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- (1) Has Victims Services recruited all the new staff identified to manage the new victims support scheme?
 - (2) How many new staff were recruited and in what positions?
 - (3) Is this an adequate number of staff to manage the scheme?
 - (4) Have frontline staff at Victims Services had training in working with:
 - (a) People with culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds;
 - (b) Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons;
 - (c) Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersexed and questioning communities;
 - (d) Disability communities;
 - (e) Trauma survivors?
 - (5) Have any government agencies, other than Victims Services, had to recruit new staff to manage the new victims support scheme?
 - (6) If so, which departments?
 - (a) For each department:
 - (i) How many new staff were recruited and in what positions?
 - (ii) Is this an adequate number of new staff?
 - (iii) When will there be an assessment of the adequacy of new staffing levels?

- (7) How many police officers and staff from the NSW Police Force are working at Victims Services to assist with Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 requests relating to acts of violence?
- 4354 VICTIMS SUPPORT SCHEME BUDGET SAVINGS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- What are the expected budget savings for the Government following the abolition of the victims compensation scheme and the introduction of the new victims support scheme?
- 4355 VICTIMS SUPPORT SCHEME RESEARCH—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- (1) Was research conducted by Price Waterhouse Coopers on the expected number of claims in the new victims support scheme?
- (2) Will this research be released publicly?
- 4356 VICTIMS COMPENSATION CLAIMS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- In relation to Victims Compensation Claims:
- (1) How many claims have been made to the new victims support scheme?
- (2) How many claims under the old victims compensation scheme were made in the last 2 years?
- (3) How many special grants have been made to date?
- (a) What percentage is this of all claims made to date?
- (4) For those who have not received a special grant, what percentage were victims of:
- (a) Domestic violence;
- (b) Sexual assault;
- (c) Other categories?
- (5) How many recognition payments under the new legislation have been made in each of the categories A, B, C and D?
- (a) What percentage is this of all claims made to date?
- (6) What percentage of each recognition payment category relates to domestic violence?
- (7) How many claims have been made where a recognition payment was not made after it was claimed?
- (a) What percentage is this of all claims made to date?
- (b) What was the reason for not providing a recognition payment?
- (8) What is the expenditure on "immediate needs" under the victims support scheme to date?
- (a) How many claims have been made for this type of support?
- (b) How many claims have been successful in receiving this type of support?
- (9) What types of "immediate needs" are being awarded and for what amounts?
- (10) What is the expenditure on "Financial assistance" under the victims support scheme to date?
- (a) How many claims have been made for this type of support?
- (b) How many claims have been successful in receiving this type of support?
- (11) What types of "Financial assistance" have been awarded and for what amounts?
- (12) Have there been any claims for loss of actual earnings awarded to date?
- (a) If so, were these for loss of actual earnings by the victim or for loss of actual earnings by someone the victim was dependent upon?
- (b) If so, for what amounts?
- 4357 VICTIMS COMPENSATION TRIBUNAL—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- (1) Why is there a reduction in the budget papers for Victims Compensation Tribunal applications from 7,200 in 2012-13 to 5,000 in 2013-14?
- (2) Is it anticipated that less people will qualify for the new victims support scheme?
- (3) Why is there an expected reduction in Victims Compensation Tribunal (VCT) applications when over the past few years the annual VCT Chairperson's report has noted an increase in applications relating to domestic violence and sexual assault?
- 4358 REVIEW OF COURT SUPPORT SERVICES—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- (1) At what stage is the Price Waterhouse Coopers review of NSW Court Support Services?

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- (2) When will the report regarding this review be publicly released?
(3) How much has been spent on the review of NSW Court Support Services?
(4) What is the total anticipated cost of the review?
- 4359 LEGAL AUSTRALIA-WIDE SURVEY—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- (1) How is the Government going to resolve the inequities of multiple legal problems faced by disadvantaged communities, including people with a disability, single parents, the unemployed, people living in disadvantaged housing and Aboriginal people as revealed in the Legal Australia Wide (LAW) survey?
(2) The most common legal problems reported in the LAW survey were consumer (21% of respondents), crime (14%), housing (12%) and government (11%). How is the Government going to:
(a) Reduce the legal problems people experience in these areas;
(b) Ensure that the legal needs of New South Wales residents are met in these areas?
- 4360 COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS OFFICER VACANCIES—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- What is the current vacancy rate for Community Corrections Officers within Corrective Services NSW?
- 4361 COMMUNITY LEGAL SERVICES FUNDING—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- (1) When will negotiations for the Community Legal Services Program three year funding agreement begin?
(2) Are there any proposed changes to the agreement?
(3) Will the agreement still be a three year agreement?
- 4362 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN THE HUNTER—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- How does the Government plan to combat high rates of domestic violence in the Hunter?
- 4363 PUBLIC HOUSING TRANSFER REQUESTS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- How many residents of public housing in the Wallsend area have requested a transfer to smaller accommodation in the 12 month period ending 30 June 2013?
(a) How does this figure compare with each of the past three years?
(b) How many of the requests over the past three years were approved and accommodated?
- 4364 HUNTER VALLEY RESEARCH FOUNDATION—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Finance and Services—
- (1) Will the Government re-instate sponsorship to the Hunter Valley Research Foundation?
(a) If so, when?
(b) If not, why not?
- 4365 INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT CONTRACTS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Finance and Services—
- (1) Does the Government have guidelines to ensure that manufacturers in New South Wales obtain a guaranteed proportion of Government contracts?
(2) Has the Government committed any of the \$6 billion allocated to major infrastructure projects in the budget to companies in New South Wales?
(a) If so, which projects and:
(i) When was the commitment made;
(ii) When will the projects commence?
(b) If not, does the Government intend to make such a commitment?
- 4366 SCHOOL UPGRADES IN WALLSEND—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Education—
- What school upgrades will take place in the electorate of Wallsend over the 2013-2014 financial year?

