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\*1141 OVERSEAS ADOPTIONS—Mr Richard Amery asked the Minister for Community Services—

- (1) What role does the Department of Community Services play when overseas adoptions are approved by other countries to parents resident in New South Wales?
- (2) Does the Department conduct enquiries as to the suitability of adopting parents on behalf of Federal Government Immigration agencies?
- (3) If so, how many such enquiries have been conducted over the last three years?
- (4) From what countries were the children adopted?

Answer—

- (1) to (4) The role of the NSW Department of Community Services (DoCS) in intercountry adoption is to prepare, train and assess adoption applicants and make a decision about their suitability to adopt. If a couple or single person is assessed as suitable to adopt, DoCS will forward their adoption application to a country with which Australia has a bilateral agreement or is a party to the Hague Convention on Intercountry Adoption.

When DoCS receives notice from an overseas country that the country has approved an adoption application submitted by DoCS on behalf of a NSW applicant, DoCS informs the applicant of this, and when a child is then allocated by the overseas country to the applicants, DoCS approves and offers the allocation to the applicants.

This work is undertaken under NSW legislation, the Adoption Act 2000, rather than on behalf of the Commonwealth.

Once a child is allocated to a family, the Department of Immigration and Citizenship requires a letter from DoCS before it issues an Adoption Visa to enable the child to enter and reside permanently in Australia.

291 children have been approved over the last three years from China, Colombia, England, Ethiopia, India, South Korea, Philippines, Taiwan, Thailand, Lithuania, Sri Lanka, Chile and Bolivia.

In the case of a family choosing to adopt a non-citizen child in another country in accordance with the laws of that country and outside the framework of NSW adoption legislation, the adoption is undertaken solely under the laws of that country and the entry of the child to Australia is a matter for the Department of Immigration and Citizenship.

\*1142 ABORIGINAL HEALTH TEAM—CAMPBELLTOWN HOSPITAL—Mr Greg Aplin asked the Minister for Health—

- (1) When did the Sydney South West Area Health Service reduce the Aboriginal Health Team at Campbelltown Hospital to only one person, that being the original manager?
- (2) What resources were provided to this manager to support Aboriginal families, specifically mothers with young children?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The Sydney South West Area Health Service Community Health Child and Family Service manages the Macarthur Aboriginal Home Visiting Team. The Macarthur Aboriginal Home Visiting Team consists of the following positions:

- Midwife
- Registered Nurse
- Aboriginal Health Worker Child Protection and
- Otitis Media screener.

These staff work closely with other nursing staff in Macarthur Child and Family service supporting Aboriginal families with young people.

- (2) The Macarthur Aboriginal Home Visiting Team have a number of resources including a station wagon fitted with child safety chairs to support young mothers and babies to access services, culturally appropriate education resources, with office equipment and resources required to provide this service.

\*1143 CLOSURE OF ABORIGINAL AFTER CARE SERVICES—Mr Greg Aplin asked the Minister for Community Services—

- (1) Following the closure of the Marungbai Aboriginal Leaving Care and After Care Service by the Department of Community Services, what arrangements were made to provide specialised Aboriginal after care services in the Sydney metropolitan region?
- (2) Was the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs consulted or informed of the decision to close this service?

Answer—

- (1) Biripi Aboriginal Corporation Medical Centre (Biripi), which receives recurrent funding from the NSW Department of Community Services (DoCS) for after care service provision in the Northern and Hunter Central Coast Regions, was contracted by DoCS in 2004 to establish two new Aboriginal after care service providers through Marungbai, one to cover the Metropolitan Regions and one to cover the Southern/Western Regions.

Both services were to be established by 31 December 2005 and handed over to local auspices. These projects were not successfully completed within agreed timeframes and the agency was advised in February 2007 that funding for the new projects would not be extended beyond 30 June 2007.

Since February 2007, Biripi has arranged for any young people contacting the service from metropolitan Sydney to be referred to alternative after care services. If Biripi cannot locate an alternative service provider, DoCS makes arrangements for on-going support to be provided to these young people. DoCS anticipates that the current Out of Home Care Expression of Interest process will resolve the specialised after care service needs in metropolitan Sydney.

- (2) At the time the Minister for Community Services and the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs were one and the same person.

\*1144 NSW MENTAL HEALTH SENTINEL EVENTS REVIEW COMMITTEE—Mr Greg Aplin asked the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—

What role is planned for the NSW Mental Health Sentinel Events Review Committee beyond February 2008?

Answer—

I am advised that the future role of the NSW Mental Health Sentinel Events Review Committee is currently under consideration.

\*1145 TRACKING TRAGEDY—THIRD REPORT—Mr Greg Aplin asked the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—

Given widespread awareness of depression and the findings of the Mental Health Sentinel Events Review Committee that additional resources and training along with a broader capacity for treatment of depression are necessary in community mental health services, what steps have been taken to address these issues in metropolitan and regional areas?

Answer—

I am advised:

The majority of people with a depressive illness receive care in the primary health care sector; from General Practitioners, psychologists and other mental health professionals.

As part of its support for these community based services, the NSW Government, through NSW Health has provided funding and mental health professional support for a range of initiatives for example:

- the development of clinical networks with GPs and other service providers;
- ongoing funding to the Black Dog Institute for research, clinical services, education and community support in relation to mood disorders;
- \$16 million to the Brain & Mind Research Institute to fund the construction of a new Youth Mental Health Clinical Research Facility in Camperdown. The new facility will provide comprehensive clinical services and research during the early phases of mental illness, including depression and bipolar disorder.
- an annual grant of \$1.2 million to beyondblue, the national depression initiative, for five years, commencing in 2005/06.

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- support for innovative early intervention approaches such as the Inspire Foundation's Reach Out Central. This is an online mental health skills-building game designed to help young people to develop the skills that are fundamental to managing depression and coping with anxiety.

In 2006, the NSW Government made a major mental health policy statement in recognition of the increase in the level and acuity of psychiatric distress in NSW, and across Australia. In NSW: A new direction for Mental Health, the Government announced its five-year plan and a \$939 million funding program to improve access to a greater range of public mental health services across the State.

One of the new initiatives that will target depression and other serious mental health problems is the Youth Mental Health Services Model. This initiative aims to strengthen service access and delivery for young people 14-24 years. These services will bring together specialist youth mental health services, General Practitioners, drug & alcohol workers and other relevant services.

Under a new direction for Mental Health Area Health Services have been allocated \$27.2 million to improve and integrate their capacity to treat young people with a range of mental health problems, including depression.

- \*1146 THIRD NSW MENTAL HEALTH SENTINEL EVENTS REVIEW COMMITTEE REPORT—Mr Greg Aplin asked the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—

Given that the Sentinel Events Review Committee report suggests that around one-third of suicides may have been preventable with more optimal care and identified departures from components of care recommended by Clinical Practice Guidelines, have standard practices now been implemented at all mental health facilities?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Government has already put in place improvements to mental health services as recommended in the first and second Tracking Tragedy Reports.

Some of the recommendations from the third Tracking Tragedy report have already been implemented, as indicated in the Government's Interim Response. Future action to address the remaining recommendations is currently under consideration, and will be detailed in the final Government Response, which is due for release early in 2008.

- \*1147 ADDITIONAL BUS SERVICES—XAVIER COLLEGE—Ms Gladys Berejiklian asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

What is planned in relation to additional bus services for children attending Xavier College at Llandilo?

Answer—

I am advised that the Route 4636 afternoon service to Shane's Park/Llandilo was altered following discussions with Xavier College, and now travels from Cranebrook High School to Xavier College, then to Llandilo. I understand that the Route 4013 morning service from Shane's Park/Llandilo to the College remains unchanged.

The Ministry of Transport does not propose to further alter the existing route network servicing Shane's Park/Llandilo at this time. However, services to Xavier College will be considered by Westbus as part of the overall review of its bus network.

- \*1148 BUS TICKET INSPECTORS—Ms Gladys Berejiklian asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

In relation to bus ticket inspectors:

- (1) How do they determine fare evasion?
- (2) How many such inspectors exist?
- (3) What type of training do they undergo?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) to (3) State Transit does not consider fare evasion to be a significant problem on its bus network.

Generally the nature of fare evasion on State Transit's network is overriding, that is failing to pay the correct fare, rather than a failure to purchase a ticket.

Nevertheless, State Transit is taking all reasonable steps to reduce the level of fare evasion.

State Transit has a dedicated revenue protection team deployed seven days a week to make sure those who evade fares don't get an advantage, when almost every other passenger behaves in an honest way.

In addition to the 26 full time Revenue Protection Officers, a further 80 of State Transit's frontline supervisory staff, known as the Customer Service Coordinators, are authorised to issue fines for various offences including fare evasion.

The Revenue Protection Unit also conducts fare awareness days in all depots. All bus drivers are given a chance to discuss any revenue protection issues including problems with fare evasion, tickets, clarification of zones, sections or use of tickets by passengers. The Unit uses this feedback to improve its operations and develop a range of innovative strategies to improve compliance.

It is also important to note that Revenue Protection Officers and joint police operations target commuter crime hot spots where fare evasion is more likely to occur. When joint operations and blitzes are carried out, Revenue Protection Officers are joined by police and Customer Service Coordinators, who are also authorised officers for the purposes of checking tickets.

\*1149 501 SERVICE—Ms Gladys Berejiklian asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

In relation to the 501 Service which runs through Victoria Road:

- (1) How many services were cancelled in September 2007?
- (2) How many services were late in September 2007?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) 99.4% of all timetabled 501 bus services operated in September 2007.
- (2) State Transit measures on-time running on a network basis and figures for all 300 individual routes operated by State Transit are not held.

\*1150 PARRAMATTA INTERCHANGE—Ms Gladys Berejiklian asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

In relation to the Parramatta Interchange:

- (1) What have been the monthly patronage figures for the following STA buses L20, 520, 521, 523, 525, 623, 624, 545, 546 and 550 since the opening of the interchange?
- (2) What were the monthly patronage figures for the following Westbus routes 600, 601, 603, 604, 606, 625 and 627 since the opening of the interchange?
- (3) What were the monthly patronage figures for these routes for the six months prior to the interchange opening?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) to (3) Patronage on Sydney Buses for 2006-07 was 186.99 million, more than 1 million passengers higher than the previous year.

Patronage on Sydney Buses is continuing its strong growth trends in recent months being up 5.4% in October and 2.1% year to date.

Across the private bus network, there continues to be steady patronage growth with a 5.5% increase being recorded for the first half of 2007. This is a significant turnaround, after 15 years of decline.

\*1151 BUILDING INSPECTION—“THE OASIS”, PAMBULA—Mr Andrew Constance asked the Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Youth, Minister for Volunteering—

- (1) What is the response of the Office of Fair Trading to the concerns raised by residents of "The Oasis" 26-28 Merimbola Street, Pambula and the results of those enquiries?
- (2) Has the Office addressed these issues with the builder of the complex?
- (3) Given that residents are not satisfied with your department's response to their concerns, will a more detailed building inspection be ordered to be conducted of the homes within "The Oasis"?
- (4) Given that there has been little follow up contact from your department will the Minister instruct staff to contact residents again to hear there concerns?

Answer—

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The Office of Fair Trading advises me that:

- (1) One complaint from a resident has been received by Fair Trading and was dealt with in early September 2007.

Although mediation facilitated by Fair Trading secured an agreement for the builder to return to complete work, the complainant did not want the builder back on site. Under the circumstances, the complainant was instead advised to pursue his dispute through the Consumer, Trader and Tenancy Tribunal.

- (2) Yes.

- (3) As Fair Trading must have the authority of the owners corporation or strata manager to enter common property and conduct an inspection, complaints about common property must come from the owners corporation or strata manager. The complainant was informed of this and, on 4 September 2007, Fair Trading spoke directly to the strata manager and gave the same advice. To date, no complaint has been received from the strata manager, the owners corporation or any other unit owners.

- (4) See question (1).

\*1152 BELLS LINE OF ROAD—Mr Peter Debnam asked the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

In relation to the Bells Line of Road:

- (1) What is the most recent count of vehicles using the Bells Line of Road in the following categories:
- Eastbound cars?
  - Eastbound trucks?
  - Westbound cars?
  - Westbound trucks?
- (2) When was the previous count undertaken and what was the number of vehicles using the Bells Line of Road in the following categories:
- Eastbound cars?
  - Eastbound trucks?
  - Westbound cars?
  - Westbound trucks?
- (3) How many accidents resulting in serious injuries have occurred on the Bells Line of Road since January 2004, and where on the road did they occur?
- (4) How many fatalities have occurred on the Bells Line of Road since January 2004, and where on the road did they occur?
- (5) What repair or upgrade projects on the Bells Line of Road have been announced or commenced since January 2004 and when were they announced, commenced or completed, and what was the cost of each project?
- (6) Has the Minister received any briefings or reports on any proposed upgrade projects on the Bells Line of Road?
- (7) If so, what is the proposed upgrade, which agency or department provided the briefing or report, and what is the cost of the proposed project?

