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*1936 BREAKDOWN LANES—Mr Richard Amery asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

- (1) What is the required width of the breakdown lane (road shoulder) on State highways?
- (2) Does this width differ on different roads and different locations?
- (3) How many motor vehicle accidents have been recorded over the past three years involving a vehicle parked or broken down in these lanes?
- (4) How many of these accidents have resulted in:
 - (a) injury of a person or persons in one of the vehicles;
 - (b) death of person or persons in one of the vehicles?
- (5) Has there been any reviews or audits carried out concerning the adequacy of the regulated widths of breakdown lanes/shoulders?
- (6) If so, what has been the result of these reviews or audits?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) The current required width for left shoulders for State Highways varies between 1 to 2.5 metres. Existing State Highways were constructed in accordance to the standards applicable at the time.

(2) Yes.

(3) and (4) Crash and casualty statistics for the three-year period 2008-2010 are provided as 2011 data is incomplete.

The Transport for NSW road traffic crash database only contains crashes in which at least one person was killed or injured or in which at least one motor vehicle was towed away. Crash data is sourced from the NSW Police Force.

During the three year period 2008-2010, 72 crashes (four fatal, 26 injury, 42 non-casualty) were recorded on NSW roads where a motor vehicle was reported as being stationary or parked within a breakdown lane or road shoulder. These crashes resulted in four people being killed and another 41 injured.

(5) RMS is currently undertaking a review of its road asset database to determine the lengths of specific shoulder widths.

(6) Results are not yet available. See answer to (5).

*1938 CESSNOCK GAOL EXTENSION—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

With regard to the construction of the Cessnock Gaol extension and the contractor John Holland:

- (1) Was there an expectation that this contractor would contribute to the broader community through donation or construction of a community service/venue?
- (2) Where was the necessary "contribution" made within the Cessnock Local Government Area and in what form?
- (3) What was the estimated value of this "contribution" to community in the Cessnock Local Government Area?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) There was no expectation on the part of Corrective Services NSW (CSNSW) or the Government. However it is noted that the contractor John Holland stated in "John Holland Annual Review 2011" on page 38: "At a project level, every project is required to adopt a community sponsorship or initiative which adds value to the community within which the project is operating. ... Throughout the year, our projects have developed numerous partnerships with their local communities, and seek to build positive legacies in those communities." A local expectation may have arisen when the contractor called for submissions for community projects in the Cessnock Advertiser, specifying that the project needed to be in the Cessnock Local Government area, consist of multiple trades, and be for a not-for-profit organisation which owned or had a long-term lease of land.

- (2) There was no "necessary contribution". However, CSNSW understands that the contractor is undertaking an extension to the Barkuma Neighbourhood Centre at Kurri Kurri to provide additional administration space, and that this project is due to commence shortly.
- (3) CSNSW understands that the value of the Barkuma Neighbourhood Centre project is \$48,000 and that in addition, John Holland has contributed to the local community by providing a donation of \$500 to Aboriginal children in Cessnock for Christmas presents; supported the Can-Teen charity by preparing and raffling a wheelbarrow full of tools, raising \$3,500; and supported SHINE for Kids with a \$350 donation.

*1939 KURRI KURRI PRESCHOOL—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Education—

With regard to funding for Kurri Kurri Preschool:

- (1) What level of funding was provided in the 2010-11 financial year?
- (2) What level of funding was provided in the 2011-12 financial year?
- (3) What rationale is used to explain the variance?
- (4) What impact is expected on the outcomes of the preschool as a result of this variance?
- (5) (a) What are the infrastructure needs (toilets and showers) of the school?
(b) Will funding be available for this infrastructure in the current or 2012-13 budget?

Answer—

(1) to (4) In July 2010 the funding allocation for Kurri Kurri Preschool was increased as a result of increased utilisation of places. Owing to an administrative error by the then Department of Human Services, Kurri Kurri Preschool was incorrectly granted a remote loading in 2010-11 and again in 2011-12.

Officers of the Department of Education and Communities are discussing with the preschool the most suitable way of rectifying the error and bringing payments into line with the arrangements that apply to other equivalent services. It is proposed to continue the current funding agreement until June 2012 and phase in the revised allocation over the course of the quarterly payments for 2012-13.

