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*2106 ROOTY HILL RAILWAY STATION—EASY ACCESS FACILITIES—Mr Richard Amery asked the Minister for Transport—

- (1) When will the Rooty Hill Railway Station be provided with easy access facilities to assist the elderly, disabled and mothers with prams who use this station and currently need to climb stairs?
- (2) Where does this station stand on the list of stations to gain such facilities?

Answer—

- (1) and (2) On 30 April 2012 the Government announced a new Transport Access Program which will deliver accessible, modern, secure and integrated transport infrastructure. This includes station upgrades, better interchanges, ferry wharf upgrades and commuter car parks.

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

More planning and design work will now occur to see which projects will come next. This will be based on criteria including patronage, the needs and demographics of customers who use the location, whether important services such as hospitals or educational facilities are nearby, and the accessibility of other nearby transport interchanges and facilities.

Rooty Hill is being considered as part of that process.

*2110 PLAN-IT YOUTH PROGRAM—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Education—

How much funding was allocated to the Plan-It Youth program per year between 2007 and 2012?

Answer—

Funding allocations to regions for the 15-19 Years Old Strategy, including the Plan-It Youth program, for each year of the period 2007-2012 were:

Financial year	Funding amount
2007-2008	\$497,474
2008-2009	\$813,735
2009-2010	\$826,101
2010-2011	\$838,051
2011-2012	\$850,000

*2112 DENTAL HEALTH—Ms Clover Moore asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

Noting that poor oral health is a major factor in many diseases, costs about \$5.3 billion each year, some people cannot afford dental treatment and there are 120,000 on public dental waiting lists in NSW:

- (1) (a) How many electorate of Sydney residents are on public dental health waiting lists?
(b) What delays can they expect before getting treatment?
- (2) Are more people on public dental waiting lists than on public hospital waiting lists?
- (3) Does NSW have the lowest dental funding per capita of all States and Territories?
- (4) Was there a real decrease in funds for oral health in 2011-12?
- (5) Do fewer than 16 per cent of registered dentists work in the public sector and are there high vacancy rates in these services?
- (6) Do the States and Territories have overall funding responsibility for public dental services under National Health Reform Agreements?
- (7) What action has the Government taken to:
 - (a) implement the NSW Oral Health Strategic Directions Plan 2011-20;
 - (b) increase funds for the Oral Health Fee for Service Scheme;
 - (c) fund public dental outreach services in rural and remote areas;
 - (d) provide additional funds for the Voluntary Dental Intern Program;
 - (e) employ oral health promotion officers in each Local Health District;
 - (f) improve capital infrastructure for public dental services;
 - (g) improve oral health research and data collection?
- (8) What action has the Government taken in response to proposals from the NSW Oral Health

Alliance?

- (9) What further action does the Government plan to increase access to dental treatment, expand the dental workforce, and improve dental health?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) (a) and (b) Waitlist data for public oral health care is not collected on the basis of electorates.
- (2) Yes. The current ambulatory dental treatment waiting list is 116,200 persons, as at 31 March 2012, a 25% overall reduction since June 2008.
- (3) The funding of oral health services in Australia is a complex mix of personal out-of-pocket expenditure by individual's private health insurance benefits and rebates and programs publicly funded by both the Commonwealth Government and the State Government. State funding differentials are often used to simplistically compare State government commitments to public dental services. The role of the Australian Government funding and differences between State dental service delivery models and economies of scale are not factored into these differentials.

The 2007 Australian Institute of Health & Welfare's National Survey of Adult Oral Health 2004 – 2006 and the NSW Health Child Dental Health Survey 2007 show that the state of oral health of children and adults in NSW is equal if not better than other jurisdictions, including Queensland.

NSW has invested in upstream prevention of dental diseases through water fluoridation, oral health promotion and working collaboratively with the dental professions and community organizations to promote oral health.

- (4) NSW Government funding for Public Oral Health Services increased from \$169.4 million in 2010-11 to \$173.7 million dollars in 2011-2012, an increase of 2.54%.
- (5) Yes. Vacancy rates vary between Local Health Districts.
- (6) The Chronic Disease Dental Scheme, the Teen Dental Plan and the recent Federal Budget demonstrate that the Commonwealth Government accepts a role in funding dental services.
- (7) to (9) The Ministry of Health is currently finalising the NSW Dental Health Action Plan taking into consideration the advice of the NSW Taskforce, the National Advisory Council on Dental Health report and the recently announced Federal Budget initiatives.