Answer—

I am advised:

In 2004 the NSW and Australian Governments funded an investigation into the feasibility of upgrading the Bells Line of Road between Lithgow and north western Sydney. More information is contained in the Bells Line of Road corridor study at [www.rta.nsw.gov.au](http://www.rta.nsw.gov.au)

\*1154 ENERGY-EFFICIENT HOME INSULATION REBATE—Mr Peter Debnam asked the Minister for Climate Change Environment and Water—

In relation to the "energy-efficient home insulation rebate" through the Climate Change Fund:

- How many residents have claimed the \$300 rebate?
- How many residents have been paid the \$300 rebate?
- If no residents have received a rebate under the scheme, when will payments under the scheme commence?

Answer—

149 applications have been received between 1 October 2007 and 7 November 2007, however none have

yet been paid.

Provided the application is complete and valid, applications should be processed within 60 days. Payment will therefore commence within 60 days of the first successful applications.

\*1155 POKER MACHINES AND KENO—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson asked the Minister for Gaming and Racing, Minister for Sport and Recreation—

- (1) Is the Minister aware that on 16 October 2007 the Southern Tablelands Group Conference of the CWA passed an Urgency Motion expressing grave concern at the proposal by the NSW Government to allow Keno and more poker machines in hotels?
- (2) In view of the potential social impact of this proposal will you make public all submissions regarding this proposal?
- (3) If not, will you explain why the release of these submissions is not in the public interest?

Answer—

- (1) Yes. I have received written representations, dated 26 October 2007, on behalf of the Southern Tablelands Group CWA of NSW from Mr Steve Whan MP, Member for Monaro, advising of the Motion of Urgency as outlined in question 1 above, passed at the Southern Tablelands Group Conference of the CWA on 16 October 2007.
- (2) Submissions to the review of the Gaming Machines Act 2001, which governs the number of poker machines in hotels, will be made public where they do not contain confidential or commercially sensitive information.

\*1156 STRAY CATTLE IN NATIONAL PARKS—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson asked the Minister for Climate Change Environment and Water—

- (1) How many cattle that have strayed from private properties into the Greater Blue Mountains National Park been shot by NPWS staff or contractors since 2003?
- (2) On each occasion what effort was made to identify the owners of the cattle before they were shot?
- (3) Is it NPWS policy to shoot stray cattle without first making an effort to remove them from the park?

Answer—

I am advised that all cattle shot by National Parks and Wildlife Service staff or contractors in the Blue Mountains National Park since 2003 have been identified as feral cattle. Criteria used to identify feral cattle include:

- absence of ear tags and branding;
- no apparent breed signature – due to inbreeding many feral cattle display characteristics such as small body size, recurved horns, bug eyed facial features, skin disorders and scarring;
- behaviour – feral cattle are generally flighty;
- high percentage of animals with brindle markings; and
- history – no reported domestic stock in the area.

The National Parks and Wildlife Service, which is now part of the Department of Environment and Climate Change, has a policy of identifying whether cattle are wild or have strayed from neighbouring lands prior to undertaking control measures. Where strays are involved, the department liaises with the local Rural Lands Protection Board and, if identified, notifies the owners and asks them to remove the animals within a reasonable specified timeframe. If unable to identify the owners, the cattle are impounded where feasible. Culling only occurs where no other options are available.

\*1157 MATERIAL AID TO THE PEOPLE OF BLACKTOWN—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson asked the Minister for Community Services—

- (1) Are you aware that last week the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRACARE) in Blacktown faced an influx in the number of people requiring emergency household assistance as a result of the Blacktown Community Care Centre being unable to provide this assistance?
- (2) Does the Department of Community Services provide funding assistance to the Blacktown Community Care Centre?
- (3) Given that ADRACARE Blacktown itself had to turn people away and could not direct them to an alternate source of aid, how much funding support does DoCS give ADRACARE Blacktown?
- (4) Have the agencies involved applied for an increase in the amount of support DoCS gives them?

Answer—

The NSW Department of Community Services does not fund either of the agencies mentioned.



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\*1158 BROOKLYN/DANGAR ISLAND SEWERAGE TREATMENT PLANT—Mrs Judy Hopwood asked the Minister for Climate Change Environment and Water—

How often will the exclusion zone related to the outfall from the Brooklyn/Dangar Island Sewerage Treatment Plant be tested for water quality?

Answer—

The frequency of any analysis of the waters in the exclusion zone will be detailed in Sydney Water's water quality monitoring program. The development and implementation of this program is a requirement of the Conditions of Approval for the Sewerage Scheme, issued by the Minister for Planning.

The Department of Environment and Climate Change currently licenses the construction of the Brooklyn/Dangar Island Sewage Treatment System.

When construction is completed, the Department will vary the Environment Protection Licence to require Sydney Water to monitor the quality of the treated effluent being discharged. The monitoring frequency will vary depending on the pollutant, however treated effluent will be analysed for the majority of the specified pollutants every six days.

\*1159 SPECIALIST HOSPICE BEDS—Mrs Judy Hopwood asked the Minister for Health—

(1) In the Northern Sydney Central Coast Area Health Service (NSCCAHS), of the 19 general hospital beds (palliative care referred to in written question 0120) where are these beds located?

(2) How many beds are in Neringah Hospice, Wahroonga?

(3) (a) Are there any specialist hospice beds anywhere else in the NSCCAHS?

(b) If so, where are they?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) The 19 General Hospital beds provided for Specialist Palliative Care services referred to are located in Greenwich Home of Peace Hospital.

(2) and (3) The only Specialist Hospice beds located in the Northern Sydney Central Coast Area Health Service are at Neringah Hospice (Neringah Home of Peace Hospital) Wahroonga. There are 19 beds located at this Hospice.

\*1160 HORNSBY CLEARWAYS PROJECT—Mrs Judy Hopwood asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

Regarding the Hornsby Clearways Project:

(1) What is the current cost of the work at this railway station?

(2) When will the work be completed?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) to (2) Construction works on the \$107 million Hornsby Platform 5 and Stabling project commenced in late 2005 and are on schedule to be completed in 2008.

\*1162 2007-2008 BUDGET—ALLOCATION TO WAGGA WAGGA—Mr Daryl Maguire asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

How much, listed under the heading "Various" in the latest Budget 2007-2008, was allocated to Wagga Wagga and to which project?

Answer—

I am advised:

The 2007/08 State budget includes a total capital allocation of \$1.1 million to the Wagga Wagga electoral district for various capital rail related works.

\*1163 2007-2008 BUDGET—ALLOCATION TO WAGGA WAGGA—Mr Daryl Maguire asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—

How much, listed under the heading "Various" in the latest Budget 2007-2008, was allocated to Wagga

Wagga and to which project?

Answer—

The NSW Labor Government is investing a record \$873 million this financial year to upgrade and maintain NSW public schools and TAFEs.

The major works projects included in the 2007-08 State Budget Paper No.4 – Infrastructure Statement with a location marked "Various" relate to state-wide programs including Demountable Replacement, Class Size Reduction, Compliance, Information Technology, Trade Schools (Learn or Earn), School Halls Program, TAFE Online Project Stage 2, and the projects arising out of the Government's commitments in 2007: Building Better Schools New Primary School Halls and New High School Gyms and Connected Classrooms.

Schools and TAFE colleges in the Wagga Wagga electorate will benefit from the TAFE Online Stage 2, Information Technology and Connected Classrooms projects in 2007-08. These projects will enhance the use of information technology in the delivery of educational programs in schools and TAFE colleges across the State.

- \*1164 2007-2008 BUDGET—ALLOCATION TO WAGGA WAGGA—Mr Daryl Maguire asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts representing the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter—

How much, listed under the heading "Various" in the latest Budget 2007-2008, was allocated to Wagga Wagga and to which project?

Answer—

I'm advised:

The member should seek information from the relevant portfolio ministers.

- \*1165 2007-2008 BUDGET—ALLOCATION TO WAGGA WAGGA—Mr Daryl Maguire asked the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

How much, listed under the heading "Various" in the latest Budget 2007-2008, was allocated to Wagga Wagga and to which project?

Answer—

Funds are not allocated on an electorate basis.

- \*1166 2007-2008 BUDGET—ALLOCATION TO WAGGA WAGGA—Mr Daryl Maguire asked the Minister for Health—

How much, listed under the heading "Various" in the latest Budget 2007-2008, was allocated to Wagga Wagga and to which project?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Under the heading "Various" no funds were specifically allocated to Wagga Wagga Hospital in the 2007-08 Budget.
- (2) However, the Government recently allocated \$180,000 towards planning costs for the Wagga Wagga Hospital redevelopment.

- \*1167 2007-2008 BUDGET—ALLOCATION TO WAGGA WAGGA—Mr Daryl Maguire asked the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—

How much, listed under the heading "Various" in the latest Budget 2007-2008, was allocated to Wagga Wagga and to which project?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force has advised me:

The programs listed under the heading "Location: Various" relate to funding initiatives that will benefit a range of Commands, including Wagga Wagga. For example:

- Audio Visual Evidence Kits, which have been on trial in Wagga Wagga for the past two years.
- The Alcohol Related Crime Information Exchange is a statewide database available to Wagga Wagga.

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- Wagga Wagga Local Area Command had three prisoner cages (Motor Vehicle Fleet Enhancements) fitted to its vehicles in 2006-07 and will receive an additional cage from the 2007-08 budget. Cost of each cage is \$15,600.
  - Portable Electronic Fingerprint Devices are in development and will be deployed to all police stations in due course.
- \*1168 ACCESSIBLE PUBLIC TRANSPORT—Ms Clover Moore asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- With respect to the Government's targets for accessible public transport:
- (1) What proportion of public transport buses meet national disability standards, and how does this compare to the Government's targets?
  - (2) What proportion of timetabled public transport bus trips meet national disability standards, and how does this compare to the Government's targets?
- Answer—
- I am advised:
- (1) and (2) The Ministry of Transport reports on accessible transport as required in its annual report.
- \*1171 ILLEGAL POSTERS—Ms Clover Moore asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts representing the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter—
- With regard to councils paying up to almost six million dollars a year to remove illegal posters:
- (1) Is the NSW Government aware that Woollahra, Waverley and City of Sydney councils say that changing the Summary Offences Act NSW 1988 to allow councils to prosecute companies instructing the display of illegal posters, will reduce council expenditure on illegal posters?
  - (2) What consideration has the NSW Government given to changing the Act in this way?
- Answer—
- I'm advised:
- The Summary Offences Act is administered by the Attorney General.
- \*1173 PLANNING POWERS—Mr Jonathan O'Dea asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- (1) How many councils have had their planning powers completely or partially removed by the Minister in the last year?
  - (2) What are the names of those council affected?
  - (3) What other councils such as Ku-ring-gai have been threatened with this in the last year?
- Answer—
- (1) Planning panels have been appointed to two councils to exercise a limited range of planning functions.
  - (2) Burwood Council by agreement with the council and Wagga Wagga City Council.
  - (3) Ku-ring-gai Council has been asked to show cause why an independent panel should not be appointed to exercise some of the council's planning powers.
- \*1174 NORTHERN SYDNEY SCHOOLS—Mr Jonathan O'Dea asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- (1) What public schools have been closed in Northern Sydney (including the north shore and northern peninsula) in the last 12 years?
  - (2) What public schools have been opened in Northern Sydney (including the north shore and northern peninsula) in the last 12 years?
  - (3) What public schools in Northern Sydney (including the north shore and northern peninsula) are currently being considered for closure or relocation?
  - (4) What extra public schools, if any, are planned to open in Northern Sydney in the next four years?
- Answer—
- The NSW Labor Government is committed to providing educational services across New South Wales in the most efficient and effective way possible.

The Government opens new schools in growth areas such as the nine new schools under the first round of public-private partnerships and a further 10 new schools under the second round of PPP schools.

In the last 12 years, the NSW Labor Government has opened 86 schools and closed 63 schools. It is worth noting that the previous Coalition Government opened 62 schools and closed 74 schools.

Over the last 12 years, the following schools have been closed in the Northern Sydney area:

North Rocks School for Deaf Children  
Berrilee Public School  
Ormond School  
Peter Board High School  
Manly-Warringah School  
Beacon Hill High School

During the same period, the following schools have been opened in the Northern Sydney area:

The Beach School  
Naremburn School  
Northern Beaches Secondary College Freshwater Senior Campus (formerly Freshwater High School)

In relation to questions (3) and (4), the answer is none.

\*1176 SAFETY BARRIER—MONA VALE ROAD—Mr Jonathan O'Dea asked the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

- (1) Does the Government support the erection of a safety barrier on the kerbside of Mona Vale Road at St Ives outside "Pemberley Grove" and adjoining properties (near 199 Mona Vale Road), as has been requested of the Government numerous times by various parties?
- (2) If yes, when will it be erected by the RTA or otherwise?
- (3) If no, is the Minister or his representative prepared to meet with resident representatives to explain why not?

Answer—

I am advised that the Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA) have thoroughly investigated this site and have determined that a number of constraints restrict the installation of a safety barrier.

I am advised that the RTA is currently identifying other remedial actions to improve safety at this site.

\*1177 OFFICE OF PROTECTIVE COMMISSIONER—Mr Jonathan O'Dea asked the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

- (1) When regular comfort money is paid to a client of the Office of Protective Commissioner, does the recipient sign a receipt acknowledging they have been paid the relevant amount?
- (2) If not, what record keeping is in place to evidence the money stated has actually been paid to the client?

