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*4064 ISLINGTON TO NEWCASTLE RAILWAY LINE—Mr Craig Baumann asked the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—

- (1) What is the number of rail passengers who travel between Islington and Newcastle railway stations on an annual basis?
- (2) What is the full financial cost of maintaining and operating the rail service between Islington and Newcastle railway stations on an annual basis?
- (3) Has a study of the environmental efficiency (tonnes of greenhouse gases per passenger per kilometre) of this railway line ever been carried out?
- (4) Can the Minister provide any comparisons on costs per passenger per kilometre and environmental efficiency between this railway service and other services in New South Wales?
- (5) Will the environmental efficiency of this railway line be considered in any decision relating to its future?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) and (2) There is no station at Islington.

(3) to (5) A study on the environmental efficiency of the Newcastle Line has not been performed. At the current time, RailCorp does not break down its carbon footprint on an individual basis. In terms of general carbon performance, RailCorp's electric trains contribute approximately 19 grams of CO₂-e per seat kilometre travelled.

*4065 MYALL RIVER—Mr Craig Baumann asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—

- (1) Given the Department has played down the ailing health of the Myall River in the Great Lakes/Port Stephens Marine Park by telling local media the river will "correct itself", can the Minister detail what studies the department has conducted in order to come to this conclusion?
- (2) Given the Great Lakes Council has called for Government funding to dredge the mouth of the river in order to increase tidal flows and "flush out" the river, does the department's aforementioned comments mean the Government will not be adhering to this request?
- (3) Regarding the current situation of the Myall River, has the department been in regular contact with the:
 - (a) Department of Primary Industries;
 - (b) Department of Lands;
 - (c) Marine Parks Authority; and
 - (d) National Parks and Wildlife Service?
- (4) Recognising that at least eight oyster leases in the estuary have been closed due to lack of salinity and others closed due to siltation, fish kills have decimated fish stocks and other fish are ailing from redspot, winter disease and unknown toxins and the reduced amenity of the Myall River, will the Government undertake to compensate all affected businesses for losses sustained over the Christmas holiday period?

Answer—

- (1) The Department of Environment and Climate Change and the Great Lakes Council have undertaken extensive studies of the Myall Lakes system. Most recently, a \$1.5 million study funded under the Commonwealth Governments Coastal Catchments Initiative was conducted. In 1998 the then Department of Land and Water Conservation released a comprehensive data compilation report on the Myall Lakes system, including the lower Myall River. These and other studies have enabled the Department to form a good understanding of the natural behaviour of the Myall River and Lakes system.
- (2) I am advised there is no evidence to support claims that the shallowing of the eastern river entrance channel is reducing the level of tidal flushing of the Myall River. Studies by the Department of Environment and Climate Change indicate that tidal flushing of the lower river has remained constant over the last 8 years.

The Great Lakes Council has lodged an expression of interest to dredge the Myall River mouth in response to an invitation from the Department of Lands to improve navigation access for recreational

boating. I understand that Council's expression of interest will be considered along with applications from other councils across the State.

- (3) Yes.
- (4) No. The closure of leases, fish deaths and temporary changes in water quality are due to natural phenomena related to unusually high levels of rainfall in the river's catchment.

*4066 FUNDING FOR COMMUNITY TRANSPORT—Mr Craig Baumann asked the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—

- (1) Given the NSW Government has not increased funding for the provision of community transport for a decade, what advice can the NSW Department of Transport give to residents of Port Stephens who have no access to community transport and therefore health services in Newcastle and beyond?
- (2) When will the NSW Government consider increasing funding for community transport across New South Wales?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) and (2) Overall the community transport programs administered by the Ministry of Transport have increased by 69% since 2002-03 compared to a rise of 15% in the general cost of living expenses for the same period.

I am also advised that in 2008, the Community Transport Group of Port Stephens Inc. received, in addition to the CPI increase, a further \$50,000 in non-recurrent regional capacity building funding. This brings community transport funding for residents of Port Stephens to over \$487,000 in 2008-09.

Any requests for additional funding will be considered in light of other requests and the priorities of Government.

*4067 RETIREMENT VILLAGES—CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENTS—Mr Craig Baumann asked the Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Citizenship, and Minister Assisting the Premier on the Arts—

- (1) Is the Minister aware that some retirement villages in New South Wales sell villas to retirees without essential fittings like light fittings and fans, tiles, carpets, blinds etc?
- (2) Is the Minister aware that new tenants of such villas must have these fittings installed at their own cost?
- (3) Is the Minister aware that tenants of such retirement villages (or their family) are under contract to cover the cost of the removal of all such fittings upon vacating the premises, including any damage that may be caused to the villa as a result?
- (4) Are these contractual agreements reasonable?
- (5) Is the Minister aware that some elderly residents sign these contracts unaware of such an agreement?
- (6) Will the Minister's department investigate such contractual agreements in retirement villages?
- (7) What is the Minister's department doing to protect elderly residents from consenting to such contractual agreements without their knowledge?

Answer—

(1) and (2) There are many different retirement village contracts in use throughout New South Wales which provide for a variety of arrangements, dependent on the village and on what the parties have negotiated. To ensure residents' rights and obligations are clearly provided for, the retirement villages legislation requires that certain matters be included in all village contracts, and this includes the arrangements for fixtures and fittings.

Some villages sell or lease their units as "shells", so that each new resident can choose the fixtures and fittings they want and be responsible for them. Because this involves an extra cost outlay by residents, the value of the lease or purchase of the residence is relatively less than equivalent units that provide these items as inclusions. These are some of the issues that the Office of Fair Trading advises people to take into consideration when choosing a retirement village.

(3) As noted in the answer above, the retirement villages legislation requires the inclusion of certain matters in all village contracts. One of the issues that must be addressed in a village contract is the arrangements for when the resident vacates the village.

The legislation also requires that, before the resident moves in to the unit, the operator must complete a condition report. This report is a comprehensive document that details the condition of every aspect of the residence. Residents are required to leave their unit in as nearly as possible the same condition as it was in when they moved in, fair wear and tear excepted.

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It is therefore possible that villages that operate in this way would require that the unit be left as a "shell". This would be reflected in the overall value of the lease or purchase of the unit and potential residents need to take this into consideration before they sign a contract.

(4) It is a matter for a potential resident of a retirement village to decide whether or not they find the terms of a village contract reasonable. There are a large number of retirement villages in New South Wales offering a range of quality accommodation and different levels of services involving different costs, thereby providing potential residents with plenty of options to choose from to suit their specific needs and financial position.

(5) Fourteen days before an operator is allowed to enter into a contract with a potential resident, they must give them a copy of a disclosure statement about the village and an Office of Fair Trading publication about the industry generally. This booklet contains advice for potential residents about what they should take into consideration before choosing to move into a retirement village. One of the most important pieces of advice is for potential residents to have a relative or close friend examine the contract as well as seeking legal advice. Buying or leasing into a retirement village is a significant financial decision, sometimes costing similar amounts as it would to purchase a house or a strata residence, and the legal and financial issues involved should be fully considered before a contract is signed.

(6) If the Honourable Member would care to provide my office with copies or details of retirement village contracts that have given rise to his concerns, I will direct the Office of Fair Trading to examine the contracts to ascertain if there have been any breaches of the retirement village laws.

(7) The Office of Fair Trading publishes a booklet called "Retirement Village Living" which sets out an overview of the retirement village laws, with particular emphasis on the matters that prospective residents need to consider before they sign a contract. Operators are required to give potential residents a copy of this booklet at least 14 days before the contract is signed.

In this publication, potential residents are advised to have a relative or close friend examine the contract and to seek legal advice on the contract. The law provides that an operator cannot prevent anyone from seeking independent advice on the contract. If a resident is obligated to seek legal or professional advice, then the operator must foot the bill. There is also a seven-day cooling off period for the potential residents after the contract has been signed.

Current retirement village laws administered by Fair Trading provide a range of protections for residents and potential residents. For example, a contract must be consistent with any information provided in a disclosure document and in the case of any inconsistency, the resident may apply to the Consumer, Trader and Tenancy Tribunal for an order to resolve the matter. As is the case with village contracts, there are also mandatory requirements for what information is to be included in the disclosure statement.

In addition to the "Retirement Village Living" booklet, the Office of Fair Trading publishes 11 fact sheets for residents on topics such as repairs and maintenance, contract matters, residents' committees, village budgets, financial accounts and recurrent charges. These fact sheets can be obtained from Fair Trading centres, by contacting Fair Trading in writing or by telephone, or can be downloaded from Fair Trading's web site. The web site also includes a range of other useful information for residents and potential residents, such as information on how to contact a retirement village specialist within Fair Trading, contact details for organisations which represent the interests of retirement village residents and older people generally and a 12 minute audio information program about what to think about before making the decision to move into a retirement village.

If a prospective or current resident has any questions or concerns, they can always seek advice from the Office of Fair Trading's Specialist Support Unit on 9895 0297 or toll free on 1800 625 963. Residents can also obtain free advice from Fair Trading on any consumer issue from by calling 13 32 20.

In addition to the services provided by Fair Trading direct, the Government funds the Aged-care Rights Service to provide a free advice and advocacy service for residents of retirement villages, nursing homes and boarding houses. The Aged-care Rights Service publishes a booklet entitled "Before You Move", which is a useful guide for people thinking of moving into a retirement village. The service may be contacted on telephone 9281 3600 or 1800 424 079 (country callers).

*4069 TRANSPORT CONCESSIONS—OVERSEAS STUDENTS—Ms Gladys Berejiklian asked the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—

In relation to overseas students studying in New South Wales:

(1) What are the economic implications of providing international full-time students transport concessions in line with student concessions?

- (2) In relation to the \$800 million spent annually on transport concessions, how much of that is for eligible full-time tertiary students and how much would it cost to supply this benefit to full-time international students?
- (3) Has an assessment been made as to the economic benefits to the State if the concession was to be extended to full-time international students?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) to (3) NSW has the most generous transport concessions scheme in Australia, spending almost \$800 million annually to provide more transport options to more categories of concession beneficiary than any other jurisdiction.

The NSW Government targets concessions availability to people most in need, in accordance with relevant policy objectives. Full fee paying overseas tertiary students are not eligible for half fare concessions because in order to obtain the relevant visa to study in Australia, they have indicated that they have sufficient funds to cover their living expenses for the duration of their stay. This includes their transportation costs. The cost of extending concession arrangements to these students has been conservatively estimated at \$13 million and would mean diverting funds from existing programs and services.

For public transport users who are not eligible for concessions, including international students, there are a range of discounted fare products available. Information about these products is available on the Transport Infoline website at www.info or by calling 131 500.

*4070 DEATH OF ANGELA PLEVEY—Mr Andrew Constance asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—

- (1) Is the Minister aware that the family of Angela Plevey, who passed away on 19 April 1999 at the Bega District Hospital, still has no answer as to the cause of her death?
- (2) What was the cause of Angela Plevey's death?
- (3) What inquiries were undertaken following Angela's death at the time and by whom?
- (4) What were the findings of the HCCC inquiry into the matter?
- (5) What were the findings of the coronial inquest into the matter?
- (6) Was the use of Haemaccel stopped by Southern Area Health Service following the coronial inquest into Angela Plevey's death and replaced with the medication Gelofusin?
- (7) Did the use of the medication Haemaccel contribute to the death of Angela Plevey?
- (8) (a) Was the drug administered further after a decline in Angela's condition?
(b) If so, why?
- (9) (a) Was the family advised at any point that Haemaccel had been ruled out as a cause of death?
(b) If so, by whom and why?
- (10) Why was the Health Service using Haemaccel any why was it replaced following Angela's death?
- (11) (a) Is the Minister aware of family concerns relating to a cardiac puncture mark in Angela's chest?
(b) What was the cause of this puncture mark and was it noted in the autopsy report?
- (12) (a) Is the Minister aware of the concerns of the family about the time it took to administer the adrenalin during the emergency resuscitation?
(b) Was it administered?
(c) How long did it take for the adrenalin to be administered?
- (13) (a) Was there a team of people involved in the emergency resuscitation of Angela Plevey?
(b) How long did it take for an emergency resuscitation to commence?
(c) Were members of that team elsewhere in the hospital at the time of the emergency?
- (14) What were the findings of the investigation by the Area Health Service into Angela's death?