*2116 HOUSING NSW APPEALS—Ms Clover Moore asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

Noting that the Housing NSW Appeals Committee reports that inadequate consideration of information, evidence, policy or options is responsible for nearly 80 per cent of their recommendations for change of decision:

- (1) How many internal appeal requests did Housing NSW receive for the Inner City Area, CS1 Allocation Zone in the last 12 months?
- (2) What proportion of these internal appeals resulted in a change of decision?
- (3) What is the expected timeframe for internal appeals to be processed, and what is the current backlog of appeals?
- (4) What action has been taken to reduce the appeals backlog in the inner city?
- (5) How does Housing NSW train and support officers to ensure that they obtain appropriate information and correctly apply Housing NSW policy?
- (6) What action has Housing NSW taken to prevent the need for internal appeals?
- (7) What impact has the introduction of Housing Pathways had on requests for appeals?
- (8) Will Housing NSW employ more Client Service Officers to ensure adequate time and attention can be given to applications in order to reduce the number of appeals?

Answer—

- (1) to (8) Housing NSW received less than two internal appeals per week for the Inner City allocation zone in the last 12 months and over 50% resulted in a decision being changed. Internal appeals are generally completed within 20 days depending on the complexity.

Clients are regularly advised of the appropriate supporting material that is required to enable their eligibility for various forms of housing assistance to be assessed. Initial decisions around housing assistance are often changed on appeal when clients later provide additional information.

Housing NSW employs various workplace learning methods for existing client service staff in order to maintain their skills. New staff also attend an Induction Program. In addition, all staff have access to policies and procedures which are regularly reviewed.

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Given the small number of appeals in the inner city allocation zone there has been little impact following the introduction of Housing Pathways.

*2117 NIGHT DEVELOPMENT WORK—Ms Clover Moore asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

With regard to road work by the Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) or projects by other State agencies such as Ausgrid and private developers, which the RMS requires be done at night to prevent impact on traffic flow during the day:

- (1) How does the RMS determine whether road work must be done at night?
- (2) To what extent does the impact of noise from night work on local residents form part of that determination?
- (3) For RMS road work, what notification of local residents does the RMS do before night road work takes place?
- (4) For work by other State agencies and private developers, what notification does the RMS require?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) Roads and Maritime Services' (RMS) first preference is for work to be undertaken, whenever possible, during normal working hours. However, decisions as to whether road work is able to be undertaken during the day are determined by a combination of factors. These include:

- Worker and driver safety.
- Impact of work on traffic network.
- Restrictions from other organisations, such as public utilities, for connections to utility services.
- Conditions of approval requirements or restrictions.

(2) If it is decided to undertake road work at night, other requirements come into place such as using reasonable and feasible measures to reduce the impact of construction noise. These measures may include:

- Modifying work programs and using new, less noisy technology.
- Letting neighbours know when noisy work will occur.
- Installing temporary structures, e.g. noise barriers or temporary acoustic modifications to homes.
- Scheduling respite periods during extended noisy activity.
- Temporary relocation of residents may be considered as an option for major road projects where substantial night-time noise impacts are present for extended periods of time.

Although noise reduction measures are implemented, intrusive noise is often unavoidable during construction work.

(3) RMS policy is to notify local residents of night work at least seven days before the work occurs. Generally this would involve the distribution of written notifications. These may be supplemented by media advertising and roadside signage such as use of Variable Message Signs.

(4) Notification requirements are determined by the relevant approval conditions associated with the work and the community notification policies of the organisation undertaking the night work.

*2118 PEDESTRIAN-RELATED ACCIDENTS—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

Given the number of road accidents involving pedestrians recently, what plans does the Minister have to reduce the number of pedestrian-related accidents in NSW, such as education and awareness campaigns?

Answer—

Since the start of the year, there has been an increase in pedestrian fatalities, with 25 pedestrians killed in NSW as at midnight, 17 May 2012, which is 12 more than the same period last year.

Whilst these numbers are the result of tragic accidents, there aren't any specific trends underlying these crashes. However, initial findings show that nine of these fatalities were aged under 25 and eight of these were aged over 70. It is a reminder to drivers to remain vigilant, look out for pedestrians and slow down in areas where pedestrians are about.

