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#### **18 SEPTEMBER 2013**

(Paper No. 179)

\*4584 HOUSING NSW FAIRFIELD BUDGET ALLOCATION FAIRFIELD—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

What was the Housing NSW budget allocation for the Fairfield catchment area in the financial year:

- (a) 2009-10;
- (b) 2010-11;
- (c) 2011-12?

Answer-

I refer the Member to LA Question 1779.

\*4585 HOUSING NSW MAINTENANCE WAITING TIMES FAIRFIELD—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

What is the average waiting time for the resolution of maintenance issues in Housing NSW properties in the Fairfield catchment area?

Answer-

Timeframes for responsive repairs vary depending on the urgency of the matter.

Approximately 90 per cent of works orders issued are completed within these timeframes, with the balance being resolved shortly after. Delays may be a result of property access issues and unforeseen site conditions.

- \*4586 HOUSING NSW TRANSFER REQUESTS FAIRFIELD—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
  - (1) How many Housing NSW tenants in the Fairfield catchment area have requested a transfer to smaller accommodation in the 12 month period ending 30 June 2013?
  - (2) How does this figure compare with each of the past three years?
  - (3) How many of the requests over the past three years were approved and accommodated?

Answer-

Since 1 July 2010, 14 tenants were approved for transfer to smaller accommodation and the majority of these requests were accommodated.

\*4587 HOUSING NSW REGISTERED TENANTS IN FAIRFIELD—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

How many one bedroom or bed sitter Housing NSW premises in the Fairfield catchment zone have more than two registered tenants?

Answer-

Housing NSW's bedroom allocation policy is available on the Department of Family and Community Services website.

\*4588 POLICE OFFICER SECOND LANGUAGES—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—

How many officers in the NSW Police Force speak a language other than English?

Answer-

The NSW Police Force has advised me that there are 1,388 police officers recorded on its database as speaking a second language. However, as this information is voluntarily submitted by officers, this figure may not entirely reflect actual numbers.

\*4589 NON ENGLISH SPEAKING BACKGROUND POLICE PROGRAMS—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—

What programs are in place in New South Wales police stations to cater for people from non-English speaking backgrounds?

Answer-

I am advised:

The NSW Police Force provides programs and services for its culturally, linguistically and religiously diverse communities in line with its obligations outlined in the Government's "Principles of Multiculturalism Act 2000".

Multicultural Community Liaison Officers work from Local Area Commands, engaging with local communities and developing models for local police to work with ethnic groups to target a range of issues relating to crime and antisocial behaviour.

All Commands use accredited interpreters, local ethnic media and multilingual printed material to deliver Community Safety and Victim Support Programs to non-English speakers, to tackle issues such as domestic violence and youth crime in these communities and to assist vulnerable groups such as newly arrived refugees and asylum seekers.

\*4591 FAIRFIELD ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE SCHOOLS—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Education—

What was the English as a Second Language teacher to student ratio in schools in the Fairfield electorate for:

- (a) 2011;
- (b) 2012;
- (c) 2013?

#### Answer-

The teacher to student ratio varies depending on the arrangements for ESL provision in each school context. Schools determine the best way to use their ESL allocation's to respond to the level of need of their students.

In Intensive English Centres, there is a specific student ESL teacher ratio which is 1:18 for the majority of students or 1:10.22 for students with special educational needs.

\*4592 MULTICULTURAL FESTIVAL FUNDING—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

How much funding has been provided to local government bodies across New South Wales to stage multicultural festivals and activities during the following periods:

- (a) 2011-12;
- (b) 2012-13?

#### Answer—

Funding amounts to local government bodies across New South Wales to stage multicultural festivals and activities over 2011-12 and 2012-13 is included in the Community Relations Commission's Annual Report.

\*4593 NEWCASTLE LIGHT RAIL FEASIBILITY STUDY—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Transport—

Was the Government's decision to commit to light rail in Newcastle based on the results of a feasibility study?

If so, where can the feasibility study be viewed?

Answer-

The Newcastle Light Rail Project is a coordinated, whole-of-government decision to support the renewal of the Newcastle City Centre.

