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\*2688 SCHOOL UNIFORMS—Mr Richard Amery asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—

- (1) Are students encouraged to wear school uniforms in public schools in New South Wales?
- (2) Is it compulsory for all students to wear uniforms in these schools?
- (3) Will a student's formal education be affected if they do not wear a school uniform?
- (4) What procedures should a parent take if they choose not to send their children to school in uniform?

Answer—

- (1) The New South Wales Government supports the wearing of school uniforms by students in public schools and students are encouraged to wear school uniform.
- (2) The School Uniform Policy (2004) makes the wearing of school uniforms, which are agreed upon by school communities, mandatory in all New South Wales public schools.
- (3) Students may be excluded from certain educational activities for not wearing school uniform where the exclusion is necessary for reasons of health and safety of the student or of other students for example where they breach occupational health and safety guidelines. Such action may also be required if a student's clothing compromises agreed upon school community standards which are detailed in the school uniform requirements and might be considered damaging to the image of the school in the larger community context. Alternative educational activities are provided in such circumstances.
- (4) Parents should raise any concerns regarding school uniforms with the principal of their child's school. Principals negotiate with parents and carers to resolve issues and avoid conflict when a student does not wear the school uniform. In promoting the wearing of school uniform, principals are sensitive to economic, personal, social and cultural factors affecting individual students and their families.

\*2689 REVESBY COMMUTER PARKING—Mr Alan Ashton asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

What proposals are there to increase the commuter car parking at Revesby to improve the viability of the operation of Revesby turnback facility?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Government is committed to an expansion of commuter car parking by an extra 4,000 car spaces. These will be built in Sydney's west under a \$45 million strategy to expand and improve commuter parking facilities at key locations across Sydney. This is part of the Premier's \$660 million Urban Transport Statement.

Initial investigations for commuter car parking at Revesby are complete with sites identified for further investigation.

RailCorp recently engaged Parsons Brinckerhoff to undertake a more detailed commuter car parking and interchange scoping study for Revesby. The study will provide preferred options and concepts for bus interchange and commuter car parking improvements at Revesby for consideration and decision by Government. This study is nearing completion.

It is anticipated that the next steps will involve a decision about the specific projects to be progressed at Revesby and liaison with stakeholders including Bankstown City Council and land owners, where appropriate.

Consideration is being given to the timing of improvements at Revesby having regard to the turnback works at Revesby and later proposed rail line quadruplication works.

\*2690 REVESBY TURNBACK FACILITY—Mr Alan Ashton asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

What is the estimated date for the completion of the Revesby turnback facility at Revesby station?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Revesby Turnback Project is scheduled for completion in 2008.

\*2691 RTA'S BICYCLE MASTERPLAN 2010—Mr Mike Baird asked the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

- (1) What progress has been made on the items in the RTA's Bicycle Masterplan 2010 that relate to the two major off-road cycleways promised for the Northern Beaches:
  - (a) Chatswood to Warringah Mall;
  - (b) Harbour Bridge to Warringah Mall?
- (2) When will these projects be completed?
- (3) Have any bicycle groups from the Northern Beaches been consulted on these two projects?
- (4) Are detailed maps or plans available?

Answer—

I am advised.

Design development for the section of cycleway between Ernest Street/Ridge Street and the Sydney Harbour Bridge will be undertaken following completion of the section between Chatswood Railway Station and Ernest Street/Ridge Street. This section includes the cycleway between Artarmon Reserve and Merrenburn Avenue, Naremburn as part of the Lane Cove Tunnel project.

Other local cycling facilities continue to be provided through road infrastructure projects, some of which were not represented in BikePlan 2010. These major projects have altered the delivery priorities as originally outlined in BikePlan 2010.

It is worth noting that in 1999, BikePlan 2010 committed to delivering an average of 200km of cycling facilities per year. The NSW Government has exceeded those projections, providing an average of 233 km of new cycling facilities each year since 1999.

\*2692 BEAR COTTAGE—Mr Mike Baird asked the Minister for Health—

Will the Minister join the local MP on a visit to Bear Cottage to enable her to consider a contribution from the NSW Government towards the running of the facility?

Answer—

The Member for Manly's question amounts to an invitation to a facility in his electorate. I suggest that the Member contacts my office so that his invitation can be considered in the customary manner.

\*2693 MANLY JETCAT SERVICES—Mr Mike Baird asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

- (1) What were the reasons for the high number of JetCat cancellations in the March-April period?
- (2) What steps have been taken to avoid a repeat of these circumstances?
- (3) Has the Minister considered SMS alerts that ferry/JetCat passengers could subscribe to in order to be notified of cancellations?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) to (3) Service cancellations for the nominated period, were a result of mechanical problems, crew shortages and an exclusion zone in force on the JetCat route due to powerboat racing.

In April 2007, the Government established the Special Commission of Inquiry to conduct a comprehensive top-down review of the entire operations of Sydney Ferries Corporation to ensure commuters benefit from a safe, efficient and customer-focussed ferry service. The Government received the final report of the Inquiry on 31 October, 2007 and copies are available on the NSW Government website at: <http://www.nsw.gov.au>

Given the wide-ranging nature of the report, and the complexities of the issues involved, the Government will take the appropriate time to fully consider Mr Walker's recommendations before offering a full response. I do however, expect that the Government's response will be finalised shortly.

