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*2617 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT PAYMENTS—Mr Richard Amery asked the Treasurer—

- (1) What is the description of all categories of Federal Government payments to the State Government?
- (2) Which of the categories in (1) above are considered as income when determining the State Budget?
- (3) Which of the categories in (1) above are not considered as income when determining the State Budget?

Answer—

- (1) Federal Government payments are classified under the following headings in the State's financial publications;
 - (i) Commonwealth General Purpose Grants (approximately 56% of grant revenue)
 - (ii) Commonwealth Specific Purpose Grants (approximately 30% of grant revenue)
 - (iii) Commonwealth National Partnership Payments (approximately 14% of grant revenue)
 - (iv) Other Grants and Subsidies (less than 1% of grant revenue)
 - (v) Transfer payments from the Commonwealth Government on-passed by New South Wales to Third Parties (approximately \$3 billion)
- (2) Items categorised (i) to (iv) are considered as income when determining the State Budget.
- (3) Item (v), transfer payments from the Commonwealth Government that New South Wales on-passes to third parties, is excluded in the determination of income for the State Budget.

*2618 FORMER BALMAIN LEAGUES CLUB SITE—Ms Linda Burney asked the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) Has the Department of Planning or the Planning Assessment Commission directed Rozelle Village to reduce the size or scope of their current proposal for the former Balmain Leagues Club site?
- (2) (a) Has the Premier ever had any discussions with any representative, employee or advocate for Rozelle Village or Balmain Leagues Club about the current proposal for the redevelopment of the former Balmain Leagues Club site?
(b) When and where did these discussions take place?
- (3) What representations have been made by representatives, employees or advocates of Rozelle Village or Balmain Leagues Club to the Premier or the Government since the current proposal for the redevelopment of the former Balmain Leagues Club site was submitted?
- (4) Has the Premier ever discussed personally with Mr Ben Elias current or former proposals for the redevelopment of the former Balmain Leagues Club site?
- (5) Has Mr Elias or any other representative or advocate of Rozelle Village or Balmain Leagues Club ever lobbied the Premier or his office seeking to prevent the Government from returning control over the former Balmain Leagues Club site to the Joint Regional Planning Panel or Leichhardt Council?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) This question should be referred to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure.
- (2) to (5) There are no records of the Premier meeting with representatives, employees or advocates for Rozelle Village or Balmain Leagues Club. The Premier has received correspondence in regard to Rozelle Village and Balmain Leagues Club.

*2621 CANTERBURY CHILD AND FAMILY INTERAGENCY—Ms Linda Burney asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

- (1) Can the Minister confirm the withdrawal of \$41,892 per annum in funding from the Canterbury Child and Family Interagency?
- (2) As the Canterbury Local Government Area is the most disadvantaged in the Metro Central region and this funding is essential for the provision of services to families and children by the Interagency, when will the funding be reinstated?

Answer—

- (1) and (2) Further funding has been secured for the Canterbury Child and Family Interagency to continue to operate until June 2014. A local service provider, Koorana Child and Family Services, is the auspice for this project.

*2623 IMMIGRATION SETTLEMENT PLANNING COMMITTEE—Mr Robert Furolo asked the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

In reference to the NSW Auditor-General's Report "Settling humanitarian entrants in New South Wales: Services to permanent residents who come to New South Wales through the humanitarian migration stream":

- (1) When will the review of the NSW Government Immigration Settlement Planning Committee and its Terms of Reference be completed?
- (2) Who are the current members of the committee?
- (3) Are there plans to change the membership of the committee?
- (4) Which non-government organisations involved in providing settlement services will be consulted?
- (5) When will these organisations be consulted?
- (6) Has the Community Relations Commission formally requested the Commonwealth to provide regular data on humanitarian entrants including information about planned release of asylum seekers from detention?
- (7) What systems will be in place to ensure that any regular information from the Commonwealth will be provided to non-government settlement service providers in a timely fashion?

Answer—

(1) The Department of Premier and Cabinet and the Community Relations Commission is undertaking to complete the review of the composition and Terms of Reference of the NSW Government Immigration and Settlement Planning Committee by early 2013.

(2) The Committee's membership currently comprises representatives of:

- The Community Relations Commission For a multicultural NSW (Chair)
- The Department of Premier and Cabinet (including the Division of Local Government);
- The Department of Trade and Investment, Regional Infrastructure and Services;
- The NSW Ministry of Health;
- The Department of Education and Communities;
- The Department of Family and Community Services (which includes Ageing, Disability and Home Care, Housing NSW, and Community Services);
- The NSW Police Force;
- The Department of Finance and Services; and
- The Commonwealth Department of Immigration and Citizenship.

(3) The objective of the review is to ensure that the Committee has the responsibility and authority to be the central point for developing and implementing settlement policy and planning in NSW.

Any recommendations to change the membership of the Committee will need to be in keeping with this objective.

As part of the review, consideration will be given to:

- Lines of reporting on the deliberations of the Committee; and
- Which agencies should be represented on the Committee and the appropriate level of representation.

(4) Under the Terms of Reference of the Review, the Review will consider:

- The role and function of Commonwealth-funded settlement services; and
- Community needs and expectations of NSW government services

Consultations with non-government organisations involved in providing settlement services will support these considerations of the Review.

(5) The Commission consults with settlement service providers through quarterly meetings with the NSW Settlement Services Coalition. These consultations will be maintained throughout the course of the Review.

(6) The Community Relations Commission, as the NSW representative on the Select Council on Immigration and Settlement, has secured agreement from the Commonwealth that the Department of Immigration and Citizenship will provide a coherent data set of statistics on a quarterly basis that will enable NSW to plan for and monitor the settlement of people migrating to NSW, and where available, relocating to NSW.

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The Minister for Immigration and Citizenship has agreed to provide quarterly data to the NSW government on asylum seekers released into the community in NSW on a Bridging Visa E on a confidential basis.

(7) The responsibility for the provision of timely settlement data ultimately rests with the Commonwealth. Data provided to the Community Relations Commission is forwarded to non-government settlement service providers as it arrives and this data is also publicly available from the Department of Immigration and Citizenship's website.

Following representations made by the Community Relations Commission on behalf of NSW at the Select Council on Immigration and Settlement, the Department of Immigration and Citizenship has sought further advice on what data is required to assist with planning in NSW.

The Community Relations Commission consulted with members of the NSW Government Immigration and Settlement Planning Committee and has requested regular data on the number and location of several categories of permanent and temporary migrants. The Commission has also requested that the information available from the Department of Immigration and Citizenship's website is made more user-friendly and accessible.

The Community Relations Commission is exploring mechanisms that will enable it to provide data in a timely and accessible fashion.

*2624 MOBILITY PARKING SCHEME—PENALTY NOTICES ISSUED—Mr Robert Furolo asked the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

In reference to the penalty notices for offences related to the Mobility Parking Scheme (MPS):

- (1) Of the 1,539 penalty notices issued in 2011 for offences related to the misuse of disabled parking permits, what is the breakdown of how many penalty notices were issued for which specific offence?
- (2) Of the 1,539 penalty notices issued in 2011 for offences related to the misuse of disabled parking permits, how many of these were for repeat offenders?
- (3) Does the 1,539 penalty notices issued in 2011 for offences related to the misuse of disabled parking permits include penalty notices issued for the offence of parking in disabled parking spot while not carrying a MPS permit?
- (4) How many penalty notices were issued in 2010 for offences related to the misuse of disabled parking permits?
- (5) How many penalty notices were issued in 2009 for offences related to the misuse of disabled parking permits?

Answer—

(1) Of the 1,539 penalty notices issued in 2011, the breakdown of offences is as follows:

Offence Description	Total
Display scheme authority in contravention of any condition	1,413
Reproduce/copy/deface/alter/destroy a scheme authority	12
Fail to return scheme authority after ceasing to be a disabled person	8
Fail to comply with direction to handover scheme authority	54
Fail to return expired authority	32
Fail to return revoked scheme authority	20

(2) 96 were repeat offenders.

(3) No.

(4) 742.

(5) 361.

*2625 SURPLUS LAND ADJOINING M4 VIADUCT—Mr Robert Furolo asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

In relation to remedial works for the surplus land adjoining the M4 viaduct:

- (1) Has the independent environmental assessment of the land been made available to the Harris Park Community Centre?
- (2) Has the independent environmental assessment of the land been made available to Parramatta

Council?

- (3) What is the estimated cost of the remediation works?
- (4) When is the remediation works due to start?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) No. Roads and Maritime Services has corresponded directly with Parramatta Council about this matter.
- (2) Yes.
- (3) Approximately \$250,000.
- (4) Remediation is not presently scheduled. Roads and Maritime Services is liaising with Parramatta Council regarding this matter.

*2626 MOTOR REGISTRIES—Mr Robert Furolo asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

In relation to motor registries in NSW:

- (1) What is the current average waiting time for customers who visit motor registries in NSW?
- (2) How many people visited a motor registry in NSW during 2011-12?
- (3) How many people visited a motor registry in NSW during 2010-11?
- (4) How many motor registries currently operate in NSW?
- (5) What type of services do people visiting motor registries access at the motor registry?
- (6) What is the age profile and demographics of customers who visit motor registries?
- (7) How many staff currently work in NSW motor registries, as at August 2012?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The average waiting time target for RMS motor registries is 8-10 minutes.
- (2) 9,115,526.
- (3) 8,780,764.
- (4) A complete list of motor registries is available on the RMS website.
- (5) Services accessed at motor registries include:
 - Customer transactions e.g. change of personal details
 - Defect transactions
 - Vehicle registration
 - Finance transactions
 - Firearm/security transactions
 - Licence transactions
 - Boat licence transactions
 - Number plate transactions.

(6) The age profile of customers for the period 1 August 2011 to 31 July 2012 was as follows:

Age group of customers	% of total
No age *	12.5%
19 & under	9.0%
20-29	19.5%
30-39	17.5%
40-49	15.4%
50-59	11.3%
60-69	7.6%
70-79	4.6%
80-89	2.4%
90+	0.3%
All	100.0%

* Mostly organisation customers and some unknown cases.

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Customers from outside New South Wales or of unknown address equalled 6.9% of transactions, with the remaining 93.1% from within New South Wales.

(7) 1,155.

*2627 MARITIME OFFICES—Mr Robert Furolo asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

In relation to Maritime offices in NSW:

- (1) How many Maritime offices currently operate in NSW?
- (2) Are any of the Maritime offices currently co-located with another NSW Government agency?
- (3) How many staff currently work in a Maritime office, as at August 2012?
- (4) How many people visited a Maritime office in 2012-11?
- (5) How many people visited a Maritime office in 2011-12?
- (6) What is the current waiting time for people visiting a Maritime office?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) This information is available on the Roads and Maritime Services website.
- (2) Yes.
- (3) There were 158 staff working in Maritime offices as at 31 August 2012.
- (4) Roads and Maritime Services does not record this information.
- (5) Roads and Maritime Services does not record this information.
- (6) Roads and Maritime Services does not record this information.

*2628 BETTER BOATING PROGRAM—Mr Robert Furolo asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

In relation to the Better Boating Program (BBP):

- (1) What is the funding allocation for the BBP in 2012-13?
- (2) What was the funding allocation for the BBP in 2011-12?
- (3) What was the funding allocation for the BBP in 2010-11?

Answer—

I am advised:

Better Boating Program funding allocations are published on the Roads and Maritime Services website.

*2629 PHYSICAL ACTIVITY IN PRIMARY SCHOOLS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) What is the Minister doing to address the Auditor-General's report indicating that 30% of Government primary schools don't provide the mandatory two hours of planned physical activity each week?
- (2) What steps is the Minister undertaking to alleviate the student obesity epidemic and ensuring participation in physical activity at school?

Answer—

- (1) As Minister for Education, I recognise the importance of regular physical activity in supporting the health and learning of young people, and I am proud that the Performance Audit on Physical Activity in New South Wales Government Primary Schools recognises the exemplary nature of the Department of Education and Communities' curriculum based and extra curricula sport and physical activity programs. I also welcome the opportunity to review current programs and practices and make improvements where appropriate.

A Departmental Advisory Group has reviewed and accepted the recommendations and an implementation plan is currently being developed and will be provided to me within the appropriate timeframe.

- (2) With regard to student obesity rates the Department is a partner with parents in addressing this important health issue and it should be acknowledged that lack of physical activity is one of a number of contributing factors which also include unhealthy nutritional habits.

The Department currently has a range of very successful physical activity programs such as the Premiers Sporting Challenge, Live Life Well @ School and the School Swimming Scheme. Additionally a suite of programs including Munch + Move, Crunch & Sip, as well as whole school messages such as Healthy Kids 5 Key Messages and Fresh taste @ School for canteens aim to

improve healthy eating habits in children. Many of these programs have been developed in partnership with the Ministry of Health.

*2630 TAFE HUNTER AND GLENDALE INSTITUTE—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) What are the names of the courses that the Government has cut at the TAFE Hunter and Glendale institute?
- (2) Will the Minister guarantee restoration of funds for TAFE Hunter and Glendale Institutes so that teacher jobs won't be cut, support services won't disappear and student courses and ultimately qualifications for the work force won't be lost?

Answer—

(1) TAFE NSW Institutes regularly review their course offerings and adjust offerings each Semester. Adjustments are made according to the local skill requirements and demand for training services in each region across New South Wales. Adjustments to program offerings have accommodated growth in apprentice and trainee enrolments and enrolment growth in other critical skills shortage areas in the Hunter and Central Coast regions.

Due to a significant decrease in student demand, courses not being offered by TAFE NSW - Hunter Institute in Semester 2, 2012 include:

Newcastle Campus - Diploma of Metallurgy; Diploma Digital Media (Programming); Certificate III Polymer Composites (Processing)
Belmont Campus - Certificate III in Aquaculture
Glendale Campus - Certificate III in Hospitality
Hamilton Campus - Certificate III in Hospitality (Commercial Cookery and Patisserie) - non-trade
Singleton Campus - Diploma Information Technology
Maitland Campus - Advanced Diploma Computer Systems Technology
Newcastle and Ourimbah Campus - Advanced Diploma of Music Business; Advanced Diploma in Sound Production
Tomaree and Belmont Campus - Career Education and Employment for Women.

The Institute will monitor the situation with a view to offering these courses if demand increases to a sustainable level.

(2) No permanent teachers have lost their job because of the adjustments to program offerings at TAFE NSW - Hunter Institute.

Part-time casual teachers have been affected by the changes to teaching hours, as hours have decreased or increased across campuses.

Support services have not been reduced, and Hunter Institute continues to ensure priority is given to training that meets the needs of industry and the community.

*2631 ELECTIVE SURGERY WAITING TIMES—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

Noting the report by the Centre for Independent Studies that NSW elective surgery waiting times have slipped by 70 per cent, what is the Minister for Health doing to reverse this trend?

Answer—

The NSW Government is committed to ensuring that all patients waiting for elective surgery are treated within clinically recommended timeframes. The National Partnership Agreement on Improving Public Hospital Services requires States to ensure that patients receive their surgery within the clinically recommended timeframe and has set progressive targets for all States.

92% of patients received their surgery within the clinically recommended timeframes in April to June 2012.

Further information on performance of hospitals can be viewed through the public reports of the Bureau of Health Information at www.bhi.nsw.gov.au

*2632 CRIME PREVENTION—EXTRA RESOURCES AND STAFF—Ms Sonia Hornery asked 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) With more than 90 life threatening armed robberies reported in the Hunter this year, will the Minister

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- be providing extra resources and staff to prevent further life threatening crimes?
(2) If so, how much and when?

Answer—

I am advised that Operation Blade has been established to review all armed robberies in the Hunter, to identify links between incidents and identify common offenders. Local Area Commands in the area have organised strike forces and joint operations to manage investigations and target offenders. Some of these have led to significant arrests.

*2634 ORTHOPAEDIC SPECIALISTS WAITING TIMES—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) How many patients are waiting for appointments to see orthopaedic specialists at the John Hunter Hospital as at 31 July 2012?
- (2) Of those patients, what percentage of patients are being seen in the allocated triage times?
- (3) How many patients have waited longer than 365 days?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) to (3) The NSW public hospital system aims to ensure all people have timely access to health care and acknowledges that there are often waiting times for certain procedures. Priority for admission is based on the treating clinician's decision following review of each individual. NSW Health is working towards all patients being treated within their clinical priority timeframes.

Patients are encouraged to undergo a clinical review with their specialist if they feel that their condition has deteriorated. A clinical review gives the specialist an opportunity to reassess the patient and, if clinically warranted, to review the clinical priority category of the patient.

Information on waiting times for elective surgery at John Hunter Hospital is available on the NSW Health website at www.health.nsw.gov.au

*2635 DEMOUNTABLE BUILDINGS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) How many demountable buildings are there in public schools in the electorate of Wallsend?
- (2) Why has the Government not fulfilled its promise to replace over 5,000 school demountables throughout NSW?

Answer—

- (1) 53.
- (2) The Government did not make such a commitment. The demountable replacement program was set up by the previous Government and had scheduled the program to end in the 2010-2011 financial year with no future funding provisions.

*2636 PLASTIC SURGERY FOR TRAUMA OR EMERGENCY PATIENTS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) Given the John Hunter Hospital has the busiest trauma department in NSW, why is there no access to after-hours plastic surgery for trauma or emergency patients in Newcastle?
- (2) Will the Minister provide funding for such services so that patients suffering serious trauma are not transferred out of the region?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) and (2) John Hunter Hospital has a range of surgeons available after hours to treat patients in an emergency. The Hospital utilises a statewide-referral service where patients can receive treatment throughout the state and clinicians can also seek advice from specialist plastic surgeons at other facilities when treating a patient, if required.

John Hunter Hospital does have surgeons who do Micro-vascular surgery, including trauma surgeons and hand surgeons, as well as Otolaryngology (Head and Neck) Surgeons, who would provide treatment for trauma patients.

*2637 NATIONAL ENERGY CUSTOMER FRAMEWORK—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Resources and Energy, Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Central Coast—

- (1) Why has the Government refused to sign up to the national energy customer framework?
- (2) Will the Government implement a similar price comparison website that will allow consumers the

ability to compare electricity deals?

Answer—

- (1) and (2) The NSW Government was one of the first to enact the national legislation, which will be effective once proclaimed and once the Government is assured that NSW customers will have the strongest protections possible.

*2640 SHARING OF INFORMATION—WORKING GROUP—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

What was the result of the working group established to look at barriers in the justice system to the sharing of information?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Department believes the member is asking about the Joined Up Justice - Police project. The Department of Attorney General and Justice (DAGJ) together with the NSW Police Force (NSWPF) developed a business case to improve the exchange of information between the two agencies.

The business case for the "Joined up Justice - Police" project was approved in July 2012 with \$15.542 million allocated over two years. The project has commenced with the planning and prioritisation of a joint program of work. The first stage of the project focuses on the delivery of electronic Apprehended Violence Orders (eAVOs). The eAVO system is planned for delivery in December 2012.

This project will create a modern and disciplined exchange of data between the NSWPF and the courts. It will improve the quality and timeliness of the exchange of operational information and enhance the integrity of the justice system.

*2641 VICTIMS COMPENSATION SCHEME—REVIEW—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

When will the results of the review of the Victims Compensation Scheme be released?

Answer—

The Government is currently considering the PricewaterhouseCoopers review of the Victims Compensation Scheme.

*2644 SAVINGS IDENTIFIED IN HAMBURGER REVIEW—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

- (1) Have the savings identified in the Hamburger Review to be achieved within 2 to 6 months in fact been realised?
(2) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Hamburger Review identified a number of potential organisational efficiencies for Corrective Services NSW.

This process of change is ongoing and to date, considerable progress has been made in implementing a number of reforms. Savings have already been achieved through the process of staff accepting voluntary redundancies.

The new Commissioner of Corrective Services has announced the new structure which will be implemented within the next few months.

*2645 RESTRICTION TO COMPUTER RESOURCES—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Healthy Lifestyles, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

- (1) Is forensic patient Saeed Dezfouli being prevented from pursuing tertiary studies by being restricted in his access to computer resources?
(2) If so:
(a) What is the basis for this decision?
(b) Is this more restrictive than conditions applicable to Corrective Services inmates?

Answer—

I am advised:

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- (1) and (2) The Forensic Hospital has been developed to be in line with international best practice and provides a range of therapeutic rehabilitation programs.

Mr Dezfouli has access to a range of educational opportunities, including the Tertiary Preparation Programme and the Open Training and Education Network.

Due to security considerations it is not possible for forensic patients to have private computers. However, patients have access to the computer room, and printed material in order to participate in their studies.

- *2646 INSULIN INFUSION PUMPS—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

With regards to the provision of insulin infusion pumps for children with diabetes:

- (1) How many children with diabetes are on the books of New South Wales paediatric specialist diabetes outpatient clinics?
- (2) How many of these children in the state are using these pumps?
- (3) Which units in the state prescribe and monitor these pumps?
- (4) What is the average cost?
- (5) Who pays for these pumps and the ongoing education?
- (6) What provisions are there for children whose parents do not have the ability to pay for one of these pumps?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) to (6) An estimated 2,900 children and adolescents in NSW have type I diabetes.

Funding of pumps and consumables is a Commonwealth responsibility and questions relating to this should be directed to the Commonwealth Minister for Health.

All centres in NSW that are involved in managing children with type 1 diabetes prescribe and monitor these pumps. NSW Health employs diabetes educators and other support staff to provide ongoing education to patients and their families.

- *2647 OBESITY AND METABOLISM CLINIC—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

With regards to the Obesity and Metabolism Clinic at Camden Hospital:

- (1) What is the total staffing (FTE) of this clinic?
- (2) What are the referral criteria?
- (3) How long is the current waiting time for new referrals to this clinic until the next available appointment?
- (4) How much funding was allocated for this clinic in the year 2011-12?
- (5) Is there any future threat to funding or staffing of this clinic?
- (6) Will the Minister continue to resource this clinic at the same or a higher level than currently available?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) to (6) The creation of the first ever healthy lifestyles portfolio by the NSW Government demonstrates our commitment to preventative health and promoting healthy lifestyles.

In order to keep people healthy and out of hospital, the NSW Government has already:

- Established a NSW Preventative Health Fighting Fund estimated to be \$120 million over four years;
- Established a NSW Office of Preventative Health located in South Western Sydney to focus on health promotion, and
- Established a Ministerial Taskforce on Preventative Health to provide advice on strategies to enhance individual and population health and prevent avoidable hospital admissions.

With these initiatives in mind, all Local Health Districts will be reviewing which initiatives are best to implement locally to assist in reducing childhood and adult obesity.

I am advised that current referral criteria for the Obesity and Metabolism Clinic at South Western Sydney requires patients to be 18 years of age or over and have a BMI greater than 40 kg/sq m (maximum weight

230 kg). Participants must also be able to attend regular clinic appointments and commit to 45 minutes of moderate intensity activity each day including a minimum of three exercise classes a week. Based on individual disease groups there are a range of other criteria for these groups.

*2648 ADDITIONAL NURSES APPOINTED—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

With regards to the Minister's claim that "400 additional nurses have been appointed" on the Central Coast (Hansard 16 August 2012):

- (1) As of 1 April 2011, how many full-time equivalent nurses were employed in the Central Coast local health district?
- (2) As of 16 August 2012, how many full-time equivalent nurses were employed in the Central Coast local health district?
- (3) (a) As of 1 April 2011, how many beds were available in the Central Coast local health district?
(b) In which hospitals?
- (4) (a) As of 16 August 2012, how many beds were available in the Central Coast local health district?
(b) In which hospitals?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) to (4) Workforce and activity level data, including bed usage data, is published in the Ministry of Health's Annual Report. The 2011-12 Annual Report will be published shortly.

*2649 EDMUND BLACKET CAR PARK—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) Now that the Edmund Blacket Car Park has been closed, how long does it take for staff to walk to the proposed parking alternatives in the William Inglis stables?
- (2) Has extra security staff been rostered to escort staff if needed?
- (3) Have staff rosters, duties, or numbers been modified to allow for any extra time this walk to the cars would take?
- (4) When will the Edmund Blacket Car Park re-open?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) to (4) Depending on work location, it takes approximately five to ten minutes for staff to walk from the alternative car parking. Security staff are available to escort staff after hours, although there has been no increase in demand for after hours staff escorts. It is anticipated that the car park will re-open in May 2014.

*2650 OPERATING THEATRES—RANDWICK HOSPITALS CAMPUS—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) (a) Has the management of South Eastern Sydney LHD instructed that there will be a single management of operating theatres on the Randwick hospitals campus (currently separately managed as the Prince of Wales and Royal Women's operating theatres)?
(b) If yes, why has this instruction been issued?
- (2) (a) Were staff consulted prior to a decision being made?
(b) If yes, what were/are their views?
- (3) Are there any cost savings envisaged?
- (4) Will there be any job losses as a result of this proposed restructure?
- (5) Will patient safety be guaranteed?
- (6) Will theatre access be unchanged?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The South Eastern Sydney Local Health District funded an external consultancy review of operating theatres in 2010/2011. The recommendation from the review was that a single management structure be created and implemented.
- (2) The consultancy report was widely circulated. Further implementation planning is required, following which formal consultation with staff and the relevant industrial associations will occur.

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- (3) Yes, through efficient use of resources, focussing on appropriate access and patient safety.
- (4) No.
- (5) NSW Health services promote high quality safe patient care at all times.
- (6) Yes.

*2651 ADDITIONAL NURSES EMPLOYED—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

In relation the Minister's statement that the NSW Government has "increased the number of nurses it employs by more than 2,900" since it came to office (Hansard 15 August 2012):

(1) How many of these new additional nurses are employed at:

- (a) Central Coast Local Health District (LHD);
- (b) Northern Sydney LHD;
- (c) Illawarra Shoalhaven LHD;
- (d) Nepean Blue Mountains LHD;
- (e) South Eastern Sydney LHD;
- (f) South Western Sydney LHD;
- (g) Sydney LHD;
- (h) Western Sydney LHD;
- (i) Murrumbidgee LHD;
- (j) Southern NSW LHD;
- (k) Far West LHD;
- (l) Western NSW LHD;
- (m) Hunter New England LHD;
- (n) Mid North Coast LHD;
- (o) Northern NSW LHD?

