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*0871 PRESCHOOL FEE RELIEF FOR ABORIGINAL FAMILIES—Ms Linda Burney asked the Minister for Education—

What will the fee relief provided to Aboriginal families be now that the Government will be charging fees in Department of Education and Training preschools?

Answer—

DEC preschools charge the families of an Aboriginal child between \$0 and \$20 per day.

*0872 TEACHER SALARY CUTS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Education—

Now that teachers wages have been capped at 2.5% when the inflation rate is 3.6%, what incentives is the Government providing to attract and retain quality persons to the teaching profession?

Answer—

The Government's 2.5% public sector wages policy is not a cap, but a minimum. A 2.5% increase in wages is not a reduction.

The Government's 2.5% public sector wages policy is the same as the 2.5% public sector wages policy of the former Government.

*0873 JOHN HUNTER HOSPITAL—ADDITIONAL BEDS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

With reference to the 2011-12 Budget:

- (1) When will bed numbers at the John Hunter Hospital be increased?
- (2) How many additional beds will be provided?
- (3) How many additional clinical staff will be employed to accommodate the extra beds?

Answer—

I refer the Member to my response to Question No. 0582 in the Legislative Assembly.

*0874 LOSS OF SOLAR INDUSTRY JOBS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Resources and Energy, Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Central Coast—

- (1) What is the Government doing to assist the solar industry and the 3,700 people who have lost solar industry jobs in NSW since the Government scrapped all solar support earlier this year?
- (2) How will the Government's lack of support for the solar industry contribute to awareness of climate change or create a buffer for increased power prices?
- (3) Is the Government aware that the number of solar installers in NSW has decreased from 5,500 to a mere 1,800?

Answer—

- (1) to (3) The NSW Government made the deliberate decision to allow an additional 40,000 applicants entry under the Solar Bonus Scheme to provide ongoing income and certainty for the industry. If all eligible applications proceed with connection there will be around 370 megawatts of generating capacity delivered, the largest capacity of any state or territory feed-in tariff in Australia. This capacity significantly exceeds the 300 megawatt closure trigger put into legislation by the former Government.

I am advised that customers recognise the environmental and financial benefits of solar panels and are still applying to connect small scale renewables even without the Solar Bonus Scheme. Since the Scheme closed to new applications in late April, at least 18,900 customers have applied to connect a small scale renewable energy generator (solar photovoltaic system or wind turbine).

The current rate of applications per fortnight is over 1,900 which far exceeds the 450 applications per fortnight which were being submitted in 2009 prior to the Scheme's commencement. This current rate of new (non-Scheme) applications is comparable to the periods January to June 2010 and early April 2011 just prior to Scheme closure.

The NSW Government has also requested IPART investigate and report on options for a fair price for electricity generated by small scale solar photovoltaic systems and fed back into the grid.

*0875 SCIENCE FACILITY POSITIONS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) Can the Premier confirm that more than one-third of positions at a research facility in the Department of Primary Industries will be slashed by the Government?
- (2) Did the Premier realise that notification of the slashing of these jobs was made during Science Week?
- (3) Does the Premier acknowledge that the targeted unit is the only science unit undertaking research into the ecological sustainability of forests and agriculture?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) to (3) The Department of Primary Industries covers a diverse range of responsibilities including Agriculture, Forests, Fisheries, Water, Catchment Management Authorities and Crown Lands. This year, the Government is investing \$1.1 billion to ensure that the services provided by DPI are relevant, sustainable and effective for the State's primary industries sector.

Now is the time for renewal and innovation within DPI. Farmers in NSW understand that the current DPI model must evolve to ensure its relevance well into the future, and that there is better collaboration with other agencies in the sector, including Livestock Health and Pest Authorities and Catchment Management Authorities.

As part of refocussing and renewing the services provided by DPI to better reflect the changing face of the State's farming and forestry communities, changes have been made to positions in forest ecology within Forests NSW, but the core functions of the forest ecology research program will be retained.

Forests NSW contributes funding to a range of research organisations nationally and internationally, including Department of Primary Industries, Forest and Wood Products Australia and the Bushfire and Forestry Cooperative Research Centre.

*0876 ENHANCEMENT FOR PARKES HOSPITAL—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

With regard to the proposed \$42 million enhancement for Parkes Hospital:

- (1) How much planning money will be allocated in the 2011-12 financial year?
- (2) What facilities will eventually be constructed?
- (3) What will be the estimated final cost of the project?
- (4) How will the project be funded?
- (5) When will building work commence?
- (6) When will works finish?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) to (6) The Government has included \$3 million in the recent 2011-12 Budget announcement for the Lachlan Health Service (Parkes and Forbes Hospitals) to begin enhancement planning.

The planning team will work with the clinicians to undertake a prioritisation assessment of the Clinical Services Plan to identify services to be developed.

When completed the approved Service Procurement Plan and Project Definition Plan will identify a project Estimated Total Cost required to deliver the scope of services identified as a result of the planning phase. Once planning is completed, dates for commencement and completion of construction can be determined.

*0877 ISOLATED PARENT TRANSPORT AND ACCOMMODATION ASSISTANCE SCHEME—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

With regard to the Isolated Parent Transport and Accommodation Assistance Scheme (IPTAAS) budget, and your commitment to boost the scheme by 50% (press release 13 March 2011):

- (1) What was the actual IPTAAS budget expenditure for 2009-10 and 2010-11?
- (2) Given the recent budget enhancements, what is the planned budget for 2011-12?
- (3) What changes can an individual patient expect from these changes?

Answer—

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I am advised:

- (1) Information on IPTAAS operating expenses can be found in the 2009/10 NSW Health Annual Report.
- (2) \$19.2 million.
- (3) The NSW Government is delivering on its election commitment to provide greater assistance for people living in rural and remote areas needing to travel for medical treatment.

On 22 September 2011 I announced a boost of \$28 million over four years, including \$7 million this year, to the Isolated Patients Travel and Accommodation Assistance Scheme.