\*2694 HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATION—MANLY—Mr Mike Baird asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—

- (1) With enrolments to primary schools in the Manly electorate on the rise, what plans does the

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Government have in place to cope with increasing demand for high-school education in the area?  
(2) Would the Minister consider utilising the Seaforth TAFE site as a co-educational high school?

Answer—

"New Horizons: A Proposal to restructure secondary education provision in the Northern Beaches District" resulted in the creation of the Northern Beaches Secondary College which provided a new future for the education of students on the Northern Beaches, including establishing links between the Freshwater Senior Campus and a university.

The Northern Beaches Secondary College provides a shining example of educational opportunity and innovation, with capacity to address all current and projected enrolment requirements for public secondary education in the Manly electorate.

\*2695 CYCLEWAYS—Mr Mike Baird asked the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

Have footpaths been considered for use as cycleways during peak periods?

Answer—

I am advised:

Footpaths in NSW are managed by local councils. The RTA produces guidelines on pedestrian and cycling facilities that provide councils with the relevant information required for them to determine the most appropriate treatment/s to cater for both cyclists and pedestrians and implement shared paths for pedestrians and cyclists.

\*2696 141 BUS SERVICE—Mr Mike Baird asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

Further to preliminary discussions with the State Transit Authority, would the Minister allow a trial of the 141 bus service to see whether usage would justify reinstating the service?

Answer—

I am advised:

Given the low patronage previously achieved and the availability of other State Transit bus services in the area, there does not appear to be sufficient potential demand to justify a trial of the route 141 bus service.

\*2697 BALGOWLAH PIONEER CLUBHOUSE—Mr Mike Baird asked the Minister for Health—

Will the Minister consider meeting at a minimum the additional funding required by the Pioneer Clubhouse in Balgowlah so it can hire at least one additional staff member by May 2008 and retain accreditation by the International Centre for Clubhouse Development?

Answer—

I am advised:

The process for Pioneer Clubhouse, as a Non Governmental Organisation (NGO), applying for additional funds from NSW Health involves the completion of a Registration of Interest for funding under NSW Health NGO Grant funding. This would be completed through the NGO Performance Agreement Co-ordinator at Northern Sydney Central Coast Area Health Service. To date, no application has been received.

\*2698 INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS—Mr Mike Baird asked the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

(1) How many staff managed infrastructure projects at the NSW Public Works Department in March 2003?

(2) How many staff managed infrastructure projects at the Department of Commerce in March 2008?

Answer—

I am advised:

The former Department of Public Works and Services was incorporated into the newly formed Department of Commerce in April 2003. The Office of Public Works and Services undertakes primarily the same functions as those carried out previously by the Department of Public Works and Services.

A similar proportion of staff are directly involved in management of infrastructure projects within the Office of Public Works and Services as were previously engaged in the former Department of Public Works and Services.

\*2699 NSW MARITIME RENTS—Mr Mike Baird asked the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Minister for Ports and Waterways—

Why has the rent charged by NSW Maritime increased by more than five times in the past two years for some residents leasing land in Fairlight, including a cancer patient who was charged \$495 in 2004 and \$2,680 in 2006?

Answer—

NSW Maritime administers waterfront leases in Sydney Harbour, principally for private jetties, mooring pens, swimming baths and boatsheds.

Rental for these private facilities is determined based on a formula recommended by the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) in a 2004 Report titled Review into Rentals for Waterfront Tenancies on Crown Land in NSW. Copies of this Report are available from the IPART website.

In 2007, NSW Maritime conducted a comprehensive review of domestic leasing arrangements, including the operation of the IPART rental formula. The review was an open process and invited comments from the public.

As a result of the review, the Government made a number of changes to domestic leasing policies. Lessees in Fairlight are among the beneficiaries of these changes.

Information about these changes is available from the NSW Maritime website [www.maritime.nsw.gov.au](http://www.maritime.nsw.gov.au)

\*2700 CHATSWOOD-EPPING RAIL LINE OPENING—Ms Gladys Berejiklian asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

(1) Given that some State Government websites have information that is now out of date, will you confirm the date of the opening of the Chatswood-Epping rail line?

(2) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Epping Chatswood Rail Line is the most significant infrastructure project currently underway in NSW.

The line is on schedule to be handed over to CityRail for a rigorous testing and training program later this year. This program will include emergency evacuation training, testing of security and CCTV systems and ensuring that emergency services, train crew and station staff are all familiar with the new line and stations.

On completion of the testing program we will commit to the opening of the line.

\*2701 CHATSWOOD-EPPING RAIL LINE DELAY—Ms Gladys Berejiklian asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

In relation to your response to a previous written question regarding the opening of the Chatswood-Epping rail line, has the opening of the line been delayed even further?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Epping Chatswood Rail Line is the most significant infrastructure project currently underway in NSW.

The line is on schedule to be handed over to CityRail for a rigorous testing and training program later this year. This program will include emergency evacuation training, testing of security and CCTV systems and ensuring that emergency services, train crew and station staff are all familiar with the new line and stations.

On completion of the testing program we will commit to the opening of the line.

\*2702 EPPING ROAD BUS SERVICES—Ms Gladys Berejiklian asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

In relation to Government (STA) buses servicing commuters along Lane Cove North on Epping Road:

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- (1) How many city-bound services operate from 7.30 am - 9.00 am?
- (2) How many city-bound services existed before the reduction in above ground lanes on Epping Road?
- (3) How many additional services were added following the reduction in above ground lanes on Epping Road?

