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\*3304 RAILWAY STREET UPGRADE—Mr Richard Amery asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

- (1) What plans are being made to upgrade Railway Street, Mount Druitt to improve access to the Mount Druitt Hospital?
- (2) How many accidents have been recorded at this site over the past three years?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The funding of road infrastructure improvements is subject to assessment of priorities to determine the best value for money projects within the constraints of limited funding availability and competing NSW Government priorities across the State. An upgrade for Railway Street, Mount Druitt is not included in the current program of works.
- (2) Crash data is publically available by request from Transport for NSW's Centre for Road Safety at [www.rms.nsw.gov.au/roadsafety](http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/roadsafety)

\*3305 BELMORE RAILCORP FREIGHT LINE—Mr Robert Furolo asked the Minister for Transport—

With regard to RailCorp's freight rail line in Belmore adjacent to Paxton Avenue:

- (1) What specific action has Transport for NSW and/or RailCorp taken to mitigate noise impacts to the residents in this particular area?
- (2) What track work, including rail profile grinding and removal of track surface irregularities, has occurred on the freight rail line in this particular area?
- (3) Is noise monitoring of the freight rail line adjacent to Paxton Avenue continuing?
  - (a) If yes, what are the results?
  - (b) If not, why not?
- (4) What actions have been taken by RailCorp to liaise with private sector rail freight operators who have been identified as producing abnormal levels of noise?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) to (4) Paxton Avenue is located along the Metropolitan Freight Network.

On 5 August 2012, the Australian Rail Track Corporation assumed responsibility for the management and control (train movements) of the Metropolitan Freight Network. This line is no longer within the RailCorp managed network.

Although individual private sector rail freight operators must maintain their own rolling stock, RailCorp liaises with an operator when its services are identified as producing abnormal levels of noise.

\*3306 CITY RAIL SECURITY SERVICES—Mr Ron Hoenig asked the Minister for Transport—

Where City Rail outsources a range of security services at many railway stations on the City Rail network:

- (1) Can the Minister give an assurance that all guards being utilised for security duties at railway stations are:
  - (a) properly employed in the form of either an award or employment contract, and
  - (b) provision is made by the engaged contractor for payment of taxation, superannuation and other entitlements?
- (2) What mechanism has City Rail in place to ensure that the above standards apply to all those employed to do security work?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) (a) and (b) Any company which enters a contract with City Rail must comply with all appropriate State and Federal laws governing employment and all industrial awards.
- (2) Any company which enters a contract with City Rail must provide written assurances acknowledging the binding responsibilities as an employer to all appropriate State and Federal laws governing employment and all industrial awards.

\*3308 TRAIN VANDALISM—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Transport—

Given claims by the Rail, Bus and Tram Union that train vandalism has escalated since the Government cut transit officer roles:

- (1) Why did the Government cut the graffiti taskforce set up under the previous Government?
- (2) Will the Government reintroduce the graffiti taskforce, in order to combat increasing vandalism on trains?

Answer—

I am advised:

Last year I announced a major reform of the State's rail system to improve the cleanliness of our trains and improve customer service.

A focus of this reform includes providing a specialist cleaning team to attack graffiti and rubbish on dirty trains and at stations.

The NSW Government has delivered on its commitment to implement tough new laws targeting graffiti.

\*3310 GREEN SLIP COSTS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

- (1) Given that the average cost of green slips has risen by \$50 this February, will the Minister reverse this rise?
- (2) If not, why not?

Answer—

(1) No.

(2) Green Slip prices are not set by the Government, the Motor Accidents Authority or the Minister responsible for the Motor Accidents Scheme. Green Slip prices are set by the licensed CTP insurers in accordance with the Motor Accidents Authority's Premium Determination Guidelines.

While the Motor Accidents Authority does not approve CTP price filings, it has six weeks from the date a proposed premium is filed with the Authority to reject it on the grounds that the proposed premium price would not be fully funded, is considered excessive or does not conform to any other Guideline.

Following an internal analysis and on the advice of an independent actuary, the Motor Accidents Authority found no grounds to reject the CTP insurers' premium filings from 1 February 2013. The principal reasons for the price rises were an increase in claims frequency, inflation and low bond yields for the insurers' investments.

Neither the Motor Accidents Authority nor the Minister responsible for the motor accidents scheme has the legislative authority to retrospectively reverse a decision not to reject a premium filing.

\*3311 STOCKTON CENTRE NURSING VACANCIES—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Ageing, and Minister for Disability Services—

What immediate steps is the Minister taking to reduce the 40% vacancy rate of nurses at the Stockton Centre?

Answer—

The vacancy rate of nurses quoted is incorrect. In order to meet the challenge of recruiting nursing staff, Ageing, Disability and Home Care has increased the frequency of recruitment process for nurses at the Stockton Centre. In addition, contingency strategies, including accessing a large group of highly experienced casual nurses, have also been developed and are successfully used as required.

Ageing, Disability and Home Care has undertaken an ongoing approach to retention of staff within the Centre. As part of the retention strategy, nursing services were recently realigned to better match the needs of residents at the Stockton Centre. This realignment of services has resulted in increased specialisation, additional support and greater work flexibility for nurses at the Centre.

\*3312 SCHOOL SUN PROTECTION GUIDELINES—Mr Jamie Parker asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) Will revised sun protection guidelines for primary schools be implemented in 2013?
- (2) (a) What will be the process for consulting with principals and school stakeholders?  
(b) When will this process conclude?
- (3) Will Cancer Council NSW be consulted prior to finalizing the new guidelines?

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Answer—

- (1) Yes.
- (2) (a) and (b) The Department of Education and Communities has consulted with principals groups and final discussions are underway with other relevant groups, including the non-government schooling sector.
- (3) In the coming weeks the Department is planning to meet with the Cancer Council to discuss its implementation of the revised guidelines.

\*3314 SPEED CAMERAS IN THE HUNTER—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

- (1) How many of the extra 39 mobile speed cameras will be located in the Hunter?
- (2) Where and when will they be located?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) to (2) All speed camera locations in Hunter electorate are available online at the NSW Centre for Road Safety website <http://www.rta.nsw.gov.au/roadsafety>. All new speed camera locations will be published online prior to camera installation or the commencement of mobile speed enforcement.

\*3318 JOHN HUNTER HOSPITAL EYE CLINIC—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) What discussions has the Minister had with the local health district to ascertain what the ophthalmologists want in the way of resources?
- (2) What action has been taken to address the needs of the ophthalmologists in order to re-open the John Hunter Hospital eye clinic?