(2) How many FTE nurses were employed by NSW Health on:

- (a) 1 April 2011;
- (b) 1 August 2012?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) and (2) The NSW State Government committed to employing 2,475 additional nurses and midwives in our first term, and 14 months into that term we have already surpassed that target.

The 2012-13 budget builds on the important work already done in increasing nurse numbers across NSW by allocating a further \$64 million to recruit approximately 500 additional nurses at public hospitals. In addition, \$4.4 million will be allocated to employing more Clinical Nurse/Midwife Educators and Clinical Nurse/Midwife Specialists, and a further \$1.9 million will go to supporting the Health Professionals Workforce Plan.

Workforce data is published in the Ministry of Health's Annual Report available on the NSW Health website: <http://www.health.nsw.gov.au>

*2652 CLINICAL NURSE EDUCATORS AND CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALISTS—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

With regards to the extra 40 clinical nurse educators and clinical nurse specialists employed by the NSW Government (Hansard 16 August 2012):

- (1) In which hospitals were these nurses employed?
- (2) How many in each Hospital?
- (3) How many Clinical Nurse Educators are employed by NSW Health:
 - (a) in total;
 - (b) in each local health district?
- (4) How many Clinical Nurse Specialists are employed by NSW Health:
 - (a) in total;
 - (b) in each local health district?

Answer—

I am advised:

Workforce data is published in the Ministry of Health's Annual Report. The 2011-12 Annual Report will

be published shortly.

*2653 PRINCES HIGHWAY BULLI—CLEARWAYS—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

In relation to the proposed changes to "Clearways" on the Princes Highway at Bulli:

- (1) What traffic data has been used to warrant an examination of changes to the current arrangements?
- (2) What is your agency's preferred solution?
- (3) When will local business owners and residents be informed about these proposed changes?
- (4) What is the timeline for any implementation of these changes?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Roads and Maritime Services has undertaken traffic counts using automatic traffic counters located north of Station Street for the period 4 August 2011 to 2 September 2011.
- (2) Roads and Maritime Services will consult with the broader community to identify the most suitable option, taking into account both business needs and the needs of the travelling public.
- (3) The community will be advised after the issues raised in the community consultation phase of the project have been assessed.
- (4) No timeframe is available until the community consultation has been undertaken.

*2654 PRINCES HIGHWAY FIGTREE—UPGRADE—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

In relation to the upgrade of the Princes Highway Figtree:

- (1) (a) Will the entire project be completed by the end of 2012?
(b) If not, why and when will the project be completed?
- (2) Is the project still within the original budget?
- (3) What is the estimated final cost of this upgrade?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) (a) The entire project will be completed by the end of 2012, weather permitting.
(b) Not applicable.
- (2) Yes.
- (3) The estimated final cost of this project is \$14.7 million.

*2655 ABILITY LINKS TENDER—Mrs Barbara Perry asked the Minister for Ageing, and Minister for Disability Services—

- (1) With regards to the failure of the Ability Links tender process, how many applications were there?
- (2) Why were no providers successful in meeting the tender?
- (3) In terms of tender requirements, how was it envisaged that Ability Links employers should separate their delivery of Ability Links coordinators while still drawing on their service provider to support the Ability Links program?
- (4) When was the decision made to set up an Ability Links taskforce?
- (5) Was the Ability Links taskforce set up in direct response to the failure of the Ability Links tender?
- (6) Given the failure of the tender process, when will it be envisaged that Ability Links coordinators will be announced?
- (7) When is it envisaged that Ability Links coordinators be fully operational?
- (8) Does the setup of the taskforce and failure of the tender process indicate a flawed conceptualisation and lack of clarity within the tender process for the Ability Links program?
- (9) What evaluation has taken place with regard to local area coordinators?
- (10) How will Ability Links differ from the Local Area Coordinator program?
- (11) (a) Will Ability Links taskforce members be paid for their taskforce work?
(b) If so, how much?

Answer—

- (1) Forty three.
- (2) There were four reasons why no tenders were accepted:
 - (a) not meeting the requirements under selection sub-criterion 1.4, demonstrating independence from disability services

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- (b) financial risk relative to the scale of proposed funding
 - (c) lack of understanding about the Ability Links NSW model
 - (d) not meeting technical or other tender requirements.
- (3) Tenderers that directly deliver specialist disability services funded by the NSW and Australian governments, were required to demonstrate that Ability Links NSW will operate independently of these services. This sub-criterion was critical to ensure that Ability Links NSW maximises community inclusion outcomes for people with a disability, their families and carers.
- Ageing, Disability and Home Care did not state how this separation should be achieved. Tenderers were expected as part of their response to determine, where relevant, how to achieve such separation from any disability services delivered by the tendering organisation or consortium members.
- (4) July 2012.
- (5) Yes in part. Additionally the taskforce has been established to gather information from the planning and implementation of the NSW trial of the NDIS. Results of which will inform Government's long term plans for disability services.
- (6) Coordinators will be announced before 1 July 2014.
- (7) The Government remains committed to Ability Links NSW being fully operational by 1 July 2014.
- (8) No
- (9) There have been over 20 evaluations across Australia and internationally, and an independent review of previous literature and evaluations. Development of the NSW model, Ability Links NSW, was guided by evaluations in Western Australia, Scotland and the United Kingdom.
- (10) Ability Links NSW builds on existing local area coordination. Unlike existing programs Ability Links will be subject to policy parameters for a reformed disability system based on individualised funding arrangements and person centeredness.
- (11) (a) No.
(b) Not applicable.

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*2657 COMMENTS IN COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEAL—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

What is the Government's response to the comments of Simpson J in the Court of Criminal Appeal on 27 February 2012 in the case of Boughen at paragraphs 109 and 110?

Answer—

The Government is committed to encouraging the use of more non-custodial and community-based sentences as an alternative to full-time incarceration for less serious offences. The NSW Law Reform Commission is currently reviewing sentencing legislation including Intensive Correction Orders.

*2658 AUSTRALIAN VACCINATION NETWORK—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

(1) (a) Is the Minister aware of the comments on 15 August 2012 on WIN TV regarding a story on a measles epidemic, by Ms Dorey of the "Australian Vaccination Network", that vaccines have been linked to autism?

(b) If yes, what action has the Minister taken to correct the public record?

(2) Does the Minister have a view on the ongoing activities of the "Australian Vaccination Network"?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) and (2) The Australian Vaccination Network has not provided accurate information to parents about the risks and benefits of immunisation. Any link between the measles vaccine and autism has been conclusively discredited by numerous studies and reviews by credible experts, including the World Health Organisation, the American Academy of Paediatrics and the UK Medical Research Council.

In 2013, the NSW Ministry of Health will be implementing an immunisation awareness campaign to educate and inform the community and immunisation providers about the importance of ensuring that children are fully immunised on time, including for measles.

*2659 REVIEW OF PATHOLOGY TESTS—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

With regards to the failure to follow up pathology test results in NSW hospitals, and the fact that 20,000 pathology tests were not reviewed in a Sydney hospital in a four-month period in 2011 of which 14.7% were abnormal (Archive of Internal Medicine, 13 August 2012):

- (1) What action has the Minister taken to address this issue?
- (2) What future action is planned?
- (3) How will the outcomes of any actions taken by the Minister be measured?
- (4) How many Incident Information Management System (IIMS) relating to this issue were raised in the year July 2011 to June 2012?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) to (4) NSW Health welcomes the study by the University of NSW and looks forward to reviewing these results from early 2011 in more detail. Since that time there has been considerable effort to improve the way patient discharge planning is managed:
 - A mandatory policy has been implemented requiring all hospitals to meet new standards for admission, clinical review, planning for discharge, referrals and transfer of care out of hospital. As part of that policy a new transfer checklist is required for all admitted patients before they go home that reviews all referrals, appointments, and follow-up information including medication advice in plain language.
 - The Government is also working with the Commonwealth on better integration of IT systems with the general practice sector, so that follow up by the patient's GP can be better organised. Three pilots are currently underway.
 - The Clinical Excellence Commission (CEC) and the Agency for Clinical Innovation continue to work with local clinicians to improve processes and practice around clinical diagnosis and review.

*2660 SHARK FINNING—Ms Clover Moore asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Small Business—

Given a critically endangered grey nurse shark was found washed up on a northern New South Wales beach without a fin and that there are reports of illegal and underground shark finning in Australian waters:

- (1) What powers does the Department of Primary Industries have to search sea vessels in New South Wales waters?
- (2) What search operations for illegal shark finning has the department carried out in the last 12 months?
- (3) How are operations determined with regard to location and timing?
- (4) What action will the Government take to prevent illegal shark finning in New South Wales waters?

Answer—

- (1) A fisheries officer may stop and detain a boat; board and search the boat for fish, inspect fishing gear or any record relating to the fishing activities of the boat, and; break open and search any hold or container on the boat that the officer has reason to believe contains fish, fishing gear or any such record.
- (2) There have been a number of inspections in the last 12 months in the New South Wales fishery that targets sharks. Fisheries officers continually and routinely inspect fishing vessels in their daily operations for illegal catch, including shark fins.
- (3) Fisheries officers target fishers, fishing vessels and processing establishments that are involved in the shark fishery or have the capacity to take, receive or process sharks. Operations are supported by intelligence gathered from industry and the community and respond to fleet movements, environmental factors and catch information.
- (4) There are strict laws in place to prohibit the possession of shark fins on board any vessel in NSW unless they are attached to the shark. Fisheries officers will continue to regularly undertake inspections of NSW and Commonwealth fishing vessels for illegally taken fish, including shark fins.

*2662 HOMOPHOBIA—Ms Clover Moore asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

Noting the Victorian Government has funded a groundbreaking television, social media and postcard "No to Homophobia" campaign in order to address harassment against lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people:

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- (1) What evidence does the NSW Government have about homophobia, harassment and violence?
- (2) What community education and social marketing campaigns has the NSW Government funded or provided?
- (3) What plans does the NSW Government have to provide or fund anti-homophobia campaigns directed to mainstream audiences?
- (4) Will the Government develop a similar social media and television campaign against homophobia in NSW?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The Department of Attorney General and Justice (DAGJ) commissioned research into homophobic violence in NSW, which informed the 2007-2012 Working Together: Preventing Violence Against Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender People Strategic Framework.

The Framework is a whole of government policy outlining the Government's commitment to reducing the incidence of prejudice related violence and creating safer environments for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender (GLBT) people. A Network of Government Agencies (NOGA) implements the Framework and reports annually on achievements under its five key priority areas.

The Anti-Discrimination Board (ADB) responds to enquiries and complaints made under the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 from people who feel they have been discriminated against on the grounds of homosexuality.

- (2) I refer to my answer to Written Question 0156. Since then, additional community educational and other campaigns funded or provided by the NSW Government under the 2007-2012 Strategic Framework, as reported to the Department, include:
 - launch of a Bullying Compliance Strategy by WorkCover in 2011 across a number of industry sectors to combat the rising incidence of workers compensation claims and costs resulting from bullying
 - training courses for Gay and Lesbian Liaison Officers conducted by the NSW Police Force (NSWPF) in 2011 and 2012. Additional training and support was provided in 2011 to School Liaison Police (SLP) attached to schools participating in the Department of Education and Communities Proud Schools pilot program aimed at addressing homophobia in schools
 - Legal Aid NSW funded and supported the Safe Relationships Project (SRP): Domestic Violence Court Assistance of the Inner City Legal Centre, providing advocacy, referral and information to GLBT people who are experiencing domestic violence in 2010-2011
 - Community Services provided funding until June 2012 (through the Supported Accommodation Assistance Program) to AIDS Council Of NSW (ACON), Twenty10 Gay and Lesbian Support Services and the Gender Centre to deliver services to the GLBT community.

The ADB also employs a part-time Community Education Officer to provide education to community groups across NSW about all grounds of discrimination and vilification, including on the grounds of homosexuality.

- (3) None other than those referred to in answer (2).

Questions about the planned delivery or funding of anti-homophobia campaigns by other NSW Government agencies should be directed to the responsible Ministers.

- (4) Refer to answer (3).

*2663 PIG DOG HUNTING—Ms Clover Moore asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Small Business—

- (1) What investigations has the Government made to reports that dogs used in pig dog hunting sometimes escape and become feral in native bush land?
- (2) What investigations has the Government made to reports that the practice of pig dog hunting can scatter feral pigs across a wider area making the problem worse?
- (3) What investigations has the Government made to reports of cruelty to dogs used in pig dog hunting including:
 - (a) dogs travelling in small cages on the back of cars for prolonged periods in the sun;
 - (b) dogs not being fed for prolonged periods so that they are hungry before they hunt;
 - (c) injuries like bites from scared feral pigs?
- (4) What investigations has the Government made to reports from property owners of pig dog hunters trespassing on private land and causing damage including cutting fences?

Answer—

- (1) Nil.
- (2) There is no evidence that pig dog hunting scatters feral pigs across the landscape any further than they already exist.
- (3) Any suspected acts of cruelty are reported to the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1979 enforcement agencies, these being; RSPCA NSW, Animal Welfare League NSW and NSW Police. Reports of cruelty to dogs are received by these agencies from time to time. It is understood that no prosecutions have been made relating to the use of dogs to hunt pigs.
- (4) Any person trespassing on private land would be subject to the provisions of the Inclosed Lands Protection Act 1901 and the Crimes Act 1900 enforced by NSW Police.

*2664 POLICE NUMBERS—Ms Clover Moore asked 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—

Noting community calls for stronger policing in Kings Cross following serious crime and violence, and my ongoing calls to increased police resources to address alcohol-related crime and anti-social behaviour:

- (1) What additional resources will the Government allocate for policing in this command?
- (2) How will the Government ensure that inner city police commands have sufficient officers to manage late night crowds in Kings Cross, Surry Hills, City Central and The Rocks commands?
- (3) Will the Government increase police numbers in these commands to ensure effective policing?
- (4) What further action will the Government take to improve safety in the inner city?

Answer—

I am advised:

Workforce allocations take into account a range of factors including crime rates. The NSW Police Force maintains a strong presence in the Kings Cross precinct, particularly on Friday and Saturday nights. As well as general duties officers, Specialist Commands including the Mounted Police Unit, Public Order and Riot Squad, Gangs Squad, Homicide Squad, Dog Unit, Police Transport Command and the Alcohol and Licensing Enforcement Command deploy resources to Kings Cross and the inner city as needed.

The Government has announced its contribution to the joint plan of management for the Kings Cross precinct. This includes Operation Rushmore, which will see a blitz of high visibility policing in the area over summer, commencing 28 September 2012. Drug dogs will be able to patrol Kings Cross streets, without police first getting a warrant, as well as patrolling metropolitan and inter-city train lines with no warrant.

Police will continue to work with other agencies including the Office of Liquor, Gaming and Racing to tackle issues of alcohol-related crime, anti-social and violent behaviour in the inner city of Sydney.

*2665 SHOOTINGS—Ms Clover Moore asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

With respect to increasing numbers of stolen firearms and 89 shootings in NSW this year so far:

- (1) What data does the Government have about increased numbers of stolen firearms and their use in criminal activity?
- (2) What action has the Government taken to address the problems of stolen firearms?
- (3) What action has the Government taken to address crime involving firearms?
- (4) What liaison has the Government carried out with other States and Territories and the Commonwealth Government for national action to address access to firearms and gun crime?
- (5) What further action will the Government take to reduce access to stolen firearms and criminal activity involving firearms?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) According to the NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (BOCSAR), NSW recorded crime data shows the number of stolen and recovered firearms increased from 601 in the 12 months to June 2011 to 731 in the 12 months to June 2012. Over the 24 months ending June 2012, the trend in the number of stolen/recovered firearms was stable. BOCSAR does not record figures about the use of stolen firearms in criminal incidents.

(2) and (3) The Government has ensured that the NSW Police Force (NSWPF) and other agencies such as the NSW Crime Commission have the powers and resources they need to continue to investigate and prosecute firearms related crime. I also refer the member to the answer to question on notice 1447.

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Earlier this year the Government introduced an aggravated form of the drive-by shooting offence through the Crimes Amendment (Consorting and Organised Crime) Act 2012. Offenders now face 16 years imprisonment where such a shooting is performed in the course of organised criminal activity.

The Parliament has recently passed amendments to the Firearms Act 1996, which will impose stricter controls on the sale of ammunition. Further questions on this Act should be addressed to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services.

(4) Firearms related crime will continue to be considered through the Standing Council of Law and Justice (SCLJ) and the Standing Council on Police and Emergency Management (SCPEM).

At the June 2012 meeting of the SCPEM my colleague, the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, agreed to a range of activities to progress a national response to firearms crime.

(5) The Government is continuing to work with other jurisdictions through the SCLJ and the SCPEM to address thefts of firearms and related firearms crime.

*2666 LITERACY AND NUMERACY TEACHERS—ILLAWARRA—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) How many of the promised 60 extra literacy and numeracy teachers for the Illawarra are currently employed in local schools?
- (2) What are the names of the schools where these teachers are located?
- (3) What is the timeframe for the remaining teachers to be in place?
- (4) What schools will be receiving these teachers?
- (5) Why will only 50 of these teachers be in place across NSW by the end of this year when the original commitment was for 200 by the end of 2012?

Answer—

- (1) There are two Instructional Leaders, Literacy and Numeracy, currently employed in Illawarra and South East Region schools.
- (2) The Instructional Leaders are located at Warilla North Public School and Warrawong Public School.
- (3) The equivalent to 900 additional full time teaching positions will be allocated in the time period 2012-2016.
- (4) The identification and selection of schools, including those in the Illawarra and South East Region, to receive additional resources under the Literacy and Numeracy Action Plan will be ongoing over the five years of the government commitment. For this reason it is not possible to provide a final list of schools.
- (5) The equivalent to 200 full time teaching positions, across the three education sectors, will be progressively allocated to participating schools by the end of December 2012. Of the 200 FTE positions to be allocated by the end of 2012, 50 are to be appointed as high quality Instructional Leaders to a selected number of the most seriously underperforming public schools in NSW.

*2667 TIME PENALTY SYSTEM—Mr Ryan Park asked 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) In relation to the provision of firefighting services, are all areas of NSW currently on a "time penalty" system?
- (2) Is the Minister aware of any concerns from retained station staff about this system, especially in regards to other stations attending jobs in areas close to a retained station?
- (3) What impact does this have on response times?

Answer—

Fire and Rescue NSW has advised me:

The time adjustment system has been implemented in areas where it has been deemed appropriate to do so. The arrangements referred to are long-standing and are understood by the relevant permanent and retained firefighting staff. Prior to the introduction of any further time adjustments there will be extensive consultation with affected staff and the community.

Fire & Rescue NSW has an excellent record in meeting response times across New South Wales. The use of time adjustments allows Fire & Rescue NSW to select and deploy the firefighting resources which can most quickly respond to an incident.

*2668 PROPOSED CEOS GROUP—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW, Leader of the House—

- (1) In relation to the proposed CEOs group outlined in the recently released Green Paper, why is the Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) and the Sydney Catchment Authority (SCA) not on this group?
- (2) Will the Government include the Special Areas (water catchments) in the Strategic Regional Land Use Plan program?
- (3) Will the Government give the OEH and the SCA the same level of status as other agencies in the assessment of project proposals?
- (4) Is the Government prepared to look at process involving the independent selection and funding of environmental impact assessment consultants, with funding coming from contributions by proponents in a similar manner to that of the Mine Subsidence Board?
- (5) Does the Government propose to change the current role of the Planning Assessment Commission to one of reviewing Department of Planning and Infrastructure assessments of proposals rather than actually assessing proposals?

Answer—

- (1) The Office of Environment and Heritage and Sydney Catchment Authority form part of the Department of Premier and Cabinet, so will have representation on the CEOs group.
- (2) The Special Areas (water catchments) will be considered during the preparation of the Strategic Regional Land Use Plan that covers the Southern Highlands region of New South Wales.
- (3) and (4) The Government's Green Paper has been released for public consultation between 14 July and 14 September 2012, with an extension for local councils until 5 October 2012. The Government has commenced the preparation of a White Paper and will consider these matters as part of this work.
- (5) The Green Paper discusses current issues and possible future directions concerning the operations of the Planning Assessment Commission.

*2671 LITERACY AND NUMERACY PERFORMANCE—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Education—

Which schools in the electorate of Keira are in the lowest quartile of literacy and numeracy performance in Year 3 NAPLAN?

Answer—

One school in the electorate of Keira, Bellambi Public School, is in the lowest quartile for literacy.

*2672 RENTS FOR DOMESTIC WATERFRONT TENANCIES—Mr Jamie Parker asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

- (1) Does the Minister accept the recommendations of IPART relating to how rents should be set for domestic waterfront tenancies?
- (2) Is the Minister aware that the Waterfront Action Group and its property valuation experts have found fundamental errors in the December 2011 IPART report?
- (3) (a) Did the Minister receive written advice from Chairman of the Waterfront Action Group Mr George Citer stating that IPART has a history of making errors in determining how rents should be set for domestic waterfront tenancies?
(b) If yes, did this advice suggest that the Minister should seek independent expert advice from appropriately qualified university professors before accepting the recommendations of IPART?
- (4) (a) Is the Minister planning to seek independent expert advice on the issue of calculating rents for domestic waterfront tenancies?
(b) If yes, from whom?
- (5) Has consideration been given to combining the three Parramatta River precincts into one Parramatta River precinct?
- (6) Is the Minister aware that lease-holders in the Birchgrove to Drummoyne precinct pay a significantly higher rate per square metre compared to lease-holders to the west of the Gladesville Bridge and on the northern side of the Parramatta river?
- (7) Is the Minister aware of the concerns raised by the NSW Valuer General in 2006 regarding IPART's formula for calculating rents?
- (8) Is the Minister aware of the concerns raised by the NSW Auditor-General's report of September 2009 regarding IPART's formula for calculating rents?
- (9) (a) Was any action taken following the Minister's meeting with members of the Waterfront Action Group on 29 July 2011 during which concerns were highlighted regarding IPART's formula for calculating rents?

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- (b) If yes, what action was taken?
(10) Does the Minister accept IPART's recommendation that pensioners not receive a discount on the new Administration Fee?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) to (8) and (10) During the course of the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal's (IPART) review of domestic waterfront rents, IPART undertook extensive consultation with stakeholders, including the Waterfront Action Group (WAG), and considered more than 600 submissions.

IPART is the independent regulator for government pricing and economic advice. IPART's credibility as an independent regulator and advisor relies on the rigour of its processes and the impartiality of the recommendations it makes.

The Government supports the methodology recommended by IPART and has determined to implement all of the recommendations made following its review of domestic waterfront rents.

Roads and Maritime Services is now working to implement these recommendations and will continue to liaise with the Waterfront Action Group to ensure a smooth transition to the new arrangements.

(9) (a) Yes.

(b) Roads and Maritime Services agreed to freeze all domestic waterfront rents at 2011 rates until such time as the IPART review was finalised and the recommendations implemented.

*2673 COMPANION ANIMALS TASKFORCE—Mr Jamie Parker asked the Minister for Local Government, and Minister for the North Coast—

- (1) How many submissions have been received by the Companion Animals Taskforce?
(2) (a) Are these submissions published online?
(b) If not, where can they be accessed?
(3) (a) Are the submissions publicly available?
(b) If not, what reasons can be given for not making the submissions publicly available?
(4) How can members of the public lodge complaints relating to the Companion Animals Taskforce?
(5) (a) Have there been any complaints relating to the Companion Animals Taskforce?
(b) If yes, what was the nature of these complaints?
(6) (a) Have there been any complaints regarding submissions not being available online?
(b) If yes, how were these complaints handled?

Answer—

I provide the following details in response to your questions:

- (1) 1,405 submissions were received prior to the closing date of 1 July, 2012.
(2) (a) No.
(b) Individual submissions are not intended to be published.
(3) (a) No.
(b) I am advised that the Division has taken this position primarily due to the resource-intensive nature of consolidating the large number of submissions received, which would also require the approval of each of the submitters before their submission could be made available.
(4) If members of the public have concerns about the Taskforce they should raise these, in writing, with either myself or the Minister for Primary Industries, the Hon Katrina Hodgkinson MP.
(5) (a) Yes.
(b) I understand that the complaints generally relate to the membership of the Taskforce and the availability of submissions.
(6) (a) Yes. See answer to question (5) (b) above.
(b) Either myself and/or the Division of Local Government have either responded to those who have raised concerns about this matter, or are in the process of doing so.

*2674 COMPANION ANIMALS TASKFORCE—Mr Jamie Parker asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Small Business—

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- (5) (a) Yes.
 - (b) I understand that the complaints generally relate to the membership of the Taskforce and the availability of submissions.
- (6) (a) Yes. See answer to question (5) (b) above.
 - (b) I understand that the Minister for Local Government and/or the Division have either responded to those who have raised concerns about this matter, or are in the process of doing so.

*2675 CONCORD HOSPITAL CENTRE FOR MENTAL HEALTH—Mr Jamie Parker asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) What is the average length of stay at the Concord Hospital Centre for Mental Health?
- (2) What is the average waiting time for patients who have been referred to the Centre for Mental Health?
- (3) How many patients are currently awaiting a place at the Centre for Mental Health?
- (4) How many patients can be accommodated at the Centre for Mental Health at any one time?
- (5) If patients are unable to be accommodated at the Centre for Mental Health, to which other comparable facilities can patients be referred?
- (6) Following their stay in the Centre for Mental Health, are there any other mental health facilities to which patients can be referred?
- (7) What is the most common source of referral to the Centre for Mental Health (other hospitals, private doctors, etc)?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) For the period January to July 2012, the average length of stay for all wards, including adult and psychogeriatric acute, tertiary adolescent and extended stay rehabilitation, was 24 days.
- (2) The average waiting time for a person who is referred to the Concord Centre for Mental Health varies depending on which unit the patient is being referred to and bed availability. Acutely mentally ill persons who present to the Concord Centre for Mental Health Admission Office are seen and a decision to admit or discharge is made within two hours of presentation.
- (3) There is no patient who is acutely mentally ill currently waiting for a bed at the Concord Centre for Mental Health.
- (4) Over 100 patients can be accommodated.
- (5) Acutely mentally ill patients can be admitted to mental health facilities at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital in Sydney Local Health District and Bankstown, Liverpool and Campbelltown Hospitals in South Western Sydney Local Health District, subject to bed availability. Patients accepted and waiting for inpatient rehabilitation remain in their local facility until a bed becomes available.
- (6) Patients are usually discharged to follow-up from a Community Mental Health Centre. The person may accept ongoing contact voluntarily or may be required to accept treatment under a Community Treatment Order, authorised by the Mental Health Act.