The Government will direct \$340 million from the 99 year lease of Newcastle Port to the revitalisation of Newcastle in addition to \$120 million already committed by the Government. A further \$10 million has also been allocated as part of a broader light rail plan to investigate expanding light rail to surrounding suburbs and beaches in Newcastle.

- \*4595 YOUTH IN CARE PAYMENTS—Ms Linda Burney asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
  - (1) How many foster carers have in their care people aged 16 or more who are enrolled in school or

training?

- (2) How many of these foster carer parents receive the Teenage Education Payment for the young person in their care?
- (3) How many young people in foster care receive the Youth Allowance from Centrelink?
- (4) How many young people in foster care receive the Youth Allowance and the Teenage Education Payment?
- (5) Are carers of a young person aged 16 who is attending full time school required to provide to the Department of Family and Community Services evidence of their receipt of Family Tax Benefit A when the child was 15?

#### Answer—

- (1) (2). Over 1100 foster carers have in their care people aged 16 or more who are enrolled in school or training and eligible for the Teenage Education Payment. Stakeholders have reported that the Teenage Education Payment is seen as having positive results in engaging carers to support young people in education and training.
- (3) (4). No data is collected.
- (5). The Teenage Education Payment guidelines are available on the Department of Family and Community Services website.
- \*4596 SOUTH WEST RAIL LINE NEW TIMETABLE—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Transport—

With regards to the new train timetable due to commence on 20 October 2013 and the proposed south west rail line:

- (1) Will passengers using the south west rail line, starting at Leppington, be able to travel directly to the city via the Airport and East Hills line during peak hours without the need to change trains?
- (2) How many trains are planned to leave Leppington between 5:00am and 9:00am using the south west rail line?
- (3) How many trains are planned to leave the city for Leppington between 3:30pm and 6:30pm using the south west rail line?
- (4) Will passengers starting at Leppington be able to travel directly to the city via Sydenham during peak hours without the need to change trains?

Answer-

I am advised:

The Government is still considering operational and timetable matters in relation to the new South West Rail Link.

- \*4597 EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT PATIENT WALK OUT RATES—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
  - (1) What was the statewide rate of patients walking out of emergency departments before being seen by medical staff for July 2013?
  - (2) For each hospital listed below during July 2013:
    - (a) How many patients presenting to emergency departments walked out without being seen by medical staff;
    - (b) What percentage of total patients presenting at emergency departments is the number in (a);
      - (i) Bankstown;
      - (ii) Concord;
      - (iii) Gosford;
      - (iv) John Hunter:
      - (v) Calvary Mater;
      - (vi) Belmont;
      - (vii) Port Macquarie;
      - (viii) Taree;
      - (ix) Liverpool;
      - (x) Nepean;
      - (xi) Prince of Wales;
      - (xii) Royal North Shore;
      - (xiii) Royal Prince Alfred;
      - (xiv) St George;

- (xv) St Vincent's;
- (xvi) Westmead:
- (xvii) Wollongong;
- (xviii) The Children's Hospital at Westmead;
- (xix) Sydney Children's;
- (xx) Blacktown;
- (xxi) Campbelltown:
- (xxii) Mount Druitt:
- (xxiii) Sutherland;
- (xxiv) Wyong;
- (xxv) Maitland;
- (xxvi) Fairfield;
- (xxvii) Tamworth;
- (xxviii) Wagga Wagga;
- (xxix) Orange;
- (xxx) Bathurst;
- (xxxi) Dubbo?

#### Answer-

I am advised:

This information is published in the Bureau of Health Information's Hospital Quarterly reports, and is publicly available at the following website: http://www.bhi.nsw.gov.au/

- \*4599 NUMBER OF MOTORING OFFENCES SINCE JULY 2012—Mr Ryan Park 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) Since 1 July 2012, how many motorists have been caught exceeding the speed limit by more than 45 kilometres per hour?
  - (2) How many motorists referred to in question (1) have had their number plate confiscated?
  - (3) Since 1 July 2012, how many motorists have been convicted for burnout offences?

#### Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) In the period 1 July 2012 to 24 September 2013, 3,407 motorists had legal actions for exceeding the speed limit by more than 45 kilometres per hour.
- (2) This data is not readily available from police information systems and due to its manual extraction an accurate answer cannot be provided in the terms requested.
- (3) In the period 1 July 2012 to 25 September 2013, 1,308 motorists had legal actions for burnout offences.
- \*4600 AGED CARE HEALTH SERVICES PLAN—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
  - (1) When will the Government release its Aged Care Health Services Plan?
  - (2) Why has the release of the plan been delayed past the scheduled June 2013?

#### Answer-

I am advised:

There is no NSW Health document with the title "Aged Care Health Services Plan" or similar, either published or under development.

Plans which address the health care of older people in New South Wales include the current "NSW Ageing Strategy (2012)", which is a whole of government and whole of community strategy, and is available from the NSW Ageing, Disability and Home Care website at www.adhc.nsw.gov.au/about\_us/strategies/nsw\_ageing\_strategy#strategy.

The NSW Health "Framework for the Integrated Care for Older People with Complex Health Needs" is currently under development. The estimated timeframe for completion is December 2013.

(Paper No. 180)

- 4601 BANKSTOWN-LIDCOMBE HOSPITAL ACUTE STROKE THROMBOLYSIS CENTRE—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 4602 BANKSTOWN HOSPITAL OPERATING THEATRES—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 4603 BANKSTOWN HOSPITAL UPGRADES—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 4604 SPARE BED TAX—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 4605 PUBLIC HOUSING TRANSFER REQUESTS IN BANKSTOWN ELECTORATE—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 4606 BANKSTOWN ARTS CENTRE—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Hospitality and Racing, and Minister for the Arts—
- 4607 BANKSTOWN CITY COUNCIL LIBRARY SUBSIDY—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Hospitality and Racing, and Minister for the Arts—
- 4608 CAR DEALER ODOMETER FRAUD—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Fair Trading—
- 4609 MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMS IN BANKSTOWN ELECTORATE—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Healthy Lifestyles, and Minister for Western New South Wales—
- \*4610 NSW POLICE FORCE GENERAL DUTIES OFFICERS—Mr Clayton Barr 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) How many NSW Police Force general duties officers were employed as general duties officers and available to perform all their duties in New South Wales as at 30 June in the years:
    - (a) 1993;
    - (b) 1998;
    - (c) 2003;
    - (d) 2008;
    - (e) 2013?
  - (2) How many employed NSW Police Force general duties officers were unavailable to perform all their duties in New South Wales as at 30 June in the years:
    - (a) 1993;
    - (b) 1998;
    - (c) 2003;
    - (d) 2008;
    - (e) 2013?

Answer-

I am advised:

Historical data is unable to be provided in the terms requested. Current and recent operational strength figures are available on the NSW Police Force website www.police.nsw.gov.au

- \*4611 KURRI KURRI POLICE STATION GENERAL DUTIES OFFICERS—Mr Clayton Barr 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) How many general duties police officers are stationed at Kurri Kurri Police Station?
  - (2) How many shifts per day are general duties officers scheduled on at Kurri Kurri Police Station?

Answer-

I am advised:

Officers are allocated to Local Area Commands. Local Area Commands determine the operational hours of police stations and aim to ensure there is an adequate number of police officers rostered on duty to match expected demand.

As previously advised, Kurri Kurri police station provides a 24 hour mobile response. In addition, the police station is also covered by officers from Maitland and Cessnock.

\*4612 KURRI KURRI POLICE STATION FIRST RESPONSE AGREEMENT—Mr Clayton Barr 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—

How many police officers are documented within a first response agreement working out of Kurri Kurri Police Station?

Answer—

I am advised:

Kurri Kurri police station is part of the Cessnock sector in the Central Hunter Local Area Command. There is no specific first response agreement for Kurri Kurri. The station and sector are covered by the first response agreement for the Command as a whole.

\*4615 BUDGET PAPER 2013-14 CAPITAL INVESTMENT IN RAIL—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Transport—

With regard to capital investment in rail over the forward estimates outlined in Budget Paper 2:

Why is there only \$3.8 billion listed for Non-commercial PTE Capital Expenditure in Table 9.4 (page 9-15) while there is \$8.2 billion worth of rail projects funding listed under the heading Major Non-Commercial PTEs on page 9-18?

