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*1251 **CANCER TREATMENT AND SURVIVAL RATES**—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

With respect to the data capture of cancer treatment and survival rates:

- (1) Is this an important statistic to keep according to age categories/groups?
- (2) Is this an important statistic to keep according to cancer types?
- (3) Is this available for public scrutiny?
- (4) If so, where can they be found?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) to (4) The Cancer Institute NSW captures data on the incidence and mortality of cancer for all age groups and cancer types through the NSW Central Cancer Registry. The importance of collecting accurate data on cancer is reflected in the Public Health Act, which requires hospitals, health facilities and pathology laboratories that diagnose or treat a person with cancer to notify the Central Cancer Registry.

Based on extensive analysis of the data collected through the Central Cancer Registry, the Cancer Institute NSW calculates 5-yearly survival rates for age groups and cancer types and publishes them in the annual Incidence and Mortality Report. The Cancer Institute NSW encourages public scrutiny of its reports, which are freely available on the Cancer Institute NSW website at www.cancerinstitute.org.au

The Cancer Institute NSW also captures data on the treatment of cancer. Despite a lack of regular and routine access to the data collections of the Medical Benefits Scheme and the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme, NSW collects comparative data on cancer treatment more extensively than any other Australian jurisdiction. The Cancer Institute NSW envisages that in due course these comparative data will also be published widely to encourage public scrutiny.

*1252 **CESSNOCK HOSPITAL PATIENTS**—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

For the period covering 1 July 2010 until 30 June 2011:

- (1) How many persons attended Cessnock Hospital for treatment in all categories?
- (2) Of this number, how many were treated by the Emergency Department?
- (3) How many persons in this period were admitted to Cessnock Hospital?
- (4) (a) How many of these persons in question (1) above were sent to another hospital?
(b) What hospitals were these?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) to (4) Information about hospital activity and performance is available online from the independent Bureau of Health Information at www.bhi.nsw.gov.au

*1253 **KURRI KURRI HOSPITAL PATIENTS**—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

For the period covering 1 July 2010 until 30 June 2011:

- (1) How many persons attended Kurri Kurri Hospital for treatment in all categories?
- (2) Of this number, how many were treated by the Emergency Department?
- (3) How many persons in this period were admitted to Kurri Kurri Hospital?
- (4) (a) How many of these persons in question (1) above were sent to another hospital?
(b) What hospitals were these?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) to (4) Information about hospital activity and performance is available online from the independent Bureau of Health Information at www.bhi.nsw.gov.au

*1254 HOSPITAL ATTENDANCES—POSTCODE 2322—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

For the period covering 1 July 2010 until 30 June 2011:

- (1) How many persons attended any/all hospital(s) from the postcode 2322 for treatment in all categories?
- (2) Of this number, how many were treated by the Emergency Department?
- (3) How many persons in this period were admitted to hospital?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) to (3) There are no public admitted patient facilities or emergency departments located in this postcode.

*1256 CESSNOCK COUNCIL SWIMMING POOL—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Sport and Recreation—

Given that Cessnock Council is currently looking to redevelop its 50-metre outdoor swimming pool:

- (1) What funding options are available to them from the NSW Government?
- (2) When do these funding options open and/or close?

Answer—

- (1) Funding may be applied for through the Sport and Recreation Facility Grant Program if the project meets the program's criteria.
- (2) Information on opening and closing dates is provided on relevant websites.

*1263 IPTAAS FORMS—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) What specific changes have been introduced in the new IPTAAS forms?
- (2) With the new IPTAAS changes for patients requiring ongoing treatment (e.g. for cancer), has the new form been simplified to cover multiple visits, rather than a separate form for each visit?
- (3) If yes, what is the maximum number of visits per form?
- (4) How many doctors, referring and/or treating, are required to sign the forms?
- (5) Can other health professionals or hospital administrators now sign the forms?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) to (3) The department is currently working on a revised administration process for the scheme which will be announced in due course.

*1264 COSTS OF LOCUM DOCTORS—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

For the three months July to September 2011, what were the total costs of locum doctors at Armidale Hospital?