Answer—

(1) to (2) I have been in discussion with the Chief Executive of Hunter New England Local Health District to discuss the ophthalmology service, in particular the functioning of the outpatient clinics. Those who need urgent or emergency eye care can continue to receive it through the John Hunter Hospital Emergency Department. This has not changed. In addition, people who are referred for eye surgery can continue to have those surgeries done at local hospitals, including John Hunter. The majority of visiting medical officers who had provided the outpatient clinics for many years were unwilling to continue without significant additional equipment and staffing resources. However, the uveitis outpatient clinic continues to be in place. People who need non-urgent care can continue to see ophthalmologists in their private rooms or offices as Medicare patients. Appointments with GPs, other local specialists, optometrists and referrals to the state ophthalmic facility are other options.

\*3320 ELECTRICITY GENERATOR DEBT—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

- (1) How much debt is associated with the state's electricity generators?
- (2) How much money is the Government expecting to raise once the debt, transaction and legal costs have been settled?

Answer—

- (1) This information is publicly available in the annual reports of each of the electricity generator corporations.
- (2) The sale of the State's electricity generators will release up to \$3 billion for investment in priority infrastructure projects across NSW, while also saving the State billions of dollars in avoided costs to meet future generation capacity needs.

This Government will only proceed with the sales if they are of net benefit to taxpayers.

\*3322 ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY VISITS—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

What Aboriginal communities did the Minister visit in the period from 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012?

Answer—

The Minister visited 35 Aboriginal communities in the period from 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012. They were:

- (1) Moree

- (2) Bogabilla
- (3) Toomelah
- (4) Walgett
- (5) Brewarrina
- (6) Bourke
- (7) Dubbo
- (8) Broken Hill
- (9) Wilcannia
- (10) Menindee
- (11) Moama
- (12) Deniliquin
- (13) Cumeragunja
- (14) Wagga Wagga
- (15) Liverpool
- (16) Penrith
- (17) Hebersham
- (18) Blackett
- (19) Singleton
- (20) Watanobbi
- (21) Corokan
- (22) Redfern
- (23) La Perouse
- (24) Batemans Bay
- (25) Newcastle
- (26) Kempsey
- (27) Lismore
- (28) Tamworth
- (29) Coffs Harbour
- (30) Lightning Ridge
- (31) Bathurst
- (32) Griffith
- (33) Narooma
- (34) Wallaga Lake
- (35) Blacksmith

\*3323 REVESBY TO BEVERLY HILLS RAIL LINE QUADRUPPLICATION WORK—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Transport—

- (1) When was the Revesby to Beverly Hills rail line quadruplication work completed?
- (2) Why are there no trains operating on these lines?
- (3) When will trains commence using these new lines?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The Kingsgrove to Revesby Quadruplication Project will be completed in the second quarter of 2013.
- (2) The Line has not been commissioned yet.
- (3) The new rail infrastructure is scheduled for commissioning in the second quarter of 2013.

\*3328 NETCAT—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

- (1) When did the process of converting all business centre websites to the new website content management system Netcat commence?
- (2) What is the cost of this conversion and of Netcat?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The process of converting the website commenced on 1 March 2009. The NetCat system is also used to maintain and support the Department of Attorney General and Justice's websites and to allow judgments to be published online.

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- (2) As at 31 January 2013 a total of approximately \$2.027 million has been spent (excluding GST) on external capital costs for the conversion, plus ongoing external support costs. These support costs are currently \$113,000 per year (excluding GST).

\*3329 **ROUNDAABOUT AT SMITHFIELD ROAD AND POLDING STREET**—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

- (1) Can the Minister explain why, after two years, no work has commenced to upgrade the roundabout at Smithfield Road and Polding Street?
- (2) When will this project commence?
- (3) What is the estimated timeline for completion?
- (4) What specific work has the Roads and Maritime Services undertaken on this project?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) to (3) The intersection of Polding Street and Smithfield Road is a local road and the responsibility of Fairfield City Council.

(4) Roads and Maritime Services officers continue to work in collaboration with Council's project team to provide data analysis and technical advice.

\*3330 **BULLI HOSPITAL**—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) Can the Minister explain why Bulli Hospital was not included in the recently released Illawarra Action Plan?
- (2) When will the Minister be allocating funds to upgrade facilities as part of the Government's commitment to make Bulli Hospital a centre for aged care excellence?
- (3) When will the Minister be allocating funds to upgrade facilities as part of the Government's commitment to establish Bulli Hospital as an urgent care centre?

Answer—

(1) to (3) One of the Government's first decisions was to devolve authority to the local level through the establishment of fifteen Local Health Districts and three Specialty Health Networks with governing boards so that decisions about health care are made close to patients by local representatives who know and understand their communities, and have control of their budgets.

When the Regional Action Plan was being developed, consultation around the District's health care services plan had not yet been completed. Under the Regional Action Plan, the Local Health District was to produce a District-wide health care services plan, which has now been delivered, and in which Bulli Hospital has a clear and important role.

Implementation of the District's 10-year health care services plan, "Working Together Building Healthy Futures", will be through a range of issue-specific and enabling plans that will provide the service level details on the action required to achieve the District's vision over the next decade. Development of these plans, including an aged care services plan and an asset strategic plan, has commenced.

\*3331 **ROAD NUMBERING SYSTEM**—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

- (1) What specific issues were raised by Emergency Service personnel in relation to the roll out of the new road numbering system?
- (2) What have the Minister and the Roads and Maritime Services done to address these concerns?
- (3) When will this project be completed?
- (4) (a) Has the budget for this project changed at all?  
(b) If so, by how much and what is the expected final cost?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) to (4) Roads and Maritime Services has collaborated with Emergency Services and the new numbering system will be implemented when Emergency Services have confirmed readiness of its operating systems. The project is targeted for completion by 31 December 2013 and Roads and Maritime Services is working within the budget announced in September 2012.

\*3332 **MOBILE SPEED CAMERAS**—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

Given the Minister's previous commitment to focus the rollout of new mobile speed cameras in 100 kilometre per hour zones:

- (1) What percentage of the approximate 2500 locations will be in these high speed areas?
- (2) When will the Minister be finalising whether or not speed cameras will remain in place on the five locations that the Roads and Maritime Service have conducted field reviews on?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) There is no set percentage of mobile speed camera locations that will be placed in particular speed zones. Mobile speed cameras are placed in locations based on criteria set out in the NSW Speed Camera Strategy, which include the frequency and severity of crashes as well as the risk of road trauma or previous fatal crashes.
- (2) The results of the comprehensive safety reviews of six fixed speed cameras will be announced shortly.