The Government has a range of programs in place to address the safety of pedestrians, with programs addressing vehicle speeds shown to be effective at reducing pedestrian casualties. This includes programs such as:

- 40 km/h high pedestrian activity zones
- School zone flashing lights
- Pedestrian fencing
- Upgrading of pedestrian facilities across the State's network
- Safety cameras at high risk intersections.
- A comprehensive package of road safety education resources for children, teenagers and their parents and carers
- School road safety education program
- Early childhood road safety program
- Messaging around driveway safety
- Older pedestrian campaign program and workshops conducted within the community by Local Government

I can advise that the Government is investigating a new "share the roads" campaign to improve the interaction between pedestrians and other road users.

It is anticipated that this campaign will look to create a level of respect between road users, including pedestrians, drivers, bicycle riders and motorcycle riders.

Further, the Pedestrian Council of Australia has recently launched a new campaign titled "Don't tune out - stop, look listen and think", targeting pedestrians across Sydney. This campaign is highlighting the need for pedestrians to be aware of traffic when listening to portable music devices in the road environment.

*2122 RADIOACTIVE WASTE FACILITIES—Mrs Barbara Perry asked the Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) Is the Lidcombe Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) the only facility licensed to take hazardous radioactive waste left from the cleanup of the former uranium smelter site at Hunters Hill?
- (2) Are any other facilities around NSW licensed to take any hazardous radioactive waste from the Hunters Hill site?

Answer—

I am advised as follows:

There are a number of facilities in NSW licensed under the Radiation Control Act, including universities or hospital stores, that are able to store radioactive materials.

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2125 PENRITH HIGH SCHOOL ENROLMENTS—Mr Stuart Ayres to ask the Minister for Education—

2127 WAITING TIMES FOR SPECIALISTS IN HOSPITAL-BASED CLINICS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

*2132 ALLANDALE ROAD, CESSNOCK—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

With respect to Allandale Road, Cessnock (State Road MR220):

- (1) What RMS traffic counts are available for sites in or around Allandale Road (MR220) and Jurd Street, Cessnock?
- (2) What RMS traffic counts are available for sites in or around Allandale Road (MR220) and McGrane Street, Cessnock?
- (3) What RMS traffic counts are available for sites in or around Allandale Road (MR220) and Ferguson Street, Cessnock?
- (4) What RMS traffic counts are available for sites in or around Allandale Road (MR220) and Sperry Street, Cessnock?
- (5) What traffic volumes would prompt RMS to initiate traffic control measures at intersections along State roads?
- (6) Have any of the intersections listed above been listed for future works?

Answer—

I am advised:

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- (1) A manual count of peak hour vehicle movements was undertaken on 29 February 2012 and 1 March 2012 at the Allandale Road and Jurd Street intersection. In the morning peak hour on Allandale Road there were 632 northbound vehicles and 587 southbound vehicles, while on Jurd Street there were 103 eastbound vehicles and 85 westbound vehicles. In the afternoon peak hour on Allandale Road there were 437 northbound vehicles and 907 southbound vehicles, while on Jurd Street there were 76 eastbound vehicles and 56 westbound vehicles.
- (2) A manual count of the peak hour vehicle movements was undertaken on 26 and 27 July 2011 at the Allandale Road and McGrane Street intersection. In the morning peak hour on Allandale Road there were 587 northbound vehicles and 491 southbound vehicles, while on McGrane Street there were 96 eastbound vehicles and 56 westbound vehicles. In the afternoon peak on Allandale Road there were 466 northbound vehicles and 837 southbound vehicles, while on McGrane Street there were 100 eastbound vehicles and 38 westbound vehicles.
- (3) A manual count of the peak hour vehicle movements was undertaken on 26 and 27 July 2011 at the Allandale Road and Ferguson Street intersection. In the morning peak hour on Allandale Road there were 613 northbound vehicles and 543 southbound vehicles, while on Ferguson Street there were 207 westbound vehicles. In the afternoon peak on Allandale Road there were 674 northbound vehicles and 801 southbound vehicles, while on Ferguson Street there were 170 westbound vehicles.
- (4) Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) has no recent traffic count information relating to Sperry Street, Cessnock.
- (5) Under the RMS Traffic Program, intersection upgrades are considered for funding on the basis of delay to motorists and the cost effectiveness of improvements. The amount of delay at the above intersections is low relative to current priorities. Under the Road Safety Program, intersections are considered on a road safety cost-benefit basis.
- (6) RMS is currently arranging for the relocation of the two marked foot crossings on Allandale Road near Jurd Street and McGrane Street. The crossings will be moved 40 metres away from each intersection so that they are on two way, two lane road. This will reduce the risk of vehicles passing stopped vehicles at the crossings.