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- (7) The largest single source of referral is by a hospital and emergency department within the same health service.

*2678 NEW K-10 SYLLABUSES—Ms Carmel Tebbutt asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) What support and resources are being provided to Government schools in NSW to implement the new K-10 syllabuses in English, Mathematics, Science and History?
- (2) Will resources freed up as a result of the reduction of Department of Education and Communities staff in curriculum and professional learning be redirected to support schools?

Answer—

- (1) The Department of Education and Communities is developing a comprehensive implementation support plan. Information regarding the additional support available to schools in 2013, to be used for planning the introduction of new curriculum from 2014, will be released following the finalisation of the plan.
- (2) The Government recognises that it is the people working in our schools with their communities who are best placed to make these decisions.

Therefore, the functional realignment of the Public Schools NSW Portfolio has been devised to logically arrange the functions needed to enable schools to more effectively meet the personalised learning needs of all students. By streamlining the functions and minimising duplication, we are ensuring that it is easier for schools to access the advice and support they need.

Professional learning and curriculum support will continue to be priorities following the realignment.

Teachers and school leaders will have access to teams of curriculum advisors with responsibility for supporting schools in the delivery of the curriculum, including the implementation of the Australian Curriculum. This expertise will be relevant to early learning, primary and secondary schools, with a clear requirement to work through learning stages.

Professional learning is embedded in the work of all the State office teams, whether it is curriculum, specialist programs, Aboriginal education, disability or health and wellbeing.

There will also be a team dedicated to ensuring that the professional development of teachers and school leaders is high quality and linked to professional standards.

*2679 UNIVERSAL ACCESS TO PRESCHOOL EDUCATION—Ms Carmel Tebbutt asked the Minister for Education—

Given the funding allocation to NSW from the Australian Government for universal access to preschool education is \$137.9 million for 2012-13, when will the NSW Government release a plan as to how this money will be spent?

Answer—

Plans for distributing National Partnership funding for 2012-13 will be finalised when the Commonwealth transfers the payments to New South Wales.

*2680 TEACHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM—Ms Carmel Tebbutt asked the Minister for Education—

How many scholarships have been awarded under the Teacher Education Scholarship Program in:

- (a) 2011;
- (b) 2012?

Answer—

- (a) Under the 2011 Teacher Education Scholarship Program, 293 people were awarded scholarships.
- (b) Under the 2012 Teacher Education Scholarship Program, 290 people were awarded scholarships.

*2681 CONNECTED COMMUNITIES STRATEGY—PERFORMANCE MEASURES—Ms Carmel Tebbutt asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) What are the performance measures that will be used to monitor the Connected Communities Strategy?
- (2) What are the targets for improvement in the performance measures and over what timeframe will they be met?

(3) How will the Connected Communities Strategy be evaluated?

Answer—

(1) Performance measures will be based on:

- student attendance and retention;
- achievement in literacy and numeracy assessments;
- implementation of Aboriginal language and culture programs;
- inter-agency collaboration;
- implementation of personalised learning plans for all students;
- effective links with Aboriginal community; and
- the ongoing partnership with the Aboriginal Education Consultative Group, a university and a TAFE institute in supporting each school.

(2) Each of the schools is different and targets will be developed specifically for individual schools. The timeframe will include yearly reporting on achievement in the targeted areas and full external reviews after three and five years.

(3) There will be two formal evaluations of the Connected Communities Strategy. One will be at the conclusion of the first three years and the second after five years of the Strategy.

*2682 CONNECTED COMMUNITIES STRATEGY—FUNDING—Ms Carmel Tebbutt asked the Minister for Education—

How much funding has been allocated to the Connected Communities Strategy for 2012-13?

Answer—

Funding of \$3,365,494 has been allocated to the Connected Communities Strategy for 2012-13.

*2683 CITY CAMPUS FOR UNIVERSITY OF NEWCASTLE—Ms Carmel Tebbutt asked the Minister for Education—

(1) (a) Has the NSW Government allocated any funding to establish a city campus for the University of Newcastle?

(b) If so how much?

(2) Has the NSW Government had any discussions with the Federal Government about the project to establish a city campus for the University of Newcastle?

(3) Is the NSW Government still committed to supporting this project?

Answer—

(1) (a) and (b) The NSW Government through the Hunter Infrastructure and Investment Fund has allocated \$25 million to establish a city campus for the University of Newcastle.

(2) The NSW Government has advised the Commonwealth of its strong support for the project.

(3) Yes.

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*2684 MOUNT DRUITT HOSPITAL UPGRADE—Mr Richard Amery asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

(1) (a) Will the proposed upgrade of the Mount Druitt Hospital result in a changed case mix of patients using this hospital?

(b) If so, will the upgrade include a return of emergency surgery to the hospital?

(2) What other new procedures will be introduced or reintroduced to the hospital following this upgrade?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) and (2) Changes in the casemix, resulting from the upgrade of Mount Druitt Hospital, include:

- Larger clinical areas in Oral Health Services to accommodate specialist services, including assessing and treating inpatients on wheelchairs or beds.
- Mount Druitt's Emergency Department will have an Urgent Care Centre built as a dedicated area to treat less acute patients more rapidly.

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- Additional beds in the Rehabilitation Ward for subacute care, providing rehabilitation care for elderly patients.

Sterilising Services will also be upgraded to support the operating theatres and other clinical areas.

Mount Druitt campus Elective Surgical Centre continues to provide surgical services for patients waiting for planned surgery. The Hospital recently expanded surgery sessions for breast surgery, upper gastrointestinal and vascular access procedures. Additional surgical lists will be determined in accordance with Western Sydney Local Health District planning and demand.

*2685 PUBLIC SCHOOL UPGRADE FUND—UNSUCCESSFUL SCHOOLS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Education—

With regards to the \$40 million NSW Public School Upgrade Fund:

- (1) Do the 1,141 schools which were unsuccessful in Round 1 need to reapply or are their applications carried over to future rounds?
- (2) If yes, will the schools be notified directly?

Answer—

- (1) Schools need to submit new applications for each round of the Public School Upgrade Program.
- (2) The Department of Education and Communities provides principals with information regarding the program and the application process via School Biz, the department's internal communication forum for schools.

*2686 PUBLIC SCHOOL UPGRADE FUND—SUCCESSFUL SCHOOLS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Education—

With regards to the 130 successful schools in Round 1 Funding under the \$40 million NSW Public School Upgrade Fund:

- (1) How many schools and how much funding was granted to electorates held by members of the Liberal Party?
- (2) How many schools and how much funding was granted to electorates held by members of the Labor Party?
- (3) How many schools and how much funding was granted to electorates held by members of the National Party?
- (4) How many schools and how much funding was granted to electorates held by members of Independent parties?
- (5) How many schools and how much funding was granted to electorates held by members of the Greens Party?

Answer—

- (1) to (5) Applications submitted under the Public School Upgrade Program are assessed by the respective Regional Asset Reference Group which includes the Regional Director, School Education Director, Manager of the Asset Management Unit, Regional Planner, Secondary and Primary Principal representatives and Parents and Citizens Association representatives.

When assessing applications the Regional Asset Reference Group looks at whether projects comply with the department's School Facilities Standards and also takes into consideration school maintenance needs, safety issues, school community involvement, appropriate project descriptions and viable cost estimates.

The electorate in which the schools are located was not considered in determining the allocation of projects.

The political party of the members of Parliament who represent electorates is irrelevant in the determining of successful projects.

*2687 SECURITY FENCING FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Education—

With respect to security fencing for public schools:

- (1) (a) Does security fencing funding still fall under the Minor Capital Works Program?
(b) If not, where will the funding now be allocated from?
- (2) What schools in the electorate of Cessnock will have security fencing installed this financial year?
- (3) What schools in the electorate of Cessnock have been assessed to not need security fencing?

Answer—

- (1) (a) Yes.
- (b) N/A.
- (2) No funding was approved in the 2012-13 financial year for the installation of security fencing at schools in the Cessnock electorate.
- (3) Security assessments and the security needs of schools are constantly changing and are dynamic in nature.

*2688 COMPLETION TIMES FOR REPAIRS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

With regards to maintenance issues reported to Housing NSW and community housing providers by tenants:

- (1) Is there a designated required completion time for major repairs?
- (2) Is there a designated required completion time for minor repairs?
- (3) If yes:
 - (a) What are they?
 - (b) Do they apply to both Housing NSW and community housing providers?
 - (c) Are they being met by both Housing NSW and community housing providers?
- (4) If no, what percentage of repairs exceeded the designated timeframe for completion in the years 2010-2011 and 2011-2012?

Answer—

- (1) Yes
- (2) Yes
- (3)
 - (a) Completion times for repairs are prioritised based on their urgency or risk category:
 - Urgent - 4 hours - immediate threat of danger or threat to security.
 - Priority 1 - 24 hours - threat to safety needing prompt attention.
 - Priority 2 - 48 hours - certain essential items not working.
 - Priority 3 - 72 hours - other essential items not working.
 - Responsive Work 20 days: within 20 days from the date of issue as stated on the relevant Work Order.
 - Planned Maintenance is based on whole of Land and Housing Corporation asset portfolio standards that targets properties most in need of repairs. Once works are added to the planned maintenance program, work is packaged according to priorities.
 - (b) They apply to the Land and Housing Corporation. Community housing providers do not provide data on their time compliance to the Land and Housing Corporation.
 - (c) In 2010-2011, 92% of Land and Housing Corporation repairs were completed within timeframes. In 2011-2012, 87% of Land and Housing Corporation repairs were completed within timeframes. For community housing providers see previous answer.
- (4) For the Land and Housing Corporation, the percentage of repairs is as follows:
 - 8 percent of public housing responsive maintenance orders exceeded targets in the year 2010-11.
 - 13 percent of public housing responsive maintenance orders exceeded targets in the year 2011-12.

*2690 CONCRETE STATE ROADS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

With regard to concrete State roads in the electorate of Cessnock:

- (1) Are these roads scheduled for diamond grinding or similar surface retexturing this financial year?
- (2) If not, when will the concrete roads be scheduled for this maintenance work to be performed?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) No.
- (2) Diamond grinding is not a suitable method to repair this pavement. More extensive rehabilitation is needed to improve roughness. This is planned for future years but not currently programmed.

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*2691 STATE ROADS MAINTENANCE WORK—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

With regard to State roads and road surface treatments and maintenance in the electorate of Cessnock:

- (1) What was the value of maintenance work undertaken in the financial years:
 - (a) 2009-2010;
 - (b) 2010-2011;
 - (c) 2011-2012?
- (2) What is the allocated value of maintenance work to be undertaken in this financial year 2012-2013?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) (a) \$18.5 million.
(b) \$11 million.
(c) \$10.68 million.
- (2) \$12.54 million, as per the Budget papers.

*2692 NEUROLOGICAL SURGERY—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

With regards to neurological surgery in New South Wales:

- (1) How many surgeries were performed at John Hunter Hospital in the years:
 - (a) 2009-2010;
 - (b) 2010-2011;
 - (c) 2011-2012?
- (2) What other hospitals across New South Wales perform this type of surgery?
- (3) How many surgeries were performed by hospitals other than John Hunter Hospital in the years:
 - (a) 2009-2010;
 - (b) 2010-2011;
 - (c) 2011-2012?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) to (3) Other than John Hunter Hospital, the following hospitals perform neurological surgery:
Bankstown/Lidcombe Hospital, Concord Hospital, Liverpool Hospital, Nepean Hospital, Prince of Wales Hospital, Royal North Shore Hospital, Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, St. George Hospital, St. Vincent's Hospital, Darlinghurst, Sydney Children's Hospital, The Children's Hospital at Westmead, Westmead Hospital (all units) and Wollongong Hospital.

Performance statistics of NSW hospitals are published by the Bureau of Health Information.

*2693 DESTINATION NSW—FUNDING FOR LISTED AREAS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Hospitality and Racing, and Minister for the Arts—

With regard the following areas as listed on the Destination NSW website:

1. Northern Rivers
2. North Coast
3. Lord Howe Island
4. The Hunter
5. Central Coast
6. Blue Mountains
7. South Coast Region
8. New England North West
9. Central NSW
10. Capital Country Region
11. Snowy Mountains
12. Outback NSW
13. Riverina

14. The Murray

- (1) How much funding has been spent in each area in 2011-2012?
- (2) How much funding has been budgeted for each area in 2012-2013?

Answer—

- (1) Funding provided under these programs in 2011-12 for:

Northern Rivers	\$626,250
Mid North Coast	\$1,106,838
Lord Howe Island	\$75,000
Hunter	\$907,500
Central Coast	\$849,700
Blue Mountains	\$834,600
South Coast	\$925,000
Inland NSW (includes New England North West, Capital Country and Outback)	\$1,188,968
Central NSW	\$712,886
Snowy Mountains	\$714,800
Riverina	\$407,364
Murray	\$350,000

In addition, Destination NSW invested in a broad range of commercial events in these areas. However Destination NSW does not disclose the level of funds that it has or that it will commit to commercial event investment. This information is commercial-in-confidence between Destination NSW and the event proponent to allow the organisation to bid for events in a competitive market.

- (2) Funding that has been budgeted in 2012-13 for:

North Coast Destination Network (includes Northern Rivers and Mid North Coast)	\$1,112,091
Lord Howe Island	\$145,000
Hunter	\$532,000
Central Coast	\$425,000
Blue Mountains	\$405,700
South Coast	\$585,000
Inland NSW (includes New England North West, Capital Country and Outback)	\$1,414,500
Central NSW	\$255,500
Snowy Mountains	\$457,209
Riverina	\$245,000
Murray	\$90,000

The above figures do not include the 2013 Regional Flagship Events Program funding as the Program opened for Expressions of Interest on 10 September 2012 and funding will not be known until December 2012.

In addition, a range of commercial events are under contract with Destination NSW. Again, for the reasons given in (1), Destination NSW does not disclose the level of funds that it has or that it will commit to commercial event investment.

- *2696 CAMPSIE LOCAL AREA COMMAND—AUTHORISED STRENGTH—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked 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 decision to reduce the authorised strength of Campsie Local Area Command from 173 to 149 officers:

- (1) What action did the Minister take to inform the Greater Campsie community of this decision?
- (2) Where will these police officers now be located?

Answer—

I am advised that any changes to authorised strength between May and June 2012 are as a result of the creation of stand-alone Traffic & Highway Patrol and Police Transport Commands. Officers who were

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already performing highway patrol or commuter crime-related duties are no longer counted in Local Area Command numbers, rather they are counted under the respective of the two Commands and go towards the total number for Field Operations shown on the strength figures.

*2697 PRIVATE CAR PARKS—FINES ISSUED—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Fair Trading—

What action will the Minister take to prevent private companies such as Australian National Car Parks from issuing "fines" to NSW consumers?

Answer—

If a private car park operator in NSW issues a payment notice that does not comply with the Australian Consumer Law, NSW Fair Trading will take appropriate compliance action in accordance with the law.

*2698 PRIVATE CAR PARKS—COMPLAINTS RECEIVED—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Fair Trading—

(1) How many complaints have been received in the last twelve months by NSW Fair Trading regarding private companies such as Australian National Car Parks issuing "fines" to NSW consumers?

(2) What advice has the Minister received regarding potential action by the Government to address this issue?

Answer—

During the last twelve months, NSW Fair Trading has received no identified complaints relating to "fines" from private car park operators. Private car park operators in NSW issue payment notices which comply with the Australian Consumer Law.

I am advised that private car parking operators across the nation are presently under active surveillance by Australian Consumer Law regulators. As part of this project, NSW Fair Trading is engaging with a number of NSW-based businesses to ensure that they are fully aware of their ongoing obligations under the Australian Consumer Law.

Where there is evidence of breaches of the law, Fair Trading will take action accordingly.

*2699 NEW REQUIREMENTS FOR PETROL SIGNS—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Fair Trading—

Why is the Minister waiting 12 months to introduce new requirements for petrol signs in NSW?

Answer—

Under the new fuel price sign requirements, all New South Wales service stations will be required to have a fuel price sign (or signs) which:

- in the case of a service station which sells up to four fuels, displays the price of all of those fuels; and
- in the case of a service station which sells more than four fuels, displays the prices of at least four fuels, being LPG and/or diesel if these are sold, together with the top-selling fuels for that service station, so as to add up to a total of four fuels.

The price displayed is to be price per litre available to all retail customers, that being the normal price without any discounts or special offers. In the case of ethanol blend petrol, regular unleaded petrol and premium petrol, the octane rating of the petrol, rounded down to the nearest whole number, will be required to be displayed on the bowser.

The new requirements will come into effect on 1 September 2013, in order to give service stations time to amend their signboards, if necessary. The Government has consulted with industry and considers one year to be a reasonable transition period.

*2700 REPLACEMENT OF SERVICE STATION SIGNAGE—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Fair Trading—

I reference to your media comments that only a limited number of service stations in NSW will need to replace their signs in order to comply with new Government Regulations, how many service stations in NSW will need to replace their signs as a result of the new regulation?

Answer—

Service stations do not necessarily need to replace their existing signs. The Fair Trading Regulation 2012 provides that petrol stations are able to display prices on one or more signs or boards, so existing signage can be retained in many cases.

The regulation does not necessitate the installation of expensive new LED signs. Signs must be able to be read from the road and be well lit - that is all that is required. Basic street level price boards are a practical alternative already used in many areas of New South Wales.

*2701 REPLACEMENT OF SERVICE STATION SIGNAGE—COSTS—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Fair Trading—

In relation to service stations in NSW that will need to replace their signs in order to comply with new Government regulations, what are the estimated costs for service stations seeking to replace petrol signs?

Answer—

Service stations do not necessarily need to replace their existing signs. The Fair Trading Regulation 2012 provides that petrol stations are able to display prices on one or more signs or boards, so existing signage can be retained in many cases.

The regulation does not necessitate the installation of expensive new LED signs. Signs must be able to be read from the road and be well lit - that is all that is required. Basic street level price boards are a practical alternative already used in many areas of New South Wales.

*2702 DRAFT BOARDING HOUSES BILL—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Ageing, and Minister for Disability Services—

Will the Minister amend the Draft Boarding Houses Bill to cover all of the categories of "marginal renters" covered by the Member for Sydney's Private Members Bill "Residential Tenancies Amendment (Occupancy Agreements) 2011"?

Answer—

The Government's Bill will address the issues faced by residents living in boarding premises as their principal place of residence.

*2703 OXFORD STREET CLEARWAY—Ms Clover Moore asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

With the Oxford Street clearway impacting local businesses through noise and pollution from fast moving traffic, and fewer parking spaces for shoppers travelling by car, at a time when business is already suffering from the global financial crisis and on-line retail:

- (1) What assessment was made after the opening of the Cross City Tunnel in 2005, which reduced traffic along Oxford Street between Taylor Square and Queen Street by an estimated 30 per cent, on the need for the clearway?
- (2) What assessment was made after the opening of the Eastern Distributor in 1999, which took through-traffic off Oxford Street, on the need for the clearway?
- (3) How do east-bound traffic numbers along Oxford Street during the afternoon clearway compare with numbers on southwest-bound King Street Newtown, which has one less lane of traffic in each direction?
- (4) How do traffic volumes travelling east-bound in the afternoon justify the need for three dedicated traffic lanes?
- (5) Will the Government help small businesses by removing the clearway on Oxford Street east-bound?
- (6) If not, will the Government introduce a one-year trial with Roads and Maritime Services, Woollahra Municipal Council and the City of Sydney jointly collecting and reviewing data?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Local traffic impacts were assessed after the Cross City Tunnel opened as part of the Paddington local area traffic management plan. However, the assessment focussed on traffic on local streets in adjacent suburbs, not on Oxford Street.
- (2) Traffic counts, intersection performance, travel times, heavy vehicle usage and public transport data was collected in the period August to October 2000. Similar data was collected for the period October to November 2001, after completion of the Local Area Improvement Program.

A final study report was prepared, based on the data collected in October to November 2001. The study indicated that traffic flows on Oxford Street between Crown Street and Bourke Street continued to increase, but congestion had decreased.

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- (3) Traffic data indicates that between 3pm and 5pm the traffic volume in Oxford Street is lower than King Street, Newtown, however, between 5pm and 7pm the volume in Oxford Street is higher than King Street, Newtown.
- (4) Oxford Street is an important public transport corridor, with the bus lane in Oxford Street forming part of three strategic bus corridors. On the northern side of Oxford Street (outbound), bus lane restrictions apply between 3pm and 7pm. During this period 280 buses use the bus lane, carrying over 10,000 commuters.

The bus lane is needed for the 280 buses to provide reliable and efficient services.

- (5) In response to shop traders along Oxford Street at Darlinghurst, Roads and Maritime Services is currently reviewing traffic conditions on Oxford Street.
- (6) Roads and Maritime Services and the State Transit Authority will monitor bus travel times and general traffic conditions along Oxford Street and will await the outcome of the review.

*2704 MOTOR REGISTRY CLOSURES—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

- (1) Will the Minister guarantee that no RMS motor registry will be closed in the Illawarra?
- (2) If not, which motor registries is RMS considering to close?
- (3) What information is being used to determine the location of those facilities considered for closure?

Answer—

I am advised:

There are no current plans to close any motor registries in the Illawarra region.

*2705 CASEWORKER RECRUITMENT AND EMPLOYMENT—COMMUNITY SERVICES—Mrs Barbara Perry asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

- (1) How many people did the assessment centres take in for 2011?
- (2) How many assessment centres were run since the beginning of 2011 to 2012?
- (3) How many assessment centres were run since the beginning of 2012 to date?
- (4) How many applicants were there since 2010 to 2011?
- (5) How many of these applicants proceeded to employment for 2010-11?
- (6) How many applicants were there from 2011 to date?
- (7) How many of these applicants proceeded to employment for 2011 to date?
- (8) How many staff have you employed this year through the assessment centre process for the temporary, permanent and JIRT staff?

Answer—

- (1) to (8) Caseworker roles are advertised on the Jobs NSW website and recruitment of caseworkers is continuous. There is no freeze on frontline caseworker recruitment. There never has been.

Caseworker recruitment is - and always has been - targeted at the areas where caseworkers are needed to meet service delivery requirements.

Community Services continues to make caseworker appointments in line with its budget and service delivery requirements.

Candidates who are considered suitable at assessment centres and not immediately offered a position are placed on an eligibility list for 12 months. Appointments from the eligibility list are made in order of merit and candidates can be appointed at any time during the 12 month period.

Data on applicants appointed from the eligibility list is not available by date of application or the date of appointment in a readily reportable format so Community Services is not able to say how many of the appointments during the periods requested were candidates who attended an assessment centre in the periods requested.

*2706 COMMUNITY SERVICES—OUT-OF-HOME CARE CAPACITY—Mrs Barbara Perry asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

- (1) What capacity for Community Services Out-of-Home Care (OOHC) services will be maintained through the transition process?
- (2) What capacity for Community Services OOHC services will be maintained after the transition process?
- (3) What funding will be provided for Community Services OOHC services during the transition of OOHC to non-Government organisations (NGOs)?

- (4) What funding will be provided for Community Services OOHC after the transition of OOHC to non-Government organisations?

Answer—

- (1) Community Services will continue to deliver OOHC services to children in statutory care during the transition process, while transferring children and carers to the NGO sector.
- (2) The transition only applies to statutory OOHC placements and will occur at a rate that ensures a stable sector. Non-statutory OOHC placements are not part of the current transition of OOHC and will continue to be managed by Community Services.
- (3) Funding provided to Community Services OOHC services during the transition of OOHC to NGOs will be based on targets for achieving the transition over the next 10 years.
- (4) Funding provided to Community Services OOHC after the transition of OOHC to NGOs will take into account the residual OOHC functions of the agency.

- *2707 CONISTON COMMUNITY SERVICE CENTRE STAFFING—Mrs Barbara Perry asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

In relation to Coniston Community Service Centre:

- (1) How many permanent caseworker positions were vacant from 2011-12?
- (2) How many temporary caseworker positions were vacant from 2011 to date?
- (3) On what date/dates was/were the number of caseworkers in Coniston increased by a third as referred by the Minister during Question Time on 15 August 2012?

Answer—

- (1) and (2) There is no baseline number of funded positions or authorised staffing establishment against which to report vacancies.
- (3) The temporary vacancy rate against filled and occupied positions at Wollongong Community Services Centre has been reduced by one-third from March 2011 to August 2012.

- *2708 TRANSFER TO OUT-OF-HOME CARE FUNDING—Mrs Barbara Perry asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

Will non-government organisations providing out-of-home care services be given any extra funding in addition to the negotiated unit cost price in the next three years?

Answer—

Yes, in some cases.

- *2709 COMMUNITY SERVICES STAFFING—Mrs Barbara Perry asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

- (1) What is the full time equivalent establishment figure for all Community Services staff excluding caseworkers across the state for 2010-11?
- (2) What is the full time equivalent establishment figure for all Community Services staff excluding caseworkers across the state for July 2011-12?
- (3) What is the full time equivalent establishment figure for all Community Services staff excluding caseworkers for the following regions for 2010-11:
 - (a) Northern Region;
 - (b) Hunter;
 - (c) Met West;
 - (d) Met Central;
 - (e) Southern;
 - (f) Western;
 - (g) Met South West?
- (4) What is the full time establishment figure for figure for all Community Services staff excluding caseworkers for July 2011 to date for the following regions:
 - (a) Northern Region;
 - (b) Hunter;
 - (c) Met West;
 - (d) Met Central;
 - (e) Southern;
 - (f) Western;
 - (g) Met South West?