(5) (a) and (b) Under Regulation 109 of the Education and Care Services National Regulations, toilet and hygiene facilities provided at an education and care service must be adequate, developmentally and age appropriate and enable safe use and convenient access by children.

Officers from the Department of Education and Communities inspected the service in September 2011 and did not identify any breaches of these regulatory requirements.

*1943 GREYHOUND RACING—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Hospitality and Racing, and Minister for the Arts—

With regard to greyhound racing in NSW:

- (1) How many events/functions has the Minister attended since 26 March 2011 in his capacity as Minister for Gaming and Racing?
- (2) How many track meets has the Minister attended since 26 March 2011 in his capacity as Minister for Gaming and Racing?
- (3) Has the Minister attended any greyhound racing meets since 26 March 2011 within the electorate of Upper Hunter acting in his role as the Member for Upper Hunter?
- (4) Has the Minister attended greyhound racing events since 26 March 2011?
- (5) At any of these greyhound racing events that the Minister attended, was there any representatives of the former Greyhound Racing Board, newly appointed Greyhound Racing Board or any representative of Greyhound Racing NSW?

Answer—

- (1) Four greyhound race meetings.
- (2) See answer (1) above.
- (3) The Minister has attended two greyhound race meetings within the electorate of Upper Hunter acting in his dual roles as the Member for Upper Hunter and the Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Hospitality and Racing.
- (4) See answer (1) above.
- (5) Yes.

*1944 NSW WINES—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Hospitality and Racing, and Minister for the Arts—

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With regard to the recent opening of the Mordant wing of the Museum of Contemporary Art:

- (1) What wines were served?
- (2) (a) Were they from the NSW region?
(b) If not, why not?
- (3) What processes are in place to ensure that any events funded, hosted or held by the Government will serve NSW wines?

Answer—

- (1) All wines served at the Museum of Contemporary Art Australia events are from the Bimbadgen Estate in the Hunter Valley. The Museum has a long term sponsorship deal with the winery.
- (2) (a) n/a
(b) n/a
- (3) n/a

The opening event was neither funded nor hosted or held by the Government.

*1952 SUICIDE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Healthy Lifestyles, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

What action will the Government take to improve suicide awareness and prevention services?

Answer—

I am advised:

On 22 February 2012 the NSW Ministerial Advisory Committee on Suicide Prevention was established to provide expert advice to the Government on enhancing responses to suicide and suicide prevention. Committee members provide a diverse range of experience and expertise, including representatives from Suicide Prevention Australia, the Lifeline Foundation for Suicide Prevention, Uniting Care, Inspire Foundation, the Centre for Rural and Remote Mental Health, Transcultural Mental Health Centre, NSW Police Mental Health Intervention Team and Ambulance NSW.

In accordance with its election commitment the Government has provided Lifeline with additional funding of \$2 million per annum for four years, commencing 2011/2012. This funding will be used to support the ongoing operation of Lifeline's crisis support telephone service, and to provide NSW Lifeline Centres with the resources to deliver mental health training to its telephone volunteers.

The Government continues to implement the NSW Suicide Prevention Strategy 2010-2015 and improve mental health services, information about implementation of the Strategy can be accessed at www.health.nsw.gov.au/pubs/2010/suicide_ps.html

*1955 BASS HILL SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) What is the current status of the proposed Bass Hill School for students with special needs?
- (2) Can the Government commit to commence construction before the end of 2012?

Answer—

- (1) The Department of Education and Communities submitted a development application to Bankstown City Council on 27 February 2012.
- (2) The Department expects to start construction on site in August 2012.

*1959 LOCAL SCHOOLS LOCAL DECISIONS—FUNDING—Ms Carmel Tebbutt asked the Minister for Education—

What additional funding has the Government provided to implement the Local Schools Local Decisions reforms?

Answer—

The implementation of the Local Schools, Local Decisions reforms will be undertaken within the Department of Education and Communities' budget allocation.

*1960 LOCAL SCHOOLS LOCAL DECISIONS—PERFORMANCE—Ms Carmel Tebbutt asked the Minister for Education—

Will existing teachers with satisfactory performance keep their jobs under Local Schools Local Decisions?