RMS is investigating traffic flows in the area. Any further proposals will need to compete with other worthwhile projects across the State for future funding.

*2141 EXPANSION OF BANKSTOWN AIRPORT—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport—

In reference to recent media reports that Federal Shadow Transport Minister Warren Truss and Federal Leader of the Opposition Tony Abbott support expansion of Bankstown Airport:

Has the Federal Shadow Minister for Transport or any member of the Federal Opposition contacted your office regarding the potential expansion of Bankstown Airport?

Answer—

No.

2142 ACCIDENTAL HOME FIRES—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—

*2143 CUTS TO VISIONCARE—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

(1) Will the Minister reinstate the cuts to VisionCare so that pensioners in Bankstown and throughout NSW do not have to make do without vision glasses?

(2) If not, why not?

Answer—

(1) and (2) The Government has not made cuts to the Spectacles Program budget.

The following funding was provided for the Spectacles Program in recent years:

Year	Budget	Expenditure	Overspend
2007-2008	\$4,240,600	\$ 5,314,667	\$1,074,067
2008-2009	\$4,303,156	\$ 5,114,076	\$810,920
2009-2010	\$4,369,160	\$ 4,607,630	\$238,470
2010-2011	\$4,422,147	\$ 5,583,258	\$1,161,111
2011-2012	\$4,468,334	\$ 4,510,813*	\$42,479
2012-2013	\$4,500,000		

*As at 30 May 2012

The budget allocation for the Spectacles Program was overspent consistently and unsustainably under the previous Government. As a result approximately \$3.2 million was not available for other Community Services clients, including vulnerable children and young people, between 2007-2008 and 2010-2011.

The Government made the right decision to hold the program to budget in 2011-2012 and reform the program to improve services when the existing contract ends in 2012. The overspend in 2011-2012, still building, reflects the Vision Care administration fee still payable under the terms of the contract approved by the previous Government, despite services being put on hold in February 2012.

- 2144 MANDATORY WINDOW SAFETY DEVICES—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Fair Trading—
- 2147 PRIMARY AND SECONDARY TEACHER NUMBERS—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—
- 2148 FUNDING FOR STUDENTS FROM LOW SOCIO-ECONOMIC BACKGROUNDS—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—
- 2149 NSW PUBLIC SCHOOL UPGRADE FUND—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—
- 2150 FUNDING FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—
- 2151 FUNDING FOR ABORIGINAL EDUCATION—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—
- 2152 FUNDING FOR RURAL AND REGIONAL STUDENTS—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—
- 2153 FUNDING FOR STUDENTS FROM NON-ENGLISH SPEAKING BACKGROUNDS—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—
- 2154 UNFLUED GAS HEATERS—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—
- 2155 SCHOOL COUNSELLORS—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—
- *2156 MINISTER FOR INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

Why does NSW not have a Minister for Industrial Relations?

Answer—

I am advised:

In accordance with the Allocation of the Administration of Acts, legislation on workplace relations is allocated to Hon Greg Pearce MLC, Minister for Finance and Services.

The Allocation of the Administration of Acts can be found at www.legislation.nsw.gov.au/

- 2157 DEDICATED SUPPORT CLASSES—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Education—
- 2158 CHALLENGES TO LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- *2162 URANIUM EXPLORATION LICENCES—Mr Jamie Parker asked the Minister for Resources and Energy, Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Central Coast—
- (1) What is the process for applying for uranium exploration licences?
 - (2) If there is not yet a process for applying for uranium exploration licences, is the Minister or the department aware of the proposed process?
 - (3) Have any exploration licences been issued relating to uranium?
 - (4) When exploration licences are issued, where will that information be published?
 - (5) (a) Has the Department of Trade and Investment, Regional Infrastructure and Services been involved in any meetings with organisations regarding uranium exploration?
(b) If so, when were these meetings and with which organisations?
 - (6) (a) Has the Minister been involved in any meetings with organisations regarding uranium exploration?

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(b) If so, when were these meeting and with which organisations?

Answer—

(1) and (2) A process for the allocation of uranium exploration licences is currently being finalised.