Answer—

I am advised:

Local Health Districts and Specialty Health Networks are responsible for determining the budget for expenditure on medical officer locums to meet the workforce requirements and patient demand of their District or Network.

Total cost of Locum Medical Officers at all levels at Armidale Hospital, including Junior Medical Officer, Emergency Department Career Medical Officer and Specialist, for the period July 2011 to September 2011 was \$711,693 (includes: payments to Medical Officers, travel, accommodation and agency fees).

The gross cost of locums does not reflect the service cost to health services of utilising locums instead of permanent staff. The real cost is the premium component of the locum costs over and above normal cost of utilising permanent staff. Agency fees and some on costs incurred in engaging locums are not included in the above figure.

Recruitment action continues for vacant positions as does advertising to replace the current Staff Specialist Rehabilitation Physician/Geriatrician, who is to retire in December 2011.

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- 1283 DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING PROPERTIES DESTROYED BY FIRE—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 1284 NATURAL RESOURCES ADVISORY COUNCIL—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Small Business—
- 1285 PREPARE, ACT, SURVIVE—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—
- 1286 SPEED CAMERAS IN THE HUNTER—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 1287 INCENTIVES FOR TEACHERS—"HARD TO STAFF SCHOOLS"—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Education—
- 1288 INSTALLATION OF SOLAR PANELS—COMPLAINTS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Fair Trading—
- 1289 COMPLAINTS AGAINST NU ENERGY OR PYRAMID POWER—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Fair Trading—
- 1290 CORRECTIVE SERVICES—OFFICIAL VISITOR—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 1291 LISTING OF COURT MATTERS FOR 2012—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 1292 EVALUATION OF CRIMINAL CASE CONFERENCING TRIAL—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 1293 BASE FUNDING FOR CORRECTIVE SERVICES NSW—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 1294 CESSNOCK CORRECTIONAL CENTRE—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 1295 COURT UPGRADE PROGRAM—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 1296 COMMUNITY OFFENDER SUPPORT PROGRAMS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 1297 SOUTH COAST CORRECTIONAL CENTRE—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 1298 GRAFFITI REMOVAL—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 1299 GREEN VALLEY AMBULANCE STATION—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 1300 HANDYMAN SERVICE—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 1301 REGIONAL RELOCATION GRANT—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Treasurer—
- 1302 ILLAWARRA DATA CENTRE—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 1303 BELLAMBI POINT LAND TRANSFER—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

- 1304 FIGTREE HIGH SCHOOL—SURPLUS LAND—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Education—
- 1305 POSITRON EMISSION TOMOGRAPHY MACHINES—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 1306 KEIRAVILLE PRIMARY SCHOOL LIBRARY—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

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- 1307 NEW PRIVATE BUS TIMETABLES AND ROUTES—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 1308 POLICE NUMBERS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 1309 HUNTER REGIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE FUND—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW—
- 1310 HUNTER WATER—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 1311 REJUVENATION OF CARDIFF CBD—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Small Business—
- 1312 CITYRAIL TRAINS AND NETWORKS—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 1313 CUMBERLAND HIGHWAY AND M4 INTERSECTION—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 1314 EYE CARE FOR CHILDREN—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 1315 DIABETES PREVENTION AND TREATMENT—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 1316 NEW HOSPITAL BEDS—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 1317 COAL SEAM GAS EXPLORATION—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Resources and Energy, Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Central Coast—
- 1318 COMMUNITY TRANSPORT—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 1319 PEARL CONSTRUCTIONS COLLAPSE—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 1320 ASBESTOS IN DERELICT BUILDINGS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 1321 ASBESTOS IN DERELICT BUILDINGS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 1322 ASBESTOS IN DERELICT BUILDINGS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—
- 1323 RENTAL COSTS—ILLAWARRA MINISTERIAL OFFICE—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 1324 POLLUTION OF WYONG CREEK—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

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- 1325 RAISED ENTRY THRESHOLD—NORTH CREEK—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