Changes to the Scheme, which come into effect from 1 January 2012, include:

- The fuel subsidy will increase from 15 cents per kilometre to 19 cents per kilometre.
- Accommodation subsidies will increase as follows:
 - The private accommodation subsidy will increase from \$30 per week to \$140 per week, with the current one-week exclusion period discontinued
 - The commercial accommodation subsidies will increase from \$33 per night single room, \$46 per night double room to \$43 per night single room and \$60 per night double room.
- All patients, such as those with chronic disease, who have to travel a cumulative distance of at least 200 km per week to access specialist medical treatment will become eligible for IPTAAS subsidies.
- The \$40 co-contribution currently levied on each claim made by non-pensioners/ non-health care card holders will be capped once a patient's IPTAAS subsidies reach \$1,000 within any one year period.

*0878 RADIOTHERAPY SERVICES—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

In regard to linear accelerators in NSW and your previous statement that "improved access to radiotherapy services will lead to improved survival rates" (press release 3 June 2010):

- (1) What new radiotherapy service enhancements are commencing treatment over the 2011-12 financial year?
- (2) What new radiotherapy services are planning to begin treating patients over the 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15 financial years?

Answer—

I am advised:

Eight additional linear accelerators are currently planned to be established in the public sector over this time:

2011-12

North Coast Cancer Institute - Port Macquarie
North Coast Cancer Institute - Lismore

2012-13

Liverpool Cancer Therapy Centre - Liverpool
New Central Coast Cancer Institute - Gosford (2 machines)
New England and North West Regional Cancer Centre - Tamworth
Illawarra Cancer Care Centre - Wollongong

2013-14

Shoalhaven Cancer Care Centre - Nowra

In addition, I am advised that the new radiotherapy service at the Central West Radiation Oncology Service (Orange) in April 2011 is planned to increase capacity with a second linear accelerator over this period.

This will result in nine additional treatment machines in the public sector. I am also advised that up to four machines are to commence operation in the private sector over this same time period, noting that the final commencement date will be determined by the private operators.

*0879 FIGTREE HIGH SCHOOL—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) When will Figtree High School students and staff see the commencement of the new library?
- (2) What were the reasons given as to why this project was not included in this year's Budget?

Answer—

- (1) A project to extend the current library at Figtree High School is nominated for inclusion in future capital works funding.
- (2) Projects are considered for funding against competing State and regional priorities. This project is not currently deemed to be a high priority within the Illawarra South East Region.

*0880 CORRIMAL DAY CARE PROGRAM—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Ageing, and Minister for Disability Services—

Will the Minister commit to funding the successful Corrimal Day Care program operated by Italian Social Welfare Organisation?

Answer—

Ageing, Disability and Home Care is currently assessing recommendations for additional Home and Community Care funding. The Corrimal Day Care program operated by the Italian Social Welfare Organisation will be considered in this process. Under the COAG National Health Reform Agreement covering HACC services, all funding decisions for the transition year of 2011-12 require joint sign-off of the State and Commonwealth Governments. From July 2012, this program will be solely administered by the Commonwealth Government.

*0881 DISABILITY SERVICES IN THE ILLAWARRA—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Ageing, and Minister for Disability Services—

- (1) Can the Minister provide an outline as to what disability services the department funds in the Illawarra?
- (2) Are there plans to increase the number of speech pathologists to support young people with a disability?

Answer—

- (1) The Illawarra Local Planning Area (LPA) has a total population of 373,065 which is 63 per cent of the Southern Region population. There are four Local Government Areas in the Illawarra LPA including Shellharbour, Kiama, Shoalhaven and Wollongong.

Ageing, Disability and Home Care (ADHC) provides a range of disability services, and also funds a total of 26 non-government organisations to provide services, in the Illawarra LPA. These services include accommodation support; respite services; services that support people with a disability during the day including assisting with skill development and employment support; case management, early intervention and therapy services; and information and advocacy services.

- (2) Yes. Stronger Together Two will deliver an additional \$63.1 million over five years for 4,700 new therapy and behaviour support places across NSW. This includes funding for improved access to speech pathology for young people at key developmental and transition points where intervention is most effective. The specific allocations of therapy and behaviour support, including speech therapy, will be determined over the coming 12 months as part of broader planning related to Stronger Together Two.

*0883 TRAINING OPTIONS FOR RETRENCHED WORKERS—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Education—

What specific training options is the Minister providing for retrenched workers in the Illawarra?

Answer—

The Department of Education and Communities, through State Training Services, is working closely with relevant government agencies and local organisations to provide a coordinated and tailored response to meet the employment and training needs of retrenched workers in the Illawarra.

Retrenched workers will have access to a range of services provided by TAFE NSW - Illawarra Institute, including recognition of current skills and gap training to fast track achievement of qualifications in associated industries. There will also be opportunities for training in new employment areas for those seeking to change careers.

*0884 ILLAWARRA ADVANTAGE FUND—Mr Ryan Park asked the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

What justification was given to remove the Illawarra Advantage Fund from this year's Budget?

Answer—

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The Government is committed to attracting jobs and investment in the Illawarra and throughout NSW.

That is why we have \$130 million set aside to attract industry and develop businesses through the State Investment Attraction Scheme and the Regional Industries Investment Fund.

As the Government works to restore the State's finances, the importance of attracting investment is clear - that is why over \$77 million has been committed to the State Investment Attraction Scheme.

We understand that a strong regional NSW, including the Illawarra, makes for a strong NSW, which is why \$53.056 million in funding has been set aside for the Regional Industries Investment Fund.

Over the past five years only \$5 million was provided to the Illawarra Advantage Fund and all outstanding commitments will be honoured by the Government.

*0886 PRIMARY HEALTH CARE FACILITY AT BULLI HOSPITAL—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

(1) Why has the Minister and NSW Health decided not to allocate funding to the Primary Health Care Facility at Bulli Hospital?