Answer—

I am advised by the Hon John Della Bosca MLC, Minister for Health:

- (1) to (14) The Greater Southern Area Health Service has advised that the death of Mrs Angela Plevey in 1999 was the subject of a Coronial investigation. They further advise that the matter was also investigated by the former Southern Area Health Service and the findings of the investigation were sent to the HCCC, Clerk of the Local Court Bega and the sister of the Mrs Plevey.

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*4071 BROGO DAM—Mr Andrew Constance asked the Minister for Water, Minister for Rural Affairs, and Minister for Regional Development—

- (1) What work is being undertaken to increase the capacity of Brogo Dam through the height of the wall?
- (2) What would be the cost to do so?
- (3) Have there been any reports into increasing the height of the wall and if so, at what cost?

Answer—

- (1) Nil.
- (2) No recent estimates are available.
- (3) A preliminary desktop augmentation assessment was completed by State Water in May 2004. The costing figures are outdated and would be nonetheless subject to commercial-in-confidence.

*4074 INCREASES IN COSTS AND CHANGES IN STAFF AND AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY—Ms Pru Goward asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—

- (1) What cost areas of the Department of the Environment and Climate Change have risen by more than the CPI during the period 2007-08?
- (2) What are the changes in the numbers of rangers employed by the National Parks and Wildlife Service over the period 2007-08 and the areas for which the National Parks and Wildlife Service is responsible?

Answer—

- (1) No recurrent cost areas of the Department of the Environment and Climate Change have risen by more than the CPI during the period of 2007-08.
- (2) The numbers of rangers employed by the National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) over the period 2007-08 increased to 320 employees. The area for which the NPWS is responsible has increased by approximately 40,000 ha.

*4075 ANALYSIS OF RIVER RED GUM WETLANDS—Ms Pru Goward asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—

Will the Minister provide all DECC analysis regarding the need to preserve the river red gum wetlands in State forests, including analysis of the "River Red Gum Forestry in the New South Wales Riverina" report prepared for the National Parks Association and the Wilderness Society by Economists at Large, which is available under FOI?

Answer—

The NSW National Parks Establishment Plan identifies priorities for building the NSW's reserve system, including in the Riverina bioregion where the largest River Red Gum wetlands are found.

The Department of Environment and Climate Change has not undertaken an analysis of the report "River Red Gum Forestry in the New South Wales Riverina".

*4077 ANALYSIS OF HEALTH AND SURVIVAL PROSPECTS OF THE BABY WHALE, COLIN—Ms Pru Goward asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—

Will the Minister provide all written analysis and reports from DECC and the National Parks and Wildlife Service regarding the health and survival prospects of the baby whale dubbed Colin (later Colette) killed by NPWS rangers in Sydney Harbour earlier this year?

Answer—

The Department of Environment and Climate Change wrote to the Member for Goulburn on 7 October 2008 advising that the requested documents would be released after payment of the required Freedom of Information fee of \$15.00.

*4078 OUTSTANDING CORRESPONDENCE—Mrs Judy Hopwood asked the Minister for Roads—

- (1) Why has correspondence dated 1 April 2008 sent on behalf of Mr Robert McIntosh of Wahroonga to the Minister's office regarding a drivers licence issue not been answered?
- (2) When will Mr McIntosh receive an answer?

Answer—

I am advised that a response has been sent.

*4079 SMOKE-FREE ZONES—HORNSBY—Mrs Judy Hopwood asked the Minister for Local Government, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—

- (1) Did Hornsby Council receive a NSW Cancer Council grant of \$2,500 for the setting up of smoke-free zones on council land?
- (2) If yes, have there been any fines issued for smoking in these areas?
- (3) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Department of Local Government does not collect information about grants that councils receive from non-government organisations. Nor does the Department of Local Government collect information about fines issued by councils. The State Debt Recovery Office administers the NSW fine enforcement system.

The Member for Hornsby may therefore wish to direct this question to the Treasurer or to Hornsby Shire Council.

*4081 CONSEQUENCES OF GROUP OFFENDING—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Juvenile Justice, Minister for Volunteering, and Minister for Youth—

What programs are available to young people in New South Wales to raise awareness and educate them on the consequences of group offending?

Answer—

It is recognised that juvenile offending often occurs in groups and many young people do not understand this can lead to serious consequences and the risk of increased penalties being imposed.

The Department of Juvenile Justice works with individual young people on their individual offending behaviour. This will often involve identifying issues associated with peer pressure and offending in groups.

To raise awareness amongst young people of the consequences of group offending, Legal Aid NSW recently produced a DVD titled "BURN". The DVD was launched by the Attorney General in September 2008 and builds on an educational campaign undertaken by Legal Aid in 2007.

More than 3,500 young people attended workshops in schools, refuges and youth centres across NSW.

The Department of Juvenile Justice is using the DVD in its work with young offenders. Workshops have been held with small groups of young people viewing the DVD and discussing its implications.

In view of the positive feedback that has been received, the Department of Juvenile Justice is examining methods to utilise the DVD with young people in detention and on community services orders throughout the state.

*4082 PENALTIES FOR GRAFFITI OFFENDERS—Mr Malcolm Kerr asked the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, Minister for Justice, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

- (1) How many graffiti offenders faced court in 2007?
- (2) How many of these offenders received gaol terms?
- (3) How many of these offenders received good behaviour bonds?
- (4) How many of these offenders received fines?
- (5) How many of these offenders received community service orders?
- (6) How many of these offenders were directed to counselling?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research does not maintain separate court statistics for all "graffiti offenders".

*4083 ASBESTOS IN SCHOOLS—Mr Malcolm Kerr asked the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women—

- (1) How many schools in the Cronulla electorate have been subject to asbestos removal?
- (2) How many schools in the Cronulla electorate still contain asbestos?
- (3) What are the names of these schools?

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Answer—

- (1) Ten.
- (2) and (3) The Department of Education and Training has prepared and distributed an asbestos register to each of its schools.

The register contains information about the existence and location of any known or presumed asbestos-containing materials on school sites, based on advice from qualified professional hygienists.

Any member of the school community is able to view the Department of Education and Training Asbestos Management Plan and attached asbestos register by contacting the school principal.

In addition, the Department of Education and Training is currently working towards publishing all schools' asbestos registers on its internet site later this year.

*4085 ENDOCRINOLOGIST AND NEPHROLOGIST SERVICES—Mr Daryl Maguire asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—

- (1) Given that the Minister's answer to my question No 3793 parts (1) to (4) advises that the level of detail requested would divert resources of the department and the Area Health Service away from their core functions, is the Minister confident that these services are adequately staffed by specialists in the Greater Southern Area Health Service (GSAHS)?
- (2) How can the Minister be assured that services by endocrinologists and nephrologists in the GSAHS are adequate when basic information as requested is apparently not collected and is unavailable to the Minister and in public reports issued by the Area Health Service?

Answer—

I am advised by the Hon John Della Bosca, Minister for Health:

- (1) and (2) Renal dialysis services are delivered throughout Greater Southern Area Health Service from units situated in Moruya, Griffith, Goulburn, Bega and Wagga Wagga. In addition, NSW residents access renal dialysis services in Canberra, Wodonga and Echuca. These services are supported by Specialists based at Sydney's RPA, Canberra and Victoria.

*4086 BUS STOP INFRASTRUCTURE—ST IVES—Mr Jonathan O'Dea asked the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—

- (1) What plans are there to upgrade bus stop infrastructure at St Ives to accompany plans for increased building density and population?
- (2) What consideration is being given to the suggestion of a central bus stop located in Memorial Avenue for bus services travelling through St Ives?

Answer—

I am advised:

Provision of local bus stop infrastructure is the responsibility of local government.

*4087 FEMALE RATES OF LEUKAEMIA—Mr Jonathan O'Dea asked the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

Based on the figures supplied by the NSW Central Cancer Registry, out of the eight regions in NSW, the Northern Sydney and Central Coast Area Health Service has the highest incident rate of leukaemia for females:

- (1) What investigation has been made as to why this is the case?
- (2) What regional measures have been implemented to address this disturbing statistic?

Answer—

I am advised:

Rates of leukaemia change over time, by geographical area and by gender. An elevated rate of leukaemia persisting over time, in a specified area, and affecting both sexes would be of concern. The finding of a higher rate of leukaemia in females for the period 2001-2005 is contrasted by rates for females in previous years, which are not significantly different to the NSW rate. The leukaemia rate for women of Northern Sydney Central Coast Area Health Service for the year, 2005, is lower than the NSW rate.

The slight elevation in leukaemia rates for female residents from the Northern Sydney Central Coast Health Area Health Service is thought most likely to be a chance statistical finding and does not warrant specific investigation.

Regional leukaemia rates will continue to be monitored along with other cancer rates through analysis of the NSW Cancer Registry.

*4089 RADIATION/ONCOLOGY SERVICE—CENTRAL COAST—Mr Greg Piper asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—

Will the State Government fund a radiation/oncology service on the Central Coast?

Answer—

I advise the Member to direct questions regarding cancer services to the Minister Assisting (Cancer) in future. However I am advised by the Hon John Della Bosca MLC, Minister for Health:

The planning and coordination of the expansion of radiotherapy services in NSW is undertaken at a State-wide level through a consultative process and is based on nationally agreed planning parameters including cancer incidence, projected cancer cases requiring radiotherapy and machine throughput. This planning also involves discussions with the Commonwealth.

The needs of residents in areas such as the Central Coast are recognised.

*4090 HUNTER WATER CORPORATION—REDUCED YIELD FIGURES—Mr Greg Piper asked the Minister for Water, Minister for Rural Affairs, and Minister for Regional Development—

Why has the Hunter Water Corporation reduced its yield figures from 90 GL/year to 67.5 GL/year as reported in "Why Tillegra Now" 9 months after the Tillegra proposal was announced?

Answer—

I am advised by Hunter Water Corporation that the reason for the new yield figure is well covered in two Hunter Water documents released to the public - the "Why Tillegra Now?" report and the Draft H250 Plan, a long term plan to meet water supply needs for the lower Hunter.

I am advised, in summary, that the yield decreased because Hunter Water introduced a new criterion into its estimate of yield that deals with the acceptability of risks relating to drought management and climate change.

*4091 MORISSET STATION SECURITY—Mr Greg Piper asked the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—

Are there any plans to provide improved security at Morisset Station, particularly the eastern car park where there is currently no security whatever?

Answer—

I am advised:

CityRail has a high visibility security presence on trains and stations across the network. It has deployed 600 transit officers who work in close cooperation with the NSW Police Commuter Crime Units. The success of the transit officer program and its intelligence based approach to deployment is reflected in official crime statistics released by the NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research confirming that crimes against the person on the rail network have fallen by more than 32% between 2002-07.

The carpark on the eastern side of Morisset Station is currently being upgraded to create an additional 52 carparking spots plus four parking spots for people with disabilities, as well as the provision of additional lighting. Construction is due to be completed by mid December 2008.

Other security initiatives also include:

- More than 7800 closed circuit television cameras (CCTV) across the CityRail network and over 700 emergency help point facilities covering all CityRail stations, including Morisset Station; and
- A Rail Security Control Centre which operates 24 hours a day seven days a week, with capacity to live monitor CCTV, communicate with train crew and station staff, and initiate a response by either Police or transit officers to security incidents.

*4092 CLIMATE CHANGE, POLICY AND PROGRAMS GROUP—Mr Michael Richardson asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—

Given that the Climate Change, Policy and Programs Group within the Department of Environment and Climate Change is currently advertising for a Public Affairs Officer:

(1) Why does the Public Affairs Officer need the "capacity for analytical thinking and sound judgement

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in a politically and socially sensitive environment"?

(2) Why is the Climate Change, Policy and Programs Group so politically sensitive at present?

Answer—

The Public Affairs branch is situated in the Climate Change, Policy and Programs Group within the Department of Environment and Climate Change and performs duties for the whole of the agency. Analytical thinking and sound judgment are considered essential for a Public Affairs Officer, as with all Departmental officers, to satisfactorily perform his or her duties.

*4093 STAFF OF THE CLIMATE CHANGE, POLICY AND PROGRAMS GROUP—Mr Michael Richardson asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—

(1) How many people were employed by the Climate Change, Policy and Programs Group in:

- (a) 2005;
- (b) 2006;
- (c) 2007;
- (d) 2008?