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- 1326 DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES EMPLOYEES—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Small Business—
- 1327 CLOSURE OF METROPOLITAN FIRE STATIONS—Ms Linda Burney 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—
- 1328 IMPROVING SAFETY FOR CYCLISTS—Ms Sonia Horner to ask the Minister for Local Government, and Minister for the North Coast—
- 1329 TRANSPORT CONCESSION FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS—Ms Sonia Horner to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 1330 CABRAMATTA COMMUTER CAR PARK—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 1331 TRAINING SCHEMES FOR NEW DOCTORS—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 1332 CONTROL OF NOXIOUS WEEDS—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Small Business—
- 1333 ELECTROMAGNETIC RADIATION—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 1334 RADIATION EMITTED BY "SMART" METERS—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Minister for Resources and Energy, Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Central Coast—
- 1335 ESTIMATE OF QUARTERLY ELECTRICITY CHARGES—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Resources and Energy, Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Central Coast—

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- 1337 MAIN ROAD, CLIFTON—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 1338 ACQUISITION OF ROADS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 1339 GREEN SLIPS FOR OLDER DRIVERS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 1340 UPGRADE AND IMPROVEMENT TO EMERGENCY SERVICE UNITS—Mr Clayton Barr 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—
- 1341 BACKBURNING—CESSNOCK ELECTORATE—Mr Clayton Barr 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—
- 1342 REGISTERED TRAINING ORGANISATIONS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Education—

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- 1343 KURRI KURRI TAFE—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Education—
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- 1345 WOMEN'S REFUGE/SHELTERS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 1346 VISITING MEDICAL OFFICERS AND RESIDENT MEDICAL OFFICERS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 1347 EMERGENCY DENTAL TREATMENT—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 1348 ISOLATED PATIENTS TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION ASSISTANCE SCHEME—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 1349 TYNAN ROAD AND HUME HIGHWAY INTERSECTION—Mr Robert Furolo to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 1350 FUNDING ALLOCATED TO ROAD SAFETY PROJECTS—Mr Robert Furolo to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 1351 PORT BOTANY LANDSIDE IMPROVEMENT STRATEGY—Mr Robert Furolo to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 1352 HUME HIGHWAY AND STACEY STREET INTERSECTION—Mr Robert Furolo to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 1353 SCHOOL ZONE FLASHING LIGHTS—Mr Robert Furolo to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 1354 TIME-OF-DAY TOLLING—Mr Robert Furolo to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 1355 REDIRECTION OF SPEEDING AND TRAFFIC FINES REVENUE—Mr Robert Furolo to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 1356 REVENUE COLLECTED FOR SPEEDING AND TRAFFIC FINES—Mr Robert Furolo to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 1357 ONE MINTO PROJECTS—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 1358 DEATH AND DISABILITY SCHEME—Ms Tania Mihailuk 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—
- 1359 ASSISTANCE TO SOLE TRADERS TO RECOUP MONIES OWED—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Fair Trading—
- 1360 PLUMBING LICENSING REGULATORY COUNCIL—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Fair Trading—
- 1361 ESTABLISHMENT OF “SPECIALIST TRADESMEN”—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Fair Trading—
- 1362 UNQUALIFIED TRADESMEN—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Fair Trading—
- 1363 UNSAFE GAS INSTALLATION—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Fair Trading—
- 1364 WARATAH TRAINS—BANKSTOWN LINE—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 1365 WARATAH TRAINS—EAST HILLS LINE—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 1366 FUNDING PROGRAMS FOR NON-PROFIT ORGANISATIONS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

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- 1368 PROTECTION FOR VOLUNTEERS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 1369 INCREASING PREVALENCE OF DIABETES—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Healthy Lifestyles, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

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- 1370 ESCALATOR AT MT DRUITT RAILWAY STATION—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Transport—
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- 1372 PENNANT STREET BRIDGE—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 1373 GLENDALE INTERCHANGE—STAGE ONE—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 1374 PAYMENTS FOR VICTIMS COMPENSATION—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 1375 CHAMBER MAGISTRATES AT LOCAL COURT REGISTRIES—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
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- 1380 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ISSUES—TRAINING FOR MAGISTRATES—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 1381 SPECIFIC DOMESTIC VIOLENCE LIST—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 1382 VICTIMS COMPENSATION CLAIM - ASSESSMENT—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 1383 VICTIMS COMPENSATION CLAIM - COMPLETION—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 1384 ENERGY REBATE ELIGIBILITY—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Resources and Energy, Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Central Coast—
- 1385 ENERGY ACCOUNT PAYMENTS ASSISTANCE SCHEME REVIEW—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Resources and Energy, Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Central Coast—
- 1386 WOLLONGONG CONSERVATORIUM OF MUSIC—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Hospitality and Racing, and Minister for the Arts—
- 1387 INQUIRY INTO LYSAGHT OVAL—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation—
- 1388 PURCHASE OF LAND AT MADDENS PLAINS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