Answer-

I am advised:

The \$3.8 billion shown in table 9.4 of Budget Paper 2 refers to the expenditure by non commercial Public Trading Enterprises. It includes expenditure by the rail entities and State Transit but excludes expenditure for rail projects managed and delivered by Transport for NSW.

The text on page 9-18 of Budget Paper 2 includes highlights of rail capital expenditure for projects delivered by Public Trading Enterprises and for projects managed and delivered by Transport for NSW.

- \*4616 HUNTER REGIONAL TRANSPORT PLAN—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Transport—
  - (1) What consultation processes have taken place in the preparation of the Hunter Regional Transport Plan?
  - (2) What future consultation processes are planned?
  - (3) Will the Hunter Regional Transport Plan be released in a draft form with an opportunity for community feedback prior to its finalisation?
  - (4) How many submissions to the NSW Transport Masterplan were focused on the Hunter region?
  - (5) When will the Hunter Transport Plan be released?

Answer-

I am advised:

The Government is currently developing Regional Transport Plans, which will specifically address the needs of regional customers. We are working with local government, stakeholders and local communities across New South Wales to ensure the unique future transport needs of the Hunter region are carefully considered.

- 4617 TRANSFER DUTY GROWTH—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—
- 4618 NATIONAL DISABILITY STRATEGY—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- \*4620 EASTERN SUBURBS RAILWAY LINE NOISE—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Transport—
  - (1) What complaints have been received about train noise from residents of Domain Apartments since

23 April 2013?

- (a) Has the number of complaints increased or decreased?
- (2) What action has been taken on the Eastern Suburbs Railway Line Noise Abatement project since 23 April 2013 ?
- (3) What assessment has the Government made of the May 2013 SLR Global Environmental Solutions report "Rail Noise Impact Assessment 22-40 Sir John Young Crescent"?
- (4) Are Eastern Suburbs Railway Line noise levels significantly higher than Environment Protection Authority limits?
- (5) Did the Eastern Suburbs Railway Line noise levels breach noise limits up to 283 times in one 24 hour period?
- (6) What changes have been made to maintenance practices as identified in the report, particularly regarding expansion joints on the Down track?
- (7) What action has been taken to provide acoustic pads on the concrete slab on the viaduct to reduce noise impacts?
- (8) What action has been taken to provide noise barriers to protect residents in apartments higher than the railway line as the report identifies this would reduce noise impacts?
- (9) What further action will the Government take to prevent train and railway noise impacts on Domain Apartments residents?

Answer-

#### I am advised:

- (1) I can confirm receipt of representation in relation to rail noise.
- (2) (9) Sydney Trains is focusing on track maintenance, including rail grinding, re-railing and new sleepers, to reduce noise on the Eastern Suburbs Railway Line.

Sydney Trains is also replacing old expansion switches on the outbound line to reduce noise when trains travel over switches, and is replacing existing timber sleepers with Fibre-reinforced Foamed Urethane sleepers, and new rail pad plates, to restore track stability and reduce noise from passing trains.

The NSW Environmental Protection Authority's Rail Infrastructure Noise Guideline does not apply to the Eastern Suburbs Railway Line as it is an existing rail line with no new rail infrastructure projects planned. Sydney Trains' Environment Protection Licence contains goals for train pass-by noise, as opposed to noise limits.

Sydney Trains will continue to monitor track condition and undertake maintenance of the Eastern Suburbs Railway Line, as part of the Government's comprehensive approach to managing the impacts of rail noise.