(2) What was the total wages cost of the Climate Change, Policy and Programs Group in:

- (a) 2005;
- (b) 2006;
- (c) 2007;
- (d) 2008?

(3) How many staff is the Climate Change, Policy and Programs Group intending to employ in 2009?

Answer—

- (1) The Climate Change, Policy and Programs Group was established in February 2008. As at 31 October 2008, there were 490 full time equivalent positions.
- (2) The Climate Change, Policy and Programs Group was established in February 2008. Wages cost for the Group was \$38.91 million from establishment until 31 October 2008.
- (3) Future staffing plans for 2009/10 are under consideration.

*4094 MACQUARIE MARSHES—Mr Michael Richardson asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—

(1) Does the NSW Government support Humane Society International's nomination of the entire Macquarie Marshes as an endangered ecological community under the federal Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act?

(2) What is the NSW Government doing to stop illegal floodwater diversion in the Macquarie Marshes?

Answer—

(1) The NSW Government supports action to protect the environmental values of the Macquarie Marshes. The Macquarie Marshes Nature Reserve and a number of threatened species which make the Marshes their home are already protected under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999.

The Macquarie Marshes comprise a number of ecological communities. The nomination of the Marshes as a single endangered ecological community is a matter for the Commonwealth Government.

(2) This matter primarily falls within the portfolio responsibilities of the Minister for Water, the Hon Phillip Costa MP. However, I can advise that under the Wetland Recovery Program, the NSW and Commonwealth Governments are funding an audit of structures in the Macquarie valley. The audit will identify structures that impact on environmental flows, and these structures will be modified or managed to ensure flows are delivered to targeted wetland assets.

*4095 ILLEGAL DIVERSIONS IN THE MACQUARIE MARSHES—Mr Michael Richardson asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—

(1) How many illegal diversions were removed from the Macquarie Marshes in the last year?

(2) How many landowners have been fined for illegal diversions in the Macquarie Marshes in the last year?

Answer—

This matter falls within the portfolio responsibilities of the Minister for Water. The questions should

therefore be directed to the Hon Phillip Costa MP.

*4096 BOTTLED DRINKING WATER—Mr Michael Richardson asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—

Given that a plastic bottle takes a fifth of a litre of crude oil to make:

- (1) Has the DECC unofficially banned bottled water in all its offices this year?
- (2) When will the DECC make the ban official?
- (3) What plans does the DECC have to scale back the State's bottled drinking water industry?
- (4) What plans does the DECC have to increase the rate of recycling for used water bottles?

Answer—

- (1) The Department of Environment and Climate Change has eliminated all non-essential bottled water purchases, except for occupational health and safety requirements, such as for staff fighting fires, conducting fieldwork or working in remote locations without a reliable water supply.
- (2) The policy was implemented in 2007.
- (3) The Department of Environment and Climate Change has no regulatory or statutory role in this matter. Licensing and regulation of the bottled water industry falls within the portfolio responsibilities of the Hon Kristina Keneally MP, Minister for Planning, and the Hon Phillip Costa MP, Minister for Water.
- (4) Household recycling rates for PET containers reported annually by local government in NSW continue to climb steadily, having almost doubled in seven years. Councils reported collecting 10,203 tonnes of PET in 2000-01 and this had risen to 19,720 tonnes in 2006-7. This amounts to over 400 million one-litre bottles being collected in 2006-07.

The National Packaging Covenant sets recycling and packaging reduction targets and requires action plans from all signatories to deal with all packaging, including beverage containers. A strengthened Covenant was renewed in 2005 by the Environment Protection and Heritage Council (EPHC).

At its April 2008 meeting, the EPHC also agreed to investigate other options for managing packaging, including a national container deposit system. This work will be completed for the first meeting in 2009. It is anticipated that the EPHC will use both the Covenant review and this additional research to make a decision about the best option for managing the environmental impacts of packaging into the future.

*4097 TRUEGAIN WASTE-OIL REFINERY—Mr Michael Richardson asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—

- (1) Why did the Environment Protection Authority suspend the operation of the Truegain waste-oil refinery at Rutherford from 30 September?
- (2) What evidence does the DECC have to prove that the Truegain waste-oil refinery is the source of foul odour pollution?
- (3) If the evidence is compelling enough for the DECC to seek to close the business, why has the NSW Land and Environment Court allowed Truegain to continue operating?
- (4) Will the DECC appeal the court's decision?

Answer—

- (1) The reasons for the suspension of Truegain Pty Limited's Environment Protection Licence are outlined in the licence suspension notice. The notice is a matter of public record and is available on the Department's website at www.environment.nsw.gov.au/prpoeoapp/searchregister.aspx
- (2) The licence suspension is subject to a merit (Class 1) appeal in the Land and Environment Court. It is not appropriate to discuss matters that are before the Courts.
- (3) It is not appropriate to discuss matters that are before the Courts.
- (4) The Department of Environment and Climate Change opposed the stay but also agreed to take part in a conciliation conference with Truegain Pty Limited before the Court formally hears the merit appeal. The appeal hearing is set down for 17 and 18 December 2008.

*4098 CONVICTION OF BRUCE MACKAY—Mr Andrew Stoner asked the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, Minister for Justice, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

In relation to the conviction in 2005 of Bruce Mackay of Kempsey on charges of possession child pornography under section 578B (2) of the Crimes Act 1900:

- (1) What was Mr Mackay's sentence?

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- (2) (a) If he was imprisoned, has Mr Mackay now been released from gaol?
 (b) If so, when was he released?
 (c) If so, what were the conditions pertaining to his release?

Answer—

I am advised:

Records relating to this case are in the custody of the Registrar at Kempsey Court and should be sought from the Registrar under Rule 62 of the Local Courts (Criminal and Applications Procedure) Rule 2003.

Any conditions placed on Mr Mackay under Child Protection legislation are a matter for the Minister for Police.

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- 4101 EMERGENCY SURGERY AT MOUNT DRUITT HOSPITAL—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—
- 4103 MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AT CALLAN PARK—Mr Greg Aplin to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—
- 4105 MANLY JETCAT—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 4106 PREVENTION OF BIOSOLIDS ODOUR—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Water, Minister for Rural Affairs, and Minister for Regional Development—
- 4107 COPY OF SIGNED COMMISSIONING FORM—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, Minister for Justice, and Minister for Industrial Relations—
- 4108 NORTHERN BEACHES STORAGE PROJECT—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Water, Minister for Rural Affairs, and Minister for Regional Development—
- 4111 HUNTER WATER CORPORATION—NEW PREMISES—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Minister for Water, Minister for Rural Affairs, and Minister for Regional Development—
- 4112 BUILDING AND ACTIVE COMMUNITY GRANTS—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Minister for Gaming and Racing, and Minister for Sport and Recreation—
- 4114 FUNDING FOR SCHOOL MAINTENANCE—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women—
- 4115 MURWILLUMBAH PROBATION AND PAROLE SERVICE OFFICE—Mr Thomas George to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, Minister for Justice, and Minister for Industrial Relations—
- 4116 EATING DISORDERS—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—
- 4117 HILLTOP RIFLE RANGE—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Gaming and Racing, and Minister for Sport and Recreation—
- 4119 QUANDIALLA COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICE—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—
- 4121 HAEMODIALYSIS PATIENTS—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—

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- 4122 DEATHS FROM DOMESTIC VIOLENCE—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women—
- 4123 MENTAL HEALTH LIAISON OFFICER—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Local Government, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—
- 4125 BUS SERVICES—SUTHERLAND SHIRE—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 4126 MONEY RAISED BY VOLUNTEER KIOSK—SUTHERLAND HOSPITAL—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—
- 4127 PROPOSALS FOR EASTERN SUBURBS (REGION 9) BUSES—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 4128 ALCOHOL FREE ZONE EVALUATION—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Local Government, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—
- 4129 BOARDING HOUSES—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Citizenship, and Minister Assisting the Premier on the Arts—
- 4130 NOISY VEHICLE SUMMER OPERATIONS—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—
- 4131 PARTY BUSES—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—
- 4133 TOURISM OPPORTUNITIES OF THE RIVER RED GUM FORESTS—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Tourism, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 4134 TYPE 1 DIABETES—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—
- 4135 PROTECTING CONSUMERS FROM GREENWASH—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Citizenship, and Minister Assisting the Premier on the Arts—
- *4136 SCULPTURE BY THE SEA—FUNDING—Mr Jonathan O'Dea asked the Premier, and Minister for the Arts—
- (1) How much total NSW Government funding has gone towards the Sculpture by the Sea annual event over the last 12 years?
 - (2) What support is being offered to Sculpture by the Sea as part of the proposed new festival activities for Sydney in October 2009?
- Answer—
- I am advised:
- (1) The NSW Government has provided approximately \$850,000 funding and in-kind support for Sculpture by the Sea over the last 12 years.
 - (2) Events NSW has been, and continues to be, in discussion with Sculpture by the Sea regarding the 2009 event.
- 4137 CORRECTION OF ERROR IN DETERMINATION—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, Minister for Justice, and Minister for Industrial Relations—
- 4138 PURCHASING OF SCHOOL STATIONERY—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women—
- 4139 ACUTE CARE BEDS AT COOLAMON/ GANMAIN HOSPITAL—Mr Adrian Piccoli to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—

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4141 HUNTER WATER CORPORATION—BASE CASE SUPPLY FORECAST—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Minister for Water, Minister for Rural Affairs, and Minister for Regional Development—

*4143 RESURFACING OF PACIFIC HIGHWAY—SEXTON HILL—Mr Geoff Provest asked the Minister for Roads—

- (1) What was the cost of resurfacing the road surface on Sexton Hill over the last six months in the Tweed on the Pacific Highway?
- (2) What future maintenance is planned over the next 12 months including:
 - (a) the timing of this maintenance; and
 - (b) the cost of any programs?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Approximately \$2.2 million has been spent on the Pacific Highway at Sexton Hill over the last six months.
- (2) Apart from normal routine maintenance activities to keep the Highway safe and trafficable, there are no specific maintenance works planned for Sexton Hill in the next 12 months.

4146 COST OF ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORT FOR RENAL DIALYSIS PATIENTS—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—

4148 NEW POLICE STATION—TWEED HEADS—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—

4149 SMOKING AREAS AT DUBBO RSL—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—

*4150 BUSHFIRE HAZARDS—BURGESS ROAD FORSTER—Mr John Turner asked the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—

Given that the Minister for Local Government in answer to question 3438 advised that the Minister for Emergency Services is the appropriate Minister to answer questions in relation to Great Lakes Council's conduct regarding bushfire hazards along Burgess Road, Forster:

- (1) Did Great Lakes Council advise ratepayers of 65-79 (inclusive) Burgess Road, Forster that the section of reserve opposite those properties was identified as bushfire prone?
- (2) (a) Did Great Lakes Council receive a report dated September 2007 from Eco Logical Pty Ltd concerning the issue of bushfire hazards in Burgess Road, Forster?
 - (b) Did such a report show the study area for assessing bushfire prone land was from 27 Burgess Road to the southern end of Burgess Road?
 - (c) Why was the study area in the report enlarged from the area previously classed as fire prone land mentioned in (2) hereof?
- (3) Who from the council commissioned the report?
- (4) (a) Was that report signed by any person from Eco Logical Pty Ltd?
 - (b) If so, by whom?
 - (c) If not, who was responsible for the preparation of the report?
- (5) (a) Was the report released to those people affected by bushfire hazards at Burgess Road, Forster?
 - (b) If not, why not?
- (6) If a report dated September 2007 as referred to in question (2) was received, did it say inter alia in its conclusion: "The level of bushfire attack on the site is classified as extreme with the existing APZ along Burgess Road according to PBP. Under current legislation for new dwellings this APZ would be sufficient if buildings were constructed to Level 3 of AS 3959-1999. However, it is likely that many existing houses do not comply with this level of construction and that a wider APZ up to 38 metres, would be required to provide adequate bushfire protection to existing dwellings"?
- (7) What was the APZ proposed for this area by the Great Lakes Council?

