpac Consolidation Project, which proposes open cut coal mining within the Ben Bullen State Forest at Cullen Bullen, near Lithgow.

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- (2) I am advised that open cut mining is a permissible land use in the BenBullenStateForest. Under these circumstances the Government must assess any new mining proposal on its merits including in this instance the impact of the proposal on the values of the State forest.
- (3) Mining companies must adequately treat, store, reuse and/or dispose of wastewater generated by mining. Any discharges must meet acceptable criteria. The impact of the project on the Gardens of Stone National Park and World Heritage Area will be fully considered.
- (4) I am further advised that all underground mines in this region and throughout the State are required to prepare subsidence management plans or extraction plans to manage surface subsidence. The impacts of subsidence on significant surface features are managed under these plans. All underground mines must also comply with all other obligations in their development consents or project approvals and other statutory approvals.

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- 0264 FIRST YEAR NURSE—SALARY—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 0265 BROADMEADOW RAILWAY STATION—TICKETS SOLD—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 0266 FASSIFERN RAILWAY STATION—TICKETS SOLD—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 0267 MAITLAND RAILWAY STATION—TICKETS SOLD—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 0268 NEWCASTLE RAILWAY STATION—TICKETS SOLD—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 0269 CARDIFF RAILWAY STATION—TICKETS SOLD—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 0270 APPOINTMENT AS OFFICIAL VISITORS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 0271 INGLEBURN RAILWAY STATION—EASY ACCESS UPGRADE—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 0272 HOME BASS AFTER SCHOOL CARE YOUTH FACILITY—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 0273 YAGOONA RAILWAY STATION UPGRADE—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 0274 BANKSTOWN-LIDCOMBE HOSPITAL—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 0275 BANKSTOWN RAILWAY STATION REDEVELOPMENT—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 0276 STACEY STREET DRAIN—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 0277 REAL ESTATE AGENTS—COMPLAINTS—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Fair Trading—
- 0278 CONSUMER, TRADER AND TENANCY TRIBUNAL—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Fair Trading—
- 0279 REAL ESTATE AGENTS—COMPLAINTS—Mr Chris Patterson to ask the Minister for Fair Trading—
- 0280 CONSUMER, TRADER AND TENANCY TRIBUNAL—Mr Chris Patterson to ask the Minister for Fair Trading—

- 0281 MINISTERIAL STAFF—Mr John Robertson to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 0282 CABINET STAFF—Mr John Robertson to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 0283 LIBERAL PARTY WEBSITE—Mr John Robertson to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- *0284 INFRASTRUCTURE NSW—Mr John Robertson asked the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- Will you commit to publically releasing all plans and strategies submitted to you by Infrastructure NSW?
- Answer—
- I am advised that:
- Part 2, Clause 8(4) of the Infrastructure NSW Act 2011 states: "If the Premier makes any amendment to the strategies, plans and statements submitted by Infrastructure NSW under Part 4, the Board may advise the Premier that it does not agree with the amendment and make that advice available to the public".
- The Infrastructure NSW Board will direct and oversee the preparation of a 20- year State Infrastructure Strategy for NSW. It will detail recommended major infrastructure projects backed by sufficient evidence and analysis to gain broad community support and confidence, and will be reviewed every five years.
- Infrastructure NSW will also prepare detailed, costed and transparent five-year infrastructure plans, with projects funded in the forward estimates. It will prepare sectoral state infrastructure strategy statements as required, across key economic sectors. These statements will set out a clear analysis of long term requirements for a sector, and a transparent road map for infrastructure needs.
- *0285 REPRESENTATIONS ON BEHALF OF JOHN FLOWERS—Mr John Robertson asked the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- Did you receive any representations from the Honourable David Clarke MLC on behalf of John Flowers?
- Answer—
- I am advised that the Premier did not receive any representations from the Honourable David Clarke MLC on behalf of John Flowers.
- *0286 PERCENTAGE OF NSW PUBLIC SECTOR WORKERS—Mr John Robertson asked the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- What is the percentage of NSW Public Sector workers in each of the ninety-three State electorates?
- Answer—
- I am advised:
- Information is not collected in the Workforce Profile by NSW State electorates.
- 0287 ELECTRONIC TICKETING SYSTEM—Mr John Robertson to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 0288 INFRASTRUCTURE NSW BOARD—Mr John Robertson to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 0289 MEETINGS WITH MICHAEL PHOTIOS—Mr John Robertson to ask the Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Hospitality and Racing, and Minister for the Arts—
- 0290 DESTINATION NSW—Mr John Robertson to ask the Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Hospitality and Racing, and Minister for the Arts—
- 0292 REPRESENTATIONS ON BEHALF OF JOHN FLOWERS—Mr John Robertson to ask the Minister for Resources and Energy, Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Central Coast—
- 0293 REPRESENTATIONS ON BEHALF OF JOHN FLOWERS—Mr John Robertson to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 0294 CONSTRUCTION OF PUBLIC HOUSING DWELLINGS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 0295 HUME HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE WORKS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