Answer—

All payments made by the Office of the Protective Commissioner are subject to internal and external audits.

\*1178 TOWN CENTRE PLANS—KU-RING-GAI—Mr Jonathan O'Dea asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—

- (1) Did you tell Ku-ring-gai Council Mayor Nick Ebbeck not to plan for open space in considering the six town centre plans in Ku-ring-gai?
- (2) If so, what was the rationale for this?

Answer—

- (1) No.
- (2) Not applicable.

\*1179 LITTER COLLECTION—PACIFIC HIGHWAY—Mr Geoff Provest asked the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

In relation to roadside maintenance on the Pacific Highway:

- (1) What are the frequency and areas covered by litter collection services conducted on the Pacific Highway?
- (2) What is the total yearly budget and actual expenditure amounts on litter collection and vegetation

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control with the electorate of Tweed?

Answer—

I am advised:

In the Tweed area roadside litter collection is usually undertaken three times a week. At rest areas the frequency of litter collection is increased to daily during school holiday periods.

Details of the RTA budget are contained in the 2007/08 budget papers.

\*1180 PRISONER TRANSFERS—Mr Geoff Provest asked the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—

In relation to prisoner transfers in the Tweed:

- (1) (a) What is the total number of prisoner transfers from Tweed Courthouse to Lismore carried out by corrective services and police staff over the last 12 months?
  - (b) What is the breakdown into monthly numbers of correctional services and police transfers over the last 12 months?
- (2) What is the average number of hours devoted to transporting a typical prisoner from Tweed Courthouse to Lismore by:
  - (a) correctional services staff;
  - (b) NSW police officers?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force has advised me:

- (1) (a) There were 211 prisoner transfers from Tweed Courthouse to Lismore in total in the 12 months to 23 October 2007, of which 59 were conducted by police.
  - (b) Total transfers averaged 18 per month.
- (2) (a) This question should be addressed to the Minister for Justice.
  - (b) 3.

\*1181 RAIN TANK SUBSIDIES—Mr Geoff Provest asked the Minister for Climate Change Environment and Water—

In relation to the current rain tank subsidies scheme:

- (1) What is the total number of tanks supplied under this scheme to residents of the Tweed electorate, since its inception?
- (2) What is the total amount of money used to provide residents of the Tweed electorate with water tanks under this scheme, since its inception?

Answer—

36 rainwater tank rebate applications were received between 1 July 2007 and 7 November 2007 for properties in the Tweed electorate and, as at 7 November 2007, a total of \$5,250 has been paid in rebates.

\*1182 INCIDENCE OF MENINGOCOCCAL—PITTWATER—Mr Rob Stokes asked the Minister for Health—

Regarding the incidence of the Meningococcal virus in the State Electoral District of Pittwater during the last twelve months:

- (1) What is the total number of cases recorded?
- (2) How many patients have been treated at Mona Vale Hospital?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The latest data indicates there were two cases of invasive meningococcal disease reported amongst residents of Pittwater Local Government Area from 1 November 2006 to 31 October 2007. One of these was treated interstate.
- (2) Three cases of meningococcal disease have been treated in Mona Vale Hospital from 1 November 2006 to 31 October 2007.

\*1184 SAND MINING—PITTWATER AND WARRINGAH LGAS—Mr Rob Stokes asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—

Is the Government investigating or considering any proposals for sand mining in Pittwater or Warringah

Local Government Areas?

Answer—

My department has advised that there are no Government proposals for sand mining in these LGA's.

\*1187 M2 SPEED LIMITS—Mr Ray Williams asked the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

Does the speed limit on the M2 Motorway heading in a north-westerly direction after leaving the Lane Cove Tunnel remain at 80 kilometres per hour until the approach to the Epping Tunnel, where there are three lanes and the speed limit is further reduced to 70 kilometres per hour with a speed camera that is one of the top ten highest revenue raisers in Sydney, while the lanes in the opposite direction, with only two lanes, are accommodating a 100 kilometre an hour speed limit?

Answer—

I am advised:

An extra lane was installed on the M2, between Lane Cove Road and Beecroft Road, before the Lane Cove Tunnel opened, to improve traffic capacity and travel times.

I am advised the RTA and M2 operators agreed to add the extra lane by re-line marking the existing road surface, allowing the lane to be added quickly and with minimum disruption to motorists.

I am advised that the three new lanes are narrower than the two single lanes, and National Guidelines required the speed limit to be adjusted until permanent lanes are possible.

I am further advised there are plans for the M2 operators to make the three lanes permanent (including the tunnel), by widening the actual road surface, and returning the three lanes to their original widths. When widened the speed limit will be reviewed and the camera is expected to be removed.

\*1188 FLOODWATER COMPENSATION—Mr Ray Williams asked the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

When will compensation be provided to Geoff and Cathy Curtis and other residents and business owners for damage and inconvenience suffered when inadequate RTA drainage from the recently reconstructed Windsor Road, failed to properly direct floodwater away from their homes and businesses at Box Hill, resulting in severe flooding and loss to their property?

Answer—

I am advised:

In response to residents' concerns the RTA carried out an investigation of the property referred to.

I am further advised the matter is subject to legal representations between the property owners' lawyer and the RTA.

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1189 PUBLIC HOSPITALS IN WESTERN SYDNEY—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Health—

\*1190 DETERMINATION OF WETLAND LEASES—Mr Mike Baird asked the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Minister for Ports and Waterways—

What is NSW Maritime's policy for determining its wetland leases?

Answer—

NSW Maritime domestic wetland leases are based on recommendations by the Independent and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) in a 2004 Report entitled Review into Rentals for Waterfront Tenancies on Crown land in NSW.

Copies are available from the IPART website.

NSW Maritime commercial wetland leases are determined in accordance with the standard policies and procedures governing NSW Government commercial leasing as issued from time to time by the NSW Department of Commerce and NSW Treasury. Copies of these policies and procedures are available from the NSW Department of Commerce website and the NSW Treasury website.

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\*1191 RECLASSIFICATION OF LEASES—Mr Mike Baird asked the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Minister for Ports and Waterways—

- (1) In what circumstances would NSW Maritime reclassify a lease from "Community Use" to "Commercial"?
- (2) How many "Community Use" leases did NSW Maritime administer in 2006-07, 2005-06 and 2004-05?
- (3) How many "Commercial" leases did NSW Maritime administer in 2006-07, 2005-06 and 2004-05?
- (4) How many leases has NSW Maritime reclassified from "Community Use" to "Commercial"?

Answer—

- (1) NSW Maritime reclassifies a lease if a commercial business activity is operated which produces a constant cash flow that is considered beyond fund raising activities.
- (2) NSW Maritime administers 276 Community Leases. The number of leases has remained relatively constant in recent years.
- (3) NSW Maritime administers 386 Commercial Leases. The number of leases has remained relatively constant in recent years.
- (4) Nil.

\*1192 NEGOTIATION OF WETLAND LEASES—Mr Mike Baird asked the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Minister for Ports and Waterways—

How many wetland leases are currently under negotiation with NSW Maritime?

Answer—

There are currently 44 commercial leases and 36 residential leases under negotiation with NSW Maritime.

\*1193 MANLY SKIFF CLUB—Mr Mike Baird asked the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Minister for Ports and Waterways—

- (1) What is the status of the lease negotiations with the Manly Skiff Club?
- (2) Why have they taken 8 years?

Answer—

- (1) and (2) Lease negotiations with the Manly Skiff Club are progressing.

A meeting to discuss a new lease document has been arranged.

\*1194 NSW MARITIME—Mr Mike Baird asked the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Minister for Ports and Waterways—

Has the Government had any discussions in relation to privatising NSW Maritime?

Answer—

No.

\*1195 MANLY SKIFF CLUB RENT—Mr Mike Baird asked the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Minister for Ports and Waterways—

On what basis has NSW Maritime calculated the rent proposed to Manly Skiff Club?

Answer—

The proposed rental for the Club was developed following analysis of market conditions and rents payable for leased premises for comparable activities, and negotiations with representatives of the Club's board of management.

\*1196 RENTAL CHARGES FOR WETLAND LEASES—Mr Mike Baird asked the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Minister for Ports and Waterways—

- (1) Has NSW Maritime changed the valuation method it uses to determine rental charges for wetland leases?
- (2) What changes were made and when?

Answer—

- (1) Rental charges for domestic leases continue to be determined in accordance with recommendations by the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) in a 2004 Report: Review into Rentals for Waterfront Tenancies on Crown Land in NSW. Copies are available from the IPART website.

Rental charges for commercial wetland leases continue to be determined in accordance with standard commercial practice.

(2) Not applicable

\*1197 REVENUE FROM WETLAND LEASES—Mr Mike Baird asked the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Minister for Ports and Waterways—

How much revenue did NSW Maritime gain from administering its wetland leases in 2006-07, 2005-06 and 2004-05?

Answer—

The breakdown of revenue for administering wetland leases is:

- 2006-07 - \$15.281M
- 2005-06 - \$15.758M
- 2004-05 - \$11.543M

\*1198 LIQUOR AND GAMING LICENCES—Mr Mike Baird asked the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Minister for Ports and Waterways—

How many of NSW Maritime's wetland leases include a requirement that the lessee maintain liquor and gaming licences for the duration of the lease?

Answer—

NSW Maritime has 7 commercial leases with registered clubs, where the main club activity operates over its land.

1199 PUBLIC TRANSPORT—RUGBY LEAGUE GRAND FINAL—Ms Gladys Berejiklian to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

1201 E10 TASKFORCE—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Premier, Minister for Citizenship—

1203 MACQUARIE-CUDGEGONG WATER SHARING PLAN—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Climate Change Environment and Water—

1204 ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION OF WATER SUPPLY—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Water Utilities representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—

1205 PURCHASE OF CROWN LAND—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Climate Change Environment and Water representing the Minister for Lands, Minister for Rural Affairs, Minister for Regional Development—

1206 BARTON HIGHWAY—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

\*1207 REVIEWABLE CHILD DEATHS—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson asked the Minister for Community Services—

- (1) Of the 109 deaths of children notified of being at risk to DoCS reported on by the NSW Ombudsman in December 2006, how many of the reviews of these deaths by the DoCS internal child death review team have been completed as of 25 October 2007?
- (2) Have the parents, extended family or approved carers of each of these children been informed of the results of these reviews?
- (3) If not, why is it not in the interest of these families to be informed of the results of these reviews?
- (4) As a result of these reviews how many DoCS caseworkers have been disciplined?
- (5) If so, what form have these disciplinary measures taken?
- (6) Will you make the results of these reviews available to the public?

Answer—

- (1) As procedures about reviewing all reviewable deaths notified to DoCS were not then in place, DoCS completed 56 initial reviews and 12 detailed reviews in relation to children who died in 2005 as reported by the NSW Ombudsman in December 2006.
- (2) to (6) Child Deaths and Critical Reports Unit is an internal team with a focus on organisational learning and improvement.



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- 1208 NEW LINE ROAD CRASH AND TRAFFIC FLOW DATA—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 1209 BURST WATER PIPE—CHERRYBROOK—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Water Utilities—
- 1210 MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT MEETINGS—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 1211 JOHN HUNTER HOSPITAL—FUNDRAISING—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health—
- \*1212 FINANCIAL STATUS—BURWOOD AND ASHFIELD COUNCILS—Ms Virginia Judge asked the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—

What is the current financial status of Burwood Council and Ashfield Municipal Council given that recent media reports stated they were experiencing financial difficulties?

Answer—

I provide the following details in response to your questions:

The Department of Local Government has reviewed the audited financial statements for 2006/07 of Ashfield Municipal Council and Burwood Council. The Councils' respective auditors have not raised any areas of concern.

Each Council is responsible for the management of its finances and the implementation of associated policies.

- \*1213 GOVERNMENT GRANTS TO LOCAL COUNCILS—Ms Virginia Judge asked the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health) —

What was the nature and total amount of grants to Strathfield, Burwood and Ashfield Councils in 2006-07 by the State Government?

Answer—

I provide the following details in response to your questions:

The NSW Local Government Grants Commission, which is established under the Local Government Act 1993, makes recommendation on federally funded financial assistance grants to local councils. These are untied grants, able to be used by councils for any purpose.

The entitlements for 2006-07 were:

Strathfield Municipal Council: \$733,526

Burwood Council: \$716,831

Ashfield Municipal Council: \$1,149,699

Neither I nor the Department of Local Government collect details of grants paid by other State Government agencies.

- \*1214 RATE INCREASES—BURWOOD AND ASHFIELD COUNCILS—Ms Virginia Judge asked the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—

(1) What are the rate increases the Burwood and Ashfield Councils have applied in 2006-07?

(2) What are the reasons for these rate increases and how much are they above the statutory level?

Answer—

I provide the following details in response to your questions:

Burwood Council received approval for a special rates variation, under section 508A of the Local Government Act 1993, consisting of the following increases:

2006/07 - 9.90%

2007/08 - 9.30%

These increases were to fund road reconstruction, as well as neighbourhood centre and other infrastructure works. The 2006/07 increase amounted to 6.3% above the general variation of 3.6% and the 2007/08 increase amounted to 5.9% above the general variation of 3.4%.