(3) No.

(4) As with all other exploration licences the information is published in the Government Gazette.

(5) (a) and (b) No.

(6) (a) and (b) I frequently meet with participants in the resources sector and on many occasions have discussed overturning the ban on uranium exploration.

The Member is encouraged to acknowledge the recent comments of Green Peace co-founder, Patrick Moore: "the rest of the environmental movement needs to update its views...because nuclear energy may just be the energy source that can save our planet from another possible disaster."

The Member is also encouraged to research the environmental benefits that many countries recognise through the deployment of uranium for energy generation, as well as Australia's reliance on uranium in its production of medical isotopes for cancer treatment and research.

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- 2163 GUN-RELATED CRIMES—Mr Richard Amery 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—
- 2164 PROPOSED CONCRETE BARRIERS—WARRIMOO—Mr Robert Furolo to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 2165 SPEED CAMERA LOCATIONS—Mr Robert Furolo to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 2166 SCHOOL ZONE PENALTY NOTICES—Mr Robert Furolo to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 2167 SCHOOL ZONE SURVEYS—Mr Robert Furolo to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- *2168 TRANSPORT CONCESSIONS FOR PART-TIME STUDENTS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Transport—
- How much will it cost the Government to extend transport concessions to part-time students?
- Answer—
- The cost of extending half-fare concessions to part-time student is difficult to quantify because there is no robust data available about their travel patterns. Transport for NSW has not attempted to determine the cost of extending transport concessions to part-time students.
- 2169 WORKCOVER AUTHORITY JOBS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 2170 STAFFING LEVELS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 2171 PETROL PRICING—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Fair Trading—
- 2172 VACANT PUBLIC HOUSING PROPERTIES—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 2173 WHOOPING COUGH VACCINE PROGRAM—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 2174 CANCER TREATMENT CRISIS—HUNTER REGION—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

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- 2175 WASTE MANAGEMENT—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—
- 2176 COMPLAINTS AND GRIEVANCES—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—
- 2177 REPRESENTATIONS FROM THE MEMBER FOR ALBURY—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—
- 2178 ICAC REPORT—FIRE AND RESCUE NSW—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—
- 2179 ICAC REPORT—FIRE AND RESCUE NSW—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—
- 2180 RESPONSE TO ICAC REPORT BY MINISTER—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—
- 2181 LIVERPOOL RAILWAY TURNBACK—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 2182 GRAFFITI CLEAN-UP SQUADS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 2183 ATTEMPTED ESCAPE FROM PARKLEA GAOL—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 2184 LAND AT WONGA ROAD, LURNEA—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 2185 HIP REPLACEMENT SURGERY—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 2186 X-RAYS—LIVERPOOL HOSPITAL—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 2187 BONALBO HOSPITAL—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 2188 CAMPBELL HOSPITAL, CORAKI—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 2189 SOUTH WEST RAIL LINK—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 2190 TRAINS NUMBERS ON THE CUMBERLAND LINE—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 2191 VISIONCARE PROGRAM FUNDING—Mrs Barbara Perry to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 2192 NSW SPECTACLES PROGRAM TENDER—Mrs Barbara Perry to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 2193 OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS SERVICE PROVIDERS—Mrs Barbara Perry to ask the Minister for Education—
- 2194 OUT-OF-HOME-CARE TRANSFER—Mrs Barbara Perry to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 2195 COMMUNITY SERVICES STAFFING—Mrs Barbara Perry to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

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- 2196 COMMUNITY SERVICES CASEWORKER DATA—Mrs Barbara Perry to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 2197 REFERRALS TO NON-GOVERNMENT ORGANISATIONS—Mrs Barbara Perry to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 2198 QUARTERLY STATISTICAL DATA REPORT—Mrs Barbara Perry to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 2199 LITERACY AND NUMERACY ACTION PLAN—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—

