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- 3985 MOUNT DRUITT SWIMMING POOL—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Education—
 - (1) How many public schools have used the Mount Druitt swimming pool for swimming carnivals over the past three years?
 - (2) Have these schools been advised that Blacktown City Council has announced the closure of this swimming pool?
 - (3) What arrangements have been put in place for the schools referred to in question (1) above to undertake swimming carnivals during the coming summer?
- 3986 LETS TALK ABOUT TAFE—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Education—

Will the Government release the findings and conclusions from the Let's Talk About TAFE consultations, which concluded in April 2013?

- (a) If so, when?
- (b) If not, why not?
- 3987 CHILD ABUSE VICTIMS COMPENSATION CLAIMS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—
 - (1) How much money will the Government save by requiring child abuse victims to lodge compensation claims within a decade of turning 18 or 10 years of the crime being committed?
 - (2) How much money would the Government save if it imposed a 20 year time limit as preferred by the Victims Compensation Tribunal?
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 - When the proposed Maryland Fire Station is built, what steps will the Government take to ensure that the historic Wallsend Fire Station will be kept in public hands and utilised for the community?
- 3989 LAKE MACQUARIE LOCAL AREA COMMAND—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

Does the Lake Macquarie Local Area Command have any staff dedicated to liaising with members of the public who have been the victim of sexual abuse?

(a) If so, how many staff members carry out this role;

- (b) If so, how long have the staff been carrying out this role?
- 3990 POLICE RESPONSE TIME—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) What is the NSW standard time considered appropriate for responding to crimes?
 - (2) What is the average response time for the:
 - (a) Newcastle City Local Area Command;
 - (b) Lake Macquarie Local Area Command?
- 3991 PARAMEDICS ABUSED ON JOB—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

What steps is the Minister taking to protect paramedics from patient violence?

- 3992 NEWCASTLE AIRPORT EXPANSION—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW, Leader of the House—
 - (1) Has the Government granted the Newcastle Airport \$10 million, towards the first stage of the airport's expansion, through the Hunter Infrastructure and Investment Fund?
 - (2) If not, why not?
- 3993 DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING RENT—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

Will the Government be increasing the percentage of the income that the Department of Housing tenants pay as rent?

- (a) If so, when; and
- (b) by how much?
- 3994 WORKERS COMPENSATION—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
 - (1) What recourse is available to the people who have had their workers compensation cases settled in court previously but now find that this financial security is not continued under the new system, and instead they will be substantially worse off?
 - (2) Why should the people hurt at work who have done the right thing under the previous system be penalised financially by the Government changes to the Workers Compensation Act?
 - (3) Who will carry out the new work capacity assessments?
 - (4) If the work capacity assessments are carried out by insurers, can they be considered impartial?
- 3995 NSW SHERIFF OFFICE—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

What are the Government's plans for the future of the NSW Sheriff's office?

- 3996 MAGEE LANE GLENFIELD—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Transport—
 - (1) Has the one way operation of Magee Lane been reviewed by Transport NSW, following the completion of the Glenfield interchange?
 - (2) If so:
 - (a) when was this review performed;
 - (b) which stakeholders were consulted;
 - (c) has a final decision been taken on the direction of Magee Lane;
 - (d) how and when was this decision disseminated to the businesses on Railway Parade at Glenfield?
- 3997 CLINICAL NURSE CONSULTANTS VOLUNTARY REDUNDANCY—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

With regard to the seven Clinical Nurse Consultants (CNCs) who accepted voluntary redundancy (LA Question 3574):

- (1) In which Local Health Districts were these CNCs employed?
- (2) In which specialties?
- 3998 PALLIATIVE CARE FUNDING—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

With regard to the palliative care funding in NSW:

- (1) Will the funding of a minimum of 55 palliative care positions across the state cease on 30 June 2013?
- (2) Can the Minister provide information on the increased activity that has been reported against these positions over the last four years?
- (3) What will be the implications for palliative care service provision should these positions cease to continue after 30 June 2013?
- (4) Will the Government provide a commitment to continue to fund these positions beyond 30 June 2013?
- 3999 YAMBA COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

With regard to the proposed Yamba Community Health Centre:

- (1) What facilities will be provided?
- (2) When will the construction begin?
- (3) When will the centre open?
- 4000 PROSTATE BIOPSY SERVICE -WAGGA WAGGA BASE HOSPITAL—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

With regard to the Wagga Wagga Base Hospital:

- (1) When will the prostate biopsy service commence?
- (2) How many theatre sessions per week will be allocated for prostate biopsy?
- (3) How many patients are on the waiting list for these biopsies?
- 4001 PEDIATRIC INTENSIVE CARE UNIT—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
 - (1) When will the six Pediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU) beds be opened at the John Hunter Children's Hospital?
 - (2) How many new full-time equivalent (FTE) pediatric intensive care specialists will be appointed?
 - (3) How many extra FTE registered nurses will be appointed?
 - (4) As a result of the opening of the PICU, will there be any reduction to:
 - (a) adult Intensive Care Unit (ICU) beds;
 - (b) adult ICU staffing (nursing or medical)?
- 4002 GULGONG MULTI-PURPOSE SERVICE—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

With regard to the Gulgong Multi-Purpose Service (MPS):

- (1) When was the latest tender awarded?
- (2) Has there been any increase in the likely cost of this MPS since the initial contract was awarded?
- (3) When is this MPS due for completion and commissioning?
- 4003 NSW BUSINESSLINK VOLUNTARY REDUNDANCIES—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
 - (1) How many voluntary redundancies have been accepted by current and former employees at NSW Businesslink since 27 March 2011?
 - (2) How many voluntary redundancies have been offered to employees at NSW Businesslink since 27 March 2011?
 - (3) How many contractors with NSW Businesslink have had their contracts terminated or not renewed since 27 March 2011?
- 4004 DEATHS ON OR IN RAILWAY PROPERTY—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Transport—

How many people took their own life on or in railway property, stations or railway tracks in the following periods:

- (a) 1 June 2012 to 30 June 2012;
- (b) 1 July 2012 to 31 July 2012;
- (c) 1 August 2012 to 31 August 2012;
- (d) 1 September 2012 to 30 September 2012;

- (e) 1 October 2012 to 31 October 2012;
- (f) 1 November 2012 to 30 November 2012;
- (g) 1 December 2012 to 31 December 2012?
- 4005 COURTHOUSES UTILISATION—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
 - (1) Which courthouses in the Sydney metropolitan area have court rooms for magistrates and judges which are not regularly utilised?
 - (2) How many court rooms not regularly utilised are in each of these courthouses identified in question (1) above?
- 4006 AZZAM NABOULSI DEATH INQUEST—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

What was the evidence relied upon by the Crown Solicitor to submit to the Coroner in the inquest into the death of Azzam Naboulsi that there was sufficient evidence to terminate the inquest and refer the matter to the DPP?

- 4007 ARMIDALE COURTHOUSE—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—When will the construction of the new courthouse at Armidale be completed?
- 4008 NUMBER OF INMATES AND DETAINEES—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

How many and from which institutions have inmates and detainees of NSW Corrective Services escaped and absconded during:

- (a) 27 March 2011 to 30 June 2011;
- (b) 1 July 2011 to 31 December 2011;
- (c) 1 January 2012 to 30 June 2012;
- (d) 1 July 2012 to 31 December 2012;
- (e) 1 January 2013 to 20 May 2013?

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