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Answer—

- (1) to (4) Details of Community Services staffing is included in the Department of Family and Community Services Annual Reports.

Community Services does not have an authorised staffing establishment or a baseline number of funded positions by region against which to report establishment figures or vacancy rates for the periods requested.

*2710 CASEWORKER NUMBERS ACROSS NSW—Mrs Barbara Perry asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

- (1) What is the full time equivalent establishment figure for caseworkers across the state for 2010-11?
 (2) What is the full time equivalent establishment figure for caseworkers across the state for July 2011 to date?
 (3) What is the full time establishment figure for caseworkers for 2010-11 for the following regions:
 (a) Northern Region;
 (b) Hunter;
 (c) Met West;
 (d) Met Central;
 (e) Southern;
 (f) Western;
 (g) Met South West?
 (4) What is the full time establishment figure for caseworkers for July 2011 to date for the following regions:
 (a) Northern Region;
 (b) Hunter;
 (c) Met West;
 (d) Met Central;
 (e) Southern;
 (f) Western;
 (g) Met South West?

Answer—

- (1) to (4) Caseworker numbers go up and down all the time. They always have.

Community Services does not have an authorised staffing establishment or a baseline number of funded caseworker positions by region against which to report establishment figures or vacancy rates for the periods requested.

Each day around 2,000 caseworkers across NSW turn up for work - the same as under the previous Government in June 2010.

Caseworker roles are advertised on the NSW Jobs website and recruitment of caseworkers is continuous. There is no freeze on frontline caseworker recruitment. There never has been.

Caseworker recruitment is - and always has been - targeted at the areas where caseworkers are needed to meet service delivery requirements.

Community Services continues to make caseworker appointments in line with its budget and service delivery requirements.

*2711 CASEWORKER VACANCIES ACROSS NSW—Mrs Barbara Perry asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

- (1) What are the numbers of vacancies for permanent and temporary caseworkers for 2010-11?
 (2) What are the numbers of vacancies for permanent and temporary caseworkers for July 2011 to date?
 (3) What are the numbers of vacancies for permanent and temporary caseworkers for 2010-11 by the following regions:
 (a) Northern Region;
 (b) Hunter;
 (c) Met West;
 (d) Met Central;
 (e) Southern;
 (f) Western;
 (g) Met South West?

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- (4) What are the numbers of vacancies for permanent and temporary caseworkers for July 2011 to date by the following regions:
- (a) Northern Region;
 - (b) Hunter;
 - (c) Met West;
 - (d) Met Central;
 - (e) Southern;
 - (f) Western;
 - (g) Met South West?
- (5) How many permanent caseworker positions were unfilled as of July 2011?
- (6) How many temporary caseworker positions were unfilled as of July 2011?
- (7) How many permanent caseworker positions were unfilled as of July 2012?
- (8) How many temporary caseworker positions were unfilled as of July 2012?
- (9) As of July 2011 how many temporary positions were there for caseworkers across Community Services by each region:
- (a) Northern Region;
 - (b) Hunter;
 - (c) Met West;
 - (d) Met Central;
 - (e) Southern;
 - (f) Western;
 - (g) Met South West?
- (10) As of July 2011 how many temporary caseworkers were employed across Community Services by each region:
- (a) Northern Region;
 - (b) Hunter;
 - (c) Met West;
 - (d) Met Central;
 - (e) Southern;
 - (f) Western;
 - (g) Met South West?
- (11) As of July 2012 how many temporary caseworkers were employed across Community Services by each region:
- (a) Northern Region;
 - (b) Hunter;
 - (c) Met West;
 - (d) Met Central;
 - (e) Southern;
 - (f) Western;
 - (g) Met South West?
- (12) As of July 2011 how many permanent caseworkers were employed by each region:
- (a) Northern Region;
 - (b) Hunter;
 - (c) Met West;
 - (d) Met Central;
 - (e) Southern;
 - (f) Western;
 - (g) Met South West?
- (13) As of July 2012 how many permanent caseworkers are employed by each region:
- (a) Northern Region;
 - (b) Hunter;
 - (c) Met West;
 - (d) Met Central;
 - (e) Southern;
 - (f) Western;
 - (g) Met South West?

Answer—

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Community Services continues to make caseworker appointments in line with its budget and service delivery requirements.

*2712 CLOSURE OF MOTOR REGISTRIES—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

(1) (a) Will the Minister be closing any motor registries within the Illawarra region?

(b) If so, which registries and when?

(2) How many staff will lose their jobs as a result of the closure?

Answer—

I am advised:

There are no current plans to close any motor registries in the Illawarra region.

*2713 CUTS TO COMMUNITY SERVICE PROVIDERS—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Ageing, and Minister for Disability Services—

What justification does the Minister have in cutting almost 1,000 disability support staff, aged care workers, child protection case workers and other frontline community service providers under the Government's 15,000 job cuts?

Answer—

The premise of this question is wrong.

*2714 CUTS TO DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

Can the Minister advise whether it plans to reverse its decision to cut 968 workers from the Department of Family and Community Services?

Answer—

There has been no decision to cut 968 workers from the Department of Family and Community Services.

This false claim is based on the Government's 1.2% labour expenses budget saving, a difficult decision in the 2011-12 State Budget to fix the state's financial position.

As the Government has often repeated, Directors-General have the discretion as to how this savings measure is delivered.

I have instructed the Director-General of Family and Community Services that in meeting this whole-of-government savings measure, the level and quality of front line services should not be diminished.

The Government is getting on with the job of real reform to improve services and lives for vulnerable children and young people.

*2715 FUNDING FOR VITAL SERVICES—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

Is the Premier considering slashing funding for vital services for some of the most vulnerable people in NSW including Lifeline?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Government has provided Lifeline with additional funding of \$2 million per annum for four years, commencing 2011-12. This funding will be used to support the ongoing operation of Lifeline's crisis

support telephone service, and to provide NSW Lifeline centres with the resources to deliver mental health training to its telephone volunteers.

*2720 SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC GROWTH—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

What is the Minister doing to implement his promise for New South Wales to lead Australia in sustainable economic growth given the New South Wales economy contracted in the last quarter with a 0.3% drop in State Final Demand?

Answer—

According to the latest (June 2012) Australian Bureau of Statistics data, the NSW State Final Demand actually increased by 0.1% in the March quarter and 1.5% in the June quarter.

Based on Australian Bureau of Statistics data, the June 2011 to June 2012 percentage change of State Final Demand (seasonally adjusted) is about 3.4% while the trend estimates indicate an annual growth of 3.0%.

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*2721 MOTOR REGISTRIES IN WESTERN SYDNEY—Mr Richard Amery asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

- (1) Is the Government looking at services being provided by motor registries?
- (2) Is there any proposal to close motor registries in Western Sydney?
- (3) What impact, if any, will any reviews have on the operations of the Mount Druitt Motor Registry and the St Marys Motor Registry?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) A fully integrated service delivery model is bringing together the former RTA and NSW Maritime customer services. Motor registries will provide a suite of services for Maritime customers, resulting in a major expansion of locations and opening hours for Maritime customers.

In addition, the Service NSW program is currently being developed by the Department of Premier and Cabinet. Service NSW will provide a "one stop shop" for the people of NSW.

- (2) Roads and Maritime Services has no plans to close any motor registries in western Sydney.
- (3) Not applicable. See the answer provided for question (2).

*2722 POSITIONS AT NSW CENTRE FOR ROAD SAFETY—Mr Robert Furolo asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

With regards to positions at the NSW Centre for Road Safety:

- (1) Currently, how many FTE positions are allocated to the NSW Centre for Road Safety, as at August 2012?
- (2) How many FTE positions were allocated to the NSW Centre for Road Safety in August 2011?
- (3) How many FTE positions were allocated to the NSW Centre for Road Safety in August 2010?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) In August 2012 there were 85 FTE positions (excluding 26 Crashlab FTE positions which remained with Roads and Maritime Services).
- (2) In August 2011 there were 103 FTE positions allocated to the NSW Centre for Road Safety. This included Crashlab FTE positions.
- (3) In August 2010 there were 103 FTE positions allocated to the NSW Centre for Road Safety. This included Crashlab FTE positions.

*2723 CENTRE FOR ROAD SAFETY—Mr Robert Furolo asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

In relation to the NSW Centre for Road Safety:

- (1) What was the total budget allocation for the NSW Centre for Road Safety in 2012-13?

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- (2) What was the total budget allocation for the NSW Centre for Road Safety in 2011-12?
(3) What was the total budget allocation for the NSW Centre for Road Safety in 2010-11?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Total budget allocation in 2012-13 is \$231 million.
(2) Total budget allocation in 2011-12 was \$229 million.
(3) Total budget allocation in 2010-11 was \$196 million.

*2724 WIRE ROPES SAFETY BARRIERS—Mr Robert Furolo asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

With regards to Wire Ropes Safety Barriers (WRSBs):

- (1) Have WRSBs been crash tested with motorcycles?
(2) If WRSB's have not been tested with motorcycles, are there any plans to and when will the crash test be undertaken?
(3) What is the incidence of injury or death to motorcyclists caused by impact on a WRSB?
(4) (a) Is there any Australian or international research on the safety of WRSBs for motorcyclists?
(b) If so what are the findings of the research?
(5) (a) Is there any Australian or international research on what types of barriers may have the least impact on motorcyclists?
(b) If so what are the findings of the research?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Crash tests with motorcyclist dummies have been undertaken internationally. University of NSW studies of motorcyclist crashes into safety barriers have recommended improvements to crash test protocols.
(2) The Centre for Road Safety and Roads and Maritime Services are interested in testing safety barriers for motorcyclist safety, and are assessing the feasibility of designing and conducting tests.
(3) The incidence of injury or death caused by impact with Wire Ropes Safety Barriers (WRSB) is very low. According to University of NSW research, of 1261 fatal motorcycle crashes in Australia in the years 2001 to 2006, only six were a result of impact with a WRSB. This is less than 0.5% of motorcyclist fatalities.
(4) Research on the safety of WRSBs for motorcyclists has been undertaken by the Transport and Road Safety group at the University of New South Wales. The research found that WRSBs have half the fatality rate of W-Beam barriers.
(5) Research on the relative safety of barrier types for motorcyclists found that WRSBs were the safest barrier for motorcyclists. The fatality rate of WRSBs is approximately half that of steel barriers and two-thirds that of concrete barriers.

*2725 TRAFFIC COUNTS—Mr Robert Furolo asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

In relation to the traffic counts published by Roads and Maritime Services (RMS):

- (1) For which roads does the RMS publish traffic counts?
(2) How regularly does RMS publish traffic counts for these roads?
(3) Why does the traffic count for the M4 published on the RMS website only go to May 2010?
(4) (a) Are there plans to ensure the traffic count for the M4 is updated?
(b) If so, when will the information be updated?
(5) (a) Are there any plans to publish traffic counts on major roads which currently do not have their traffic counts published on the RMS website?
(b) If so when?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) RMS currently collects traffic volume information across the NSW classified road network at strategic points.
(2) RMS is developing a new interactive internet service which will allow customers to click at a point on a map and get the traffic volume information. This information will be updated by RMS annually.

In the mean time, RMS has established a contact email and hotline service for customers wishing to get RMS traffic volume information. This service is available at riss.info@rms.nsw.gov.au or by calling 13 22 13

- (3) Traffic information for the M4 Motorway began to be published on the RMS website on 17 February 2010 when the operation of the M4 returned to the NSW Government.

This traffic information was published to inform road users on how traffic patterns may have changed with the removal of the toll. However customer demand for this information was not high and was subsequently removed from the website.

M4 traffic information will be included as part of the new RMS service. This information is also currently available by emailing riss.info@rms.nsw.gov.au or by calling 13 22 13.

- (4) (a) and (b) Publishing the traffic volumes on the M4 will be part of the new RMS interactive service.
(5) (a) and (b) As part of the new RMS service, an interactive map is being developed that will show the traffic volumes at key points on the road network. Anyone wishing to be notified when this map is published by RMS can register their interest by emailing riss.info@rms.nsw.gov.au

*2726 SAFETY BARRIERS—Mr Robert Furolo asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

With regards to safety barriers used on NSW roads:

- (1) What are the types of safety barriers used on NSW roads?
- (2) Have all the safety barriers currently used on NSW roads been crash tested using motorcycles?
- (3) (a) What safety barrier type has not been crash tested with motorcycles?
(b) For those safety barriers are there plans to conduct crash testing with motorcycles and when?
- (4) What standards apply to the use of safety barriers in NSW?
- (5) Do the standards for safety barriers in NSW consider the impact on motorcyclists?
- (6) How often are the standards for safety barriers reviewed?
- (7) When is the next review of safety barrier standards?
- (8) What is the process for the review of safety barriers in NSW? Will the review include the impact on motorcyclists?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) There are three main types of permanent safety barriers used on NSW Roads. The first barrier type is the "rigid barrier", which is a concrete barrier. The second is the semi-rigid barrier. The most common type of semi-rigid barrier is the w-beam, which is sometimes called "Armco" barrier. The final barrier type is the flexible barrier. The wire rope safety barrier is a flexible barrier.

The flexible barrier type is favoured by the Centre for Road Safety and Roads and Maritime Services, as it is less likely to cause injuries in a crash.

(2) and (3) I refer you to the answer to Written Question LA 2724.

(4) Part 6 of the "Road Design Guide", entitled "Safety Barriers for Roads and Bridges".

On local roads, local councils have the final say as to barrier installation.

(5) The design standards have three design vehicles, the passenger car, the medium rigid (8 tonne) truck, and the semi-trailer. This is consistent with American and European standards.

(6) to (8) Standards for barrier installation on NSW State roads are currently under review. This is a nationwide review, as part of the wider effort to improve Australia's roads. The review has produced a set of documents called the "Austroads Guide to Road Design". The section of the guide that is relevant to safety barrier installation is due to be re-released.

The design standards review process takes approximately three years. Once finalised, it is expected that periodic review will take place on a three to five year cycle.

Additionally, Roads and Maritime Services runs frequent barrier acceptance panels, designed to discuss, analyse and ultimately accept or not accept new barrier products for use on NSW roads. These panels involve other states' road authorities. The panels consider the safety of all road users, including vulnerable road users, for each barrier type, and identify any potential hazards of new barrier products.

*2727 ROAD SAFETY EDUCATION CAMPAIGNS—Mr Robert Furolo asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

In relation to road safety education campaigns:

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- (1) What is the total allocation for road safety communication in 2012-13?
- (2) How much of the road safety communication budget in 2012-13 is being used for television advertisements?
- (3) How much of the road safety communication budget in 2012-13 is being used for radio advertisements?
- (4) How much of the road safety communication budget in 2012-13 is being used for newspaper advertisements?
- (5) How much of the road safety communication budget in 2012-13 is being used to pay for advertising agents?
- (6) (a) How much of the road safety communication budget in 2012-13 is being used for consultants?
(b) What were the consultants engaged to do?
- (7) (a) Apart from advertisements on television, radio and newspapers and the costs of any advertising agents and consultants?
(b) What other activities will the 2012-13 road safety communication budget fund?
- (8) What was the total allocation for the road safety communication budget in 2011-12?
- (9) What was the total allocation for the road safety budget in 2010-11?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) \$21.6 million.
- (2) \$4 million has been approved to date.
- (3) \$1.7 million has been approved to date.
- (4) \$0.15 million has been approved to date.
- (5) \$1 million has been approved to date. This includes the agency fees for the production of the new 'Plan B' campaign, as well as the agency fees across the nine existing road safety campaigns.
- (6) (a) Nil.
(b) Not applicable.
- (7) (a) and (b) Campaign effectiveness testing; outdoor advertising on road side and in-venue; online advertising; and cinema.

Regional up-weighting of campaigns in local media has been approved to support local needs in addressing key road safety issues.

Other marketing campaigns, such as website development and management is funded to support key initiatives, production of support materials e.g. posters and brochures.

- (8) \$15.6 million.
- (9) \$14.6 million.

*2728 M9 MOTORWAY CORRIDOR—Mr Robert Furolo asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

In relation to the M9 Motorway Corridor:

- (1) What work has been undertaken to identify a route for the M9 Motorway corridor?
- (2) Has the route been selected?
- (3) What is the route?
- (4) What action has been taken to reserve land necessary for the M9 Motorway?
- (5) Is any land on the proposed route currently owned by government agencies, authorities or Government Trading Enterprises?
- (6) What is the value of acquiring the land necessary for the M9 Motorway?
- (7) Has the NSW Government budgeted any funds to identify the route or to acquire land for the M9 Motorway?

Answer—

I am advised:

The draft NSW Long Term Transport Master Plan identifies the need to reserve important transport corridors to enable the cost efficient, long term development of the transport network. Transport for NSW will work with the Department of Planning and Infrastructure, to improve the process for identifying and protecting corridors and, over time, secure the land required to deliver new transport infrastructure.

The draft NSW Long Term Transport Master Plan identified the Outer Sydney Orbital/M9 corridor for long term transport requirements.

The final NSW Long Term Transport Master Plan will be released later this year.

*2729 M5 EAST TRAFFIC VOLUMES—Mr Robert Furolo asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

In relation to traffic volumes on the M5 East:

- (1) What is the current average daily traffic volume for the M5 East?
- (2) What was the average daily traffic volume in 2011?
- (3) What was the average daily traffic volume in 2010?
- (4) What percentage of current average daily traffic volume on the M5 East consists of heavy vehicles?
- (5) What percentage of 2011 average daily traffic volume on the M5 East consists of heavy vehicles?
- (6) What percentage of 2010 average daily traffic volume on the M5 East consists of heavy vehicles?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) 98,033.
- (2) 100,592.
- (3) 98,920.
- (4) 7.9%.
- (5) 7.9%.
- (6) 7.5%.

*2730 NUMERACY AND LITERACY LEVELS—ABORIGINAL CHILDREN—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) (a) Has the Government failed to improve numeracy and literacy levels among Aboriginal children in NSW?
(b) If so, why has this happened?
- (2) (a) Is the Government ensuring each child has access to sufficient resources and support?
(b) If not, why?
- (3) How will the Minister address the gap between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal students in reading and numeracy?

Answer—

- (1) (a) and (b) In August 2012, the Auditor-General released his Performance Audit Improving the literacy of Aboriginal Students in NSW public schools. This Audit looked at the Department's processes over the last decade that were designed to improve the literacy of Aboriginal students. This included the processes of the previous government.

I refer the Member back to the Performance Audit, Improving the literacy of Aboriginal Students in NSW public schools, and to the key findings of the Auditor-General.

The NSW Government is committed to closing the literacy and numeracy outcomes gap between Aboriginal students and all students in NSW. The factors influencing Aboriginal student outcomes are complex and multifaceted. Persistent system-wide effort will be required in order to significantly reduce the gap in literacy and numeracy outcomes between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal students.

- (2) (a) Yes.

(b) New South Wales government schools use available resources to meet the needs of each of their students, including Aboriginal students. In addition to the global public school allocations, the NSW Government provides approximately \$75 million each year to support a range of targeted initiatives designed to improve learning outcomes for Aboriginal students and improve the way the Department works with Aboriginal families and communities.

In addition to school based strategies for improving the reading and numeracy gap between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal students, two new initiatives are being developed by the Department of Education and Communities that will have a significant impact on Aboriginal student literacy and numeracy outcomes. These are Connected Communities and Early Action for Success.

The Connected Communities strategy is an innovative approach for the planning and delivery of quality education for Aboriginal students that will be implemented in 15 schools servicing 12 of the most complex, vulnerable and disadvantaged communities in NSW from 2013. It will drive improved educational outcomes for Aboriginal students through linking learning to other related services.

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Government schools in these locations will become the hubs of their communities, delivering not only quality and relevant education, but also linking with services such as health, welfare, early childhood education and care and vocational education and training in a holistic response to address local needs.

The Government, through its Literacy and Numeracy Action Plan, is investing \$261 million over 5 years from 2012-2016 to support students who are most at risk of not reaching minimum standards in literacy and numeracy.

Each of the Government, Catholic and Independent sectors have developed implementation plans to achieve the state plan targets. Each sector is required to track and report on the achievements of the students in the schools nominated for the intervention.

Early Action for Success is a Department of Education and Communities initiative that improves students' literacy and numeracy skills through a targeted approach working with primary schools. This initiative has four key features: instructional leadership; personalised learning; assessment for learning; and, high quality professional learning with a focus on the early years of schooling K-2. Funding for the appointment of 50 hands-on Instructional Leaders in public schools with the greatest need, many of which have Aboriginal students, has been provided.

Instructional Leaders, Literacy and Numeracy will also form part of the Connected Communities strategy and will be appointed to the 10 Connected Communities schools with Kindergarten to Year 2 enrolments. Whilst these communities have a high proportion of Aboriginal students, remedial strategies put in place will support improved achievement in Literacy and Numeracy outcomes for all students.

*2731 SAFETY STANDARDS FOR CONSTRUCTION WORKERS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

- (1) What is being done in response to media reports indicating the use of negligible perimeter scaffolding on work sites in the Hunter region (ABC News 9 August 2012)?
- (2) How is the Minister ensuring employers do not cut corners in occupational health and safety by using minimal or lesser quality products in the protection of employees?

Answer—

- (1) In response to the ABC News media report on 9 August 2012, a representative from WorkCover met with the Construction, Forestry, Mining and Energy Union (CFMEU) State Organiser on 20 August 2012, to formally discuss the safety concerns raised.

WorkCover addressed each of the safety concerns raised by the CFMEU relating to the identified construction sites in the Hunter region. All work health and safety issues, including the safe use of perimeter scaffolding were satisfactorily addressed by the contractors. This was communicated in writing to the CFMEU on 21 August 2012, with no further issues raised.

- (2) The Work Health and Safety Act 2011 and Work Health and Safety Regulation 2011 places an overarching duty on persons conducting a business or undertaking to ensure the safety of workers, with prescriptive requirements addressing high risk issues such as working on scaffolding and falls from heights.

WorkCover inspectors attend construction sites across New South Wales on a daily basis to verify compliance with work health and safety legislation and relevant Australian Standards. During each workplace visit, inspectors pay particular attention to the risk of falling from heights and evaluate any control measure implemented, such as scaffolding or perimeter edge protection, for its adequacy and take action to address any breach identified.

WorkCover also engages regularly with key construction industry stakeholders, such as the Master Builders' Association, Housing Industry Association, trade unions and employer groups, providing information, advice and assistance on falls from heights and scaffolding issues in the industry.

*2732 MOTOR REGISTRY CLOSURES—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

- (1) Will the Minister be closing any motor registries in the Hunter region?
- (2) If so:
 - (a) Which registries and when?
 - (b) How many staff will lose their jobs as a result of the closure?

Answer—

I am advised:

There are no current plans to close any motor registries in the Hunter region.

*2733 NEWCASTLE LOCAL AREA COMMAND—AUTHORIZED STRENGTH—Ms Sonia Hornery asked 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) What is the authorized strength of the Newcastle Local Area Command (LAC)?
- (2) Is the LAC operating at or above the authorized strength number of 90 per cent?
- (3) If it is operating below 90 per cent, why?

Answer—

Information about police authorised and actual strength is available on the NSW Police Force website, www.police.nsw.gov.au

Operational capacity in the Newcastle City Local Area Command as at 24 August 2012 was 98%.

*2734 EXPANSION OF CONTAINER PORTS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

- (1) Why has the Government chosen to expand Port Botany and Port Kembla and not the Hunter region as a site for a full-scale container port?
- (2) Given that 80 per cent of containers leave Port Botany by road, how will the Government accommodate the extra traffic when the M5 motorway is already heavily congested during peak-hour traffic?
- (3) Why has the Government chosen to expand ports that do not have sufficient resources to support their expansion?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) and (3) These questions should be redirected to the Treasurer as they relate to the Ports refinance transaction.
- (2) The NSW State Infrastructure Strategy and the NSW Long Term Transport Master Plan address the future transport needs of Port Botany.

*2735 ACE SERVICE CLOSURE—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) Why was a decision made by John Hunter Hospital to close the ACE Service, which supports women who experience antenatal and postnatal depression?
- (2) When was this decision made?
- (3) Was it due to funding cutbacks in Hunter Health?
- (4) How much money will the Government save by closing this service?
- (5) (a) Are there other services available to women experiencing antenatal and postnatal depression?
(b) If not, will the closure of this service adversely impact on women's health in the Hunter?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) to (3) A recent review of the ACE service conducted by John Hunter Hospital identified that the service lacked integration with Maternity Services, Mental Health and Child and Family Health Services, and was not working within a contemporary midwifery model.

ACE staff were informed of the decision to integrate the service on 2 August 2012 and the ACE Service ceased to operate on 31 August 2012. The service was integrated into Maternity Services, Mental Health and Child and Family Health Services to provide high quality, contemporary service to the women who require these services.

(4) Resources are being redirected into midwifery roles within the Division of Maternity and Gynaecology. There are no savings from these changes to service delivery.

(5) The Family Care Midwives Team is available to women experiencing antenatal and postnatal depression. The Family Care Midwives Team provides an efficient contemporary model of care that works within the Primary Maternity Services Framework of Australia in accordance with the model set out in the Families NSW Supporting Families Early Package.

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*2736 EXTRA LITERACY AND NUMERACY TEACHERS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) How many of the promised extra literacy and numeracy teachers for the electorate of Wallsend are currently employed in local schools?
- (2) What are the names of the schools where these teachers are located?
- (3) What is the timeframe for the remaining teachers to be placed?
- (4) What schools will be receiving these remaining teachers?

Answer—

- (1) There are no extra literacy and numeracy teachers (Instructional Leaders, Literacy and Numeracy) currently employed in the electorate of Wallsend.
- (2) Not applicable.
- (3) The equivalent of 900 additional full time teaching positions will be allocated in the time period 2012-2016.
- (4) The identification and selection of schools, including those in the electorate of Wallsend, to receive additional resources under the Literacy and Numeracy Action Plan will be ongoing over the five years of the government commitment. For this reason it is not possible to provide a final list of schools.