Answer—

Under Local Schools, Local Decisions, permanent teachers will maintain their tenure and casual and temporary teachers will continue to be engaged in accordance with Award provisions.

*1961 LOCAL SCHOOLS LOCAL DECISIONS—PERMANENT STAFF—Ms Carmel Tebbutt asked the Minister for Education—

Will schools be required to have a majority of teachers who are permanent staff under the Local Schools Local Decisions reforms?

Answer—

Under Local Schools, Local Decisions, within their budgets, schools will choose the number and roles of staff and the mix of permanent and temporary staff to best meet the needs of their students.

*1962 LOCAL SCHOOLS LOCAL DECISIONS—INCENTIVE TRANSFERS—Ms Carmel Tebbutt asked the Minister for Education—

Will the teachers at Temora Public school be entitled to incentive transfers under the Local Schools Local Decisions reforms?

Answer—

Under Local Schools, Local Decisions, incentive transfers and other incentives such as rental subsidies, will remain to ensure teacher supply in rural and remote schools. Schools will also be able to offer local incentives within their budgets.

Teachers in 8, 6 and 4 incentive point schools are eligible to apply for an incentive transfer after the required service period has been met.

As Temora Public School is not currently an incentive school, teachers at the school are not able to apply for an incentive transfer. This situation is unlikely to change under Local Schools, Local Decisions.

*1963 LOCAL SCHOOLS LOCAL DECISIONS—SALARY INCREASES—Ms Carmel Tebbutt asked the Minister for Education—

Will teachers receive a regular salary increase under the Local Schools Local Decisions reforms?

Answer—

Teachers will receive salary increases in accordance with the NSW Government Wages Policy.

In addition, a key feature of the Local Schools Local Decisions reform is the alignment of teacher salary progression to agreed professional teaching standards.

The policy for aligning salary progression with professional teaching standards will be collaboratively developed as a part of the ongoing work to implement the Local Schools Local Decisions reform.

*1965 POLICE RECRUITS TO FAIRFIELD LOCAL AREA COMMAND—Mr Guy Zangari 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) When will the reported nine new Police recruits will be assigned to the Fairfield LAC?

(2) Will all nine reported Police recruits be assigned at the same time or will their the introduction of new recruits be staggered?

(3) If they are to be staggered, when will all nine new Police recruits be assigned to Fairfield LAC?

Answer—

(1) to (3) The NSW Police Force has advised me that nine Probationary Constables from the latest attestation on 4 May 2012 were allocated to the Fairfield Local Area Command. Probationary Constables have now commenced duties at their respective Local Area Commands.

*1966 CONFISCATED LICENCE PLATES—Mr Guy Zangari 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—

Regarding the implementation of the proposed Road Transport (General) Amendment (Vehicle Sanctions) Bill 2012:

Has the Government finalised the system for the handling of confiscated license plates, in particular so that they are available for collection within 5 days of being confiscated?

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Answer—

The NSW Police Force and Roads & Maritime Services (RMS) are working closely together to develop the appropriate administrative systems to give full effect to the legislation.

As I indicated to the House, confiscated number plates will be delivered by police to a motor registry nominated by the RMS. Police and the RMS will develop operating procedures so that plates will be available for collection after five business days, in the event that the Local Court approves an application for the earliest release of the plates; otherwise the plates will be available for collection at the nominated motor registry at the end of the three-month confiscation period.

It is anticipated the new system will commence on 1 July 2012.

*1967 REGISTERING INFRINGING VEHICLES—Mr Guy Zangari 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—

Regarding the implementation of the proposed Road Transport (General) Amendment (Vehicle Sanctions) Bill 2012:

- (1) Has the Government finalised the system for registering infringing vehicles but where the owner of the vehicle is classified as a non-offending operator?
- (2) If so, can the Minister detail the mechanism of the proposed system?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force and Roads & Maritime Services (RMS) are working closely together to develop the appropriate administrative systems to give full effect to the legislation.

When an offence is detected by police and the driver is not the registered operator, police will notify the RMS. If further offences are detected by police, then the RMS may use an existing power whereby it may suspend or cancel the registration of a vehicle for up to three months if it is satisfied, on the balance of probabilities, that a registered operator of a vehicle has failed to use or manage the vehicle so as to effectively prevent repeated violations of the traffic law (whether by the operator or by another person authorised to use the vehicle).