- 4621 ST GEORGE HOSPITAL INTENSIVE CARE UNIT—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 4622 ST GEORGE HOSPITAL REBUILD—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 4623 MOUNT DRUITT DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES CASEWORKERS—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 4624 CHILDHOOD CANCER RATES—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 4625 TOBACCO OUTLETS TASK FORCE—Mr Jamie Parker to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- \*4626 BARANGAROO LEND LEASE CONCEPT PLAN—Mr Jamie Parker asked the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—
  - (1) Has Lend Lease applied for additional gross floor area, above the existing approved concept plan, as part of its proposal to develop the Barangaroo site?
    - (a) If so, will they be required to make extra payments, or will there be a variation of the balloon payment;
    - (b) If so, how will it be ensured that this is not at the expense of public space and community facilities:
    - (c) If so, what additional provisions will be made for childcare;

- (d) If so, what additional provisions will be made for public transport;
- (e) If so, what additional provisions will be made for community facilities?
- (2) Is the Premier aware of whether or not Lend Lease plans to amend the approved concept plan?
- (3) Would the Premier support an amendment to the approved concept plan which would reduce community and/or open space?
- (4) What is the process for amending the existing Barangaroo concept plan?
- (5) How long would a proposal to amend the approved concept plan be publicly exhibited for?
- (6) How will the Premier ensure that the proposed casino and additional residential space do not encroach onto what has been approved as community and open space?
- (7) Will the Premier consider allowing the extension of the Lend Lease development area at Barangaroo into what was previously water at the southern cove?
- (8) Is the Premier aware of Lend Lease plans to increase the building height's above what has been approved in the concept plan?
- (9) Is the Premier aware of Lend Lease plans to increase the floor space above what has been approved in the concept plan?
- (10) Is the Premier aware of Lend Lease plans to build on what was previously approved for open space?
- (11) Is the Premier aware whether or not Lend Lease plans to submit an amendment which would include additional residential space on the Barangaroo site?
- (12) Does the Premier agree that Lend Lease should be able to alter the approved concept plan to allow for additional height and floor space which will encroach on community and open space, and into the Harbour?

#### Answer-

Lend Lease has agreed to the Government's request to consider an alternate, on shore location for the proposed hotel in accordance with the recommendation of the Sussex Penn review of 2011. A consequence of relocating the hotel to an on shore location will be a necessary amendment to the currently approved Concept Plan. The Government remains committed to retaining 50 per cent public open space across the entire Barangaroo precinct.

Any proposed amendment to the Concept Plan will require formal submission, exhibition and consultation, and merit based assessment in accordance with the provisions of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act.

## **15 OCTOBER 2013**

(Paper No. 181)

- 4628 COMMUNITY CORRECTION OFFICER VACANCIES—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 4629 DRUG COURT OPERATING COSTS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 4630 SUPERVISION OF OFFENDERS ON COMMUNITY BASED ORDERS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 4631 JUVENILE JUSTICE FIGURES—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- NUMBER OF ESCAPES FROM POLICE CUSTODY—Mr Paul Lynch 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—
- 4633 ESCAPES FROM FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 4634 MOUNT DRUITT SWIMMING POOL—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Small Business—
- 4635 EYE SURGERIES AT JOHN HUNTER HOSPITAL—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- 4636 EYE PATIENT CARE IN THE HUNTER REGION—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 4637 REVIEW OF NEWCASTLE BUSES—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 4638 NEWCASTLE TRANSPORT PASSENGER COUNTS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 4639 COASTAL WETLAND PROTECTION—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW, Leader of the House—
- 4640 GAME COUNCIL OF NSW FUNDING RECOMMENDATION—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Small Business—
- VACANT PUBLIC HOUSING PROPERTIES—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 4642 REDUCED WORKERS COMPENSATION BENEFITS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—
- 4643 CHILD ABUSE SQUAD—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—
- 4644 INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT CONTRACTS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 4645 WESTCONNEX PROJECT—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 4646 RECOVERY ORIENTED MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Healthy Lifestyles, and Minister for Western New South Wales—
- 4647 SCHOOL BUS SERVICES IN THE INNER CITY—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Education—
- 4648 MAJOR NATIONAL PARTNERSHIP PLAN HEALTH—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—
- 4649 GAMBLING TAX REVENUE—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—
- 4650 WAITING TIMES FOR PUBLIC HOUSING MAINTENANCE—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 4651 PUBLIC HOUSING MAINTENANCE FUNDING—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 4652 NEW SCHOOL BANKING SYSTEM INTEREST—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—
- 4653 LENNOX BRIDGE REDEVELOPMENT—Mrs Barbara Perry to ask the Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