Answer—

I am advised that timetable information is available at [www.sydneybuses.info](http://www.sydneybuses.info) or [www.131500.info](http://www.131500.info), or by contacting the Transport Infoline on 131500.

- \*2703 272 BUS SERVICE—Ms Gladys Berejiklian asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

How many 272 city-bound buses operate between 7.30 am - 9.30 am on a weekday?

Answer—

I am advised that timetable information is available at [www.sydneybuses.info](http://www.sydneybuses.info) or [www.131500.info](http://www.131500.info), or by contacting the Transport Infoline on 131500.

- \*2704 272 BUS SERVICE—APRIL 2007—Ms Gladys Berejiklian asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

How many 272 city-bound buses operated between 7.30 am - 9.30 am in April last year?

Answer—

I am advised that the number of services is dependent on whether it is measured against scheduled departure or arrival times, or services in transit.

- \*2705 273 BUS SERVICE—Ms Gladys Berejiklian asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

How many 273 city-bound buses operate between 7.30 am - 9.30 am on a weekday?

Answer—

I am advised that timetable information is available at [www.sydneybuses.info](http://www.sydneybuses.info) or [www.131500.info](http://www.131500.info), or by contacting the Transport Infoline on 131500.

- \*2706 273 BUS SERVICE—APRIL 2007—Ms Gladys Berejiklian asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

How many 273 city-bound buses operated between 7.30 am - 9.30 am in April last year?

Answer—

I am advised that the number of services is dependent on whether it is measured against scheduled departure or arrival times, or services in transit.

- \*2707 ROADS FUNDING—Mr Peter Debnam asked the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

In relation to RTA roads funding and the Minister's response to Question 1552:

- (1) Given the Minister's response that, "information on roads projects across NSW, including the electorate of Vacluse is publicly provided in Budget papers and regularly updated in community newsletters and on the Roads and Traffic Authority website at [www.rta.nsw.gov.au](http://www.rta.nsw.gov.au)", where in the "Budget papers" or on "the Roads and Traffic Authority website" can specific information on road projects, including maintenance funding, in the electorate of Vacluse be found?
- (2) If specific information on road projects, including maintenance funding, in the electorate of Vacluse is not publicly available, will the Minister make it publicly available?

Answer—

I am advised:

More than \$5 million has been allocated to a range of projects in the Vacluse electorate over the past 4 years. This includes funding for road safety, road network maintenance and traffic and transport.

- \*2710 FARMER EXIT ASSISTANCE—Ms Pru Goward asked the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

- (1) Of the \$12 million Farmer Exit Assistance from the \$37 million Native Vegetation Assistance

Program:

- (a) How much has been spent;
  - (b) Which properties have been purchased and at what value;
  - (c) How many more properties are currently in the valuation stage;
  - (d) What criteria were used to assess the appropriateness of purchasing these properties?
- (2) What information and analysis did the Department base its decision on?

Answer—

- (1) Of the \$12 million Farmer Exit Assistance Package from the \$37 million Native Vegetation Assistance Program:
- (a) \$2.9 million has so far been spent on purchasing two properties.
  - (b) The properties purchased to date are:  
"Kewilpa", near Casino, for \$1.2 million; and  
"Estuary Creek", near Grafton, for \$1.7 million.
  - (c) Four further properties are currently in the valuation stage.
  - (d) The criteria used to assess property purchases, as documented in the Native Vegetation Assistance Package Business Plan 2007/2008, relate mainly to demonstrating the loss of viability of a farm business as a result of being unable to undertake planned broadscale clearing.
- (2) The Department of Environment and Climate Change provides project oversight of the assistance package but does not determine funding allocations.

If a landholder is unable to gain approval to clear native vegetation from their Catchment Management Authority through the Property Vegetation Plan process, they can submit an application for exit assistance to the NSW Rural Assistance Authority, which is an expert body in the area of farm viability. The Authority will assess the claimed loss of commercial viability and, if eligible, forward the application to the Nature Conservation Trust.

The Trust, which has expertise in land acquisition and covenanting, will commission an independent valuation of the property and make an offer to purchase the land based upon that valuation.

The Package operates on a first-come-first-served basis, and the Nature Conservation Trust processes applications in the order in which they are received while funds remain available.

\*2711 RAINWATER TANK SUBSIDIES—Ms Pru Goward asked the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

According to the model developed by the Department of Planning for BASIX, which the Department of Environment and Climate Change uses to estimate water savings:

- (1) What are the water savings of the money spent per annum on rainwater tank subsidies?
- (2) What calculations has the Department made regarding the cost-effectiveness of these subsidies?
- (3) What are the details of the model used to make these calculations?

Answer—

- (1) The rainwater tank rebate program under the Climate Change Fund commenced on 1 July 2007. As at 22 April 2008, 12,823 rainwater tank rebates had been paid or were approved to be paid, saving 548 million litres of potable water per year.
- (2) Rebates paid since 1 July 2007 total \$5,900,000. The annual report on the Climate Change Fund required to be submitted to Parliament will include further analysis of all the Fund's programs.

In establishing the rainwater tank rebate program under the Climate Change Fund, the NSW Government recognised that NSW residents want to take action to save water. The program was based on Sydney Water's program which had been successfully operating since 2002.

- (3) The model from BASIX used by the Department of Environment and Climate Change in calculating water savings uses inputs of tank size, connected roof area, the number of internal connections, post code (to determine locational and climate factors), and number of occupants. Typical water use and efficiencies of toilets, washing machines and gardens are assumed in the modelling.