\*3333 LITERACY AND NUMERACY TEACHERS IN THE ILLAWARRA—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) How many of the 60 promised literacy and numeracy teachers for the Illawarra are currently in schools?
- (2) What schools have been allocated these specialised teachers?
- (3) When will the remaining teachers be in schools?
- (4) What schools have been nominated to receive these teachers?
- (5) Why has this commitment taken so long to implement?

Answer—

- (1) In 2012, two Instructional Leaders in Literacy and Numeracy were appointed by the Department of Education and Communities to the Illawarra and South East Region. The two schools also received additional funds to train their staff in identifying individual levels of attainment in literacy and numeracy in the early years along with funding to provide small group and individual interventions in literacy and numeracy.
- (2) The Instructional Leaders were located at Warilla North Public School and Warrawong Public School.
- (3) Public schools will be allocated Instructional Leaders in Literacy and Numeracy progressively, prioritised according to the greatest need. Some Instructional Leaders work across a number of schools.
- (4) Instructional Leaders were appointed to the following schools in 2012:

Alma Public School Hume Public School

Ashmont Public School Irrawang Public School

Attunga Public School Kelso Public School

Bass Hill Public School Lethbridge Park Public School

Bennett Road Public School Lithgow Public School

Bidwell Public School Lurnea Public School

Blackett Public School Marayong Public School

Bowen Public School Miller Public School

Bowraville Central School Mount Austin Public School

Broken Hill North Public School Mount Pritchard East Public School

Buninyong Public School Mungindi Public School

Busby Public School Parkview Public School

Campbellfield Public School Shalvey Public School

Casino Public School Stuarts Point Public School

Casino West Public School Tabulam Public School

Claymore Public School Tamworth West Public School

Coffs Harbour Public School Tolland Public School



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Condobolin Public School Tregear Public School  
Curran Public School Warilla North Public School  
Drummond Memorial Public School Warrawong Public School  
Dubbo North Public School Wellington Public School  
Dubbo West Public School Westdale Public School  
Gillwinga Public School Whalan Public School  
Glenroi Heights Public School Wiripaang Public School

- Hillvue Public School Woodberry Public School  
(5) The Literacy and Numeracy Action Plan is a five year commitment to improving the literacy and numeracy outcomes of our young students most in need. It has developed under the guidance of the Ministerial Advisory Group on Literacy and Numeracy into an effective method of targeting support in the early years in order to have the greatest impact.

\*3334 IMPROVEMENTS TO AND NAMING OF FLINDERS STATION—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Transport—

- (1) Further to the article published in the Illawarra Mercury on 19 December 2012:  
(a) Who are the key stakeholders who identified improvements to the initial design for the construction of Flinders Station; and  
(b) What were the improvements identified?  
(2) What is the process for determining the names of railway stations?  
(3) Who has the Minister received representations from about the proposed re-naming of the Flinders Station and what was the nature of the representations?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) (a) Early consultation was undertaken with key stakeholders, including Shellharbour City Council, Roads and Maritime Services and a neighbouring school.  
(b) Stakeholders identified improvements to:  
(a) Vehicle and pedestrian access to the station  
(b) Pedestrian access between the car park and the station  
(c) Bus access  
(d) Open design which promotes a safer environment  
(e) Opportunities to minimise the potential impacts of construction on nearby residents, a school and local roads.  
(2) Proposed station names reflect the geography, heritage and development of the local area. The proposed name of Shell Cove is subject to approval by the Geographical Names Board of NSW.  
(3) Representations have been received from a number of interested parties.

\*3335 PORT OF PORT KEMBLA LEASE PROCEEDS—Ms Anna Watson asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

- (1) On what date was the decision made to task Infrastructure NSW with responsibility to determine how the \$100 million proceeds from the lease of the port of Port Kembla will be used?  
(2) Was the decision made by the Treasurer or by the Cabinet?  
(3) How will Infrastructure NSW make decisions on which infrastructure projects will receive funding from the \$100 million proceeds from the lease of the port of Port Kembla?  
(4) How many and what are the names of organisations which have made submissions on infrastructure projects which should be considered for funding to:  
(a) the Treasurer  
(b) the Minister for the Illawarra; and  
(c) Infrastructure NSW?  
(5) How many and what are the names of individuals who have made submissions on infrastructure projects which should be considered for funding :  
(a) the Treasurer  
(b) the Minister for the Illawarra; and  
(c) Infrastructure NSW?  
(6) On what date will the Government announce the list of successful infrastructure projects for funding?

Answer—

(1) Section 5 (3) of the Ports Assets (Authorised Transactions) Act 2012 (assented to on 26 November 2012) provides that the transaction proceeds paid to the State are to be paid into the Restart NSW Fund established under the Restart NSW Fund Act 2011.

Infrastructure NSW has responsibility for recommending to the Government the priorities for infrastructure from the Restart NSW Fund, as set out in Section 8 (a) of the Restart NSW Fund Act, 2011 assented to on 1 September 2011.

(2) The provisions of the Ports Assets (Authorised Transactions) Act 2012 and the Restart NSW Fund Act, 2011 were determined by Cabinet and passed by Parliament.

(3) Section 6 (1) of the Restart NSW Fund Act, 2011 provides that funds from the Restart NSW Fund be allocated for the purposes of funding infrastructure to improve the economic growth and productivity in the State.

(4) and (5) As per answer to Question 1, Infrastructure NSW has responsibility for the process of recommending infrastructure projects for funding from the Restart NSW Fund.

(6) Funding will be announced in due course, following the completion of the transaction and finalisation of recommendations from Infrastructure NSW.

\*3336 PRINCES HIGHWAY UPGRADES—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

(1) Has the Government made a submission to the Commonwealth to fund upgrades on the Princes Highway between Yallah and the Oak Flats Interchange?

- (a) If so, on what date was the submission made?
- (b) If not, why not?

(2) (a) Will the Minister publically release the Government submission to the Commonwealth?

- (b) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) No.

- (a) Not applicable.
- (b) The Government recognises that the Princes Highway is a key route and has made submissions to the Commonwealth to fund upgrades between Gerringong and Nowra under the next stage of the Nation Building Program.

(2) Not applicable.

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3337 FIRST HOME BUYER ASSISTANCE—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

3338 HUNTER INFRASTRUCTURE AND INVESTMENT FUND—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW, Leader of the House—

3339 MINISTERIAL TASKFORCE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

3340 IT ASSIST PROJECT—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

\*3341 PRACTICE FIRST TRIAL—Ms Linda Burney asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

In relation to the Bathurst/Mudgee Practice First trial:

- (1) At the time of commencement, what was the proposed duration of the trial?
- (2) On what date did the trial commence?