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- 2200 CARLISLE AVENUE, MOUNT DRUITT—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 2201 X-RAY REVIEWS—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 2202 NEWCASTLE PHARMACOTHERAPY SERVICE—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 2203 FREE WI-FI IN GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS—Mr Jamie Parker to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 2204 TREE PRUNING MONITORING—Mr Jamie Parker to ask the Minister for Resources and Energy, Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Central Coast—
- 2205 GREENWAY AND INNER WEST LIGHT RAIL CONSTRUCTION COSTS—Mr Jamie Parker to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 2206 FREE WI-FI ON PUBLIC TRANSPORT—Mr Jamie Parker to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 2207 DISABLED SPORT CENTRE—Mr Jamie Parker to ask the Minister for Ageing, and Minister for Disability Services—
- 2208 DEMOUNTABLE SCHOOL CLASSROOMS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Education—
- 2209 GUIDELINES ON SUN PROTECTION—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Education—
- 2210 ART FACULTY AT WOLLONGONG CAMPUS OF TAFE ILLAWARRA—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Education—
- 2211 JURISDICTION OF NSW POLICE—ROSEHILL RACECOURSE—Mr Greg Piper 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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- 2212 TRAFFIC SPEED CAMERA—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 2213 TERMINATION OF CESSNOCK COUNCIL SENIOR STAFF—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Local Government, and Minister for the North Coast—
- 2214 ALTERNATE VENUES FOR COMMUNITY EVENTS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Ageing, and Minister for Disability Services—

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- 2215 "EVERY STUDENT, EVERY SCHOOL"—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Education—
- 2216 HOUSING PATHWAYS—NEW BOND LOAN SCHEME—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 2217 HOUSING PATHWAYS—TRAINING OF STAFF—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 2218 FUNDING AVAILABLE AND DISTRIBUTED—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
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- 2220 MOTORWAY PRIORITY BREAKDOWN RESPONSE TEAMS—Mr Robert Furolo to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
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- 2222 GUISE PUBLIC SCHOOL—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Education—
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- 2344 SAFETY AND SECURITY INITIATIVES—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

- With regard to the safety and security initiatives known as "School Zone Flashing Lights" and "School Fencing":
- (1) Which schools in the electorate of Cessnock currently do not have school zone flashing lights?
 - (2) How much money was allocated in the 2011-12 Budget for the school zone flashing lights program and how many schools will receive flashing lights?
- 2345 ROYALTIES FOR REGIONS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Trade and Investment, and Minister for Regional Infrastructure and Services—
- With regard to the concept known as "royalties for regions":
- (1) Was it an election campaign commitment of the NSW Coalition Government to implement such a program?
 - (2) Is a "royalties for regions" style of funding currently being implemented by the NSW Government?
 - (3) What process is available to local councils that consider themselves to be the source of mining royalties and affected by mining activities to access NSW Government funding under a "royalties for regions" style of funding?
- 2346 INCIDENTS OF VIOLENCE IN HOUSING SITES—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—
- Since July 2011, in the electorate of Cessnock, how many violent incidents have been reported within:
- (a) Department of Housing sites;
 - (b) Compass Housing sites?
- 2347 HUNTER TRANSIT OFFICERS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- (1) When will the Hunter transit officers be made redundant?
 - (2) How many police officers will replace them?
 - (3) Will the police officers work solely in the Hunter?
 - (4) (a) Will they work only on trains?
 - (b) If not, what will be their additional roles?
- 2348 PUBLIC EDUCATION FUNDING—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Education—
- Given that 88% of people in a recent poll agreed that increasing public education funding was something NSW needed to do now (Daily Telegraph 4 June 2012):
- (1) Will the Minister be increasing funding for public schools?
 - (2) If so, by how much and when?
- 2349 COMMUNITY BUILDING PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM FUNDING—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- (1) (a) Will the Premier fund the Community Building Partnership Program for the 2012-13 financial year?
 - (b) If not, why not?
 - (2) Will funding for the Community Building Partnership Program be maintained at the same level per electorate as the 2011-12 financial year?
- 2350 SUN PROTECTION IN PRIMARY SCHOOLS—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Education—
- With regard to the sun protection policy for primary schools:
- (1) When was the policy last updated?
 - (2) What plans does the Government have to update the policy?
 - (3) What plans does the Government have to make sun policies mandatory in all primary schools, like they are in early childhood centres and most other states?
- 2351 HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

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Given the reported success of the Macarthur Real Estate Engagement Working Party, a partnership of real estate agents with housing organisations and government agencies, which prevent private tenants from becoming homeless and helped homeless people into private rental:

- (1) How does the Government help prevent people in housing stress in the private market from becoming homeless?
- (2) What information does the Government provide to people struggling to sustain private tenancies about support services?
- (3) How does the Government work with real estate agents to inform and identify opportunities to prevent homeless?
- (4) What assessment has the Government made of the value of the Macarthur Real Estate Engagement Working Party and establishing similar projects in inner Sydney?
- (5) What other early intervention strategies does the Government plan to prevent private tenants from becoming homeless?

