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- 3623 MOUNT DRUITT HOSPITAL CORONARY DISEASE FIGURES—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- (1) How many persons have presented to the Mount Druitt Hospital with symptoms of coronary disease in the year ending 28 February 2013?
 - (2) How do these figures compare with each of the three previous years?
- 3624 CITY OF CANTERBURY HOUSING—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- (1) Does the Minister have plans to make available more affordable housing in the City of Canterbury?
 - (2) (a) If so, when?
(b) If not, why not?
- 3625 WESTERN SYDNEY OUTFALL PIPES—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Small Business—
- (1) Does Sydney Water have any plans to make Western Sydney Outfall pipes inaccessible as they cross the Cooks River?
 - (2) Is Sydney Water aware of the practice of young men using the exposed pipes as a bridge?
- 3626 OPAL TICKETING SYSTEM—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Minister for Transport—
- Under the proposed OPAL ticketing system on public transport:
- (1) If a commuter travels off peak on their forward journey, how will the OPAL system determine the price on the return trip later in the day?
 - (2) Are there any plans to introduce a cheaper CityRail day ticket, to only cover the Sydney metropolitan area?
- 3627 FIRE STATIONS IN LAKEMBA ELECTORATE—Mr Robert Furolo 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—
- In relation to fire stations in the Lakemba electorate:
- (1) How many incidents have Riverwood Fire Station crews responded to during the period 1 July 2012

- to 28 February 2013?
- (2) How many incidents have Lakemba Fire Station crews responded to during the period 1 July 2012 to 28 February 2013?
 - (3) What was the total staffing number at Riverwood Fire Station as at 1 January 2012?
 - (4) What was the total staffing number at Lakemba Fire Station as at 1 January 2012?
 - (5) What is the current staffing at both Riverwood and Lakemba Fire Stations?
 - (6) How many times since 1 July 2012 has Riverwood Fire Station been closed due to rostered staff not being replaced?
 - (7) How many times since 1 July 2012 has Lakemba Fire Station been closed due to rostered staff not being replaced?
- 3628 CARDIFF RAIL CAR PARK UPGRADE—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport—
- (1) Will the Government be upgrading the Cardiff Rail car park in association with the installation of lifts?
 - (2) If so, how many car parks will be installed?
 - (3) If not, why not?
- 3629 CARDIFF RAILWAY STATION COMMUTERS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport—
- (1) Is the number of commuters using the Cardiff rail network increasing?
 - (2) If so, what are the latest figures for commuters using the Cardiff railway station in comparison to the same periods over the past three years?
- 3630 NEWCASTLE DISABLED ACCESS BUSES—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport—
- In view of the decision to cut the Newcastle rail line at Wickham:
- (1) What is the Government doing to provide additional disabled access buses for the Newcastle CBD?
 - (2) How many disabled access buses are currently in use by Newcastle Buses?
- 3631 MEDOWIE SCHOOL STUDENT BUS TRAVEL—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport—
- (1) How many school students in the Medowie region travel by bus to school?
 - (2) Which schools do they attend?
 - (3) How many attend each school?
- 3632 SCHOOL LAPTOP FUNDING—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Education—
- (1) Will the Government be continuing the funding for laptops in schools?
 - (2) If not, why not?
- 3633 JOHN HUNTER HOSPITAL CAR PARKING REVENUE—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- (1) How much revenue was raised by car parking at the John Hunter Hospital from January to December 2012?
 - (2) To which projects was this revenue allocated?
 - (3) How much was allocated to each project?
- 3634 WALLSEND HOME INVASIONS—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—
- How many home invasions were recorded in the Wallsend electorate in:
- (1) 2009;
 - (2) 2010;
 - (3) 2011; and
 - (4) 2012?
- 3635 HUNTER POLICE STATION STAFFING—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—
- (1) Which electorates in the Hunter have police stations that are not staffed twenty four hours per day?
 - (2) Why are they not staffed twenty four hours per day?

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- (3) What are the names of the stations?
- 3636 POLICE TRANSPORT COMMAND—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—
- How many Police Transport Command now work permanently patrolling the Hunter's trains?
- 3637 LETTER FROM KAYE REID—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- (1) Does the Minister propose to reply to the letter/email received from Kaye Reid dated 28 February 2013 concerning the will of her father Albert Allen who passed away on 1 October 2010 in Casino Hospital?
 - (2) If not, why not?
 - (3) If so, what will be the Minister's response?
- 3638 EMAIL FROM ERNEST NAM—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- (1) Will the Minister respond to the email from Ernest Nam dated 22 February 2013 concerning his visit to see his son at Wellington Correctional Centre?
 - (2) If not, why not?
 - (3) If so, what will be the Minister's reply?
- 3639 STATEWIDE COMMUNITY AND COURT LIAISON SERVICE—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- (1) At which local courts do the Statewide Community and Court Liaison Service operate?
 - (2) What is the cost of the program at these locations?
- 3640 CREDIT PROGRAM IN LOCAL COURTS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- (1) At which local courts does the CREDIT program currently operate?
 - (2) What is the cost of the program at these locations?
- 3641 MERIT PROGRAM AT LOCAL COURTS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- (1) At which local courts does the MERIT program operate?
 - (2) What is the cost of the program at these locations?
- 3642 JUVENILE JUSTICE DETAINEES—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- As at 1 March 2013 how many young people were detained in each of the juvenile justice centres in the state?
- 3643 JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTRE ADMISSIONS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- From 1 January 2013 to 1 March 2013 how many young people were admitted to juvenile justice centres in the state?
- 3644 TASER WEAPONS—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—
- What is the Government's response to the recommendations of the Report of the Ombudsman under Section 31 of the Ombudsman Act entitled "How are Taser weapons used by the NSW Police Force"?
- 3645 LIVERPOOL GAS CYLINDERS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- What was the result of Workcover's consultation with, working with and liaising with Liverpool Council, Fire and Rescue NSW and relevant agencies in relation to the location of gas cylinders at the BP Service Station, Hoxton Park Road, Liverpool?
- 3646 MOUNT DRUITT CARDIAC UNIT—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