*2737 WORKERS ENTITLEMENTS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

Given the Government has applied to the Industrial Relations Commission to change 98 workplace awards of 80,000 NSW public sector workers, why is the Government allowing such an erosion of workers entitlements?

Answer—

The Government is paying public sector workers a minimum 2.5 per cent wage increase, which is currently above inflation. Increases above 2.5 per cent per annum can be awarded if employee-related savings have been achieved.

An application was made to the Industrial Relations Commission in June 2012 to vary provisions in the Crown Employees (Conditions of Employment) Award to enable wage increases above 2.5 per cent to be provided. As per the wages policy, no changes will be made without the agreement of all parties or the Industrial Relations Commission.

The Government believes its wages policy is fair for public servants and affordable for the State, particularly in the current economic environment.

*2738 JOBS FOR THE HUNTER—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Transport—

Why did the Minister award the contract to build buses to a Queensland company rather than to a local Hunter region company?

Answer—

I am advised:

A trial of double deck buses commenced on 27 August 2012 using buses manufactured by BusTech, which is based in Queensland. 40 percent of BusTech's employees reside in NSW.

BusTech has in the past been awarded contracts for the manufacture of buses ordered by the previous government.

*2739 BROTHEL LICENSING AUTHORITY—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Resources and Energy, Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Central Coast—

- (1) Who were the members of the working party examining the issue of establishing a Brothel Licensing Authority?
- (2) From whom did the working party seek or receive submissions?

Answer—

- (1) and (2) The Government has tasked the Department of Premier and Cabinet, assisted by an inter-agency Working Party, to lead the development of options to implement this commitment.

The Working Party is inviting submissions on the Issues Paper from all interested parties which will feed into options for the Government's consideration.

*2740 CANCELLATION OF TRAIN SERVICES—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Transport—

- (1) What was the reason for cancellation of train services from Liverpool to the City on 27 August 2012?
- (2) How many such trains were cancelled on that day?
- (3) What steps will be taken to prevent this occurring again?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) to (3) Some trains from Liverpool to the City were affected by emergency overhead wiring repairs near Auburn on Monday 27 August 2012. Experienced train controllers made decisions to limit the impact of the incident on the wider network.

A significant program of investment focused on improving rail infrastructure and making it more reliable is currently underway. When disruptions to rail services occur, incident response staff and station staff work hard to minimise inconvenience, restore services as quickly as possible and keep customers informed of the latest service information.

*2741 SOCIAL BENEFIT BONDS—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

Has the Joint Development Phase of the Trial for a Recidivism pilot of Social Benefit Bonds involving Social Finance and Mission Australia and the Department of Attorney General and Justice been completed?

Answer—

As this trial is being led by the Treasury, the question should be redirected to the Treasurer.

*2742 NSW LAW REFORM COMMISSION REPORT NO 135—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

What is the Government's response to NSW Law Reform Commission Report No 135 "People with cognitive and mental health impairments in the criminal justice system - Diversion"?

Answer—

The Government is carefully considering the 55 recommendations made in the NSW Law Reform Commission's (LRC's) report on the diversion of people with cognitive and mental health impairments in the criminal justice system.

The Department will set up a committee, including senior officers from key mental health, disability and criminal justice agencies, in order to prepare a whole of government response to the LRC's report.

*2743 NSW LAW REFORM COMMISSION REPORT NO 134—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

What is the Government's response to NSW Law Reform Commission Report No 134 "Sentencing - Interim report on standard minimum non-parole periods"?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Law Reform Commission's (LRC) recommendation on standard minimum non-parole periods (SNPP) was made on an interim basis, pending monitoring and review of the SNPP scheme and consideration of the LRC's final report.

The review of the SNPP scheme will be deferred until the Government has carefully considered the LRC's final report.

*2744 CORRECTIVE SERVICES CENTRES—FOOD FOR INMATES—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

- (1) What changes have been made in corrective services centres this year to the provision of food for inmates and in the purchase of ingredients for inmates to make their own food?
- (2) What was the basis for such changes?
- (3) Are rice, garlic and tomatoes no longer available for purchase?
- (4) Has this decrease in range made it less likely that some inmates will work because they can no longer buy what they want?
- (5) In making this decision, was any consideration given to culturally specific food needs?

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Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) All perishable food items were removed from the Male and Female Corrective Services NSW (CSNSW) Grocery Buy Up (the buy up list).
- (2) The basis for this change was food health and safety issues.
- (3) Pre-cooked rice is available; however, raw rice is no longer available. As fresh garlic and tomato are perishable items they are not available; however, tinned tomatoes are available.
- (4) There is no evidence to suggest that it is less likely that some inmates will work because they can no longer buy what they want. Inmates, through the local Inmate Development Committees, have the opportunity to nominate product items that they would like to see added or removed from the buy up list twice per year.
- (5) CSNSW endeavours to provide all inmates with a balanced and varied diet. The buy up list contains culturally friendly food items. These items have been identified and added to the buy up list in response to advice received from Official Visitors, the Cultural and Linguistic Coordinator, the Chaplaincy Advisor and Justice Health.

*2745 SUPERANNUATION ENTITLEMENTS—FORMER PARTNERS OF JUDICIAL OFFICERS—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

What proposals does the Attorney General have to alter current superannuation entitlements and arrangements concerning former partners of judicial officers?

Answer—

I am advised:

On 20 September 2012 the Commonwealth Parliament passed the Judges and Governors-General Legislation Amendment (Family Law) Bill 2012 (Cth). This Bill will enable a former spouse of a judge to receive his or her share of a superannuation benefit as a separate benefit at the time of a family law split.

My Department will consider whether similar amendments should be made in NSW.

*2746 HAMBURGER REVIEW—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

Which recommendations, if any, of the Hamburger Review have not been implemented by the Government and/or Corrective Services NSW?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Knowledge Consulting Independent Review of Corrective Services NSW Organisational Management Structure (the Hamburger Review) dated 11 January 2012 made 61 recommendations, including that a further 14 reviews be undertaken.

Implementation of the Hamburger Review is being oversighted by a Restructure Implementation Team consisting of Laurie Glanfield, Director General, Department of Attorney General and Justice, Peter Severin, Commissioner of Corrective Services NSW (CSNSW) and Ken Moroney, former Police Commissioner.

The Director General commissioned a second report to ensure that implementation of the recommendations was proceeding according to plan.

On 2 August 2012, Knowledge Consulting provided a second report which resulted in a number of recommendations made in the Hamburger Review being superseded.

I can advise that, as at 8 October 2012, the implementation status of the Hamburger Review recommendations is as follows:

- 20 recommendations have been implemented;
- 15 recommendations have been partially implemented;
- 17 recommendations have not yet been implemented; and
- 9 recommendations were superseded by the second report.

*2747 CONTRACT WITH ATMAAC INTERNATIONAL—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

- (1) When was the contract entered into between ATMAAC International and Corrective Services NSW?
- (2) (a) Did the contract referred to in (1) above involve ATMAAC International providing services other

than electronic monitoring of serious prisoners and providing security around prisons?

(b) If so, what were those other services?

- (3) When did ATMAAC International cease providing its services under the contract?
- (4) Which entity has replaced ATMAAC International in providing the services referred to in that contract?
- (5) When did that entity commence providing those services?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The contract for boom gate and perimeter security services was entered into on 13 October 2008. The contract for alarm monitoring services at the Community Compliance and Monitoring Group Blacktown was entered into on 15 December 2008. The contract for security patrols at closed correctional centres (Kirkconnell, Berrima and Parramatta) was entered into on 7 October 2011.
- (2) (a) Yes.
(b) Corrective Services NSW (CSNSW) had a contractual arrangement with ATMAAC International Pty Limited for perimeter security at a number of correctional centres; general/static security (including boom gate operations, protection and security at correctional centres which have been closed and security services at CSNSW head office and Community Offender Support Program residential facilities); and alarm monitoring of offenders subject to electronic monitoring.
- (3) At midnight on 2 September, 2012.
- (4) Pacific Rim Employment Pty Limited has replaced ATMAAC International in providing boom gate and perimeter security services and alarm monitoring services. Triple O Security Pty Limited has replaced ATMAAC International in providing security patrols at closed correctional centres.
- (5) 3 September, 2012.

*2748 FUNDING FROM DESTINATION NSW—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Hospitality and Racing, and Minister for the Arts—

- (1) Over the 2011-12 financial year, how much funding from Destination NSW was allocated to the:
 - (a) Hunter region;
 - (b) Illawarra region?
- (2) Over this current financial year, how much funding from Destination NSW is allocated to the:
 - (a) Hunter region;
 - (b) Illawarra region?

Answer—

- (1) Funding provided under these programs in 2011-12 for:

Hunter - \$907,500

South Coast (Illawarra is part of the South Coast region) - \$925,000

In addition, Destination NSW invested in a range of commercial events in the Hunter and South Coast regions. However Destination NSW does not disclose the level of funds that it has or that it will commit to commercial event investment. This information is commercial-in-confidence between Destination NSW and the event proponent to allow the organisation to bid for events in a competitive market.

- (2) Funding that has been allocated in 2012-13 for:

Hunter - \$532,000

South Coast (Illawarra is part of the South Coast region) - \$585,000

The above figures do not include the 2013 Regional Flagship Events Program funding as the Program opened for Expressions of Interest on 10 September 2012 and funding will not be known until December 2012.

In addition, a number of commercial events are under contract with Destination NSW. Again, for the reasons given in (1), Destination NSW does not disclose the level of funds that it has or that it will commit to commercial event investment.

*2749 RAIL PASSENGER SAFETY—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport—

What steps is the Government taking to promote rail passenger safety on train platforms and raise awareness of the dangers passengers may face whilst travelling by rail?

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Answer—

A number of safety campaigns have been developed by RailCorp to promote rail safety to customers. These campaigns include:

- Rail Safety Week
- School Student Courtesy
- Personal Security.

In addition to the above campaigns, customer information is available throughout the year to remind and reinforce rail safety to customers.

Safety on the rail network is RailCorp's number one priority and a system is in place to consistently review procedures to improve the management of customers during the morning and afternoon peak periods.

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*2750 MOUNT DRUITT MOTOR REGISTRY—Mr Richard Amery asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

- (1) What is the number of employees currently working at the Mount Druitt Motor Registry?
- (2) What was the number of employees at this location for the same period in 2011?
- (3) Are there any plans to change the staffing levels at this motor registry?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) 16.
- (2) 14.
- (3) There are no current plans to change the staffing levels at the Mount Druitt Motor Registry.

*2751 BANKSTOWN AND CAMPSIE LOCAL AREA COMMANDS—Ms Linda Burney asked 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—

Can the Minister confirm whether Bankstown and Campsie Local Area Commands will be merged, as revealed in the recent Parsons report?

Answer—

The Government's response will be finalised following due consideration by the Government.

*2752 GOSFORD HOSPITAL—STAFF CAFETERIA—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) Are there any plans to privatise the staff cafeteria at Gosford Hospital?
- (2) If so:
 - (a) How many employees are likely to be directly affected?
 - (b) When will this action be taken?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) and (2) The planned privatisation of the staff cafeteria at Gosford Hospital took effect on 2 October 2012. Twelve employees who were directly affected have either been redeployed or taken voluntary redundancies.

*2753 AGE AT ADMISSION TO CHILDREN'S WARDS—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

With regards to the admission of patients aged greater than 17 years and 364 days to children's wards, as of 31 August 2012, in which of the following hospitals does this occur:

- (a) Bankstown;
- (b) Liverpool;
- (c) Campbelltown;

- (d) Fairfield;
- (e) Royal Prince Alfred;
- (f) Gosford;
- (g) John Hunter;
- (h) Maitland;
- (i) Port Macquarie;
- (j) Taree;
- (k) Tamworth;
- (l) Armidale;
- (m) Wagga Wagga;
- (n) Orange;
- (o) Bathurst;
- (p) Dubbo;
- (q) Coffs harbour;
- (r) Grafton;
- (s) Tweed;
- (t) Lismore;
- (u) Nepean;
- (v) Mount Druitt;
- (w) St George;
- (x) Royal North Shore;
- (y) Hornsby;
- (z) Wollongong;
- (aa) Sutherland?

Answer—

The co-location of children and young people with adults in the one room in an inpatient setting is not supported. On rare occasions children and young people may be accommodated with adults in separate rooms due to size of facility or complexity of service. Special considerations regarding the issue of co-location for children have been included in PD2010_005 Same Gender Accommodation Policy developed by NSW Health.

Ward staff engage a number of strategies to reduce any risk associated with co-locating young people with adults in hospital.

*2754 SECURITY STAFF AT CHILDREN'S HOSPITALS—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) (a) Will penalty rates for security staff at Children's Hospital Westmead or Sydney Children's Hospital, especially for nights and weekends, be affected by changes in awards or due to legislation by the Government?
- (b) If yes, in what way?
- (2) Will the Minister rule out any future privatisation of security services at Children's Hospital Westmead or Sydney Children's Hospital?
- (3) Will the Minister rule out any future reduction in staff numbers of security services at Children's Hospital Westmead or Sydney Children's Hospital?

Answer—

I am advised by the Minister for Health and Minister for Medical Research:

- (1) (a) and (b) Penalty rates for security staff are in accordance with the Health Employees Conditions of Employment (State) Award. There are no proposals at present to vary penalty rates under that Award. Any Award variations would need to be made by the Industrial Relations Commission of New South Wales.
- (2) and (3) The security services at Sydney Children's Hospital, Randwick, are provided by Prince of Wales Hospital under a shared services agreement.

There are currently no plans to privatise security services at The Children's Hospital at Westmead or Sydney Children's Hospital, Randwick. There are currently no plans to reduce staffing numbers of security services at The Children's Hospital at Westmead or Sydney Children's Hospital, Randwick. Should this change, in accordance with the consultative arrangements outlined in the Award, The Sydney Children's Hospitals Network will consult with key stakeholders.

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*2755 INNER CITY HIGH SCHOOLS—Ms Clover Moore asked the Minister for Education—

Given that the Department of Education and Communities is not currently investigating any options for additional high school facilities in the inner city (Question 2278):

- (1) Are Conservatorium High School, Cleveland Street Intensive English High School, Sydney Boys High School and Sydney Girls High School open for general secondary school enrolment?
- (2) Has Newtown High School of Performing Arts reached capacity and has its catchment area reduced and cannot take additional general enrolments?
- (3) When will Sydney Secondary College reach capacity and be unable to take additional general enrolments or have its catchment area reduced?
- (4) (a) Is the Sydney Secondary College Blackwattle Bay campus operating at 100 per cent capacity for Year 11 and Year 12?
(b) If so, what plans does the Government have to address this?
- (5) What other high school options are available for inner city students?
- (6) (a) Has the Government made any assessment of using the Cleveland Street Intensive English High School campus for additional high school capacity?
(b) If so, would places be offered at this campus and when?
- (7) Have inner city primary school principals been advised that Cleveland Street Intensive English school will be incorporated as a campus for Sydney Secondary College?
- (8) What other options has the Government considered to provide access to high school for inner city students beyond 2016?
- (9) What is the Government's policy about students having to travel past selective high schools they are unable to attend in order to reach a comprehensive high school?
- (10) What is the Government's policy about the maximum time students should have to travel to get to school?
- (11) What is the Government's policy about requiring students to travel out of their local area to reach a high school that has places available for them?
- (12) How does the Government ensure that students from postcode areas 2021 and 2011 can reach their allocated high school?
- (13) Given some inner city high school students must travel more than an hour and on more than one bus service to reach their school, what action will the Government take to improve access to inner city high schools?

Answer—

- (1) No.
- (2) Newtown High School of the Performing Arts has reached its capacity and the designated local intake area for the school has been reduced. However, students residing within that area who apply for enrolment and are eligible for enrolment are enrolled. Students residing outside the local designated intake area can apply for enrolment through an audition process.
- (3) and (4) Sydney Secondary College accepts enrolments from its designated local area. Students residing within that area who apply for enrolment and are eligible for enrolment are enrolled. The Sydney Region of the Department of Education and Communities does not have plans to redraw catchment areas for the College.
- (5) Alexandria Park Community School is an option available to inner city students.
- (6) The Department has no plans to change the function of Cleveland Street Intensive English High School.
- (7) No.
- (8) Department asset planners consider many factors, including demographic trend analysis, consultation with Council, developers and NSW Planning and Infrastructure, and local circumstances. Options for high school access for students in the inner city area beyond 2016 are still being explored.
- (9) to (11) A child is entitled to be enrolled at the government school that is designated for the intake area within which the child's home is situated and that the child is eligible to attend.
- (12) Transport for inner city students to reach high schools was part of the planning process for the current provision of government schools in the Sydney Local Government Area.
- (13) The Department liaises with Transport NSW to provide transport to government schools.

*2756 STRATEGIC LAND USE PLAN FOR SYDNEY BASIN—Ms Clover Moore asked the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW, Leader of the House—

- (1) (a) Will the Government rule out mining in the Sydney basin, such as through a strategic land use plan?
(b) If not, why not?
- (2) (a) Will the Government develop a strategic land use plan for mining in urban areas such as Sydney?
(b) If not, why not?
- (3) (a) Will the Government develop a strategic land use plan for mining in all areas with water sources that feed Sydney's water supply?
(b) If not, why not?

Answer—

- (1) As part of the development of the Metropolitan Strategy for Sydney, the Government will examine land use conflicts around mining in the Sydney basin and appropriate policy options to address these issues.
- (2) Issues relating to mining in Sydney are being addressed through the Metropolitan Strategy for Sydney.
- (3) Preliminary work has commenced on the preparation of a Strategic Regional Land Use Plan for the Southern Highlands, which includes part of Sydney's drinking water catchment. The Illawarra Regional Strategy, which also includes part of Sydney's drinking water catchment, will also be reviewed. Mining issues will be fully considered as part of these two planning exercises.

*2757 FAST FOOD LABELLING—Ms Clover Moore asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Small Business—

Given standard food outlets in New South Wales only have to display information about energy content for each standard food item and the average energy intake, while other components are associated with obesity:

- (1) What consideration will the Government give to introducing mandatory requirements for food outlets to display information about:
 - (a) saturated fats;
 - (b) trans-fats;
 - (c) salt content;
 - (d) sugar content;
 - (e) nutrition?
- (2) What action has the Government taken to encourage fast food outlets to provide information about the content of food on their menu with regard to fat, salt, sugar and nutrition?
- (3) What plans does the Government have for further work to encourage fast food outlets to provide nutritional labelling?

Answer—

- (1) NSW was the first state to mandate the display of nutrition information on menus in standard food outlets. Part of this program is a legislated requirement to review the terms and policy objectives of the initiative and table a report of the review in Parliament by 1 February 2013. Extension of the requirements to things such as salt and fat will be assessed.
- (2) The NSW Government has worked closely with industry during the implementation of the mandatory display of kilojoules. This has resulted in industry partnering with the Authority in the development of key consumer messages which have been rolled out voluntarily by various businesses. Other work has included industry participation in the development of the NSW government's 8700.com.au campaign, which supports the menu display requirements and provides general nutrition information.
- (3) The legislated review needs to be completed, as does a formal evaluation of the work done to date. Finally, consideration needs to be given to how all of this work fits in with national food regulatory policy. Once this work is done, the NSW Government will be in a sound position to make decisions with respect to further initiatives, based on solid evidence.

*2758 GAS EXPLORATION IN SYDNEY—Ms Clover Moore asked the Minister for Resources and Energy, Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Central Coast—

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- (1) What licences to explore for gas exist for the Sydney basin?
- (2) What applications to explore for gas or renew existing licences to explore for gas in the Sydney basin are pending?
- (3) What plans does the Government have to revoke existing licences to explore for gas in the Sydney basin?
- (4) What plans does the Government have to rule out any exploration or mining in the Sydney basin?

Answer—

- (1) to (4) The list of petroleum titles and applications is available on the Division of Resources and Energy website.

*2759 GONSKI SCHOOL REFORMS—Ms Clover Moore asked the Minister for Education—

Noting that the Prime Minister has announced that the Commonwealth Government will provide new funds for schools in response to the 2011 "Review of Funding for Schooling" or Gonski report:

- (1) What assessment has the NSW Government made about the Gonski report and its recommended:
 - (a) new funding model for schools;
 - (b) new "schooling resource standard";
 - (c) loadings for socioeconomic background, disability, English language proficiency, Indigenous students, school size, and school location?
- (2) Does the NSW Government support the Gonski report recommendations that students receive the same level of resources in all school sectors?
- (3) How will the NSW Government ensure needed resources for NSW schools?
- (4) What liaison has the NSW Government had with the Commonwealth and other States and Territories to implement the Gonski report;
- (5) What action has been taken to implement these recommendations in NSW?
- (6) What further action will the NSW Government take to improve school resources and standards?

Answer—

(1) New South Wales believes the "base" plus "loadings" framework outlined in the Gonski report to be conceptually sound, and that the loadings put forward by the Gonski model broadly capture the areas of greatest need.

(2) The Gonski report does not recommend that students receive the same level of funding in all school sectors.

(3) The NSW Budget for education has increased by \$383 million to a total of \$13.83 billion in 2012-13.

(4) and (5) New South Wales works with the Commonwealth through the Council of Australian Governments and the Standing Council on School Education and Early Childhood. The NSW Government remains committed to dealing constructively with the Commonwealth about the Gonski reforms. However, the NSW Government is receiving \$2.5 billion less in revenue each year compared to when we were elected.

NSW will not make Budget decisions based on vague promises of money at some point in the future.

The NSW Government has consistently called on the Commonwealth to commit to the lion's share of the funds required.

It is very frustrating that the NSW Government still has no detail about how much, if any, funding is on the table.

The NSW Government looks forward to receiving a detailed response from the Commonwealth on each of the Gonski recommendations, including modelling and funding arrangements.

(6) New South Wales is already taking a proactive approach towards school funding reform with the implementation of a new Resource Allocation Model for government schools, under the Local Schools, Local Decisions reform agenda. Like the Gonski Model, the Resource Allocation Model uses a "base" plus "equity-loadings" structure, thereby improving the mechanism by which resources are targeted to the areas of greatest need.

*2760 PROTECTING ORGANIC FOOD FROM GM CONTAMINATION—Ms Clover Moore asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Small Business—

Noting that a Western Australian organic farmer is taking Supreme Court action after he lost organic certification for 70 per cent of his 478 hectare farm in 2010 due to contamination by genetically modified (GM) seeds from his neighbour's property:

- (1) What proportion of canola crops in New South Wales are GM?
- (2) Is the Government aware of any cases of non-GM farms being contaminated with GM seed in New South Wales?
- (3) What consideration will the Government give to requiring GM farmers to notify neighbours that their property will grow GM crops?
- (4) What consideration will the Government give to requiring GM farmers to direct harvest GM canola with bans on cutting and leaving crops on the ground for days where they can be blown or washed on to neighbouring land?
- (5) Given many consumers want to avoid GM food and GM-free canola sells at a higher price, what support will the Government give to non-GM farmers who want to prevent GM contamination?
- (6) What action will the Government take to ensure New South Wales retains a strong organic farming industry?

Answer—

- (1) In 2010 GM canola represented about 7.6% of the total NSW canola crop.
- (2) No.
- (3) In NSW the Gene Technology (Crop Moratorium) Act 2003 permits GM cotton or canola to be grown in research trials or as a commercial crop provided these activities are appropriately licensed by the Commonwealth.

The Commonwealth's Office of the Gene Technology Regulator (OGTR) undertakes a comprehensive risk assessment for each licence application, including risks to neighbouring properties. The OGTR prepares a Risk Assessment and Risk Management Plan (RARMP) for each application. The OGTR's determination may impose conditions on licence holders to ensure adequate management of identified risks.

- (4) The RARMP prepared by the OGTR for each licence application addresses such risks, if identified.
- (5) There have been no reported cases of GM contamination in NSW, including of organic crops.
- (6) The Government supports the current process for managing licence applications for GM crops.

*2761 ILLAWARRA SOUTH EAST REGION SCHOOLS—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Education—

In relation to the Illawarra South East region of schools:

- (1) What projects were nominated for funding under the Major Capital Works process in the 2011-12 and 2012-13 financial years?
- (2) What projects were successful for each of those years?

Answer—

- (1) In 2011-12 and 2012-13, there were 20 projects in the Illawarra and South East Region that were nominated for funding under the Major Capital Works process.
- (2) No major capital works projects were approved for the Illawarra and South East Region in 2011-12 or 2012-13. They will be considered for inclusion in a future capital works program.

*2762 PROTECTION FROM THE SUN GUIDELINES—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) Has the Government finished its review of its Protection From the Sun guidelines?
- (2) If so, what is the outcome of this review?

Answer—

- (1) Yes.
- (2) The Department will provide school principal groups with a copy of the revised draft Protection from the Sun Guidelines during October 2012. It is expected that the Guidelines will be implemented in schools in 2013.

*2763 HOUSING NSW PROPERTIES—Mr Jamie Parker asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

- (1) How many properties does Housing NSW manage?
- (2) What was the average number of vacant properties in the financial year 2011-12?
- (3) What was the number of single occupied dwellings in the financial year 2011-12?
- (4) What was the total rent paid by tenants in public housing properties in the financial year 2011-12?
- (5) What was the total amount spent on maintenance on public housing properties in the financial year 2011-12?
- (6) What percentage of tenants in public housing properties are in receipt of some form of welfare assistance?

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- (7) (a) Is the entity formerly known as the Department of Housing Finance Group still active?
(b) If yes:
(i) Does the Finance Group continue to facilitate rent-capped properties?
(ii) Where are these properties located?

Answer—

- (1) As at 30 June 2012 there were a total of 119,184 public housing properties, including 3,079 that are head-leased. Housing NSW provides tenancy services on behalf of NSW Land and Housing Corporation for all public housing and an additional 4,818 Aboriginal Housing Office properties.
(2) In the financial year 2011-12 approximately 2 percent of public housing dwellings were vacant.
(3) The Department of Finance and Services does not hold this information.
(4) The policies that relate to rent paid by tenants in public housing can be found at:
www.housing.nsw.gov.au/Forms+Policies+and+Fact+Sheets/Policies/Charging+Rent+Policy.htm
(5) Information for the 2011-12 financial year will be published in the Department of Finance and Services' annual report.
(6) and (7) The Department of Finance and Services does not hold this information.

