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\*5490 HEALTH SERVICES ACT 1997—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

How many prosecutions have there been under Section 67J of the Health Services Act 1997 in the following periods:

- (a) 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012;
- (b) 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013;
- (c) 1 July 2013 to 31 December 2013?

Answer—

I am advised:

(a) 7; (b) 16; (c) 15.

\*5491 CRIMES ACT 1900 REVIEW—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

Who is currently carrying out the review of the Crimes Act 1900 to determine whether further offences should be identified as indictable offences triable summarily and whether any indictable offence currently triable summarily be recategorised as strictly indictable offences?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Department of Police and Justice is carrying out a review of offences referred to in Tables 1 and 2 to Schedule 1 of the Criminal Procedure Act 1986 (NSW), which include Crimes Act offences.

\*5492 COMMUNITY OFFENDERS SUPPORT PROGRAM CENTRE—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

- (1) What is the location of the Community Offenders Support Program Centre, that was completed in the 2012-13 year by the Department of Corrective Services (DCS) Statewide Infrastructure Group?
  - (a) When did the work commence?
  - (b) What was the cost of the work?
  - (c) What was the date of completion?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) The Centre is located within the grounds of the South Coast Correctional Complex, South Nowra.

(a) January 2011; (b) \$1,278,159; (c) 28 June 2012.

\*5493 TWO-MAN CELLS AT PARKLEA CORRECTIONAL CENTRE—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

- (1) Did the Minister approve the conversion of two-man cells at Parklea Correctional Centre to hold three prisoners?
  - (a) If so, why?
  - (b) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) (a) and (b) Operational decisions regarding inmate accommodation do not require my consent.

\*5494 DESTRUCTION OF PRISONERS PROPERTY—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

What steps will the Attorney General take to ensure prisoners' property is not destroyed following the cessation of funding to the Prisoners' Aid Association of NSW Inc?

Answer—

Both I and the Commissioner of Corrective Services have met with the Prisoners Aid Association and funding options are being reviewed.

\*5495 ASBESTOS INJURIES COMPENSATION FUND—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

- (1) What advice has the Attorney General received concerning the financial viability of the Asbestos Injuries Compensation Fund (AICF)?
- (2) Will the AICF continue to be able to meet verdicts or claims resulting from liabilities it was established to meet?
- (3) What is now estimated to be the peak year for the mesothelioma claims?

Answer—

I am advised the state of the Asbestos Injuries Compensation Fund varies depending upon the financial position of James Hardie and the nature and volume of claims.

\*5496 INMATE NUMBERS IN NEW SOUTH WALES CORRECTIONAL CENTRES—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

- (1) What is the highest number of inmates held in New South Wales Correctional Centres on any one day since 1 January 2014?
  - (a) On which date did this occur?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) As at 13 May 2014, the highest number of inmates held in correctional centres on any one day since 1 January 2014 was 10,833.
  - (a) 26 April 2014.

\*5497 OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF OF NEW SOUTH WALES—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

Who currently holds the Office of the Sheriff of New South Wales?

- (a) If the position is vacant, how long has it been vacant?

Answer—

I am advised:

Ms Tracey Hall holds the position of Sheriff of New South Wales.

\*5498 EARLY CHILDHOOD DAY CARE PROVIDERS IN LIVERPOOL—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Education—

How many early childhood day care providers have been approved within the Liverpool electorate?

Answer—

There are 152 early childhood education and care services approved in the Liverpool electorate.

\*5500 HUNTER NEW ENGLAND HEALTH GENERALIST COUNSELLING SERVICES CLOSURE—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) What documentation was used to justify the closure of the Hunter New England Health generalist counselling services?
- (2) Will this documentation be made available to the public?
  - (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) - (2) The District's focus on high-need, diagnosed mental health issues is unchanged.

The decision to cease Hunter New England Local Health District generalist counselling services in Newcastle and the Lower Hunter was made with the full support of the District's Board.

Since March 2014, the Hunter New England Health District has been transitioning general counselling clients from the Maitland and Newcastle areas to Hunter Medicare Local and a range of non-government organisations.

These changes:

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- Are consistent with the Government's commitment to local decision making and working in partnership with other service providers, including GPs and NGOs to provide services to meet the needs of local communities;
- Have enabled the District's resources to be redeployed to more specialised counselling services, such as mental health, community services, child and adolescent services and sexual assault and will also minimise duplication.

Much of the analysis in making this decision included consideration of specific client groups and their circumstances. It is not appropriate that the information be made widely available.

\*5501 HUNTER NEW ENGLAND HEALTH COUNSELLING SERVICES—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) What is the cost to Hunter New England Health's budget for the counselling services provided through Community Health Centres to 30 June 2014?
- (2) What was the cost for the financial year ending:
  - (a) 30 June 2013; and
  - (b) 30 June 2012?
- (3) How many referrals did Hunter New England Health counselling services receive in each of the calendar years 2012 and 2013?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The total cost for the 2013/14 financial year is \$2,404,760.
- (2) The total cost for the: (a) 2012-13 financial year was \$2,465,140; (b) 2011-12 financial year was \$2,357,036.
- (3) Hunter New England Local Health District received 3092 referrals in 2012, and 2714 referrals in 2013.

\*5502 RAILWAY STATION AT GLENDALE—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—

- (1) Will the Government provide a railway station at Glendale?
  - (a) If so, when is construction expected to commence?
  - (b) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

Transport for NSW will continue to monitor transport patronage and requirements for the area, and will consider the need for development of a station in the long term.

\*5503 TRAIN TIMETABLE AVAILABILITY—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—

- (1) Has the Government ceased printing train timetables for the Hunter lines, in particular the Newcastle to Sydney timetable?
  - (a) If so, why?
  - (b) If not, where are these timetables available?
- (2) Has the Government ceased printing train timetables for other parts of New South Wales?
- (3) Is the Government still printing timetables for the Sydney lines?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) No. Timetables are available from stations or by calling 131 500.
- (2) No.
- (3) Yes.

\*5504 STATE ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING POLICY AMENDMENT—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Women—

Will the Minister provide a separate and extended consultation period for the State Environmental Planning Policy Amendment (Newcastle City Centre), which facilitates significant changes in building heights and abolishes clause 7.9 (4) of the Newcastle Local Environmental Plan 2012 (LEP)?

Answer—

I am advised that:

The draft Newcastle Urban Renewal Strategy and draft State Environmental Planning Policy Amendment (Newcastle City Centre) were first exhibited for four months from 14 December 2012 until 19 April 2013.

In response to submissions further amendments were proposed, including changes to the height controls in the Newcastle Local Environmental Plan 2012, and these amendments were exhibited from 5 March to 21 March 2014.

The length of the public exhibition period provided sufficient time for the public to consider the available information and make a submission on the proposal, particularly given the extensive prior consultation on the Newcastle Urban Renewal Strategy.

\*5505 INNER CITY NEWCASTLE PROJECTS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Women—

- (1) What projects are jointly owned by UrbanGrowth NSW and GPT in inner city Newcastle?
- (2) What is the nature of these projects?

Answer—

I am advised that:

(1) UrbanGrowth NSW and GPT are co-owners in one site known as the East End project, in Hunter Street, Newcastle.

(2) The redevelopment of this 1.8 hectare site in Newcastle City's east end is a significant catalyst project for Newcastle's revitalisation. UrbanGrowth NSW and The GPT Group are the landowning proponents of the East End site, and are working together to facilitate the master planning and staged release to the market of this mixed use redevelopment. A Stage 1 development application has been lodged with Newcastle City Council and is currently on exhibition.

\*5506 THE HUNTER REGION BOTANIC GARDENS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, and Assistant Minister for Planning—

- (1) Will the Government continue the \$50,000 annual allocation to the Hunter Region Botanic Gardens for the 2014-15 period?
  - (a) If so, when will the money be allocated to the Hunter Region Botanic Gardens?
  - (b) If so, will the Consumer Price Index (CPI) be included in the package?
    - (i) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised as follows:

(1) A grant of \$55,000 has already been paid to the Hunter Region Botanic Gardens for the 2014-15 period.

\*5507 EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT AT SHOALHAVEN HOSPITAL—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) How many children presented to the emergency department at Shoalhaven Hospital between the hours of 10pm and 8am in 2013?
- (2) What are the hours of staffing for the designated paediatric area of the emergency department at Shoalhaven Hospital?
- (3) For times when there are no allocated staff to the paediatric area, what alternative arrangements are made?
- (4) Are there plans to increase the number or hours of nursing staff allocated to this area?

Answer—

I am advised:

There were 1,258 presentations of children to the Shoalhaven District Memorial Hospital Emergency Department between the hours of 10pm and 8am in 2013.

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The Emergency Department Paediatric area currently has an adequate number of staff. Staff are available between 10.30am to 11pm. Outside of these hours, the Registered Nurse allocated to the resuscitation room covers the children in the Emergency Department.

\*5508 PROPOSED MEDICARE CO-PAYMENT—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) Has the feasibility of having a Medicare co-payment for non-admitted patients who attend the emergency departments run by NSW Health been investigated?
  - (a) If so, by whom?
- (2) Are there plans in place for such a co-payment to be collected if such a measure is adopted by the Federal Government at any time in the future?
  - (a) If so, in which hospitals?

Answer—

(1) - (2) The Government will not implement a co-payment for emergency department patients in New South Wales.

\*5509 FOOD SERVICES DEPARTMENT AT ROYAL PRINCE ALFRED HOSPITAL—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

Was a review of the food services department at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital conducted by an external consultant?

- (a) If so, by whom?
- (b) If so, is this report available to the public?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) No. The review is being conducted by senior managers from the Hospital's Food and Hotel Services in partnership with HealthShare NSW and Executives from Sydney Local Health District.

\*5510 PROPOSED MEDICARE CO-PAYMENT CONSULTATION—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) Has the Minister or NSW Health met with their federal counterparts regarding the proposed \$6 Medicare co-payment for bulk billed GP visits?
  - (a) If so, when did this meeting occur?
  - (b) If so, who was in attendance?
  - (c) If not, why not?
- (2) What is the Minister's view of the consequences on the NSW Health emergency departments of imposing such a co-payment?

Answer—

(1) No.

(2) The Government will not implement a co-payment for emergency department patients in New South Wales.

\*5511 GENERAL PRACTITIONER CO-PAYMENTS—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) Has NSW Health conducted any modelling to assess the impact of the proposed \$6 Medicare co-payment for bulk billed GP visits on public hospital presentations?
  - (a) Will this modelling be made available to the public?
  - (b) When will it be made available to the public?
- (2) Will the Minister demand additional Federal Government funding if emergency department presentations increase as a result of the GP co-payment?

Answer—

(1) The Government will not implement a co-payment for emergency department patients in New South Wales.

(2) The Government is committed to looking at options as part of our Integrated Care Strategy to ensure patients are getting the right treatment in the right setting at the right time.

\*5512 CONCESSION PARKING AT LIVERPOOL HOSPITAL—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

What are the "required criteria" for concession parking to be offered to patients, family, and carers of patients at Liverpool Hospital (ref Q.5477)?

Answer—

I am advised that:

At Liverpool Hospital, concessional parking is available to patients, carers and relatives of patients who are financially disadvantaged, provided they meet the following criteria:

- A clearly defined need to visit the Hospital on a frequent basis (for instance a patient attending for a course of treatment or a person visiting an ill patient in the hospital for more than two weeks). This must be supported by an Expected Date of Discharge provided by the Inpatient Unit Manager;
- In receipt of a pension or Centrelink benefit and have a valid concession card; and
- In receipt of a pension or Centrelink benefit but can demonstrate that genuine financial hardship would result if they had to pay the full visitor rates for parking on a frequent basis.

\*5513 PARKING FEES AT LIVERPOOL HOSPITAL—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Treasurer—

- (1) How much money was received by the International Parking Group for parking fees at Liverpool Hospital from July 2013 to December 2013 (ref Q.5477)?
- (2) How much was paid by the International Parking Group to the NSW Treasury from parking funds raised at Liverpool Hospital from July 2013 to December 2013 (ref Q.5477)?

Answer—

This question should be redirected to the Minister for Health.

\*5514 CABRAMATTA STREET TEAM—Mr Nick Lalich asked the Minister for Family and Community Services—

- (1) Are there any plans to reinstate the Cabramatta Street Team?
- (2) Since the Cabramatta Street Team was dismantled, has the Government established or funded any other programs to work with marginalised young people in the Cabramatta electorate?

Answer—

I refer the member to Q.4549.

\*5515 PUBLIC HOUSING PROPERTY SALES IN CABRAMATTA—Mr Nick Lalich asked the Minister for Family and Community Services—

In the financial year 2012-13:

- (a) How many public housing properties in the Cabramatta electorate were sold?
- (b) What types of public housing properties in the Cabramatta electorate were sold?

Answer—

I am advised by the Department of Family and Community Services that the NSW Land and Housing Corporation has an ongoing program to review its public housing assets to ensure that they meet the needs of public housing tenants and to provide a sustainable social housing system.

Information about sales is available in the NSW Land and Housing Corporation's Annual Report at:

[http://](http://www.facs.nsw.gov.au/_data/assets/file/0011/279038/FACS_AR_2012-13_Land_and_Housing_WEB_FA)

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\*5516 SOUTH WESTERN SYDNEY INSTITUTE STAFF NUMBERS—Mr Nick Lalich asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) By what amount will staff numbers at the South Western Sydney Institute (SWSi) be reduced in the next 12 months?
- (2) How will this reduction in staff impact on students currently attending SWSi?

Answer—



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(1) This information is not known. South Western Sydney Institute is undertaking business reviews through genuine engagement and consultation with staff and other key stakeholders. This process is being undertaken in line with TAFE's obligations under the Fair Work Act 2009.

(2) Business reviews being undertaken by South Western Sydney Institute are focused on ensuring that the Institute remains sustainable into the future, by operating efficiently and meeting the needs of students, industry and communities.

\*5517 RELOCATION OF GOVERNMENT AGENCIES—Mr Nick Lalich asked the Premier, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for Western Sydney—

Is the Government considering relocating government agencies to Cabramatta?

- (a) If so, what agencies will be relocated to Cabramatta?
- (b) If so, when is the relocation expected to occur?
- (c) If not, why not?

Answer—

The Government has committed to the decentralisation of government jobs to stimulate economic development and support employment growth. The Government announced last month that starting next year, more than 3,000 public servants will be relocated to Western Sydney. This will provide more opportunities for Western Sydney residents who want to work closer to where they live, and will help reduce congestion in the Sydney CBD.

\*5518 IMPACT OF ELECTRICITY PRIVATISATION ON HOUSEHOLDS—Mr Nick Lalich asked the Minister for Resources and Energy, and Special Minister of State—

Has the Government conducted an analysis on the impact of electricity privatisation on households in the Cabramatta electorate?

- (a) If yes, will this analysis be made available to the public?
- (b) If not, why not?

Answer—

The Tamberlin Inquiry, established by the Government, examined the impact of the former Government's decision to privatise the then state-owned electricity retailers and generators.

Since 2011 the Government's Network Reform Program has identified more than \$4.3 billion in network savings, which are being passed on to customers in the form of reduced bills.

In the Cabramatta electorate, which falls within the Endeavour Energy network area, the Network Reform Program will deliver customers an average decrease of 2.3 per cent in the network component of their electricity bills in 2014-15.

\*5519 RACIAL DISCRIMINATION ACT 1975—Mr Nick Lalich asked the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister for Veterans Affairs, and Assistant Minister for Education—

Has the Government made any representations to the Federal Government against proposed changes to the Racial Discrimination Act 1975?

- (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

The Government lodged a submission on the Exposure Draft of the Federal Government's Freedom of Speech (Repeal of s.18C) Bill 2014. The Government strongly opposes the Federal Government's proposed changes because they threaten the social cohesion and wellbeing of the State's culturally and religiously diverse communities, and of the broader Australian community.

I consider it vital that the Commonwealth does not weaken protections in place against racial vilification.

The proposed changes threaten the social cohesion and well-being of not just New South Wales culturally and religiously diverse communities, but also the wider Australian community.

I support the protections currently in place under the Federal Racial Discrimination Act and emphasise the practical and symbolic importance of these protections – particularly for our Aboriginal, multicultural and multi-faith communities.

Vilification on the grounds of race or religion is always wrong and we should never allow it to be sanctioned, whether intentionally or otherwise.