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- 0296 UPGRADE OF ROUNDABOUT—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 0297 MAINTENANCE WORKS—SYDNEY WATER SUPPLY PIPELINE—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 0298 MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Healthy Lifestyles, and Minister for Western New South Wales—
- 0299 DEMENTIA PATIENTS FROM A NON-ENGLISH SPEAKING BACKGROUND—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 0300 WOODVILLE ROAD MAINTENANCE WORKS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 0301 UPGRADE TO CHESTER HILL RAILWAY STATION'S LIFT AND ACCESS FACILITIES—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 0302 FAIRVALE HIGH SCHOOL—REPLACEMENT OF DEMOUNTABLE CLASSROOMS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Education—

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- 0303 FIRST YEAR TEACHER—SALARY—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Education—
- 0304 STANFORD MERTHYR ROAD—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 0305 MAIN ROAD AND MINMI ROAD, EDGEWORTH—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 0306 WEAKLEYS DRIVE INTERCHANGE—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 0307 MAIN ROAD, CLIFTFIELD—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 0308 ROUNDABOUT AT NORTHLAKES DRIVE AND MINMI ROAD, CAMERON PARK—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 0309 FUNDING FOR ROADS IN VINEYARD—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 0310 LOW LEVELS OF EDUCATION—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Education—
- 0311 MEASURE OF A SCHOOL'S SUCCESS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Education—
- 0312 SECURITY FENCING OF SCHOOLS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Education—
- 0313 AUDITS OF SCHOOL PROPERTIES—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Education—
- 0314 NEW AND EXPANDED CURRICULUM CHOICES—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Education—
- 0315 REAL ESTATE AGENTS—COMPLAINTS—Mr Glenn Brookes to ask the Minister for Fair Trading—
- 0316 CONSUMER, TRADER AND TENANCY TRIBUNAL—Mr Glenn Brookes to ask the Minister for Fair Trading—
- 0317 PRIORITIES FOR THE HUNTER—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—

- 0318 CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS BUILDING—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Education—
- *0320 STAFF BASED IN WOLLONGONG LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA BOUNDARY—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Small Business—
- How many staff does your department have based in the areas bound by the Wollongong local government area boundary?
- Answer—
- The NSW Government has approximately 20,000 public sector employees in 50 agencies in the Wollongong local government area boundary.
- 0321 STAFF BASED IN WOLLONGONG LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA BOUNDARY—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Ageing, and Minister for Disability Services—
- 0322 STAFF BASED IN WOLLONGONG LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA BOUNDARY—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- *0323 STAFF BASED IN WOLLONGONG LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA BOUNDARY—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Local Government, and Minister for the North Coast—
- How many staff does your department have based in the areas bound by the Wollongong local government area boundary?
- Answer—
- I provide the following details in response to your questions:
- I am advised that the Division of Local Government, Department of Premier and Cabinet does not have any staff based in the areas bound by the Wollongong local government area boundary.
- 0324 STAFF BASED IN WOLLONGONG LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA BOUNDARY—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 0325 STAFF BASED IN WOLLONGONG LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA BOUNDARY—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Fair Trading—
- 0326 STAFF BASED IN WOLLONGONG LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA BOUNDARY—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Healthy Lifestyles, and Minister for Western New South Wales—
- *0327 STAFF BASED IN WOLLONGONG LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA BOUNDARY—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—
- How many staff does your department have based in the areas bound by the Wollongong local government area boundary?
- Answer—
- I am advised as follows:
- The NSW Government has approximately 20,000 public sector employees in 50 agencies in the Wollongong local government area boundary.
- 0328 STAFF BASED IN WOLLONGONG LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA BOUNDARY—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—
- 0329 STAFF BASED IN WOLLONGONG LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA BOUNDARY—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Sports and Recreation—
- 0330 PAYROLL TAX REBATE—Mr Jamie Parker to ask the Treasurer—
- 0331 LEICHHARDT POLICE STATION—Mr Jamie Parker 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—
- 0332 CHANGE OF NAME—Mr Jamie Parker to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

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*0333 COST OF DISCONTINUED METRO PROJECT—Mr Jamie Parker asked the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW—

(1) What was the total amount of Government expenditure on each of the following aspects of the discontinued Metro project from the Sydney CBD to Rozelle:

- (a) consultants;
- (b) advertising;
- (c) financial and commercial advice;
- (d) legal fees;
- (e) design work?

(2) What was the overall total amount of Government expenditure on the discontinued Metro project?

Answer—

(1) and (2) This question should be directed to the Minister for Transport.