- (8) (a) Did any officer of Council contact Eco Logical Pty Ltd about the September 2007 report or any related matters to the report after it was received?
 (b) If so, whom?
 (c) If so, what were the terms of such discussion?
- (9) (a) Was a subsequent report received by Great Lakes Council from Eco Logical Pty Ltd dated October 2007 concerning bushfire hazards at Burgess Road, Forster?
 (b) If so, did Great Lakes Council commission this report?
 (c) If so, from whom did Council commission this report?
 (d) If so, why was a subsequent report commissioned?
 (e) If so, who prepared such report?
- (10) (a) If a further report dated October 2007 was received by Council did it say in its Bushfire Risk Assessment Conclusion "that there is a low level of bushfire threat at the site"?
 (b) If so, did any officer of Great Lakes Council ask Eco Logical Pty Ltd to explain why a report on the site is classified as extreme with the existing APZ along Burgess Road according to PBP", and in the report into the same issue dated October 2007 states "that there is a low level of bushfire threat at the site"?
 (c) If so, what was the explanation?
 (d) If no explanation was sought, why not?
 (e) If no explanation was sought, was it because the October report supported council's position in relation to bushfire hazards at Burgess Beach?

Answer—

I am advised that the NSW Rural Fire Service holds no records concerning bush fire hazard complaints or development applications during 2007 for the location in question. These enquiries should be directed to the appropriate local government authority.

4151 ADMINISTRATION OF GREAT LAKES COUNCIL—Mr John Turner to ask the Minister for Local Government, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—

*4152 UPGRADE OF MITCHELL HIGHWAY AND GORDON ROAD INTERSECTION—Mr Russell Turner asked the Minister for Roads—

- (1) Does the Roads and Traffic Authority have any plans to upgrade the intersection of the Mitchell Highway and Gordon Road at Guyong between Orange and Bathurst?
 (2) If yes, what is proposed to improve the safety at this intersection?
 (3) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The Roads and Traffic Authority has no plans to upgrade the Mitchell Highway and Gordon Road intersection at Guyong at this stage.
 (2) and (3) Funding for intersection improvement is determined across the State, depending on factors such as turning traffic volumes and crash history.

The performance of the intersection is being monitored and will be considered for upgrade if and when warranted, based on Statewide priorities.

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4154 WATER AND SEWERAGE PROGRAMS—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Water, Minister for Rural Affairs, and Minister for Regional Development—

4155 NORTHERN BEACHES HOSPITAL—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—

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- 4157 STATE-OWNED GENERATORS—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Finance, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Regulatory Reform, and Minister for Ports and Waterways representing the Treasurer—
- 4158 PRIORITY SCHOOLS PROGRAM FUNDING—Mr Thomas George to ask the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women—
- 4159 STAFF AT MENTAL HEALTH FACILITY IN LISMORE—Mr Thomas George to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—
- 4160 GRANTS TO WOMEN'S GROUPS—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women—
- 4162 GENDER PAY EQUITY GAP—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women—
- 4163 REBATES FOR RAINWATER TANK INSTALLATION—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—
- 4165 EMERGENCY SURGERY AT SUTHERLAND HOSPITAL—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—
- 4166 NATIONAL PARKS AND NATURE RESERVE STAFF—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—
- 4167 RADIATION AND ONCOLOGY SERVICES—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—
- 4168 EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS AT GOSFORD AND WYONG HOSPITALS—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—
- 4169 ASBESTOS IN SCHOOLS—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women—
- *4171 GROWTH CENTRES—Mr Brad Hazzard asked the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo—
- What number of properties have been brought to the market in the Growth Centres?
- Answer—
- A total of 19,500 lots have been rezoned in the Growth Centres in the Oran Park, Turner Road and Edmondson Park precincts in the South West and Colebee precinct in the North West. A further 4,700 lots were exhibited in the North Kellyville precinct in mid 2008 and are expected to be rezoned before the end of the year. Draft plans for a further 15,000 lots in the Riverstone and Alex Avenue precincts will go on public exhibition shortly.
- The Government does not sell land but works to get as much land available to the market with the best use of Government resources. A housing display village and sales centre have been constructed in Colebee and development approval has been granted for 200 lots in Oran Park and 233 lots in Turner Road.
- *4172 LAND IN THE SOUTH WEST GROWTH SECTOR—Mr Brad Hazzard asked the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo—
- What is the potential number of blocks of land available in the South West Growth Sector?
- Answer—
- The South West Growth Centre will accommodate 110,000 new homes over the next 25 to 30 years.
- *4173 LAND IN THE NORTH WESTERN GROWTH SECTOR—Mr Brad Hazzard asked the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo—

- What is the potential number of blocks of land available in the North Western Growth Sector?
- Answer—
- The South West Growth Centre will accommodate 110,000 new homes over the next 25 to 30 years.
- 4174 COST OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT PER PASSENGER—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 4175 NORTHERN BEACHES HOSPITAL—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—
- 4176 NORTHERN BEACHES HOSPITAL—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—
- 4177 MENTAL HEALTH LIAISON OFFICER—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, Minister for Justice, and Minister for Industrial Relations—
- *4178 PEDESTRIAN SAFETY ALONG GALSTON ROAD—Mrs Judy Hopwood asked the Minister for Roads—
- When will various concerns about the safety of pedestrians along Galston Road, as stated in a representation dated 1 July 2008, be answered?
- Answer—
- I am advised that a response to the correspondence has been issued.
- *4179 REPRESENTATION ABOUT POOR ROAD NETWORKS—Mrs Judy Hopwood asked the Minister for Roads—
- When will Mr L. Strano of Thornleigh receive an answer to his concerns about poor road networks made in a representation dated 16 July 2008?
- Answer—
- I am advised that a response has been sent.
- 4180 BIKING COMPETITION FACILITIES—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Gaming and Racing, and Minister for Sport and Recreation—
- 4181 ORGAN TRANSPLANT RECIPIENTS—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, Minister for Justice, and Minister for Industrial Relations—
- 4182 CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS—ADDITIONAL FUNDING—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women—
- 4183 TEACHER SHORTAGES—Mr Adrian Piccoli to ask the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women—
- 4184 MONEY OWED TO CREDITORS OF NORTH COAST AREA HEALTH SERVICE—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—
- 4186 NSW/QLD HEALTH JOINT PLANNING STUDY—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—
- 4187 RADIOACTIVE CONTAMINATION—NELSON PARADE HUNTERS HILL—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—

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- 4188 ECONOMIST—ADVERTISED VACANCY—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—
- 4189 DATA SPECIALIST IN GREENHOUSE MODELLING AND ANALYSIS—ADVERTISED VACANCY—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—
- 4190 CLIMATE STUDY—DR MILTON SPEER—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—
- 4191 NORTH WEST METRO—ACQUISITION OF PROPERTIES—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 4192 LASER AND INTENSE PULSED LIGHT—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—
- *4193 RURAL FIRE SERVICE—CONSULTATIONS—Mr Anthony Roberts asked the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—

What consultations are undertaken by the Rural Fire Service (RFS) with statutory contributors to discuss RFS budgets, forward estimates of budgets and appropriate service levels?

Answer—

The NSW Rural Fire Fighting Fund (RFFF) is made up of contributions from the NSW Government, local government councils and the insurance industry. Ownership of assets purchased through the RFFF is vested in local government. Councils are therefore given many opportunities to discuss their needs and financial arrangements with the RFS at both local and State level, for example:

- The RFS operates under Service Level Agreements with councils. The Agreements provide for inclusion of council representatives in local liaison committees which meet quarterly to review local RFS performance. Local government also participates in Bush Fire Management Committees and the council representative frequently chairs their local committee.
- Funding decisions are made with advice from senior brigade officials, coordinated through RFS district offices in consultation with councils.
- To provide an opportunity for councils to discuss these and other issues of concern, the RFS convenes the Local Government Liaison Committee. RFS executives meet regularly with representatives from the Local Government and Shires Associations to discuss cooperative arrangements.
- At the State level the Local Government and Shires Associations each have a representative on the Bush Fire Coordinating Committee and the Rural Fire Service Advisory Council.

The Insurance Council of Australia is represented on the Rural Fire Service Advisory Council.

- *4194 RURAL FIRE SERVICE—CAPITAL STOCK—Mr Anthony Roberts asked the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—

Will the Minister provide the age profile of the Rural Fire Service capital stock, including the replacement and retirement schedule?

Answer—

In accordance with the provisions of the Rural Fires Act 1997, ownership of assets purchased through the Rural Fire Fighting Fund, including bushfire tankers and brigade stations, is vested in local government authorities.

The RFS operates 390 other vehicles under the provisions of the Motor Vehicle Policy for NSW Government Agencies which sets out the replacement criteria for the various types of vehicles.

The RFS also owns information technology assets which are scheduled for replacement each four years.

- *4195 RURAL FIRE SERVICE—CAPITAL STOCK—Mr Anthony Roberts asked the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—

Is the RFS capital stock managed in accordance with the Treasury's Total Asset Management System

Policy?

Answer—

Yes.

4196 RURAL FIRE SERVICE—ADMINISTRATION COSTS—Mr Anthony Roberts to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—

4197 ORANGE RESCUE HELICOPTER—Mr Russell Turner to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—

*4198 RURAL FIRE SERVICE—PROJECTED COSTS—Mr Anthony Roberts asked the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—

What are the projected costs of services for the RFS in the forward estimates period and in particular from 2009 to 2012?

Answer—

The total cost for the RFS for 08/09 as per Budget Paper 3 Volume 1 is \$227.952 million. This figure includes the budget of the Office for Emergency Services

Forward estimates for forward financial years will be determined in accordance with Treasury procedures.

*4199 RURAL FIRE SERVICE—PROPERTY ASSETS—Mr Anthony Roberts asked the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—

What are the values of the property assets retained by the RFS and in what locations are these property assets situated?

Answer—

The RFS does not retain any real property assets.

*4200 RURAL FIRE SERVICE—LEASED ASSETS—Mr Anthony Roberts asked the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—

What are the costs of any assets leased by the RFS and what are the lease terms applicable, including length of lease?

Answer—

The information requested is reported in the financial statements included in the annual reports of the NSW Rural Fire Service.

4201 STATE EMERGENCY SERVICE POSITIONS ASSIGNED TO RURAL FIRE SERVICE—Mr Anthony Roberts to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—

*4202 RURAL FIRE SERVICE—INVENTORY—Mr Anthony Roberts asked the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—

What is the inventory of all RFS capital stock, including all craft, both land and other in use by the RFS?

Answer—

In accordance with the provisions of the Rural Fires Act 1997, ownership of assets purchased through the Rural Fire Fighting Fund, including bushfire tankers and brigade stations, is vested in local government authorities.

An inventory of the RFS capital assets would only include items such as administrative motor vehicles and computers.

4203 FLOOD PLANNING LEVELS—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—

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- 4204 HIGH SCHOOL CERTIFICATE—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women—
- 4206 INADEQUATE POOL FENCES—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Local Government, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—
- *4209 CYCLEWAYS—PITTWATER ELECTORATE—Mr Rob Stokes asked the Minister for Roads—
What funding has been provided to support the development of cycleways in the Pittwater electorate in each of the following financial years:
- (a) 2007-08;
 - (b) 2006-07;
 - (c) 2005-06?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (a) \$88,000
- (b) \$28,000
- (c) No funding provided.

- 4210 APPROVAL OF CONCEPT PLANS FOR SUBDIVISION—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo—
- 4213 MEASURES TO PROTECT COASTAL AREAS FROM RISING SEA LEVELS—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—
- 4214 COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT MANUAL—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—

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- 4216 PAYMENT OPTIONS FOR CAR REGISTRATION RENEWALS—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Roads—
- 4217 AREA HEALTH SERVICES—YOUTH HEALTH TEAMS—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—
- 4218 TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT—SEAFORTH—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Roads—
- 4219 AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF POLICE MANAGEMENT SITE—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—
- 4221 FUNDING FOR WAIROA SCHOOL—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women—
- 4222 BRIGHTER FUTURES—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- 4224 MACARTHUR PRESCHOOL—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women—
- 4225 OSCAR TRAINS—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 4226 ANTI-GAMBLING ADVERTISEMENT CAMPAIGN—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—
- 4227 CYCLING PROJECTS—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Roads—

- 4228 ASSISTANCE FOR RESPITE CARE—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—
- 4229 ADVERTISING EXPENDITURE BY NSW GOVERNMENT AGENCIES—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Finance, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Regulatory Reform, and Minister for Ports and Waterways representing the Treasurer—
- 4230 LAND TO BE ADDED TO GARIGAL NATIONAL PARK—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—
- 4231 TRAINING FOR NURSES—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Premier, and Minister for the Arts—
- *4233 NATURAL DISASTER MITIGATION FUNDING—Mr Geoff Provest asked the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—

In relation to the NSW Government Natural Disaster Mitigation Funding:

- (1) What was the financial commitment for this funding in:
 - (a) 2006-07;
 - (b) 2007-08; and
 - (c) 2008-09?
- (2) When will the State Government be undertaking a review of this funding?
- (3) If this review has been undertaken when will it be finalised?
- (4) What was the amount of funding from this program received in the Tweed Electorate in:
 - (a) 2006-07;
 - (b) 2007-08; and
 - (c) 2008-09?