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- (3) When was the evaluation of the trial completed?
- (4) When was the evaluation completed?
- (5) When was the evaluation report noted by the Minister?
- (6) When was the decision made to extend the trial to fifteen new sites?
- (7) How has the KiDS system been modified to support the Practice First model?
- (8) What is the budget allocation for modifying/updating the KiDS system in 2012-13 and 2013-14?

Answer—

(1) to (6) The Practice First trial is part of real reform commitment to improve services and lives for vulnerable children and young people through continuous improvement in casework practice. The trial began last year in Bathurst/Mudgee and is now being trialled in fifteen other Community Services Centres. An evaluation of the trial is underway.

(7) to (8) The KIDS system is being modified to reduce the administrative burden on caseworkers so they can spend more time visiting children.

- 3342 SAFE SHOOTING PROGRAM—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation—
- 3344 NATIONAL MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION REPORT—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Healthy Lifestyles, and Minister for Western New South Wales—
- 3345 ENERGY PRICES REFORM AGENDA—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Resources and Energy, Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Central Coast—
- 3347 324/325 BUS SERVICES—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 3350 BUILDING ASSESSMENT AND BACKLOG MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENTS—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 3351 OUTPATIENTS AT PRINCE OF WALES HOSPITAL—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 3352 SMOKING ON RAILWAY PLATFORMS—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 3353 LIVERPOOL HOSPITAL OPHTHALMOLOGY CLINIC—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 3354 PRINCE OF WALES HOSPITAL SPINAL UNIT—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 3355 ASH—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 3356 BULAHDELAH HOSPITAL—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 3357 NOISE ABATEMENT IN CASULA—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 3358 NOISE MEASUREMENTS AND BARRIERS IN CASULA—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 3359 SUN SAFE HATS IN PRIMARY SCHOOLS—Mr Jamie Parker to ask the Minister for Education—
- 3360 MT OUSLEY ROAD AND F6 INTERSECTION—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 3361 ABUSE BY DISABILITY SERVICE PROVIDERS—Mrs Barbara Perry to ask the Minister for Ageing, and Minister for Disability Services—
- 3362 PROCEDURES FOR ALLEGATIONS OF ABUSE—Mrs Barbara Perry to ask the Minister for Ageing, and Minister for Disability Services—
- 3363 DENIAL OF RIGHTS REPORT—Mrs Barbara Perry to ask the Minister for Ageing, and Minister for Disability Services—

3366 STOCKTON AND TOMAREE CENTRES—Mrs Barbara Perry to ask the Minister for Ageing, and Minister for Disability Services—

3367 OMBUDSMAN'S DENIAL OF RIGHTS REPORT—Mrs Barbara Perry to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Healthy Lifestyles, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

\*3368 NORMA PARKER CENTRE BUILDING—Mrs Barbara Perry asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

Following the fire at the former Norma Parker Centre in the Parramatta Girls Home precinct:

- (1) What is being done to preserve the building from the elements?
- (2) Why hasn't a cover been placed over the building to ensure that no further damage occurs?
- (3) Has the Minister liaised with the Minister for Heritage about the preservation of this historic building?

Answer—

I am advised:

On 25 February 2013 demolition work to ensure safety and remedial work to remove debris commenced at the site. This work is expected to take approximately eight weeks to complete. I am assured that the supervising consultants are liaising with the NSW Heritage Office. On completion of this work, Corrective Services NSW will be able to assess the extent of the fire damage and determine measures required to be taken to protect the building from the elements.

The size of the building and the extent of the fire damage prevent the use of a protective cover.

\*3369 NATIONAL PARKS IN REGIONAL NSW—Mr Richard Torbay asked the Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) (a) Are all National Parks offices in regional NSW staffed during normal working hours?
  - (b) If not, are phone messages relayed to a central contact point in case of fire notification within the parks?
  - (c) If this not the case what measures are in place?
- (2) Can the Minister advise who is responsible for the control of fires within National Parks boundaries?
- (3) What annual hazard reduction measures are in place to contain and extinguish fires in national parks?
- (4) Is it possible to appoint neighbouring property owners as local contact officers during times of fire?
- (5) Does the Department make any financial contribution to the local Rural Fire Service and other local services for any disadvantage caused by National Parks?
- (6) If negligence of fire control is proved within the National Park boundaries are National Parks responsible for damage caused to neighbouring properties?

Answer—

I am advised as follows:

- (1) (a) National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) offices are usually staffed during normal working hours and at various times after hours and over weekends and public holidays. However there are limited times where an office may not be attended due to staff commitments to attend meetings and/or go into the field.
  - (b) When offices are not staffed, the phones are diverted to a staffed office.
  - (c) Not applicable.
- (2) Responsibility and authority for the control of fires within NSW, including within National Park boundaries, is defined within the Rural Fires Act and Fire Brigades Act. Further detail is contained within the NSW Bush Fire Coordinating Committee policy "Management of Bush Fire Operations 2/2006" and relevant bush fire operations plans.
- (3) NPWS implements an extensive and strategic hazard reduction program and also maintains a significant fire detection, mitigation, suppression and recovery capability in conjunction with the other fire and emergency services. All NPWS reserves have Reserve Fire Management Strategies and/or District Bush Fire Risk Management Plans which provide detail on the fire management activities which will be adopted. Under the Government's new Enhanced Bushfire Management Program, NPWS has an annual five year rolling target of 135,000 hectares of hazard reduction activity and maintains an extensive fire trail network. NPWS has more than 1,200 trained and equipped fire fighters, a fleet of over 330 fire fighting vehicles and a Rapid Aerial Response capability operating throughout the fire season. NPWS participates in cooperative fire fighting

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- arrangements with the Rural Fire Service, NSW Fire and Rescue and NSW Forestry Corporation and interstate agencies.
- (4) No. The Rural Fire Service and NSW Fire and Rescue both operate community fire programs which encourage community members to play an active role in fire management in their neighbourhood, consequently it would not be appropriate to replicate and/or confuse those programs by establishing a separate NPWS program. NPWS also assists the RFS and the Nature Conservation Council with the Hotspots program which is aimed at improving the fire management capability of private landholders.
- (5) No. Rural Fire Service (RFS) is funded independently from OEH according to a statutory formula which includes insurance companies and state and local government contributions. NPWS supports the RFS and NSW Fire and Rescue through various cooperative arrangements including provision of land for fire stations, support in the containment of fires outside park boundaries (135 so far this year), joint research activities, resourcing the RFS state air desk and in policy and planning matters. Although NPWS is not obliged under the Dividing Fences Act to contribute to fencing, NPWS provides fencing materials to neighbours based on priorities and available funding. NPWS will also replace fencing material along common boundaries which have been damaged by fire.
- (6) Damage to property arising from a bushfire is a matter for determination by the relevant court in any proceedings.