\*2722 COURT COSTS—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson asked the Minister for Community Services—

- (1) What was the cost to the Department of Community Services budget of retaining the services of barristers and solicitors to represent the Department of Community Services in child custody hearings during the financial years:  
(a) 2002-03;



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- (b) 2003-04;
  - (c) 2004-05;
  - (d) 2005/06;
  - (e) 2006-07;
  - (f) to date in 2007-08?
- (2) How many child protection cases were brought before the courts in each of these years?
  - (3) In how many of each of these cases was more than one solicitor and one barrister retained for each case?
  - (4) By year, in how many of these cases was a Queens Counsel or Senior Counsel retained by the Department of Community Services?
  - (5) Were there any cases that required the services of more than one QC or SC to represent the Department of Community Services?
  - (6) On how many occasions did this occur?

Answer—

- (1) The Department of Community Services uses in-house departmental legal officers, the Crown Solicitor and external private legal practitioners to conduct care matters before the Children's Court.  
Information is not kept as to the aggregated cost to the State of the Crown Solicitor appearing in care proceedings before the Children's Court. The Crown Solicitor would appear in less than 5% of all care matters and will usually brief junior Counsel. The costs of the Crown Solicitor for so appearing are a matter for the Hon John Hatzistergos, MLC, Attorney General.
- (2) Data on the number of Children's Court care matters data is provided by the Attorney General's Department on a calendar year basis.
- (3) No aggregated information is held as to the number of legal representatives engaged in each matter.
- (4) No Queens Counsel or Senior Counsel have been engaged to conduct care proceedings for the Director-General in the Children's Court in any of the years specified.
- (5) No.
- (6) Not applicable.

\*2724 COWRA HOSPITAL—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson asked the Minister for Health—

Has the Greater Western Area Health Service refused to replace the baby heart monitor at the Cowra Hospital despite concerns by staff that maternity care is being compromised by this old equipment?

Answer—

I am advised by the Chief Executive of the Greater Western Area Health Service:

A new CTG machine was introduced to service at Cowra Hospital on 6th May 2008.

\*2725 CONFUSED AND DISTURBED ELDERLY—LONG JETTY—Mrs Judy Hopwood asked the Minister for Health—

- (1) What is the current status and role of the Confused and Disturbed Elderly Unit (CADE) at Long Jetty?
- (2) How many patients are accommodated?
- (3) What was their average length of stay in the years 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007?

Answer—

I am advised by the Chief Executive of the Northern Sydney and Central Coast Area Health Service:

- (1) to (3) The CADE Unit at Long Jetty is an in-patient unit, part of Northern Sydney Central Coast Area Health Service. The patients are admitted under the care of a Staff Specialist Geriatrician with psycho-geriatrician input. The role of the unit is that of a short term assessment, treatment and management unit for patients with moderate to severe dementia and challenging behaviours.

There are, on average, 16 available beds in the CADE unit at Long Jetty Hospital.

The average length of stay (ALOS) for the CADE unit for the financial years dating back to 2002/03 is as follows:

Financial Year	ALOS - Incl. Same day (No. Days)
2002/2003	104.9
2003/2004	128.4
2004/2005	106.1

2005/2006	81.2
2006/2007	106.1
2007/2008 YTD Mar-08	88.4

\*2726 TUBERCULOSIS—HORNSBY HOSPITAL—Mrs Judy Hopwood asked the Minister for Health—

- (1) Have there been any notifications in Hornsby Hospital of tuberculosis for the years 2003 to 2007 inclusive?
- (2) If so, how many and what subsequent treatments have been undertaken?
- (3) Has there been correspondence or communication related to this to the Federal Government?
- (4) Are there immigration implications?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) and (2) The Chief Executive, Northern Sydney and Central Coast Area Health Service advises the Hornsby Hospital chest clinic reported 82 cases of tuberculosis managed by the chest clinic from 2003 to 2007 inclusive. All patients notified with tuberculosis in New South Wales are given a standard treatment of an antibiotic regimen. A physician with expertise in tuberculosis treatment monitors all patients in order to ensure that treatment is effective.

(3) Yes, the NSW TB Program reports all tuberculosis data to the Commonwealth Department of Health and Ageing on a routine basis.

(4) It is estimated that globally, one third of the world is infected with tuberculosis. Many developing countries have high rates of tuberculosis. People from these high burden countries migrate to Australia and a small proportion will go on to develop tuberculosis. All migrants from these high burden countries undergo pre-migration screening for tuberculosis. Migrants with abnormal chest x-rays and no evidence of active tuberculosis are referred to migration screening services in New South Wales for follow up. These cases are managed effectively by the NSW TB Program as demonstrated by the low rates of tuberculosis in New South Wales.

\*2728 TRANSFER SYSTEM FOR TEACHERS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—

With the proposed changes to the staffing arrangements at Public Schools, what effect will it have on the normal transfer system for teachers?

Answer—

Priority transfers continue under the new school teacher staffing procedures. Priority transfers are nominated transfers when a teacher needs to move schools because of changed enrolment or curriculum patterns, incentive transfers for teachers who have served the required number of years in a rural or remote school, and compassionate transfers.

When a vacancy occurs, the first action is to run a computerised match to see if any teachers with a priority transfer match the position. There is no power of veto to the appointment by the receiving school, or by the school education director or regional director when a priority transfer applicant matches the position.