The owner of the vehicle will have an opportunity to put their case and any decision by the RMS to suspend or cancel registration on these grounds may be appealed by the registered operator to the Local Court.

It is anticipated the new system will commence on 1 July 2012.

*1970 REPROVISIONING OF CRUISE SHIPS—Mr Jamie Parker asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

In reference to cruise ships, has consideration been given to the option of reprovisioning the ships at Port Botany and allowing passenger embarkation at Barangaroo?

Answer—

I am advised that in 2009, a cross-sectoral Passenger Cruise Terminal Steering Committee examined options for the replacement terminal for Darling Harbour 8 at Barangaroo. The Committee recommended White Bay as the preferred location for a new permanent cruise passenger terminal west of the Harbour Bridge.

The relocation of the cruise passenger terminal to White Bay was included in the Terms of Reference for the Government's Review of the Barangaroo development. The Review concluded that a cruise terminal would be incompatible with the mixed use development planned for Barangaroo and that White Bay is an appropriate location for the replacement terminal west of the Harbour Bridge.

I am further advised it would be impractical and inefficient to split activities, such as reprovisioning and passenger embarkation, between two locations.

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1975 ADOPTION BY SAME SEX COUPLES—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

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- 1976 NEW LIFE NSW CAMPAIGN—Mr Michael Daley to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Trade and Investment, and Minister for Regional Infrastructure and Services—
- 1977 HUNTER STADIUM TRANSPORT—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 1978 CARERS IN THE ELECTORATE OF WALLSEND—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Ageing, and Minister for Disability Services—
- 1979 HUNTER DRUG AND ALCOHOL SERVICES—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 1980 HUNTER PUBLIC HOUSING PROPERTIES—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 1981 LAKE MACQUARIE LOCAL AREA COMMAND—POLICE NUMBERS—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—
- 1982 YOUTH CRIME IN JESMOND 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—
- 1983 FUNDS RAISED FROM SALE OF CARDIFF 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—
- 1984 REPLACEMENT OF TRANSIT OFFICERS—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—
- 1985 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO GARARD PTY LTD—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 1986 LICENSING OF SEX WORKERS AND BROTHELS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Resources and Energy, Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Central Coast—
- 1987 SKILLS TRAINING AUSTRALIA GROUP PTY LTD—FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 1988 SKILLS TRAINING AUSTRALIA GROUP PTY LTD—FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 1989 SUICIDE NUMBERS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 1990 BUSINESSLINK REDUNDANCIES—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 1991 JUDICIAL APPOINTMENT COMMISSION—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 1992 JOHN MORONY CORRECTIONAL CENTRE—INTENSIVE DRUG TREATMENT FACILITY—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 1993 CUBIT PROGRAM—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 1994 JUDGEMENT BY MCLAUGHLIN ASJ—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 1995 PROSECUTIONS FOR OFFENCES UNDER SECTIONS 80D AND 80E OF CRIMES ACT—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 1996 AUSTRALIAN TERTIARY ADMISSION RANK—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Education—

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- 1997 SUICIDES AT STAR CASINO PREMISES—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 1998 PUBLIC HOSPITAL DENTAL CARE SERVICE DELIVERY—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Healthy Lifestyles, and Minister for Western New South Wales—
- 1999 AUSTRALIAN VACCINATION NETWORK FUNDRAISING—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Hospitality and Racing, and Minister for the Arts—
- 2000 MENTAL HEALTH BEDS AT CAMPBELLTOWN HOSPITAL—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Healthy Lifestyles, and Minister for Western New South Wales—
- 2001 PLANNED MENTAL HEALTH UNIT—SHOALHAVEN HOSPITAL SITE—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Healthy Lifestyles, and Minister for Western New South Wales—
- 2002 COAL SEAM GAS MINING—HEALTH EFFECTS—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 2003 GUNNING WATER SUPPLY—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 2004 MOOREBANK INTERMODAL TERMINAL—HEALTH EFFECTS—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 2005 HOUSING NSW MAINTENANCE ISSUES—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 2006 WYNYARD STATION UPGRADE AND TUNNEL CONSTRUCTION—Mr Jamie Parker to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 2007 COST TO RECONSTRUCT HEADLAND AND COVES AT BARANGAROO—Mr Jamie Parker to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 2008 PAYMENTS TO SYDNEY HARBOUR FORESHORE AUTHORITY—Mr Jamie Parker to ask the Treasurer—
- 2009 COMMUTER CRIME UNIT—Mr Guy Zangari 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—
- 2010 VISIONCARE PROGRAM—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