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- 3370 WATER SUPPLY DISCONNECTION—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 3371 HOME INVASIONS IN CESSNOCK ELECTORATE—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 3372 SYNTHETIC DRUGS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Healthy Lifestyles, and Minister for Western New South Wales—
- 3373 RAILCORP GRAFFITI CLEANING—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 3374 EQUIPMENT PURCHASES FOR NSW POLICE—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 3375 HOUSING NSW AFTER HOURS ACCOMMODATION SERVICE—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 3376 COMMUNITY TRANSPORT FACILITIES—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Ageing, and Minister for Disability Services—
- 3377 POLICE LOCAL AREA COMMAND AMALGAMATIONS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 3378 SECOND SYDNEY CASINO AT BARANGAROO—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 3379 SOUTH EAST LIGHT RAIL—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 3380 RECREATIONAL HUNTERS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Small Business—
- 3381 HEALTH BENEFITS OF CYCLING—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 3382 BOTANY BAY AND ST GEORGE LOCAL AREA COMMANDS—Mr Ron Hoenig to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

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- 3383 RAILCORP JOB CUTS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 3384 NEWCASTLE STATION RAIL SERVICES—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 3385 ST JOHNS PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDING CUTS—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Education—
- 3386 MOUNT PRITCHARD EAST PUBLIC SCHOOL—FUNDING CUTS—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Education—
- 3387 MOUNT PRITCHARD PUBLIC SCHOOL—FUNDING CUTS—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Education—
- 3388 CABRAMATTA WEST PUBLIC SCHOOL—FUNDING CUTS—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Education—
- 3389 LANSVALE EAST PUBLIC SCHOOL—FUNDING CUTS—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Education—
- 3390 KING PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL—FUNDING CUTS—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Education—
- \*3391 NUMBER OF SPEED CAMERAS IN CABRAMATTA ELECTORATE—Mr Nick Lalich asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- How many of the extra 39 mobile speed cameras will be located in the electorate of Cabramatta?
- Answer—
- I am advised:
- All speed camera locations in the Cabramatta electorate are available online at the NSW Centre for Road Safety website <http://www.rta.nsw.gov.au/roadsafety>. All new speed camera locations will be published online prior to camera installation or the commencement of mobile speed enforcement.
- \*3392 LOCATION OF SPEED CAMERAS IN CABRAMATTA ELECTORATE—Mr Nick Lalich asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- Where in the electorate of Cabramatta will the extra mobile speed cameras be installed and when?
- Answer—
- I am advised:
- All speed camera locations in the Cabramatta electorate are available online at the NSW Centre for Road Safety website <http://www.rta.nsw.gov.au/roadsafety>. All new speed camera locations will be published online prior to camera installation or the commencement of mobile speed enforcement.
- 3393 CARDIAC CATHETER LABORATORY—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 3394 REDIRECTION OF AIRCRAFT TO BANKSTOWN—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW, Leader of the House—
- 3395 STRUCTURAL SAFETY AT BANKSTOWN RAILWAY STATION—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 3396 INFRASTRUCTURE AT BANKSTOWN STATION—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 3397 IMPROVEMENTS TO BANKSTOWN RAILWAY STATION—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 3401 SMOKING FINES—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 3402 INFRINGEMENT NOTICES—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

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- 3403 MEDICAL HELICOPTER RELOCATION—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 3404 SOCIAL IMPACT BONDS—Mrs Barbara Perry to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—
- 3405 STATE AND REGIONAL OFFICES RESTRUCTURE—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—
- 3406 NEW CLASSROOM PROVISION FOR PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—
- 3407 CLASS SIZES—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—
- 3408 SALARY PROGRESSION—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—
- 3409 BEST START PROGRAM CONSULTANTS—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—
- 3410 INTERNAL BUDGET ALLOCATION 2012-13—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—
- 3411 SYDNEY REGION MINOR SCHOOL INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—
- 3412 FUNDING FOR SHELLHARBOUR ELECTORATE—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 3413 PRESCHOOLS IN SHELLHARBOUR ELECTORATE—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Education—
- 3414 ELECTRICITY AND GAS SERVICE DISCONNECTION IN SHELLHARBOUR ELECTORATE—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Resources and Energy, Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Central Coast—
- 3415 ILLAWARRA SHOALHAVEN LOCAL HEALTH DISTRICT FUNDING LEVELS—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 3416 DEMOUNTABLE CLASSROOMS IN SHELLHARBOUR ELECTORATE—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Education—
- 3417 WEST DAPTO HOUSING ACCELERATION FUND—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 3418 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANTS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—
- 3419 MINISTERIAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEES MEETINGS IN 2012—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—
- 3420 MINISTERIAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEES MEETINGS IN 2011—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—
- 3421 AIMS, OBJECTIVES AND ACHIEVED OUTCOMES OF MINISTERIAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEES—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—
- 3422 MINISTERIAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE COMMUNITY MEMBERS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—
- 3423 LISTING OF MINISTERIAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—
- 3424 FAIRFIELD INTERCHANGE UPGRADE—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Transport—

- 3425 POLDING STREET ROUNDABOUT UPGRADE—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 3426 NUMBER OF COMMUNITY MEMBERS IN MINISTERIAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEES—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

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- 3428 SOUTH SYDNEY POLICE CITIZENS YOUTH CLUB—Mr Ron Hoenig to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 3429 CARDIFF NORTH PUBLIC SCHOOL FLASHING LIGHTS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 3431 COMMUTER SATISFACTION ON HUNTER TRAINS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 3433 JOHN HUNTER HOSPITAL WAITING TIMES—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 3434 WICKHAM PARK AND RIDE FACILITIES—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 3435 DISABILITY SECTOR NURSES—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Ageing, and Minister for Disability Services—
- 3437 REPLACEMENT OF TRAINS WITH BUSES—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 3438 AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION REPORT—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 3440 BUSBY FIRE STATION—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 3441 BONNYRIGG HEIGHTS FIRE STATION—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 3442 PUBLIC DEFENDERS POSITIONS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 3443 OFFICE OF THE LEGAL SERVICES COMMISSIONER POSITIONS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 3444 LIVERPOOL POLICE STATION—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 3445 LIVERPOOL HOSPITAL ULTRASOUNDS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 3446 HORNINGSEA PARK FIRE STATION—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 3447 REDIRECTION OF AIRCRAFT TO BANKSTOWN—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 3450 LIFETIME CARE AND SUPPORT AUTHORITY—DISABILITY SPORTS CENTRE—Mr Jamie Parker to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—