Service transfer opportunities for classroom teachers also continue under the new school teacher staffing procedures. There are different procedures that apply depending on whether the service transfer form has been lodged before or after 13 April 2008.

Under a transition arrangement until Term 2, 2010, teachers who had an active service transfer application as at 13 April 2008 are considered for appointment once priority transfers have been made.

Where a service transfer applicant matches the position, the teacher will be appointed if the last vacant position at that school was not filled through service transfer. The teacher is not automatically appointed if the last vacant position was filled through service transfer. In this case, the school chooses from a suite of options to fill the position, one of which is service transfer.

From Term 2, 2010 where there are no priority placements to be made, schools will be able to choose how to fill a position, either through advertisement, or from the service transfer, graduate recruitment or employment lists.

\*2729 ROADSIDE MAINTENANCE—CRONULLA—Mr Malcolm Kerr asked the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

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- (1) How often is roadside maintenance (i.e. grass mowing and weed control) conducted on state-owned roads in the Cronulla electorate?
- (2) What is the budgeted amount of funding for roadside maintenance of roads in the Cronulla electorate for the 2007-2008 and 2008-2009 financial years?

Answer—

I am advised:

Across the southern Sydney zone of the RTA, the grass is mowed approximately ten times each year.

\*2730 WAGGA WAGGA BASE HOSPITAL CHILDREN'S WARD—Mr Daryl Maguire asked the Minister for Health—

- (1) How much is being expended to repair Wagga Wagga Base Hospital children's ward?
- (2) Has the extent of the white ant problem been underestimated?
- (3) How much over the allocated budget will have to be spent to rectify the problem?
- (4) When will the work be completed?
- (5) Have other issues identified been addressed in the refurbishment, for example infection control, OH&S and air conditioning and partitioning of the ward to allow a degree of privacy for adolescent patients?

Answer—

I am advised by the Chief Executive Greater Southern Area Health Service:

- (1) The children's ward repairs and refurbishment scope is currently being finalised. Accurate project costing cannot be finalised until detailed design is complete and quotations are received.
- (2) The extent of damage has now been fully inspected and the required remedial works incorporated into the revised project scope.
- (3) All works carried out to-date have been non-discretionary and repairs associated with the white ant damage will be funded and delivered in line with the current planned paediatric ward upgrade.
- (4) The current program should be complete later in the year.
- (5) All identified issues have been incorporated in the design solution, with specific consideration to infection control, privacy, OH&S and environmental controls.

\*2731 SYDNEY TO MELBOURNE RAIL LINE UPGRADE—Mr Daryl Maguire asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

- (1) Has the Australian Rail Track Corporation (ARTC) given you an update on progress of the Sydney to Melbourne rail line upgrade?
- (2) Is the upgrade on time?
- (3) Is the upgrade on budget?
- (4) How many level crossings have been closed?
- (5) How many have been identified for closure?
- (6) Which level crossings, by name, have been identified?
- (7) When can landholders expect to be consulted regarding proposed crossing closures?

Answer—

I am advised:

Matters regarding inter-state freight transportation are the responsibility of the Federal Government, while the NSW Government is primarily responsible for passenger transport.

\*2732 PARRAMATTA TO EPPING RAIL LINK—Mr Wayne Merton asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

- (1) Does the Government intend to build the Parramatta to Epping rail link, which was scrapped from the original Parramatta to Chatswood line?
- (2) If yes, what is the anticipated commencement date of such works?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) and (2) The decision to defer the rail line between Parramatta and Epping followed a review of options for delivering the line and consideration of ways to best improve the reliability, safety and cleanliness of the existing rail network.

While the previously proposed section of rail line from Parramatta to Epping has been deferred, the rail corridor to Parramatta has been preserved so that this project may go ahead in the future.

The deferral of this project has allowed the Government to direct funds to the \$1.8 billion Rail Clearways Program to untangle the CityRail network.

This initiative, along with the recently announced Sydney Link program, which consists of major transport projects including the South West Rail Link and North West Metro, aims to provide commuters with modern, integrated and efficient transport options to accommodate Sydney's growth as a global city.

\*2733 APPLICATIONS FOR ADDITIONAL BUSES—Mr Wayne Merton asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

- (1) How many additional buses have been requested by bus operators in North West Sydney that have not been approved to date?
- (2) If applications for additional buses have been approved but are yet to be supplied, what is the anticipated delivery date of such buses?
- (3) What is the average cost of each bus?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) to (3) All additional buses currently requested through the Metropolitan Bus System Contract in north west Sydney have been approved and are in service.

\*2735 ENVIRONMENT EDUCATION—Ms Clover Moore asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—

Given the urgency of action to prevent global warming and the need for all citizens to take practical steps to reduce our environmental impacts:

- (1) What assessment has the NSW Government carried out of school curricula to ensure that all students learn about global warming and its potential impacts?
- (2) What curriculum materials has the NSW Government developed to provide learning about global warming and environmental sustainability to all NSW students?
- (3) What is the minimum time a NSW school student spends learning about these subjects each year?
- (4) What action has the NSW Government taken to ensure that all schools incorporate into their activities practical examples of environment education such as growing food, harvesting rainwater, collecting solar electricity, and reducing transport emissions?
- (5) What proportion of NSW schools:
  - (a) harvest rainwater for non-drinking purposes;
  - (b) recycle grey water for non-drinking purposes;
  - (c) purchase "Greenpower" electricity;
  - (d) have photovoltaic cells to collect solar electricity; and
  - (e) use solar hot water systems?
- (6) What plans does the NSW Government have to ensure that all NSW schools:
  - (a) harvest rainwater for non-drinking purposes;
  - (b) recycle grey water for non-drinking purposes;
  - (c) purchase "Greenpower" electricity;
  - (d) have photovoltaic cells to collect solar electricity; and
  - (e) use solar hot water systems?