(2) When will the Minister honour her commitment to a functioning health facility at Bulli?

Answer—

(1) and (2) The Government's governance reforms in health have devolved decision-making to a local level, where they may be made closer to the patients.

Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District's plan to reconfigure Bulli Hospital to best reflect the needs of the community is consistent with these reforms.

Bulli Hospital continues to play an important role in providing health care for the community of the Illawarra.

Under the Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District's plan, the people of Bulli will have a "fit for purpose" hospital that will become a centre of excellence in aged care.

In the meantime, the hospital will continue to function as an integral part of the network of hospitals and services that are provided by the Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District.

*0887 SYDNEY WATER AND HUNTER WATER CORPORATION—Mr Greg Piper asked the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

What are the comparative figures for Sydney Water and the Hunter Water Corporation for sewer fees, water fees and pensioner rebates?

Answer—

Sydney Water and Hunter Water's water and sewer prices as well as information on pensioner rebates are available on their websites at www.sydneywater.com.au and www.hunterwater.com.au

*0888 HUNTER WATER CORPORATION—PENSIONER DISCOUNT—Mr Greg Piper asked the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

Does the Hunter Water Corporation provide a pensioner discount to residents of retirement villages without individual meters?

Answer—

Currently, Hunter Water does not offer pension rebates to retirement villages without individual meters.

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0889 DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING TENANTS RENTS—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

*0892 INDICATORS TO BE USED—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

What indicators will be used by the Department of Health to determine if NSW is No. 1?

Answer—

The Government's performance targets are contained in "NSW 2021". It is publically available.

*0893 INDICATORS TO BE USED—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Education—

What indicators will be used by the Department of Education to determine if NSW is No. 1?

Answer—

The Government's performance targets are contained in "NSW 2021". It is publically available.

0894 INDICATORS TO BE USED—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW—

0896 INDICATORS TO BE USED—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Transport—

0897 INDICATORS TO BE USED—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Hospitality and Racing, and Minister for the Arts—

0898 INDICATORS TO BE USED—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Treasurer—

0900 INDICATORS TO BE USED—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Ageing, and Minister for Disability Services—

*0902 SOIL TESTING FOR LEAD CONTAMINATION—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

Will Hunter Water be conducting soil testing for lead contamination around the Chichester pipeline in the residential area of Shortland, for the safety of the community and workers.

Answer—

Hunter Water has undertaken an extensive soil sampling and analysis program to determine the concentration of lead in the soil along the length of the Chichester Trunk Gravity Main, including sampling points at Shortland.

Hunter Water responded to community concerns and, as a precautionary measure, expedited the removal of the section of pipeline at Shortland, which is now complete.

0903 CABRAMATTA COMMUTER CAR PARK—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Treasurer—

*0904 ST JOHNS PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL—Mr Nick Lalich asked the Minister for Education—

Does the 2011-2012 NSW Budget contain any funding for maintenance at St Johns Park Public School, and if so, what are the items that require maintenance?

Answer—

Yes. The 2011-2012 Budget contains funding for maintenance at all NSW public schools.

Priorities for maintenance at St Johns Park Public School are currently being assessed in consultation with the Principal.

*0905 MOUNT PRITCHARD PUBLIC SCHOOL—Mr Nick Lalich asked the Minister for Education—

Does the 2011-2012 NSW Budget contain any funding for maintenance at Mount Pritchard Public School, and if so, what are the items that require maintenance?

Answer—

Yes. The 2011-2012 Budget contains funding for maintenance at all NSW public schools.

Priorities for maintenance at Mount Pritchard Public School are currently being assessed in consultation with the Principal.

*0906 MOUNT PRITCHARD EAST PUBLIC SCHOOL—Mr Nick Lalich asked the Minister for Education—

Does the 2011-2012 NSW Budget contain any funding for maintenance at Mount Pritchard East Public School, and if so, what are the items that require maintenance?

Answer—

Yes. The 2011-2012 Budget contains funding for maintenance at all NSW public schools.

Priorities for maintenance at Mount Pritchard East Public School are currently being assessed in consultation with the Principal.

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- *0907 LES POWELL SCHOOL, MOUNT PRITCHARD—Mr Nick Lalich asked the Minister for Education—
Does the 2011-2012 NSW Budget contain any funding for maintenance at the Les Powell School, Mount Pritchard, and if so, what are the items that require maintenance?
Answer—
Yes. The 2011-2012 Budget contains funding for maintenance at all NSW public schools.
Priorities for maintenance at Les Powell School, Mount Pritchard are currently being assessed in consultation with the Principal.
- *0908 LANSVALE PUBLIC SCHOOL—Mr Nick Lalich asked the Minister for Education—
Does the 2011-2012 NSW Budget contain any funding for maintenance at Lansvale Public School, and if so, what are the items that require maintenance?
Answer—
Yes. The 2011-2012 Budget contains funding for maintenance at all NSW public schools.
Priorities for maintenance at Lansvale Public School are currently being assessed in consultation with the Principal.
- *0909 LANSVALE EAST PUBLIC SCHOOL—Mr Nick Lalich asked the Minister for Education—
Does the 2011-2012 NSW Budget contain any funding for maintenance at Lansvale East Public School, and if so, what are the items that require maintenance?
Answer—
Yes. The 2011-2012 Budget contains funding for maintenance at all NSW public schools.
Priorities for maintenance at Lansvale East Public School are currently being assessed in consultation with the Principal.
- *0910 KING PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL—Mr Nick Lalich asked the Minister for Education—
Does the 2011-2012 NSW Budget contain any funding for maintenance at King Park Public School, and if so, what are the items that require maintenance?
Answer—
Yes. The 2011-2012 Budget contains funding for maintenance at all NSW public schools.
Priorities for maintenance at King Park Public School are currently being assessed in consultation with the Principal.
- *0911 HARRINGTON STREET PUBLIC SCHOOL—Mr Nick Lalich asked the Minister for Education—
Does the 2011-2012 NSW Budget contain any funding for maintenance at Harrington Street Public School, and if so, what are the items that require maintenance?
Answer—
Yes. The 2011-2012 Budget contains funding for maintenance at all NSW public schools.
Priorities for maintenance at Harrington Street Public School are currently being assessed in consultation with the Principal.
- *0912 CANLEY VALE PUBLIC SCHOOL—Mr Nick Lalich asked the Minister for Education—
Does the 2011-2012 NSW Budget contain any funding for maintenance at Canley Vale Public School, and if so, what are the items that require maintenance?
Answer—
Yes. The 2011-2012 Budget contains funding for maintenance at all NSW public schools.
Priorities for maintenance at Canley Vale Public School are currently being assessed in consultation with the Principal.
- *0913 CANLEY HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL—Mr Nick Lalich asked the Minister for Education—
Does the 2011-2012 NSW Budget contain any funding for maintenance at Canley Heights Public School, and if so, what are the items that require maintenance?
Answer—