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- 3451 AUSTROADS BREAKDOWN LANE STANDARDS COMPLIANCE—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 3452 WEED CONTROL PROGRAMS—Mr Richard Torbay to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Small Business—
- 3453 SUPPORTED ACCOMMODATION FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES—Mr Richard Torbay to ask the Minister for Ageing, and Minister for Disability Services—
- 3454 LAKE ILLAWARRA AND WOLLONGONG LOCAL AREA COMMANDS—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 3455 ILLAWARRA COMMUNITY ADVISORY PANEL FEEDBACK—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 3456 FUNDING FOR ILLAWARRA INSTITUTE OF TAFE—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Education—
- 3457 SYDNEY WATER METER REPLACEMENT PROGRAM—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

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- 3458 WESTERN SYDNEY TRAVEL TIMES—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 3459 PUNCHBOWL STATION EASY ACCESS—Mr Robert Furolo to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 3460 INNER CITY SELECTIVE SCHOOL STUDENTS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Education—
- 3463 PEDESTRIAN CROSSING TRAFFIC SIGNALS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 3465 MILLERS POINT SOCIAL HOUSING PROPERTIES—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 3466 LOW INCOME HOUSEHOLD REBATE—Mr Ron Hoenig to ask the Minister for Resources and Energy, Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Central Coast—
- 3467 FAMILY ENERGY REBATE—Mr Ron Hoenig to ask the Minister for Resources and Energy, Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Central Coast—
- 3468 ENERGY INFORMATION HOTLINE VOUCHERS—Mr Ron Hoenig to ask the Minister for Resources and Energy, Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Central Coast—
- 3469 PREVENTION OF SMOKING ON RAILWAY PLATFORMS—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 3470 PRINCE OF WALES HOSPITAL HYDROTHERAPY POOL—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 3471 CANTERBURY HOSPITAL STAFFING AND BEDS—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 3472 WAITING TIME FOR KNEE REPLACEMENT—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

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- 3473 HEALTH WORKER OVERTIME—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 3474 MACQUARIE FIELDS FIRE DANGER—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 3475 LIVERPOOL HOSPITAL OPHTHALMOLOGY CLINIC—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 3476 IN HOSPITAL FOOD CHALLENGES—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 3477 AUSTRALIAN VACCINATION NETWORK—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 3478 MAJOR CAPITAL WORKS PROJECTS FOR SCHOOL REGIONS—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—
- 3479 OVER ESTABLISHMENT TEACHERS IN 2013—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—
- 3480 PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—
- 3481 PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHER VACANCIES—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—
- 3482 VACANT PRINCIPAL POSITIONS—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—
- 3483 SPECIAL CLASSES FOR STUDENTS WITH A DISABILITY—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—
- 3484 VACANT HIGH SCHOOL TEACHING POSITIONS—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—
- 3485 SCHOOL INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—
- 3486 ILLAWARRA REGIONAL TRANSPORT PLAN—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 3487 LOCAL GOVERNMENT AMALGAMATIONS—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Local Government, and Minister for the North Coast—
- 3488 HEALTH PLANS FOR ILLAWARRA AND SOUTH COAST—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 3489 LAKE ILLAWARRA AUTHORITY—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Trade and Investment, and Minister for Regional Infrastructure and Services—
- 3490 ILLAWARRA AND SOUTH COAST BUS AND CITYRAIL TIMETABLES—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Transport—

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- 3491 BUILDING THE EDUCATION REVOLUTION PROJECTS—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Education—
- 3492 COAL TRANSPORTATION IN NSW AND THE HUNTER—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Resources and Energy, Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Central Coast—
- 3493 COAL SEAM GAS LICENCE PEL 267—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Resources and Energy, Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Central Coast—

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- 3494 CELLAR DOOR SUBSIDY—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Hospitality and Racing, and Minister for the Arts—
- 3495 WINE EQUALISATION TAX—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Hospitality and Racing, and Minister for the Arts—
- 3496 ECONOMIC ASSESSMENT OF MINING AFFECTED COMMUNITIES ROYALTIES FIGURES—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Trade and Investment, and Minister for Regional Infrastructure and Services—
- 3497 COAL SEAM GAS EXPLORATION LICENCE PEL 267—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW, Leader of the House—
- 3498 ECONOMIC ASSESSMENT OF MINING AFFECTED COMMUNITIES SURVEY—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Trade and Investment, and Minister for Regional Infrastructure and Services—
- 3499 CONTROL AND AUTHORITY OF CELLAR DOOR SUBSIDY—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Hospitality and Racing, and Minister for the Arts—
- 3500 CONTROL AND AUTHORITY OF CELLAR DOOR SUBSIDY—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Trade and Investment, and Minister for Regional Infrastructure and Services—
- 3501 KIDS SYSTEM—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 3502 COMMUNITY BUILDERS PROGRAM—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 3503 VACANT CASEWORKER POSITIONS—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 3504 RAINBOW CROSSING AT TAYLOR SQUARE—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 3505 INFORMATION COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Small Business—
- \*3506 RED GUM TRIAL THINNING—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

With regard to the proposal to trial thinning of 216 hectares of the red gums in the Murray Valley national parks in New South Wales:

- (1) What action will the Office of Environment and Heritage take to prepare a Public Environment Report as required under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999?
- (2) Who will coordinate the report process?
- (3) (a) Will the proposal be withdrawn, amended or continue as is?  
(b) If it will be amended, how will it be amended?
- (4) Given contractors have already been engaged to conduct the trial, will the Government buy these contractors out?
- (5) How was the initial proposal peer reviewed?
- (6) Why weren't state forests chosen for the trial instead of national parks?
- (7) Why weren't areas where significant declines in canopy already exist chosen for the trial?
- (8) Why has such a large area been selected?
- (9) Given the effect of recent major flooding on conditions for thinning trials, why hasn't the proposal been dropped?
- (10) What assessment has been done on the impact of 100 years of logging in the River Red Gum wetlands has had on the stand conditions?

Answer—

Ecological thinning involves the scientifically targeted removal of trees to improve the prospects for the survival of the remaining trees and to improve general forest health. The Office of Environment &

Heritage is currently working with its Victorian counter-parts and an independent cross-border scientific committee to oversee an ecological thinning trial in the river red gum reserves in both states.

This trial was recommended by the NSW Natural Resources Commission prior to the establishment of new red gum parks and reserves in NSW. The recommendation was accepted by the previous government.