With regards to the closure of Mount Druitt hospital's cardiac unit:

- (1) How many beds have been shut?
- (2) On which wards have these beds been shut?
- (3) On which date were these beds shut?
- (4) How many of the nursing staff employed to care for patients in those beds will transfer to Blacktown?
- (5) How many Full Time Equivalent (FTE) nursing staff will stay to work in non-cardiac areas of Mt Druitt?
- (6) How many FTE staff will be reduced in non-nursing areas?

3647 CARDIAC BEDS RELOCATION—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

With regards to the closure and relocation of cardiac beds from Mt Druitt to Blacktown Hospital:

- (1) What number of beds did this unit contain before the closure of Mt Druitt's cardiac ward?
- (2) On which ward?
- (3) How many new beds have been opened at Blacktown as a result of this move?
- (4) On what date were they opened?
- (5) On which ward?
- (6) Are any of these beds specifically designated for "patients transferred from Mt Druitt"?
- (7) What transport options have been provided to family members of patients from the Mt Druitt area who will now need to travel to Blacktown?

3648 CLINICAL COUNCIL OF WESTERN SYDNEY—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) When was the Clinical Council of Western Sydney local health district first made aware of plans to close all beds in Mount Druitt's cardiac unit?
- (2) Was the full council formally briefed at a Clinical Council meeting?
- (3) On what date?
- (4) On what date did the Clinical Council approve the closure and relocation?

3649 ILLAWARRA MEDICAL RETRIEVAL HELICOPTER—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

In relation to the 24 hour medical retrieval helicopter service in the Illawarra:

- (1) Has the Minister received detailed briefings about a proposal to relocate this helicopter to Sydney?
- (2) If so, can the Minister outline what these briefings say about the Illawarra service?
- (3) When will the Minister be making a decision about the location of the service in the Illawarra?
- (4) When will the community be informed of this decision?

3650 MOUNT KEIRA ROAD CLOSURE—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

- (1) Is the Minister aware of the closure of Mount Keira Road?
- (2) Will opening this road on a permanent basis require funding of about \$1 million?
- (3) Will the Government contribute to this important road link?
- (4) If so, how much funding will the Government allocate?

3651 GONG SHUTTLE PATRONAGE—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport—

- (1) Is the Minister aware of people not able to get on board the Gong Shuttle due to overcrowding?
- (2) Since it commenced, what has been the percentage increase in patronage that has taken place?
- (3) What is the Government doing to fix the overcrowding issue?

3652 PAYROLL TAX REBATES IN SHELLHARBOUR ELECTORATE—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

- (1) How many businesses in the Shellharbour electorate are eligible for the payroll tax rebates under the Government's Jobs Action Plan?
- (2) How many businesses in the Shellharbour electorate actually received the payroll tax rebate under the Jobs Action Plan?

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- 3653 SERVICE NSW ONE STOP SHOPS—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- (1) Does the Government plan to roll out the Service NSW one stop shops in the Shellharbour electorate?
 - (2) If not, what criteria does the Government use on which to base its decision to establish these one stop shops?
- 3654 ILLAWARRA REGIONAL GROWTH PLAN DISCUSSION PAPERS—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW, Leader of the House—
- (1) On what date will the Regional Growth Plan discussion papers for the Illawarra region be released?
 - (2) How does the Government plan to work with Wollongong City Council to resolve the West Dapto Access Strategy?
- 3655 ALBION PARK RAIL BYPASS—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- (1) Why is the Albion Park Rail Bypass study announced in June 2012 taking so long to complete?
 - (2) What is the process for completing this study?
 - (3) Has the process started?
- 3656 ALBION PARK STATION UPGRADES—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Transport—
- (1) Have the upgrades to Albion Park station been completed?
 - (2) What specific works were completed?
 - (3) On what date were works completed?
 - (4) If not, what is the delay in completing works?
 - (5) What was the estimated cost of the works at the time of the Minister's announcement of the works proceeding?
 - (6) What is the final cost of the works at the date of completion?
- 3657 SHELLHARBOUR CITY SHUTTLE BUS—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Transport—
- (1) Has the Government received representations from any organisation or individual supporting the establishment of a shuttle bus service in Shellharbour City since March 2011?
 - (2) What is the annual cost of operating the free shuttle bus in Wollongong?
 - (3) How many shuttle buses operate in the fleet?
 - (4) How many designated routes are there in the free shuttle bus service in Wollongong?
 - (5) What is the annual patronage of the free shuttle bus in Wollongong?
 - (6) Which private bus operator is contracted to provide the shuttle bus service in Wollongong?
 - (7) Does a free shuttle bus service operate in other parts of NSW?
 - (8) If so, what is their location and annual cost of operation?