\*5520 FORENSIC AND ANALYTICAL SCIENCE SERVICE LABORATORY—Mrs Barbara Perry asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

What is the projected financial saving to NSW Health from the planned closure of the forensic and analytical science service (FASS) laboratory at Lidcombe?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Forensic and Analytical Science Service (FASS) provided food testing for the NSW Health Food Authority based on a contractual basis. The NSW Food Authority paid for the services it contracted FASS to provide. A critical factor in FASS's decision to cease its food testing services was that the cost to provide the service is greater than what the current contract allows for.

\*5521 FORENSIC AND ANALYTICAL SCIENCE SERVICE LABORATORY—Mrs Barbara Perry asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) When was the Minister first informed of the planned closure of the forensic and analytical science service (FASS) laboratory at Lidcombe?
- (2) How was the Minister informed?

Answer—

I was advised by the Ministry of Health in March 2014.

\*5522 FORENSIC AND ANALYTICAL SCIENCE SERVICE—Mrs Barbara Perry asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) What risk management study was conducted to assess the possible impact on public safety of closing the forensic and analytical science service (FASS) laboratory at Lidcombe?
  - (a) Who performed this study?
  - (b) During which period was this study conducted?
  - (c) When was the final report of this study produced?
  - (d) Has the Minister seen this report?
  - (e) Will this report be released to the public?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The decision to cease the contract will not impact on public safety, as food testing will continue.

\*5523 OPERATION OF FASS LABORATORY IN LIDCOMBE—Mrs Barbara Perry asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) When will the forensic and analytical science service (FASS) laboratory at Lidcombe cease all operations?
- (2) Which private provider has been chosen to replicate the work from this laboratory?
- (3) When will the new provider start receiving specimens?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) - (3) The Forensic and Analytical Science Service will continue to work with the NSW Food Authority as the Authority transitions its testing needs to other providers following a tender process.

\*5524 SALE OF PUBLIC HOUSING IN BELLAMBI—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Family and Community Services—

Does the Government have plans to sell further public housing properties in the Bellambi area?

- (a) If so, which properties does the Government plan to sell in Bellambi?
- (b) If so, when will this project commence?

Answer—

I am advised by the Department of Family and Community Services that the NSW Land and Housing Corporation has an ongoing program to review its public housing assets to ensure that they meet the needs of public housing tenants and to provide a sustainable social housing system.

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\*5525 RISK OF SIGNIFICANT HARM REPORTS—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

- (1) How many Risk of Significant Harm (ROSH) reports were made by Department of Education and Communities staff to Department of Family and Community Services in the 2012 school year?
- (2) How many 2012 ROSH reports were lodged by school counsellors?
- (3) How many 2012 ROSH reports were assessed by Department of Family and Community Services as not meeting the risk of significant harm threshold and were referred back to the NSW Department of Education and Communities?
- (4) How many ROSH reports were made by Department of Education and Communities staff to Department of Family and Community Services in the 2013 school year?
- (5) How many 2013 ROSH reports were lodged by school counsellors?
- (6) How many 2013 ROSH reports were assessed by Community Services as not meeting the risk of significant harm threshold and were referred back to the Department of Education and Communities?

Answer—

I am advised by the Department of Family and Community Services that information about Risk of Significant Harm (ROSH) reports are published in the Community Services Annual Statistical Report which is available on the Department of Family and Community Services' (FACS) website at [http://www.community.nsw.gov.au/docs\\_menu/about\\_us/docs\\_data.html](http://www.community.nsw.gov.au/docs_menu/about_us/docs_data.html).

\*5526 RETURNED SERVICEMEN GRAVES—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Assistant Minister for Tourism and Major Events—

Can the Minister give assurances that the graves of returned servicemen will not be resold under the Cemeteries and Crematoria Act 2013?

Answer—

Yes.

The renewable interment rights provisions of the Cemeteries and Crematoria Act 2013 are not retrospective and existing war graves will not be impacted.

Furthermore, the Act provides that a cemetery operator may not reuse a renewable site where the memorial related to the grave is listed by the Office of Australian War Graves.

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\*5527 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION LAND HOLDINGS—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) Does the Department of Education own any land holdings in the Shellharbour electorate?
  - (a) If so, what is the size of each of these land holdings and where are they located?
- (2) Does the Government plan to liquidate any of the land owned in the Shellharbour electorate?
  - (a) If so, why?

Answer—

(1) Yes; (a) There are 22 sites across the Shellharbour electorate which vary in size.

(2) No; (a) Not applicable.

\*5528 TAFE ENROLMENT STATISTICS FOR 2013—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) How many students are enrolled at the following TAFE campuses for 2013 (ref Q.5146):
  - (a) Dapto;
  - (b) Shellharbour; and
  - (c) Yallah?
- (2) If the enrolment data is not available, when will the requested enrolment statistics be available?

Answer—

(1) - (2) Enrolments by TAFE NSW campuses are not publicly available. However, enrolments by Institutes are. The data is publicly available on the TAFE NSW website through the TAFE NSW

Statistical Compendium. The link is: <https://www.tafensw.edu.au/about/assets/pdf/TAFE-NSW-Statistical-Compendium-2012.pdf>.

The 2013 Statistical Compendium will be loaded onto the TAFE NSW website by end July 2014.

\*5529 RENAMING OF SHELL COVE RAILWAY STATION—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—

- (1) Will the Minister publicly release the advice provided to Transport for NSW by the Geographical Names Board of NSW secretariat regarding the proposal to rename the construction of a new station to Shell Cove (ref Q.5143)?
  - (a) If not, why not?
- (2) Has Transport for NSW submitted a new proposal to rename this station?
- (3) Will Transport for NSW consult with the Shellharbour City community to determine the suitability of the proposed name?
  - (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) - (3) Transport for NSW (TfNSW) is working with the Geographical Names Board (GNB) to identify a suitable name for the new station. TfNSW will be following the process prescribed by the GNB for lodging this application.

\*5530 ILLAWARRA REGIONAL TRANSPORT PLAN—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—

In relation to the Illawarra Regional Transport Plan:

- (1) When will the annual update, including the detailed reports on the progress of implementing the initiatives in the Plan, be released?
- (2) When will the Government release the Implementation and Delivery Plan (page 42)?
  - (a) If the Implementation and Delivery Plan will not be released, why not?
- (3) When will the Regional Rail Plan (page 20) be publicly released?
  - (a) If the Regional Rail Plan will not be publicly released, why not?
- (4) What consultation, and with whom, has taken place in developing of the Regional Rail Plan?
- (5) What target has been set by the Government for increasing the share of commuter trips made by public transport to and from key urban areas in the Illawarra region (page 31)?
- (6) How will the Government investigate opportunities to provide improved bus services or a free shuttle bus that provides southern connections around Lake Illawarra taking in growth areas of Shellharbour, Albion Park, Calderwood, Warrawang and West Dapto (page 36)?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) - (4) The Illawarra Regional Transport Plan was released in March 2014. Transport for NSW is implementing the actions contained within the Plan.

(5) NSW 2021 set a target to increase the share of commuter trips made by public transport to and from Wollongong CBD during peak hours to 15% by 2016.

(6) Regular bi-annual reviews are undertaken by Transport for NSW for outer metropolitan areas, including the Illawarra. This considers the impact of new growth areas and network developments. A new bus route (32) was introduced in April 2014 connecting Dapto to Brooks Reach.

\*5531 RMS PROJECT COMMENCEMENT DATES—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Roads and Freight—

When did the formal planning processes by Roads and Maritime Services commence for the following road projects on the M1 Motorway:

- (a) Mt Ousley climbing lanes;
- (b) Mt Ousley heavy vehicle rest area upgrade;
- (c) Albion Park Rail bypass;
- (d) Gerringong upgrade;
- (e) Foxground and Berry bypass;
- (f) Berry to Bomaderry upgrade;

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- (g) Nowra Bridge study;
- (h) Burrill Lake Bridge replacement;
- (i) Termeil Creek realignment; and
- (j) Dignams Creek upgrade?

Answer—

I am advised:

This information is available on the RMS website: [www.rms.nsw.gov.au](http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au).

\*5532 WEST DAPTO ACCESS ROAD LINK—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Roads and Freight—

- (1) How much funding has been allocated to the West Dapto Access Road link under the Restart NSW Illawarra Infrastructure Fund as at 7 May 2014?
- (2) What sections of the M1 Princes Motorway, Princes Highway (A1) and Illawarra Highway (A48) will be widened?
- (3) Have planning funds been allocated to these planned works?
  - (a) If so, how much?
  - (b) If so, on what date?
- (4) Where on the M1 Princes Motorway are additional ramps and interchanges planned?
- (5) Have planning funds been allocated for the planned works?
  - (a) If so, how much?
  - (b) If so, on what date?
- (6) When will the NSW Roads Plan be publicly released?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The West Dapto Access Road Link is a council project.
- (2) – (5) Preliminary investigation to consider impacts of planned development on the M1 in the Dapto area has started. The preliminary investigation will indicate whether widening, additional ramps or interchanges will be required. Roads and Maritime plans to spend \$50,000 in 2013-14 on preliminary investigations.
- (6) The NSW Long Term Transport Master Plan (December 2012), NSW Freight and Ports Strategy (November 2013) and The State Infrastructure Strategy (October 2012) set out the clear direction for delivering the core economic and transport infrastructure that NSW needs and deserves.

\*5533 PROPOSAL TO EXTEND POWERS OF THE ICAC—Ms Anna Watson asked the Premier, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) Is the Premier aware of public comments by the Member for Kiama, reported in the Illawarra Mercury on 2 May 2014, regarding extending powers to the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) allowing it to prosecute individuals it concludes to have acted corruptly?
- (2) Has the Premier received any correspondence, emails, telephone calls or held any discussions with the Member for Kiama in regard to this proposal?
  - (a) If so, on what date did the Premier receive correspondence, emails or telephone calls, or hold discussions with the Member for Kiama?
- (3) Does the Government have any plans to expand the powers of ICAC as proposed by the Member for Kiama?
  - (a) If not, why not?
- (4) What would be the impact of such proposals in relation to the current exercise of ICAC's powers to investigate acts of corruption?

Answer—

The ICAC has the powers of a Royal Commission which it exercises to independently investigate allegations of corruption. ICAC officers issue and file documents to commence criminal proceedings. ICAC seeks the advice of the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (ODPP) on whether any prosecution should be commenced. The ODPP takes over the prosecution of proceedings instituted by the ICAC on or before the first return date.

The Government has committed an additional \$2 million per annum for 2013-14 and 2014-15 to establish a special 'ICAC prosecutions unit' and ensure it is adequately resourced to consider all the evidence and

material provided by the ICAC to the DPP in relation to criminal charges arising out of the ICAC's inquiries.

\*5534 UPGRADE OF SHELLHARBOUR HOSPITAL—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) What is the total budget expenditure for the Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District for the following financial years:
  - (a) 2010-11;
  - (b) 2012-13; and
  - (c) 2013-14?
- (2) Has the business case for the upgrade of the Shellharbour Hospital been considered by the NSW Treasury?
  - (a) If so, what is the progress of that consideration and when will an announcement be made on whether the business case has been successful?
  - (b) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) - (2) The Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District was not established until 1 January 2011 and therefore, did not receive a full year expense budget for the 2010-11 financial year. The expenses budget for the following two years can be found in the 2013-14 Service Agreement between the Ministry of Health and the Local Health District. It is publically available on the Local Health District's website.

The Ministry of Health is currently reviewing the business case for the upgrade of Shellharbour Hospital prior to submission to Treasury.

\*5535 RESTART NSW ILLAWARRA INFRASTRUCTURE FUND—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Family and Community Services representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

- (1) How will the Government determine whether or not 1,000 jobs are created from the Restart NSW Illawarra Infrastructure Fund?
- (2) Is it a requirement of successfully approved applicants under the Restart NSW Illawarra Infrastructure Fund to certify the number of jobs created from their specific projects?
- (3) What action will be taken to ensure approved applicants have complied with their project's job target?

Answer—

Infrastructure NSW is responsible for administering the Restart NSW Illawarra Infrastructure Fund project funding agreements. The agreements contain specific milestones that the successful applicants must meet in order to receive payment through the Fund.

\*5536 PORT OF NEWCASTLE PROPERTY LEASE—Mr Ron Hoenig asked the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Roads and Freight—

Does the proposed lease of the Port of Newcastle contain any provision that prevents a container terminal being developed on the former steelworks site?

Answer—

I am advised:

No.

\*5537 PORT BOTANY LEASE SALE CONDITIONS—Mr Ron Hoenig asked the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Roads and Freight—

Was it a condition of the Port Botany lease that there will be no container terminal built at the Port of Newcastle?

Answer—

I am advised:

No.

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\*5538 SHIPPING CONTAINER TRANSPORTATION—Mr Ron Hoenig asked the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Roads and Freight—

What will be the future economic impacts on the Hunter Region if shipping containers are not shipped through the Port of Newcastle?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Government expects organic growth of containers at Newcastle will continue, and Newcastle will be developed for container terminals after Port Botany and Port Kembla reach capacity.

\*5539 MOUNT DRUITT HOSPITAL TRANSFERS—Mr Richard Amery asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

Why are patients presenting for treatment at the Mount Druitt Hospital being transferred to other hospitals, some as far away as Auburn?

Answer—

I am advised:

The networking of services between different facilities has been established within the Western Sydney Local Health District to create access to specialised areas of service for our community.

This has been the practice for many years.

The consolidation of specialised areas of service across district facilities enhances patient care and ensures the right services are provided in the right setting.

Some of these specialist areas include neonatal and neurosurgical transfers to Westmead Hospital and emergency plastic surgery transfers to Auburn Hospital.

NSW Health is committed to ensuring patients presenting to our health facilities in Western Sydney continue to receive safe and high quality care.

\*5540 ROOTY HILL BYPASS—Mr Richard Amery asked the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Roads and Freight—

(1) What changes in traffic volume have occurred in the past three years concerning the number of vehicles using the Rooty Hill bypass, in particular Francis Street, Railway Street and Duke Street?

(2) During this period, what has been the increase in travelling time during peak hours between the intersection of Rooty Hill Road South and Francis Street, and the intersection of Duke Street and Woodstock Avenue?

(3) What action will be taken to widen these roads, including the overbridge of the rail line?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) There is one traffic volume collection station on Francis Road near the railway line. Between 2010 and 2013 there was a 3.7 per cent increase in traffic volumes at this location.

(2) Travel time in the morning peak increased by two seconds to three minutes and 53 seconds, and travel time in the afternoon peak increased by 21 seconds to five minutes and two seconds.

(3) There are no plans to widen the bridge across the railway line at Rooty Hill. However, Roads and Maritime is planning to investigate Francis Road, Railway Street and Duke Street as part of the Government's Pinch Point Program. Information on the Pinch Point Program is available on the project page at [www.rms.nsw.gov.au](http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au).

\*5541 DREDGING OF THE SWANSEA CHANNEL—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Roads and Freight—

(1) Is the Government responsible for the full cost of maintenance dredging of the Swansea Channel?

(a) If not, who not?

(b) If not, who else bears the cost?

Answer—

I am advised:

This question is a matter for the Minister for Natural Resources, Lands and Water.

\*5542 NEWCASTLE PORT LEASE—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Roads and Freight—

- (1) What is the Newcastle Port description, the Deposited Plan (DP) number and Lot number, of those properties that have been identified for lease to a private party for 99 years?
- (2) Have heritage and environmentally sensitive areas located within the lease been identified for protection in the agreement?
- (3) What will be the effect of the Newcastle Port lease on future revenue to New South Wales?
- (4) Will the lessee bear the costs of:
  - (a) Storm wall maintenance;
  - (b) Dredging;
  - (c) Site remediation; and
  - (d) Storing of toxic materials?
- (5) What adjustments over the term of the 99 year lease can be made once it has been entered into?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The lease will be registered and publicly available after financial close of the transaction. The lease identifies the Deposited Plan and lot numbers. The lease period is 98 years.
- (2) The new lessee will be subject to the same environmental and heritage regulation as was previously the case under State ownership.
- (3) This question is a matter for the Treasurer.
- (4) Yes, that is generally the case. However, as with the Ports Botany and Kembla leases, the State is responsible for pre-existing contamination, unless it is disturbed by the port lessee. The State will finish the remediation of former BHP land in accordance with Environment Protection Authority requirements.
- (5) Renegotiation of the lease is not anticipated.