Answer—

- (1) The combined Commonwealth State funding allocated in NSW was:
 - (a) 2006-07 - \$5,950,214;
 - (b) 2007-08 - \$11,773,380; and
 - (c) 2008-09 - \$12,090,000 (provisionally).
 - (2) The Natural Disaster Mitigation Program (NDMP) is a Commonwealth program that is jointly funded by the Commonwealth, the State and local government.
The State Government is not responsible for reviewing the program but will participate in any review undertaken by the Commonwealth.
 - (3) Not applicable.
 - (4) The following amounts of NDMP funding has been allocated to approved projects in the Tweed Shire:
 - (a) 2006-07 - \$239,999;
 - (b) 2007-08 - \$260,000; and
 - (c) 2008-09 - Proposed projects for 2008-09 are yet to be approved.
- 4234 FLOOD MANAGERS—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—
- 4235 TWEED HOSPITAL—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—
- 4237 NEW POSITIONS WITHIN THE CLIMATE CHANGE, POLICY AND PROGRAMS GROUP—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—
- 4238 ENERGY EFFICIENT AUDIT AND REFIT PROGRAM—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—
- 4239 VANDALISED AND STOLEN ITEMS AT MIDDLE DURAL PUBLIC SCHOOL—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women—

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- 4240 REVENUE FROM PARKING FEES AT HOSPITALS—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—
- 4241 PRIVATISATION OF CESSNOCK CORRECTIONAL CENTRE—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, Minister for Justice, and Minister for Industrial Relations—
- 4242 GLASSING ATTACKS—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—
- 4243 VOLUNTEER-RUN WILDLIFE RESCUE UNITS—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—
- 4244 IMPACT OF THE AILING HEALTH OF THE MYALL RIVER ON TOURISM—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Minister for Tourism, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 4245 INCREASED RENT FOR REGISTERED CLUBS ON CROWN LAND—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—
- 4246 INCREASED FEES FOR PARKING AT JOHN HUNTER HOSPITAL—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—
- 4247 YOUNGER PEOPLE IN RESIDENTIAL AGED CARE—Mr Andrew Constance to ask the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—
- 4248 ADVERTISEMENT OF VACANT POSITIONS—Mr Andrew Constance to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—
- 4249 FUNDING FOR SCHOOLS—Mr Andrew Constance to ask the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women—
- 4250 NATIONAL PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEES—Mr Andrew Constance to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—
- 4251 JOHN MARCHEFF SOLAR PROJECT—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—
- 4254 RAIL SERVICES ON THE NORTHERN LINE—Mr Victor Dominello to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 4255 GRANTS TO WOMEN'S GROUPS—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Premier, and Minister for the Arts—
- 4256 WASTE MANAGEMENT SERVICES—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Finance, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Regulatory Reform, and Minister for Ports and Waterways representing the Treasurer—
- 4257 GRANTS AND SUBSIDIES—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women—
- 4258 ANNUAL REPORT—JENOLAN CAVES RESERVE TRUST—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—

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- 4259 NORTHERN BEACHES HOSPITAL—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—
- 4262 MEETING WITH MEDICAL SPECIALISTS—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—
- 4263 JACKGREEN ENERGY—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—
- 4264 FINANCIAL COUNSELLING SERVICE—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Citizenship, and Minister Assisting the Premier on the Arts—
- 4265 REPRESENTATION ABOUT AUSTRALIAN ROAD RULE 97—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Roads—
- 4266 REPRESENTATION REGARDING CYCLE WAY—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Roads—
- 4267 REPRESENTATION ABOUT WIRE ROPE BARRIERS ALONG THE F3—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Roads—
- 4268 NICOTINE REPLACEMENT THERAPY—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- 4269 HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE—SUTHERLAND SHIRE—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women—
- 4270 EMERGENCY SECTION—SUTHERLAND HOSPITAL—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—
- 4272 TUMUT HOSPITAL REDEVELOPMENT—Mr Daryl Maguire to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—
- 4273 SCHOOLS AND TAFE—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women—
- 4274 LAND CLEARING SATELLITE MONITORING—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—
- 4275 BINGE DRINKING IN ENTERTAINMENT ZONES—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—
- 4276 INNER CITY POLICE COMMANDS—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—
- 4277 PHYSICIAN ASSISTED DYING—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—
- 4278 PRIVATE INVESTIGATORS—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Citizenship, and Minister Assisting the Premier on the Arts—
- 4282 STATE RADIOTHERAPY PLAN—Mr Donald Page to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—
- 4283 MOTOR ASSISTED PEDAL CYCLES—CONDITIONAL REGISTRATION—Mr Adrian Piccoli to ask the Minister for Roads—

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- 4286 LISMORE WESTPAC HELICOPTER SERVICE—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—
- 4287 SURGERY AT TWEED HOSPITAL—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—
- 4288 ENERGY EFFICIENT AUDIT AND REFIT PROGRAM—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—
- 4289 PRESUMED EXTINCT LIST—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—
- 4290 BIOBANKING TRUST FUND—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—
- 4291 UNPAID HOSPITAL BILLS—Mr George Souris to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—
- 4292 REPRESENTATION REGARDING LEARNERS PERMIT PERIOD—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Minister for Roads—
- 4293 EROSION OF THE RIVERBANK OF THE NAMBUCCA RIVER—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—
- 4294 SILTATION OF KILLICK CREEK—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—

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- 4295 ISSUES AFFECTING THE RETAIL LEASING INDUSTRY—DISCUSSION PAPER—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- 4297 BILLABONG CREEK SALT INTERCEPTION SITE—Mr Greg Aplin to ask the Minister for Water, Minister for Rural Affairs, and Minister for Regional Development—
- 4298 HORNSBY HOSPITAL MENTAL HEALTH INTENSIVE CARE UNIT—Mr Greg Aplin to ask the Minister for Local Government, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—
- 4299 ADOLESCENT DRUG AND ALCOHOL AWARENESS—Mr Greg Aplin to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—
- 4300 ADOLESCENT DRUG AND ALCOHOL AWARENESS—Mr Greg Aplin to ask the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women—
- 4301 ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY LIAISON OFFICER APPOINTMENTS—Mr Greg Aplin to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—
- 4302 ALBURY BASE HOSPITAL SURGERY—Mr Greg Aplin to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—

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- 4303 PATRONAGE OF MANLY FERRY AND JETCAT SERVICES—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 4304 MANLY JETCAT STAFF—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 4305 COST RECOVERY OF TRAIN SERVICES—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 4306 PROPOSED CHANGES TO BUS ROUTES—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 4307 COST OF JETCAT TRIP—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 4308 REACH FOR THE STARS PROGRAM—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—
- 4310 REGULATION OF FACILITIES FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—
- 4311 POLLUTION IN MYALL LAKES NATIONAL PARK—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—
- 4312 CBD METRO—Ms Gladys Berejiklian to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 4313 CBD METRO—Ms Gladys Berejiklian to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 4314 GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE NUMBERS—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Finance, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Regulatory Reform, and Minister for Ports and Waterways representing the Treasurer—
- 4315 GRANTS TO WOMEN'S GROUPS—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women—
- 4316 BOWRAL AND DISTRICT HOSPITAL EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—
- 4317 BULLYING IN THE NSW AMBULANCE SERVICE—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—
- 4318 RTA TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT EXERCISE—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Minister for Roads—
- 4319 OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- *4320 TEACHERS IN CHILDCARE CENTRES—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson asked the Minister for Community Services—
- (1) How many childcare centres in NSW are currently exempt from retaining a full-time early childhood teacher?
 - (2) In relation to (1) above, which childcare centres have these exemptions currently in place?
- Answer—
- (1) and (2) None. All childcare centres that have 30 or more children are required to have a qualified Early Childhood Teacher or an approved staff member working towards that qualification.
- 4321 EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTRES—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Community Services—

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- 4323 REPRESENTATION REGARDING IDENTIFICATION PLATES FOR MOTORCYCLES—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Roads—
- 4324 MENTAL HEALTH NURSES—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Local Government, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—
- 4325 WOMEN’S SPORTS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Gaming and Racing, and Minister for Sport and Recreation—
- 4326 CYCLING PROJECTS IN THE CRONULLA ELECTORATE—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Roads—
- 4327 TRAFFIC STUDY—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Roads—
- 4328 OSCAR TRAINS—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 4329 SUSTAINABLE ANIMAL FARMING—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—
- 4330 REGISTRATION EXEMPTIONS FOR ANIMAL RESCUERS—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Local Government, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—
- 4331 REFORM OF THE ANTI-DISCRIMINATION ACT—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, Minister for Justice, and Minister for Industrial Relations—
- 4332 COMMUNITY COSTS OF DRUG ADDICTION—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—
- 4333 SCHOOL ZONES FLASHING LIGHTS—Mr Jonathan O’Dea to ask the Minister for Roads—
- 4335 FUTURE RAIL LINE TO THE WARRINGAH AREA—Mr Jonathan O’Dea to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 4336 BIDDIBAH SCHOOL FACILITIES—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women—
- 4337 BUS INTERCHANGE AND PARKING SPACES—MORISSET STATION—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 4338 PUBLIC HOUSING—TWEED ELECTORATE—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Housing, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 4339 BLACK SPOT FUNDING—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Roads—
- 4340 HOT WATER SYSTEM REBATE—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—
- 4341 CONSTRUCTION OF COMMERCIAL TOURISM FACILITIES IN WILDERNESS AREAS—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—
- 4343 NATIONAL PARKS TOURISM—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—
- 4344 APPEALS FOR INCREASED COSTS IN STREET LIGHTING—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Local Government, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—
- 4345 POLLUTANTS FROM STORMWATER RUNOFF—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—

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- 4346 CHECKING OF SHARK MESHING—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—
- 4348 FACILITIES FOR HEARING-IMPAIRED STUDENTS—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women—
- 4349 ENERGY EFFICIENT STREET LIGHTING—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—
- 4350 PROTECTIVE NETTING ON BEACHES—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—
- 4352 INCIDENCE OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—
- 4353 PACIFIC HIGHWAY INTERSECTION WITH OXLEY HIGHWAY—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Minister for Roads—
- 4354 BULAHDELAH BYPASS—Mr John Turner to ask the Minister for Roads—
- 4355 OUTSTANDING CORRESPONDENCE—Mr John Turner to ask the Minister for Roads—
- 4356 OUTSTANDING CORRESPONDENCE—Mr John Turner to ask the Minister for Gaming and Racing, and Minister for Sport and Recreation—
- 4357 OUTSTANDING CORRESPONDENCE—Mr John Turner to ask the Minister for Roads—
- 4358 DRAFT PLAN OF MANAGEMENT FOR THE MANNING REGIONAL CROWN RESERVE—Mr John Turner to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—
- 4359 CROWN LAND RESERVES—Mr John Turner to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—
- 4360 IMPROVED FIRE TRAIL ACCESS—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—

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- 4363 SOUTH EASTERN SYDNEY ILLAWARRA AREA HEALTH SERVICE—Mr Greg Aplin to ask the Minister for Local Government, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—
- 4364 UPGRADE OF ROYAL NORTH SHORE HOSPITAL—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—
- 4365 SEAFORTH TAFE SITE—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women—
- 4366 UNFUNDED SUPER CONTRIBUTIONS—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Finance, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Regulatory Reform, and Minister for Ports and Waterways—
- 4367 PRIMARY SCHOOL PLAYGROUND FUNDING—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women—