*2764 REFERENCE TO POLL—Mr Jamie Parker asked the Minister for Resources and Energy, Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Central Coast—

- (1) To which poll was the Minister referring when he stated in his response to a Question Without Notice in the Legislative Assembly on 22 August 2012: "The poll, taken by Newspoll, shows that 81 per cent support a continuation or expansion of uranium exploration activities in New South Wales"?
(2) (a) Is this poll publicly available?
(b) If no:
(i) Why isn't this poll publicly available?
(ii) Can the poll be made available to the Member for Balmain?

Answer—

- (1) and (2) A poll conducted by AusPoll for the Australian Uranium Association.

*2765 ENMORE TAFE DESIGN CENTRE—Ms Carmel Tebbutt asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) What funds have been allocated for the upgrade of the Enmore TAFE Design Centre for:
(a) 2011-12;
(b) 2012-13?
(2) How much funding has been expended to date?
(3) What is the scope of works and has work commenced?
(4) What date is the project estimated to be completed?

Answer—

- (1) and (2) As the Enmore TAFE Design Centre project is yet to be tendered the funding allocations cannot be provided due to their commercially sensitive nature.
(3) The scope of work for the project is a new single storey "Design Centre" building for general purpose learning and staff accommodation. The project is in the design phase.
(4) The project is estimated to be completed in February 2014.

*2766 GOSFORD PUBLIC SCHOOL RELOCATION—Ms Carmel Tebbutt asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) What is the status of the development application for the Gosford Public School relocation to the Henry Kendall site?
(2) Will the Government give a commitment that no buildings will be demolished on the Henry Kendall site until the development application is approved?

Answer—

- (1) The Development Application was reviewed and approved by the Central Coast Joint Regional Planning Panel on 20 September 2012.
(2) Yes.

*2767 MRS THERESA STAPELTON—ASSETS—Ms Carmel Tebbutt asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

Given Justice McLaughlin said in paragraph 18 of his judgment of *MacDonald v Public Trustee* (2010) "There is no evidence that the defendant as it now alleges, ever transferred those assets to the Treasury of New South Wales or that the Treasury ever received those assets", what action has been taken to investigate what happened to the assets of Mrs Theresa Stapelton?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Trustee and Guardian (NSWTG) investigated the distribution of Mrs Stapleton's assets. The actions taken by the NSWTG were published in the Auditor-General's Report to Parliament 2010 Volume 8 on pages 52 and 53. This report is available on the Auditor-General's website.

I also refer the honourable member to the response I provided to question on notice 1994.

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*2768 BUDGET PAPER 2012-13 PERFORMANCE REPORT—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

With regard to Budget Paper 2012-13 Performance Report, page 7-9, Targets/Measures 19.1.1:

- (1) Is the omission of Newcastle and Wollongong in the definition of Regional intended or accidental?
- (2) If intentional, is this consistent with other Government language regarding the meaning and definition of Regional?
- (3) Is there a timeline, method or process underway to establish a baseline for this target/measure?
- (4) When will this baseline be made available to the public?

Answer—

I am advised:

Newcastle and Wollongong are included in the definition of Regional in the Targets/Measures 19.1.1. The Budget Paper 2012-13 Performance Report states that the baseline for this measure is under development.

*2769 HUNTER TAFE COURSES—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Education—

With regard to Hunter TAFE courses that teach or train students in hydraulics:

- (1) What list/range of courses are available?
- (2) What were the fees/charges for each of these courses in Semester 1, 2011?
- (3) What were the fees/charges for each of these courses in Semester 2, 2011?
- (4) What were the fees/charges for each of these courses in Semester 1, 2012?
- (5) What were the fees/charges for each of these courses in Semester 2, 2012?

Answer—

- (1) The units of competence for hydraulics are delivered from the qualification Certificate IV Engineering (Fluid Power).

The units available from this qualification include: Set up Basic Hydraulic Circuits; Maintain Hydraulic Systems; Set up Basic Pneumatic Circuits; Modify Fluid Power System Operation; Maintain Pneumatic System Components; Maintain Fluid Power Controls; Maintain Hydraulic System Components; Modify Fluid Power Control Systems; Maintain Pneumatic Systems; and Maintain Fluid Power Systems for Mobile Plant.

- (2) to (5) The price for each unit of competence for Semesters 1 and 2 in 2011 and 2012 respectively were:

Set up Basic Hydraulic Circuits - \$455; \$455; \$480 and \$920.

Maintain Hydraulic Systems - \$455; \$455; \$480 and \$920.

Set up Basic Pneumatic Circuits - \$455; \$455; \$480 and \$920.

Modify Fluid Power System Operation - \$910; \$910; \$960 and \$1920.

Maintain Pneumatic System Components - \$455; \$455; \$480 and \$920.

Maintain Fluid Power Controls - \$680; \$680; \$715 and \$1430.

Maintain Hydraulic System Components - \$455; \$455; \$480 and \$920.

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Modify Fluid Power Control Systems - \$680; \$680; \$715 and \$1430.
Maintain Pneumatic Systems - \$455; \$455; \$480 and \$920.
Maintain Fluid Power Systems for Mobile Plant - \$455; \$455; \$480 and \$920.

*2770 SPECIAL EDUCATION FUNDING—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Education—

With regard to Special Education funding:

- (1) What diagnosed disabilities does this funding assist?
- (2) Is this funding available to all schools - both public and private?

Answer—

- (1) Funding is available to assist students with additional learning and support needs with or without a diagnosed disability.
- (2) This funding is available to support students in NSW public schools.

*2771 SOLAR ENERGY REBATE—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Resources and Energy, Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Central Coast—

With regard to the Solar Energy Rebate in NSW, will the Government continue to reduce its contribution to the scheme in direct proportion to the contribution designated by IPART to the energy providers?

Answer—

The Government has assured customers that they will continue to receive their 60 cent or 20 cent tariff until the Scheme ends on 31 December 2016.

The Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) has determined that the retailer companies receive an unjustified financial benefit from the Scheme by receiving the electricity generated from solar panels for free.

A number of energy retailers have used these additional profits to offer voluntary financial incentives for customers with solar panels.

Therefore some customers may have received an additional five to eight cents on top of the Solar Bonus payments. This payment has been at the discretion of the retailer and does not form part of the Solar Bonus Scheme.

Acting on the recommendation of IPART, the Government is now requiring energy retailers to contribute 7.7 cents per kilowatt hour to the cost of the financially unsustainable Scheme. This will reduce the costs passed on to all NSW households.

Some energy retailers have since decided to withdraw their voluntary incentive payment. This is a matter for the customer and their retailer.

The Member would be aware that the former Government established a financially unsustainable scheme which the households of NSW continue to pay for via a component of their electricity bills.

The Government will continue doing all it can to rein in rising electricity prices caused by the Solar Bonus Scheme.

*2772 ALLOCATION OF TRAIN ENGINES AND CARRIAGES—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Transport—

With regard to the allocation of train engines and carriages to service the Hunter timetable:

- (1) On 5 September 2011, how many engines were allocated and available to fulfil the Hunter timetable?
- (2) On 5 September 2011, how many carriages were allocated and available to fulfil the Hunter timetable?
- (3) On 5 September 2012, how many engines were allocated and available to fulfil the Hunter timetable?
- (4) On 5 September 2012, how many carriages were allocated and available to fulfil the Hunter timetable?

Answer—

- (1) to (4) The Hunter Line is serviced by diesel multiple units and there are no stand-alone engines. Every carriage contains an engine and carries passengers.

*2773 HUNTER INFRASTRUCTURE AND INVESTMENT FUND—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Treasurer—

With regard to the Hunter Infrastructure and Investment Fund:

- (1) What are the criteria for submissions and applications to this funding source?

- (2) (a) Have the criteria changed or altered at any time since the inception of HIIF?
(b) If so, when and how?
- (3) (a) Are the criteria publicly available?
(b) If yes, where?
- (4) What are the total funds available to be distributed through HIIF?
- (5) (a) Will the NSW Government invest more than this amount in the HIIF?
(b) If yes, how/when?
- (6) Since being established, what funding commitments have already been made from this source?
- (7) (a) Since being established, on how many occasions, and when, have applications been called for?
(b) When will these be decided and announced?
- (8) (a) On how many future occasions is it anticipated that applications will be called for?
(b) If any, are dates or timelines set for these future occasions?

Answer—

These questions would be more appropriately directed to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure as he has portfolio responsibility for this issue.

*2774 PORT OF NEWCASTLE—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Treasurer—

With regard to Government ownership and assets in the Port of Newcastle:

- (1) What was the revenue from this site in 2009-10?
- (2) What was the revenue from this site in 2010-11?
- (3) What was the revenue from this site in 2011-12?
- (4) Can the Treasurer rule out the long-term leasing of the Port of Newcastle in 2012-13 and beyond?

Answer—

(1) to (3) The revenue earned by the Port of Newcastle is outlined in the annual reports and SCI reports for the Newcastle Port Corporation.

(4) The government is focused on successfully completing the transactions for Port Botany and Port Kembla in 2012-13 with the proceeds to be invested in Restart NSW for use on priority infrastructure works as determined by Infrastructure NSW. The Government has not considered any other Port transactions beyond these.

*2775 FIRE STATIONS—ELECTORATE OF CESSNOCK—Mr Clayton Barr asked 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 regard to fire stations in the electorate of Cessnock:

- (1) Which stations have, at any time, been shut/offline between 15 August 2012 and 5 September 2012?
- (2) On what date and during what time was each of these stations shut/offline?
- (3) On how many occasions have two or more stations been shut/offline at any one moment for this period?
- (4) On how many occasions have three or more stations been shut/offline at any one moment for this period?
- (5) On how many occasions have four or more stations been shut/offline at any one moment for this period?

Answer—

Fire & Rescue NSW (FRNSW) has advised me:

- (1) to (5) For some time FRNSW has had a practice of taking retained fire stations offline when minimum safe crewing levels can not be met. Between 15 August 2012 and 5 September 2012 Abermain, Bellbird, Kearsley and Weston fire stations were taken offline for periods of between 1 and 18 hours at such times as required. FRNSW can take fire stations offline that are positioned in areas where they can be covered by personnel from adjoining areas. There have been no occasions where four or more stations were shut/offline at any one time in the Cessnock electorate for this period.

*2776 SCHOOL ZONE FLASHING LIGHTS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

With regard to the safety and security initiatives known as School Zone Flashing Lights:

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- (1) Do all schools located on highways in New South Wales have School Zone Flashing Lights?
- (2) If not, when will the installation for these schools be finalised?

Answer—

- (1) The NSW Government made a 4-year, \$13 million election commitment to install school zone flashing lights. This means approximately 540 flashing lights will be installed in school zones. In addition, in May 2012 an additional \$4 million was committed for the rollout of flashing lights in regional areas, which will result in about 160 additional regional school zones with flashing lights.
- (2) This equates to the Government committing \$17 million over 4-years and means flashing lights will be installed in approximately 700 school zones over that period, compared to 411 school zones in the previous government's last term.
- (3) Schools with, or identified for, flashing lights are published on the Roads and Maritime Services website.

*2777 MULTICULTURAL POSITIONS—COMMUNITY OFFICES OF JUVENILE JUSTICE—Mr Robert Furolo asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

With regards to the six identified multicultural positions within the community offices of Juvenile Justice (Question 2077):

- (1) Are the six positions currently filled?
- (2) Are the positions full-time?
- (3) What is the current funding allocated to the six positions?
- (4) Will these positions be retained in the 2013-14 financial year?

Answer—

- (1) Yes.
- (2) Yes.
- (3) \$604,840 has been allocated to these six positions in 2012-13.
- (4) Yes.

*2778 PHONE SCAM—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Fair Trading—

- (1) Is the Government aware of a scam in which individuals are contacted by phone, informed they are owed a refund from their bank for overpayment and must provide details for a 10% GST fee?
- (2) If so, what action has the Government taken to prevent consumers from being ripped off by this scam?

Answer—

I am advised that NSW Fair Trading has investigated this type of scam, among others. As the operators of these scams appear to originate from overseas, Fair Trading has been unable to identify the traders involved. A number of media releases have been issued since 2010, warning the public to avoid the scam, hang up on the call and report the matter to Fair Trading.

As part of the NSW Government's fight against scammers, last year Fair Trading introduced a mobile phone Scam Buster app which can be downloaded for free from the Apple App Store and the Android Market. Scam Buster allows consumers to report suspected scams to Fair Trading and provides advice on the latest scams targeting the community. This initiative compliments the regular scam awareness information sessions conducted by Fair Trading.

Fair Trading is also exploring ways to investigate complaints which involve the international transfer of funds for goods and services which are never delivered to the consumer.

*2779 PREVENTION OF MANUFACTURING JOB LOSSES—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Trade and Investment, and Minister for Regional Infrastructure and Services—

What action will the Minister take to prevent manufacturing jobs being lost in the greater Bankstown area, including Chullora Industrial Park?

Answer—

The NSW Government regards manufacturing as a key sector of the State's economy and has a number of initiatives designed to support and strengthen the sector.

The Government is developing an Industry Action Plan to position the manufacturing sector for strong growth, resilience, improved innovation and productivity, global competitiveness, and new investment opportunities over the next decade. The Plan is due for release by the end of 2012. Manufacturers in the greater Bankstown area already registered for payroll tax can use the Government's Jobs Action Plan.

Eligible businesses that increase their employment levels can receive a payroll tax rebate following the employment of each additional employee in a position that is a new job. Smaller manufacturers can use the services provided to small businesses through the Office of the Small Business Commissioner. The Commissioner supports small businesses throughout the State by providing advocacy and low cost dispute resolution services. The Government also recently launched Small Biz Connect, a new advisory service to assist small businesses.

*2780 M5 EAST AND M5 WEST MOTORWAYS—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

Given the Transport Master Plan has highlighted the importance of the M5 East Motorway, will the Government commit to constructing the M5 East Motorway in conjunction with the M5 West Motorway?

Answer—

Construction of the \$400 million M5 West Widening commenced in August after the NSW Government signed a contract with Interlink Roads.

The Premier and Minister for Western Sydney Barry O'Farrell has announced the NSW Government will proceed with Infrastructure NSW's recommendation to deliver a key motorway project for Sydney's west.

The 33-kilometre WestConnex tollway will link Sydney's west with the airport and the Port Botany precinct, and will include the M4 extension and duplication of the M5 East to King Georges Road.

*2781 NSW TRANSPORT MASTER PLAN—PRODUCTION COSTS—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport—

What was the total cost of producing the NSW Transport Master Plan, including:

- (a) public consultation sessions;
- (b) hire of external consultants or personnel;
- (c) staff;
- (d) printing and related costs;
- (e) other?

Answer—

I am advised:

The cost of producing the Draft Long Term Transport Master Plan was substantially less than what the previous government spent developing their ten different plans over sixteen years.

Consulting with the community to develop the Long Term Transport Master Plan will ensure the people of NSW do not have to pay for cancelled, failed or indefinitely deferred projects, such as the CBD Metro or North West Metro as they did under the previous government.

*2782 NEW TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport—

Given that the Transport Master Plan identifies Bankstown as a major centre, what new transport infrastructure projects will the Government commit to Bankstown in recognition of this status?

Answer—

The draft NSW Long Term Transport Master Plan sets the direction for transport planning for the next 20 years, providing a framework for transport policy and investment decisions that respond to key challenges. The Government's transport infrastructure investments will be guided by the final Long Term Transport Master Plan to be released later this year.

*2783 YAGOONA EASY ACCESS UPGRADE—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport—

Given the Transport Major Plan describes Bankstown as a major centre on par with Blacktown and Chatswood, will the Government commit to funding the Yagoona Easy Access Upgrade?

Answer—

The Government inherited a rail network on 26 March 2011 where only 131 of 307 stations were considered accessible by wheelchair. Almost two thirds of stations require upgrades to make them accessible.

On 23 April 2012 I announced a new Transport Access Program which will deliver accessible, modern, secure and integrated transport infrastructure where it is needed most. This includes station upgrades,

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better interchanges, ferry wharf upgrades and commuter car parks. The Transport Access Program includes more than \$770 million over four years.

Over \$100 million was allocated in the first round of the Transport Access Program, which will see improvements at over 35 locations in coming months.

More planning and design work will now occur to see which projects will come next. Yagoona Station will be considered as part of this process.

***2784 PUNCHBOWL EASY ACCESS UPGRADE—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport—**

Given the Transport Major Plan describes Bankstown as a major centre on par with Blacktown and Chatswood, will the Government commit to funding the Punchbowl Easy Access Upgrade?

Answer—

The Government inherited a rail network on 26 March 2011 where only 131 of 307 stations were considered accessible by wheelchair. Almost two thirds of stations require upgrades to make them accessible.

On 23 April 2012 I announced a new Transport Access Program which will deliver accessible, modern, secure and integrated transport infrastructure where it is needed most. This includes station upgrades, better interchanges, ferry wharf upgrades and commuter car parks. The Transport Access Program includes more than \$770 million over four years.

Over \$100 million was allocated in the first round of the Transport Access Program, which will see improvements at over 35 locations in coming months.

More planning and design work will now occur to see which projects will come next. Punchbowl Station will be considered as part of this process.

***2785 PANANIA EASY ACCESS UPGRADE—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport—**

Given the Transport Major Plan describes Bankstown as a major centre on par with Blacktown and Chatswood, will the Government commit to funding the Panania Easy Access Upgrade?

Answer—

The Government inherited a rail network on 26 March 2011 where only 131 of 307 stations were considered accessible by wheelchair. Almost two thirds of stations require upgrades to make them accessible.

On 23 April 2012 I announced a new Transport Access Program which will deliver accessible, modern, secure and integrated transport infrastructure where it is needed most. This includes station upgrades, better interchanges, ferry wharf upgrades and commuter car parks. The Transport Access Program includes more than \$770 million over four years.

Over \$100 million was allocated in the first round of the Transport Access Program, which will see improvements at over 35 locations in coming months.

More planning and design work will now occur to see which projects will come next. Panania Station will be considered as part of this process.

***2786 BANKSTOWN LINE—ADDITIONAL ROLLING STOCK—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport—**

Given the Transport Major Plan describes Bankstown as a major centre on par with Blacktown and Chatswood, will the Government commit to providing additional rolling stock for the Bankstown line?

Answer—

Transport for NSW is currently undertaking a complete rewrite of the CityRail timetable to better match services with customer demand, provide consistent stopping patterns, improve connections and reduce journey times.

***2787 B-TRIPLE HEAVY VEHICLES—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—**

(1) What investigations are currently underway to allow B-triple heavy vehicles to travel on Mount Ousley Road?

(2) When will a decision be made about allowing these vehicles to use this road?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) There are currently no investigations underway to allow B-Triples to travel on Mount Ousley Road.
- (2) Not applicable.

*2788 ASBESTOS CONTAMINATION AT CALLAN PARK—Mr Jamie Parker asked the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

- (1) When did the Minister first become aware of allegations of asbestos contamination at Callan Park?
- (2) What steps has the Minister taken to investigate these allegations?
- (3) What steps has the Minister taken to ensure the safety of former patients and hospital workers at the site?

Answer—

In March 2011, WorkCover responded to a complaint about a building in the Callan Park precinct. WorkCover's investigation found that the material complained of did not contain asbestos. However, it was identified that other areas of the building contained asbestos that was starting to deteriorate.

WorkCover has been assisting and providing advice to Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority, who manages large parts of the site, in regard to asbestos registers and the management of facilities that it controls. Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority has boarded up and sealed off many potentially hazardous buildings over the past year.

In July 2012, an occupational hygienist engaged by Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority confirmed that the potential health risk posed by the external materials identified at Callan Park is considered negligible while it is undisturbed. Further, the asbestos materials are being managed in a manner consistent with the regulatory guidelines adopted in schools and other commercial settings.

Due to continued break-ins and damage to some areas of the site, Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority has engaged a licensed asbestos removalist to remove disturbed asbestos. The work has been notified to WorkCover and approved. WorkCover is working with the Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority to ensure that disused buildings with asbestos materials remain properly secured.

*2789 ASBESTOS CONTAMINATION AT CALLAN PARK—Mr Jamie Parker asked the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Healthy Lifestyles, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

- (1) When did the Minister first become aware of allegations of asbestos contamination at Callan Park?
- (2) What steps has the Minister taken to investigate these allegations?
- (3) What steps has the Minister taken to ensure the safety of former patients and hospital workers at the site?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) to (3) The Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority carried out a hazardous material survey of buildings at Callan Park under its control in 2011. As a result, a number of buildings were boarded up and locked and signs placed on doors warning of potential asbestos contamination. The SHFA subsequently invited WorkCover to inspect the site and the SHFA has advised that WorkCover were satisfied that the controls were satisfactory.

In May 2012 a claim of exposed asbestos at Callan Park was raised with the NSW Ministry of Health. The Ministry of Health and the SHFA (who have control and management of a significant portion of the campus) investigated the claim. On investigation a number of bags of building materials were found within an area managed by the SHFA. The material did not originate from the Callan Park site. The bags were removed and subsequent air monitoring detected no airborne asbestos fibres.

Regular asbestos audits of all the buildings on the Callan Park site were carried out by the former Central Sydney Local Health Service when the site was operating as a hospital. These audits included condition reports and subsequent hazard rating to ensure that patients and staff were not exposed to asbestos. Information was also recorded relating to asbestos removal and containment works that were carried out at the site when it was operating as a hospital.

The NSW Ministry of Health continues to work with WorkCover and the SHFA to ensure ongoing containment of existing asbestos and to appropriately manage any asbestos related issues should they arise.

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*2790 ASBESTOS CONTAMINATION AT CALLAN PARK—Mr Jamie Parker asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) When did the Minister first become aware of allegations of asbestos contamination at Callan Park?
- (2) What steps has the Minister taken to investigate these allegations?
- (3) What steps has the Minister taken to ensure the safety of former patients and hospital workers at the site?

Answer—

I refer the Member to the response to Question 2789 in the Legislative Assembly.

*2791 ASBESTOS CONTAMINATION AT CALLAN PARK—Mr Jamie Parker asked the Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) When did the Minister first become aware of allegations of asbestos contamination at Callan Park?
- (2) What steps has the Minister taken to investigate these allegations?
- (3) What steps has the Minister taken to ensure the safety of former patients and hospital workers at the site?

Answer—

I am advised as follows:

- (1) I am aware of concerns raised in 2011 about asbestos management at Callan Park. I am advised that those concerns were satisfactorily dealt with by the property manager, the Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority.
- (2) The EPA has no regulatory role in relation to the management of asbestos contained within the building at Callan Park.
- (3) This question should be directed to my colleague, the Minister for Health.

*2792 FAIRFIELD LOCAL AREA COMMAND—DROP IN STRENGTH—Mr Guy Zangari asked 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—

Noting the Authorised Strength Number at Fairfield Local Area Command (LAC) fell from 198 to 168 between June and July 2012 and the Actual Strength Number fell from 197 to 165 for the same period (NSW Police Force website):

Can the Minister explain the drop in both the Authorised Strength Number and Actual Strength Number at the Fairfield LAC from the June to July 2012 period?

Answer—

I am advised that changes to authorised strength are as a result of the creation of standalone Traffic & Highway Patrol and Police Transport Commands. Officers who were already performing highway patrol or commuter crime-related duties are no longer counted in Local Area Command numbers, rather they are counted under the respective strength of the two Commands and go towards the total number for Field Operations shown on the strength figures.

*2793 FAIRFIELD LOCAL AREA COMMAND—AUTHORISED AND ACTUAL STRENGTH—Mr Guy Zangari asked 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 are the Authorised and Actual Strength figures for the Fairfield Local Area Command for August 2012?

Answer—

Information about police authorised and actual strength is available on the NSW Police Force website, www.police.nsw.gov.au

*2794 TOUGHER PENALTIES—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

Is the Minister planning to introduce tougher penalties, including loss of licence for motorists repeatedly caught using mobile phones while driving?

Answer—

I am advised:

The offence of using a mobile phone while driving attracts a minimum penalty notice fine of \$298 and 3 demerit points. The allocation of 3 demerit points is consistent with the nationally agreed position. NSW applies increased fines and demerit points for certain offences in an operating school zone and mobile phone offences are included.

Police may charge a driver rather than issue an infringement notice. On conviction in a court, fines of up to \$2,200 may be imposed. The court may take into account previous offences in determining the appropriate punishment.

There is also scope for police to charge a driver with a more serious offence under road transport law. For example, if a court determined that a driver's actions were reckless or posed a danger to the public, the driver could face a penalty of an automatic disqualification from driving for at least 3 years, a fine up to \$3,300, and imprisonment of up to 18 months for a first offence if convicted.

*2795 FAIRFIELD COMMUNITY SERVICE CENTRE—VACANCIES—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

How many vacancies are there in the Fairfield Community Service Centre office?

Answer—

There is no baseline number of funded positions or authorised staffing establishment against which to report vacancies.

*2796 FAIRFIELD COMMUNITY SERVICE CENTRE—FILLING OF VACANCIES—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

When will the vacancies at the Fairfield Community Service Centre be filled?

Answer—

Community Services undertakes rolling recruitment of caseworkers and for other positions advertises on a one-off basis on Jobs.NSW Website when there is a vacancy to be filled by external recruitment. Community Services continues to make permanent appointments in line with its budget and service delivery requirements

*2797 DISTANCE-BASED TOLLING—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

When will distance-based tolling be introduced?

Answer—

I am advised:

Distance-based tolling was introduced when the Westlink M7 opened in 2005.

*2798 DISTANCE-BASED TOLLING—COST TO TRAVEL TO CITY—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

How much will it cost motorists travelling to the City from the Cumberland Highway on-ramp at the M4 once distance-based tolling is introduced?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Government will proceed with Infrastructure NSW's recommendation to deliver a key motorway project for Sydney's west.