\*5543 CANCELLATION OF METLIFE INSURANCE CONTRACT—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for Sport and Recreation, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Western Sydney—

- (1) Have any settlements been delayed due to the cancellation of the MetLife insurance contract for the police death and disability scheme?
- (2) What surveillance is conducted during each investigation?
- (3) Has this surveillance increased in the last 12 months?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force has advised me that these issues are matters for the insurer and First State Super Trustee Corporation. The NSW Police Force is not privy to the information required to answer the Member's questions.

\*5544 POLICE OFFICER SUICIDE—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for Sport and Recreation, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Western Sydney—

- (1) Does the Minister receive information on how many current and former New South Wales police officers commit suicide?
- (2) Has this number increased since the introduction of the new death and disability scheme?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force has advised me:

- (1) It keeps information on how many current NSW Police Officers commit suicide.
- (2) No.

The NSW Police Force recently established a working group to examine self harm and suicide by current and former officers. The group includes representatives from the Police Association of NSW and the NSW Coroner's Office.

\*5545 HOME SCHOOLERS—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) How many home schooling applicants received three, six, 12 and 24 month registrations in 2011, 2012 and 2013?
- (2) How many home schooling applications were rejected or withdrawn in 2011, 2012 and 2013?



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- (3) Can the Minister provide details of the research that the Board of Studies, Teaching and Education Standards (BoSTES) confirmed is being undertaken as a result of the recommendations made by the Ombudsman?
- (4) Why are home schooling students denied access to resources available to other students in New South Wales such as Open High School, TVET Courses and school sports?
- (5) Why is the registration age of home schooling students restricted to 17 years?
- (6) Why are home schoolers not directly involved in the recruitment and training of authorised persons as defined by the Education Act 1990?
- (7) Will the Government consider allocating a home schooling representative to the board of BoSTES?
  - (a) If so, when would this take place?
  - (b) If not, why not?
- (8) Why is BoSTES limiting the options for education for students who are travelling more than the allocated school holidays?
- (9) Will the Government consult with home educators regarding the updated registration requirement as part of the development of the home schooling information pack?
  - (a) If so, when will this commence?
  - (b) If not, why not?

Answer—

(1) In 2011, four applicants were granted a three month period of registration, 102 applicants were granted a six month period of registration, 401 applicants were granted a 12 month period of registration and 1,308 applicants were granted a 24 month period of registration.

In 2012, 32 applicants were granted a three month period of registration, 208 applicants were granted a six month period of registration, 611 applicants were granted a 12 month period of registration and 1,367 applicants were granted a 24 month period of registration.

In 2013, 85 applicants were granted a three month period of registration, 377 applicants were granted a six month period of registration, 1,131 applicants were granted a 12 month period of registration and 1,134 applicants were granted a 24 month period of registration.

(2) In 2011, 184 applications were withdrawn and 10 applications were refused.

In 2012, 278 applications were withdrawn and 13 applications were refused.

In 2013, 342 applications were withdrawn and 73 applications were refused.

(3) The research being undertaken by the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards ('the BOSTES') will explore the academic attainment of students who have been home schooled compared to students attending school. In particular, the research will include:

(a) a literature review of existing research on academic outcomes of home schooled students, both in Australia and overseas;

(b) achievement of home schooled students in NAPLAN tests (approximately 100 home schooled students undertake NAPLAN tests annually);

(c) participation, completion and achievement of students who were previously home schooled and subsequently attended school, including (where applicable) NAPLAN tests, Record of School Achievement and Higher School Certificate; and

(d) if available, university entrance information for home schooled students.

At this stage, the duration and timing of the period required to conduct this research has not been finalised.

(4) Resources associated with the Open High School, TVET Courses and school sports are provided for students enrolled in a school. Home schooled students are not enrolled in a school.

(5) Under the Education Act 1990, it is the duty of a parent of a child of compulsory school age to cause the child to be enrolled at, and attend, a government school or registered non-government school, or to be registered for home schooling and to receive instruction with the conditions of the registration. Registration for home schooling provides for a parent to meet his or her duty under the Act. Outside of the compulsory schooling ages, registration is not necessary to school a child in the home.

(6) The BOSTES is responsible for the recruitment of its staff. The BOSTES has the necessary experience and expertise to recruit Authorised Persons suitable for the regulatory purpose of this role.

Whilst home schoolers are not directly involved in the recruitment of Authorised Persons, their input is essential to the initial and ongoing training of all Authorised Persons. For example:

- the induction process for new Authorised Persons involves visits to and discussion with home schooling families
- in recent years, home schoolers have provided presentations and direct input for Authorised Persons at their training sessions
- home schoolers regularly provide direct feedback to Authorised Persons and the BOSTES during the course of their work
- feedback from home schoolers forms an essential part of the regular updates provided to Authorised Persons.

(7) It is not feasible to have representatives from every stakeholder or community member on bodies such as the BOSTES. I expect that the BOSTES will enhance the learning outcomes for all children, whether enrolled in a government or registered non-government school or registered for home schooling.

The consultative arrangements established as part of the new BOSTES have proper regard to the interests of all children, including those who are registered for home schooling.

(8) Under the Education Act 1990, home schooling means schooling in the child's home, other than distance education provided by a government or non-government school in which the child is enrolled. For this reason, where schooling will take place in the child's home, and the child is of compulsory school age, parents have the option to apply for home schooling registration. The BOSTES informs parents who will be residing outside of NSW or travelling for periods that are longer than the typical school holiday periods, that their children may be eligible for distance education, providing this information does not limit the education options for children.

(9) The BOSTES will consult with home schoolers regarding the further development of the home schooling Information Package. In 2013, the BOSTES met with representatives of the Home Education Association ('the HEA') and advised the HEA of the further availability of Board officers to meet to consider issues raised by the HEA. To date, the HEA has not accepted this offer. In January 2014, the BOSTES advised the HEA that a 2014 version of the Information Package is being considered and that key stakeholders, such as the HEA, will be advised when a draft copy of the revised text is available for consultation later in 2014.

\*5546 ILLAWARRA INFRASTRUCTURE FUND—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Family and Community Services representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, Minister for the Illawarra—

- (1) How much of the \$20 million allocated for this financial year for the Illawarra Infrastructure Fund has been spent as at 1 May 2014?
- (2) What projects have received funding, partial or otherwise, as at 1 May 2014?
- (3) How much funding has been allocated for each of these projects as at 1 May 2014?

Answer—

Infrastructure NSW is responsible for administering the Restart NSW Illawarra Infrastructure Fund project funding agreements. The agreements contain specific milestones that the successful applicants must meet in order to receive payment through the Fund. Payments are therefore made in accordance with the provisions of the funding agreements.

\*5547 FLASHING LIGHTS AT MARRICKVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL—Ms Carmel Tebbutt asked the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Roads and Freight—

When will flashing lights be installed at Marrickville Public School?

Answer—

I am advised:

All schools will have school zone flashing lights by December 2015. Flashing lights will be rolled out in a systematic manner by local government area clusters to ensure a cost-effective delivery of the program.

\*5548 COMPANION ANIMALS TASKFORCE GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—Ms Carmel Tebbutt asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Assistant Minister for Tourism and Major Events—

- (1) When will the Government announce its broader response to the Companion Animals Taskforce?
- (2) Will this response contain measures to address concerns with puppy farms?

Answer—

The Government announced its broader response to the Companion Animals Taskforce on 3 February 2014.

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The redesign of the Companion Animals Register and registration system, in consultation with key stakeholders via the Responsible Pet Ownership Reference Group, will ensure that breeder details are captured and linked to animals they breed at point of microchipping, while minimising regulatory burden on breeders and better targeting problem breeders. Further consideration will be given to mechanisms to provide additional resources to 'puppy farm' enforcement.

\*5549 CESSNOCK STATE EMERGENCY SERVICES UNIT VOLUNTEERS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for Sport and Recreation, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Western Sydney—

How many volunteers are presently registered with the Cessnock State Emergency Services Unit?

Answer—

The NSW State Emergency Service has advised me:

The NSW State Emergency Service Cessnock Unit currently has ten active members.

\*5550 PUNCHBOWL RAILWAY STATION WORKS—Mr Robert Furolo asked the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—

- (1) When was the painting of the station buildings and awnings completed at Punchbowl Railway Station?
- (2) What is the total cost for the painting of the station building and awnings at Punchbowl Railway Station?
- (3) If the works have not been completed, what is the reason for the delay?
- (4) If the works have not commenced, when will the painting of the station buildings and awnings at Punchbowl Railway Station commence?
- (5) What is the expected completion date of the works?

Answer—

I am advised:

The painting at Punchbowl Station was completed in July 2012 at an approximate cost of \$200,000.

\*5551 AMBIENT AIR QUALITY—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Roads and Freight—

- (1) When was the last time ambient air quality was tested adjacent to the Eastern Distributor ventilation stacks on Palmer Street, Darlinghurst and South Dowling Street, Surry Hills?
- (2) When was the last time ambient air quality was tested adjacent to the Cross City Tunnel ventilation stack?
- (3) What pollutants were tested for in each instance?
- (4) Was the level of particulates measured smaller than 50 micrometres?
- (5) How did tested pollutants compare with ambient air quality in other areas?
- (6) What information does the Government have regarding the way tunnel ventilation stacks discharge emissions into the surrounding atmosphere?
- (7) What consideration has the Government given to requiring ongoing monitoring of ambient air quality adjacent to the Eastern Distributor and Cross City Tunnel ventilation stacks?
- (8) What concerns have been raised with the operators of the Eastern Distributor and Cross City Tunnel ventilation stacks with regard to ambient air quality adjacent to each stack?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) Ambient air quality at the Eastern Distributor was last tested in August 2001.

(2) Ambient air quality at the Cross City Tunnel was last tested on 30 August 2008.

(3) At the Eastern Distributor, pollutants measured at two monitoring stations were total oxides of nitrogen, nitrogen oxide, nitrogen dioxide and carbon monoxide. At Woolloomooloo Park, additional monitoring of temperature and particulate matter (PM10) was undertaken. At the Cross City Tunnel, pollutants measured at monitoring stations were nitric oxide, nitrogen dioxide, total oxides of nitrogen, particulate matter (PM10 and PM2.5) and carbon monoxide.

(4) Yes.

(5) Ambient monitoring around the Eastern Distributor and Cross City Tunnel ventilation outlets found no discernible impact due to emissions from the ventilation outlets.

(6) Roads and Maritime adheres to strict conditions set down by the Department of Planning and Environment for the maximum allowable presence of vehicle emissions in the air both in and outside its tunnels.

(7) Roads and Maritime is committed to improving air quality by effectively managing its road network and traffic system and will continue to work towards reducing vehicle emissions and supporting initiatives that help keep our air clean.

(8) Roads and Maritime is not aware of any concerns raised with tunnel operators.

\*5552 CORONIAL INQUEST LEGISLATIVE SUGGESTIONS—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Roads and Freight—

What action does the Minister propose to take on the legislative suggestions by the Coroner in the Coronial Inquest into the deaths of Will Dalton-Brown and Eliza Wannan?

Answer—

I am advised:

On 23 October 2013, I addressed the House on this tragic incident.

I directed Transport for NSW to work with NSW Police, Ministry for Police and Emergency Services, and the Department of Police and Justice, to conduct a detailed examination of current legislation and powers to gather evidence for alcohol and drug tests of drivers in the event of a fatal motor vehicle incident. I also requested that any discrepancies between New South Wales laws and other states such as Queensland and Victoria be considered.

The Government has received advice from the agencies and is currently considering the issue.

We need to ensure that when someone has been killed in a tragic incident such as this, there are clear and unambiguous powers that allow Police to fully investigate and gather evidence.

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\*5553 FRENCHS FOREST HOSPITAL—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) Will the planned Frenchs Forest Hospital be built on publicly owned land?
- (2) Will the hospital be built using public funding?
- (3) Will the hospital be staffed by public sector employees?
- (4) Will the hospital be fully accessible for returned servicemen and women regardless of whether or not they have private health cover?

Answer—

I am advised that:

- (1) Yes.
- (2) The hospital will be built with public and private funds.
- (3) The hospital operator will be responsible for employing staff at the Northern Beaches Hospital. As part of the long-term contract, the hospital operator is required to offer opportunities for existing permanent staff from Manly and Mona Vale Hospitals to transfer to positions at the new hospital.
- (4) The new hospital will be a modern facility, treating both public and private patients. There will be no change to the way public patients are able to access health services when the new Northern Beaches Hospital opens, including Department of Veteran Affairs (DVA) cardholders.

\*5554 SOCIAL WORKER AND PSYCHOLOGIST UNITS CLOSURE—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) Was the Minister informed of the decision to close the Hunter New England Health (HNEH) Community Health Social Worker and Psychologist units prior to the announcement by HNEH?
- (2) Was the Minister provided with an explanation or impact statement prior to this decision being announced?
- (3) Is the Minister aware that one of the potential impacts listed is an increase in attempted and successful suicides?

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- (4) Does the Minister support the proposed new model?  
(5) Would the Minister intervene and overrule the decision of a Local Health District if the decision was deemed inappropriate?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) - (5) Since March 2014, the Hunter New England Health District has been transitioning general counselling clients from the Maitland and Newcastle areas to Hunter Medicare Local and a range of non-government organisations.

The District's focus on high-need, diagnosed mental health issues is unchanged.

People with serious or complex needs, such as people who experience suicidal thoughts or self-harm, and people who need immediate care following sexual assault, will continue to have access to specialist counselling services.

These changes are consistent with the Government's commitment to local decision making and working in partnership with other service providers, including GP's and NGOs to provide services to meet the needs of local communities.

Those in need of urgent support continue to have access to mental health support 24-hours a day, seven days a week. People from every part of the Hunter New England Local Health District can self-refer, at any time, to all mental health services via the Mental Health Line on 1800 511 011. A GP referral is not required.

People requiring generalist counselling services can still access Hunter New England Local Health District's Referral and Information Centre on 4924 2590 which will continue to provide advice and referrals to appropriate alternate providers.

\*5555 HUNTER REGIONAL TRANSPORT PLAN—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—

- (1) Did the authors of the new Hunter Regional Transport Plan (H RTP) refer to the Lower Hunter Transport Guide (LHTG) that is co-funded by Transport for NSW, various local Councils, Hunter TAFE and the University of Newcastle?  
(2) The H RTP (ref. page 58) identifies Morisset Train Station as a bus interchange for 3 bus routes (278, 279 and 280), however the LHTG (ref. pages 32-33) identifies 3 additional bus routes including the 163 to Cessnock, the 352 to Belmont and the 95 to Wyong. Which of these guides is correct?  
(3) Does the absence of the new 175 route to Toronto service in the new H RTP, initiated in the October 2013 rail timetable review, indicate that it is to be cut from service?  
(4) Does Morisset offer a bus interchange for 3, 4, 5, 6 or 7 services and routes?  
(5) Was Transport for NSW informed of these errors prior to the new H RTP being made public?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) The Hunter Regional Transport Plan was informed by an extensive consultation process as outlined on page 69 of the report.

(2) - (5) The Hunter Regional Transport Plan is a strategic document that sets the direction for transport in the region over the next 20 years. It is not a detailed service guide for the region. It does not specify every transport service provided in the region.

\*5556 BUS CONNECTIONS FROM CESSNOCK TO MORISSET STATION—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—

- (1) Have new bus services recently been added to increase travel connections from Cessnock to Morisset (ref. the March 2014 Hunter Regional Transport Plan (H RTP) and the final dot point on page 8 that reads "addition of bus connections from Cessnock to Morisset Station to significantly reduce the travel time to Sydney")?  
(2) If so, when were these services added?  
(3) Does the H RTP indicate that additional services will soon be added?  
(a) If so, what is the estimated timeline for that announcement and implementation?  
(4) What is the current travel time to Sydney from Cessnock and what was it prior to being "significantly reduced"?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) - (3) The implementation phase of the Hunter Regional Transport Plan is under development by Transport for NSW.

(4) Travel time for customers travelling between Sydney and Cessnock, via a bus connection to Morisset, is approximately three hours. Previously, customers travelling via Maitland and Hamilton faced journey times of around four hours.

\*5557 MENTAL HEALTH PATIENTS ACCESS TO COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Mental Health, Assistant Minister for Health—

(1) Is the Minister aware of the changes that are taking place regarding mental health patients accessing Community Health Services across the Hunter New England Health (HNEH) District?