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- 4368 RESPITE BEDS—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—
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- 4370 MEASURES TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC SAFETY—Mr Victor Dominello to ask the Minister for Roads—
- 4371 NORTH COAST DAIRY INDUSTRY—Mr Thomas George to ask the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—
- 4372 HEAVY VEHICLE CHECKING STATION ON HUME HIGHWAY—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Roads—
- 4373 BUDGET CUTS TO THE SYDNEY METROPOLITAN CATCHMENT AUTHORITY—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Water, Minister for Rural Affairs, and Minister for Regional Development—
- 4374 RESIDENTIAL REBATE PROGRAM—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—
- 4375 STRATEGIES TO REDUCE HOUSEHOLD ENERGY BILLS—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, Minister for State Development—
- 4377 SCHOOL HALL—WHEELER HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women—
- 4378 RESPITE HOMES—WAKEHURST—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—
- 4379 DEBT OUTSTANDING TO CREDITORS OF MANLY AND MONA VALE HOSPITALS—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—
- 4380 AGENCY NURSES—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—
- 4383 PUBLIC SCHOOL RESIDENCES—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women—
- 4384 COWRA POLICING—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—
- 4386 LINE MARKINGS ON THE PACIFIC HIGHWAY—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Roads—
- 4387 REPRESENTATIONS REGARDING TRAFFIC ON PACIFIC HIGHWAY—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Roads—
- 4388 REPRESENTATIONS REGARDING RTA APPROVAL OF A BURSTNER CARAVAN—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Roads—
- 4389 PARKING FEES AT SUTHERLAND HOSPITAL—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—
- 4391 CHATSWOOD TO EPPING RAIL LINE—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—

- 4392 OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY LEGISLATION—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Finance, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Regulatory Reform, and Minister for Ports and Waterways—
- *4393 MEN'S SHEDS—Mr Geoff Provest asked the Minister for Community Services—
- (1) What funding assistance does the Government currently give to men's sheds projects in the Tweed electorate?
 - (2) What avenues of assistance are there to help new men's sheds projects become a reality?
- Answer—
- (1) The Department of Community Services currently funds the Men and Family Centre, a sub-regional project, operating in the Tweed electorate. The project provides easily accessible points of contact and engagement for men and their families, and funds a worker who co-ordinates training for volunteers who provide two services:

The Northern Rivers Mensline provides telephone intervention for men in the Tweed area, addressing issues such as family welfare, men's personal issues, ending violent behaviour and reducing domestic violence.

The second initiative, the Richmond Mobile Men's Shed, provides an outreach service to men and their families. It currently visits Kyogle, Nimbin, Mullumbimby and Murwillumbah on a fortnightly basis.

The project has been funded over four years for \$368,576.
 - (2) The Department of Community Services has no funds available to support further Men's Shed Inc Projects at this time.

The NSW Government's community builders web site www.communitybuilders.nsw.gov.au, can assist community groups to locate practical resources, funding sources and solutions to community issues.

MenShed Australia is a not for profit incorporated company which has developed a program for starting, operating and sustaining Men's Sheds. I understand that they are available to provide support and advice to assist projects. Information can be accessed at www.mensheds.com.au
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- 4395 DISABILITY HOMES—TWEED ELECTORATE—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—
- 4397 FORESTS NSW TIMBER YIELDS—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—
- 4398 ENERGY EFFICIENCY AUDIT AND REFIT PROGRAM—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—
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- 4589 STUDIES OF PINCH POINTS IN TRAFFIC FLOW—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Minister for Roads—
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- 4591 EXPANSION OF PORT OF NEWCASTLE—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Minister for Finance, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Regulatory Reform, and Minister for Ports and Waterways—
- 4592 TRAVEL FROM THE NORTHERN BEACHES—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Premier, and Minister for the Arts—
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- 4595 SCHOOL BUS PASSES—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 4596 TRAVEL TO AND FROM THE NORTHERN BEACHES—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo—
- 4597 ASSETS SALES—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- 4598 ASSETS SALES—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women—
- 4599 MRS J HOLLAND—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—
- 4600 CHILD SERVICES FACILITIES—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- 4601 REPRESENTATION ABOUT PACIFIC HIGHWAY—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Roads—
- 4602 RENAL DIALYSIS FACILITY—MONA VALE HOSPITAL—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—
- 4603 MAINTENANCE WORKS—TOM UGLY'S BRIDGE—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Roads—
- 4604 UPGRADE OF TRAFFIC LIGHTS—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Roads—
- 4605 CONSULTATIONS WITH INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVES—Mr Daryl Maguire to ask the Minister for Gaming and Racing, and Minister for Sport and Recreation—

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- 4606 CLOSURE AND AMALGAMATION OF POLICE COMMUNICATIONS CENTRES—Mr Daryl Maguire to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—
- 4607 RESTRUCTURING NSW ELECTRICITY INDUSTRY AND FEDERAL CARBON POLLUTION REDUCTION SCHEME—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Premier, and Minister for the Arts—
- 4608 SACS INDUSTRY PLAN—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- 4609 ADOPTION ACT—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- 4610 ANIMAL PRODUCTS FOOD LABELLING—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, Minister for State Development—
- 4611 FRAUD COSTS AND PREVENTION—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—
- 4612 SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH CITY OF SYDNEY—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Housing, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 4613 INJECTION OF PRESCRIPTION DRUGS—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—
- 4614 CHILDREN OF PRISONERS—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, Minister for Justice, and Minister for Industrial Relations—
- 4615 ALLEGED INCIDENT—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo—
- 4616 FUNDING FOR "EXTRA SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECTS"—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women—
- 4617 SCHOOL MAINTENANCE AND CAPITAL WORKS—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women—
- 4618 COUNTRY REGIONAL NETWORK SERVICES—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 4619 MERGER OF BACK OFFICE FUNCTIONS—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—
- 4620 IMPROVEMENT OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 4621 ADVERTISED POSITIONS—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—
- 4622 VALUATION REPORT—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—
- 4623 INTERSTATE TRAFFIC FINES—LENIENCY PROVISION—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Finance, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Regulatory Reform, and Minister for Ports and Waterways representing the Treasurer—
- 4624 CAR-POOLING—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Roads—
- *4625 SELF-HARM SITUATIONS—PITTWATER—Mr Rob Stokes asked the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—

How many situations of self-harm were ambulance officers called out to in the Pittwater electorate in the

following years:

- (a) 2005-06;
- (b) 2006-07;
- (c) 2007-08?

Answer—

This question should be redirected to the appropriate Minister.

- 4626 REVOCATION OF DRIVERS LICENCES—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Finance, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Regulatory Reform, and Minister for Ports and Waterways representing the Treasurer—
- 4627 USE OF POLICE STATIONS AS POLICE RESIDENCES—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—
- 4628 DPI DAIRY OFFICER—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, Minister for State Development—
- 4629 CAPE HAWKE COMMUNITY PRIVATE HOSPITAL—Mr John Turner to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—
- 4630 SALE OF PERPETUAL LEASES—Mr John Turner to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—
- 4631 UNDERGROUND WATER LICENCES—Mr John Turner to ask the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, Minister for State Development—

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- 4632 HEALTH FUNDING—WESTERN SUBURBS OF SYDNEY—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—
- 4633 ALBURY LOCAL AREA COMMAND—Mr Greg Aplin to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—
- 4634 PEAK-HOUR TOLL/CONGESTION TAX—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Roads—
- 4635 GREEN SLIP INCREASES—Mr Andrew Constance to ask the Minister for Roads—
- 4636 BONDI ROAD WEEKEND CLEARWAY TRIAL—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Roads—
- 4637 WOOD REPORT—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- 4638 COWRA LOCAL ABORIGINAL LANDS COUNCIL—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—
- 4639 COWRA COURT HOUSE—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, Minister for Justice, and Minister for Industrial Relations—
- 4640 REPRESENTATION ABOUT SUPPORT SERVICES FOR DISABLED PEOPLE—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

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- 4641 AMBER ALERT PROGRAM—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—
- 4642 STAFF AT HORNSBY POLICE STATION—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—
- 4643 WORKPLACE INJURIES—SYDNEY DESALINATION PLANT SITE—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Water, Minister for Rural Affairs, and Minister for Regional Development—
- 4644 KU-RING-GAI COUNCIL HIGH DENSITY PLAN—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo—
- 4645 SPEED CAMERA—ARTERIAL ROAD ST IVES—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—
- 4646 TAXI SUBSIDY SCHEME SMART CARD—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 4647 HOME MODIFICATION AND MAINTENANCE SERVICES—Mr Adrian Piccoli to ask the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—
- 4648 TARGET ACTION GROUP—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—
- 4649 ABORIGINAL LIAISON OFFICER—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—
- 4650 NATIONAL DISASTER MITIGATION PROGRAM—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—
- 4651 UPGRADE OF THE PACIFIC HIGHWAY BETWEEN KEMPSEY AND EUNGAI—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Minister for Roads—
- 4652 CROWN LAND—SOUTH WEST ROCKS—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—
- 4653 REZONING DECISIONS—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo—
- 4654 PUBLIC TRAVELLING STOCK ROUTE—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, Minister for State Development—
- 4655 CLOSURE OF DPI RESEARCH STATIONS—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, Minister for State Development—
- 4656 EMISSIONS PERFORMANCE OF THE STATE TRANSIT AUTHORITY BUS FLEET—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Minister for Roads—

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- 4657 ACCIDENTS AND EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—
- (1) How many public hospitals in the Sydney Metropolitan area do not operate an Accident and Emergency Department?
 - (2) What are the names of these hospitals?
 - (3) How many hospitals in the Sydney Metropolitan area do not perform Emergency surgical operations at any time of the day or on any day?
 - (4) What are the names of these hospitals?
 - (5) (a) Are there any hospitals in the Sydney Metropolitan area which have an Accident and Emergency Department and do not perform emergency surgical operations?
(b) If so, what are the names of these hospitals?
- 4658 RAYMOND TERRACE POLICE STATION—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—
- (1) Is the NSW Government still considering establishing the Raymond Terrace police station at the Port Stephens Council Administrative Building, despite the Mayor's refusal?
 - (2) (a) Does the NSW Government have an alternative list of sites in Raymond Terrace for a new police station?
(b) If so, what sites are on the list?
- 4659 FUNDING FOR LOWER HUNTER TEMPORARY CARE INC.—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—
- (1) How much funding did the NSW Department of Ageing, Disability Services and Home Care contribute to the Lower Hunter Temporary Care Inc. in the twelve months to 31 December 2006?
 - (2) How much funding did the NSW Department of Ageing, Disability Services and Home Care contribute to the Lower Hunter Temporary Care Inc. in the twelve months to 31 December 2007?
 - (3) How much funding did the NSW Department of Ageing, Disability Services and Home Care contribute to the Lower Hunter Temporary Care Inc. in the twelve months to 31 December 2008?
 - (4) (a) Has the NSW Department of Ageing, Disability Services and Home Care allocated funding to the Lower Hunter Temporary Care Inc. for 2009?
(b) If so, how much?
(c) If not, why not?
(d) If not, what alternative funding is available?
- 4660 PRESCHOOL AND CHILDCARE SERVICES—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- (1) Given the recent collapse of childcare providers ABC Learning and CFK, what is the NSW Government doing to ensure replacement preschool and childcare services are found for the estimated 3000 children in the Hunter region who attended the aforementioned schools?
 - (2) Will the NSW Government consider increased funding for community-based preschools to allow more children to attend the schools, following the recent collapse of ABC Learning and CFK?
- 4661 GRAFFITI AND VANDALISM—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—
- (1) What is the NSW Government doing to curb the rapidly increasing prevalence of graffiti and vandalism in New South Wales, in particular the Port Stephens electorate?
 - (2) What support can the NSW Government offer to councils to address the increasing prevalence of graffiti and vandalism in New South Wales, in particular Port Stephens Council?
 - (3) What are the current penalties for graffiti offenders?
 - (4) What are the current penalties for vandals?
 - (5) Will the Government consider tougher penalties for graffiti offenders and vandals?
- 4662 PROPERTY VALUERS—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Citizenship, and Minister Assisting the Premier on the Arts—