In 2006/07, Ashfield Municipal Council received approval for a special rate variation, under section 508 (2) of the Act, of 8.75% in order to fund infrastructure maintenance. This amounted to a 5.15% increase above the general variation of 3.6%.

\*1216 MEASURES TO REDUCE CLIMATE CHANGE AND WATER USAGE—Ms Virginia Judge asked the Minister for Climate Change Environment and Water—

- (1) What is the status of future measures to reduce climate change and preserve water usage?
- (2) How many residences in the Strathfield electorate have applied for the rainwater tank rebate?

Answer—

The NSW \$340 million Climate Change Fund helps households, business and government agencies save water and energy. The fund commenced on 1 July with the \$100 million Residential Rebate Program incorporating rainwater tank rebates for homes. Rebates for solar hot water systems and home insulation began on 1 October.

The Green Business Program, which provides \$30 million for water and energy savings in business operations in NSW, opened for applications on 29 October 2007.

The Renewable Energy Development Program and Public Facilities Program under the Climate Change Fund are scheduled to launch in December 2007.

Two schools programs will provide \$40 million for water and energy savings in NSW schools, starting in Term 1, 2008.

172 Water Savings Action Plans have been finalised, identifying almost 1,500 actions to save 5.6 million litres of drinking water a year and \$9 million in water costs.

179 Energy Savings Action Plans have been finalised, identifying almost 1,562 actions to save 648,000 tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions and \$36 million in energy bills.

A total of 30 rainwater tank rebates have been applied for and paid since 1 July in the Strathfield electorate. 12 within Ashfield local government area, 5 within Burwood local government area and 13 within Strathfield itself, totalling an estimates savings of 1.3 million litres of drinking water a year.

1217 BURWOOD LOCAL AREA COMMAND—Ms Virginia Judge to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—

1218 MIDDLE EASTERN ORGANISED CRIME SQUAD—Ms Virginia Judge to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—

1219 2007-2008 BUDGET—ALLOCATION TO WAGGA WAGGA—Mr Daryl Maguire to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

1220 2007-2008 BUDGET—ALLOCATION TO WAGGA WAGGA—Mr Daryl Maguire to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Water Utilities representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—

1221 2007-2008 BUDGET—ALLOCATION TO WAGGA WAGGA—Mr Daryl Maguire to ask the Minister for Climate Change Environment and Water representing the Minister for Lands, Minister for Rural Affairs, Minister for Regional Development—

1223 GOVERNMENT OVERSEAS POSTINGS—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Premier, Minister for Citizenship—

1224 HSC INDONESIAN LANGUAGE EXAM—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—

1225 ASSESSMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SIGNIFICANCE—Mr Adrian Piccoli to ask the Minister for Climate Change Environment and Water representing the Minister for Lands, Minister for Rural Affairs, Minister for Regional Development—

1226 SICK LEAVE—Mr Adrian Piccoli to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—

1227 SPRING WATER EXTRACTION LICENCES—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Climate Change Environment and Water—

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\*1228 DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES—TWEED ELECTORATE—Mr Geoff Provest asked the Minister for Community Services—

In relation to Department of Community Services in the Tweed:

- (1) (a) What were the number of calls made from the Tweed electorate regarding alleged child abuse?(b) What number of these calls were investigated?
- (2) What are the number of DoCS workers and the number of foster families located in the Tweed electorate?
- (3) What number of children were removed from their families/homes over the last 24 months?

Answer—

- (1) Detailed information on reports of suspected child abuse or neglect by the postcode of the caller is not available.
- (2) There are 46 positions located in Tweed Heads CSC.  
There are 55 DoCS authorised carers and 50 kinship carers.
- (3) 74 children/young persons in the area entered care during 2005/06.  
63 children/young persons in the area entered care during 2006/07.

1229 CIVILIAN STAFFING OF LOCAL AREA COMMANDS—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—

\*1230 CHILD ABUSE REPORTS—Mr Michael Richardson asked the Minister for Community Services—

- (1) How many reports of suspected child abuse or neglect were made to the DoCS Helpline from Postcode 2118 (Carlingford) in the years (a) 2002-03, (b) 2003-04, (c) 2004-05, (d) 2005-06, and (e) 2006-07?
- (2) How many of these reports were for:
  - (a) drug/alcohol abuse;
  - (b) domestic violence;
  - (c) physical abuse;
  - (d) sexual abuse;
  - (e) psychological abuse; and
  - (f) neglect?

Answer—

Detailed information on reports of suspected child abuse or neglect by the postcode of the caller is not available.

\*1231 CHILD ABUSE REPORTS—Mr Michael Richardson asked the Minister for Community Services—

- (1) How many reports of suspected child abuse or neglect were made to the DoCS Helpline from Postcode 2125 (West Pennant Hills) in the years (a) 2002-03, (b) 2003-04, (c) 2004-05, (d) 2005-06, and (e) 2006-07?
- (2) How many of these reports were for:
  - (a) drug/alcohol abuse;
  - (b) domestic violence;
  - (c) physical abuse;
  - (d) sexual abuse;
  - (e) psychological abuse; and
  - (f) neglect?

Answer—

Detailed information on reports of suspected child abuse or neglect by the postcode of the caller is not available.

1232 RAIL TRANSFORMATION PROGRAM—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

1233 BREACHES OF LEVEL 3 WATER RESTRICTIONS—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Water Utilities—

1234 BREACHES OF LEVEL 3 WATER RESTRICTIONS—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Water Utilities—

- 1235 BREACHES OF LEVEL 3 WATER RESTRICTIONS—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Water Utilities—

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- 1241 PROPOSED M4 EXTENSION—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 1243 COAL ROYALTIES AND CLEAN COAL TECHNOLOGY—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Water Utilities representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—
- 1244 NURSING STAFF—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Health—
- 1245 SCHOOL CROSSINGS—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 1246 BREWARRINA AND WALGETT DOCS OFFICES—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- 1247 MAINTENANCE WORK PROGRAM FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- 1248 DOCS HELPLINE—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- 1249 HORNSBY HOSPITAL PUBLIC DENTAL CLINIC—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Health—
- 1250 CALVARY MATER NEWCASTLE HOSPITAL—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health—
- \*1251 2007-2008 BUDGET—ALLOCATION TO WAGGA WAGGA—Mr Daryl Maguire asked the Minister for Climate Change Environment and Water—
- How much, listed under the heading "Various" in the latest Budget 2007-2008, was allocated to Wagga Wagga and to which project?
- Answer—
- The Department of Environment and Climate Change has not used the heading "Various" to represent any budget allocations in the 2007-2008 State Budget.
- 1252 2007-2008 BUDGET—ALLOCATION TO WAGGA WAGGA—Mr Daryl Maguire to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- 1254 EPPING TO CHATSWOOD RAIL LINK—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- \*1255 SELECTED TREE LOPPING—Mr Jonathan O'Dea asked the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—
- (1) Has the Government considered issuing guidelines so councils can approve selected tree lopping on public land to allow improved resident views?
  - (2) Does the Department of Local Government know how much councils spend annually on prosecuting offenders who illegally cut down or poison trees?
- Answer—
- (1) I provide the following details in response to your question:
  - (2) Although the management of trees is a local government function, it is not a function of councils controlled by the Local Government Act 1993 and therefore does not fall within the local government portfolio.

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The powers used by councils for the management of trees are derived from the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, which is administered by the Minister for Planning, the Hon Frank Sartor MP.

The Honourable Member may therefore wish to direct his question to the Minister for Planning.

(3) Councils are not required to provide this information to the Department of Local Government.

\*1256 LAND CORRIDOR—GARIGAL NATIONAL PARK—Mr Jonathan O'Dea asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—

Regarding the NSW Electoral Map of Davidson in which a corridor of land through Garigal National Park is shown between Killeaton Street St Ives and Calool Crescent Belrose:

What future development is proposed for this corridor, if any?

Answer—

Last year I approved and gazetted a local environmental plan Warringah LEP 2000 (Amendment No 17) that covers the eastern end of this corridor. It was rezoned for residential uses and to provide for a bushland corridor to allow fauna movements through the locality to and from Garigal National Park.

The section in Ku-ring-gai local government area (near St Ives) will be considered as part of the strategic approach to lands in the subregion when Ku-ring-gai prepares its Principal Local Environmental Plan.

1257 "OBVIOUS OVERSIGHT"—PETER MERCIECA AND LAURA MCHARG—Mr Adrian Piccoli to ask the Minister for Climate Change Environment and Water—

\*1258 SPEED LIMIT ON NSW WATERWAYS—Mr Geoff Provest asked the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Minister for Ports and Waterways—

Given there is a maximum speed limit of 60 knots on all Queensland enclosed waterways, yet in NSW, there is an unlimited speed limit in certain enclosed waterways:

Has the Minister considered, or is the Minister planning to introduce similar speed restrictions on enclosed waterways in NSW?

Answer—

No.

1259 MENTAL HEALTH IN NSW—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health—

1260 CROSS-BORDER HEALTH ISSUES—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health—

1261 REVIEW OF COASTLINE POLICIES—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Climate Change Environment and Water representing the Minister for Lands, Minister for Rural Affairs, Minister for Regional Development—

1262 MONA VALE POLICE STATION—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—

1263 POLICE PRESENCE IN PITTWATER—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—

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1264 GENETICALLY ENGINEERED FOOD—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Health—

1265 REVESBY TURNBACK FACILITY—Mr Alan Ashton to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

1266 CHATSWOOD COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH CENTRE—Ms Gladys Berejiklian to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

1267 ADVERTISING EXPENDITURE—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts representing the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter—

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- 1270 DISCHARGING OF HOSPITAL PATIENTS—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Health—
- 1271 REFURBISHMENT OF CHILDREN'S WARD AT BOWRAL PUBLIC HOSPITAL—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Health—
- 1272 REPLY TO REPRESENTATIONS—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Premier, Minister for Citizenship—
- 1273 EQUINE INFLUENZA—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Water Utilities representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—
- 1274 BOWNING DEVIATION—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 1275 LIVERPOOL DISTRICT NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRES ASSOCIATION—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- 1276 PROPOSED HORNSBY SHIRE COUNCIL HERITAGE CONSERVATION AREAS—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- 1277 HORNSBY CYCLEWAYS—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 1278 SHORELINK PATRONAGE—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 1279 HUNTER MEDICAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health) —
- 1280 MOREE BYPASS—Mr Kevin Humphries to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- 1281 TRUANCY RATES—Mr Kevin Humphries to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- 1282 MAINTENANCE WORK REQUESTS—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- 1283 SUMMER POLICING—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 1284 TRANSFER OF SERVICES—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Health—
- 1285 2007-2008 BUDGET—ALLOCATION TO WAGGA WAGGA—Mr Daryl Maguire to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Water Utilities—
- 1286 2007-2008 BUDGET—ALLOCATION TO WAGGA WAGGA—Mr Daryl Maguire to ask the Minister for Housing, Minister for Tourism—
- 1287 2007-2008 BUDGET—ALLOCATION TO WAGGA WAGGA—Mr Daryl Maguire to ask the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—
- 1288 AMBULANCE COSTS—Mr Adrian Piccoli to ask the Minister for Health—
- 1289 PACIFIC HIGHWAY UPGRADE—SEXTON HILL—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 1290 COUNTRYLINK SERVICES FROM TWEED TO CASINO—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 1291 TWEED LOCAL AREA COMMAND—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—

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- 1292 MAINTENANCE WORK REQUESTS—Mr Anthony Roberts to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- 1293 INTER-TIDAL ZONE—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Climate Change Environment and Water—
- 1294 CAULERPA TAXIFOLIA—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Water Utilities representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—
- 1295 INTER-TIDAL ZONE—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Climate Change Environment and Water representing the Minister for Lands, Minister for Rural Affairs, Minister for Regional Development—
- 1296 CT AND ULTRASOUND SCANNING—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Minister for Health—
- 1297 KILLICK CREEK—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Minister for Climate Change Environment and Water—
- 1298 EQUINE INFLUENZA—CASUAL EMPLOYMENT—Mr John Turner to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Water Utilities representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—
- 1299 PLACEMENT OF AUTISTIC STUDENT—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—

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- 1300 REGISTERED CHARITIES—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Gaming and Racing, Minister for Sport and Recreation—
- 1301 RFS TANKER CREW SAFETY—Mr Greg Aplin to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Water Utilities—
- 1302 FOREST AND FIRE TRAILS—Mr Greg Aplin to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Water Utilities—
- 1303 MALABAR TO WEST RYDE METRO LINE—Ms Gladys Berejiklian to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 1304 NSW TAXI ADVISORY COUNCIL—Ms Gladys Berejiklian to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 1305 GEOTHERMAL ENERGY GENERATION—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Water Utilities representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—
- 1308 ACCESS VISITS—Mrs Dawn Fardell to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- 1309 TAFE FEES—Mrs Dawn Fardell to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- 1310 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE—POLICE TRAINING—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 1311 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE POLICING—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 1312 CAMPING FEES—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Climate Change Environment and Water—

- 1313 NARRABEEN LAGOON CATCHMENT—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Minister for Climate Change Environment and Water representing the Minister for Lands, Minister for Rural Affairs, Minister for Regional Development—
- 1314 BUS MAINTENANCE EXPENDITURE—MONA VALE BUS DEPOT—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 1315 BUS MAINTENANCE EXPENDITURE—BROOKVALE BUS DEPOT—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 1316 MAINTENANCE EXPENDITURE—DEE WHY POLICE STATION—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 1317 BUS FARES—NORTHERN BEACHES—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 1318 MAINTENANCE EXPENDITURE—MANLY AND MONA VALE HOSPITALS—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Minister for Health—
- 1319 GREATER SOUTHERN AREA HEALTH SERVICE RENAL DIALYSIS PROGRAM—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Health—
- 1320 RAIL TRAILS—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 1321 IMPENDING RETIREMENT OF DIRECTOR GENERAL SHEPHERD—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- 1322 SEWERAGE CONNECTIONS—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Water Utilities—
- 1323 AMBULANCE SERVICES—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Health—
- 1324 NEW LINE ROAD ACCIDENTS—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- \*1325 NEWCASTLE CITY COUNCIL—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—

In the current council term (2004+) for Newcastle City Council, in respect to appeals to the Land and Environment Court:

- (a) What is the subject for each appeal?
- (b) How many appeals have there been since 2004?
- (c) How much has it cost (total sum) the Newcastle City Council (and therefore the ratepayer) to pay for lawyers, court costs and outcomes from the Land and Environment Court?