(2) Where will public patients be referred to for counselling services after 30 June 2014?

(3) What is the projected waiting time for a mental health patient to see a social worker or psychologist across the HNEH District?

(4) Will waiting times for mental health patients accessing a social worker or psychologist improve or worsen as a result of the changes being made?

(5) What is currently the greatest barrier to people accessing mental health care and services?

(6) What action is the Government taking to improve access to mental health services and overcome the barriers to patient participation and access?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) - (6) The District's focus on high-need, diagnosed mental health issues is unchanged. A range of locally-based organisations currently provide counselling services in locations across Newcastle and the Lower Hunter.

Each organisation manages its own waiting list. The provider assesses clients and prioritises their care based on need.

People can see their General Practitioner (GP), as they would for any other health advice, for assessment and referral to the appropriate mental health or counselling service.

Those in need of urgent support continue to have access to mental health support 24 hours a day, seven days a week via the Mental Health Line on 1800 511 011. A GP referral is not required.

People requiring generalist counselling services can still access Hunter New England Local Health District's Referral and Information Centre on 4924 2590 which will continue to provide advice and referrals to appropriate alternate providers.

\*5558 BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES APPLICATIONS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

How many applications were lodged and processed at the Hamilton Office of Births, Deaths and Marriages during each of the years from 2009-13?

Answer—

I am advised:

Applications lodged and processed at Hamilton Registry Office for 2009-2013 are as follows:

-	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Applications lodged	36,712	35,024	34,267	33,238	30,185
Applications processed	41,638	42,629	38,236	43,815	36,127

The total number of applications lodged is not the same as the total number of applications processed. Applications may be processed at offices other than where they were lodged.

\*5559 MINING EMPLOYEE FIGURES IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Trade and Investment, Minister for Regional Infrastructure and Services, Minister for Tourism and Major Events, Minister for Small Business, and Minister for the North Coast—

(1) What is the precise number of mining employees in New South Wales (80,000 as referred to by you on 18 March 2014 NSW PD p.27363 or 90,000 as referred to by you on 25 March 2014 NSW PD p.27745)?

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- (2) Does this figure for mining employees refer to direct employees of the various mining entities or is it a collective number that reflects direct mining and all associated industries?
- (3) How has the number of mining employees in New South Wales changed each year over the past 5 years?
- (4) How many of these mining employees are employed in the Hunter Valley?

Answer—

The Government is a strong supporter for the NSW Mining Industry, which as at June 2013 provides over 33,000 direct jobs across the State.

Multipliers are used to estimate the flow on or indirect jobs to an industry. For the minerals industry it is estimated that for every direct job created, an additional two to four jobs is created elsewhere in mine or non-mine related service industries. Using this methodology, a conservative estimation of the number of direct and indirect jobs related to the mining industry would be 80,000-90,000, however the industry is estimated to provide as many as 160,000 direct and indirect jobs. Many of these jobs are in regional NSW supporting miners and their families, businesses and entire communities.

Over the past five years the NSW mining industry has experienced considerable growth, with the industry's direct jobs increasing by 10,000.

The Government is ensuring the industry has a strong future and is committed to supporting mining affected communities. The Government has invested significantly in mining affect communities, such as Muswellbrook and Singleton in the Hunter region, with up to \$160 million invested in critical infrastructure over 4 years through the Resources for the Regions program.

The Hunter region is home to 12,500 directly employed by the mining industry. The Government recognises the importance of the region as a key contributor to the State economy and is committed to supporting the region's continued growth. For that reason, I recently announced eligibility for funding under the Resources for the Regions 2014-15 program has been extended to include the local government areas of Cessnock and Maitland.

\*5560 THE GARDENS GREYHOUND RACING TRACK—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Hospitality, Gaming and Racing, and Minister for the Arts—

- (1) Were all of the tenders for the leasing of The Gardens greyhound racing track received from existing and established greyhound clubs?
- (2) Were all tenders from not-for-profit organisations?
- (3) If any tenders were not from a greyhound racing background, what type of background do they have?
- (4) Did all of the tenders demonstrate the experience to conduct greyhound racing?
- (5) For tenders who are not greyhound racing clubs, how did they become aware of the tender?
- (6) Could a liquidation firm be awarded the tender?
- (7) How much money has Greyhound Racing NSW invested into The Gardens in recent years?
- (8) What guarantees are in place to ensure that The Gardens will continue to operate as a greyhound racing track in the long term?
- (9) Were any changes made with the tender process after it had closed?
- (10) Was any board member of a greyhound racing entity involved in both facilitating the tender process while at the same time submitting a tender?
  - (a) If so, what steps were taken to disclose and protect the integrity of the process?

Answer—

Greyhound Racing NSW has provided me with the following advice:

- (1) No.
- (2) No.
- (3) Professional business advisory services.
- (4) Yes.
- (5) The tender was advertised in greyhound publications, Greyhound Racing NSW's industry newsletter, and the Newcastle Herald newspaper and on the [www.thedogs.com.au](http://www.thedogs.com.au) website.
- (6) See (2) above.
- (7) The Gardens is funded consistent with greyhound Racing NSW funding policies which are applied to all TAB venues inclusive of recurrent and capital expenditure.

(8) The Gardens is, and will continue to be, a key venue for greyhound racing in New South Wales and the Hunter region.

(9) No.

(10) No; (a) Not applicable.

\*5561 PORT OF NEWCASTLE LEASE—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Premier, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for Western Sydney—

(1) What was the final price of the Port of Newcastle 98 year lease?

(2) How much of the Port of Newcastle lease revenue will be allocated to Restart NSW?

(3) Will the \$340 million being spent to remove the rail line in the Newcastle CBD be deducted from the lease revenue or will that \$340 million be taken from the Restart NSW fund?

(4) Will funds from the Port of Newcastle lease that are spent on the Newcastle CBD be considered as regional funding?

(5) How much of the Port of Newcastle lease revenue will be spent on Sydney metro based projects?

Answer—

Information regarding the Port of Newcastle transaction is available at [http://www.treasury.nsw.gov.au/port\\_newcastle\\_transaction](http://www.treasury.nsw.gov.au/port_newcastle_transaction)

\*5562 CITIZENS' POLICY JURY RECOMMENDATIONS—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Hospitality, Gaming and Racing, and Minister for the Arts—

(1) What assessment has the Government made on the Citizens' Policy Jury "Vibrant and Safe Sydney Nightlife" recommendation to exempt venues from lockouts and other trading restrictions based on good behaviour, no incidents and proven lower risk to public safety?

(2) How can venues within the Kings Cross and Sydney CBD entertainment precincts presently gain an exemption from the 1.30am lockout?

(3) Can vendors gain exemptions from the 1.30am lockout while retaining conditions that require cessation of alcohol services at 3.00am?

(4) Since the introduction of the lockouts and other trading restrictions, how have Office of Liquor, Gaming and Racing (OLGR) Responsible Service of Alcohol enforcement inspections increased in high risk venues on Friday and Saturday nights?

(5) What plans does the Government have to increase OLGR RSA inspections?

(6) How will additional funds from the risk based licensing fee be used?

(7) Will the Government consider allocating these funds to improve late night transport?

(8) Will the Government review the lockouts and new liquor trading hours 12 months after their introduction?

(a) If not, why not?

(9) What research has the Government conducted regarding the positive impact of live entertainment on reducing alcohol fuelled violence?

Answer—

(1) This recommendation will be considered in the context of the Government's reforms applying to the City of Sydney, including the Plan of Management that is to be implemented for the Sydney CBD Entertainment precinct.

(2) An exemption to the lock out can be sought from the Secretary, NSW Trade & Investment, who must be satisfied that the exemption is unlikely to result in an increase in alcohol-related violence or anti-social behaviour or other alcohol-related harm and that measures are in place that will be effective in reducing the risk of alcohol-related violence or anti-social behaviour on or about the premises.

(3) Yes.

(4) As at 22 May 2014, the Office of Liquor, Gaming & Racing had carried out 338 inspections of licensed premises in the Sydney CBD Entertainment and Kings Cross precincts following the introduction of the 1.30am lock out and 3am cease drinks on 24 February 2014.

(5) The Office of Liquor, Gaming & Racing is committed to increased levels of industry supervision through overt and covert inspections of licensed premises during late trading and risk periods.

(6) The revenue collected from licence fees will be used to improve the regulation of the liquor industry, and to provide improved services and assistance to licensees in helping them comply with regulatory requirements.

(7) See answer to question 6 above.



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(8) No. The Liquor Amendment Act 2014 requires a review of the lock out and cease liquor sales provisions to be undertaken by the Government after two years. That review will be undertaken in 2016. In the meantime, the Government is closely monitoring the impact of its reforms applying to the Sydney CBD Entertainment and Kings Cross precincts.

(9) The Government has not conducted research on the impact of live entertainment in reducing alcohol-related violence. The Government will consider relevant research on this issue should that be made available.

\*5563 SELECT COMMITTEE ON GREYHOUND RACING REPORT—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Hospitality, Gaming and Racing, and Minister for the Arts—

- (1) What action will the Government take to improve socialisation of greyhounds trained for racing?
- (2) Will Greyhound Racing NSW include socialisation in its animal welfare strategy?
- (3) What action will the Government take to improve the adoption rate of retired greyhounds?
- (4) Will the Government allocate greater resources to the rehoming of retired greyhounds as recommended in the NSW Legislative Council's Select Committee on Greyhound Racing report?

Answer—

These questions relate to recommendations made in the Select Committee on greyhound racing in New South Wales report entitled "Greyhound Racing in New South Wales - First Report" tabled in the Legislative Council on 28 March 2014. The Committee intends to table a second report before 30 June 2014. The Government will consider both these reports before providing a response to the recommendations by the required response date of 29 September 2014.

\*5564 JUNK FOOD ADVERTISING AIMED AT CHILDREN—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) When did the Australian Health Ministers' Advisory Council (AHMAC) last look at ways to reduce junk food advertising aimed at children on television, radio and the internet?
- (2) What changes have been made to junk food advertisement aimed at children over the last two years?
- (3) What further action is planned?
- (4) What was the Government's position on rules for advertising junk food to children at the Australian Health Ministers' Conference?
- (5) To what extent does the Government support stronger regulation of rules on advertising junk food to children over self regulation?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) – (5) The Australian Health Ministers' Advisory Council members last discussed reducing children's exposure to the marketing of energy-dense, nutrient-poor foods and drinks in January this year.

Over the past two years, New South Wales has been part of the national discussions on Food Marketing to Children through forums such as The Australian Health Ministers' Advisory Council and the Legislative and Governance Forum on Food Regulation. A National Seminar on Food Advertising and Marketing to Children was held in May 2012 that brought all stakeholders from the public and private sector together to discuss this issue. The Australian National Preventive Health Agency has developed a framework to ensure a consistent approach to monitoring children's exposure to food marketing.

The Government supports a national approach to reducing children's exposure to the marketing and advertising of energy-dense, nutrient-poor foods and beverages as part of a range of measures to address overweight and obesity in children.

Research undertaken by the recently closed Australian National Preventive Health Agency and the Australian Food and Grocery Council suggest that there are opportunities to strengthen the current self-regulatory codes before considering stronger regulation on advertising to children.

\*5565 ELECTRONIC CIGARETTES—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) How many electronic cigarette users does the Government estimate there are in New South Wales?
- (2) What assessment has been made about reports of the growing use of electronic cigarettes?
- (3) What research has the Government initiated into the health risks of electronic cigarettes?
- (4) How will the Government assess the impacts of inhaling nicotine vapour over the long term, given there is currently little research into this topic?
- (5) What assessment has the Government made into whether the use of electronic cigarettes will increase

nicotine consumption in comparison to cigarettes?

- (6) What assessment has the Government made into the levels of contaminants in second hand vapour from electronic cigarettes and the impact on indoor air quality?
- (7) What assessment has the Government made on the effectiveness of electronic cigarettes in quitting smoking in comparison with other methods including nicotine patches and nicotine gum?
- (8) How does the Government plan to regulate claims that electronic cigarettes help smokers quit?
- (9) How will the Government regulate the sale of electronic cigarettes in New South Wales to standardise the level of contaminants in the liquid nicotine?
- (10) What assessment has been made into risks that young people who don't smoke might take up electronic cigarettes and develop nicotine dependence?
- (11) What information does the Government provide on electronic cigarettes and health?

Answer—

I am advised:

The number of electronic cigarette users in New South Wales is unknown. The NSW Ministry of Health has included a question regarding electronic cigarette use in the 2014 Population Health Survey. The Ministry is closely monitoring reports on the growing use of electronic cigarettes and the emerging evidence from scientific studies about their potential harms and benefits. This includes a focus on the safety of electronic cigarettes and whether they are a cessation aid, an incentive for young people to start smoking or, if they contribute to the maintenance of smoking. The National Health and Medical Research Council, for example, is currently funding research examining the effectiveness of electronic cigarettes as a smoking cessation aid.

NSW Health is undertaking a hazard assessment of electronic cigarettes, including the short and long-term health effects of nicotine, the potential health impacts of inhaling particulate matter from the emissions of electronic cigarettes (both for the user and those exposed to second-hand vapour) and a review of the main chemicals found in electronic cigarette liquid and vapour.

Under section 36A (1) of the Poisons and Therapeutic Goods Act 1966 (NSW) it is an offence to supply goods with a therapeutic claim unless the goods are registered with the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) and listed accordingly.

A public health warning was released by NSW Health in October 2013 to raise consumer awareness of the potential risks of electronic cigarettes. This warning is available on NSW Health website. The warning also provides a link to the TGA website which provides general information on electronic cigarettes.

\*5566 MYBUS TRAVELTEN TICKETS—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—

- (1) Will MyBus TravelTen tickets continue to be available after Opal Ticketing is available on all trains, buses and ferries on the network?
- (2) If not, how will the Government ensure that infrequent bus users are not financially disadvantaged or discouraged from using public transport?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) No decision has yet been made regarding the retirement of MyBus TravelTen tickets.

(2) About 90% of customers will be financially the same or better off under Opal.

After eight paid journeys a week - all further travel is free for the rest of the week. That means, for example, a customer travelling to and from work every day will be able to travel anywhere on the Opal network for free on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays.

Current TravelTen train tickets can only be used on one mode and for journeys of a certain distance. Opal customers can use their weekly travel reward to travel on any mode and take any journey.

\*5567 METROPOLITAN SYDNEY BUS SERVICES—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—

- (1) What assessment has the Government made on the Citizens' Policy Jury "Vibrant and Safe Sydney Nightlife" report regarding the running of metropolitan Sydney bus services on Friday and Saturday nights between 11pm and 5am the following day?
- (2) What research is the Government conducting into train patronage if train services were extended at this time?

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- (3) What are the barriers to running private shuttle services?
- (4) Will the Government consider removing these barriers?
- (5) How are taxis encouraged to wait at NightRide bus drop-off points when buses are expected to arrive?
- (6) Will the Government consider creating taxi hubs at NightRide drop-off points in the suburbs?
- (7) What assessment has the Government made of the need to provide additional NightRide collection points?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) - (2) The report including the recommendation to increase late night trains is under consideration.
- (3) - (4) The Government has invited accredited private bus operators to apply to provide shuttle services from Kings Cross.
- (5) - (6) Local government establishes taxi zones.
- (7) Under "Sydney's Bus Future", the Government is redesigning bus services to meet current and future customer needs. For the first time, all bus services, including NightRide services, will be planned in an integrated way as part of the integrated transport network. Service improvements will be considered as part of this planning process.

\*5568 ANIMAL WELFARE IN THE GREYHOUND INDUSTRY—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Assistant Minister for Tourism and Major Events—

- (1) Will the Government establish an independent inquiry to investigate the animal welfare of breeding females in the greyhound industry?
- (2) Will the Government commit to setting a standard for the frequency and number of litters that breeding females in the greyhound industry are permitted to breed?
- (3) What assessment has the Government taken in response to concerns that live baiting continues to occur during training greyhounds in the greyhound industry?
- (4) Will the Government amend the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1979 to include 'kennels' in Section 21 to ensure allegations of live baiting in the greyhound industry can be properly investigated?

Answer—

These questions relate to recommendations made in the Select Committee on Greyhound Racing in New South Wales report entitled "Greyhound Racing in New South Wales – First Report" tabled with the Legislative Council on 28 March 2014. The committee intends to table a second report before 30 June 2014. The Government will consider both these reports before providing a response to the recommendations by the required response date of 29 September 2014.