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- 1389 STAMP DUTY CONCESSION—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 1390 ESCAPE RATE FROM NEW SOUTH WALES PRISONS—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 1391 PUBLIC HOUSING—HUNTER VALLEY—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 1392 PUBLIC HOUSING MAINTENANCE BUDGET—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 1393 JOHN HUNTER HOSPITAL EMERGENCY SHORTFALL—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 1394 PRINCIPAL CONTROL IN UNDERSTAFFED SCHOOLS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Education—
- 1395 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 1396 PROPOSED REFORMS TO POLICE COMPENSATION—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—
- 1397 TRAINING ORGANISATIONS IN THE WALLSEND ELECTORATE—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Education—
- 1398 WOMEN'S REFUGES IN THE WALLSEND ELECTORATE—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 1399 MAINTENANCE WORKS—DOBELL BUILDING—Ms Kristina Keneally to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 1400 SMOKING RATES—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 1401 HEPATITIS C—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- *1402 TRAFFIC AND ROAD CONDITIONS—Mr Nick Lalich asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- What is the Government doing to improve the traffic and road conditions for drivers between the Hume Highway and the Meccano Set, through to the M5 intersection, via Henry Lawson Drive?
- Answer—
- This question was withdrawn on 24 November 2011.
- 1403 TRAFFIC AND ROAD CONDITIONS—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 1404 WARATAH TRAINS—CUMBERLAND LINE—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 1405 WARATAH TRAINS—BANKSTOWN LINE—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 1406 WARATAH TRAINS—SOUTH LINE—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 1407 WARATAH TRAINS—INNER WEST LINE—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 1408 NATIONAL GUIDELINES FOR HANDLING OF DNA SAMPLES—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

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- 1409 PETROLEUM EXPLORATION LICENCE—CAMDEN GAS PROJECT (PEL 2)—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Resources and Energy, Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Central Coast—
- 1410 PETROLEUM PRODUCTION LEASES—CAMDEN GAS PROJECT STAGE 2—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Resources and Energy, Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Central Coast—
- 1411 AMBULANCE RESPONSE TIMES—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 1412 FUNDING ALLOCATION TO SIDS AND KIDS NSW—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 1413 HOUSING NSW GUTTERS—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 1414 HOUSING NSW MAINTENANCE IN THE INNER CITY—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 1415 HANDYMAN SERVICE PROGRAM—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 1416 WORK ORDERS FOR GRAFFITI REMOVAL—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 1417 FUNDING TO REDUCE GRAFFITI—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 1418 PATIENT LIAISON OFFICERS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 1419 FUNDS TO WOLLONGONG CITY COUNCIL—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 1420 INTERSECTION OF PRINCES HIGHWAY AND MT OUSLEY ROAD—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 1421 INQUIRY INTO LYSAGHT OVAL—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 1422 IPADS IN SCHOOLS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Education—
- 1423 APPROVAL OF BOREHOLE DRILLING BY APEX DRILLING PROJECT—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW—
- 1424 DEDICATED SPEECH PATHOLOGISTS IN SCHOOLS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Education—
- 1425 FREE TRAIN TRAVEL TO WESTERN PLAINS ZOO—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—
- 1426 GOVERNMENT PRESCHOOL FEES—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—
- 1427 ADULT MIGRANT ENGLISH SERVICE—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—
- 1428 DEVOLUTION PILOT—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—
- 1429 ESTABLISHMENT OF "TRANSPORT FOR NSW"—Mr Richard Torbay to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 1430 ASSESSMENT LEASE APPLICATION 19—Mr Richard Torbay to ask the Minister for Resources and Energy, Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Central Coast—

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1431 YOUNG FARMERS FINANCE SCHEME—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Small Business—

- (1) Has the NSW Farmers Association expressed concern about the decline in the number of young farmers in the country?
- (2) Have they suggested the establishment of a Young Farmers Finance Scheme to assist young people to enter the farm sector?
- (3) What is the Government's response to this position of the NSW Farmers Association?