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- (1) How does the NSW Government regulate property valuers and the estimates they put on the value of private properties in New South Wales?
- (2) How many complaints has the Department of Fair Trading received about valuers in this financial year?
- (3) Is the NSW Government considering tougher laws to ensure valuers are making genuine and accurate valuations on private properties?
- 4663 HOLYOAKE MAITLAND—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—
- (1) Is the Minister aware of funding shortfalls at Holyoake Maitland drug and alcohol rehabilitation centre, given the centre received \$119,171 in funding but that it costs an estimated \$250,000 to operate the centre?
- (2) Is an increase in funding available to ensure Holyoake Maitland is not forced to close down due to this funding shortfall?
- (3) Will the NSW Government commit to an increase in funding available to ensure Holyoake Maitland is not forced to close down due to this funding shortfall?
- (4) What other drug and alcohol rehabilitation services would be available for patients/clients in the Hunter region should Holyoake Maitland be forced to close down?
- 4664 WASTE AND ENVIRONMENT LEVY—Mr Steve Cansdell to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—
- Given the Government's decision to increase the Waste and Environment Levy costs and areas of operation:
- (1) What is the Minister's response to Clarence Valley ratepayers' claims that they are going to have to pay the NSW Government about \$2.1 million a year to dump rubbish in a tip that they have paid for, own and maintain and in which the State has no interest?
- (2) What is the Minister's response to claims that when added to existing tip fees, by 2015 it would cost \$125 to dump a one-tonne trailer load of rubbish?
- (3) What is the Minister's response to the mayor's claim that "if the cost gets too high, people will either just dump their rubbish beside the road or burn it, which would be terrible for the environment"?
- (4) Does the Minister expect increased illegal dumping as a result of his levy increase?
- (5) How much of the "City and Country Environment Restoration Program" funding has been spent in the Clarence Valley area?
- 4665 USE OF E10 FUEL IN GOVERNMENT VEHICLES—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Premier, and Minister for the Arts—
- In relation to ethanol fuel and given the Premier's response to Question 4113 does his government have any information on the actual use of E10 blend fuel in Government vehicles?
- 4666 LIDDELL SOLAR GENERATOR—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—
- In relation to the Liddell Solar Generator:
- (1) Over what time period will the \$9 million funding, announced this week, be expended on expansion of the solar thermal plant at Liddell Power Station?
- (2) What expansion of the Liddell solar plant, in terms of square metres of reflectors and MW of generation, will be funded by the \$9 million announcement?
- (3) What assessment of the first stage of the solar thermal plant has been done and what were the results?
- 4667 VISITS TO SOLAR THERMAL ELECTRICITY GENERATORS—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women—
- In relation to visits to renewable energy generators, has the Minister visited a solar thermal electricity generator and if so, where and when?
- 4668 GRAFFITI DAMAGE—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—
- (1) How many people have been charged in NSW with malicious damage in relation to graffiti

- vandalism in 2007 and also in 2008 to date?
- (2) How many police officers participate, as of 26 November 2008, in the Anti-Graffiti Action Team in NSW?
- 4669 GRAFFITI DAMAGE—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- (1) What are the number of incidents involving graffiti damage to buses and bus depots, trains and train stations in NSW in 2007 and in 2008 to date?
- (2) What was the cost of the damage?
- 4670 CONCESSIONS FOR BUS SERVICES IN REGIONAL AREAS—Mr Thomas George to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- Following the May 2008 announcement by then Transport Minister, John Watkins, that the Pensioner Excursion Ticket would be extended to bus services in regional and country areas, and student and apprentice concessions would also be extended:
- (1) Is there a timetable for negotiations with public transport operators?
- (2) When will the extension of the Pensioner Excursion Ticket be rolled out across the Lismore electorate?
- 4671 FEED IN TARIFF SCHEME—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, Minister for State Development—
- (1) What is the make up of the Joint Task Force investigating the introduction of a feed-in tariff scheme?
- (2) What departments will be included in the Joint Task Force?
- (3) What are the terms of reference of the Joint Task Force?
- (4) Is the scheme likely to include business and industry and if not, why not?
- (5) Will the findings be made open to the public and will the public have the opportunity to make submissions to the Joint Task Force?
- (6) Is the scheme to be self-funded or tax-payer assisted?
- 4672 MATERNITY SUPPORT—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women—
- (1) In light of the Federal Government's move away from a national paid maternity leave scheme, what actions will the Office for Women take to ensure working mothers are supported during childbearing?
- (2) What representations, if any, has the NSW Government made to the Commonwealth Government in support of the swift implementation of the scheme?
- (3) Does the Minister and the Office for Women believe the current economic environment justifies a delay in the implementation of a paid maternity leave scheme?
- 4673 WASTE LEVY REVENUE—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—
- (1) What revenue has been received from the imposition of the Waste and Environment Levy since its introduction under the Protection of the Environment Operations (POEO) Act 1997?
- (2) What percentage of that revenue was directly spent on limiting the amount of waste to landfill, and increasing the percentage of waste recycled?
- 4674 WASTE LEVY—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Finance, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Regulatory Reform, and Minister for Ports and Waterways representing the Treasurer—
- (1) In reference to the increased waste levy outlined in the 2008 mini-budget, which industry and community groups, by name, were consulted before increasing the levy?
- (2) Was any economic modelling conducted to determine the impact of an increased waste levy on recycling levels and if so, can such modelling be made available?
- (3) If not, is the increased waste levy expected to have any impact on reducing the volume of waste to landfill and on what grounds are these claims made?
- 4675 BIDWELL HOUSING ESTATE—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Minister for Housing, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- (1) Given that BoysTown presently holds a 12-month contract for a pilot graffiti removal project based

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- in Bidwell, Blackett and Shalvey:
- (a) What is the cost of this contract?
 - (b) When does this contract expire?
- (2) What is the cost of the following structural work at Bidwell:
- (a) Acquisition and rezoning of open space for residential purposes?
 - (b) Construction of new roads?
 - (c) Establishment of new parks and reserves?
 - (d) The reversal and upgrading of "Radburn" style dwellings in Bidwell?
 - (e) Relocation of services infrastructure:
 - (i) stormwater;
 - (ii) gas;
 - (iii) electricity; and
 - (iv) telephone lines?
- (3) In addition to the structural work to be undertaken at Bidwell, what plans are there for the integration of public and private housing at the Estate, similar to the Bonnyrigg Living Communities Project?
- (4) How is the Community Access Centre operating in Bidwell funded?
- (a) Who funds the Centre?
 - (b) What is the annual budget of the Centre?
 - (c) How many people are employed full time and part time at the Centre?
- (5) In relation to non-asset strategies at Bidwell:
- (a) How many anti-social behaviour specialists have been employed to work with local staff?
 - (b) Are they employed full time, part time or on contract?
 - (c) How much are they paid?
 - (d) Where are they based?
 - (e) What are their qualifications?
- 4676 SCHOOL BUS PASSES—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- (1) How many children in Gosford electorate have a school bus pass?
 - (2) How many in Terrigal electorate?
 - (3) How many in The Entrance electorate?
 - (4) How many in the Wyong electorate?
- 4677 PRIVATISATION OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES—Mr Kerry Hickey to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, Minister for Justice, and Minister for Industrial Relations—
- (1) What comparative performance measures were utilised when market testing the public ownership versus privatisation of correctional services facilities prior to the mini budget?
 - (2) When were the final analysis findings delivered and what were they?
 - (3) Has the effectiveness of private sector prison programs ever been tested and if so when and what were the results?
 - (4) How are costs of head and regional office structures factored into costs of inmates per day and how does this compare to the private sector?
- 4678 SPECIAL COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO CHILD PROTECTION—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- What was the total cost to the NSW Government of running the Special Commission of Inquiry into Child Protection Services in NSW?
- 4679 BOOROWA HOSPITAL—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—
- (1) How many General Practice Doctors currently have visiting rights at Boorowa Hospital?
 - (2) Can the Minister confirm that visiting locum GPs were recently refused visiting rights at Boorowa Hospital, resulting in a patient having to be transferred to Young Hospital?
 - (3) Will the Minister explain why the resignation rate of nursing staff at Boorowa Hospital as revealed in the then Minister for Health's answer to my question 3246 dated 8 July 2008 has doubled in the three years 2006-2008 compared to 2004-2005?

- (4) Will the Minister explain why the independent conciliation process that he referred to in the then Minister for Health's answer to my question 3246 dated 8 July 2008 did not succeed resulting in the resignation of the Deputy Nursing Manager from Boorowa Hospital on 24 November 2008?
- (5) Will the Minister act immediately to appoint an investigator independent of the GSAHS to investigate and report on a remedy for this situation?
- 4680 TIMBER BRIDGES AND MR54—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Roads—
- (1) What percentage of the RTA's bridge maintenance budget is expended for the maintenance of timber heritage bridges?
- (2) How many timber heritage bridges does the RTA maintain in NSW?
- (3) What is the total bridge stock that the RTA maintains?
- (4) What is the total annual expenditure on timber heritage bridges?
- (5) What is the total annual expenditure on maintenance of heritage timber bridges that are not used as roadways?
- (6) Are there any unintended consequences of the Heritage Act with respect to these timber bridges, i.e. are these heritage timber bridges being over serviced?
- (7) Will the Minister confirm that the 12 kilometres unsealed section of Main Road 54 (Crookwell to Bathurst) in the Upper Lachlan Shire is the only State Road in the RTA Southern Region not yet sealed?
- (8) Given that this unsealed section of road has been the location of several recent road accident fatalities, which has the higher priority to the RTA, maintaining unused heritage timber bridges or sealing the remainder of Main Road 54?
- 4681 RECORD KEEPING—HORNSBY PUBLIC HEALTH FACILITIES—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—
- (1) What is the progress of the unique patient identification for improvement to record keeping in the Hornsby electorate public health facilities?
- (2) What is the current status of electronic patient records in these facilities?
- (3) Which hospitals are connected to Hornsby Hospital relating to electronic patients records?
- (4) Have there been any problems with the implementation of this system?
- 4682 REPRESENTATION REGARDING TRAFFIC CONDITIONS AT WAITARA—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Roads—
- In relation to a general representation made from the Hornsby electorate dated 29 February 2008 concerning traffic conditions at the intersection of Waitara Street and the Pacific Highway, Waitara, when will this be answered?
- 4683 DEFERRED PAYMENT OF TAX ON GAMING MACHINE REVENUE—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Gaming and Racing, and Minister for Sport and Recreation—
- In relation to the 300 NSW hotels that have applied to defer payment of \$18.6 million tax on gambling machine revenue, have any Hornsby electorate hotels found themselves in this position?
- 4684 BRANCH LINE CLOSURES—Mr Kevin Humphries to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- On what evidence or advice was the decision made in announcing that 5 rail branch lines would be closed in conjunction with the export grain rail expression of interest to operate rolling stock in rural NSW?
- 4685 LOCAL ABORIGINAL LAND COUNCIL FRAUD—Mr Kevin Humphries to ask the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—
- (1) What is the Minister's role and responsibility in terms of dealing with fraud when it is identified within local Aboriginal Land Councils?
- (2) What are the details of current investigations into any NSW Aboriginal Land Council?
- (3) What is the expected timeframe of any such LALC investigation?
- 4686 POLICE REQUESTS—Mr Kevin Humphries to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—
- What discussions and negotiations has the Minister had regarding:

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- (a) the request for additional Police numbers to be located at Moree;
(b) the request to locate a Domestic Violence Liaison Officer within the Barwon Command?
- 4687 INCIDENTS OF SELF-HARM—CRONULLA ELECTORATE—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—
- How many situations of self-harm were ambulance officers called out to in the Cronulla electorate in the following years:
- (a) 2005-06;
(b) 2006-07;
(c) 2007-08?
- 4688 SCHOOL MAINTENANCE AND CAPITAL WORKS EXPENDITURE—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women—
- How much was spent in school maintenance and capital works in the past financial year for schools in the Cronulla electorate?
- 4689 FUNDING FOR THE SOUTH EASTERN SYDNEY AND ILLAWARRA AREA HEALTH SERVICE—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—
- (1) What has been the growth in funding for the South Eastern Sydney and Illawarra Area Health Service over the past five years?
(2) Has the growth in funding kept up with or exceeded the growth in the population in areas covered by this Area Health Service?
- 4690 CROWN LEASE CONVERSIONS—Mr Daryl Maguire to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—
- (1) How many staff are authorised to deal with Crown Lease Conversions?
(2) How many applications are waiting to be approved?
(3) How long does an application take to approve and execute?
(4) How many staff are authorised to sign off on the final approval of land transfers to landholders/applicants?
- 4691 POLICE MEDALS—Mr Daryl Maguire to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—
- (1) What is the current policy regarding the awarding of police medals?
(2) What is the process when applying for a medal?
(3) What is the expected time between applying and receipt of medal?
(4) How many people have received a medal?
(5) How many people are waiting for a medal?
(6) How does the Minister intend to reduce the backlog of applicants?
- 4692 SENTENCES FOR GRAFFITI OFFENCES—Mr Wayne Merton to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, Minister for Justice, and Minister for Industrial Relations—
- (1) Have any custodial sentences been imposed by the courts relating to graffiti related offences carried out in The Hills LGA and Parramatta LGA between the years 2000-2008?
(2) How many of these sentences amounted to full time custodial terms?
(3) How many related to periodic detention terms?
(4) How many of the persons who have received sentences, either periodic or full time, are repeat offenders?
(5) What is the maximum length of any term of imprisonment imposed for a graffiti related offence during the period referred to in the first question above?
- 4693 GRAFFITI OFFENCES—Mr Wayne Merton to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, Minister for Justice, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