\*5569 TRANSIT POLICE ON LATE NIGHT TRAIN SERVICES—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for Sport and Recreation, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Western Sydney—

- (1) Are transit police present on all late night train services across the Sydney network between 10.00pm and 6.00am on Friday and Saturday nights?
- (2) If not, how are transit police allocated to services during this period?
- (3) How can public service patrons contact transit police if they have concerns about potential safety issues while on a service?
- (4) What information is provided to patrons about contacting transit police?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force has advised me:

The Police Transport Command (PTC) provides a 24 hour presence across the network in the Central Sector and a 20 hour presence in the South West and North West sectors. This is backed up by Local Area Commands on a 24 hours a day, 7 days a week basis. The PTC deploys officers throughout the transport network with regard to intelligence and risk and works closely with Transport for NSW when determining deployment priorities.

The usual phone numbers for reporting crime apply on the transport network. These include Triple Zero to report an emergency or crime in progress; Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 to provide information about a crime; the Police Assistance Line on 131 444 to report minor crime; and local police stations.

\*5570 FAMILY DAY CARE RATIO CHANGE—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) What research did the Government conduct into the need to change the ratio of educator to children not attending school from 1:5 to 1:4 before it supported this change?
- (2) What evidence did the Government have that the previous 1:5 ratio needed changing?
- (3) To what extent did the research look at whether family day care would remain financially viable under the new scheme?
- (4) What action will the Government take to encourage new educators?

Answer—

(1) The decision to change the ratio from 1:5 to 1:4 was made by all Australian governments in December 2009 as part of the development of a new national regulation and standards for early childhood education and care known as the National Quality Framework (NQF). The NQF introduced improved educator to child ratios to assure improvement to adult/child interactions, a critical component of high quality programs that underpins improvements in children's outcomes. A number of studies and reports pointed to the critical importance of high quality in education and care and preschool, including the positive outcomes associated with improved educator to child ratios. These included:

- Bennett, John, and Collette P. Tayler. *Starting strong II: Early childhood education and care*. OECD, 2006.
- Sylva, Kathy, et al. *The effective provision of pre-school education (EPPE) project: Final Report: A longitudinal study funded by the DfES 1997-2004*. Institute of Education, University of London/Department for Education and Skills/Sure Start, 2004.
- Mooney, Ann, et al. "Early years and childcare international evidence project: Quality" (2003).
- Fiene, Richard, et al. "13 indicators of quality child care: research update." Washington, DC: US Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation (2002).
- Waldfogel, Jane. "Parental work arrangements and child development." *Canadian public policy* 33.2 (2007): 251-271.
- Phillipsen, Leslie C., et al. "The prediction of process quality from structural features of child care." *Early childhood research quarterly* 12.3 (1997): 281-303.

(2) In addition to the aforementioned research pointing to the desirability of lower ratios in terms of outcomes for children, consideration was given to arrangements in other Australian jurisdictions, many of which were already operating on lower ratios than those in place in New South Wales. Consultation was also conducted with the sector. Family Day Care Australia, the national peak body for family day care, supported the 1:4 ratio.

(3) At the time, consideration was primarily given to the financial viability of the family day care sectors in jurisdictions which were already operating on lower ratios. This included Victoria which was, at that time, experiencing growth in its family day care sector. On the basis of these findings, it was concluded that family day care would remain viable under the new scheme.

(4) Financial incentives for family day care are provided by the Federal Government through the Child Care Benefit scheme and other programs such as the Community Support Program.

\*5571 BANKSTOWN CITY RADIO CO-OPERATIVE LIMITED—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Finance and Services representing the Minister for Fair Trading—

What advice has the Bankstown City Radio Co-operative Limited provided to the Department of Fair Trading regarding the future of the Bankstown City Radio Co-operative Limited (ref Q.3598)?

Answer—

(1) Bankstown City Radio Co-operative Limited informed NSW Fair Trading that meetings with members have been held to consider the future of the Co-operative.

The Co-operative has advised it held an Annual General Meeting on 1 March 2014. Fair Trading has requested further details from the Co-operative regarding this meeting.

\*5572 COMPLAINTS RELATING TO EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Finance and Services representing the Minister for Fair Trading—

(1) How many complaints has Fair Trading received in relation to consumers purchasing educational resources and materials, including educational software, for each of the years 2011-2014?

Answer—

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While NSW Fair Trading captures details of complaints and enquiries related to education and training, the data does not differentiate between complaints about the purchase of goods (such as resources and materials) and complaints about the provision of educational services.

Records of complaints about education and training for the years 2011 to 2014 are held as follows:

- 2011 - 553 complaints
- 2012 - 589 complaints
- 2013 - 772 complaints
- 2014 - 287 complaints to 21 May 2014.

\*5573 PAWNBROKERS AND SECOND HAND DEALERS—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Finance and Services representing the Minister for Fair Trading—

- (1) How many inspections of markets have been undertaken in relation to stallholders operating without a Pawnbrokers and Second Hand Dealer's license for each of the years 2011-2014?
- (2) How many inspections of Pawnbrokers and Second Hand Dealer businesses have been undertaken in relation to operating without a license for each of the years 2011-2014?

Answer—

- (1) 2011 - 8 markets; 2012 - 9 markets; 2013 - 7 markets; 2014 - 22 markets.
- (2) 2011 - 23; 2012 - 22; 2013 - 18; 2014 - 52 (as at 20 May 2014).

The Pawnbrokers and Second-hand Dealers Act 1996 is jointly administered with NSW Police who also have an inspection regime in relation to pawnbrokers and second-hand dealers. These figures do not reflect that additional compliance action.

\*5574 DETERMINING AIR POLLUTION LEVELS—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for Sport and Recreation, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Western Sydney—

How are air pollution levels "of concern" at 191 Miller Road, Chester Hill (ref Q.5369 and Q.5460) determined when considering that Chester Hill residents were advised by NSW Health and the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) to shut their doors and windows in relation to the fire at a waste storage and processing facility?

Answer—

Fire & Rescue NSW has advised me:

Fire & Rescue NSW conducts air quality readings, when requested by appropriate regulatory bodies. Those bodies then make determinations about any potential health or environmental impacts for the wider community. The Environment Protection Authority requested Fire & Rescue NSW conduct air quality tests for Chester Hill.

This question more appropriately falls within the portfolio responsibilities of the Minister for Environment and the Minister for Health.

\*5575 AIR POLLUTION LEVELS IN CHESTER HILL—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for Sport and Recreation, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Western Sydney—

- (1) When did Fire and Rescue NSW first begin monitoring air pollution levels in the Chester Hill area (ref Q.5460 and Q.5461)?
- (2) Where were these air pollution levels being monitored from?
- (3) Is air pollution still being monitored in the Chester Hill area?
  - (a) If not, when did it cease to be monitored?
- (4) Did the level of air pollution increase in the Chester Hill area because of the fire at 191 Miller Road, Chester Hill?
  - (a) If so, by how much?

Answer—

Fire & Rescue NSW has advised me:

Fire & Rescue NSW conducts air quality readings, when requested by appropriate regulatory bodies. Those bodies then make determinations about any potential health or environmental impacts for the wider community. The Environment Protection Authority (EPA) requested Fire & Rescue NSW conduct

air quality tests for the Chester Hill fire. The EPA falls within the portfolio responsibility of the Minister for Environment. The Minister for Health is responsible for determining any impacts on public health.

\*5576 PUBLIC HOSPITAL PRIVATISATION—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Premier, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for Western Sydney—

Will any public hospital within the South West Sydney Local Health District be privatised?

Answer—

The Government has no plans to privatise any hospitals in the South Western Sydney Local Health District.

The Government is rebuilding our hospitals after years of neglect by the previous Government.

We are currently investing \$4.8 billion in health infrastructure to rebuild our hospitals over four years.

\*5577 PRIVATISATION OF BANKSTOWN-LIDCOMBE HOSPITAL—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Premier, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for Western Sydney—

Will the Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital be privatised?

Answer—

The Government has no plans to privatise any hospitals in the South Western Sydney Local Health District.

The Government is rebuilding our hospitals after years of neglect by the previous Government.

We are currently investing \$4.8 billion in health infrastructure to rebuild our hospitals over four years.

\*5578 YAGOONA RAILWAY STATION—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—

(1) Will the train timetable posters that were removed from the entrance of Yagoona Railway Station on the Hume Highway be replaced?

(2) If not, will a 'real time next-train indicator' screen be installed where the posters were previously located to improve the customer experience for those who may find it difficult to manage the stairs at Yagoona Railway Station?

Answer—

I am advised:

Timetable posters were removed from Sydney Trains stations that have real-time indicator screens available. Yagoona Station has real-time indicator screens on the platforms which display the next three services.

Customers can also access train information:

- via the Transport web site at [www.transport.nsw.info](http://www.transport.nsw.info)
- by calling the Transport Infoline on 131500
- via Real Time Train Apps available at [www.transportnsw.info/apps](http://www.transportnsw.info/apps)
- by speaking with staff or by picking up a timetable booklet from a station.

Timetable posters will continue to be displayed at railway stations that are without real-time indicator screens. All Intercity and Regional railway stations continue to display timetable posters.

\*5579 BANKSTOWN-LIDCOMBE HOSPITAL BUDGET CUT—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

When will the \$690,000 cut from Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital in the South Western Sydney Local Health District 2012-13 budget allocation be reinstated?

Answer—

I am advised:

There is no \$690,000 cut from Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital.

The website of the South Western Sydney Local Health District (<http://www.swslhd.nsw.gov.au/default.html>) can be accessed for facility specific budget details.

\*5580 SPECIAL CARE NURSERY—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

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- (1) What plans exist to increase the number of available beds at the Special Care Nursery at Fairfield Hospital?
- (2) What staffing enhancements are planned to service these beds?

Answer—

I am advised that:

- (1) A Master Plan will be prepared for the future development of Fairfield Hospital. Within this planning process the future requirements for the Special Care Nursery will be considered.
- (2) Staffing will be commensurate with the number of funded beds and the role delineation of the Fairfield Hospital Special Care Nursery as outlined in the Master Plan.

\*5581 FAIRFIELD HOSPITAL SPECIAL CARE NURSERY—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) How many cots are currently funded at the Special Care Nursery at Fairfield Hospital?
- (2) How many babies were admitted to this nursery in 2013?
- (3) How many of these babies were admitted from the maternity service at Fairfield?
- (4) How many were transferred from other units?
- (5) What was the occupancy for 2013?

Answer—

I am advised that:

- (1) The Fairfield Hospital Special Care Nursery is currently funded for eight cots.
- (2) In 2013, there were a total 370 admissions to the Special Care Nursery.
- (3) There were 307 admitted to the Special Care Nursery directly from the Birthing Unit and Post Natal Ward of Fairfield Hospital.
- (4) There were 63 babies admitted from other units.
- (5) In 2013, the occupancy rate for the Fairfield Hospital Special Care Nursery was 80%.

\*5582 TRANSFERRING BABIES FROM FAIRFIELD HOSPITAL—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) Do plans exist to transfer babies to either Campbelltown or Bankstown Hospitals from the Special Care Nursery at Fairfield Hospital?
  - (a) If so, would these babies require the services of Newborn Emergency Transport Services (NETS)?
- (2) How many potential transfers from other hospitals to the Special Care Nursery at Fairfield Hospital were refused due to the lack of available beds in 2013?
- (3) Have any babies been transferred to either Campbelltown or Bankstown Hospitals since 1 January 2013?
  - (a) If so, how many?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (a) Newborn Emergency Transport Services (NETS) would only be needed for babies requiring tertiary neonatal services and as such, NETS would not be used for transfers to Campbelltown and Bankstown Hospitals Special Care Nurseries as these transfers would not be emergencies.
- (b) In 2013, Fairfield Hospital Special Care Nursery was able to accept all requested transfers from other hospitals.
- (c) Since January 2013, there have been no babies transferred to either Campbelltown or Bankstown Hospitals.

\*5583 CROSS-PLATFORM ACCESS AT CANLEY VALE STATION—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—

Are there plans to complete works to facilitate cross-platform access for commuters with mobility impairments at Canley Vale Station?

Answer—

I am advised:

In 2012, the Government 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 and commuter car parks. This program includes more than \$770 million for improvements over four years.

On 10 April 2014, the Government announced a new multi-storey car park at Canley Vale which will replace the existing street-level council car park on Fornasier Lane, and will provide a total of more than 120 parking spaces for customers. The rebuilt car park will also include some timed spaces for shoppers and will include stair and lift access between floors, security lighting and CCTV. The project will be submitted for planning approval and then will proceed to construction later this year.

Works completed on 28 April 2014 include new accessible ramps between the platform and street, new lighting, additional CCTV cameras, new stairs, upgraded footpaths and new bike racks at Canley Vale Station.

More planning and design work will now occur to see which projects will come next. Further work at Canley Vale Railway Station will be considered as part of this process.

\*5584 ONE STOP SHOP—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Premier, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for Western Sydney—

Where is the nearest Service NSW "one stop shop" service centre for residents of the Fairfield electorate?

Answer—

Service NSW is delivering improved customer service to the citizens of New South Wales. Since the launch in July 2013, Service NSW has helped over 2.75 million customers transact with Government, through the digital service at [www.service.nsw.gov.au](http://www.service.nsw.gov.au), the 24/7 phone service at 13 77 88 or through one of the new one stop shop service centres.

Information on the location of 'one stop shops' in NSW is available at <http://www.service.nsw.gov.au/service-centre>.

\*5585 REDEVELOPMENT OF PARRAMATTA STADIUM—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for Sport and Recreation, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Western Sydney—

What are the Government's plans for the redevelopment of Parramatta Stadium?

Answer—

Venues NSW, on behalf of the Government, are managing the upgrade of Pirtek Stadium at Parramatta.

The two key hirers, the Parramatta National Rugby League Club and the Western Sydney Wanderers Football Club, continue to be consulted on the final scope of the development.

\*5586 MAINTENANCE OF HOUSING NSW PROPERTIES—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Family and Community Services—

- (1) What checks are in place to ensure the maintenance of Housing NSW properties is completed by contractors and sub-contractors to a satisfactory standard?
- (2) What steps are taken to ensure the works are rectified and brought up to an acceptable standard in a timely manner if a Housing NSW tenant lodges a complaint citing unsatisfactory work by a contractor or sub-contractor?

Answer—

I am advised by the Department of Family and Community Services that the NSW Land and Housing Corporation monitors contractor maintenance performance and undertakes regular inspections to ensure that quality standards are met.

For more information on the maintenance of Housing NSW properties, please visit:

<http://www.housing.nsw.gov.au/Living+in+Public+Housing/Maintenance+and+Home+Improvements/Overview.htm>

\*5587 TAFE ENROLMENT FIGURES—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Education—

How many students were enrolled in TAFE during each of the following years:

- (a) 2011;
- (b) 2012; and
- (c) 2013?



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Answer—

<https://www.tafensw.edu.au/about/assets/pdf/TAFE-NSW-Statistical-Compendium-2012.pdf>.

The 2013 Statistical Compendium will be loaded onto the TAFE NSW website by July 2014.

\*5588 PLACEMENT OF NSW POLICE GRADUATES—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for Sport and Recreation, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Western Sydney—

(1) How many officers graduated at the NSW Police Attestation ceremony in May 2014?

(2) How many of these officers will be placed at the:

- (a) Fairfield Local Area Command (LAC);
- (b) Bankstown LAC;
- (c) Green Valley LAC;
- (d) Holroyd LAC; and
- (e) Cabramatta LAC?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force has advised me:

(1) 182.

(2) (a) 2; (b) 8; (c) 1; (d) 3; (e) 3.

\*5589 CHILDREN RESPONSES TO ROSH REPORTS—Ms Linda Burney asked the Minister for Family and Community Services—

How will the Government enhance the capacity to record, and report on, the nature of responses being provided to all children who are the subject of Risk of Significant Harm (ROSH) reports as opposed to only those that result in a face-to-face assessment by Community Services?

Answer—

The Department of Family and Community Services publishes the Annual Statistical Report and Quarterly Reports that provide information on reporting rates, programs and responses at [http://www.community.nsw.gov.au/docs\\_menu/about\\_us/docs\\_data.html#annual](http://www.community.nsw.gov.au/docs_menu/about_us/docs_data.html#annual).