Yes. The 2011-2012 Budget contains funding for maintenance at all NSW public schools.

Priorities for maintenance at Canley Heights Public School are currently being assessed in consultation with the Principal.

*0914 BONNYRIGG PUBLIC SCHOOL—Mr Nick Lalich asked the Minister for Education—

Does the 2011-2012 NSW Budget contain any funding for maintenance at Bonnyrigg Public School, and if so, what are the items that require maintenance?

Answer—

Yes. The 2011-2012 Budget contains funding for maintenance at all NSW public schools.

Priorities for maintenance at Bonnyrigg Public School are currently being assessed in consultation with the Principal.

*0916 HORNSBY KU-RING-GAI HOSPITAL—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

With regards to Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Hospital:

- (1) What budget for planning or construction works for acute care have been allowed in the financial year 2011-12?
- (2) How will this money be spent?
- (3) Is there an estimate in which financial year construction of the new acute care facilities will commence?

Answer—

- (1) to (3) The Government committed \$500,000 in the recent 2011-2012 State Budget to complete planning and to begin design and documentation for the redevelopment of Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Hospital. The value, scope of works and program for delivery will be developed as part of this planning process.

*0917 ADDITIONAL BEDS—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

Given the Minister's commitment to open 150 beds in the 2011-12 budget:

- (1) In which hospitals will these beds be located?
- (2) How many beds will be allocated in each hospital?
- (3) Are these beds Federally or State-funded?

Answer—

I am advised that:

- (1) These beds will be located at Wagga Wagga, Dubbo, Gosford, Belmont, Wyong, Sutherland, Westmead, Liverpool, Nepean, Bankstown, within the Sydney Children's Hospitals Network and the Newcastle Mental Health Service located on the campus of the Calvary Mater Hospital Newcastle.
- (2) Wagga Wagga (2 neonatal special care cots), Dubbo (2 neonatal special care cots), Gosford (2 neonatal special care cots), Belmont (10 acute beds), Wyong (10 beds), Sutherland (8 acute beds), Westmead (10 acute beds), Liverpool (56 beds), Nepean (1 adult ICU bed and 39 beds), Bankstown (1 adult ICU), the Sydney Children's Hospitals Network (1 Paediatric ICU and 4 acute beds) and Newcastle Mental Health Service (4 specialist mental health beds for older people).

In addition, two existing HDU beds at Blacktown will be upgraded to 2 ICU beds.

- (3) The 150 beds are State funded.

*0918 COAG-FUNDED SUBACUTE BEDS—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

Given your commitment to open 69 COAG-funded subacute beds in the 2011-2 budget:

- (1) In which Hospitals will these beds be located?
- (2) How many beds will be allocated in each hospital?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) and (2) The subject beds will be located at the following hospitals:
 - Broken Hill - 10 beds

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- Orange - 4 beds
- Bellinger River - 14 beds
- Maclean - 4 beds
- Ballina - 5 beds
- Kurri Kurri - 8 beds
- Belmont - 14 beds
- Albury Wodonga - 10 beds

*0919 NORTHERN BEACHES HOSPITAL—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

With regard to the planned Northern Beaches Hospital:

- (1) What budget allocation has been allocated for the financial year 2011-12?
- (2) How will this money be spent?

Answer—

I am advised that:

- (1) The 2011-12 Budget includes a \$5 million allocation to continue a \$29 million investment for planning and enabling works associated with the commencement of Stage One of the Northern Beaches Health Services Development on the Frenchs Forest site, and for preparatory works.
- (2) Planning works involve the completion of the Service Procurement Plan (SPP), following which a Project Development Plan (PDP) will be completed. A strategic transport study is being undertaken by Transport NSW to assess future transport requirements for the Frenchs Forest Health and Technology Park, including the Northern Beaches Hospital. This next stage of planning will involve significant stakeholder consultation with hospital staff, clinicians and the wider community.

*0920 RYDE HOSPITAL—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

With regards to Ryde Hospital:

- (1) What planning or construction money for new facilities will be allocated in the 2011-12 financial year?
- (2) Will the Minister commit to permanently maintain the acute emergency services at Ryde as a 24-hour, seven days per week department?

Answer—

I refer the Member to my response to his earlier Written Question No 0589 in the Legislative Assembly on this matter.

*0921 COMMUNITY PHARMACY—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

With regard to the Coalition's pre-election policy of \$10 million to Community Pharmacy:

- (1) What is the budget allocation for the year 2011-12?
- (2) How is this money to be spent?

Answer—

I am advised that:

- (1) The budget allocation for 2011-12 is \$2 million.
- (2) The Ministry of Health has established an expert Committee to provide advice in relation to the delivery of Community and Workplace Health Checks under the Government's Community Pharmacy Plan.