Answer—

I provide the following details in response to your question:

Under the Local Government Act 1993, councils are established as autonomous bodies with rights and powers conferred by law. Councils are not required to report this information to the Department of Local Government. The Honourable Member may therefore wish to raise her question direct with Newcastle City Council.

- 1326 CAR PARKING REVENUE—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Health—
- 1327 REPLY TO REPRESENTATIONS—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 1328 REPLY TO REPRESENTATIONS—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 1329 2007-2008 BUDGET—ALLOCATION TO WAGGA WAGGA—Mr Daryl Maguire to ask the Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer), Minister Assisting the Minister for Climate Change Environment and Water (Environment)—



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- 1330 2007-2008 BUDGET—ALLOCATION TO WAGGA WAGGA—Mr Daryl Maguire to ask the Minister for Gaming and Racing, Minister for Sport and Recreation—
- 1331 2007-2008 BUDGET—ALLOCATION TO WAGGA WAGGA—Mr Daryl Maguire to ask the Minister for Juvenile Justice, Minister for Western Sydney, Minister Assisting the Premier on Citizenship—
- 1332 ROYAL NORTH SHORE HOSPITAL—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Health—
- 1333 AUSTRALIAN COUNCIL OF HEALTHCARE STANDARDS—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Health—
- 1334 AUSTRALIAN COUNCIL OF HEALTHCARE STANDARDS ACCREDITATION SURVEY—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Health—
- 1335 ROYAL NORTH SHORE HOSPITAL—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Health—
- 1336 ISO 9001: 2000 CERTIFICATION—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Health—
- 1337 AUSTRALIAN COUNCIL OF HEALTHCARE STANDARDS ACCREDITATION—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Health—
- 1338 TRAFFIC COUNTS—Mr Barry O'Farrell to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 1339 WAITARA RAILWAY STATION—Mr Barry O'Farrell to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 1340 HOME BUSINESSES—Mr Donald Page to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Minister for Ports and Waterways—
- 1341 MATERNITY UNITS—TWEED ELECTORATE HOSPITALS—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health—
- 1342 ACCIDENT AND EMERGENCY ADMISSIONS—TWEED ELECTORATE HOSPITALS—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health—
- 1343 AMBULANCE SERVICES—TWEED ELECTORATE—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health—
- 1345 PROSPECT WATER FILTRATION PLANT—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Water Utilities—
- 1348 ENVIRONMENTAL TAXES—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Climate Change Environment and Water—
- 1349 INCREASED SERVICE LEVELS—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 1350 PROPOSED NORTHERN BEACHES HOSPITAL—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Health—
- 1351 MONA VALE HOSPITAL—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Health—
- 1352 BROKEN BAY WATER POLICE—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 1353 BRISBANIA PUBLIC SCHOOL—TOILET FACILITIES—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- 1354 INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS AT NSW GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—

- 1355 SCHOOL PLAYGROUNDS—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- 1356 DEMOUNTABLES IN NSW GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- 1357 FIRE STATIONS FUNDING—Mr John Turner to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Water Utilities—

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- 1358 TRANSACTIONAL SUBSIDIES—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Water Utilities representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—
- 1359 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION ASSETS—Mr Greg Aplin to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- 1360 GREATER SOUTHERN AREA HEALTH SERVICE—Mr Greg Aplin to ask the Minister for Health—
- 1361 ELECTRONIC EMPLOYEE LEAVE SYSTEM—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 1362 ACCRUED LEAVE—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Health—
- 1363 ACCRUED LEAVE—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- 1364 ACCRUED LEAVE—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 1365 ACCRUED LEAVE—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- 1366 ACCRUED LEAVE—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 1367 FISHING LICENCE REVENUE—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Water Utilities representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—
- 1368 SPIT BRIDGE OPENING TIMES—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 1369 MENTAL HEALTH ACCOMMODATION—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—
- 1370 COMPENSATION FOR LEGAL COSTS—Mr Andrew Constance to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 1371 WHITE CITY TENNIS COMPLEX—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- 1372 STRICKLAND HOUSE—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 1373 ETHANOL-BLENDED FUELS—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

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- 1374 ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF REDUCTIONS—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 1375 GREENHOUSE GAS CREDITS—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Climate Change Environment and Water—
- 1376 GOVERNMENT WATER POLICY—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Water Utilities—
- 1378 WADALBA COMMUNITY SCHOOL—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- 1379 FOOD EXPENDITURE—MANLY AND MONA VALE HOSPITALS—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Minister for Health—
- 1380 MAINTENANCE EXPENDITURE—DEE WHY POLICE STATION—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 1381 COMPENSATION—STOLEN WAGES—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—
- 1382 CHILD ADMISSIONS TO ADULT PSYCHIATRIC WARDS—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Health—
- 1383 ACCIDENT AND EMERGENCY—STAFFING NUMBERS—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Health—
- 1384 RESPITE SERVICES—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- 1385 JOHN HUNTER HOSPITAL—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health—
- 1386 SCHOOL FUNDING—WATER SAVING DEVICES—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Climate Change Environment and Water—
- 1387 COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Health—
- 1388 LICENSING PROPOSALS FOR OLDER DRIVERS—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 1389 LEVEL CROSSINGS—SAFETY UPGRADES—Mr Daryl Maguire to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 1390 DEATHS DUE TO ZYPREXA, AROPAX OR RISPERIDONE—Mr Daryl Maguire to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 1391 INCIDENTS RELATED TO ZYPREXA, AROPAX OR RISPERIDONE—Mr Daryl Maguire to ask the Minister for Health—
- 1392 40 KPH WARNING LIGHTS—Mr Wayne Merton to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 1393 40 KPH WARNING LIGHTS—Mr Wayne Merton to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 1394 40 KPH SPEED ZONES—Mr Wayne Merton to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 1395 40 KPH SPEED ZONES—Mr Wayne Merton to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 1396 SPEED INFRINGEMENT NOTICES—Mr Wayne Merton to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts representing the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter—

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- 1397 SYDNEY WATER CORPORATION—GRAFFITI REMOVAL—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Water Utilities—
- 1398 GRAFFITI REMOVAL—ASSISTANCE TO COUNCILS—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 1399 ROADS AND TRAFFIC AUTHORITY—GRAFFITI REMOVAL—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 1400 MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES—TWEED ELECTORATE—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—
- 1401 PACIFIC HIGHWAY UPGRADE—SEXTON HILL—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 1402 PACIFIC HIGHWAY UPGRADE—SEXTON HILL—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 1403 BLUE-GREEN ALGAL INCIDENT—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Climate Change Environment and Water—
- 1404 BLUE-GREEN ALGAL INCIDENT—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Climate Change Environment and Water—
- 1405 GUIDELINES FOR THREATENED SPECIES ASSESSMENT—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Climate Change Environment and Water—
- 1406 SPEED CAMERAS IN SCHOOL ZONES—Mr Anthony Roberts to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 1407 FLASHING LIGHTS IN SCHOOL ZONES—Mr Anthony Roberts to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 1408 OUTSTANDING CORRESPONDENCE—Mr Anthony Roberts to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 1409 INSTALLATION OF FLASHING LIGHTS—Mr Anthony Roberts to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 1410 FLASHING LIGHTS IN SCHOOL ZONES—Mr Anthony Roberts to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 1411 40 KPH SCHOOL ZONES—Mr Anthony Roberts to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 1412 FUNDING FOR WATER SAVING DEVICES—Mr Anthony Roberts to ask the Minister for Climate Change Environment and Water—
- 1413 SCHOOL FUNDING—WATER SAVING DEVICES—Mr Anthony Roberts to ask the Minister for Climate Change Environment and Water—
- 1414 YOUTH ORCHESTRA—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- 1415 SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Minister for Ports and Waterways—
- 1416 AVALON POLICE STATION—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 1417 SCHOOL AIR-COOLING SYSTEMS—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—

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- 1418 SCHOOL BUS ROUTES—Mr John Turner to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 1419 WATER CHARGES—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Water Utilities—
- 1420 REHEARING THRESHHOLD—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Youth, Minister for Volunteering—

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- 1421 MOUNT PIPER POWER STATION—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Water Utilities representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—
- 1422 BIOENERGY ELECTRICITY GENERATION—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Water Utilities representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—
- 1423 CARBON CAPTURE PILOT PLANT—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Water Utilities representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—
- 1424 HAZARD REDUCTION—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Water Utilities—
- 1425 AMBULANCE RESPONSE TIME—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Health—
- 1426 HORNSBY HOSPITAL DENTAL CLINIC—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Health—
- 1427 SUTHERLAND HOSPITAL—OPERATING THEATRES—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Health—
- 1428 PORT HACKING FERRY CHANNELS—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Climate Change Environment and Water—
- 1429 NEW SPEED CAMERA—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 1430 AQUATIC WEEDS—Mr Daryl Maguire to ask the Minister for Climate Change Environment and Water—
- 1431 SANE COURSE—Mr Daryl Maguire to ask the Minister for Health—
- 1432 ILLEGAL WATER EXTRACTIONS—Mr Daryl Maguire to ask the Minister for Climate Change Environment and Water—
- 1433 PRISONER FOOD COST—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 1434 PUBLIC HOUSING—KU-RING-GAI COUNCIL—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Housing, Minister for Tourism—
- 1435 AREA HEALTH SERVICE DIRECTOR—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Health—
- 1436 PACIFIC HIGHWAY UPGRADE—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 1437 FIREARM INCIDENT—TWEED RIVER HIGH SCHOOL—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—

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- 1438 TWEED VALLEY WAY—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 1439 CAR PARKING REVENUE—Mrs Jillian Skinner to ask the Minister for Health—
- 1440 CAR PARKING REVENUE—Mrs Jillian Skinner to ask the Minister for Health—
- 1441 CAR PARKING REVENUE—Mrs Jillian Skinner to ask the Minister for Health—
- 1442 ROYAL VOLUNTEER COASTAL PATROL—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Minister for Ports and Waterways—
- 1443 BRIDGE WIDENING—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 1444 WATER PIPE INFRASTRUCTURE—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Water Utilities—

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- 1445 INVESTIGATION—Mr Andrew Constance to ask the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services—
- 1446 MOUNT DRUITT HOSPITAL—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Health—
- 1447 2004 ENERGY GREEN PAPER—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Water Utilities representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—
- 1448 RTA ADVERTISING, PROMOTIONAL AND SPONSORSHIP EXPENDITURE—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 1449 RENEWABLE ENERGY TARGET SCHEMES—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Water Utilities representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—
- 1450 SYDNEY TO GOULBURN RAIL SERVICE—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 1451 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 1452 PIPELINE FUNDING—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Premier, Minister for Citizenship—
- 1453 BRISBANIA SCHOOL TOILETS—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- 1454 NURSE NUMBERS—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Minister for Health—
- 1455 CHILDREN AT RISK—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- 1456 CASEWORKERS IN COWRA—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- 1457 DISABILITY ACCESS FOR CASUAL EMPLOYEES AT ELECTORATE OFFICES—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 1458 GRENFELL MULTI-PURPOSE SERVICE—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Health—
- 1459 HORNSBY QUARRY—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—