1432 SCHOOLRISK—Mr Robert Furolo to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

With regards to the SchoolRisk; School Pedestrian Risk Model:

- (1) (a) Has every school in NSW been assessed under the SchoolRisk model?
(b) If not why not?
- (2) Which schools have been assessed and which school have not been assessed?
- (3) Of those schools that have been assessed, what is the ranking of each of the school that has undergone the SchoolRisk assessment?
- (4) Of those schools that have not been assessed, when will a SchoolRisk assessment be undertaken?

1433 IMPROVING ROAD SAFETY: SCHOOL ZONES REPORT—Mr Robert Furolo to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

With regards to the 2010 Audit Office report Improving Road Safety: School Zones:

- (1) Have all the recommendations been fully implemented?
- (2) If all the recommendations have not been fully implemented, why not?
- (3) If all the recommendations have not been fully implemented which recommendations have been fully implemented and which recommendations are outstanding?
- (4) Of the recommendations that are outstanding, when will these recommendations be fully implemented?

1434 SPEED LIMIT REVIEW—Mr Robert Furolo to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

With regards to the one hundred roads that are having their speed limits reviewed as part of the audit of speed zones:

- (1) What is the criteria/ guideline being used to conduct the review?
- (2) Who will be making the recommendation to alter a speed limit once it has been reviewed?
- (3) Who will be making the final decision on whether to accept or not to accept the recommendation to alter a speed limit?

1435 DEPUTY STATE CORONER RECOMMENDATIONS – FUEL TANKER CRASH—Mr Robert Furolo to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

With regards to the recommendations made by the Deputy State Coroner concerning the 2009 fuel tanker crash north of Batemans Bay:

- (1) Does the Government accept the recommendations?
- (2) What action will the Government take in response to the recommendations?
- (3) When will these actions be implemented?

1436 SCHOOL ALERT (FLASHING LIGHTS) SYSTEM—Mr Robert Furolo to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

With regards to the school alert (flashing lights) system:

- (1) Which schools have had and will have flashing lights implemented in the 2011-2012 financial year?
- (2) What is the timetable for the implementation of flashing lights for each of the schools?

1437 OFFENSIVE ODOUR—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

What is the Government doing to address the recent rotten odour lingering in the Argenton, Teralba and Edgeworth areas?