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- 2011 ASSAULTS ON STAFF AT CUMBERLAND HOSPITAL—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 2012 CRIMINAL INFRINGEMENT NOTICES ISSUED—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—
- 2013 UNPAID FINES FOR CRIMINAL INFRINGEMENT NOTICES—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 2014 INNER CITY CHILDCARE—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Education—
- 2015 HOUSING PATHWAYS EVALUATION—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

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- 2016 EASTERN SUBURBS LIGHT RAIL—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 2017 INNER CITY COMMUNITY TRANSPORT—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 2018 HARRIS STREET ULTIMO—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 2019 NOISY VEHICLES—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—
- 2020 OXFORD STREET—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Small Business—
- 2021 COMPENSATION FOR INJURED WORKERS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 2022 FITTING OF SPRINKLERS TO AGED CARE HOMES—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Ageing, and Minister for Disability Services—
- 2023 SPECIALIST HOMELESSNESS SERVICES—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 2024 ROLE OF TEACHER LIBRARIANS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Education—
- 2025 STAFFING OF SCHOOL LIBRARIES WITH PROFESSIONAL TEACHER LIBRARIANS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Education—
- 2026 MEMORIAL DRIVE—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 2027 DENTAL HEALTH TASKFORCE REPORT—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Healthy Lifestyles, and Minister for Western New South Wales—
- 2028 COST FORECAST FOR WYNARD STATION AND PROPOSED PEDESTRIAN TUNNEL—Mr Jamie Parker to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 2029 BARANGAROO DELIVERY AUTHORITY—VALUE SHARING PAYMENTS—Mr Jamie Parker to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 2030 WHITE BAY CRUISE SHIP TERMINAL—Mr Jamie Parker to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 2031 PAYMENTS BY LEND LEASE—Mr Jamie Parker to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 2032 TOURISTS EMBARKING AND DISEMBARKING FROM WHITE BAY—Mr Jamie Parker to ask the Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Hospitality and Racing, and Minister for the Arts—
- 2033 MONITORING OF SPEED LIMITS IN BALMAIN—Mr Jamie Parker to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 2034 SPEEDING INFRINGEMENT NOTICES ISSUED—Mr Jamie Parker to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 2035 LOW SOCIO-ECONOMIC STATUS SCHOOL COMMUNITIES NATIONAL PARTNERSHIP—Mrs Barbara Perry to ask the Minister for Education—
- 2036 LOW SOCIO-ECONOMIC STATUS SCHOOL COMMUNITIES NATIONAL PARTNERSHIP—Mrs Barbara Perry to ask the Minister for Education—
- 2037 TRAFFIC VOLUME DATA FOR SR133/MR217—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 2038 LITERACY AND NUMERACY TEACHERS—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—
- 2039 DEMOUNTABLE CLASSROOMS—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—

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2040 STRATEGIC REGIONAL LAND USE PLAN—Mr Richard Torbay to ask the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW—

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2041 ESTIMATES OF ELECTRICITY CONSUMPTION—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Resources and Energy, Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Central Coast—

2042 SAFETY AND SECURITY INITIATIVES—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Education—

2043 HIGH SCHOOL FOR BRANXTON-GRETA—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Education—

2044 SCHOOL BUDGETS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Education—

2045 FUNDING FOR FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES PROGRAMS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

2046 FUNDING FOR SPECTACLES PROGRAM—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

2047 SECURITY FOR AMBULANCE OFFICERS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

2048 CLEANING OF CITYRAIL TRAINS ON THE NEWCASTLE AND CENTRAL COAST LINE—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Transport—

2049 LINKS FOR LEARNING PROGRAM—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Education—

2050 FUNDING FOR STRONGER TOGETHER & STRONGER TOGETHER 2 PROGRAMS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Ageing, and Minister for Disability Services—