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- 1460 SOUTH DURAL SERVICE CENTRE—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- 1461 HORNSBY HOSPITAL ADVERTISEMENTS—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Health—
- 1462 PUBLIC HOUSING IN WALLSEND—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Housing, Minister for Tourism—
- 1463 SPEED CAMERA REVENUE—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 1464 STAFF PARKING SPACES—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 1465 SUPPORT FOR CYCLING—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 1466 GAY HATE CRIMES—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 1467 WATER CANNONS—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 1468 PACIFIC HIGHWAY UPGRADE—SEXTON HILL—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 1469 PACIFIC HIGHWAY UPGRADE—SEXTON HILL—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 1470 PACIFIC HIGHWAY UPGRADE—SEXTON HILL—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 1471 PART 3A DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- 1472 PART 3A DOCUMENTS—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- 1473 FINALISATION OF DRAFT DOCUMENTS—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- 1474 FTE NURSE NUMBERS—Mrs Jillian Skinner to ask the Minister for Health—
- 1475 FTE NURSE NUMBERS—Mrs Jillian Skinner to ask the Minister for Health—
- 1476 HOSPITAL BED COUNT—Mrs Jillian Skinner to ask the Minister for Health—
- 1477 NORTHERN BEACHES HOSPITAL—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Health—
- 1478 NARRABEEN LAGOON WALKING TRACK—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Gaming and Racing, Minister for Sport and Recreation—
- 1479 CARE WORKERS FOR VULNERABLE CHILDREN—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- 1480 TRAIN DELAYS—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 1481 VALUATION OF LANDS ACT—SECTION 35AA—Mr John Turner to ask the Minister for Climate Change Environment and Water representing the Minister for Lands, Minister for Rural Affairs, Minister for Regional Development—
- 1482 RE-LICENSING OF FIREARMS—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 1483 COMPENSATION PAYMENT—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Youth, Minister for Volunteering—

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- 1484 ACCREDITED TRANSCRIPTION AGENTS—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 1485 RENEWABLE ENERGY GENERATION—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts representing the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 1486 RENEWABLE ENERGY GENERATION—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Water Utilities representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—
- 1487 RENEWABLE ENERGY GENERATION—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Premier, Minister for Citizenship—
- 1488 CORRESPONDENCE TO PREMIER'S OFFICE—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Premier, Minister for Citizenship—
- 1489 ELIGIBILITY TERMINATION PAYMENT—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 1490 HOME-BASED BUSINESSES—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Minister for Ports and Waterways—
- 1491 HOME-BASED BUSINESSES—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—
- 1492 HOME-BASED BUSINESSES—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- 1493 YOUNG DEFENSIVE DRIVER TRAINING—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
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- 1495 CASEWORKER SHORTAGE IN HUNTER REGION—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- 1496 HORNSBY HOSPITAL OPERATING THEATRES—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Health—
- 1497 DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES NOTIFICATIONS—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Community Services—
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- 1499 CALVARY MATER HOSPITAL—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health—
- 1500 BURRANEER BAY PUBLIC SCHOOL—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- 1501 PUBLIC HOUSING PROJECTS—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Housing, Minister for Tourism—
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- 1503 PSYCHIATRIC HELP—Mr Daryl Maguire to ask the Minister for Health—
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- 1507 ADDITIONAL BUS LANES—Mr Wayne Merton to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 1508 448 BUS SERVICE—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
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- 1511 STAFF NUMBERS—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Health—
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- 1520 GRIFFITH BASE HOSPITAL INQUIRY—Mr Adrian Piccoli to ask the Minister for Health—
- 1521 PACIFIC HIGHWAY UPGRADE—SEXTON HILL—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 1522 DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES FUNDING—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- 1523 CHILD SEXUAL ASSAULT ALLEGATIONS—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- 1524 SCHOOL CROSSING SUPERVISORS—Mr Anthony Roberts to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
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- 1527 ROYAL NORTH SHORE HOSPITAL—CLEANING—Mrs Jillian Skinner to ask the Minister for Health—
- 1528 COLD CLIMATE PRISONS—Mr Greg Smith to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
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- 1530 VICTIMS COMPENSATION—Mr Greg Smith to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 1531 CYCLEWAYS—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 1532 AVALON POLICE STATION—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 1533 COMMUNITY SERVICE ORDERS—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Juvenile Justice, Minister for Western Sydney, Minister Assisting the Premier on Citizenship—
- 1534 IMPEDIMENT TO POLICE—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 1535 CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY—Mr John Turner to ask the Minister for Climate Change Environment and Water—

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- 1536 MOUNT DRUITT HOSPITAL—PATIENT NUMBERS—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Health—
- 1537 OFFICE OF STATE RECORDS—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 1538 JACKSON BRIDGE—TUMBARUMBA SHIRE—Mr Greg Aplin to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 1539 MANLY SKIFF CLUB RENT—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Minister for Ports and Waterways—
- 1540 OPENING HOURS—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts representing the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 1541 WEB FILTERING TECHNOLOGY—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- 1542 SCHOOLS CLEANING SERVICE—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 1543 FREE WIRELESS SERVICES—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 1544 132 BUS SERVICE—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
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- 1546 MANLY HOSPITAL—MATERNITY SERVICES—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Health—
- 1547 COMMUNITY HOUSING—MENTAL HEALTH ACCOMMODATION—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Housing, Minister for Tourism—
- 1548 LANE COVE TUNNEL FILTRATION—Ms Gladys Berejiklian to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 1549 ACCESS TO DADHC SERVICES—Mr Andrew Constance to ask the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services—

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- 1550 BATEMANS MARINE PARK—PERMIT APPLICATION—Mr Andrew Constance to ask the Minister for Climate Change Environment and Water—
- 1551 REPORT BY DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND ENERGY—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Water Utilities representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—
- 1552 ROADS FUNDING—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 1553 ROSE BAY, BONDI BEACH AND WAVERLEY POLICE STATIONS—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 1554 BOWRAL PUBLIC SCHOOL—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- 1555 SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS REGIONAL SHOOTING FACILITY—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- 1556 WINGECARRIBEE TO GOULBURN WATER PIPELINE—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Climate Change Environment and Water—
- 1557 CHILDREN AT RISK OF HARM—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- 1558 CHILD AT RISK OF HARM—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- 1559 DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- 1560 MANLY AND MONA VALE HOSPITAL—OPERATING THEATRES—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Minister for Health—
- 1561 DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING STAFF—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- 1562 STALL HOLDERS—THE ROCKS MARKET—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- 1563 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION—OXFORD FALLS—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- 1564 THE ROCKS MARKET—VISITORS—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- 1565 HERITAGE REVIEW—SUBMISSIONS—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- 1566 PLANNING REVIEW—SUBMISSIONS—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- 1567 GRENFELL MEN'S SHED—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Health—
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- 1569 ROCKFALL AND CLOSURE OF MCELHONE ST WOOLLOOMOOLOO—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 1570 BOAT PUMP-OUT FACILITY FAILURE—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Climate Change Environment and Water—
- 1571 HORNSBY HOSPITAL—UNIT FAULTS—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Health—
- 1572 SECURITY FENCE—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—

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- 1573 TRANSIT POLICE—Ms Virginia Judge to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 1574 SCHOOL CROSSING SUPERVISORS—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 1575 NEW CYCLEWAYS—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 1576 SUTHERLAND HOSPITAL—CLEANING COSTS—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Health—
- 1577 ROADWORKS—ADDITIONAL BUS LANE—Mr Wayne Merton to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 1578 40 KPH SPEED LIMIT—Mr Wayne Merton to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 1579 TOURISM REGULATION—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Housing, Minister for Tourism—
- 1580 STAFF NUMBERS—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Youth, Minister for Volunteering—
- 1581 STAFF NUMBERS—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Minister for Ports and Waterways—
- 1582 STAFF NUMBERS—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—
- 1583 PACIFIC HIGHWAY UPGRADE—SEXTON HILL—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
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- 1585 PACIFIC HIGHWAY UPGRADE—BANORA POINT—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 1586 BLUESCOPE STEEL—COMPENSATION FOR EMISSION COSTS—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Premier, Minister for Citizenship—
- 1587 JOINT COMMITTEE ON BIOBANKING—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Climate Change Environment and Water—
- 1588 NORTH WEST T-WAY—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 1589 WARATAH RIVULET—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Water Utilities representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—
- 1590 PART 3A GUIDELINES—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Climate Change Environment and Water—
- 1591 BUS ACQUISITIONS—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 1592 BUS SERVICES—Mr Anthony Roberts to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 1593 RYDE HOSPITAL—CLEANING COSTS—Mr Anthony Roberts to ask the Minister for Health—
- 1594 ROYAL NORTH SHORE HOSPITAL—NON-MEDICAL STAFF—Mr Anthony Roberts to ask the Minister for Health—

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- 1596 WORLD YOUTH DAY—Mr Anthony Roberts to ask the Minister for Housing, Minister for Tourism—
- 1597 APPOINTMENT AS DISTRICT COURT JUDGE—Mr Greg Smith to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 1598 WATERFRONT PROPERTIES—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Climate Change Environment and Water representing the Minister for Lands, Minister for Rural Affairs, Minister for Regional Development—
- 1599 AMBULANCE NUMBERS—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Water Utilities—
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- 1601 MOUNT DRUITT HOSPITAL BEDS—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Health—
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- 1603 DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES STAFFING—ALBURY ELECTORATE—Mr Greg Aplin to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- 1604 CHILD AT RISK OF HARM—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- 1605 MACQUARIE GENERATION—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts representing the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 1606 INTEGRAL ENERGY—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Water Utilities representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—
- 1607 STATEFLEET—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 1608 SCHOOL CLOSURES—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- 1609 HARDEN MURRUMBURRAH BRIGHTER FUTURES—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- 1610 DEATH OF GEORGIA CHANT—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- 1611 HORNSBY HOSPITAL—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Health—
- 1612 SHORELINK CONTRACT—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 1613 CHILD PROTECTION REGISTER—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 1614 ASSISTANCE TO SMALL BUSINESS—HUNTER REGION—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Minister for Ports and Waterways—

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- 1615 NATURE TOURISM CAMPAIGN—HUNTER REGION—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Housing, Minister for Tourism—
- 1616 STAFF NUMBERS—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Water Utilities—
- 1617 STAFF NUMBERS—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Housing, Minister for Tourism—
- 1618 STAFF NUMBERS—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services—
- 1619 DENTAL CARE—TWEED HOSPITAL—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health—
- 1620 DENTAL CARE—TWEED HOSPITAL—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health—
- 1621 DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES—TWEED ELECTORATE—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- 1622 MOUNT DRUITT HOSPITAL EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT—Mr Allan Shearan to ask the Minister for Health—
- 1623 MOUNT DRUITT HOSPITAL—ELECTIVE SURGERY—Mr Allan Shearan to ask the Minister for Health—
- 1624 WATERFRONT TENANCIES—PITTWATER—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Climate Change Environment and Water representing the Minister for Lands, Minister for Rural Affairs, Minister for Regional Development—
- 1625 STAFFING LEVELS—MONA VALE HOSPITAL EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Health—
- 1626 CHILD AT RISK OF HARM—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- 1627 CLASSIC CARS—LPG CONVERSIONS—Mr John Turner to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

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- 1628 JURY DUTY—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 1629 HYDROTHERAPY POOL—ALBURY BASE HOSPITAL—Mr Greg Aplin to ask the Minister for Health—
- 1630 FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT—Mr Greg Aplin to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Water Utilities—
- 1631 LOWER HUNTER POLICE WORK-BANS—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 1632 PORT STEPHENS CRIME—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 1633 PORT STEPHENS POLICE STATION—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 1634 MENTAL HEALTH TEAMS—Ms Gladys Berejiklian to ask the Minister for Health—
- 1635 REINSTATEMENT OF BUS SERVICES—Ms Gladys Berejiklian to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 1636 "QUICK WINS"—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

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- 1637 CENTRE FOR ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MARKETS—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Water Utilities representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—
- 1638 CLEAN COAL WORKING GROUP—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Water Utilities representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—
- 1639 TRADING HOURS—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Youth, Minister for Volunteering—
- 1640 TERMEIL CREEK BRIDGE PROJECT—Mrs Shelley Hancock to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 1641 LINEAR ACCELERATOR—Mrs Shelley Hancock to ask the Minister for Health—
- 1642 FLASHING LIGHTS FOR SCHOOL CROSSINGS—Mrs Shelley Hancock to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 1643 GOSFORD AND WYONG HOSPITALS—EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Minister for Health—
- 1644 CHILD AT RISK OF HARM—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- 1645 DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- 1646 WORKCOVER BENEFITS—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 1647 YASS COMMUNITY HEALTH SCREENING—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Health—
- 1648 MINISTERIAL CHILD PROTECTION COMMISSION—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- 1649 SEWERAGE CONNECTION—BROOKLYN AND DANGAR ISLAND—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Water Utilities—
- 1650 BROOKLYN ROAD BRIDGE—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 1651 RAIL LINE MAINTENANCE—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 1652 GREEN ENERGY—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Water Utilities representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—
- 1653 HOSPITAL BEDS—SUTHERLAND HOSPITAL—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Health—
- 1654 CHILD AT RISK OF HARM—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- 1655 CHILD PROTECTION REGISTER—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 1656 OUT OF COURT SETTLEMENTS—Mr Daryl Maguire to ask the Minister for Health—
- 1657 STANDARDS COMMITTEE—Mr Daryl Maguire to ask the Minister for Health—
- 1658 CHILD PROTECTION REGISTER—Mr Wayne Merton to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 1659 CHILD PROTECTION REGISTER—Mr Wayne Merton to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—