The 33-kilometre WestConnex tollway will link Sydney's west with the airport and the Port Botany precinct, and will include the M4 extension and duplication of the M5 East to King Georges Road.

The project will be partly funded by Government and partly funded by tolls. The draft Long Term Transport Master Plan has an action to investigate a consistent distance-based tolling regime.

It is envisaged that the tolling strategy would be similar to that on the M7, with motorists charged according to the distance travelled, with a maximum charge in place.

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*2799 FUNDING OF NON-GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS—Mr Richard Amery asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) How many non-Government schools in the electorate of Mount Druitt receive State Government funding?
- (2) What are the names of these schools?
- (3) How will the funding of these schools be affected by proposed alterations to funding of non-Government schools?
- (4) (a) Has the Government done an assessment on the impact that these changed funding arrangements will have on the fees parent will have to pay for students attending these schools?
(b) If so, what are the findings of this assessment?

Answer—

- (1) Twelve.
- (2) Australian Islamic College of Sydney, Bethel Christian School, Blacktown Youth College, Good Shepherd Primary School, Loyola Senior High School, Richard Johnson Anglican School, Sacred Heart Primary School, St Agnes Catholic High School, St Aidan's Primary School, St Bishoy Coptic Orthodox College, St Clare's Catholic High School, St Francis of Assisi Primary School.
- (3) It has not yet been determined how the proposed changes to State government funding would affect individual schools. Consultation will continue to take place with the non-government sector about the implementation of the cap on non-government school funding.
- (4) (a) No. The level of fees set by non-government schools is a matter for the individual schools themselves.
(b) Not applicable.

*2800 DUKE STREET ROOTY HILL/MOUNT DRUITT—ACCIDENTS—Mr Richard Amery asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

- (1) Over the past five years to the end of August 2012, how many accidents have been recorded as occurring in Duke Street Rooty Hill/Mount Druitt?
- (2) What was the exact location of these accidents?
- (3) How many of these accidents involved a person being injured?
- (4) How many of these accidents involved a person being fatally injured?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Over the five years from 1 September 2007 to 31 August 2012, there have been 50 reported crashes on Duke Street between Luxford Road and Woodstock Avenue. Data from 1 October 2011 to 31 August 2012 is provisional and subject to change.
- (2) The locations of the crashes are as follows:
 - At or near Blenheim Street - 3
 - At or near Luxford Road - 6
 - At or near Woodstock Avenue - 18
 - At or near Abraham Street - 13.
- (3) Of the 50 crashes, 26 resulted in injuries.
- (4) None of the 50 crashes involved a person being fatally injured.

*2801 NEWCASTLE REGIONAL ART GALLERY REFURBISHMENT—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Hospitality and Racing, and Minister for the Arts—

Will the Government honour its commitment to provide \$7 million towards the refurbishment of the Newcastle Regional Art Gallery, which was its one-third share of the funding of the Art Gallery, along with the Newcastle City Council and the Federal Government?

Answer—

The NSW Government welcomes the refurbishment of the Newcastle Art Gallery, however, State funds have not been committed to support this project.

*2802 LAKE MACQUARIE LOCAL AREA COMMAND—AUTHORIZED STRENGTH—Ms Sonia Hornery asked 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) What is the authorized strength of the Lake Macquarie Local Area Command (LAC)?

- (2) Is the LAC operating at or above the authorized strength number of 90 per cent?
(3) If it is operating below 90 per cent, why?

Answer—

Information about police authorised and actual strength is available on the NSW Police Force website, www.police.nsw.gov.au

Operational capacity in the Lake Macquarie Local Area Command as at 24 August 2012 was 102%.

*2803 FIRE STATIONS IN THE ELECTORATE OF WALLSEND—Ms Sonia Hornery asked 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) (a) Are there any plans to close fire stations in the electorate of Wallsend?
(b) If so, when?
(2) (a) Are there any plans to open fire stations in the electorate of Wallsend?
(b) If so, when?

Answer—

No. Fire & Rescue NSW has advised me that \$800,000 has been allocated in the 2012-13 Budget to identify a more suitable facility in the Maryland area. A completion date for the project is not yet known.

*2804 ARMED ROBBERIES IN THE HUNTER—Ms Sonia Hornery asked 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 steps is the Minister taking to combat the more than 100 armed robberies in the Hunter this year and to protect Hunter citizens?

Answer—

I refer the Member to my response to her Written Question No. 2632 on the same subject.

*2805 AFTERMARKET EXHAUST PIPES—Ms Sonia Hornery asked 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) Are aftermarket exhaust pipes legal on motorcycles and cars in NSW?
(2) How can Hunter Highway Patrol Officers, working in traffic, determine that an exhaust is illegal?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force has advised me:

- (1) The fitting of aftermarket exhaust pipes or systems is permitted in NSW providing the components comply with Schedule 2 of the Road Transport (Vehicle Registration) Regulation 2007 and the Protection of the Environment Operations (Noise Control) Regulation 2008.
(2) Highway Patrol police rely on their expertise to detect vehicles fitted with illegal exhausts. Offensive noise emitted from illegal exhausts is easily detected and is often the trigger for further examination of the equipment by police.

If a defective exhaust is detected, police may issue a defect notice for its repair and/or certification by a licensed repairer, or an Environment Protection Authority (EPA) notice in cases where the driver is to take the motor vehicle to the EPA to be assessed. Infringements can also be issued to the offending driver for the modifications.

*2806 INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING FOR THE HUNTER—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW, Leader of the House—

Noting the Regional Development Australia Hunter chief executive has stated that "The Hunter risks missing out on a slice of more than \$5 billion in infrastructure funding if councils and planning authorities do not put aside territorial differences and take a 'big picture' approach" (Newcastle Herald 5 September 2012), what steps is the Government taking to ensure that planning authorities work with local and Federal governments to ensure that the Hunter receives its fair share of the \$5 billion worth of infrastructure funding?

Answer—

The NSW Government has formed a project control group to oversee infrastructure planning work in the

region. This group has the following agency representation:

- Hunter Development Corporation
- Department of Planning and Infrastructure
- Transport for NSW
- RDA Hunter
- Department of Premier and Cabinet
- Infrastructure NSW
- Infrastructure Australia/Department of Industry and Transport
- Hunter Councils

With representation from a range of key agencies across three tiers of government, the work of this group will ensure NSW is in the best possible position to secure infrastructure funding. This work is on track to be complete within the timeframe set by the Commonwealth, that is, by the end of June 2013.

*2807 LITERACY AND NUMERACY PERFORMANCE—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Education—

Which schools in the electorate of Wallsend are in the lowest quartile of literacy and numeracy performance in Year 3 NAPLAN?

Answer—

Measures of Literacy and Numeracy performance by schools in NSW are constructed from student results in the NAPLAN testing program. The NAPLAN test domains are reading, writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation and numeracy. There is no overall literacy result. In NSW the performance in NAPLAN reading is used as the indicator of literacy achievement.

The mean score for each of the test domains is subject to measurement and sampling error. Analysis of 2012 NAPLAN results indicates that one school in the Wallsend electorate, Cardiff North Public School, is placed in the lowest quartile for Year 3 numeracy. However, when considering the pattern of confidence intervals for this school's results, as published in My School, the result falls across the lowest and second lowest quartile range.

*2808 MAJOR CAPITAL WORKS—HUNTER SCHOOLS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Education—

In relation to schools in the Hunter Region:

- (1) What projects were nominated for funding under the Major Capital Works process in the 2011-12 and 2012-13 financial years?
- (2) What projects were successful for each of those years?

Answer—

- (1) In 2011-12 and 2012-13, there were two projects in the Hunter region that were nominated for funding under the major capital works process.
- (2) The relocation of Gosford Public School to the Henry Kendall High School site was approved in the 2011-12 Budget. No major capital works projects were approved for the Hunter region in 2012-13. They will be considered for inclusion in a future capital works program.

*2809 WORLDSKILLS NSW—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW, Leader of the House—

- (1) How much funding was allocated to WorldSkills NSW in 2011-2012?
- (2) How much funding was allocated to WorldSkills NSW in 2012-2013?

Answer—

- (1) and (2) This question does not pertain to Planning and Infrastructure and should be directed to the Minister for Education.

*2810 FUNDING OF CEDAR COTTAGE PROGRAMS—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) When was the decision taken to cease funding for the Cedar Cottage program?
- (2) (a) Was any assessment done of the success of the program at Cedar Cottage?
(b) If so, what was the result of the assessment?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) and (2) On the 1 September 2012, the Pre-Trial Diversion of Offenders Regulation 2005 was not renewed by the Attorney-General. The Pre-Trial Diversion Program (the Program), also known as Cedar Cottage, no longer has a legal basis for accepting new clients after the expiry of the Regulation. The program continues to provide services to existing clients.

The Government is committed to providing services which will assist children, young people and their families recover from the harm caused by child sexual assault. A wide range of counselling and support services are provided by NSW Health across the state to support child victims of sexual assault.

*2811 REPLACEMENT OF CEDAR COTTAGE PROGRAMS—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

- (1) What programs will be introduced to replace the Cedar Cottage programs?
- (2) When will such programs be introduced?
- (3) What will be the cost of such programs?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Regulations which govern the referral and assessment for the two-year diversion program known as Cedar Cottage, do not apply in respect of people charged after 1 September 2012.

The Government is committed to bringing sexual assault offenders to justice and providing a range of programs for sex offenders to address offending behaviours and prevent re-offending. For adult offenders, Corrective Services NSW has a range of programs to treat sex offenders, including the Custody-Based Intensive Treatment (CUBIT) program.

However, the Government does not plan to introduce a specific alternative program to replace Cedar Cottage.

*2812 CORRESPONDENCE FROM BRONWYN WINTER—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

- (1) Will the Attorney General reply to the letter from Bronwyn Winter dated 31 July 2012?
- (2) If so, what will be the substance of his response?

Answer—

I am advised:

A reply to Mrs Winter's letter was sent on my behalf on 4 September 2012.

*2813 SOUTHERN COURT ESCORT SECURITY—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

- (1) Since 1 July 2011, what is the cost of Southern Court Escort Security?
- (2) Have the recommendations of the Hamburger Review been adopted?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Southern court escort security, which incorporates Bateman's Bay and Wollongong Courts and the court transport component of Goulburn Correctional Centre, cost \$4,331,480 for financial year 2011/12. From 1 July 2012 to 31 August 2012 the cost was \$772,433.
- (2) The Independent Review of Corrective Services NSW Organisational Management Structure (the Hamburger Review) recommended that a review be undertaken of southern court escort security.

This review was undertaken. The matter will be revisited following the completion of a much wider review of adult and juvenile inmate transport.

*2814 CUSTODY OFFENDERS HELD—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

How many full-time custody offenders were held in Corrective Services as at:

- (a) 1 January 2012;
- (b) 1 May 2012;
- (c) 1 July 2012;
- (d) 1 September 2012?

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Answer—

I am advised:

Corrective Services NSW (CSNSW) collates this data on Sundays. The following numbers of inmates were in full-time custody on the dates indicated:

- (a) 1 January 2012 - 9,687;
- (b) 29 April 2012 - 9,748;
- (c) 1 July 2012 - 9,688; and
- (d) 2 September 2012 - 9,617.

*2815 **DETAINEES HELD**—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

How many detainees were held in Juvenile Justice Centres as at:

- (a) 1 January 2012;
- (b) 1 May 2012;
- (c) 1 July 2012;
- (d) 1 September 2012?

Answer—

- (a) 331
- (b) 342
- (c) 350
- (d) 349

Source: DAGJJJ SIS 6 Oct 2012. This counts all young people in custody at midnight.

*2816 **REPAIR OR CLEANING OF GUTTERING**—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

- (1) When will Housing NSW repair or clean the guttering at premises at 168 Cartwright Avenue Cartwright?
- (2) (a) Was such repairs or cleaning cancelled?
(b) If so, what was the reason?

Answer—

- (1) and (2) Departmental records indicate that no work orders have been cancelled in relation to this site. An inspection of the guttering is scheduled for 30 September 2012.

*2817 **LIVERPOOL COUNCIL ELECTION CANDIDATE**—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Local Government, and Minister for the North Coast—

- (1) Did the candidate in the 2008 Liverpool Council election Sabrina Mamone subsequently fail to lodge funding donation and disclosure information as required by legislation?
- (2) If she did not, what action has been taken against her?
- (3) If she has not been prosecuted, why not?
- (4) Was the same Sabrina Mamone a candidate in the 2012 Liverpool Council election?

Answer—

I provide the following details in response to your questions:

- (1) I note that this was a matter that occurred in 2008 and the then Minister for Local Government was Barbara Perry. Nevertheless, questions in relation to compliance with requirements under the Election Funding, Expenditure and Disclosures Act 1981 should be referred to the Election Funding Authority (the EFA) which is responsible for the administration of that Act. The EFA is an independent statutory authority.
- (2) See the response to question (1).
- (3) See the response to question (1).
- (4) Yes.

*2818 **BREAK-UP OF RAILCORP**—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport—

In relation to the break-up of RailCorp into Sydney Trains and NSW Trains:

- (1) What specific benefits and service enhancements will be available for commuters travelling long distances on the South Coast line?

- (2) When will customers using the South Coast line get to experience these service benefits?
 (3) Can the Minister guarantee that as part of this change to RailCorp there will be no reduction in any services during peak and off-peak periods for customers using the South Coast rail line?

Answer—

- (1) As part of the Fixing the Trains initiative, regional and country areas will benefit from a new dedicated rail organisation focused on their specific needs. The creation of NSW Trains will deliver an organisation committed to the needs of regional and country passengers more comfortable services, with on-board facilities.
 (2) and (3) Transport for NSW is undertaking a fundamental review of the rail timetable, which will be implemented in late 2013. This will improve the customer experience by easing crowding, reducing travel times and improving connections to other modes.

*2819 NON-GOVERNMENT SCHOOL SECTOR—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) What consultation was conducted by the Minister, his staff or his department with representatives from faith-based and independent schools before proposing the significant cuts to the non-Government school sector?
 (2) Has the department done any modelling on the impact this would have on school enrolments in the non-Government sector?
 (a) If yes, what does this modelling show?
 (b) If no, why?

Answer—

- (1) As the Minister for Education I consult with stakeholders on a regular basis. As Minister I regard those discussions as confidential discussions.
 The NSW Government consults with stakeholders and communities all the time. This is the way that good governments operate.
 (2) The NSW Government is still in consultation with the non-government sector about how to effect the cap on non-Government school funding.

*2820 RENTAL BOND FUNDS—Mr Greg Piper asked the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

What was the amount of rental bond funds held by the Office of State Revenue for the 2010, 2011 and 2012 years respectively?

Answer—

The Office of State Revenue does not hold these funds. Rental bond funds are held by the Rental Bond Board.

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2821 CUTBACKS TO EDUCATION FUNDING—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Education—

2822 GAS BOTTLES EXPLOSION—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

2823 HOUSING NSW ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

*2824 SEX INDUSTRY REGULATION—Ms Clover Moore asked the Minister for Resources and Energy, Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Central Coast—

Given the current sex industry regulatory framework was introduced following the Wood Royal Commission into police corruption and that this system has been credited with improved work safety, high rates of safe sex practice and low rates of sexually transmitted infections and no evidence of organised crime:

- (1) What research has the Government conducted or identified to determine that a licensing system will improve health and safety outcomes in the sex industry?

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- (2) What research has the Government conducted or identified to determine that a licensing system will help to prevent trafficking in the sex industry?
- (3) What research has the Government conducted or identified to ensure that licensing does not encourage street sex work?
- (4) What comparisons have been made about health, safety and trafficking outcomes in the sex industry with Queensland and Victoria, which have licensing systems?
- (5) What assessment has been made on criminal activity in Victoria under a licensing system given the only murder within an Australian brothel in recent years and the largest trafficking ring was in Club 147 in Brunswick in 2003?
- (6) What consultation has the Government conducted with sex workers, health workers and sex industry representatives and planning experts about how a licensing system could impact on sex workers, particularly migrant sex workers?
- (7) How will the Government consult with sex worker representative bodies including the Sex Workers Outreach Project (SWOP), Scarlet Alliance and Nothing About Us Without Us (NAUWU) before developing a licensing system and introducing legislation, given their concerns about impacts on sex workers?
- (8) Where will the budget come from to replace a no-cost system with an expensive licensing model that adds red tape and additional costs for business owners and sex workers?
- (9) To ensure informed decision making and that any new or regulatory system achieves improved outcomes in the sex industry, what quantitative and qualitative analysis will the Government conduct on its new system?

Answer—

- (1) to (9) The NSW Department of Premier and Cabinet, assisted by an inter-agency Working Party, is leading the development of options to implement the Government's commitment to curb the proliferation of illegal brothels and to improve the regulation of legal operators.

The Working Party is inviting submissions on the Issues Paper from all interested parties which will feed into options for the Government's consideration.

- 2825 ASBESTOS CONTAMINATION AT CALLAN PARK—Mr Jamie Parker to ask the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW, Leader of the House—
- 2826 HOT WATER IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS—Mr Jamie Parker to ask the Minister for Education—
- 2827 EXPOSED ASBESTOS INSULATION—CALLAN PARK—Mr Jamie Parker to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 2828 EXPOSED ASBESTOS INSULATION—CALLAN PARK—Mr Jamie Parker to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Healthy Lifestyles, and Minister for Western New South Wales—
- *2829 EXPOSED ASBESTOS INSULATION—CALLAN PARK—Mr Jamie Parker asked the Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—
- (1) Is the Minister aware that there are broken windows in many of the abandoned buildings at the end of Wharf Road, which means that asbestos insulation is exposed?
 - (2) What steps have been taken to secure the abandoned buildings at the end of Wharf Road?

Answer—

I am advised as follows:

Callan Park is managed by the Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority. As such, these questions should be directed to my colleague, the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure.

- 2830 EXPOSED ASBESTOS INSULATION—CALLAN PARK—Mr Jamie Parker to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

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- 2831 CUT TO EDUCATION FUNDING—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Education—

- 2832 BUDGET PAPER 2012-13 PERFORMANCE REPORT—RED TAPE—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Trade and Investment, and Minister for Regional Infrastructure and Services—
- 2833 ADJACENT STATION ORDER—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—
- 2834 FIREARMS REGISTRY—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—
- *2835 CABCHARGE E-TICKETS—Mr Clayton Barr asked 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 regard to the use of Cabcharge E-tickets to transport firefighters on out duties:

- (1) Between 1 July 2012 and 10 September 2012, what is the total value of Cabcharges used across NSW?
- (2) Between 1 July 2012 and 10 September 2012, what is the total value of Cabcharges used in the Hunter?
- (3) Is a firefighter assured of access to a Cabcharge E-ticket for both the "out" and "return" travel?
- (4) What is the total annual budget allocated to Cabcharge E-tickets for NSW?

Answer—

Fire & Rescue NSW (FRNSW) and the Rural Fire Service (RFS) have advised me:

- (1) FRNSW cannot provide the figure requested as Cabcharges issued to fire fighters to attend their duties are not separately recorded.
The RFS does not use Cabcharge to transport fire fighters to and from fires and does not use E-tickets.
- (2) There has been no such expenditure recorded in the Hunter Region for either agency.
- (3) FRNSW - yes, if a suitable logistic support vehicle is not available. Relieving duties provisions are set out in Clause 12 of the Crown Employees (Fire and Rescue NSW Permanent Firefighting Staff) Award 2011.
RFS - see (1) above.
- (4) Neither FRNSW nor RFS has a specific budget for Cabcharge expenses.

- 2836 BUDGET PAPER 2012-13 PERFORMANCE REPORT—DATA SOURCE—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 2837 PUBLIC HOUSING—CESSNOCK ELECTORATE—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 2838 HOSPITAL EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- *2839 ROAD ACCIDENTS AND INCIDENTS DATA—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

- (1) Does the Roads and Maritime Services collect and keep data of all reported road accidents and incidents?
- (2) Is this data cross-referenced with any Insurance claims-based data?
- (3) Does this data allow high frequency crash history sites to be targeted for improvement?
- (4) Is this data available to the public and if so where/how would the public access it?
- (5) What are the top 10 sites within the Cessnock electorate for crash incidents?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The NSW Centre for Road Safety records data about traffic crashes which conform to the national guidelines. A crash is included based on the following criteria:
 - The crash was reported to the police;
 - The crash occurred on a road open to the public;

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- The crash involved at least one moving vehicle;
- The crash involved at least one person being killed or injured, or at least one motor vehicle being towed away.

This enables a focus on major crashes resulting in casualties or motor vehicles being towed.

Roads and Maritime Services staff have direct access to traffic crash data and reporting systems.

(2) The NSW Centre for Road Safety does, however, routinely provides crash data to government insurance agencies such as the Motor Accidents Authority and WorkCover.

(3) Crash data is used in evidence-based nominations of locations for treatment under Black Spot Programs.

(4) Crash data is available on request to the NSW Centre for Road Safety.

(5) A simplistic listing of locations in line with the total number of crashes does not support the safe system approach to road safety. This simply documents locations with a high number of crashes, rather than targeting crash severity or particular causes of crashes.

Blackspot programs are based on economic analysis and benefits to costs assessment and are further prioritised by the number of certain types of crashes and fatalities or casualties at the location. There is no analysis using a simplistic listing of total crashes. Blackspot analysis used in NSW is based on the safe system approach that focuses on road safety treatments where they will have the greatest effect in reducing fatal and serious injury crashes.

- 2840 NEW ENGLAND/NORTH WEST REGIONAL CANCER CENTRE—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 2841 STAGE 1 AND 2 DEVELOPMENTS—DUBBO BASE HOSPITAL—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 2842 JUNIOR MEDICAL OFFICER POSITIONS—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 2843 MULTIPURPOSE SERVICE AT GULGONG—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 2844 WAGGA WAGGA BASE HOSPITAL REDEVELOPMENT—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 2845 STAGE 2 REDEVELOPMENT—TAMWORTH HOSPITAL—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 2846 HOSPITAL PARKING—PLANNING—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 2847 HOSPITAL PARKING—NEW SPACES—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 2848 HOSPITAL PARKING—NEW SPACES—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 2849 TAFE FEES—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Education—
- 2850 SPECIAL NEEDS PROGRAMS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Education—
- 2851 CONSULTATION PRIOR TO FUNDING CUTS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Education—
- 2852 BEST START PROGRAM—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Education—
- 2853 IMPACT ON STUDENTS OF FUNDING CUTS TO EDUCATION—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Education—
- 2854 SOUTH WESTERN SYDNEY INSTITUTE OF TAFE—POTENTIAL JOB LOSSES—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Education—

2855 SOUTH WESTERN SYDNEY INSTITUTE OF TAFE—POTENTIAL CAMPUS CLOSURES—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Education—

2856 SOUTH WESTERN SYDNEY INSTITUTE—MAINTENANCE OF COURSES—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Education—

*2857 FINES ISSUED BY PRIVATE COMPANIES—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Fair Trading—

- (1) What action has the department undertaken to stop the practice of private companies, such as Australian National Car Parks Pty Ltd, issuing so-called "fines" to the public?
- (2) What measures have been put in place to differentiate between companies making private claims and Government bodies issuing legitimate fines?
- (3) Given the Victorian Court ruling deeming the issuing of similar "fines" as unlawful, is the Department seeking legal advice regarding this practice in New South Wales?

Answer—

Private car park operators in NSW issue payment notices which comply with the Australian Consumer Law. If a car park operator in NSW issues a payment notice that does not comply with the Australian Consumer Law, NSW Fair Trading will take appropriate compliance action in accordance with the law.

The Victorian Court ruling deeming the issue of similar "fines" as unlawful cannot be linked to private car park operators in NSW, which issue payment notices that comply with the Australian Consumer Law.

2858 SMALL BIZ CONNECT PROGRAM—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Small Business—

2859 ESTIMATION OF WAGES FOR INJURED WORKERS—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

2860 CEDAR COTTAGE PRE TRIAL DIVERSION OF OFFENDERS PROGRAM—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

2861 CONGESTION TAX—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

2862 ROADS ON WHICH CONGESTION TAX WILL APPLY—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

*2863 ACTION ON ESCALATION OF CRIME—Mr Guy Zangari asked 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 action will be taken by the Minister to stop the escalation of crime in three major crime categories - sexual assault, indecent assault and theft from a retail store?

Answer—

The Property Crime Squad leads and drives the NSW Police Force response to various theft offences, including steal from a retail store. The Squad supports Local Area Commands and other Commands through the provision of specialist investigative advice. The Property Crime Squad provides regular updates on current and recent trends, potential suspects and similar modus operandi. Local Area Commands regularly undertake high visibility policing operations which target criminal and anti-social behaviour and may include a focus on stealing from retail stores, where intelligence suggests this type of crime is occurring.

The Sex Crimes Squad and the Child Abuse Squad of the NSW Police Force were established to ensure the provision of a specialist adult and child sexual assault service to support Local Area Commands across NSW. These services are offered in partnership with the Community Services and NSW Health. The Sex Crimes Squad has a key role in focusing the response of Local Area Commands to this crime type through state-wide monitoring of and identifying crime trends, and developing Operational Strategies, Programs and Policies. It will also investigate sex crimes that are protracted, complex, serial and serious in nature. Police officers will investigate all incidents reported to police of sexual and indecent assault, and will charge alleged offenders if there is sufficient evidence available.

2864 GOVERNMENT CONTRACTORS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

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*2865 CANCELLATION OF SEPTEMBER CLASS—GOULBURN POLICE ACADEMY—Mr Guy Zangari asked 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 justification does the Minister have for cancelling the September class at the Goulburn Police Academy?

Answer—

New Probationary Constables are deployed in May, August and December each year to replace and add to existing police numbers. I am advised that no graduating classes have been cancelled.