Answer—

(1) to (4) The NSW Department of Education and Training Environmental Education Policy for Schools (2001) requires all government schools to develop and implement a Schools Environment Management Plan which addresses the sustainable management of schools, grounds and resources, and to link these sustainable management actions with the school curricula.

Students learn about environmental sustainability through science, technology and Human Society and Its Environment, all of which are mandatory courses in years K-10.

In November 2007, a new website, 'Sustainable Schools NSW', was jointly launched by the Minister for Education and Training and the Minister for Environment and Climate Change that provides access for all NSW schools and students to information about incorporating environmental sustainability learning into a school's curriculum.

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The Iemma Government has committed to providing \$20 million for energy efficiency and \$20 million for water efficiency and rainwater tanks in government schools and \$5 million for student initiated energy efficiency projects during this term of government.

(5) (a) A large number of government schools have rainwater tanks installed and the Department of Education and Training ensures that all new schools are provided with rainwater tanks.

(b) The use of recycled grey water for non-drinking purposes in schools is currently under review by the Department of Education and Training.

(c) Approximately 90 per cent of government schools are on 6 per cent "Greenpower electricity".

(d) 123 government schools have photo voltaic cells installed to collect solar electricity.

(e) Government schools do not generally have hot water systems installed, other than small water heaters in school canteens.

(6) (a) The Iemma Government has committed \$20 million over four years for the Climate Change initiative to provide water tanks for NSW government schools.

(b) The Department of Education and Training, in conjunction with other agencies, is developing a state-wide policy on the use of grey water.

(c) The Department of Education and Training is committed to purchasing a minimum of 6 per cent "Greenpower" electricity and is working towards all schools using 6 per cent "Greenpower" electricity.

(d) and (e) The Department of Education and Training actively participates in any programs announced by the Government and supports schools in the installation of photovoltaic cells to collect solar electricity and the installation of solar hot water systems.

\*2736 PRISONER REHABILITATION—Ms Clover Moore asked the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

With respect to the USA Second Chance Act 2007, which provides funding for ex-prisoner mentoring programs, job training and rehabilitation:

(1) What analysis has the NSW Government made of this legislation and its impact on recidivism and reintegration of ex-prisoners?

(2) What ex-prisoner mentoring programs does the NSW Government fund, and how much money has been allocated for this purpose over the past five years?

(3) What is the evidence about the effectiveness of ex-prisoner mentoring programs?

(4) Is the Government aware of the StAMP Mentoring Program operated by the Community Restorative Centre with funds from Marrickville Council, Lord Mayor Clover Moore Salary Trust and City of Sydney?

(5) What evaluation has been carried out on the StAMP program and what are the results?

(6) What plans does the NSW Government have to provide and expand mentoring programs for ex-prisoners?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) The Second Chance Act (US) is reported to have been signed into law by President Bush on 9 April 2008. Obviously, an analysis of it and its impact would be premature.

(2) The Member is referred to the Annual Reports of the Department of Corrective Services and Attorney General's Department.

(3) I am advised there is a wealth of publicly available literature on mentoring programs.

(4) Yes.

(5) The Department of Corrective Services is not privy to any official evaluation.

(6) The Government is constantly exploring opportunities to reduce recidivism.

\*2737 DRUG TREATMENT—Ms Clover Moore asked the Minister for Health—

Noting that there have been numerous drug treatment trials across many jurisdictions since the 1999 NSW Drug Summit:

(1) What is the current expert opinion about the most effective treatments for drug addiction, and specifically for:

(a) alcohol;

(b) tobacco;

(c) heroin and other opiates including prescribed drugs;

- (d) methamphetamine or "ICE";
  - (e) cocaine?
- (2) What does current evidence inform us about the effectiveness of:
- (a) QUIT programs;
  - (b) alcohol addiction programs;
  - (c) needle exchange programs;
  - (d) methadone and similar replacement treatments;
  - (e) safe injecting facilities;
  - (f) heroin-supported therapy under medical supervision for people with longstanding addictions?
- (3) What research or reviews of research in other jurisdictions has the NSW Government carried out into successful drug treatment programs that could be used in NSW?
- (4) What research or reviews of research in other jurisdictions does the NSW Government plan to carry out into successful drug treatment programs that can be used in NSW?

Answer—

(1) and (2) I refer the Member to the Australian National Council on Drugs Research Paper 3, entitled 'Evidence supporting treatment: the effectiveness of interventions for illicit drug use' available on the Council's website at [www.ncd.org.au](http://www.ncd.org.au). I am advised that this document provides a summary of the major reviews of clinical interventions for illicit drugs. Consideration is given to the reliability and validity of the evidence reviewed.

The National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre have published a document entitled 'The Treatment of Alcohol Problems: A Review of the Evidence', which lays out the evidence for different treatment approaches.