2051 NSW PORTS STRATEGY—Mr Robert Furolo to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

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2053 CLIENTS FROM A NON-ENGLISH SPEAKING AND CULTURALLY DIVERSE BACKGROUND—Mr Robert Furolo to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

2054 INCREASE IN FOSTER CARERS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

2055 CITIZENSHIP CEREMONY—PRODUCTION OF AWARDS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

2056 CITIZENSHIP CEREMONY—ADVICE SOUGHT—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

2057 PLAN-IT YOUTH MENTORING PROGRAM—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Education—

2058 CORRESPONDENCE FROM BLUWOL & ASSOCIATES—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Fair Trading—

2059 PERSONAL DETAILS DISPLAYED ON STUDENT BUS PASSES—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport—

2060 M5 EAST WIDENING—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

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- 2061 WARATAH TRAINS ON BANKSTOWN LINE—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 2062 RENT INCREASE FOR SOCIAL HOUSING—Mr Jamie Parker to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 2063 HOUSING NSW MAINTENANCE WORKS—Mr Jamie Parker to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 2064 SOCIAL HOUSING GUTTERING MAINTENANCE—Mr Jamie Parker to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 2065 HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE—SCIENCE SUBJECTS STUDIED—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—
- 2066 APPLICATIONS FOR PLACEMENT IN GW10 AREA—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 2067 NEW PUBLIC BUSES FOR ELECTORATE OF FAIRFIELD—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 2068 RAILCORP TRANSIT OFFICERS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 2069 WESTERN SYDNEY A-LEAGUE TEAM—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation—
- 2070 OPERATION SPARTAN—Mr Guy Zangari 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—
- 2071 SMITHFIELD INDUSTRIAL ESTATE—Mr Guy Zangari 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—
- 2072 DEMOUNTABLES AT FAIRVALE HIGH SCHOOL—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Education—

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- 2073 VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Small Business—
- 2074 WIDENING OF M5 TUNNEL—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
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- 2081 TRANSPORT CONCESSIONS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport—
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- 2083 THEFT IN HUNTER HOSPITALS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 2084 CRIME AGAINST INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS—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—
- 2085 GOVERNMENT RESPONSE TO SPECIAL COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO NSW CRIME COMMISSION—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 2086 PROGRESS ON MATTERS RAISED IN EMAIL—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 2087 WORK PERFORMED BY HUGO HALLIDAY—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
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- 2091 RESPONSE TO AUSTRALIA 21 REPORT—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 2092 CORRESPONDENCE FROM DAVID SINGH—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 2093 SALARY INCREASES FOR JUDICIAL OFFICERS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 2094 AVAILABILITY OF A SINGLE ROOM—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 2095 APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTIVE CLINICAL DIRECTOR—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 2096 ROYAL NORTH SHORE HOSPITAL BED NUMBERS—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 2097 STAFF NUMBERS AND OFFICE SPACE—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 2098 DISPLACED EMPLOYEES—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 2099 ELIMATTA HOUSE—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Healthy Lifestyles, and Minister for Western New South Wales—
- 2100 KARAWA COTTAGE—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Healthy Lifestyles, and Minister for Western New South Wales—
- 2101 PUBLIC DENTAL CHAIRS—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Healthy Lifestyles, and Minister for Western New South Wales—
- 2102 SPECIALIST LITERACY AND NUMERACY STAFF—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Education—