0922 DELAYS OR BREAKDOWNS—BANKSTOWN LINE—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport—

0926 M90 AND M92 SERVICES—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport—

0927 962 AND 922 SERVICES—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport—

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- 0929 MOUNT DRUITT COURT HOUSE—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- *0930 TILLEGRA DAM—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Resources and Energy, Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Central Coast—
- (1) What does the Government intend to do with the land it is refusing to sell back to a former landowner on the Tillegra Dam site?
 - (2) Is the Government intending to resurrect the Tillegra Dam project.
- Answer—
This is a matter for the Minister for Primary Industries.
- 0931 JUSTICE ACCESS CENTRE—WALLSEND—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- *0932 COMMUNITY BUILDING PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- Will funding allocated under the Community Building Partnership Program in 2009 and 2010 be reallocated to the electorate it was approved for and redistributed to other projects, if it is not spent on time by applicants or on projects that do not gain development approval by planning or council?
- Answer—
Arrangements for necessary extensions of time have been made on a case by case basis where circumstances beyond the control of applicants have prevented the completion of projects within the program deadline both for the 2009 and 2010 programs.
This is expected to allow nearly all projects to be completed.
- 0933 HIGHER FEES FOR PUBLIC PRESCHOOLS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Education—
- 0934 CABRAMATTA WEST PUBLIC SCHOOL—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Education—
- 0935 CABRAMATTA PUBLIC SCHOOL—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Education—
- 0936 TECHNOLOGY INFRASTRUCTURE STRATEGIES UPGRADE—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 0937 UPGRADE OF CELL CALL AND DURESS SYSTEMS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 0938 LEGAL-E-SERVICES—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
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- 0941 LAW COURTS BUILDING, QUEENS SQUARE—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 0942 RATE OF ASSAULT—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
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- 0944 MAGISTRATES EARLY REFERRAL INTO TREATMENT PROGRAM—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 0945 ACTION TAKEN AGAINST NIGEL HADGKISS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 0946 SEXUAL ASSAULT COMMUNICATIONS PRIVILEGE REFERRAL PROJECT—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

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- 0947 NSW TRUSTEE AND GUARDIAN—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 0948 TRANSITION TASK FORCE—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 0949 WAGGA WAGGA BASE HOSPITAL INTERNS—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 0950 ANTENATAL CLASSES—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 0951 STATEWIDE NSW PAIN MANAGEMENT PLAN—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 0952 SCHOOL MINOR WORKS PROGRAM—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Education—
- 0953 DEMOUNTABLE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM—GEORGES HALL PUBLIC SCHOOL—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Education—
- 0954 DEMOUNTABLE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM—BANKSTOWN NORTH PUBLIC SCHOOL—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Education—
- 0955 BANKSTOWN GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL—AUDIT OF SCHOOL FACILITIES—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Education—
- 0956 PUNCHBOWL BOYS HIGH SCHOOL—AUDIT OF SCHOOL FACILITIES—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Education—
- 0957 BASS HILL HIGH SCHOOL—AUDIT OF SCHOOL FACILITIES—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Education—
- 0958 COMMUNITY BUILDING PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Treasurer—
- 0959 HIGHLY ACCOMPLISHED TEACHERS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Education—
- 0960 SCHOOL BASED MANAGEMENT PILOT—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Education—
- 0961 POLICE CITIZENS YOUTH CLUBS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- *0962 AUDIT OF LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE—Mr Ryan Park asked the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- (1) When will the council-by-council audit of local infrastructure be completed?
 - (2) Will this information be publicly available?
 - (3) When will the local infrastructure renewal scheme commence?
- Answer—
- I am advised that the infrastructure audit is being undertaken in stages. The timing of the audit is based on councils' implementation of the Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework.
- All councils in NSW are required to report on infrastructure maintenance and backlogs in their annual reports, which are publicly available.
- The audit will help identify those projects that are eligible for funding under the Local Infrastructure Renewal Scheme.
- 0963 AIR QUALITY MONITORING SITES—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—
- *0964 REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS FUNDING—Mr Richard Torbay asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Trade and Investment, and Minister for Regional Infrastructure and Services—
- (1) Can the Minister confirm the difference between gross funding for the 30 regional development programs in 2010-2011, and the gross funding for the restructured regional development programs in 2011-2012?

- (2) Can the Minister specify the expected benefits to the Northern Tablelands region and country NSW of the changes to the funding of regional development programs?

Answer—

- (1) Eleven regional investment programs were consolidated into the Regional Industries Investment Fund in response to stakeholders concerns about the confusing array of programs to assist regional business development. These programs were replaced by the Regional Industries Investment Fund which has a 2011-12 budget allocation of \$53.050 million.
- The \$400 million Jobs Action Plan and Regional Relocation Grant administered by the Office of State Revenue provide substantial new funds for regional NSW businesses and individuals looking to relocate.
- (2) The new Regional Industries Investment Fund provides simpler access to businesses across regional NSW to discretionary assistance including Northern Tablelands communities. The Fund supplements the Jobs Action Plan which is available from the Office of State Revenue for the first 40,000 newly payroll tax liable jobs in regional NSW.