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- (1) How many prosecutions have been issued for graffiti related offences carried out in the LGAs of The Hills, Parramatta and Blacktown during each of the years 2000-2007, inclusive?
- (2) What was the total amount of fines imposed in respect of these offences?
- (3) How many people were convicted in respect of such offences?
- (4) How many people were acquitted in respect of such offences?
- (5) How many people received the benefit of Section 10?
- 4694 TEACHERS STOP WORK MEETING—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women—
- (1) On how many school days have public school teachers held a stop work meeting in 2007 or 2008?
- (2) How many similar industrial relations related teacher meetings have been held on non school days in 2007 or 2008?
- (3) Is a further stop work meeting proposed for the first week NSW public schools go back in 2009?
- 4695 DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND YOUTH AFFAIRS PROPERTIES—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women—
- (1) What sale, development or future use plans are there for the properties, owned by the departments of Education and Youth Affairs, at 180 Forest Way, Belrose and 4 Wyatt Avenue, Belrose?
- (2) What plans are being considered for the adjacent property owned by the Department, including the land previously earmarked for TAFE use?
- 4696 TEACHERS PAY NEGOTIATIONS—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women—
- (1) What NSW teacher rights are the government proposing to withdraw as part of the current industrial negotiations?
- (2) Did the Government indicate in negotiations that all existing NSW teacher rights could not be maintained if a pay rise of only 2.5% was accepted by the teachers?
- 4697 NORTH COAST AREA HEALTH SERVICE—Mr Donald Page to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—
- (1) What is the size in dollar terms of the North Coast Area Health Service budgetary saving currently being contemplated?
- (2) Which consultant has been used to identify these savings and when was that consulting firm appointed?
- (3) Can you identify where these savings will be made?
- (4) How many full-time jobs will be cut?
- (5) How many part time jobs will be cut?
- (6) How many of these job cuts will be frontline services?
- (7) How many of these job cuts will occur at Ballina, Lismore, Byron Bay and Mullumbimby Hospitals respectively?
- (8) Can you guarantee that these budget cuts will not adversely impact on patient care?
- 4698 TROPICAL HORTICULTURE CENTRE—Mr Donald Page to ask the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, Minister for State Development—
- (1) How many staff are employed at the Tropical Horticulture Centre at Alstonville?
- (2) How many of these are qualified scientists and how many are support staff?
- (3) Can you identify, in brief general terms, the research projects which are currently being undertaken across the range of horticulture industries at this Centre?
- (4) Has any study been done into the implications of closing (consolidating) this Centre on the affected industries?
- (5) Is it true that some industries like the macadamia industry have 3 year contracts for research to be done at the Centre and that these contracts would be breached if the Centre was closed or consolidated?
- (6) Did the Government originally compulsorily acquire this site against the wishes of the original dairy farmer? Did the then Government specially compulsorily acquire the property for the public purpose of conducting horticultural and plant research there?

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4699 FUNDING FOR COASTAL FLOOD PROJECTS—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—

In relation to the recently announced funding of \$17.7 million for coastal flood projects:

- (1) What projects received funding in the Tweed electorate?
- (2) What was the amount of funding received for each project?

4700 PHYSIOTHERAPISTS EMPLOYED AT TWEED HOSPITAL—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—

In relation to physiotherapists employed at Tweed Hospital:

- (1) Does the Minister classify physiotherapists as front line staff?
- (2) What is the number of physiotherapists currently employed at Tweed Hospital?
- (3) Is there a physiotherapist on roster at the hospital 7 days per week?
- (4) If there is a day that there is no physiotherapist on duty would the Minister advise when this will be rectified?

4701 AGENCY NURSES EMPLOYED AT TWEED HOSPITAL—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—

In relation to agency nurses employed at Tweed Hospital:

- (1) How many agency nurses were employed:
 - (a) 2006-07;
 - (b) 2007-08;
 - (c) At the end of each month from June to October 2008?
- (2) What was the cost of the agency nurses employed:
 - (a) 2006-07;
 - (b) 2007-08;
 - (c) At the end of each month from June to October 2008?

4702 LPG GAS BOTTLES—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—

- (1) Why did the DECC originally support a working group set up to design an end-of-life solution for LPG gas bottles?
- (2) Is an LPG gas bottle 'hazardous waste'?
- (3) If gas bottles are an occupational health and safety issue, which NSW Minister is responsible for dealing with the issue?

4703 BLUE CIRCLE SOUTHERN CEMENT EMISSIONS—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—

- (1) When will Blue Circle Southern Cement have its licence to burn alternative fuels at its Berrima factory returned?
- (2) How long had the Berrima cement factory been burning material containing polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs)?
- (3) For what period had they failed to monitor emissions properly?
- (4) How will Blue Circle provide for alternative fuel use that meets guidelines?
- (5) How will Blue Circle consult with the community on air quality monitoring?

4704 MYALL RIVER AND LAKES SYSTEM—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—

- (1) When did all relevant agencies begin discussing management options for the current problems in the Myall River and lakes system?
- (2) When was the study of the Myall River and lakes system completed by the Department of Environment and Climate Change?
- (3) Since "the plan clearly identified the need for targeted action in the Myall Lakes catchment", when is the DECC going to act to unblock the eastern channel?

- 4705 CLIMATE CHANGE, POLICY AND PROGRAMS GROUP—POLICY OFFICERS—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—
- (1) How many Principal Policy Officers does the Climate Change, Policy and Programs Group employ?
 - (2) How many Senior Policy Officers does the Climate Change, Policy and Programs Group employ?
 - (3) How many Policy Officers does the Climate Change, Policy and Programs Group employ?
- 4706 CLIMATE CHANGE, POLICY AND PROGRAMS GROUP—PROJECT OFFICERS—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—
- (1) How many Principal Project Officers does the Climate Change, Policy and Programs Group employ?
 - (2) How many Senior Project Officers does the Climate Change, Policy and Programs Group employ?
 - (3) How many Project Officers does the Climate Change, Policy and Programs Group employ?
- 4707 CLIMATE CHANGE, POLICY AND PROGRAMS GROUP—TECHNICAL POLICY ADVISORS—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—
- (1) How many Principal Technical Policy Advisers does the Climate Change, Policy and Programs Group employ?
 - (2) How many Senior Technical Policy Advisers does the Climate Change, Policy and Programs Group employ?
 - (3) How many Technical Policy Advisers does the Climate Change, Policy and Programs Group employ?
- 4708 DETENTION OF JUVENILE OFFENDERS—Mr Anthony Roberts to ask the Minister for Juvenile Justice, Minister for Volunteering, and Minister for Youth—
- How many juvenile offenders were detained overnight in police cells for the period 1 January to 31 October 2008 inclusive?
- 4709 DETENTION OF JUVENILE OFFENDERS—Mr Anthony Roberts to ask the Minister for Juvenile Justice, Minister for Volunteering, and Minister for Youth—
- How many juvenile offenders were detained for more than one night in police cells for the period 1 January to 31 October 2008 inclusive?
- 4710 REVENUE RAISED FROM SPEED CAMERA ON VICTORIA ROAD—Mr Anthony Roberts to ask the Minister for Finance, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Regulatory Reform, and Minister for Ports and Waterways representing the Treasurer—
- What is the total revenue raised from the westbound speed camera on Victoria Road, opposite Cressy Road, since its placement?
- 4711 FUNDING FOR MARINE RESCUE SERVICES—Mr Anthony Roberts to ask the Minister for Finance, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Regulatory Reform, and Minister for Ports and Waterways—
- In these economically challenged times, can the Minister explain why there is no consideration given to funding specifically for fuel for our marine rescue services?
- 4712 EPPING ROAD USAGE—Mr Anthony Roberts to ask the Minister for Roads—
- How many cyclists use the Epping Road cycleway each day and how many use Epping Road's only traffic lane instead?
- 4713 SPEEDING INFRINGEMENT NOTICES—VICTORIA ROAD—Mr Anthony Roberts to ask the Minister for Finance, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Regulatory Reform, and Minister for Ports and Waterways representing the Treasurer—
- How many speeding infringement notices have been issued to motorists with respect to the westbound speed camera on Victoria Road, opposite Cressy Road, since its placement?
- 4714 DRUG PAMPHLETS—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—
- In relation to drug pamphlets targeted at teenagers:

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- (1) Can the Minister provide an update on the review chaired by Professor Ian Webster into all drug education material targeted at teenagers?
- (2) When will the review conclude?
- (3) What actions are you taking to remove pamphlets such as "A User's Guide to Speed", "Choosing to use...but wanna keep your head together?" and other types of "choosing to use" booklets from court houses and other public places?
- 4715 CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITIES—BUDGETS—Mr John Turner to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—
- (1) Are there any changes in the mini-budget intended to reduce or modify the operations or budgets of the catchment management authorities?
- (2) If so:
- (a) What are the details of any and all changes?
- (b) How will the changes affect the Taree-Oxley Island area?
- 4716 SYDNEY INTERNATIONAL EQUESTRIAN CENTRE—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Minister for Finance, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Regulatory Reform, and Minister for Ports and Waterways representing the Treasurer—
- Has the Sydney International Equestrian Centre at Horsley Park been sold?
- (a) If yes, what was the amount it was sold for?
- (b) If no, does the NSW State Government have any intention to sell it in the future?
- 4717 COST OF ADVERTISING THE NORTH WEST METRO—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- (1) What was the cost of the radio advertisements for the North West Metro?
- (2) What was the cost of the television advertisements for the North West Metro?
- (3) What was the cost of the website for the North West Metro?
- 4718 BUS EXHAUST GASES PURIFIER—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Minister for Roads—
- Given that the answer to Question on Notice 3812 regarding Mr Humberto Cravero and the part funding to TollFab, stated that TollFab had a commercial arrangement with Mr Cravero:
- (1) Did Mr Cravero act on behalf of the RTA and have no commercial arrangement with Tollfab whatsoever given that Tollfab invoiced the RTA directly?
- (2) Did the RTA have a verbal agreement with Mr Cravero to build the Bus Exhaust Gases Purifier and that it was agreed the costs of \$250,000 - \$300,000 were to be recovered by the contract for the development of that technology?
- (3) How did the RTA reach a satisfactory commercial agreement with Mr Cravero, when the RTA originally approached Mr Cravero to build this device, then after Mr Cravero had spent 12 months constructing the device, the RTA offered only \$20,000 for the constructed unit and an additional \$20,000 for the intellectual property, knowing that the engineering design for both electronics and mechanical components alone amounted to over \$250,000?
- (4) Did the RTA offer only \$40,000 in total to Mr Cravero to complete the device and fit the device to a bus, knowing full well that this would never be accepted by Mr Cravero because he had already incurred significant costs over a 12 months period regarding the construction of this device and had not received any payment during this time?
- (5) Did the RTA request Mr Cravero to design, construct and fit the Bus Exhaust purifier to a bus and at no time mentioned anything regarding part funding of this project, only for testing purposes, which would have been rejected by Mr Cravero given the costs involved for the construction of such a project?
- (6) While some small unforeseen effects were discovered after the initial testing of this device which were fully rectifiable, did the device exceeded all expectations during the testing process in terms of emissions control?
- (7) Did the NSW State Government have no intention of proceeding with the implementation of this device after the 2007 State election even though the benefits of reducing dangerous emissions from buses was proven beyond a doubt during the testing of this unit?
- (8) Will the NSW State Government now reimburse Mr Cravero for all of his out of pocket expenses that he incurred during the construction of the Bus Exhaust Gases Purifier and subsequent testing of this devise?
- (9) Which buses produce the lowest emissions?

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