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- 1660 DIESEL POWERED CARS—Mr Wayne Merton to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 1661 BUILDING PROFESSIONALS BOARD—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- 1662 KINGS CROSS LATE NIGHT BUS—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 1663 WYNYARD RAILWAY STATION—EVACUATION DRILL—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 1664 REAL ESTATE INVESTIGATION BRANCH—RESPONSE TIMES—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Youth, Minister for Volunteering—
- 1665 SPORTING OVAL—UTS LINDFIELD—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- 1666 DRINK DRIVING OFFENCES—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 1667 PATIENT TREATMENT IN TWEED HOSPITALS—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health—
- 1668 DEVELOPMENT PROGRESS—TWEED ELECTORATE—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Water Utilities representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—
- 1669 LORD HOWE ISLAND—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Climate Change Environment and Water—
- 1670 ALGAE LEVELS – CENTRAL WESTERN WATER SUPPLIES—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Climate Change Environment and Water—
- 1671 NEW SOUTH WALES DAMS—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Climate Change Environment and Water—
- 1672 CHILD PROTECTION REGISTER—Mr Anthony Roberts to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 1673 CHILD PROTECTION REGISTER—Mr Anthony Roberts to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 1674 CHILD PROTECTION REGISTER—Mr Anthony Roberts to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 1675 BLUE MOUNTAINS HEALTH SERVICES—Mrs Jillian Skinner to ask the Minister for Health—
- 1676 HOSPITALS EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS—Mrs Jillian Skinner to ask the Minister for Health—
- 1677 ROYAL NORTH SHORE HOSPITAL EMERGENCY UNIT—Mrs Jillian Skinner to ask the Minister for Health—
- 1678 LISTENING DEVICES ACT—Mr Greg Smith to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 1679 TILLEGRA DAM—Mr George Souris to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Water Utilities—
- 1680 BROKEN BAY WATER POLICE—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 1681 “000” EMERGENCY SERVICE—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Water Utilities—
- 1682 EMERGENCY AMBULANCE SERVICE—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Health—



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- 1683 CROSS-BORDER COURT PROCEEDINGS—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 1684 POLICE DECORATIONS—Mr John Turner to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 1685 TAREE HIGH SCHOOL—LIFT—Mr John Turner to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—

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(Paper No. 39)

- 1686 JURY DUTY—ALLOWANCES—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- (1) What is the daily allowance paid to persons required to serve on a jury?
  - (2) What is the maximum travel allowance paid to a person performing jury duty?
  - (3) How often are the above allowances/fees increased?
  - (4) What benchmark is used to set these fees?
  - (5) Are travel allowances increased after increases in:
    - (a) public transport fares;
    - (b) petrol prices?
  - (6) Are persons performing jury duty entitled to a meal allowance when required to work/sit past lunch breaks and/or evening meals?
  - (7) What are these meal allowances?
  - (8) Do these allowances recognise current meal prices in the Sydney CBD?
- 1687 CRIME STATISTICS DISCREPANCIES—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- In relation to escalating crime levels:
- (1) What action will the Government be taking to investigate the major discrepancies between Crime Victim surveys and Police Crime Statistics identified by the NSW Crime and Safety Survey?
  - (2) Have there been any changes to NSW Police or Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research reporting practices in the last sixty months that could explain these discrepancies?
- 1688 POLICE ASSISTANCE LINE—RAYMOND TERRACE—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- Regarding the Police Assistance Line at Raymond Terrace Police Station:
- (1) What procedures and policies are in place at the Raymond Terrace Police Station with regard to the operation of the Police Assistance Line?
  - (2) Do many residents complain that their inquiries are met with a lack of commitment to send police, even in the case of serious theft?
  - (3) Is it NSW Police policy to inform a complainant that due to a lack of police resources, no support will be forthcoming?
- 1689 TOURLE STREET BRIDGE—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- Regarding the Tourle Street Bridge at Mayfield, Newcastle:
- (1) What is the total projected cost for the Tourle Street Bridge according to latest estimates?
  - (2) Of the \$3.4 million dollars expended in the last 12 months on the Tourle Street Bridge's construction, how much was for planning and production of construction plans?
  - (3) Has the Government considered alternative options for the new bridge, including the possibility of a four-lane construction that would potentially increase functionality beyond the estimated ten years?
  - (4) As \$5 million was earmarked to begin construction of the Tourle Street Bridge in the 2006 Budget, yet in the 2007 Budget Papers, only \$3.4 million had been estimated to have been spent on this project, can the Minister advise if the Government over estimated the 12 month planning and construction phase at \$5 million or was the \$1.6 million budget saving included in the 2007 estimate of \$16 million?

- 1690 COMMENTS BY MR RIC BRAZZALE—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Water Utilities representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—

In relation to comments made by Mr Ric Brazzale, the Executive Director of the Australian Business Council for Sustainable Energy:

- (1) Has the Government responded to Mr Ric Brazzale's published comments concerning the NSW Government: "The black spot on the radar however is the lack of support for renewable energy." ("NSW policy under the microscope", EcoGeneration May/June 2006, p. 6)?
  - (2) If so, what was the Government's response?
- 1691 GGAS SCHEME—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts representing the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter—

What is the Treasurer's response to NEMMCO's contrary assessment of the financial impact of the GGAS scheme:

"Modelling of the impact of the measure was undertaken by the NSW Treasury Department. The most likely impact on electricity costs (assumed to be passed on in prices) was estimated to average \$1-2MWh (similar to the MRET impact by 2010) by 2006-07. We estimate the impact will be higher, at up to \$4MWh in 2012, because the initial estimates were based on a significant contribution from relatively low cost demand side activities (DSA) opportunities that have proved difficult to tap" (NEMMCO Impact of greenhouse policies on the electricity sector supplies and demands, June 2007, p. 37)?

- 1692 SHOALHAVEN HOSPITAL—Mrs Shelley Hancock to ask the Minister for Health—
- (1) Why were no allocations for additional emergency beds made to Shoalhaven Hospital in the Minister's most recent announcement?
  - (2) What plans are in place to increase dedicated mental health beds at Shoalhaven Hospital?
- 1693 PRINCES HIGHWAY FUNDING—Mrs Shelley Hancock to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- (1) What representations have been made to the Federal Labor Government regarding the need for federal funding for the Princes Highway?
  - (2) What representations have been made to the Federal Labor Government regarding the eligibility of the Princes Highway for AusLink funding?
- 1694 CHILD AT RISK OF HARM—Mrs Shelley Hancock to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- (1) How many "child at risk of harm" reports were made regarding children in the electorate of South Coast in each of the last 3 years?
  - (2) How many were level 1, level 2, level 3 and level 4?
  - (3) How many children subject of the level 1 reports received a visit from a Department of Community Services officer (i.e. caseworker) within the prescribed time?
- 1695 CHILD PROTECTION REGISTER—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- How many names are listed on the Child Protection Register for:
- (a) Brisbane Water Local Area command (LAC);
  - (b) Tuggarah Lakes LAC?
- 1696 PUBLIC HOUSING PROPERTIES—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Minister for Housing, Minister for Tourism—
- (1) How many public housing properties are located in the Terrigal electorate?
  - (2) How many people are housed in public housing properties in the Terrigal electorate?
  - (3) How many public housing properties in Terrigal electorate are:
    - (a) 1-bedroom units;
    - (b) 2-bedroom units;
    - (c) 3 or more bedroom units?

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- 1697 HIGHWAY PATROL OFFICER NUMBERS—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- (1) How many highway patrol officers are allocated to
    - (a) Brisbane Water Command
    - (b) Tuggerah Lakes Command
 as at 31 October 2007?
- 1698 WATER ACCESS LICENCES—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Climate Change Environment and Water—
- What is the average time taken by the Department of Water and Energy to process the issuing of Water Access Licences?
- 1699 YASS COMMUNITY HEALTH SCREENING—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Health—
- (1) On what date was the last free screening of four-year-old children attending early learning centres or preschools by the Yass Community Health Service conducted?
  - (2) Why has the Greater Southern Area Health Service decided to cease visiting early learning centres or preschools in the Yass District to conduct health-screening checks on four-year-old children?
  - (3) What alternative arrangements has the Greater Southern Area Health Service put in place to ensure that developing health problems in young children living in the Yass district are properly identified?
- 1700 PAYROLL MANAGEMENT IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- (1) Given your Department's commitment to the Auditor-General to develop an action plan to address the issue of leave taken but not recorded, how many Department of Community Services employees have unrecorded leave for fiscal year 2006-07?
  - (2) What did the audit, that your Department informed the Auditor-General was conducted on this issue, identify as the key causes of leave being taken but not recorded?
  - (3) In fiscal year 06/07 how many work hours of overpayment caused by this issue were there and what was their dollar amount?
  - (4) How much has your Department recouped as at November 2007 given its undertaking to the Auditor-General to establish a project to recoup such overpayments?
- 1701 MENTAL HEALTH FACILITIES—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—
- In the Hornsby and Kuring-gai local government areas there are a number of Mental Health facilities:
- (1) What are they?
  - (2) Where are they located?
  - (3) What is their function?
  - (4) How many clients/patients are either in-patients or treated at these facilities?
- 1702 FETAL ALCOHOL SPECTRUM DISORDER—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Health—
- (1) When is NSW going to establish appropriate diagnostic and support services for people with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD)?
  - (2) Why are there no Government services in NSW when, considering data from USA and Canada, there could be more than 200,000 people in Australia with FASD?
- 1703 THORNLEIGH SQUASH CENTRE—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Gaming and Racing, Minister for Sport and Recreation—
- What were the reasons for refusing the recent application for funding under the department for upgrades to the Thornleigh Squash Centre in the Hornsby electorate?
- 1704 FLASHING LIGHTS FOR SCHOOL CROSSINGS—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- Which school crossings in the Cronulla electorate will be enhanced by the provision of flashing lights over the next three years?

- 1705 DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- (1) What is the staffing of Department of Community Services in the Sutherland Shire?
  - (2) What is the budget allocation for the Department of Community Services in the Sutherland Shire?
  - (3) How many mandatory notifications were received by the Department of Community Services in the Sutherland Shire?
  - (4) How many children are in Department of Community Services care in Sutherland Shire?
- 1706 AMBULANCE DISPATCHES—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Health—
- How many times were ambulances dispatched to attend emergencies in the areas defined by postcodes 2229 and 2230 in 2006-07?
- 1707 OUT OF COURT SETTLEMENTS—Mr Daryl Maguire to ask the Minister for Health—
- (1) How many agreements out of court have been made to avoid legal action at Dubbo Hospital?
  - (2) How many agreements out of court have been made to avoid legal action with the Western Area Health Service (WAHS)?
  - (3) How many settlements have occurred with non-disclosure clauses in 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006 and to June 2007?
  - (4) How much has been paid by WAHS in settlements as a result of legal proceedings?
  - (5) How much has been paid by WAHS on behalf of Dubbo Hospital?
- 1708 KAPOOKA BRIDGE STATISTICS—Mr Daryl Maguire to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- (1) How many accidents have occurred on the Olympic Way at, Kapooka Bridge south of Wagga Wagga in:
    - (a) 2000;
    - (b) 2001;
    - (c) 2002;
    - (d) 2003;
    - (e) 2004;
    - (f) 2005;
    - (g) 2006;
    - (h) and up to 28 November 2007?
  - (2) How many of these accidents involved semi-trailers?
  - (3) How many of these accidents involved motor vehicles, motorcycles and pedestrians?
  - (4) How long has it been since the \$600,000 plans were completed for Kapooka Bridge?
  - (5) Is there a priority list for rail bridges such as the Kapooka Bridge?
  - (6) Where on the priority list is the Kapooka Bridge?
  - (7) How much is the estimated cost to build the Kapooka Bridge?
  - (8) Have the ARTC indicated the urgent need for the bridge replacement to allow Double Decker Containers to be shipped from Sydney to Melbourne?
  - (9) Once the construction begins, what is the estimated time for the construction?
  - (10) How many new rail over passes, like Kapooka Bridge, have been built in the last 10 years?
  - (11) Where have they been built?
  - (12) What was the cost for each project to be completed?
  - (13) Given \$600,000 has already been spent for the planning of Kapooka Bridge, what is the start date for construction?
- 1709 HAY CENTRAL SCHOOL DEMOUNTABLES—Mr Daryl Maguire to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- As a result of a fire in Hay Central School demountables were shifted from Goulburn:
- (1) What was the cost for this to be done?
  - (2) Were the demountables received fully re-furbished?
  - (3) Why was Young School the recipient of 35-year-old un-refurbished demountables from The Rock Central, Deniliquin and Willans Hill schools when demountables were available from Goulburn as demonstrated in the Hay instance?