2352 FIREARMS ACT 1996—SECTION 6B REVIEW—Ms Clover Moore 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—

Noting that more than one person without a gun licence has obtained a pistol at a gun club without checking, with one person shot and killed:

- (1) What changes to gun club procedures were made following the Government's requested review of Section 6B of the Firearms Act 1996?
- (2) How was the promised review of Section 6B carried out and what community consultation occurred?
- (3) What recommendations were made from this review?
- (4) What legislative changes has the Government developed to prevent similar incidents?
- (5) What plans does the Government have to ensure that similar incidents cannot occur again?

2353 REDFERN AND SURRY HILLS BUSES—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Transport—

Noting that Redfern and Surry Hills passengers continue to report that 300 series bus services are overloaded and full by the time they reach the inner city, especially during peak hours:

- (1) What are the monthly patronage numbers for these routes for 2010, 2011 and 2012?
- (2) What additional services or other improvements to bus services have been provided on these routes over the past three years?
- (3) What additional bus services on these routes have been provided to service Redfern and Surry Hills residents over the past three years?
- (4) How many complaints have been received about inadequate 300 series buses each year for the past three years?
- (5) What proportion of these complaints are about buses being full when they reach Redfern and Surry Hills?
- (6) What destination studies has the Government undertaken to determine the transport needs of Redfern and Surry Hills residents?
- (7) What other action will the Government take to improve bus services in Redfern and Surry Hills?

2354 SPORTS FACILITY FOR ATHLETES WITH A DISABILITY—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation—

- (1) What assessment has the Government made on the need for a specially designed facility in Sydney for athletes with a disability including Paralympian?
- (2) What plans does the Government have for funding such a facility, given the previous Government made a pre-election commitment of \$10 million for a sports centre for athletes with a disability?
- (3) (a) Does the Government support location of such a facility in the dilapidated tram sheds at Harold Park raceway given there is strong support from the local community and athletes with a disability?
(b) If so, what plans does the Government have to discuss the proposal with Mirvac the owners of the site?

2355 FITTING OF SPRINKLERS TO AGED CARE HOMES—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW, Leader of the House—

- (1) What plans does the Government have to introduce requirements for aged care homes to be equipped with sprinklers?

- (2) What is the time frame for implementing these plans?
 (3) Will there be assistance and support provided to local organisations who provide aged care accommodation?
- 2356 FUNDING FOR REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- In relation to the recent budget announcement regarding public housing:
- (1) (a) How much of the \$210.2 million for repairs and maintenance in public and community housing will be spent on housing projects located in the electorate of Keira?
 (b) Will the Minister provide a list of these projects?
 (2) What funding will be allocated to the Wollongong Women's Refuge in Keiraville in 2012-13?
- 2357 REGIONAL LAND USE PLAN—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW, Leader of the House—
- When will the Regional Land Use Plan covering the Illawarra be finalised?
- 2358 UPGRADES TO LOCAL SCHOOLS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Education—
- (1) As a result of the recent NSW Budget what upgrades to local schools will take place in the electorate of Keira over the 2012-13 financial year?
 (2) What is the timeline from start to completion?
 (3) What is the value of each of these projects?
- 2359 WOLLONGONG LOCAL AREA COMMAND—Mr Ryan Park 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—
- As a result of the recent NSW Budget what plans does the Minister have to upgrade police stations in the Wollongong Local Area Command?
- 2360 BULLI HOSPITAL FUNDING—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- (1) Why did the 2012-13 budget not allocate any additional funding to Bulli Hospital?
 (2) Will money be available after the review is finalised in the next few months?
- 2361 BULLI HOSPITAL NURSE NUMBERS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- How many nurses were employed at Bulli Hospital during the following years:
- (a) 2000;
 (b) 2001;
 (c) 2002;
 (d) 2003;
 (e) 2004;
 (f) 2005;
 (g) 2006;
 (h) 2007;
 (i) 2008;
 (j) 2009;
 (k) 2010;
 (l) 2011;
 (m) 2012?
- 2362 COASTAL INFRASTRUCTURE REPAIRS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Trade and Investment, and Minister for Regional Infrastructure and Services—
- (1) Given the Minister's announcement in the budget to spend \$15 million on coastal infrastructure repairs to maritime assets on Crown land, what projects will be funded in the Wollongong Local Government Area?
 (2) What is the estimated value of these projects?
 (3) What is the estimated timeline for completion?