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- 1438 IDLING FREIGHT TRAINS AT SULPHIDE JUNCTION—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport—
- What is the Government doing to address freight trains idling for often lengthy periods of time at Sulphide Junction in Argenton, which is causing excessive noise and diesel pollution for local residents?
- 1439 YOUTH CONFERENCING—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- In view of the latest figures on crime rates involving juveniles in the Hunter, what percentage of juveniles who are required to take part in youth conferencing have been caught re-offending?
- 1440 OCCUPANCY RATE OF ACUTE OVERNIGHT BEDS—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- (1) Does the Ministry of Health prepare statistics on the occupancy rate of acute overnight beds?
 - (2) Is this data collected and prepared by the hospital?
 - (3) Were such figures collected and prepared for the following months of 2011:
 - (a) May;
 - (b) June;
 - (c) July;
 - (d) August;
 - (e) September?
 - (4) Were these figures used for discussion in any meetings of staff or stakeholders during the last six months?
 - (5) Will they be used to prepare any reports?
 - (6) If reports are to be prepared, will they be released publicly?
 - (7) If not, does the Minister plan to collect data on occupancy of acute overnight beds?
- 1441 UNAUTHORISED USE OF HEALTH STAFF—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- Given the Minister did not authorise use of Health staff to promote the coal seam gas industry:
- (1) Has the Minister instructed Australian Mining to remove their unauthorised television advertisements, which use the staff of the Newcastle Newborn ICU to endorse their activities?
 - (2) If not, will she do so?
- 1442 SMOKING DISCUSSION PAPER—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- Noting that different local government authorities are setting different rules for smoking in the public domain across NSW and that NSW Health's "Strategic Directions for Tobacco Control in NSW 2011-2016 Discussion Paper" asked for community comment by the end of January 2011:
- (1) What assessment has the Government made of community comment on the Discussion Paper?
 - (2) What action will the Government take on the proposals identified in the Discussion Paper:
 - (a) Continuing social marketing campaigns and evidence-based services to help smokers quit;
 - (b) Working with Aboriginal communities and peak bodies to reduce smoking and exposure to smoke;
 - (c) Greater efforts to reduce smoking among people with high smoking rates such as low socio-economic groups and some culturally and linguistically diverse groups;
 - (d) Eliminating advertising and promotion of tobacco products and restrict the availability and supply of tobacco, especially to children;
 - (e) Reducing exposure to tobacco smoke in workplaces, public places and other settings;
 - (f) Increasing action to prevent young people starting to smoke;
 - (g) Improving research, monitoring, evaluation and reporting on tobacco control?
 - (3) What is the Government's response to the motion passed at the last NSW Local Government Association Annual Conference calling for state wide legislation that uniformly prohibits smoking within 10 metres of children's playgrounds and sporting fields when sports are being played, in all outdoor dining areas on public land, and in covered bus shelters and taxi ranks?
- 1443 CALD COMMUNITIES—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Small Business—

Noting that a significant number of small business operators in the inner city come from non-English speaking, migrant or refugee backgrounds, including people speaking Chinese, Thai, Indonesian, Korean, Malay, Vietnamese, Greek, Italian and Spanish:

- (1) What business support programs does the Government provide specifically for operators from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds?
- (2) What information about Government business requirements and services is translated into other languages?
- (3) What support services does the Government provide or fund for these business operators?
- (4) What further plans does the Government have to support and inform business operators from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds?

1444 324/325 BUS SERVICES—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Transport—

- (1) What patronage patterns on these routes does State Transit report since the Eastern Suburbs Bus Review?
- (2) What are the monthly patronage numbers for this bus service for 2011?
- (3) What complaints has the Government received about 324/325 bus services over the past two years?
- (4) What changes have been made to these bus services to address these complaints?
- (5) What further action will the Government take to improve these bus services?

1445 NOISY VEHICLE ENFORCEMENT—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

With respect to the Office of Environment and Heritage enforcement of vehicles that breach noise controls:

- (1) How many operations has this office taken part in for 2010 and 2011 in:
 - (a) Millers Point, Dawes Point and The Rocks;
 - (b) George Street and the CBD;
 - (c) Woolloomooloo;
 - (d) Potts Point and Kings Cross;
 - (e) Darlinghurst and Surry Hills?
- (2) How many infringements have been issued and what fines imposed on noisy vehicles in:
 - (a) Millers Point, Dawes Point and The Rocks;
 - (b) George Street and the CBD;
 - (c) Woolloomooloo;
 - (d) Potts Point and Kings Cross;
 - (e) Darlinghurst and Surry Hills?
- (3) How many officers does the Office of Environment and Heritage have for noisy vehicles for NSW, how many for the inner city, and what changes have been made to these resources over the past three years?
- (4) What plans does the Government have to increase resources for these operations and increase enforcement?
- (5) What other action will the Government take to address ongoing concerns?

1446 RESPONSIBLE SERVICE OF ALCOHOL—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Hospitality and Racing, and Minister for the Arts—

With respect to the latest research for the National Drug Law Enforcement Research Fund (Monograph 38: "Drink or Drunk") that reviewed evidence about Responsible Service of Alcohol (RSA), and noting that the RSA program was to be reviewed in 2009:

- (1) What assessment has the Government made of this report, its assessment of measures to prevent alcohol-related harms and recommendations for reform?
- (2) What action has the Government taken to:
 - (a) support standardised national RSA training;
 - (b) include patron management skills in RSA training;
 - (c) provide separate high level manager training for supervisors;
 - (d) assess risk levels and require appropriate prevention plans for licensed premises;
 - (e) reward licensed premises for action to reduce alcohol-related harms?
- (3) What further plans does the Government have to implement strategies that increase the effectiveness of RSA?