#### **16 OCTOBER 2013**

(Paper No. 182)

- 4654 WOLLONGONG HOSPITAL PET SCANNER—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 4655 DIRECT ELECTION OF SHELLHARBOUR MAYOR—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Local Government, and Minister for the North Coast—

- 4656 YALLAH TO OAK FLATS PLANNING STUDY—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 4657 ILLAWARRA COMMUNITY FORUMS—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW, Leader of the House—
- 4658 ILLAWARRA REGIONAL TRANSPORT PLAN—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 4659 LAKE ILLAWARRA MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Trade and Investment, and Minister for Regional Infrastructure and Services—
- 4660 MINISTERIAL VISIT TO SHELLHARBOUR—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 4661 ILLAWARRA REGIONAL EDUCATION OFFICE—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Education—
- 4662 POLLEN COUNT PROGRAMS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 4663 MEDICAL USE OF CANNABIS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 4664 POSSESSION OF CANNABIS MEDICAL USE DEFENCE—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 4665 PYRMONT AND ULTIMO BUS SERVICES—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 4666 RENTAL HOUSING BONDS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 4667 HOUSING NSW CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 4668 REMOVAL OF SYDNEY HARBOUR BRIDGE SOUTHERN TOLL PLAZA—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 4669 KINGS CROSS FESTIVAL—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Hospitality and Racing, and Minister for the Arts—
- 4670 OXFORD STREET REDUCED CLEARWAY TRIAL—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 4671 CONRAD CAPITAL—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 4672 CONRAD CAPITAL—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 4673 ON CALL DOCTOR AT YOUNG HOSPITAL—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 4674 NORTHERN BEACHES HOSPITAL REDEVELOPMENT TENDER—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 4675 CLASSIFICATION OF FRONTLINE WORKERS—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 4676 WAITING TIME FOR OFFENDER PROGRAMS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 4677 EXTENDED SUPERVISION AND CONTINUING DETENTION ORDERS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

- 4678 CHILD PROHIBITION ORDERS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 4679 WORKERS COMPENSATION REDUCTION—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Finance and Services—
- 4680 POLICE OFFICER COMPLAINTS—Mr Nathan Rees 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—
- 4681 OUTLAW MOTORCYCLE GANGS—Mr Nathan Rees 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—
- 4682 COOTES TRANSPORT GROUP TRUCK INSPECTIONS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 4683 GREEN STREET PROJECT—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
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- 4747 PADDINGTON BOWLING CLUB CROWN LAND DEVELOPMENT—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Trade and Investment, and Minister for Regional Infrastructure and Services—

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- 4748 RICHMOND ROAD UPGRADE—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
  - What is the estimated cost of Stage 3 of the Richmond Road upgrade?
- 4749 BULLI MEMORIAL DRIVE EXTENSION—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

In relation to the answer to LA Question 4444 regarding the extension of Memorial Drive at Bulli:

- (1) What specific planning works are scheduled for this project in 2013-14?
- (2) Can the Minister explain what "currently reviewing technical investigations" means and what specific technical disciplines are involved, for example, flooding, geotechnical, civil, traffic?
- (3) How much of the \$500,000 budget allocation for these planning works has been spent to date this financial year?
- (4) Please list the currently owned Roads and Maritime Services properties in the corridor from the intersection of Memorial Drive and the Princes Highway to Bulli Pass?
  - (a) Can you provide a map of the properties listed?
- 4750 FIREARMS REGISTRY—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
  - Does Roads and Maritime Services have a secure database to ensure firearm owners details are appropriately stored?
- 4751 NEW STATE EMERGENCY SERVICES HEADQUARTERS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Finance and Services—
  - (1) What is the progress of the tender process for the new State Emergency Services headquarters at Wollongong?
  - (2) When will construction of this new building commence?

- 4752 NEW STATE EMERGENCY SERVICES HEADQUARTERS—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—
  - (1) What is the progress of the tender process for the new State Emergency Services headquarters at Wollongong?
  - (2) When will construction of this new building commence?
- 4753 SCHOOL FUNDING IN KEIRA ELECTORATE—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Education—

For each of the schools in the Keira Electorate what is the funding increase or decrease under the Resource Allocation model announced on 22 October 2013?