\*5590 CHILD PROTECTION AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICES—Ms Linda Burney asked the Minister for Family and Community Services—

What action did the Government take to ensure the provision of child protection and domestic violence services over the 2014 Easter and ANZAC Day holiday period?

Answer—

I am advised the Department of Family and Community Services provides around the clock assistance to vulnerable children and families. The Child Protection Helpline and Domestic Violence Line operate 24 hours a day, every day of the year.

\*5591 CHILDREN IN OUT OF HOME CARE—Ms Linda Burney asked the Minister for Family and Community Services—

When will the Government publish data on the proportion of children in Out of Home Care achieving national reading and numeracy benchmarks relative to all children?

Answer—

I am advised the Department of Family and Community Services is working with the Department of Education and Communities to obtain National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) data for children in statutory out-of-home care.

\*5592 GOVERNMENT RESPONSE TO OMBUDSMAN'S REPORT—Ms Linda Burney asked the Minister for Family and Community Services—

(1) When will the Government provide a response to the Ombudsman's special report "Review of the NSW child protection system - Are things improving?"

(2) When will the Government's response be published?

Answer—

The Government is currently considering the findings and recommendations contained in the Report. A response will be provided to the Ombudsman in due course.

\*5593 COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISION ANNUAL STATISTICAL REPORT—Ms Linda Burney asked the Minister for Family and Community Services—

- (1) Why is the Community Services Division Annual Statistical Report 2012-13 not published on the Department of Family and Community Services website?
- (2) What is the intended publication date of the Community Services Division Annual Statistical Report 2012-13?
- (3) Why is the publication of the Community Services Division Annual Statistical Report 2012-13 delayed?

Answer—

The 2012-13 Community Services Annual Statistical Report is available on the Department of Family and Community Services website at:

[http://www.community.nsw.gov.au/docs\\_menu/about\\_us/docs\\_data.html](http://www.community.nsw.gov.au/docs_menu/about_us/docs_data.html).

\*5594 ACCESS TO VICTIM'S COMPENSATION—Ms Linda Burney asked the Minister for Family and Community Services—

How will the Government improve access to victim's compensation for young people in Out-of-Home Care?

Answer—

I am advised the Department of Family and Community Services (FACS) has procedures in place to help children in Out-of-Home care who may be eligible for victim's compensation. Additionally, Victims Services which is part of the Department of Police and Justice provides support and information for victims of crime.

\*5595 NSW DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE COUNCIL—Ms Linda Burney asked the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Women—

- (1) Who are the current members of the NSW Domestic and Family Violence Council?
- (2) Why is this information not available on the Department of Family and Community Services website?

Answer—

I am advised:

Information about the NSW Domestic and Family Violence Council and its members is available on the Family and Community Services Women NSW website [www.women.nsw.gov.au](http://www.women.nsw.gov.au).

\*5596 ABORIGINAL LANGUAGE PRESERVATION PROGRAM—Ms Linda Burney asked the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister for Veterans Affairs, and Assistant Minister for Education—

- (1) How many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island people have participated in the Aboriginal language and culture nests language preservation program?
- (2) Of these participants how many reside in:
  - (a) Metropolitan Sydney;
  - (b) The Hunter;
  - (c) The Illawarra; and
  - (d) The Central Coast?

Answer—

A total of 667 Aboriginal people have participated in the launches of the Aboriginal language and culture nests language preservation program across the five local language areas.

The Aboriginal language and culture nests language preservation program was held across the five local language areas:

- North West Wiradjuri Nest (launched 25 Oct 2013)
- North Gumbayngirr Nest (launched 19 Feb 2014)
- Bundjalung Nest (launched 20 Feb 2014)
- Paakantji Nest (launched 30 April 2014)
- Gamilaraay/Yuwaalaraay Nest (launched 2 May 2014)

The invitation to participate in the five Aboriginal Language and Culture Nest launches was open to all local language group members who reside in the local area or who may reside off country.

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\*5597 GOING HOME STAYING HOME PROGRAM—Mr Ron Hoenig asked the Minister for Family and Community Services—

- (1) How many not-for-profit organisations such as Rainbow Lodge, which were offered to apply for funding under the Going Home Staying Home program, did not apply (ref. correspondence from the Minister dated 16 April 2014)?
- (2) Was the Minister advised that these not-for-profit organisations did not apply for funding because the programs offered to them did not reflect the services that they have historically provided to their communities?
- (3) Does the Minister intend on reviewing the funding of the Going Home Staying Home program?

Answer—

(1) - (2) As the tender process is still underway, it is against probity guidelines to discuss specific information about an organisation's tender invitation or the participation of organisations in the tender process.

(3) The Department of Family and Community Services will review the Going Home Staying Home resource allocation model as part of its monitoring and evaluation strategy.

\*5598 INNER WEST BUS IMPROVEMENTS COMMUNITY ISSUES REPORT—Mr Ron Hoenig asked the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—

When will Ministerial briefings be available to Members of Parliament as stated on page two of the "Inner West Bus Improvements Community Issues Report" dated 26 February 2014?

Answer—

I am advised:

The consultation report is currently being finalised. Following the release of the report, affected stakeholders will be offered briefings by Transport for NSW.

\*5599 CLOSURE OF BARKER STREET ENQUIRY COUNTER AT PRINCE OF WALES HOSPITAL—Mr Ron Hoenig asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) Was a review undertaken in relation to the closure of the Barker Street Enquiry Counter at the Prince of Wales Hospital in order to assess the impact this closure had on patients and services (ref. correspondence from the Minister dated 7 January 2014)?
  - (a) If so, what was the outcome of the review?
  - (b) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) As outlined in correspondence in January 2014, this service has undergone review.

There have been no complaints received from members of the community relating to the reduced operating hours of the Barker Street enquiries counter.

Prince of Wales management continue to assess the hours of operation, to ensure patients, relatives and visitors are able to locate relevant clinical services and obtain answers to any queries.

Extensive consultation on the proposal was undertaken with staff, and the Health Services Union.

\*5600 METROPOLITAN RAIL SYSTEM UPGRADES—Mr Richard Amery asked the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—

- (1) Did the Minister announce a \$22 million upgrade of railway stations on the Metropolitan rail system on 7 May 2014?
  - (a) If so, did this announcement follow another announcement of a \$100 million upgrade of Wynyard Station?
- (2) Will Rooty Hill Railway Station, and the need for easy access to this station, be part of the Metropolitan rail system upgrade?
  - (a) If not, when will Rooty Hill Railway Station be given funds to upgrade it's facilities?

Answer—

I am advised:

In 2012, the Government announced a new Transport Access Program which will deliver accessible, modern, secure and integrated transport infrastructure where it is needed most. This program includes more than \$770 million for improvements over four years.

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

The Transport Access Program is part of the Government's commitment to improve public transport services and provide a world-class transport system people want to use.

\*5601 LEARNING MANAGEMENT AND BUSINESS REFORM—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) What was the original budget for the Learning Management and Business Reform (LMBR) system?
- (2) How much has been spent on the implementation of LMBR as at 8 May 2014?
- (3) When will the LMBR system be fully operational?
- (4) Is the Minister aware of major concerns by schools who are trying to implement LMBR?
- (5) What action is the Government taking to address these concerns?

Answer—

- (1) The allocation is contained in the New South Wales Budget Papers.
- (2) Implementation costs are a necessary component of the costs associated with the LMBR project.
- (3) The LMBR program of work for 2014 and 2015 will deliver:
  - (a) A new Student Administration and Learning Management system for TAFE.
  - (b) Added functionality to the Student Management systems in the 229 schools.
  - (c) The start of the rollout of Finance and Student Management systems to the remaining public schools.
- (4) - (5) Feedback from schools has resulted in a number of steps having been taken including:
  - (a) Providing dedicated resources to support schools to adopt the new systems, including supplementary training and face-to-face support.
  - (b) Enhancing the school systems to improve operability and the schools experience.
  - (c) Allocating additional relief days to provide support directly to school staff.

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\*5602 LOCAL AREA COMMAND OFFICER NUMBERS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for Sport and Recreation, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Western Sydney—

- (1) How many police were stationed at each of the following Local Area Commands (LAC) as at 1 May 2014:
  - (a) Newcastle LAC;
  - (b) Central Hunter LAC; and
  - (c) Lake Macquarie LAC?
- (2) In each of these LAC's:
  - (a) How many officers were on active duty as at 1 May 2014?
  - (b) How many officers are on extended leave/suspended?

Answer—

Authorised, actual and operational strength figures are available on the NSW Police Force website at [www.police.nsw.gov.au](http://www.police.nsw.gov.au).

\*5603 HIGHWAY PATROL IN NEWCASTLE—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for Sport and Recreation, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Western Sydney—

- (1) Are highway patrol jobs for the Newcastle City Local Area Command assigned from Sydney?
  - (a) If so, why are these jobs not assigned to local police?

Answer—

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The NSW Police Force has advised me:

The Traffic and Highway Patrol Command was established to remove the barrier of Local Area Command boundaries for the purposes of deploying Highway Patrol officers and deliver improved road safety. Newcastle City Highway Patrol is part of the Newcastle Cluster, which also includes Port Stephens and Manning Great Lakes Highway Patrols. Tasking of officers is undertaken by the Cluster Senior Supervisor based at Newcastle, in consultation with the supervisors of individual units within the Cluster.

\*5604 NEWCASTLE CITY HIGHWAY PATROL REASSIGNMENTS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for Sport and Recreation, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Western Sydney—

- (1) Are Newcastle City Highway Patrol officers assigned to areas outside of the Newcastle Local Area Command?
  - (a) If so, which of the surrounding Local Area Commands were they assigned to in the last 12 months?
  - (b) If so, how often did these assignments occur?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force has advised me:

The Traffic and Highway Patrol Command was established to remove the barrier of Local Area Command (LAC) boundaries for the purposes of deploying Highway Patrol officers and deliver improved road safety. Newcastle City Highway Patrol is part of the Newcastle Cluster, which also includes Port Stephens and Manning Great Lakes Highway Patrols.

Officers are deployed to priority roads based on intelligence. This provides greater deterrence, visibility and enforcement capability where it is most needed.

\*5605 POLICE OFFICER ALLOCATION IN MAITLAND—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for Sport and Recreation, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Western Sydney—

- (1) Will extra police officers be allocated to Maitland based Central Hunter Local Area Command in the next roll-out?
  - (a) If so, how many?
  - (b) If so, when will this occur?
  - (c) If not, why not?

Answer—

180 additional authorised strength positions will come on line by August 2015, as part of the Government commitment to increase the NSW Police Force by 859.

The Commissioner allocates new authorised strength positions based on operational considerations.

\*5606 JUVENILE JUSTICE FACILITIES—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

- (1) How many juvenile justice facilities are there in New South Wales?
  - (a) Where are these facilities located?
- (2) Does the Government plan to increase the number of juvenile justice facilities?
  - (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

(1) Seven; (a) Information on these facilities is publically available at: [www.djj.nsw.gov.au](http://www.djj.nsw.gov.au)

(2) No; (a) The current capacity is adequate.

\*5607 STATE FUNDING TO PUBLIC LIBRARIES—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

Will the Government increase state funding to New South Wales public libraries in the upcoming budget?

Answer—

The Government is committed to supporting public libraries. Funding details in the upcoming New South Wales budget will be released on 17 June 2014.

\*5608 AFFORDABLE ACCOMMODATION IN THE HUNTER—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Family and Community Services—

What is the Government doing to increase affordable accommodation in the Hunter, specifically as the Samaritans research shows that of more than 1000 available rental properties in Newcastle and Lake Macquarie, none are affordable for a single working parent earning a minimum wage and raising two children?

Answer—

The Government is committed to improving housing affordability and availability across New South Wales and offers a range of housing assistance options including private rental assistance products, private rental subsidies, temporary accommodation, emergency temporary accommodation, supported and crisis accommodation, affordable housing and social housing.

\*5609 INNER CITY NEWCASTLE DEVELOPMENT—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Women—

(1) What is the rationale for the partnership between GPT/UrbanGrowth NSW and the Department of Planning & Infrastructure regarding the development of inner city Newcastle?

(2) What documents detail the exchange of property between GPT and Urban Growth NSW?

(3) What action is the Government taking to ensure no conflict of interest exists between these parties?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) UrbanGrowth NSW and The GPT Group are the landowning proponents for the site. There is no partnership between GPT/UrbanGrowth NSW and the Department of Planning & Infrastructure (now the Department of Planning & Environment).

(2) The exchange of the property was subject to the standard documentation required for the sale of a property in New South Wales.

(3) There is no conflict of interest. The East End Project is subject to development approval by the City of Newcastle or the independent Joint Regional Planning Panel.

\*5610 HUNTER TRAIN CARRIAGE MAINTENANCE—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—

How much money did the Government spend on train carriage maintenance for the 14 dedicated Hunter train carriages in the 2012-13 financial year?

Answer—

I am advised:

In 2012-13, the Government invested \$3.5 million in routine maintenance of the trains based at Broadmeadow depot.

\*5611 COMMUNITY RESTORATIVE CENTRE—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

Why will the Minister not meet with representatives of the Community Restorative Centre?

Answer—

The Attorney General, and Minister for Justice, together with the Commissioner of Corrective Services, met with representatives of the Community Restorative Centre on 22 May 2014.

\*5612 FUNDED PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVE—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

Given the increasing prisoner population in New South Wales, the well recognised complexity of need amongst post-release populations (mental illness, cognitive impairment, homelessness, chronic alcohol and other drug use, generational unemployment), and the obvious limitations of working in any meaningful way with chronic disadvantage related to offending behaviour in under 12 weeks, how will the Funded Partnership Initiative reduce recidivism?

Answer—

I am advised:

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The Corrective Services NSW (CSNSW) Funded Partnership Initiative (FPI) has been introduced to ensure the funding available to non-government organisations is directed towards the Government's goal of reducing the risk of reoffending and protecting the community.

The FPI provides a major expansion of post-release support, geographically, financially, and in terms of the numbers of higher risk offenders who will receive support. More than 1055 higher risk offenders will be provided with services which target factors that contribute to reoffending.

Under the FPI, priority will be given to the provision of post-release support to offenders who present the highest risk of reoffending.

\*5613 CORRECTIVE SERVICES NSW—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

Why has Corrective Services NSW adopted a short term (under 12 weeks) post-release support service model, and removed funding for existing long term post-release services, including those with long histories of proven success in reducing recidivism with high risk populations?

Answer—

I am advised:

Corrective Services NSW data indicates higher risk parolees are most in need of support during the initial 12 weeks following their release from custody, as this is the period in which they are most likely to breach their parole order.

\*5614 COMMUNITY RESTORATIVE CENTRE TRANSITIONAL PROGRAMS—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

Is the Minister aware that the Community Restorative Centre is having to close its long standing transitional programs in Sydney, Parramatta and Newcastle, and that as a consequence, from July this year there will be no specialist post-release services in Sydney working long term with high risk ex-prisoners on release from prison?

Answer—

I have met with Community Restorative Centre representatives and discussed their concerns.

\*5615 PENALTY AND INFRINGEMENT NOTICES—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

How many separate agencies in New South Wales can issue penalty notices and/or infringement notices?

Answer—

This question should be referred to the Minister for Finance and Services.

\*5616 THE DEPARTMENT OF POLICE AND JUSTICE—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

In relation to the replacement of the Department of the Attorney General and Justice with the Department of Police and Justice:

- (1) What is the cost of this change?
- (2) What are the associated costs for the new letterhead?
- (3) What are the associated costs for reprinting business cards?
- (4) What are the costs associated with updating the Department's website?
- (5) What are the costs associated with signage and display?

Answer—

(1) - (5) I am advised to date, no costs have been incurred.

\*5617 CRIMES ACT 1900 PROSECUTIONS—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

How many prosecutions have there been pursuant to s.37 of the Crimes Act 1900 in the following periods:

- (a) 1 January 2012 - 31 December 2012;
- (b) 1 January 2013 - 31 December 2013; and
- (c) 1 January 2014 - 30 April 2014?

Answer—

I am advised:

According to the NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (BOCSAR) the number of charges finalised in New South Wales criminal courts under section 37 of the Crimes Act 1900 were as follows:

- (a) 6;
- (b) 7;

(c) BOCSAR cannot provide an answer to this question as the most recent NSW criminal court data available from BOCSAR ends December 2013.