In relation to the tobacco dependence, treatment includes (singly or in combination) behavioural and pharmacological interventions such as brief advice and counselling, intensive support, and administration of pharmaceuticals, that contribute to reducing or overcoming tobacco dependence in individuals. The course of action that may be recommended to a client will be determined based on the level of nicotine dependence.

Current international evidence suggests that health care workers should provide brief interventions including asking about smoking status, advising of the benefits of quitting in a personalised and appropriate manner, assessing motivation to stop, assisting smokers through support, recommendation to use nicotine replacement therapy (NRT), referral to more intensive support services and routine follow up.

It should be recognised, however, that support and treatment to help smokers stop is one of a range of approaches to tobacco control. It is an issue not just for individual health professionals in their work with smokers, but for the entire healthcare system. It complements other approaches (like policies to tax tobacco products, restrictions on their use and advertising, regulation of their contents and labelling, public information and education) but addresses a specific group: those who want to stop and need help.

There are numerous programs to support smokers to quit. However, not all are evidence based. The major 'quit' program funded by the NSW Government is the Quitline. The services of the Quitline are based on available international evidence, which suggests that advice from doctors, structured interventions from nurses, and individual and group counselling are effective interventions, and that personalised materials are more effective than standard materials, as well as all forms of NRT being effective.

(3) and (4) The NSW Government supports the National Drug Strategy and participates in The Intergovernmental Committee on Drugs and The Ministerial Council on Drug Strategy. The National Drug Strategy Website, at <http://www.nationaldrugstrategy.gov.au> emphasises that research is a continuing high priority under the National Drug Strategic Framework.

NSW Health is informed by the research being undertaken by the National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre located in Sydney, the National Drug Research Institute in Perth, and the National Centre for Education and Training on Addiction in Adelaide. A number of publications and research articles are available on the website.

\*2745 PATIENT TRANSFER BUDGET—Mr Robert Oakshott asked the Minister for Health—

- (1) In both dollar terms and as a percentage of overall budget, what amount of each Area Health Service budget is forfeited or transferred to cover the expense of patient transfer and treatment outside the Area Health Service in question?
- (2) In both dollar terms and as a percentage of overall budget, what amount is allocated to each Area

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Health Service for the treatment of patients from another Area Health Service?

- (3) Is money for the transfer and treatment of patients between Area Health Services accounted for on a per patient treatment basis, or on an annual estimate?
- (4) If done as an annual estimate, what safeguards are in place to promote delivery and promotion of new services closer to a patients home, if an Area Health funding formula discourages this development through a reduction in the annual estimate of costs incurred as a consequence?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The initial budget allocated to Area Health Services each year is not adjusted (either by way of forfeiture or transfer) for the transport to and treatment of patients in other Area Health Services.

Provision is made within each Area Health Service initial budget for transport costs, including ambulance transport and also the Transport for Health program which provides support for patients in remote and rural areas to access treatment services in other Area Health Services when this is clinically justified.

At 30 June each year a technical adjustment is made to Area Health Service budgets for the services provided to "out of Area" patients. This adjustment is part of the normal end of year accounting processes and does not impact treatment costs, either actual or budget, throughout the year. The adjustment is calculated on a per patient basis.

- (2) No budget allocation is made. Refer to (1) above.
- (3) and (4) Refer to (1) above.

\*2746 RESOURCE DISTRIBUTION FORMULA—Mr Robert Oakeshott asked the Minister for Health—

- (1) In both a dollar and percentage term, how far above or below equity of Resource Distribution Formula is each Area Health Service in NSW as at January 1 2008?
- (2) What moves are currently being made to deliver equity to Area Health Services that are below equity?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) and (2) Each year the Department of Health, in its Annual Report, reports on the performance indicator "Resource Distribution Formula (RDF) and the weighted average distance from RDF target for Area Health Services".

The RDF outlines a broad target and does not identify the total level of resources available, as funding of Area Health Services takes into account a range of other factors. These include the recurrent requirements of new facilities as they come into operation, developments in Australian Government funding arrangements and funding available in the State Health Budget.

\*2747 PORT MACQUARIE BASE HOSPITAL PATIENT TREATMENT COSTS—Mr Robert Oakeshott asked the Minister for Health—

- (1) What is the average cost per patient treatment at Port Macquarie Base Hospital as at March 1 2008?
- (2) What was the average cost per patient treatment at Port Macquarie Base Hospital on March 1 2005?
- (3) What is the average cost per patient treatment for the same two dates (March 1 2005 and March 1 2008) for the 7 peer hospitals that were used as the benchmark for performance for Port Macquarie Base Hospital for the period that it was a privately run public facility from 1992 through to 2005?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) to (3) The Department of Health does not routinely report cost per patient data, as average cost comparison data alone is an incomplete and potentially misleading comparator of hospital performance and peer benchmarking. The Department of Health uses a suite of performance indicators including financial, workforce, access and patient flow measures to monitor health system and hospital performance. Useful hospital performance data is routinely reported on the NSW Health website at <http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/hospitalinfo/perfsumm.html>

\*2748 KOOMPAHTOO LOCAL ABORIGINAL LAND COUNCIL—Mr Greg Piper asked the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

Will the Attorney General explain why no prosecutions have been mounted against those who the ICAC recommended be prosecuted after its findings regarding the Koombahtoo Local Aboriginal Land Council were announced in 2005?

Answer—

The ICAC recommended that "consideration" be given to prosecutions and has sought the advice of the DPP in relation to the same.

The ICAC has responded to a number of requests from the DPP for further information and I am advised that the matter is currently with the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions for final advice.