- 4754 PARKES AND FORBES HOSPITAL PROJECT—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
  - (1) Has the business case for the Parkes and Forbes Hospitals project referred to in the answer to LA Question 4244 been completed?
    - (a) If so:
      - (i) Will the business case be made publically available;
      - (ii) Where will the business case be made publically available?
    - (b) If not, has the \$2.3 million committed for planning this project in the 2012-13 budget been spent?
      - (i) If so, what was the money spent on?
  - (2) When is this project expected to begin construction work?
- 4755 BYRON SHIRE HOSPITAL PROJECT—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
  - (1) Has the business case for the Byron Shire Hospital project referred to in the answer to LA Question 4245 been completed?
    - (a) If so:
      - (i) Will the business case be made publically available;
      - (ii) Where will the business case be made publically available?
    - (b) If not, has the \$500,000 committed for planning this project in the 2012-13 budget been spent?
      - (i) If so, what was the money spent on?
  - (2) When is this project expected to begin construction work?
- 4756 WAGGA WAGGA BASE HOSPITAL PROSTATE BIOPSIES—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
  - (1) Has the equipment for undertaking Trans Rectal Ultrasound (TRUS) guided prostate biopsies at Wagga Wagga Base Hospital been configured for use?
  - (2) Are prostate biopsy services currently available at Wagga Wagga Base Hospital?
    - (a) If so, when was the first TRUS guided biopsy conducted;
    - (b) If not, why not?
  - (3) How many people are currently on the waiting list for this procedure at Wagga Wagga Base Hospital?
- 4757 YAMBA COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
  - (1) Has construction on the Yamba Community Health Centre begun?
    - (a) If so, when did work on the site commence?
    - (b) If not, when will work on the site commence?
  - (2) When will the Community Health Centre be opened?
  - (3) Have the planned services to be delivered by the new centre as outlined in the answer to LA Question 3999 changed?
    - (a) If so, what services have been added or removed?
- 4758 GULGONG MULTI-PURPOSE SERVICE—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
  - (1) What was the outcome of Health Infrastructure's review of the "cost to complete" estimates for the

Gulgong Multi-Purpose Service (MPS) referred to in the answer to LA Question 4022?

- (2) What was the total 'cost to complete' estimate for the Gulgong MPS?
- (3) When is the Gulgong MPS expected to be completed?
- (4) When will the Gulgong MPS be commissioned?
- 4759 ILLAWARRA DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Trade and Investment, and Minister for Regional Infrastructure and Services—
  - (1) Has the Government been approached to establish an Illawarra Development Corporation?
  - (2) If so, which organisations have approached the Government with this proposal?
  - (3) Did any meetings take place at which this proposal was advanced?
    - (a) If so, on what date;
    - (b) If so, who were the participants?
  - (4) How much funding was requested as part of this proposal?
  - (5) What was the proposed role for the establishment of an Illawarra Development Corporation?
  - (6) Is the Government considering the establishment of an Illawarra Development Corporation?
- 4760 POWER OUTAGE AT BARRACK HEIGHTS AND SHELLHARBOUR—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Resources and Energy, Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Central Coast—
  - (1) What caused the power outage for parts of Barrack Heights and Shellharbour on the evening of 20 October 2013?
  - (2) How many homes were affected by this power outage?
  - (3) In what streets are the homes affected by this power outage located?
- 4761 SOUTH COAST LINE EXPRESS SERVICES—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Transport—

Can the Minister provide a list of the 125 weekly express services contained in the South Coast Line train timetable?

- 4762 MAGNETIC RESONANCE IMAGING MACHINE FOR MOUNT DRUITT HOSPITAL—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
  - What is the present position with the provision of a Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) machine for Mount Druitt Hospital now that the Federal Government has announced that a licence will be granted for such a machine at the hospital?
- 4763 LIVERPOOL PUBLIC SCHOOLS VANDALISM—Mr Paul Lynch 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—

How many incidents of vandalism on public school property within the electorate of Liverpool have been reported since 1 July 2012?

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