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- 0966 ACCESS AND PARKING AT FUTURE NEWCASTLE UNIVERSITY—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Education—
- 0967 WALLSEND-GLENDALE HISTORIC TRAMWAY WALKWAY/SHARED PATHWAY—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 0969 RURAL FIRE SERVICE TANKERS—Mr Nick Lalich 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—
- 0970 CABRAMATTA COMMUTER CAR PARK—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 0972 CLINICAL NURSE EDUCATORS—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 0973 DENTAL BUDGET—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 0974 OUT OF HOSPITAL CARE—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 0975 BETTER WORKPLACES FOR TEACHERS AND NURSES PROGRAM—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 0976 FEE FOR PROCESSING BLOOD PRODUCTS—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 0977 CONNECTING CARE PROGRAM—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 0978 HURLSTONE AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Education—
- 0979 EXPANSION OF NRE MINES—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW—
- 0980 BULLI HOSPITAL—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

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- 0981 SUBJECTS OFFERED—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Education—
- 0982 INDICATORS TO BE USED—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—
- 0983 INDICATORS TO BE USED—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- *0984 INDICATORS TO BE USED—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- (1) What indicators will be used in the Finance and Services portfolio to determine if NSW is No. 1?
(2) What indicators will be used in the portfolio of Illawarra to determine if NSW is No. 1?
- Answer—
- (1) The Government's performance targets are contained in "NSW 2021". It is publically available.
(2) See above answer.
- 0989 INDICATORS TO BE USED—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—
- 0992 CONSTRUCTION AND RENOVATION OF PCYC CENTRES—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—
- 0993 FEDERAL FUNDING INCLUDED IN BUDGET—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Treasurer—
- 0995 FEES PAID FOR CONSULTATION—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW—
- 0996 COST OF REVIEW—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW—
- 0997 TRANSFER OF HOUSING NSW ASSETS—Mr Michael Daley to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 0998 TRANSFER OF HOUSING NSW STAFF—Mr Michael Daley to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- *0999 WORKCOVER NSW OFFICES—Mr Michael Daley asked the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- Are there any plans or considerations at present to move the WorkCover NSW offices from Gosford to Sydney?
- Answer—
- WorkCover forms part of the Compensation Authorities Staff Division along with the NSW Dust Diseases Board, NSW Sporting Injuries Committee, the Motor Accidents Authority and the Lifetime Care and Support Authority.
- The Compensation Authorities Staff Division Chief Executive Head Office is based in Sydney.
WorkCover's Head Office is based in Gosford.
- There are no plans to relocate the WorkCover Head Office from Gosford.
- 1000 INTERACTIVE WHITEBOARDS—Mr John Flowers to ask the Minister for Education—
- 1001 HIGHLY ACCOMPLISHED TEACHERS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Education—
- 1002 SCHOOL BASED MANAGEMENT PILOT—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Education—
- 1003 CUTS IN NURSING POSITIONS—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 1004 HERITAGE LISTED PROPERTIES—99-YEAR LEASES—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

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- 1005 OXFORD STREET CLEARWAY—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 1006 BICYCLES ON PUBLIC TRANSPORT—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 1007 COMPANION ANIMALS ON RAILCORP LAND—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 1008 LOCAL AREA TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PLAN—CONSULTATION—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 1009 LOCAL AREA TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PLAN—REVIEW—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 1010 FUNDING FOR "DITTO'S KEEP SAFE ADVENTURE"—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—
- 1011 ADDITIONAL LITERACY AND NUMERACY TEACHERS—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—
- 1012 TEACHER NUMBERS—BEGINNING OF SCHOOL YEAR 2011—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—
- 1013 TEACHER NUMBERS—30 JUNE 2011—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—
- 1014 NEWTOWN STATION UPGRADE—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 1015 TRAIN STATIONS—CAPITAL ALLOCATION AND PROJECTS PROPOSED—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Transport—

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- 1016 COMMUTER CAR PARK—ST MARYS RAILWAY STATION—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 1017 SPENDING ON HEALTH SERVICES—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 1018 SPENDING ON EDUCATION—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Minister for Education—
- 1019 SPENDING ON FAIR TRADING—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Minister for Fair Trading—
- 1020 SPENDING ON CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENT—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—
- 1022 NATURAL RESOURCES ADVISORY COUNCIL—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—
- 1024 SAFETY OF WARATAH STATION COMMUTERS—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—
- 1025 BASS HILL SPECIAL NEEDS SCHOOL—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Treasurer—
- 1026 FUNDING ALLOCATION FOR HENRY LAWSON DRIVE—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 1027 PRESCHOOLS IN ELECTORATE OF BANKSTOWN—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 1028 PUBLIC HOUSING FUNDING—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

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- *1029 GRAFFITI—ALTERNATIVE SOLUTIONS—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Local Government, and Minister for the North Coast—
- Given that the Graffiti Amendment Bill has not been passed by Parliament, will the Government consider alternate solutions to the graffiti problem such as providing funds to local councils?
- Answer—
- I provide the following details in response to your question:
- As previously advised, the Department of Attorney General and Justice is the lead agency for the implementation of the Government's response to graffiti vandalism. The Member may therefore wish to direct her questions to the Attorney General, the Hon Greg Smith MP.
- 1030 WARATAH CARRIAGES—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 1031 SCHOOLS CAPITOL WORKS FUNDING—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Education—
- 1032 EASY ACCESS PROGRAM—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 1033 ADDITIONAL EASY ACCESS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 1034 REPLACEMENT AND GROWTH BUSES—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 1035 HOMELESSNESS—ELECTORATE OF BANKSTOWN—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 1037 TRANSFER OF PUBLIC HOUSING TENANT—Mr Jamie Parker to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 1038 OFFERS OF VOLUNTARY REDUNDANCY—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- *1039 OFFERS OF VOLUNTARY REDUNDANCY—Mr Ryan Park asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Trade and Investment, and Minister for Regional Infrastructure and Services—
- (1) How many people located in the Wollongong Local Government Area and employed by your agency will be offered voluntary redundancy?
 - (2) What is the timeline for this process?
 - (3) What information will be used to determine the positions identified as eligible for redundancy?
- Answer—
- I am advised that no decisions regarding offers of voluntary redundancy at the Department of Trade and Investment, Regional Infrastructure and Services have been made at this time.
- 1040 OFFERS OF VOLUNTARY REDUNDANCY—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 1041 OFFERS OF VOLUNTARY REDUNDANCY—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Education—
- 1042 BIRRONG BOYS HIGH SCHOOL—MAINTENANCE BUDGET—Mrs Barbara Perry to ask the Minister for Education—
- 1043 AUBURN NORTH PUBLIC SCHOOL—MAINTENANCE BUDGET—Mrs Barbara Perry to ask the Minister for Education—
- 1044 BERALA PUBLIC SCHOOL—MAINTENANCE BUDGET—Mrs Barbara Perry to ask the Minister for Education—
- 1045 GRANVILLE SOUTH PUBLIC SCHOOL—MAINTENANCE BUDGET—Mrs Barbara Perry to ask the Minister for Education—
- 1046 FILLING OF VACANT POSITIONS—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—
- 1047 CONDITIONS ASSESSMENT OF NSW GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—
- 1048 CENTRALLY-DEVELOPED SUPPLY CONTRACTS—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—