The trial is planned to occur at 22 sites across 396 hectares spanning the NSW-Victorian border. The area identified for the trial in NSW is approximately 0.6 per cent of the Murray Valley National Park which is the minimum required to provide a scientifically valid result. The proposal does include areas where significant canopy decline exists. The proposal is not related to flooding events and is designed to provide a response regardless of forest drying and wetting phases.

The trial was peer reviewed by the independent NSW-Victorian River Red Gum Scientific Advisory Committee. An OEH review of environmental factors for the proposal was placed on public exhibition for 30 days. It concluded the trial would have no significant impact on threatened species or ecological communities.

On 6 February 2013, the Commonwealth Government advised NSW and Victoria that it intends to treat the trial as a controlled action under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 requiring Commonwealth approval, therefore delaying the commencement of the trial indefinitely. OEH will jointly prepare a Public Environment Report with the Victorian Department of Sustainability and Environment on the basis of the existing ecological thinning proposal.

- 3507 BOTANY BAY LOCAL AREA COMMAND—Mr Ron Hoening to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 3508 AIRPORT RESERVE CONNECTING ROAD—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 3509 STRATA AND COMMUNITY TITLE LAW REVIEW—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Fair Trading—
- 3510 LOCAL AREA COMMAND MERGERS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 3511 RECOGNITION OF THE RIGHTS OF VOLUNTEERS REPORT—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—
- 3512 BOARDING HOUSE REGISTRATION—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Fair Trading—
- 3513 PROPERTY DAMAGE EXPLOITATION PREVENTION—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Fair Trading—
- 3514 CONSUMER COMPLAINT INCREASES—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Fair Trading—
- 3515 SECOND HAND DRIFT SMOKE—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Fair Trading—
- 3516 BUILDER SHORTAGES—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Fair Trading—
- 3517 MOTORCYCLIST E-TAGS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 3518 WHOLE OF TRANSPORT BRANDING STRATEGY—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 3519 DUNMORE STATION SHARED BICYCLE AND PREDESTRIAN CROSSING—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 3520 ROADS AND MARITIME SERVICES EXTERNAL REVENUE TARGETS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 3521 AUBURN RAILWAY STATION UPGRADES—Mrs Barbara Perry to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 3522 AMY STREET OVERBRIDGE—Mrs Barbara Perry to ask the Minister for Transport—

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- 3523 AGEING, DISABILITY AND HOME CARE HOURS—Mrs Barbara Perry to ask the Minister for Ageing, and Minister for Disability Services—
- 3524 BERALA RAILWAY STATION—Mrs Barbara Perry to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 3525 CENTRAL COAST MENTAL HEALTH THERAPY TEAM—Mrs Barbara Perry to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Healthy Lifestyles, and Minister for Western New South Wales—
- 3526 DISABILITY ORGANISATION PROCUREMENT—Mrs Barbara Perry to ask the Minister for Local Government, and Minister for the North Coast—
- 3528 COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—
- 3529 COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION MEMBERS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—
- 3530 COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION MEMBER DONATIONS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—
- 3531 2011 MULTICULTURAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEES MEMBER DONATIONS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—
- 3532 2012 MULTICULTURAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER DONATIONS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—
- 3533 MULTICULTURAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE PROGRAM BUDGET—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—
- \*3534 LINNWOOD HOUSE—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—
- (1) Does the Government plan to convert Linnwood House at Guildford into a museum?
- (2) If so, when?
- Answer—
- I am advised as follows:
- (1) and (2) These questions fall within the portfolio responsibilities of the Minister for Regional Infrastructure and Services.
- 3535 CHESTER HILL NORTH PUBLIC SCHOOL FLASHING LIGHTS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 3536 HOSPITAL INTERPRETERS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

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- 3537 MOUNT DRUITT HOSPITAL ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE PATIENTS—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 3538 STOCKTON CENTRE NURSE TO PATIENT RATIO—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 3539 WICKHAM RAIL TERMINAL—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 3540 WICKHAM SHELTER AND AMENITIES—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 3541 ROADS AND MARITIME SERVICES OUTSOURCING—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 3542 WALLSEND DEMOUNTABLE BUILDINGS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Education—

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- 3543 SCHOOL LAPTOP FUNDING—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Education—
- 3544 PRESCHOOL EDUCATION FUNDING—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Education—
- 3545 ELECTORATE POLICE STATIONS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 3546 PEST AND WEED CONTROL—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—
- 3547 HUNTER PUBLIC HOUSING PROPERTIES—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 3548 CONTINUING DETENTION ORDERS APPLICATIONS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 3549 LIVERPOOL COURT HOUSE—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 3550 CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION SEMINAR—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 3551 COLLECTION AGENCY RESTRICTIONS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 3552 IMPLEMENTATION OF ICAC REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 3553 WORKCOVER PROSECUTIONS IN LIVERPOOL—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 3554 REPORT AND SURVEY COSTS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—
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- \*3715 DEFAMATION PROCEEDINGS—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- What progress has been made in the Minister's defamation proceedings against Ray Hadley?
- Answer—
- This is a private legal matter between the parties involved.
- 3716 WORKERS COMPENSATION ACT—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

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- 3717 STROKE UNITS—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- (1) Does the National Stroke Foundation have a goal of having a stroke unit in every major hospital in the country?
  - (2) Does NSW have a stroke unit in all major hospitals?
  - (3) What hospitals in NSW are not equipped to handle persons presenting to the hospital suffering the effects of a stroke?
- 3718 CESSNOCK TIMBER BRIDGES PROGRAM—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- With regards to funding available to Cessnock City Council for the Timber Bridges Program:
- (1) What funding has been made available to the Council over the last seven years?
  - (2) (a) Have the Council expended their funding?
    - (b) Does it still retain some funding for future works?
  - (3) (a) What bridges have been worked on in this period?
    - (b) What are expected to be worked on in the future?
  - (4) (a) Does the RMS still have a Timber Bridge Funding Program?
    - (b) To what value?
    - (c) Will Cessnock City Council be entitled to apply?
- 3719 MENTAL HEALTH AND SUICIDE PREVENTION REPORT—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Healthy Lifestyles, and Minister for Western New South Wales—
- With respect to the report "A Contributing Life: the 2012 National Report Card on Mental Health and Suicide Prevention":
- (1) What action has the Government taken on its COAG commitment to:
    - (a) Increase access and quality of services to meet gaps;
    - (b) Include people with a lived experience of mental health issues, families and supporters in