\*5618 SPONSORSHIP AND ENDORSEMENT POLICY BREACHES—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for Sport and Recreation, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Western Sydney—

If the NSW Police Force's association with VandalTrak breaches its Sponsorship and Endorsement Policy, how can a sign on the wall of a police station (such as Fairfield) advertising multi-billion dollar US social media corporation Facebook not also breach that policy?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force has advised me:

Facebook is one of several social media sites used by the NSW Police Force to communicate with its officers, other Government agencies and the public. Police use of these sites has greatly increased its ability to inform the public in times of emergency and in relation to major events. The NSW Police Force does not endorse Facebook or provide a commercial benefit to it. However, it refers the public to its Facebook pages to access police messages at no cost.

\*5619 FIRE STATION CLOSURES—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for Sport and Recreation, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Western Sydney—

On which dates and for what length of time have the following fire stations been closed since 17 September 2013:

- (a) Busby;
- (b) Horningsea Park; and
- (c) Bonnyrigg Heights?

Answer—

Fire & Rescue NSW has advised me:

On any given day across the Sydney Metropolitan Area, Fire & Rescue NSW has a network of between 96 and 109 permanently staffed fire engines, rescue and specialist trucks ready to respond to emergency incidents. On total fire ban days, periods of extreme fire or weather danger, all 109 permanent trucks are available to respond. This network of permanent resources is supported by additional retained (on-call) brigades as required.

Firefighters and trucks are not always at their base station because they are often responding to emergency calls or performing other duties. Moving permanent firefighters and trucks around Sydney is a standard practice that is governed by proven risk management principles. Operational decisions are made by experienced senior commanders on a day to day basis to ensure appropriate response coverage for the community is always maintained.

\*5620 PATIENT PARKING AT BLACKTOWN HOSPITAL—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) Is there a charge for patients who park at Blacktown Hospital?
  - (a) If so, how much?
- (2) Are parking concessions available to patients?
  - (a) If so, which patients?
- (3) Is there a multi-use day pass available at Blacktown Hospital?
  - (a) If so, how much does this pass cost?
  - (b) If so, how much does a concession pass cost?
- (4) Is there a multi-use weekly pass available at Blacktown Hospital?
  - (a) If so, what is the minimum number of days such a pass can be purchased for?
  - (b) If so, what is the maximum number of days?



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Answer—

I am advised:

(1) - (4)

Patients and visitors are entitled to 15 minutes free parking at Blacktown Hospital, with daily fees ranging from \$6.00 for parking up to one hour in duration though to the maximum daily rate of \$18.00 for parking over 5 hours in duration.

Concession rates, consisting of 3 hours free parking followed by a single visit ticket with a flat rate price of \$5.00, will be rolled out in coming months and will be available to eligible groups of visitors and patients including holders of Road and Maritime Services issued disabled parking permits, Centrelink pension card holders, ongoing cancer treatment patients and outpatients who require daily dressings.

Concession holders are being provided with untimed free parking in the interim.

There is currently no multi-use day pass available at Blacktown Hospital.

Blacktown Hospital is in the process of implementing the software and processes which will enable the provision of a 3-day ticket for \$10 or a 7-day ticket for \$20 in the coming months.

\*5621 WOY WOY REHABILITATION UNIT PATIENTS—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) How many patients under 65 have been admitted to the new Woy Woy rehabilitation unit since 1 January 2013?
- (2) How many patients over 65 have been admitted to the Woy Woy rehabilitation unit since 1 January 2013?
- (3) Is there currently a policy in place which limits or discourages the admission of geriatric patients (over 65 years of age)?
  - (a) If so, what is the reason for this policy?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) to (3) The new Woy Woy Rehabilitation Unit opened on 11 June 2013. There have been 4 admissions of people under the age of 65 and 320 admissions of people over the age of 65 since the Unit opened.

There is no policy in place that excludes the admission of geriatric patients based on age.

\*5622 PUBLIC HOSPITAL DELIVERIES—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) How many babies were delivered in New South Wales public hospitals in 2013?
- (2) How many of these deliveries were by women who were:
  - (a) private patients of visiting medical specialists or GPs;
  - (b) from hospital antenatal clinics;
  - (c) caseload midwifery patients?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) The number of live births in 2013 in NSW Public Hospitals is 72,465.

(2)(a) This data is not collected.

(b) This data is being compiled and will be available for analysis later in 2014.

(c) This data is not collected.

\*5623 DISTINCTION OF DUTIES FOR MIDWIVES—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) Is there a directive from NSW Health as to whether the midwives on duty or the caseload midwife on call is expected to attend to patients of caseload midwives who attend the delivery suite with non-labour problems such as falls or abdominal pain?
- (2) Is this practice consistent for every local health district?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) No.

(2) Local Health Districts have responsibility for ensuring that local decisions are made to ensure the provision of safe, timely care to all patients accessing their hospitals.

\*5624 PROPOSED MEDICARE CO-PAYMENT—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

What meetings or discussions has the Minister, her office, or the NSW Ministry of Health had with either the Prime Minister, the Federal Minister for Health, or their offices to discuss the \$6 GP Medicare co-payment issue (NSW PD p.27364)?

Answer—

The issue was discussed at the Standing Council on Health meeting on 12 June 2014. There have been no other meetings to discuss the "\$6 GP Medicare co-payment" with the Federal Minister for Health or the Prime Minister, or their offices.

\*5625 PRINTING SERVICES—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

(1) Is the use of external agencies for printing services, such as the production of business cards, permitted by the NSW Ministry of Health?

(2) Is the delegated authority for approval the Area CEO, hospital general manager, sector manager, or another party?

(3) How are these services funded?

Answer—

I am advised that:

(1) - (3) The approval of expenditure on good and services, including printing services, is set out in the Combined Delegations Manual which is publically available on the NSW Health website at:

<http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/policies/manuals/Pages/combined-delegations.aspx>

Costs for printing services are managed within goods and services expenditure. Expenditure on printing and stationery is contained within the audited Financial Statements published each year in the Annual Report which is publically available on the NSW Health website at:

<http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/publications/Pages/annualreport13.aspx>

\*5626 ADMISSION TO WOY WOY HOSPITAL REHABILITATION UNIT—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

(1) How many requests have been made by referring clinicians for admission to the Woy Woy Hospital rehabilitation unit since 1 January 2013?

(a) How many patients have been admitted since 1 January 2013?

(2) When a request for admission is made by a clinician and it is refused, where are such patients sent for rehabilitation support?

(3) Do plans exist to close Woy Woy Public Hospital?

(4) Do plans exist to downgrade or privatise Woy Woy Public Hospital?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) The Member is referred to the response to LA 5621.

(2) No appropriate clinical referral of a patient is refused.

(3) - (4) There are no plans to close, downgrade or privatise Woy Woy public hospital.

\*5627 PARKING AT BLACKTOWN HOSPITAL—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

(1) Which companies manage the parking stations at Blacktown Hospital?

(2) How much money was raised from parking revenue at Blacktown Hospital from July 2013 to December 2013?

(a) How much of this revenue was allocated to NSW Treasury?

(b) How much of this revenue was reinvested in Blacktown Hospital?

Answer—

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I am advised:

(1) - (2) Parking stations at Blacktown Hospital are managed by Wilson Parking.

\$276,622 was raised from parking revenue at Blacktown Hospital from July 2013 to December 2013, all of which was reinvested in Blacktown Hospital.

\*5628 BADGERYS CREEK JOB CREATION—Mr Nick Lalich asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Trade and Investment, Minister for Regional Infrastructure and Services, Minister for Tourism and Major Events, Minister for Small Business, and Minister for the North Coast—

(1) What initiatives will the Government undertake to ensure that the Cabramatta electorate benefits from the Badgerys Creek airport?

(2) How many jobs are expected to be created for the Cabramatta electorate by the Badgerys Creek airport?

Answer—

(1) The Government already has in place a number of initiatives aimed at increasing investment and creating jobs across New South Wales. These initiatives are available to assist businesses creating employment relating to the Badgerys Creek airport, which would benefit the Cabramatta electorate. These initiatives include:

- (a) Innovate NSW that connects technology SMEs and businesses in key sectors of the New South Wales economy to develop globally competitive business-to-business (B2B) solutions that address compelling needs;
- (b) the Supply Chain Accelerator Pilot Program to develop globally competitive supply chains in key New South Wales industries through capacity building between New South Wales companies and business customers; and
- (c) the Export Accelerator Program to build capacity for New South Wales exporters with high growth potential.

The Jobs Action Plan is also available to help promote employment of new staff to investors.

(2) The Government recognises that a second Sydney Airport will provide a significant boost to local employment in the Western Sydney region through both the construction and operating phase of the airport. A major report undertaken by Deloitte Economics which was commissioned by the NSW Business Chamber has estimated that by 2050 the airport could generate between 463 to 629 jobs in the Fairfield Local Government Area and between 15,808 and 20,656 jobs in the Liverpool Local Government Area, in which the Cabramatta electorate lies.

\*5629 TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE FOR BADGERYS CREEK AIRPORT—Mr Nick Lalich asked the Premier, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for Western Sydney—

(1) Are there plans to construct roads and a direct train route from the Cabramatta electorate to the proposed airport at Badgerys Creek?

(a) If so, will detailed plans be provided to the public?

(b) If so, when will the construction of this infrastructure commence?

Answer—

The Government and the Federal Government have committed to joint funding of \$3.5 billion to build road and transport links to service the future Badgerys Creek Airport and improve infrastructure in Western Sydney.

Further information is available at <http://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/projects-swrl-extension-corridor-protection>.

\*5630 LOCAL GOVERNMENT REFORMS—Mr Nick Lalich asked the Minister for Local Government—

(1) Will the Government implement the reforms proposed by the Independent Local Government Review Panel's report entitled "Revitalising Local Government"?

(a) If so, when?

(b) If not, why not?

Answer—

(1) The Government is currently assessing the recommendations made by the Independent Local Government Review Panel's final report. This includes consideration of the feedback received during the recently completed public consultation period. A response will be released in due course.

\*5631 CHILDREN WITH AUTISM PROGRAMS—Mr Nick Lalich asked the Minister for Family and Community Services representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

What programs has the Government implemented to help children with autism in the Cabramatta electorate since March 2011?

Answer—

The Government is committed to a disability service system that increases choice and control for people with disability. For this reason, in December 2012 the Government became the first state to sign a historic agreement with the Commonwealth to implement the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS).

These reforms mean the budget to support people with disability will increase from \$2.7 billion to a \$6.4 billion partnership between the State and Federal governments. Importantly, the NDIS will benefit around 140,000 people with disability in New South Wales alone.

Children with disability, including autism, are provided with support to access opportunities within their community and may access a range of services alongside children with other disabilities.

The Government's "Strengthening Supports for Children and Families 0 – 8 years" reform strategy addresses the needs of children and their families across the State in a holistic and integrated way, in mainstream settings, supported by the specialist system.

I am advised the "Strengthening Supports for Children and Families Investment Plan 2013-2014" includes over \$2.2 million for South Western Sydney for autism, skill development and therapy programs.

\*5632 ILLEGAL TOBACCO SALES IN CABRAMATTA—Mr Nick Lalich asked the Minister for Finance and Services representing the Minister for Fair Trading—

(1) How many instances of illegal tobacco sales in the Cabramatta electorate did the Department of Fair Trading investigate from 1 January 2013 to 31 December 2013?

(2) What actions have been taken to prevent the sale of illegal tobacco in Cabramatta since March 2011?

Answer—

The registration of tobacco retailers falls within the portfolio responsibilities of the Minister for Health, the Hon Jillian Skinner MP. The question therefore should be referred to the Minister for Health for response.

\*5633 SOUTH WEST LOCAL AREA HEALTH SERVICE—Mr Nick Lalich asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

How many patients did South West Local Area Health Service assist in the following financial years:

- (a) 2010-11;
- (b) 2011-12; and
- (c) 2012-13?

Answer—

I am advised that:

The total number of services provided to patients in the South Western Sydney Local Health District is outlined in the NSW Health Annual Report for the relevant years. These reports are available online via the NSW Health website.

\*5634 HOMELESSNESS IN CABRAMATTA—Mr Nick Lalich asked the Minister for Family and Community Services—

(1) How many people were homeless in the Cabramatta electorate in:

- (a) 2012; and
- (b) 2013?

(2) What support services are currently available to people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness in the Cabramatta electorate?

Answer—

I am advised by the Department of Family and Community Services that:

(1) Information relating to homelessness data is available from the Australian Bureau of Statistics website.

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(2) Information on Government programs to address homelessness, including homelessness initiatives and reform, is available on the Department of Family and Community Services website at:  
<http://www.housing.nsw.gov.au/Help+with+Housing/Homelessness/>.

\*5635 TAREE TAFE—Mr Stephen Bromhead asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) Does the Department of Education have plans to upgrade the Taree TAFE infrastructure?
  - (a) If so, do the plans include a nurse education and training facility?
  - (b) If so, what is the projected total cost of the upgrade?

Answer—

Yes, the Department of Education and Communities does have plans to upgrade the Taree TAFE infrastructure.

(a) Yes, the plans do include a nurse education and training facility.

(b) The projected total cost of the Taree TAFE upgrade, which includes the nurse education and training facility, as announced in the 2013/14 Budget, remains commercial in confidence, as phase one of the project is in the tender assessment stage and phase two of the works is in the early design stage. The projected cost has not materially changed since the announcement of the 2013/14 Budget.

\*5636 MAIN ROAD 90—Mr Stephen Bromhead asked the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Roads and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) Is the Greater Taree City Council responsible for the construction, maintenance and associated costs of Main Road 90 (Wallambah and Avalon Roads) in the Myall Lakes electorate?
- (2) Did the Government promise to provide \$7.5 million towards the upgrade of that road prior to the last State election?
- (3) Did the Greater Taree City Council advise that they would complete Main Road 90 for \$7.5 million?
- (4) What work has the Greater Taree City Council completed to date and what has been the cost of these works?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) Yes. Greater Taree City Council receives funding assistance for this road under the NSW Government Regional Roads program.

(2) Yes. Funds have been allocated accordingly through the NSW Budget process.

(3) A report on the Greater Taree City Council website prepared by Brian Rollinson & Associates Pty Ltd in September 2006 indicated about 12.35 kilometres of the road could be rehabilitated with \$7.45 million based on rates at that time.

(4) An 860 metre section of Main Road 90 from west of Candoormakh Creek to Dargavilles Road was completed in September 2013 at a cost of \$1.66 million. A two kilometre section from Dargavilles Road to Koribah Lane is currently under construction at an estimated cost of \$2.8 million. Council has advised Roads and Maritime the work is expected to be completed by the end of July 2014, weather permitting. The remaining funding will be allocated to Council in 2014-15.

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(Paper No. 216)

5637 NIGHTRIDE BUS SERVICE—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—

5638 NIGHTRIDE BUS SERVICES TO OUTER WESTERN SUBURBS—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—

5639 CAREER ADVISERS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Education—

5640 FEDERATION OF PARENTS AND CITIZENS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Education—

5641 SUMMER HILL PUBLIC SCHOOL—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—

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(Paper No. 217)

- 5642 ONLINE TRADERS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Finance and Services representing the Minister for Fair Trading—
- 5643 ONLINE SHOPPING COMPLAINTS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Finance and Services representing the Minister for Fair Trading—
- 5644 DEFECTIVE CONTRACTOR WORK—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Finance and Services representing the Minister for Fair Trading—
- 5645 COMMUTER COMPLAINTS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 5646 TRANSPORT TICKET PRICES—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 5647 NUMBER OF COMMUTERS USING OPAL CARDS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 5648 GST INCREASE—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Premier, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 5649 PUBLIC HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS IN BANKSTOWN—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services—
- 5650 SMOKE FREE ENVIRONMENT ACT 2000—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 5651 DEMOUNTABLE CLASSROOMS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Education—
- 5652 PUBLIC SCHOOL TREE SAFETY AUDIT—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Education—
- 5653 AUSTRALASIAN COLLEGE BROADWAY—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Education—
- 5654 SCHOOL MAINTENANCE AND INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADES—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Education—
- 5655 DEMOUNTABLE BUILDINGS IN DRUMMOYNE SCHOOLS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Education—
- 5656 GONSKI REFORMS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Education—
- 5657 LITERACY AND NUMERACY TEACHERS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Education—
- 5658 ABORIGINAL MEDICAL SERVICES—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister for Veterans Affairs, and Assistant Minister for Education—
- 5659 FUNDING INDIGENOUS SERVICES—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister for Veterans Affairs, and Assistant Minister for Education—
- 5660 INDIGENOUS SERVICES—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister for Veterans Affairs, and Assistant Minister for Education—
- 5661 CHILDREN IN OUT-OF-HOME CARE—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services—
- 5662 COMMUNITY SERVICES DATA COLLECTION AND PUBLICATION—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services—

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\*5663 DESTRUCTION OF ABORIGINAL HERITAGE ITEMS—Ms Linda Burney asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, Minister for the Central Coast, and Assistant Minister for Planning—

How many prosecutions for the destruction of Aboriginal heritage items under the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974 were there in;

- (a) 2011-12; and
- (b) 2012-13?