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- 1447 FIREARM THEFT—Ms Clover Moore 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—

With respect to the Australian Institute of Criminology review of National Firearm Theft Monitoring that shows increasing theft reports, especially from business or residential premises and vehicles:

- (1) What assessment has the Government made of these crime matters?
- (2) What action has been taken to ensure safe storage of firearms in homes and business premises?
- (3) What action has been taken to ensure safe transport of firearms?
- (4) What action has been taken to implement situational crime prevention, such as increased formal surveillance, property identification and compliance strategies, as suggested by the institute?
- (5) What changes to enforcement programs and resources have been made to address rising firearm theft?
- (6) What further changes does the Government plan to reduce firearm theft?

- 1448 WORLD AIDS DAY—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

Noting that while the United Nations has declared HIV/AIDS a "global emergency" that has caused immense suffering, Australia's successful partnership response has resulted in fewer than 7 000 people dying from AIDS-related illnesses and about 21 000 people living with HIV since the epidemic began:

- (1) How does the Government:
 - (a) support ongoing efforts to prevent the spread of HIV/AIDS;
 - (b) promote and maintain public awareness and support for people with HIV?
- (2) How has the Government supported international efforts to:
 - (a) prevent the spread of HIV/AIDS;
 - (b) maintain public awareness and support for people with HIV/AIDS?
- (3) How has the Government supported an annual permanent Sydney event to commemorate World AIDS Day?
- (4) What further plans does the Government have to promote World AIDS Day, activities to help prevent the spread of HIV and support for people with HIV/AIDS?

- 1449 WILD GOAT RACES—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Small Business—

- (1) Are goat races allowed in NSW?
- (2) What codes of conduct and rules apply?
- (3) What information and advice does the Government provide to people planning goat races in order to prevent cruelty as documented at four goat races in NSW (Woolbrook, Bundarra, Lightning Ridge and Coolabah)?
- (4) What permit or authorisation is required for wild goat races?
- (5) What training or education is required of wild goat race organisers and volunteers who handle goats on the day?
- (6) How does the Government monitor goat races and the reported Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (POCTA) breaches at these events?
- (7) As many of these goat racing events are held in rural areas where the RSPCA are unable to monitor cruelty due to low staff numbers, how does the Government plan to properly monitor future events considering the cruelty that has already been exposed from four investigations?
- (8) What prosecutions have been initiated in response to cruelty allegations?
- (9) What funds are directed to monitoring goat races?
- (10) What further plans does the Government have to prevent cruelty to wild goats forced to take part in races?
- (11) If these events continue to breach POCTA, what consideration will the Government give to banning such events?

- 1450 SYDNEY CRICKET AND SPORTS GROUND TRUST LAND—REMOVAL OF TREES—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation—

With regard to a number of mature trees that were removed from Sydney Cricket and Sports Ground Trust land along Driver Avenue in November:

- (1) How many trees were removed?
- (2) What was the age of each tree?

- (3) What was the species of each tree?
- (4) Why were the trees removed?
- (5) Who approved their removal?
- (6) What community consultation was conducted before the trees were removed?
- (7) What arborist reports were commissioned before the trees were removed?
- (8) What heritage reports were conducted before the trees were removed?
- (9) When were these reports made publicly available?
- (10) Where were they are publicly available?
- (11) What action will the Government take in response to local community outrage to protect parkland trees in the future?

1451 DATE RECORDED ON AMENDED JOB NUMBERS—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

In relation to Department of Housing properties/social housing:

Where a contractor reports completion of maintenance work but a tenant advises otherwise, is the amended job number backdated to the date of the original request or the date of the revision?

1452 LITERACY AND NUMERACY ACTION PLAN—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—

How much of the \$261 million funding for the Literacy and Numeracy Action Plan will be allocated in:

- (a) 2011-12;
- (b) 2012-13;
- (c) 2013-14;
- (d) 2014-15;
- (e) 2015-16?