- 2103 UPGRADE OF BULLI HOSPITAL—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 2104 COMPENSATION FOR CANCELLED CBD METRO LINE—Mr Jamie Parker to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—
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- 2106 ROOTY HILL RAILWAY STATION—EASY ACCESS FACILITIES—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Transport—
- (1) When will the Rooty Hill Railway Station be provided with easy access facilities to assist the elderly, disabled and mothers with prams who use this station and currently need to climb stairs?
 - (2) Where does this station stand on the list of stations to gain such facilities?
- 2107 FLYING FOX COMMUNITIES—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—
- With regard to flying fox communities in NSW:
- (1) Are there "problem" flying fox communities in Singleton and Maitland?
 - (2) What steps are being taken to address flying fox populations across NSW?
 - (3) What work is being done by the Government to support local councils in addressing localised flying fox colonies?
 - (4) (a) Are there flying fox species still on the "endangered species" list?
(b) If so, what type, what numbers and how have these numbers varied in the past 5 years?
- 2108 HUNTER VALLEY RESEARCH FOUNDATION JOB LOSSES—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Trade and Investment, and Minister for Regional Infrastructure and Services—
- How many jobs will be lost at the Hunter Valley Research Foundation now that the Minister for the Hunter has authorized the withdrawal of \$150,000 in State Government funding?
- 2109 HUNTER TRANSIT OFFICERS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport—
- (1) When will the 26 Hunter transit officers be made redundant?
 - (2) How many police officers will replace them?
 - (3) Will the police officers work solely in the Hunter?
 - (4) (a) Will they work only on trains?
(b) If not, what will be their additional roles?
- 2110 PLAN-IT YOUTH PROGRAM—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Education—
- How much funding was allocated to the Plan-It Youth program per year between 2007 and 2012?
- 2111 ROYAL NORTH SHORE HOSPITAL PATIENT—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- With regards to the care of Helen Brazel at Royal North Shore Hospital.
- (1) How many beds were there in use, and occupied by patients, in the ward involved on that day?
 - (2) How many nursing staff were rostered on for the:
 - (a) morning shift;
 - (b) evening shift;
 - (c) night shift?
 - (3) Were there any nursing staff shortages or absences during these shifts?
 - (4) Did any of these shortages result from nurses being on sick leave on this day?
- 2112 DENTAL HEALTH—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- Noting that poor oral health is a major factor in many diseases, costs about \$5.3 billion each year, some

people cannot afford dental treatment and there are 120,000 on public dental waiting lists in NSW:

- (1) (a) How many electorate of Sydney residents are on public dental health waiting lists?
 - (b) What delays can they expect before getting treatment?
- (2) Are more people on public dental waiting lists than on public hospital waiting lists?
- (3) Does NSW have the lowest dental funding per capita of all States and Territories?
- (4) Was there a real decrease in funds for oral health in 2011-12?
- (5) Do fewer than 16 per cent of registered dentists work in the public sector and are there high vacancy rates in these services?
- (6) Do the States and Territories have overall funding responsibility for public dental services under National Health Reform Agreements?
- (7) What action has the Government taken to:
 - (a) implement the NSW Oral Health Strategic Directions Plan 2011-20;
 - (b) increase funds for the Oral Health Fee for Service Scheme;
 - (c) fund public dental outreach services in rural and remote areas;
 - (d) provide additional funds for the Voluntary Dental Intern Program;
 - (e) employ oral health promotion officers in each Local Health District;
 - (f) improve capital infrastructure for public dental services;
 - (g) improve oral health research and data collection?
- (8) What action has the Government taken in response to proposals from the NSW Oral Health Alliance?
- (9) What further action does the Government plan to increase access to dental treatment, expand the dental workforce, and improve dental health?

2113 NORTHCOTT RENUMBERING—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

Noting that community safety audits of the John Northcott Housing Estate in Surry Hills in 2003, 2006 and 2008 all recommended renaming and renumbering units to simplify addresses:

- (1) Do NSW Police, NSW Ambulance Service, NSW Fire Brigades and Australia Post all support renumbering in order to improve emergency response?
- (2) Is there support from tenants for renumbering to improve mail delivery and visitor access?
- (3) What action has been taken to progress this project?
- (4) What funding has been allocated for the renumbering project?
- (5) What funding has been allocated for way-finding signage to improve access and emergency response on this estate?
- (6) What has prevented completion of this long-awaited project?
- (7) When does Housing NSW expect to complete the renumbering project and install new signs?
- (8) What further action will the Government take to ensure this project is implemented as soon as possible?