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- 1710 THE ROCK CENTRAL SCHOOL—Mr Daryl Maguire to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- (1) When can The Rock Central School expect to see the implementation of the recent \$250,000 announcement of the following
    - (a) Moving various walls
    - (b) Demolishing a staff kitchen and building a new one
    - (c) Building/creating a new double garage to use as a store room
    - (d) Moving teacher libraries into the staffroom
    - (e) Changing a staffroom into a classroom
    - (f) Building/creating a new sick bay?
  - (2) Have plans for the works been approved for
    - (a) Moving various walls
    - (b) Demolishing a staff kitchen and building a new one
    - (c) Building/creating a new double garage to use as a store room
    - (d) Moving teacher libraries into the staffroom
    - (e) Changing a staffroom into a classroom
    - (f) Building/creating a new sick bay, as the one that is in place is a stretcher in a store room?
  - (3) Who is in charge of the delivery of all the projects?
  - (4) How much will each of the projects cost
    - (a) Moving various walls
    - (b) Demolishing a staff kitchen and building a new one
    - (c) Building/creating a new double garage to use as a store room
    - (d) Moving teacher libraries into the staffroom
    - (e) Changing a staffroom into a classroom
    - (f) Building/creating a new sick bay, as the one that is in place is a stretcher in a store room?
- 1711 HYBRID CARS—NSW—Mr Wayne Merton to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- How many hybrid (petrol and electric) powered motor cars were registered in NSW in the years 2001 to 2006, inclusive?
- 1712 DIESEL POWERED MOTOR CARS—BAULKHAM HILLS—Mr Wayne Merton to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- How many diesel powered motor cars were registered in the Baulkham Hills Local Government Area for each of years 2001 to 2006 including?
- 1713 HYBRID MOTOR CARS—BAULKHAM HILLS—Mr Wayne Merton to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- How many hybrid motor cars (petrol and electric) were registered in Baulkham Hills Local Government Area in each of the years 2001 to 2006 inclusive?
- 1714 SIGHTLINES FROM OBSERVATORY HILL—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- With regard to concerns that the development of the Barrangaroo site will obstruct the views that are enjoyed between Observatory Hill and the harbour:
- (1) Is the Government committed to maintaining sightlines between Observatory Hill and the harbour along the northern half of the Barrangaroo site?
  - (2) If the Government is committed to maintaining sightlines, what measures (such as height restrictions) will it put in place to ensure that sightlines are maintained?
  - (3) If the Government is committed to maintaining sightlines, to what extent will the sightlines match:
    - (a) current sightlines; or
    - (b) the sightlines that will be achieved after the demolition of the sheds on Darling Harbour wharves?
- 1715 BICYCLE ON PUBLIC TRANSPORT—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- Given that the State Government's Metropolitan Strategy includes aims to encourage more sustainable

forms of travel such as cycling and public transport:

- (1) What assessment has the NSW Government undertaken into allowing cyclists to take their bikes on CityRail trains free of charge during peak hour (6am 9am and 3.30pm 7.30pm weekdays) as it does outside these hours, to encourage residents to cycle rather than drive to stations on their way to work or education?
- (2) Will the NSW Government change policy and allow cyclists to take their bikes on CityRail trains free of charge during peak hour?
- (3) What assessment has the NSW Government undertaken into only purchasing new train carriages for CityRail that have adequate provision for cyclists to take their bikes on board?
- (4) Will the NSW Government ensure that all new train carriages purchased by CityRail include adequate provision for cyclists to take their bikes onboard?
- (5) What assessment has the NSW Government undertaken into purchasing buses with adequate provisions for cyclists to take their bikes on board?
- (6) Will the Government ensure that all new buses purchased in NSW include adequate provision for cyclists to take their bikes onboard?

1716 FREE RANGE PIGS—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Water Utilities representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—

With regard to reports that there is no specific standard definition for "free range pork":

- (1) Does the NSW Government support the establishment of a standard definition for "free range pork"?
- (2) What consideration has the NSW Government given to introducing a NSW standard definition for free range pork?
- (3) What investigations has the NSW Government taken into the pork industry's use of the term "free range" on labels to sell pork in NSW?
- (4) What are the results of investigations?
- (5) Is the NSW Government aware of the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission's statement that consumers are not aware of the difference between "free range" and "bred free range"?
- (6) Is the NSW Government aware of the Free Range Pork Farmers Association's concerns that a standard definition for "free range" should not include pigs that are raised indoors, including in sow stalls and farrowing crates?
- (7) What consideration has the NSW Government given to banning use of the term "bred free range", which includes pork from pigs raised indoors including in sow stalls and farrowing crates?

1717 GREEN POWER FOR CITYRAIL—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

- (1) What proportion of energy purchased by CityRail to operate its electric trains is accredited greenpower?
- (2) What plans does the NSW Government have to increase this proportion?
- (3) What assessment has the NSW Government made on the reduction to NSW's overall greenhouse gas emissions if Cityrail's electric train operations were converted to 100 per cent accredited greenpower?
- (4) Has the Government conducted any market research on the importance of a transport option that is almost totally free of greenhouse gas emissions for Sydney residents who rely on or could use CityRail services?
- (5) What assessment has the NSW Government made of how converting Cityrail's electric train operations to 100 per cent accredited greenpower would bolster NSW's renewable energy industry?
- (6) What consideration has the NSW Government given to CityRail purchasing 100 per cent accredited greenpower for electric train operations?

1718 CHILD ABUSE REPORTS—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Community Services—

In relation to Department of Community Services (DoCS) child abuse reports in the Davidson electorate (or local council areas within Davidson):

- (1) How many reports of suspected child abuse or neglect were made to the DoCS Helpline in the years:
  - (a) 2002-03;
  - (b) 2003-04;
  - (c) 2004-05;
  - (d) 2005-06;
  - (e) 2006-07?

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- (2) How many of those reports made in the year 2006-07 were for:
- drug or alcohol abuse;
  - physical abuse;
  - sexual abuse;
  - psychological abuse;
  - neglect?
- 1719 DEVELOPMENTS UNDER PART 3A—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- What is the average time the Minister has taken for deciding on developments called in under Part 3A?
  - How many such matters called in under Part 3A are still awaiting determination?
  - How many of those matters have been awaiting determination by the Minister for more than:
    - 40 days;
    - two months;
    - three months;
    - six months;
    - one year?
- 1720 WORKCHOICES—COURT COSTS—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Premier, Minister for Citizenship—
- What was the total cost to the NSW Government of challenging the WorkChoices legislation in the High Court?
  - What was the total cost to the NSW Government of the case in the lower courts before it reached the High Court appeal stage?
- 1721 CROWN LAND—TWEED ELECTORATE—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Climate Change Environment and Water representing the Minister for Lands, Minister for Rural Affairs, Minister for Regional Development—
- In relation to council requests for Crown land in the Tweed electorate:
- What are the lot numbers and the sizes of any Crown land to be released from NSW Government control in the Tweed electorate?
  - What are the proposed release dates for any lot numbers provided in response to (1)?
- 1722 PUBLIC LIBRARY FUNDING—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- In relation to public library funding in the Tweed electorate and given that it has been reported the NSW Government has decided to make significant cuts to the levels of funding received by NSW public libraries:
- What are the figures for the budgets and actual expenditure of public libraries in the Tweed electorate during:
    - 2005;
    - 2006;
    - 2007 year-to-date?
  - Has the budget for public libraries in the Tweed electorate been earmarked for funding reduction?
  - In dollar and percentage terms, what is the extent to which the budget of NSW public libraries in the Tweed electorate will be reduced?
- 1723 SPEED CAMERA—SEXTON HILL—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- In relation to speed cameras on the Sexton Hill section of the Pacific Highway:
- What is the breakdown of the number of automobiles caught speeding by the speed camera located at Sexton Hill by:
    - light vehicles (i.e. cars, minivans etc.);
    - heavy vehicles (i.e. trucks, heavy transports etc.);
    - motorcycles?
  - What is the breakdown of revenues generated for NSW through speeding tickets issued to automobiles caught speeding by the speed camera located at Sexton Hill, by:

- (a) light vehicles (i.e. cars, minivans etc.);
- (b) heavy vehicles (i.e. trucks, heavy transports etc.);
- (c) motorcycles?

1724 BIDJIGAL RESERVE—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Climate Change Environment and Water representing the Minister for Lands, Minister for Rural Affairs, Minister for Regional Development—

- (1) Will the Minister agree to provide funding for the new Bidjigal Reserve in Baulkham Hill Shire, created under Government legislation by the merger of Excelsior Reserve and part of Darling Mills State Forest?
- (2) If not, how does the Minister propose the environment and cultural values of the reserve should be protected, and the appropriate fire mitigation measures be carried out?

1725 POLICE TO POPULATION RATIO—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—

What is the ratio of police officers to population in the following Local Area Commands:

- (a) Blacktown;
- (b) Eastwood;
- (c) The Hills;
- (d) Hornsby; and
- (e) Penrith?

1726 GARDEN ISLAND CRANE—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—

- (1) Does the NSW Heritage office have a plan for ensuring that the hammerhead crane at Garden Island, Sydney, is conserved into the future?
- (2) If so, will the plan be funded by the NSW Government or is the Government relying on Commonwealth funding to carry it out?
- (3) How much does the Minister estimate it will cost per year to maintain the crane in such a way that it remains safe into the future?

1727 DIESEL MOTOR VEHICLES—RYDE—Mr Anthony Roberts to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

How many diesel motor vehicles were registered in the Ryde Local Government Area for each of the years 2003-2006 inclusive?

1728 DIESEL MOTOR VEHICLES—LANE COVE—Mr Anthony Roberts to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

How many diesel motor vehicles were registered in the Lane Cove Local Government Area for each of the years 2003 to 2006 inclusive?

1729 DIESEL MOTOR VEHICLES—HUNTER HILL—Mr Anthony Roberts to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

How many diesel motor vehicles were registered in the Hunters Hill Local Government Area for each of the years 2003 to 2006 inclusive?

1730 LISTENING DEVICES ACT—Mr Greg Smith to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

In the years 2003-04, 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07, how many reports were submitted to the Attorney General by police in respect of the use of listening devices in emergency circumstances under section 5 of the Listening Devices Act?

1731 MONA VALE POLICE STATION—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—

What is the cost of the planned building and refurbishment works at Mona Vale Police Station?

1732 BROKEN BAY WATER POLICE—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—

What are the days and hours of operation of the Broken Bay Water Police?



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- 1733 AMBULANCE STATION SITE—AVALON—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Health—  
Is the ambulance station site at Avalon still being used by the New South Wales Ambulance Service, and if so, how often is it used and for what purpose?
- 1734 DRIVER ABILITY ROAD TEST LICENCE—Mr John Turner to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- (1) Has the Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA) discontinued the provision of copies of the Driver Ability Road Test Licence Testing Manual to licensed driving instructors or registered training organisations?
  - (2) If so, why?
  - (3) If not, will the manual be available for driving instructors or registered training organisation?
  - (4) If so, what is the procedure for obtaining a current copy of the manual?
  - (5) Will the manual be upgraded periodically to include any new and changed road rules?
  - (6) If not, why not?
  - (7) If so, will driving instructors or registered training organizations receive periodic upgrades?
  - (8) If not, why not?
  - (9) If so, in what form will those upgrades be?
  - (10) If so, will there be a cost for such upgrades?
  - (11) If so, what will be the costs?
- 1735 WATER MANAGEMENT ACT 2000—Mr John Turner to ask the Minister for Climate Change Environment and Water—
- (1) Does the Minister or the Government have any intention of changing the Water Management Act 2000?
  - (2) If so, in what manner?
  - (3) Is the Minister aware that the NSW Department of Primary Industries have a publication called "Put yourself in the picture caring for your small rural property"?
  - (4) If so, is the Minister aware that on page 19 of that publication it states that farmers can prepare for drought by "conserving enough water for the enterprises we run. For example, intensive production of pigs, flowers or vegetables will need a lot more water storage than a grazing enterprise"?
  - (5) Will the Minister now acknowledge that the Water Management Act 2000 introduced by the then Carr Labor Government severely restricts the amount of rainfall that farmers are allowed to "harvest" into their dams?
  - (6) If so, isn't the Water Management Act 2000 at odds with the publication mentioned in (2) above?
  - (7) What provision is there for enterprises such as intensive production of pigs, flowers or vegetables to be able to store more water than a grazing enterprise?
  - (8) Was agriculture and horticulture taken into account when the harvestable rights were determined?
  - (9) If so, in what manner?
  - (10) If so, how did it vary from domestic uses stock-water considerations?
  - (11) If agriculture and horticulture were not taken into account when harvestable rights were determined, why weren't they taken into account?
- 1736 INTERSTATE WATER EXCHANGE—Mr John Williams to ask the Minister for Climate Change Environment and Water—  
With respect to water trades:
- (1) When will State Water be able to approve the interstate water exchange between Colly and South Australia?
  - (2) Why, after over 90 days, is State Water yet to approve this transaction, when it took the South Australian Water Authority just 33 days?
  - (3) What is the standard approval time from State Water for an interstate water exchange?
  - (4) What mechanisms are in place that could delay this process to such an extent whereby the farmers' crops that need the water from the exchange may die waiting for State Water approval?
- 1737 NSW CORONER AND DR BALAJI RAO—Mr John Williams to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—  
With respect to NSW Coroner and Dr Balaji Rao:
- (1) When will NSW Police provide the NSW Coroner with its completed submission regarding the cases involving the actions of Dr Balaji Rao, given that the investigation has been finalised, so the NSW Coroner can decide whether it is necessary to hold a Coronial Inquest?

- (2) Why is the NSW Police investigation yet to hand over information to the NSW Coroner, now that the investigation has been finalised?

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