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- 2363 PAYMENTS TO SYDNEY HARBOUR FORESHORE AUTHORITY—Mr Jamie Parker to ask the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW, Leader of the House—
- How much was paid by Lend Lease to Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority as an upfront one-off fee for the 99-year lease of Darling Quarter?
- 2364 MACQUARIE BANK AND KPMG SITE—FEES PAYABLE—Mr Jamie Parker to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- (1) What are the annual land lease fees payable this financial year for the car park, bus terminus and the offices at the Macquarie Bank site?
 - (2) What amount was paid by the developer for the 99-year lease of the KPMG site?
- 2365 MONITORING OF SPEED LIMITS IN BALMAIN—Mr Jamie Parker to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- (1) What measures are currently in place to monitor speed limits in the suburb of Balmain?
 - (2) Has there been any consideration given to using hand-held police speed cameras to monitor speed on the Balmain peninsula?
- 2366 RENT INCREASE FOR SOCIAL HOUSING—Mr Jamie Parker to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- (1) Was there a rent increase for social housing tenants in 2011?
 - (2) If so:
 - (a) How much was this increase?
 - (b) When were social housing tenants notified of this increase?
 - (c) When did this increase take effect?
 - (d) What was the reason for the increase in rent?
 - (3) Has there been a rent increase for social housing tenants in 2012?
 - (4) If so:
 - (a) How much was this increase?
 - (b) When were social housing tenants notified of this increase?
 - (c) When did this increase take effect?
 - (d) What was the reason for the increase in rent?
 - (5) Are there any further rent increases planned for social housing tenants?
- 2367 LEND LEASE OCCUPANCY OF DARLING WALK—Mr Jamie Parker to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- (1) Was Lend Lease given occupancy of the site known as Darling Walk (Darling Quarter) to build the North and South buildings and private and public car parks comprising the Commonwealth Bank Plaza?
 - (2) What was the basis of the agreement to give Lend Lease occupancy of this site?
 - (3) When were the buildings scheduled to be finished and leased?
 - (4) (a) What amount of money did Lend Lease pay the Government as part of this agreement?
(b) On what date was this amount paid?
- 2368 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND COMMUNITIES—FTE EMPLOYEES—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—
- What is the number of FTE employees for each service group within the Department of Education and Communities, for the following years:
- (a) 2010-11 actual;
 - (b) 2011-12 actual;
 - (c) 2012-13 forecast?
- 2369 HUNTING IN NATIONAL PARKS—Mr Richard Torbay to ask the Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—
- (1) Will the conditions of game licences be suspended under the Game and Feral Animal Control Act for hunters accessing National Park Estate thereby enabling conservation hunters to utilise the same

- hunting methods as National Parks & Wildlife employees engaged in professional feral animal control?
- (2) Will any of the national parks declared under the Game and Feral Animal Control Act be used as breeding grounds for trophy quality deer through being managed under the Ecological Deer Management principles promoted by the Game Council NSW?
 - (3) Will deer maintain their game status on National Park Estate and be given the protection afforded game animals under section 5.1 of the Game and Feral Animal Control Act?
 - (4) Will hunters be encouraged to "let him go so he can grow" when confronted by a male deer on National Park Estate?
 - (5) Can Game Council NSW demonstrate any evidence of the reduction of the impacts of feral animals on ecosystems in declared state forests?
 - (6) Given that most Government agencies involved in feral animal control identify deer as a potential pest species, is Ecological Deer Management, as promoted by Game Council NSW, an appropriate management tool on public land?
 - (7) Given that ground shooting at night is the most common and effective method of deer population control used by Government agencies, why does the Game and Feral Animal Control Regulation apply conditions to game hunting licences prohibiting licensed hunters from hunting at night, using artificial light and using a vehicle when hunting deer?
 - (8) Will hunters accessing National Park Estate require a similarly higher standard of hunter education as those participating in conservation hunting groups?
 - (9) Have any additional costs been incurred by Forests NSW in managing forests declared under the Game and Feral Animal Control Act?
 - (10) What savings have been generated by Forests NSW through the use of conservation hunting as a method of feral animal control?