Answer—

I am advised as follows:

- (a) No prosecutions were completed in 2011-12.
- (b) One prosecution was completed in 2012-13.

5664 STRATEGIC REGIONAL LAND USE POLICY—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Women—

5665 AFFORDABLE HOUSING—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Women—

5666 BARANGAROO DEVELOPMENT—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Women—

5667 INNER CITY HOMELESSNESS SERVICES—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services—

5668 INNER CITY SCHOOLS WORKING PARTY INVESTIGATION—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Education—

5669 WESTERN SYDNEY NIGHTRIDE SERVICES—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—

5670 GOVERNMENT JOBS IN THE MURRAY-DARLING ELECTORATE—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Premier, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for Western Sydney—

5671 PROFESSIONAL FISHERMEN LICENCE FEES—Ms Noreen Hay to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, and Assistant Minister for Tourism and Major Events—

5672 FISHING LICENCE LAWS—Ms Noreen Hay to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, and Assistant Minister for Tourism and Major Events—

\*5673 CRACKER NIGHT—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Trade and Investment, Minister for Regional Infrastructure and Services, Minister for Tourism and Major Events, Minister for Small Business, and Minister for the North Coast—

Would the Minister support a motion to bring back "Cracker Night"?

Answer—

The last 'Cracker Night' in New South Wales was held on 7 June 1986, following which the then Government banned it for safety reasons.

Any proposed changes to current arrangements in New South Wales regarding the private use of fireworks will need to be carefully considered, based on public safety concerns.

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5674 MAITLAND COURTHOUSE—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

5675 DRUG DETECTION DOGS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

5676 EAST MAITLAND DISTRICT COURT—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

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- 5677 ROSEANNE BECKETT CIVIL PROCEEDINGS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 5678 REVIEW OF THE LAW ENFORCEMENT (POWERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES) ACT 2002—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for Sport and Recreation, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Western Sydney—
- 5679 DETENTION WARRANTS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for Sport and Recreation, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Western Sydney—
- 5680 SPECIAL POWERS TO PREVENT OR CONTROL PUBLIC DISORDERS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for Sport and Recreation, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Western Sydney—
- 5681 DEATH OF GAZI AWAD—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Finance and Services—
- 5682 WORKCOVER PROSECUTIONS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Finance and Services—
- 5683 RAYMOND TERRACE GP SUPERCLINIC—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 5684 CALVARY MATER NEWCASTLE HOSPITAL—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 5685 PARK-AND-RIDE SHUTTLE SERVICE—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 5686 JOHN HUNTER HOSPITAL STAFFING FIGURES—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 5687 JUVENILE JUSTICE FACILITIES—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 5688 TAFE FEES—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Education—
- 5689 NEW TRAIN CARRIAGE TENDER SUBMISSIONS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 5690 RATE INCREASE PROPOSALS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Local Government—
- 5691 TRAFFIC LIGHT SIGNALS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Roads and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 5692 OPAL CARD USERS IN CABRAMATTA—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 5693 PUBLIC TRANSPORT OPTIONS—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 5694 NEWLEAF BONNYRIGG DEVELOPMENT—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services—
- 5695 COMMUNITY SERVICES—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services—
- 5696 FUNDING FOR CHILDREN WITH AUTISM—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 5697 HOSPITAL PARKING FEES—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 5698 DEMOUNTABLE CLASSROOMS IN CABRAMATTA—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Education—
- 5699 SCHOOL SUSPENSIONS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Education—



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- 5700 WOLLONGONG LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Trade and Investment, Minister for Regional Infrastructure and Services, Minister for Tourism and Major Events, Minister for Small Business, and Minister for the North Coast—
- 5701 REGIONAL RELOCATION GRANT—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 5702 AGED DRIVING ASSESSORS—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Roads and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 5703 INCORRECT TIMES TABLE PUBLICATION—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Education—
- 5704 RESPITE CENTRES—Ms Noreen Hay to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

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(Paper No. 219)

- 5705 MATERNITY SERVICES—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 5706 MEDICAL LOCUMS—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 5707 BLUE MOUNTAINS DISTRICT ANZAC MEMORIAL HOSPITAL—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 5708 GET HEALTHY NSW STAFF—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 5709 GET HEALTHY NSW—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 5710 VACCINATION POLICY—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Trade and Investment, Minister for Regional Infrastructure and Services, Minister for Tourism and Major Events, Minister for Small Business, and Minister for the North Coast—
- 5711 CHILD PROTECTION HELPLINE FOR MANDATORY REPORTERS—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services—
- 5712 GRAYTHWAITE REHABILITATION CENTRE—Mrs Barbara Perry to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 5713 HERITAGE BUILDINGS IN THE NEWCASTLE CBD—Mrs Barbara Perry to ask the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, Minister for the Central Coast, and Assistant Minister for Planning—
- 5714 AGEING, DISABILITY AND HOME CARE SERVICES—Mrs Barbara Perry to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 5715 BADGERYS CREEK AIRPORT RAIL LINK—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 5716 LEFT TURN AT RED LIGHTS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Roads and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

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(Paper No. 220)

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- 5717 MANUFACTURE OF NEW BUSES—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 5718 TRAIN SERVICES FOR SPECIAL EVENTS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 5719 SCHOOL SPEED ZONE FLASHING LIGHTS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Education—
- 5720 PUBLIC SCHOOL INSURANCE POLICIES—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Education—
- 5721 NEW LOWER HUNTER HOSPITAL—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 5722 CESSNOCK DISTRICT HOSPITAL—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 5723 COMMITTEE VISIT TO UPPER HUNTER—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, and Assistant Minister for Tourism and Major Events—
- 5724 CARAVAN ROADSIDE REST STOPS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Trade and Investment, Minister for Regional Infrastructure and Services, Minister for Tourism and Major Events, Minister for Small Business, and Minister for the North Coast—
- 5725 REGISTRY OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES IN HAMILTON—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 5726 ULTIMO PYRMONT WALKWAY—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Roads and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 5727 BRIDGE OVER ANZAC PARADE IN MOORE PARK—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Roads and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 5728 OXFORD STREET CYCLEWAY—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Roads and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 5729 DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 5730 CLUSTERING OF LICENSED PREMISES—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Hospitality, Gaming and Racing, and Minister for the Arts—
- 5731 MOORE PARK WEST—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, Minister for the Central Coast, and Assistant Minister for Planning—
- 5732 ALCOHOL ADVERTISING AND PRICING—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Premier, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 5733 311 BUS SERVICE—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 5734 LGBTI YOUNG PEOPLE—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Education—
- 5735 EASY ACCESS LIFT AT YAGOONA RAILWAY STATION—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 5736 CHESTER HILL BUS SERVICES—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 5737 COMMUNITY TRANSPORT PROGRAM—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—

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- 5738 VOCATIONAL EDUCATION TRAINING FUNDING—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Finance and Services representing the Minister for Fair Trading—
- 5739 ENERGY CONTRACT COMPLAINTS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Finance and Services representing the Minister for Fair Trading—
- 5740 ELECTRICITY PRICES—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Resources and Energy, and Special Minister of State—
- 5741 MULTICULTURAL ADVANTAGE GRANTS PROGRAM—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister for Veterans Affairs, and Assistant Minister for Education—
- 5742 BANKSTOWN-LIDCOMBE HOSPITAL—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 5743 MANAGEMENT OF SES VOLUNTEERS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for Sport and Recreation, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Western Sydney—
- 5744 WIN JUBILEE OVAL KOGARAH FUNDING—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for Sport and Recreation, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Western Sydney—
- 5745 SPORTINGBET STADIUM PENRITH FUNDING—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for Sport and Recreation, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Western Sydney—
- 5746 REMONDIS STADIUM FUNDING—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for Sport and Recreation, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Western Sydney—
- 5747 BROOKVALE OVAL FUNDING—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for Sport and Recreation, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Western Sydney—
- 5748 WIN STADIUM FUNDING—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for Sport and Recreation, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Western Sydney—
- 5749 CAMPBELLTOWN SPORTS STADIUM FUNDING—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for Sport and Recreation, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Western Sydney—
- 5750 CENTRAL COAST STADIUM FUNDING—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for Sport and Recreation, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Western Sydney—
- 5751 LEICHHARDT OVAL FUNDING—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for Sport and Recreation, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Western Sydney—
- 5752 BELMORE SPORTS GROUND FUNDING—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for Sport and Recreation, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Western Sydney—
- 5753 WORK PLACEMENT FOR STUDENTS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Education—
- 5754 INDEPENDENT EMPLOYMENT ADVISOR CONTRACT—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Education—
- 5755 SMART AND SKILLED REFORMS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Education—
- 5756 SMART AND SKILLED REFORMS TENDER PROCESS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Education—
- 5757 STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Education—
- 5758 RUSSELL VALE MINE SITE—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Women—

- 5759 NSW SMART WORK HUB PILOT PROGRAM—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Trade and Investment, Minister for Regional Infrastructure and Services, Minister for Tourism and Major Events, Minister for Small Business, and Minister for the North Coast—
- 5760 ESTUARY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE FOR LAKE ILLAWARRA—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Trade and Investment, Minister for Regional Infrastructure and Services, Minister for Tourism and Major Events, Minister for Small Business, and Minister for the North Coast—
- 5761 DAPTO RESPITE CENTRE—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 5762 CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM FUNDING APPLICANTS—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Education—
- 5763 HOUSING NSW TRANSFER REQUESTS—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services—
- 5764 GOING HOME STAYING HOME—Mr John Robertson to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services—
- 5765 MILITARY LEAVE GUIDELINES—Mr John Robertson to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—
- 5766 REWRITTEN MILITARY LEAVE GUIDELINES—Mr John Robertson to ask the Minister for Education—
- 5767 MILITARY LEAVE GUIDELINES—Mr John Robertson to ask the Premier, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 5768 REMOVAL OF BUS STOPS—Mr Ron Hoenig to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—

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(Paper No. 221)

- 5769 FORGACS ENGINEERING APPRENTICESHIPS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Education—
- How many apprenticeships were registered with State Training Services in the last four years with Forgacs Engineering in the Hunter?
- 5770 HUNTER SCHOOL REPAIRS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Education—
- (1) Will the Minister list the Hunter schools requiring repair, both minor and major, as at 18 June 2014?
    - (a) If not, why not?
  - (2) Will the schools on the list requiring repair have funding rolled over into the 2014-15 financial year?
- 5771 MEDOWIE HIGH SCHOOL—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Education—
- (1) Will the Government commit to planning and building a new high school at Medowie?
    - (a) If not, why not?
- 5772 GP CO-PAYMENTS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- (1) Does the Government support the introduction of GP co-payments?
    - (a) If not, what action will the Government take against the introduction of these payments by the Federal Government?
- 5773 PREVENTION OF SELF HARM AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- (1) How is the Government increasing resources to aid in the prevention of self-harm among young people, particularly those aged 15-24?

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- (2) Will the Government increase funding to Hunter New England Health to increase staff and programs to aid in the prevention of self-harm?  
(a) If not, why not?
- 5774 PROCUREMENT POLICY—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Finance and Services—
- (1) Will the Minister introduce legislation with respect to a procurement policy, that ensures local content occurs in New South Wales?  
(a) If so, when?  
(b) If not, why not?
- 5775 HOMELESSNESS SERVICES—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services—
- (1) When will the complete plans for the Government's new "needs based" funding model for homelessness services in New South Wales be released?  
(2) Which non-government homelessness services in the Hunter were consulted during the formulation of the new funding model?
- 5776 2013-14 ARTS BUDGET—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Hospitality, Gaming and Racing, and Minister for the Arts—
- What was the total of the Arts budget in the financial year 2013-14?
- 5777 WALLSEND JUSTICE ACCESS CENTRE—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- (1) Where can Wallsend community members go for a face-to-face meeting following the closure of the Wallsend Justice Access Centre on 30 May 2014?  
(2) How accessible will the new meeting place be for people living in the Hunter's western suburbs?  
(3) What consultation was done prior to the closure of the Centre?
- 5778 DREDGING OF THE SWANSEA CHANNEL—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Natural Resources, Lands and Water, and Minister for Western NSW—
- Is the Government responsible for the full cost of maintenance dredging of the Swansea Channel?  
(1) If not, why not?  
(2) If not, who else bears the cost?
- 5779 CORRECTIVE SERVICES—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- What estimate, if any, of increased recidivism has been made by Corrective Services because of their cessation of funding to all long-term support post release services?
- 5780 COURT REPORTING SERVICES—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- What are the purported savings created by the outsourcing of Court Reporting Services?
- 5781 COURT REPORTING SERVICES REPRESENTATIVES—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- Has the Minister met with representatives of Court Reporting Services?  
(a) If not, why not?
- 5782 SMYTH REVIEW OF THE NSW INSTITUTE OF PSYCHIATRY—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Assistant Minister for Health—
- (1) What is the Government's response to the recommendations of the Smyth Review of the NSW Institute of Psychiatry?  
(2) How many positions will be lost?
- 5783 NSW INSTITUTE OF PSYCHIATRY—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Assistant Minister for Health—
- What legislative changes are proposed by the Government to the NSW Institute of Psychiatry?

- 5784 PLATFORM SEATING AT LIVERPOOL RAILWAY STATION—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—  
When will adequate commuter seating be installed on platform 4 at Liverpool Railway Station (there being only six banks of four seats as opposed to 16 banks of four seats at Revesby)?
- 5785 LIVERPOOL RAILWAY STATION CLOCK—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—  
When will the analogue clock above the concourse at Liverpool Railway Station, which has not been working for 12 months, be repaired?
- 5786 LIVERPOOL NEIGHBOURHOOD CONNECTION INVOICE—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—  
(1) Does South Western Sydney Local Health District (SWSLHD) propose to pay the invoice from Liverpool Neighbourhood Connection no.63 dated 27 May 2013 for \$300 for catering?  
(a) If not, why not?  
(b) If not, why were the creditors assured on 27 May 2013, 8 July 2013, 23 October 2013, 4 December 2013, and 12 February 2014 by the SWSLHD that the account would be paid?
- 5787 SYDNEY WATER CLIENT INFORMATION—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Natural Resources, Lands and Water, and Minister for Western NSW—  
(1) Does Sydney Water supply phone numbers and contact details of people who have contacted them to third parties?  
(a) If so, which third parties?  
(b) If so, which financial transactions are involved?
- 5788 PENALTY AND INFRINGEMENT NOTICES—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Finance and Services—  
How many separate agencies in New South Wales can issue penalty notices and/or infringement notices?
- 5789 M2 WINDSOR ROAD JUNCTION—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Roads and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—  
(1) What are the traffic numbers exiting the M2 motorway at the Windsor Road junction for vehicles travelling:  
(a) North; and  
(b) South?  
(2) How have these figures changed since the ramps were opened to the public?
- 5790 MOUNT DRUITT POLICE STATION—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for Sport and Recreation, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Western Sydney—  
(1) What is the actual strength of the Mount Druitt Police Station as at 29 May 2014?  
(2) How does this number compare with each of the last three years?
- 5791 ILLEGAL TOBACCO SALES IN CABRAMATTA—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—  
(1) How many instances of illegal tobacco sales in the Cabramatta electorate did the Department of Fair Trading investigate from 1 January 2013 to 31 December 2013?  
(2) What actions have been taken to prevent the sale of illegal tobacco in Cabramatta since March 2011?
- 5792 PARKING FEES AT LIVERPOOL HOSPITAL—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—  
(1) How much money was received by the International Parking Group for parking fees at Liverpool Hospital from July 2013 to December 2013 (ref Q.5477)?  
(2) How much was paid by the International Parking Group to the NSW Treasury from parking funds raised at Liverpool Hospital from July 2013 to December 2013 (ref Q.5477)?

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