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- 1049 RISK OF HARM REPORTS—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—
- 1050 NSW EDUCATION AND TRAINING CHILD WELLBEING UNIT—REPORTS MADE—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—
- 1051 NSW EDUCATION AND TRAINING CHILD WELLBEING UNIT—STAFF NUMBERS—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—
- 1052 FAIRFIELD HOSPITAL—ADDITIONAL BEDS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 1053 FAIRFIELD HOSPITAL—NEW NURSES—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 1054 FAIRFIELD TRANSPORT INTERCHANGE—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 1055 BRIDGE OVER LOWER PROSPECT CANAL RESERVE—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 1056 PUBLIC SCHOOL UPGRADES—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Education—
- 1058 FUNDING FOR ARTERIAL AND LOCAL ROADS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

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- 1059 MOUNT DRUITT HOSPITAL DENTAL CLINIC—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 1060 MILLFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOL—FLASHING LIGHTS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 1061 FLASHING LIGHTS FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 1062 PUBLIC SERVICE JOB CUTS IN RESEARCH FACILITIES—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 1063 CORRECTIVE SERVICES NSW—PENALTIES IMPOSED—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 1064 AIRFLIGHT EXPENDITURES—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 1065 NSW TRUSTEE AND GUARDIAN—ASSAULTS ON STAFF—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 1066 CORRECTIONAL CENTRES—EXTRA BEDS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 1067 CORRECTIONAL CENTRES—WALL MOUNTED RINGS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 1068 NEEDLE EXCHANGE PROGRAM—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 1069 FORUM SENTENCING—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 1070 INTENSIVE CORRECTION ORDERS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 1071 OUTSTANDING BENCH WARRANTS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

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- 1072 OUTSTANDING WARRANTS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 1073 REPRESENTATIONS FROM THE NSW CRIME COMMISSION—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 1074 COMMUNITY OFFENDER SUPPORT PROGRAM CENTRES—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 1075 RIFLE SHOOTING IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS—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—
- 1076 OFFERS OF VOLUNTARY REDUNDANCY—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 1077 OFFERS OF VOLUNTARY REDUNDANCY—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW—
- 1078 OFFERS OF VOLUNTARY REDUNDANCY—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 1079 OFFERS OF VOLUNTARY REDUNDANCY—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Small Business—
- 1080 OFFERS OF VOLUNTARY REDUNDANCY—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Ageing, and Minister for Disability Services—
- 1081 OFFERS OF VOLUNTARY REDUNDANCY—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 1082 OFFERS OF VOLUNTARY REDUNDANCY—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Fair Trading—
- 1083 OFFERS OF VOLUNTARY REDUNDANCY—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—
- 1084 OFFERS OF VOLUNTARY REDUNDANCY—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation—
- 1085 INQUIRY INTO LYSAGHT OVAL—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation—
- 1086 BULLI HOSPITAL URGENT CARE CENTRE—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 1087 BULLI PCYC—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 1088 VISITS TO CRONULLA FISHERIES RESEARCH CENTRE—Mr Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Small Business—
- 1089 COST OF SUPPLYING WATER FOR FISHERIES RESEARCH—Mr Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Small Business—
- 1090 SOURCE OF WATER SUPPLY FOR FISHERIES RESEARCH—Mr Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Small Business—

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- 1091 STAMP DUTY CONCESSION—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Treasurer—

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- 1092 JOHN NESS PROTESTANT FEDERATION GIRLS HOME—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 1093 CARDIFF RAILWAY STATION—EASY ACCESS UPGRADE—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 1094 BUS SERVICES PATRONAGE—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 1095 VIOLENCE ON TRAIN STATIONS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 1096 HUNTER CRIME STATISTICS—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—
- 1097 DNA BACKLOG—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—
- 1098 CALVARY MATER HOSPITAL—CANCER TREATMENT AND RESEARCH CENTRE—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 1099 METHADONE PHARMACOTHERAPY TREATMENT—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 1100 FREE RAGE STOCKING DENSITIES—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Small Business—
- 1101 2017 INTERNATIONAL EXPOSITION—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Hospitality and Racing, and Minister for the Arts—
- 1102 NORTH COAST AREA HEALTH SERVICE JOB CUTS—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 1103 PORT MACQUARIE HOSPITAL—FOURTH POD—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 1104 SUTHERLAND HOSPITAL EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 1105 NATIONAL BOWEL CANCER SCREENING—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 1106 RENAL DIALYSIS—FORBES AREA—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 1107 TOMAREE COMMUNITY HOSPITAL—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 1108 MORISSET AMBULANCE STATION—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 1109 JENOLAN CAVES TRUST—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—
- 1110 CRONULLA FISHERIES RESEARCH CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE—STAFF REDUNDANCIES—Mr Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Small Business—
- 1111 CRONULLA FISHERIES RESEARCH CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE—STAFF RELOCATION TO PORT STEPHENS—Mr Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Small Business—
- 1112 CRONULLA FISHERIES RESEARCH CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE—STAFF RELOCATION—Mr Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Small Business—

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- 1113 WINMALEE PUBLIC SCHOOL HALL—COVERED WALKWAY—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—
- 1114 SCHOOL ZONE FLASHING LIGHTS—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 1115 BLAXCELL STREET PUBLIC SCHOOL AIR-CONDITIONING—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—
- 1116 HOMOPHOBIC BULLYING IN SCHOOLS—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—
- 1117 DEVELOPMENT AT KAMIRA COURT, VILLAWOOD—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