0334 REAL ESTATE AGENTS—COMPLAINTS—Mr Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Fair Trading—

0335 CONSUMER, TRADER AND TENANCY TRIBUNAL—Mr Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Fair Trading—

0336 SOLAR PANEL INSTALLATION SAFETY CONCERNS—Mr Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Fair Trading—

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0337 M2 MOTORWAY UPGRADE—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

0338 UPGRADE OF WINE COUNTRY DRIVE—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

0339 "PAY DAY" OR SHORT-TERM LENDERS—Mrs Tanya Davies to ask the Minister for Fair Trading—

0340 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—

0341 ADAMSTOWN RAILWAY STATION—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport—

0342 CENTRAL TO NEWCASTLE CITY RAIL LINK—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport—

0343 JOHN HUNTER HOSPITAL—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

0344 CALVARY MATER HOSPITAL NEWCASTLE—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

0345 AUSGRID STADIUM—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation—

0346 COMMUNITY PHARMACIES—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

*0347 MOOREBANK INTERMODAL TERMINAL—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW—

Given that the Environmental Planning and Assessment Amendment (Part 3A Repeal) Bill 2011 has been passed, and with regards to the planned intermodal terminal at Moorebank:

- (1) Which planning body will be responsible for approval of this development?
- (2) Which planning steps (e.g. review of environmental factors, other health assessments) will be required?

- (3) What public consultation mechanisms will be used?
- (4) What role does the Minister have in the approval process?
- (5) Is final approval dependent on the Minister signing off on the proposal?

Answer—

- (1) The proposal will be determined under delegation by the Planning Assessment Commission.
- (2) Under the transitional provisions of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Amendment (Part 3A Repeal) Bill 2011, the assessment of the proposal will continue under Part 3A.

This includes the preparation of an Environmental Assessment that addresses all matters outlined in the Director-General's Requirements, such as strategic justification and environmental issues including noise, air quality, and traffic impacts.

- (3) The Director-General's Requirements for the Environmental Assessment, which have been issued to the Proponent, require that the Proponent consult with all relevant stakeholders, including agencies, service providers, and the community, in preparing its Environmental Assessment.

The Environmental Assessment will then be publicly exhibited for a minimum of 30 days and will be available for viewing at local locations and on the Department of Planning and Infrastructure website. There will be newspaper advertisements regarding the public exhibition and the community will be invited to make submissions during the exhibition period.

The Proponent will be required to prepare a Response to Submissions following public exhibition and this will also be placed on the Department's website. All submissions made will be available on the Department's website within 10 days of the close of exhibition.

- (4) I have delegated my determination functions to the Planning Assessment Commission for certain matters. This proposal will be determined under delegation by the Planning Assessment Commission.
- (5) No.

- 0348 VARROVILLE COAL SEAM GAS EXPANSION—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW—
- 0349 DIABETES TYPE 1—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 0350 ALCOHOL/DRUG TREATMENT—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 0351 MEDICALLY SUPERVISED INJECTING CENTRE REFERRALS—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 0352 NATIONAL PARK PROTECTIONS—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—
- 0353 WOOLLOOMOOLOO AIR QUALITY—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—
- 0354 GARDENS OF STONE PROTECTION—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—
- 0355 INNER CITY SCHOOLS—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Education—
- 0356 SOLAR PANEL INSTALLATION SAFETY CONCERNS—Mr Dominic Perrottet to ask the Minister for Fair Trading—
- 0357 NUMBER OF REAL ESTATE AGENTS—Mr Chris Spence to ask the Minister for Fair Trading—
- 0358 CONSUMER, TRADER AND TENANCY TRIBUNAL—Mr Chris Spence to ask the Minister for Fair Trading—
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- *0417 COMPENSATION CLAIMS—Mr Jamie Parker asked the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW—
- (1) Are there currently any outstanding compensation claims against the Government in regards to the defunct Metro scheme?
 - (2) If yes, from whom?
 - (3) What is the current status of any claims?
- Answer—
- (1) to (3) This question should be directed to the Minister for Transport.
- *0418 BAYS PRECINCT TASKFORCE—Mr Jamie Parker asked the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW—
- (1) Will the Bays Precinct Taskforce develop a master plan for the precinct?
 - (2) If so, what process will the taskforce follow in developing the master plan?
 - (3) When will the master plan be completed?
- Answer—
- The NSW Government is committed to developing a long-term strategic planning framework for the Bays Precinct.
- The NSW Government is continuing with a consultation and engagement process to gather ideas and information from the community on the future of the Bays Precinct, in particular WhiteBay, GlebeIsland and White Bay Power Station.
- I have recently reviewed membership and terms of reference for the Bays Precinct Taskforce and consider it appropriate that its membership be expanded to include Leichhardt Council, the City of Sydney Council and community representation.
- Revised terms of reference will be subject to review and endorsement by the Taskforce at a meeting to be organised in the near future.
- 0419 ANNANDALE AND LEICHHARDT POLICE STATION BUILDINGS—Mr Jamie Parker 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—
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