2114 TAXI DRIVER CYCLING EDUCATION—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Transport—

Noting the rapid increase in the number of people cycling, the increase in the number of cyclists on roads and separated cycleways, and that cyclists are vulnerable road users:

- (1) What education and training is provided to taxi drivers specifically about sharing the road with cyclists, including potential conflict with passengers opening doors and different stopping distances?
- (2) How does the Government ensure that all NSW taxi drivers are aware of the road rules for cyclists using roundabouts, bus lanes and transit lanes?
- (3) How does the Government ensure that all NSW taxi drivers are aware of the road rules for cyclists undertaking hook turns, overtaking on the left, stop signals, riding alongside other riders and motorists blocking bicycle lanes?
- (4) How does the Government ensure that all NSW taxi drivers are aware of the road rules for the increasing number of separated cycleways, shared paths, bicycle boxes and bicycle lanterns?
- (5) What ongoing education is provided to taxi drivers about cycling and road rules?
- (6) What education materials does the Government provide to taxi drivers about cyclists and cycling?
- (7) What further action will the Government take to ensure that all taxi drivers have current knowledge of road rules and sharing the road with cyclists?

2115 AFFORDABLE HOUSING—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

Noting that the latest Anglicare Australia "Rental Affordability Snapshot" identified that only 0.6 per cent of private rentals in Sydney were affordable for people on lower incomes, locking out people on minimum wages, single incomes, pensions and benefits:

- (1) What action is the Government taking to increase the supply of affordable housing?
- (2) What programs or activities apart from public housing does the Government provide to help people on lower incomes live in the inner city?
- (3) How does the Government encourage developers to include low cost housing in new developments in the inner city?
- (4) What are the minimum requirements for low cost housing in new developments?
- (5) What further action will the Government take to increase the supply of low income housing in the inner city?

2116 HOUSING NSW APPEALS—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

Noting that the Housing NSW Appeals Committee reports that inadequate consideration of information, evidence, policy or options is responsible for nearly 80 per cent of their recommendations for change of decision:

- (1) How many internal appeal requests did Housing NSW receive for the Inner City Area, CS1 Allocation Zone in the last 12 months?
- (2) What proportion of these internal appeals resulted in a change of decision?
- (3) What is the expected timeframe for internal appeals to be processed, and what is the current backlog of appeals?
- (4) What action has been taken to reduce the appeals backlog in the inner city?
- (5) How does Housing NSW train and support officers to ensure that they obtain appropriate information and correctly apply Housing NSW policy?
- (6) What action has Housing NSW taken to prevent the need for internal appeals?
- (7) What impact has the introduction of Housing Pathways had on requests for appeals?
- (8) Will Housing NSW employ more Client Service Officers to ensure adequate time and attention can be given to applications in order to reduce the number of appeals?

2117 NIGHT DEVELOPMENT WORK—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

With regard to road work by the Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) or projects by other State agencies such as Ausgrid and private developers, which the RMS requires be done at night to prevent impact on traffic flow during the day:

- (1) How does the RMS determine whether road work must be done at night?
- (2) To what extent does the impact of noise from night work on local residents form part of that determination?
- (3) For RMS road work, what notification of local residents does the RMS do before night road work takes place?
- (4) For work by other State agencies and private developers, what notification does the RMS require?

2118 PEDESTRIAN-RELATED ACCIDENTS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

Given the number of road accidents involving pedestrians recently, what plans does the Minister have to reduce the number of pedestrian-related accidents in NSW, such as education and awareness campaigns?

2119 COMMUNITY BUILDING PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

Will the Premier provide funding to ensure the continuation of the highly successful Community Building Partnership program?

2120 RADIOACTIVE WASTE STORAGE—Mrs Barbara Perry to ask the Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) How many premises are registered to store radioactive waste across NSW?
- (2) Where are these facilities located?

2121 OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE FACILITY—LIDCOMBE—Mrs Barbara Perry to ask the Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

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- (1) What type of waste is the Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) facility at Lidcombe licensed to take?
 - (2) How much radioactive waste is the OEH facility at Lidcombe licensed to take?
 - (3) What air monitoring facilities does the facility have for radioactive waste?
 - (4) What groundwater monitoring for radioactive waste is there at Lidcombe?
 - (5) How thick is the concrete flooring at the facility?
- 2122 RADIOACTIVE WASTE FACILITIES—Mrs Barbara Perry to ask the Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—
- (1) Is the Lidcombe Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) the only facility licensed to take hazardous radioactive waste left from the cleanup of the former uranium smelter site at Hunters Hill?
 - (2) Are any other facilities around NSW licensed to take any hazardous radioactive waste from the Hunters Hill site?

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