2866 90 PER CENT NATIONAL BENCHMARK—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

2867 PEOPLE WHO HAVE STOPPED LOOKING FOR WORK—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

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2868 FRESH START RECOVERY PROGRAM—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

*2869 RESPONSIBILITY FOR COMMUNITY FACILITIES—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW, Leader of the House—

- (1) Why is the Government proposing for developers to be no longer responsible for the work and cost required for parks, sports fields and associated community buildings?
- (2) Why is Lake Macquarie City Council concerned they will encounter a \$244 million shortfall over the following 20 years?
- (3) How will the Government support councils who may be forced to pass these costs on to ratepayers?

Answer—

- (1) The Government has not confirmed that developers will no longer be responsible for the work and cost required for parks, sports fields and associated community buildings.

As part of the Green Paper, the responsibility for providing local infrastructure to serve the local community will be considered.

- (2) and (3) I am aware of Lake Macquarie Council and other Councils' concerns in relation to infrastructure funding. Much of this concern stems from the decision by the former Government to cap the contributions councils could receive from developers.

To assist Councils in the delivery of key growth infrastructure, the Government announced the Housing Acceleration Fund of \$481 million as part of the 2012-13 State Budget "Building the State" package. Some of this funding is targeted at meeting reasonable costs a council might face on top of the contribution cap.

This fund supports the Government focus on infrastructure to support growth, recognising the key role local councils play in providing for housing growth.

2870 CUTBACKS TO EDUCATION FUNDING—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Education—

2871 FUNDING FOR NON-GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Education—

2872 LOSS OF SPECIALIST FUNDING—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Education—

2873 JOINT GROUP TRAINING SCHEME—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Education—

2874 CUTS TO EDUCATION FUNDING—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Education—

2875 JOINT GROUP TRAINING SCHEME—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Education—

2876 MANDATORY SEATBELTS ON SCHOOL BUSES—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport—

*2877 COST OF TRANSPORT MASTERPLAN—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Transport—

Can the Minister confirm the cost of the transport masterplan?

Answer—

I refer to my answer provided to Written Question 2781.

2878 LIVERPOOL COUNCIL ROAD RULES ENFORCEMENT—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

2879 CUBIT PROGRAM—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

2880 CLASSIFICATION (PUBLICATIONS FILMS AND COMPUTER GAMES) ENFORCEMENT AMENDMENT ACT 2010—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

2881 CORRECTIVE SERVICES NSW—EMPLOYEE CONCERNS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

2882 TELEPHONE ADVICE LINE TRIAL—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

2883 GAS BOTTLES AT HOXTON PARK ROAD—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

2884 M5 SPEED LIMITS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

*2885 TENDER FOR NSW TRUSTEE AND GUARDIAN FUNDS—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

(1) When and in what manner was the tender called to manage funds held by the NSW Trustee and Guardian?

(2) Who made the decision to award the tender?

Answer—

I am advised:

This question, originally submitted to the Treasurer and Minister for Industrial Relations, has been redirected to and answered by the Attorney General and Minister for Justice.

(1) In February 2010 the Independent Investment Advisory Committee of the NSW Trustee and Guardian (NSWTG) endorsed a recommendation that NSWTG appoint a single fund manager and a single custodian of NSWTG's client funds. In April 2010 the NSWTG conducted a limited tender of suitably qualified investment consultants to manage the tender process. As a result, on 12 June 2010, NSWTG made a decision to engage Russell Investments for this purpose.

Russell Investments identified four suitably qualified fund managers and five custodians and invited them to submit a tender. On 14 September 2012 NSWTG announced the appointment of BlackRock Investment Management as fund manager and J.P. Morgan as custodian of NSWTG's currently held investments.

(2) The Chief Executive Officer, NSWTG.

2886 MINISTERIAL LIAISON UNITS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

*2887 CITYRAIL ELECTRONIC TICKETING—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Transport—

With regards to electronic ticketing for the Cityrail network:

(1) When will trials of this start?

(2) When is electronic ticketing due to be rolled out across the Cityrail network?

Answer—

The Opal smartcard ticketing system will start being introduced on Sydney Ferries in December 2012, before being extended to other modes.

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- 2888 MIDWIFERY COURSE AT UNIVERSITY OF WOLLONGONG—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 2889 AUBURN HOSPITAL GRADUATE NURSING PROGRAM—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 2890 CEDAR COTTAGE—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 2891 CAFE PLATYPUS—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Education—

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- 2892 PUBLIC HOUSING DWELLINGS IN MOUNT DRUITT AREA—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 2893 NATIONAL SPECIFIC PURPOSE PAYMENTS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 2894 NATIONAL SPECIFIC PURPOSE PAYMENTS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Education—
- 2895 NATIONAL SPECIFIC PURPOSE PAYMENTS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 2896 NATIONAL SPECIFIC PURPOSE PAYMENTS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Ageing, and Minister for Disability Services—
- 2897 NATIONAL SPECIFIC PURPOSE PAYMENTS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 2898 ASHBURY PUBLIC SCHOOL—FUNDING CUTS—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Minister for Education—
- 2899 EDGEWARE SCHOOL—FUNDING CUTS—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Minister for Education—
- 2900 CAMPSIE PUBLIC SCHOOL—FUNDING CUTS—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Minister for Education—
- 2901 CANTERBURY GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL—FUNDING CUTS—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Minister for Education—
- 2902 CANTERBURY SOUTH PUBLIC SCHOOL—FUNDING CUTS—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Minister for Education—
- 2903 ST FRANCIS XAVIER SCHOOL—FUNDING CUTS—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Minister for Education—
- 2904 ST MICHAELS SCHOOL—FUNDING CUTS—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Minister for Education—
- 2905 SUMMER HILL PUBLIC SCHOOL—FUNDING CUTS—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Minister for Education—
- 2906 YEO PARK INFANTS SCHOOL—FUNDING CUTS—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Minister for Education—
- 2907 EDUCATION FUNDING—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Education—
- 2908 FLUED GAS HEATERS IN ILLAWARRA SCHOOLS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Education—
- 2909 HEALTH FUNDING IN ILLAWARRA SHOALHAVEN LOCAL HEALTH DISTRICT—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- 2910 PRIORITY SCHOOLS PROGRAM IN THE ILLAWARRA—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Education—
- 2911 PINCH POINTS PROGRAM IN WOLLONGONG—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 2912 LYSAGHT OVAL REPORT—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 2913 SCHOOL SWIMMING SCHEME FUNDING—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—
- 2914 SCHOOL SWIMMING SCHEME PARTICIPATION—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—
- 2915 FAIRFIELD HOSPITAL SERVICES—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- *2916 NORTH WEST RAIL LINK—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Transport—
- How will the funding arrangements for the North West Rail Link affect public transport services in the Fairfield area?
- Answer—
- Funding arrangements for the North West Rail Link will not negatively affect public transport services in the Fairfield area. In fact, the North West Rail Link will have a positive impact on transport services throughout Western Sydney.
- *2917 LATE NIGHT KINGS CROSS TRAINS—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Transport—
- (1) Will the late night trains from Kings Cross that the Government plans to help resolve alcohol fuelled violence service the Fairfield Electorate?
 - (2) If so, at what frequency?
- Answer—
- I am advised:
- The Fairfield electorate will be serviced by the N50 and N60 NightRide services from Central Station, complemented by the additional services from Kings Cross to Central every eight minutes between 1am and 5am.
- This builds on the 91 additional NightRide services this Government has introduced since March 2011.
- 2918 FINE ARTS COURSES IN NSW TAFE COLLEGES—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Education—
- 2919 DECOMMISSIONED SPEED CAMERAS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 2920 PUBLIC SCHOOL CLASS SIZES IN FAIRFIELD ELECTORATE—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Education—
- 2921 PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL CLASS SIZES IN FAIRFIELD ELECTORATE—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Education—

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- 2922 PUBLIC SCHOOLS INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Education—
- 2923 BETTER FUTURES AND BRIGHTER FUTURES PROGRAMS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 2924 FUNDING FOR INJURED NATIVE ANIMALS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

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- 2925 PUBLIC HOUSING BUDGET FOR REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—
- 2926 EXPLORATION LICENCE PEL 267—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Resources and Energy, Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Central Coast—
- 2927 KURRI KURRI COURT HOUSE—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- *2928 TRAIN STATION UPGRADES IN CESSNOCK ELECTORATE—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Transport—
- Are any of the train stations of Tarro, Beresfield, Greta or Branxton in the Cessnock electorate scheduled for improvements or upgrades in:
- (a) 2012-13;
(b) 2013-14 to 2015-16?
- Answer—
- The NSW Government is committed to improving public transport services and providing a world-class transport system people want to use.
- I am pleased to advise that Greta Station is in the detailed design stage for accessibility ramps to the station platforms.
- More planning and design work will now occur to see which stations will come next. Tarro, Beresfield and Branxton stations will be considered as part of this process.
- *2929 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ASSISTANCE PRACTICES—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- Given that short-term gaol sentences have historically been used in domestic violence situations to allow the victim time to organise safe departure from the home, can the Attorney General guarantee that this practice will be maintained?
- Answer—
- I am advised:
- Decision-making about sentencing for domestic violence offences is a discretionary exercise that is undertaken by judges and magistrates.
- Under the Crimes (Domestic and Personal Violence) Act 2007, Apprehended Domestic Violence Orders may include orders that exclude a defendant from the victim's home. In making these orders the Act requires that regard be given to the safety and protection of victims and their children, and the accommodation needs of the parties.
- 2930 COMMUNITY COMPLIANCE AND MONITORING GROUPS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 2931 SURGICAL WAITING LIST—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 2932 EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT WAITING TIMES—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 2933 EFFICIENCY SAVINGS—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 2934 HEALTH AND HOSPITALS FUND—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 2935 CONSULTATION WITH NSW PARENTS COUNCIL—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Education—
- 2936 PUBLIC SCHOOL UPGRADE PROGRAM—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Education—
- 2937 FUNDING FOR NON-GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS—BANKSTOWN—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Education—

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- 2938 FUNDING FOR NON-GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS—EAST HILLS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Education—
- 2939 BANKSTOWN SOUTH INFANTS SCHOOL—SECURITY INCIDENT—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Education—
- 2940 BANKSTOWN-LIDCOMBE HOSPITAL—JOB LOSSES—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 2941 BANKSTOWN-LIDCOMBE HOSPITAL—EFFICIENCY SAVINGS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 2942 BANKSTOWN WOMEN'S HEALTH CENTRE—CHILD SEXUAL ASSAULT COUNSELLING SERVICE—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 2943 REVIEW INTO STRATA LAWS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Fair Trading—
- 2944 ILLAWARRA AND SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS REGIONAL LAND USE PLANS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW, Leader of the House—
- 2945 REGIONAL RELOCATION GRANT—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 2946 CARS ON PARRAMATTA ROAD—Mr Jamie Parker to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 2947 URANIUM EXPLORATION—Mr Jamie Parker to ask the Minister for Resources and Energy, Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Central Coast—
- 2948 CALLAN PARK MASTER PLAN—Mr Jamie Parker to ask the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW, Leader of the House—
- 2949 READING RECOVERY TEACHERS—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—
- 2950 DEMOUNTABLE CLASSROOMS FUNDING—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—
- 2951 DEMOUNTABLE CLASSROOMS REPLACEMENT—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—
- 2952 AIR-CONDITIONING IN DEMOUNTABLE BUILDINGS—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—

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- 2953 BLACKTOWN AND MOUNT DRUITT HOSPITALS—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- (1) What is the total cost of the recently announced upgrade of the Blacktown and Mount Druitt Hospitals?
 - (2) (a) How much of this money is being spent at the Mount Druitt Hospital?
(b) How is this money being spent at the hospital?
 - (3) (a) Is any of the money mentioned in questions (1) and (2) above made up with any funds from the Federal Government?
(a) If so, how much money from the Federal Government is involved and for what is it being spent?
- 2954 CANTERBURY BOYS HIGH SCHOOL—FUNDING CUTS—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Minister for Education—
- (1) How many staff, including those in administrative and support roles, will be cut from Canterbury

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- Boys High School as a result of the Government's \$1.7 billion education funding cuts?
- (2) What teaching and curriculum resources will no longer be produced and available to support students at this school?
 - (3) Can the Minister guarantee that the \$1.7 billion funding cuts to education will have no impact on the day to day teaching and learning at Canterbury Boys High School?
- 2955 CANTERBURY PUBLIC SCHOOL—FUNDING CUTS—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Minister for Education—
- (1) How many staff, including those in administrative and support roles, will be cut from Canterbury Public School as a result of the Government's \$1.7 billion education funding cuts?
 - (2) What teaching and curriculum resources will no longer be produced and available to support students at this school?
 - (3) Can the Minister guarantee that the \$1.7 billion funding cuts to education will have no impact on the day to day teaching and learning at Canterbury Public School?
- 2956 EARLWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL—FUNDING CUTS—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Minister for Education—
- (1) How many staff, including those in administrative and support roles, will be cut from Earlwood Public School as a result of the Government's \$1.7 billion education funding cuts?
 - (2) What teaching and curriculum resources will no longer be produced and available to support students at this school?
 - (3) Can the Minister guarantee that the \$1.7 billion funding cuts to education will have no impact on the day to day teaching and learning at Earlwood Public School?
- 2957 OUR LADY OF LOURDES SCHOOL—FUNDING CUTS—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Minister for Education—
- (1) How many staff, including those in administrative and support roles, will be cut from Our Lady of Lourdes School as a result of the Government's \$1.7 billion education funding cuts?
 - (2) What teaching and curriculum resources will no longer be produced and available to support students at this school?
 - (3) Can the Minister guarantee that the \$1.7 billion funding cuts to education will have no impact on the day to day teaching and learning at Our Lady of Lourdes School?
- 2958 HARCOURT PUBLIC SCHOOL—FUNDING CUTS—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Minister for Education—
- (1) How many staff, including those in administrative and support roles, will be cut from Harcourt Public School as a result of the Government's \$1.7 billion education funding cuts?
 - (2) What teaching and curriculum resources will no longer be produced and available to support students at this school?
 - (3) Can the Minister guarantee that the \$1.7 billion funding cuts to education will have no impact on the day to day teaching and learning at Harcourt Public School ?
- 2959 ST MELS PRIMARY SCHOOL—FUNDING CUTS—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Minister for Education—
- (1) How many staff, including those in administrative and support roles, will be cut from St Mels Primary School as a result of the Government's \$1.7 billion education funding cuts?
 - (2) What teaching and curriculum resources will no longer be produced and available to support students at this school?
 - (3) Can the Minister guarantee that the \$1.7 billion funding cuts to education will have no impact on the day to day teaching and learning at St Mels Primary School?
- 2960 ST PAUL OF THE CROSS SCHOOL—FUNDING CUTS—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Minister for Education—
- (1) How many staff, including those in administrative and support roles, will be cut from St Paul of the Cross School as a result of the Government's \$1.7 billion education funding cuts?
 - (2) What teaching and curriculum resources will no longer be produced and available to support students at this school?
 - (3) Can the Minister guarantee that the \$1.7 billion funding cuts to education will have no impact on the day to day teaching and learning at St Paul of the Cross School?

- 2961 TRINITY GRAMMAR SCHOOL—FUNDING CUTS—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Minister for Education—
- (1) How many staff, including those in administrative and support roles, will be cut from Trinity Grammar School as a result of the Government's \$1.7 billion education funding cuts?
 - (2) What teaching and curriculum resources will no longer be produced and available to support students at this school?
 - (3) Can the Minister guarantee that the \$1.7 billion funding cuts to education will have no impact on the day to day teaching and learning at Trinity Grammar School ?
- 2962 ST PATRICK'S PRIMARY SCHOOL—FUNDING CUTS—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Minister for Education—
- (1) How many staff, including those in administrative and support roles, will be cut from St Patrick's Primary School as a result of the Government's \$1.7 billion education funding cuts?
 - (2) What teaching and curriculum resources will no longer be produced and available to support students at this school?
 - (3) Can the Minister guarantee that the \$1.7 billion funding cuts to education will have no impact on the day to day teaching and learning at St Patrick's Primary School ?
- 2963 SCHOOL SAFETY ZONES—BLUE MOUNTAINS—Mr Robert Furolo to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- In relation to school safety zones in the Blue Mountains:
- (1) Have flashing lights been installed at the Blaxland East, Faulconbridge and Springwood public schools?
 - (2) If flashing lights have not been installed, when will they be installed?
- 2964 GLENDALE TRANSPORT INTERCHANGE—Mr Robert Furolo to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- In relation to the Glendale Transport Interchange:
- (1) What funds have been allocated to the Pennant Street Bridge?
 - (2) When is construction of the Pennant Street Bridge due to start?
- 2965 LEMON TREE PASSAGE ROAD—Mr Robert Furolo to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- In relation to Lemon Tree Passage Road:
- (1) What funds have been allocated to the upgrade of Lemon Tree Passage Road?
 - (2) When is construction of the Pennant Street Bridge due to start?
- 2966 CARDIFF CBD ROADS—Mr Robert Furolo to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- In relation to roads in the Cardiff CBD:
- (1) What funds have been allocated to the upgrade of Ocean Street?
 - (2) When are works due to start for Ocean Street?
 - (3) What funds have been allocated to the upgrade of Dudley Street?
 - (4) When are works due to start for Dudley Street?
 - (5) What funds have been allocated to the upgrade the intersection on Crockett Street, Cardiff South?
 - (6) When are works due to start for the intersection at Crockett Street, Cardiff South?
- 2967 BONDI ROAD BONDI—Mr Robert Furolo to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- In relation to Bondi Road, Bondi:
- (1) What funds have been allocated for the upgrade of Bondi Road?
 - (2) What works are proposed for Bondi Road?
 - (3) When are road works for Bondi Road due to start?
 - (4) When are road works for Bondi Road due to be completed?
- 2968 SCHOOL SAFETY ZONE—BRONTE PUBLIC SCHOOL—Mr Robert Furolo to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

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In relation to School Safety Zone at Bronte Public School:

- (1) Have flashing lights been installed at Bronte Public School?
- (2) If not what funds have been allocated in the 2012-2013 budget to install flashing lights at Bronte Public School?

2969 SCHOOL SAFETY ZONE—KENSINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOL—Mr Robert Furolo to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

In relation to School Safety Zone at Kensington Public School:

- (1) Have flashing lights been installed at Kensington Public School?
- (2) If not what funds have been allocated in the 2012-2013 budget to install flashing lights at Kensington Public School?

2970 WYONG ROAD GOSFORD—Mr Robert Furolo to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

In relation to Wyong Road Gosford:

- (1) What funds have been allocated to upgrade Wyong Road?
- (2) When are works due to start on the upgrade of Wyong Road?
- (3) When is the upgrade of Wyong Road due to be completed?

2971 CTP INSURANCE FOR MOTORCYCLE RIDERS—Mr Robert Furolo to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

In relation to the cost CTP insurance for motorcycle riders:

- (1) What was the average cost of CTP insurance for motorcycle riders in July 2010?
- (2) What is the current average cost of CTP insurance for motorcycle riders as of September 2012?

2972 COUNTRY PASSENGER TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE GRANTS SCHEME—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport—

- (1) (a) Has the Minister responded to the General Manager of Newcastle City Council who requested funding to upgrade transport stops in the Newcastle Local Government Area to meet the disability standards for accessible public transport?
- (2) (b) If not, when will the Minister discuss his request?
- (3) Why is Newcastle City Council not eligible to apply for assistance under the Country Passenger Transport Infrastructure Grants Scheme?

2973 COUNTRYLINK SECURITY—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport—

- (1) Does CountryLink provide security on its services?
- (2) If not, why not?
- (3) If so, why was there no security on the XPT travelling between Broadmeadow and Brisbane on 20 September 2012 and Brisbane and Broadmeadow on 28 September 2012?

2974 ADAMSTOWN RAILWAY GATES—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport—

Will the Minister remove the Adamstown railway gates, now that the transport department's own draft master plan listed the removal of the level crossing as an "immediate short-term project?"

2975 GLENDALE TRANSPORT INTERCHANGE—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport—

Why was the Glendale Transport Interchange not featured in the NSW Transport Masterplan?

2976 GOULBURN POLICE ACADEMY SEPTEMBER CLASS—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) Why was the September class at Goulburn Police Academy cancelled when there have been more than 100 armed robberies in the Hunter and at least 104 shootings in Sydney this year alone?
- (2) Is the Minister responding to these significant increases in crime?
- (3) Will the Minister increase police numbers in the Hunter and across NSW?

2977 CARDIFF NORTH PUBLIC SCHOOL—FUNDING CUTS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Education—

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- (1) How many staff, including those in administrative and support roles, will be cut from Cardiff North Public School as a result of the Government's \$1.7 billion education funding cuts?
- (2) What teaching and curriculum resources will no longer be produced and available to support students at this school?
- (3) Can the Minister guarantee that the \$1.7 billion funding cuts to education will have no impact on the day to day teaching and learning at Cardiff North Public School?
- 2978 WALLSEND PUBLIC SCHOOL—FUNDING CUTS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Education—
- (1) How many staff, including those in administrative and support roles, will be cut from Wallsend Public School as a result of the Government's \$1.7 billion education funding cuts?
- (2) What teaching and curriculum resources will no longer be produced and available to support students at this school?
- (3) Can the Minister guarantee that the \$1.7 billion funding cuts to education will have no impact on the day to day teaching and learning at Wallsend Public School?
- 2979 NEW LAMBTON PUBLIC SCHOOL—FUNDING CUTS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Education—
- (1) How many staff, including those in administrative and support roles, will be cut from New Lambton Public School as a result of the Government's \$1.7 billion education funding cuts?
- (2) What teaching and curriculum resources will no longer be produced and available to support students at this school?
- (3) Can the Minister guarantee that the \$1.7 billion funding cuts to education will have no impact on the day to day teaching and learning at New Lambton Public School?
- 2980 NEW LAMBTON SOUTH PUBLIC SCHOOL—FUNDING CUTS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Education—
- (1) How many staff, including those in administrative and support roles, will be cut from New Lambton South Public School as a result of the Government's \$1.7 billion education funding cuts?
- (2) What teaching and curriculum resources will no longer be produced and available to support students at this school?
- (3) Can the Minister guarantee that the \$1.7 billion funding cuts to education will have no impact on the day to day teaching and learning at New Lambton South Public School?
- 2981 AUDIO-VISUAL SUITES—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- (1) How many staff in NSW Corrective who have at any stage in the last 12 months worked in audio-visual suites to allow inmates to be broadcast to courts, accepted redundancy offers since 1 January 2012?
- (2) How often since 1 January 2012 have proceedings in bail courts been interrupted because of the unavailability or inadequacy of audio-visual suites?
- 2982 CHIEF MAGISTRATE JUDGE GRAEME HENSON—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- (1) When and how often since 27 March 2011 has the Attorney General met with Chief Magistrate Judge Graeme Henson?
- (2) When was the last time the Attorney General spoke to Chief Magistrate Judge Graeme Henson?
- (3) Why did the Attorney General's department refuse an application under GIPPA to release information concerning communications between himself and the Chief Magistrate?
- 2983 JUVENILE JUSTICE POSITIONS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- (1) When will the cut of approximately 114 positions in Juvenile Justice, as a result of budget cuts, be completed?
- (2) What will those positions be?
- 2984 LONG BAY METROPOLITAN SPECIAL PROGRAM CENTRE—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- (1) Did the Governor of the Metropolitan Special Program Centre at Long Bay request an upgrade in security at a gate in the Long Bay complex?
- (2) If so:

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- (a) When was the request made?
(b) To whom was the request made?
(c) What precisely were the terms of the request?
(d) What was the response to the request?
- 2985 JUVENILE JUSTICE VACANT POSITIONS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- (1) How many positions are currently vacant in Juvenile Justice?
(2) What are these positions?
- 2986 HOME DETENTION—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- (1) How many offenders are currently subject to home detention?
(2) How many are subject to supervision by Corrective Services?
(3) How frequently are such offenders subject to unannounced visits by officers of Corrective Services?
- 2987 HEAD CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- (1) Has a head Chief Financial Officer been appointed to the Department of Attorney General and Justice?
(2) If not, why not?
(3) If so, who is the head Chief Financial Officer?
- 2988 SURRY HILLS POLICE CENTRE AUDIO-VISUAL SUITES—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—
- (1) How many audio-visual suites exist at Surry Hills Police Centre to allow images of defendants/prisoners to be shown to court rooms?
(2) How often are they used?
- 2989 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SUPPORT WESTERN SYDNEY SERVICE—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- What are the plans for future funding of programs such as those of the Domestic Violence Support Western Sydney Service funded under the COAG National Partnerships Agreement on Homelessness which is due to expire on 30 June 2012?
- 2990 LITTER ON MEMORIAL DRIVE AND PICTON ROAD—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- (1) (a) Does RMS have a dedicated team that is tasked to remove litter and rubbish from roads?
(b) If so, how often does this team carry out work on Memorial Drive and Picton Road in the Illawarra?
(2) When was the last time a major clean up of these roadsides was carried out?
- 2991 BULLI TRAFFIC CONGESTION—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- Are there any plans to improve traffic congestion at the Molloy Street roundabout where it intersects with Memorial Drive at Bulli?
- 2992 WOLLONGONG CHILD PROTECTION TEAMS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- (1) (a) Has the number of child protection teams working from the department's offices in Wollongong been reduced from four to three?
(b) If so when did this happen?
(2) What were the reasons behind this decision?
- 2993 WEST STREET CENTRE—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- (1) When will the review of the "preserved" group of services be completed?

- (2) In relation to the West Street Centre and the work it does in the local community, will the Minister meet with Illawarra Members of Parliament and staff from the West Street Centre to discuss their long-term funding?
- 2994 REGIONAL RELOCATION GRANT—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Trade and Investment, and Minister for Regional Infrastructure and Services—
- (1) Was approximately \$8.5 million in unspent funds from the Regional Relocation Grant redirected towards GST for the Star Casino?
- (2) If so:
- (a) What was the justification for this decision?
- (b) Is the Government prepared to redirect this unspent amount to improving regional infrastructure and services?
- 2995 MAINLINE RAIL ACCELERATION—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport—
- What specific works and initiatives will be included in the Mainline Rail Acceleration - Wollongong to Sydney pilot program as outlined in the Infrastructure NSW report?