4367 MACQUARIE GENERATION POWER STATIONS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Resources and Energy, Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Central Coast—

Will the Government guarantee to protect the jobs, conditions and negotiated entitlements of workers under its proposed privatisation of Macquarie Generation's Liddell and Bayswater power stations?

- (a) If so, how?
- (b) Will this protection cover the current calculations for the incentive payment that rewards service of more than six years?

4368 GAME COUNCIL ABOLITION—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Small Business—

What processes were involved in making the decision to abolish the Game Council on 5 July 2013?

4369 NEWCASTLE INNER CITY BYPASS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

Has the Minister made a submission to Infrastructure Australia that Stage 5 of the Newcastle Inner City Bypass should be considered as a priority project?

- (a) If not, why not?
- (b) If so, when was the submission made?

4370 TRAIN DELAY INFORMATION—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport—

Is information regarding the cause of delays on the Sydney rail network, and identifying the Sydney Trains manager responsible for the delays, publicly available?

- (a) If so, where can this information be accessed by members of the public?
- (b) If not, why not?

4371 PRIMARY EMERGENCY CENTRE PATIENTS—Mrs Barbara Perry to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Healthy Lifestyles, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

(1) For each Primary Emergency Centre (PEC) in New South Wales, in the last financial year how many people have been in the PEC for:

- (a) over two days;
- (b) over three days;
- (c) over four days;
- (d) over one week;
- (e) over two weeks?

(2) What is the longest time a patient has spent in a PEC in the last financial year?

- (a) In which PEC did this occur and when?

(3) How many people have been in a mental health inpatient facility and then transferred to a PEC in the last financial year?

- (a) How many days did each transferred person stay at the PEC?

(4) How many people received day leave from PECs in the last financial year?

- (a) At which PECs did this occur?

4372 WINDSOR BRIDGE PROJECT CONTRACT—Mrs Barbara Perry to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

Regarding Contract 12.2615.3184 under the name "Windsor Bridge Alliance - Construction" that appears in the "Disclosure of Tenders under Premier's Memorandum No. 2007-01":

(1) What are the details of this contract?

(2) Was Ministerial approval made public at the time this contract was signed?

- (a) If so, where and when?

(3) Did the Minister approve the project prior to the Environmental Impact Statement being released?

- (a) If so, why?

(4) How many other contractual agreements have been entered into in relation to this project?

(5) What is the total contractual liability should the Minister not approve this project?

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- 4373 EASY ACCESS UPGRADE FOR REDFERN STATION—Mr Robert Furolo to ask the Minister for Transport—
- (1) Is the Easy Access Upgrade of Redfern train station an outcome of the planning and design process referred to in the answer to question 3459?
 - (2) What other stations have been identified for an Easy Access Upgrade as a result of the planning and design work referred to in the answer to question 3459?
- 4374 REGIONAL INDUSTRY INVESTMENT FUND—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Trade and Investment, and Minister for Regional Infrastructure and Services—
- (1) How many applications to the New South Wales Regional Industry Investment Fund have been received from companies in the Wollongong Local Government Area?
 - (2) How many of these companies have received funding?
 - (3) What is the total amount of funding provided to companies in the Wollongong Local Government Area from the New South Wales Regional Industry Investment Fund?
- 4375 ELECTIVE SURGERY AT MOUNT DRUITT HOSPITAL—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- (1) How many elective surgery operations were performed at Mount Druitt Hospital during 2012?
 - (2) How do these figures compare to 2011?
 - (3) How many of the operations referred to above were performed on patients residing in the following postcodes:
 - (a) 2770;
 - (b) 2766;
 - (c) 2761;
 - (d) Other postcode areas?