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- planning, design and evaluating policy and services;
- (c) Recognise the role that non-government organisations play; and
  - (d) Not discharge people with mental illness from hospital or other facilities into homelessness?
- (2) (a) What action has the Government taken to independently and transparently report annually on actual mental health expenditure compared to announced budget allocation?
- (b) Where is this data available?
- (3) What funds were allocated and spent in the inner city during the last reporting period for:
- (a) Acute care services;
  - (b) Prevention and early intervention programs;
  - (c) Community based mental health services; and
  - (d) Rehabilitation and recovery programs?
- 3720 CYCLING INDUCTION LOOPS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- With respect to the report "Why do cyclists infringe at red lights? An investigation of Australian cyclists' reasons for red light infringement" published in Accident Analysis & Prevention (Volume 50 January 2013):
- (1) What evidence does the Government have about the problem identified in the study showing one quarter of cyclists who travel through red lights do so because the embedded inductive loop does not recognise bicycles?
  - (2) How does the Government ensure that all induction loops operate to recognise bicycles and how often are these tested?
  - (3) Given that bicycles must be situated directly over the area of maximum sensitivity to be detected:
    - (a) How does the Government inform cyclists about correct placement at traffic signals?
    - (b) What assessment has the Government made of painted detection points to direct cyclists to correct placement at signals as used in Western Australia?
    - (c) Will the Government include painted detection points at all traffic signals to identify correct placement for cyclists?
  - (4) What further action will the Government take to ensure that all traffic signal inductive loops recognise bicycles and cyclists know where to stop to trigger traffic signals?
- 3721 SOCIAL HOUSING GRAFFITI REMOVAL—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- Noting that rapid response graffiti removal has been shown to reduce its incidence and help prevent further graffiti and improve perceptions of safety:
- (1) What programs does the Department of Finance and Services operate to remove graffiti on its social housing properties?
  - (2) What programs apply to common areas inside buildings and where public access removal by Councils does not occur?
  - (3) What is the process and timeframe for removal of obscene and offensive graffiti on housing properties?
  - (4) What is the process and timeframe for removal of other graffiti on housing properties?
  - (5) (a) Has all non-urgent graffiti removal been put on hold until next financial year?
  - (b) If so, why?
  - (6) What practical help and information does the Government provide to tenants to help them remove graffiti from housing properties?
  - (7) What volunteer graffiti removal projects does the Government run for social housing tenants?
  - (8) What kits does the Government provide to social housing tenants who wish to help remove graffiti near their homes?
  - (9) What further action will the Government take to ensure prompt removal of graffiti on its properties?
- 3722 HOUSING NSW TENANCY SUCCESSION—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- Noting new Housing NSW policies on "Succession of Tenancy" and "Recognition as a Tenant", and reports that constituents are being evicted under these policy changes:
- (1) Does Housing NSW policy allow only one eligible adult to be the lessee for each household?
  - (2) Does the new policy mean that all leaseholder partners or children could be evicted or made

- homeless if the leaseholder leaves the property due to death, disability ill-health or imprisonment?
- (3) Do the new policies require current tenants eligible for social housing to move out and go to the end of the waiting list for housing?
  - (4) Can Succession of Tenancy applicants remain in their homes while Housing NSW processes applications and appeals for recognition and succession?
  - (5) Will the new policies result in the eviction of one family currently in housing in order to house another family from the waiting list and not reduce the overall waiting list?
  - (6) What education and training has been provided to Housing NSW officers to apply these policies?
  - (7) What additional staff have been allocated to help those tenants found not eligible for succession of tenancy or recognition as a tenant with relocation, private rental applications and rehousing costs?
  - (8) How will the Government evaluate the impact of these new policies?
  - (9) What consideration will be given to the additional occupants' length of stay in their current home when applying for succession?
  - (10) What training and information is provided to Housing NSW staff to ensure they are able to implement new policy and provide advice on options and processes to tenants seeking succession?
- 3723 CHILDCARE FACILITIES—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- With respect to analysis in The Australia Institute report "Trouble with childcare affordability, availability and quality":
- (1) What programs does the Government provide to help parents and guardians locate childcare that meets their needs, including waiting lists and vacancies?
  - (2) What data does the Government have about childcare demand in the inner city?
  - (3) What data does the Government have about future demand for childcare in the inner city?
  - (4) What support does the Government provide to increase the availability of flexible and responsive childcare options?
  - (5) How does the Government support the provision of appropriate land and buildings for childcare facilities?
  - (6) What other support does the Government provide to help the establishment of new childcare facilities in high demand area?
  - (7) What action has the Government taken with the Commonwealth Government to increase childcare in areas of high need?
  - (8) What further action will the Government take to improve childcare affordability, availability and quality?
- 3724 OFFICE OF VETERANS AFFAIRS STAFFING NUMBERS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—
- Why have staffing numbers been reduced from five to two within the Office of Veterans Affairs?
- 3725 ANZAC MEMORIAL BUILDING ANNUAL REPORT—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—
- (1) Why has the 2011-2012 Annual Report for the ANZAC Memorial Building not met the assigned timetable for presentation to this Parliament?
  - (2) Which government department is responsible for the preparation and presentation of the Annual Report?
- 3726 NEWCASTLE DISTRICT CENTENARY OF ANZAC AND CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—
- (1) When will the Newcastle District Centenary of Anzac Steering and Co-ordinating Committee receive a response to a letter sent to the Parliamentary Secretary for Veterans Affairs dated 21 November 2012 requesting endorsement of the Committee?
  - (2) What are the reasons for the delay in responding to the Committee?
  - (3) If the Government is not going to respond to the Committee, why not?
- 3727 VETERANS AFFAIRS MINISTRY—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- (1) Who is the Minister for Veterans Affairs?
  - (2) If there is no Minister for Veterans Affairs, why has this position been removed from the



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3728 ANZAC MEMORIAL BUILDING—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

How will the Government guarantee the proper funding for maintenance and future capital improvements to the Anzac Memorial Building and stop the decline in capital funds for the principal memorial in NSW?

3729 HOUSING NSW HANDYMAN PROJECT—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

In relation to the handyman project for Housing NSW properties:

- (1) How many projects have been undertaken by the handyman in the Keira electorate in this financial year?
- (2) What is the funding allocation for handyman projects in the Keira electorate and the Illawarra?
- (3) What is the overall funding allocation in NSW for handyman projects?

3730 MOUNT KEIRA DEMONSTRATION SCHOOL FLASHING LIGHTS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

- (1) Why did Mount Keira Demonstration School not receive flashing lights for their school in the latest rollout?
- (2) When will the school community receive these flashing lights?