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- 1118 PROPOSED TRIAL TO ADDRESS GRAFFITI DAMAGE—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- (1) Was a trial to be facilitated by the Department of Attorney General and Justice with the local government areas of Mosman and Blacktown announced to address the problem of graffiti damage in those communities?
 - (2) Was this proposal designed to make the councils a "One Stop Shop" for the reporting and removal of graffiti in certain areas?
 - (3) Why has this proposal been cancelled?
- 1119 CAR WEIGHT TAX—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- Given the Premier described the car weight tax a "monstrous motor tax" while he was in Opposition:
- (1) Will the Minister withdraw the car weight tax?
 - (2) If not, will the Government commit to spend in the Hunter, the taxes paid by Hunter motorists?
- 1120 RELOCATION OF STATE TRANSPORT AUTHORITY POSITIONS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport—
- (1) Can the Minister confirm that three State Transport Authority positions at Newcastle are being relocated to Sydney, including the vital position of route planner?
 - (2) How can a person working in Sydney plan routes efficiently and take into account local commuters' interests?
 - (3) How does this relocation and removal of local knowledge from decision-making meet the Government's commitment of local input into decision-making?
- 1121 GLENDALE POLICE STATION—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—
- Further to my previous question to the Minister on land purchase for the Glendale Police Station:
- (1) Can the Minister update the information on where the purchase of land is up to?
 - (2) Are there any hold-ups in the process?
 - (3) If so, what are these and what is the timeline for the project?
- 1122 MAINTENANCE WORKS—DOBELL BUILDING—Ms Kristina Keneally to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- Noting your answer to Written Question 0757 regarding the Housing NSW building known as Dobell at 33 John Street, Waterloo:
- (1) What is the actual amount that the 2011-12 budget has allocated to undertake building repairs?
 - (2) What repairs are being carried out?
 - (3) What is the timeline of work in calendar month/s and year/s?
 - (4) What other upgrade works are planned for the Dobell Building?

- 1123 AUSTRALIAN OPEN—TRAFFIC AND PARKING ARRANGEMENTS—Ms Kristina Keneally to ask the Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Hospitality and Racing, and Minister for the Arts—

Given that the Australian Open will be held from 10-13 November 2011 in the Heffron electorate:

- (1) What, if any, arrangements has the Government put in place to manage traffic and parking to ease the effect it will have on residents in the suburbs of Rosebery, Eastlakes, Mascot, Daceyville and Pagewood?
- (2) What, if any, additional public transport services have been put in place to assist people to access the event and to leave their cars at home?

- 1124 AUSTRALIAN OPEN—TRAFFIC AND PARKING ARRANGEMENTS—Ms Kristina Keneally to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

Given that the Australian Open will be held from 10-13 November 2011 in the Heffron electorate:

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- (2) What, if any, additional public transport services have been put in place to assist people to access the event and to leave their cars at home?

- 1125 HEALTH DIRECT TELEPHONE SERVICE—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

With regard to the Health Direct telephone service.

In view of your previous opinion that "this hotline has potential to be dangerous and akin to an internet diagnosis" and that "a phone number cannot replace face-to-face diagnosis and that anything which discourages seriously ill people from attending hospital or seeing the doctor could cost lives" and "unfortunately that could be the consequence of this phone number" (press release 24 August 2008):

- (1) Will the Minister commit to continuing the Health Direct service?
- (2) Does the Minister still hold the same views regarding the Health Direct service?

- 1126 BRAIN INJURY RECOVERY CENTRE—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

With regard to your previous call for funding and establishment of a dedicated brain injury recovery centre, such as in the Victorian program (press release 4 December 2007):

- (1) (a) Does the Minister have plans to construct and fund such a centre?
(b) If so, where?
- (2) What funding enhancements would be provided by the Government?

- 1127 ABORIGINAL HEALTH—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) What plans does the Government have to expand access to health care services for the Aboriginal community, particularly in rural areas, to reduce avoidable hospital admissions?
- (2) How much funding has been allocated in the 2011-12 budget?
- (3) In which areas will these projects be located?

- 1128 REEFWAY ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

With respect to ongoing complaints about air pollution from Reefway Environmental Services, which collects and recycles construction waste in Alexandria:

- (1) What assessment has the Government carried out on air pollution from this activity?
- (2) What review has been carried out of the licence conditions for this activity to operate in the inner city?
- (3) What measures have been imposed or agreed to prevent future pollution, and how effective have these measures been?
- (4) What further plans does the Government have to ensure that adjacent residents and businesses do not experience air pollution from this activity?

- 1129 LICENSED RECREATIONAL FISHERS—Mr Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Small Business—

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- 1130 LICENSED COMMERCIAL FISHERS—Mr Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Small Business—

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- 1131 COST OF CAPITAL WORKS—PORT STEPHENS FISHERIES CENTRE—Mr Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Small Business—

What capital works are proposed at the Fisheries centre at Port Stephens as a result of relocation of functions from the Cronulla Fisheries Research Centre of Excellence and what is the breakdown (by type of works) of the estimated costs of these capital works?

- 1132 COST OF CAPITAL WORKS—SITES OTHER THAN PORT STEPHENS—Mr Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Small Business—

What capital works are proposed at sites other than Port Stephens to which functions of the Cronulla Fisheries Research Centre of Excellence will be relocated and what is the breakdown (by site and by type of works) of the estimated costs of these capital works?

- 1133 PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES TO PORT STEPHENS FISHERIES CENTRE—Mr Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Small Business—

- (1) How far away is the Fisheries centre at Port Stephens from the nearest public transport?
- (2) How frequently does that public transport presently run?
- (3) What plans are there to upgrade those public transport services upon relocation of functions from the Cronulla Fisheries Research Centre of Excellence to Port Stephens?