\*2749 REGISTRATION OF MODIFIED VEHICLE—Mr Greg Piper asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

Will the Minister give consideration to the request of Mr Wayne O'Neill of Bolton Point for the RTA to register a vehicle which has been modified to carry two wheelchairs?

Answer—

I am advised:

As this matter falls under the responsibility of the Roads portfolio, this question should be directed to the Minister for Roads for consideration,

\*2753 SYDNEY CATCHMENT AUTHORITY—FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS—Mr Michael Richardson asked the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

- (1) On what date was the Sydney Catchment Authority's credit rating reduced from A to A-?
- (2) On what date did NSW Treasury agree to reduce future dividend payments from 97 per cent to 75 per cent of after tax profits?
- (3) How much will that move cost NSW Treasury in total?

Answer—

The Sydney Catchment Authority is the portfolio responsibility of the Minister for Water. The question should therefore be referred to the Hon Nathan Rees MP.

\*2754 SYDNEY CATCHMENT AUTHORITY—MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING—Mr Michael Richardson asked the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

- (1) What conditions had the Sydney Catchment Authority agreed to comply with in its memorandum of understanding with the Department of Water and Energy as part of its Operating Licence in 2005-06?
- (2) What were the reasons for Sydney Catchment Authority's low rate of compliance with the memorandum of understanding?
- (3) What conditions had the Sydney Catchment Authority agreed to comply with for reporting on leakage and loss actions?
- (4) How did the Sydney Catchment Authority fail to comply with agreed reporting on leakage and loss actions?

Answer—

The Sydney Catchment Authority is the portfolio responsibility of the Minister for Water. The question should therefore be referred to the Hon Nathan Rees MP.

\*2755 SYDNEY CATCHMENT AUTHORITY—INTERNAL CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES—Mr Michael Richardson asked the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

- (1) What were the 'minor opportunities' for improvement in internal controls and procedures that the Auditor-General reported to Sydney Catchment Authority management?
- (2) What measures have Sydney Catchment Authority management taken to act on these identified opportunities?
- (3) The Auditor-General's 2007 Report to Parliament on the Sydney Catchment Authority referred to one Australian water utility with an average leakage rate of 35 per cent. What utility was this?

Answer—

The Sydney Catchment Authority is the portfolio responsibility of the Minister for Water. The question should therefore be referred to the Hon Nathan Rees MP.



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\*2756 ACCELERATED SEWERAGE PROGRAM—Mr Michael Richardson asked the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

- (1) What towns are serviced by the eight sewerage projects under the Accelerated Sewerage Program?
- (2) Which catchments do these towns currently discharge sewage into?
- (3) When will the last of these projects be completed?

Answer—

This matter is the portfolio responsibility of the Minister for Water and should be referred to the Hon Nathan Rees MP.

\*2757 SYDNEY CATCHMENT SPECIAL AREAS—NATIVE TITLE CLAIMS—Mr Michael Richardson asked the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

- (1) How much of the Sydney Catchment Special Areas are the Gundungurra people claiming under native title?
- (2) What are the specific issues that are delaying the finalisation of these claims?
- (3) When does the Minister expect the claims to be settled?
- (4) How much has it cost the Government to contest these claims in the courts?

Answer—

These questions should be directed to the Minister for Lands.

\*2758 SYDNEY CATCHMENT AUTHORITY—BORROWINGS—Mr Michael Richardson asked the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

- (1) What capital projects were funded with the Sydney Catchment Authority's increased borrowings of \$64 million in 2007?
- (2) What bank or institution was this money borrowed from?
- (3) What are the total borrowings for the SCA?
- (4) How much interest does the SCA pay on its borrowings annually?
- (5) In the Abridged Consolidated Income Statement, what forms of income are included under 'Other Income'?

Answer—

The Sydney Catchment Authority is the portfolio responsibility of the Minister for Water. The question should therefore be referred to the Hon Nathan Rees MP.

\*2759 DELAYS IN OBTAINING DEATH CERTIFICATES—Mr Greg Smith asked the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

Given that bereaved people are having to wait up to 6 weeks to obtain a death certificate from the Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages, which is much longer than previously, what are the reasons for the excessive delay and what steps are being taken to eliminate it?

Answer—

I am advised there are currently no delays with death registrations.

In February 2008 technical difficulties prevented the Registry from receiving some electronic applications for death certificates. I am advised that the Registry's information technology staff resolved these technical issues as a matter of priority.

\*2760 BURDEKIN PARK SINGLETON—Mr George Souris asked the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

- (1) What is the status of the report prepared by Dr John Nelson, commissioned by the former Minister for the Environment and Climate Change regarding the removal of the plague of flying fox bats from the Park?
- (2) Does the Minister agree with the findings and recommendations made by Dr Nelson?
- (3) When will the Department of Environment and Climate Change undertake the recommended work or will funding, as estimated in the report, be allocated to Singleton Council to undertake the work?

Answer—

- (1) Singleton Council has considered Dr Nelson's proposal and endorsed its recommendations.
- (2) Dr Nelson's report advises Singleton Council on the issues that Council will need to take into consideration if it decides to implement a flying-fox relocation program for Burdekin Park.
- (3) Based on Dr Nelson's advice, implementation of an effective flying-fox relocation program for Burdekin Park will require careful planning and a substantial long term commitment of resources by Council. The Department of Environment and Climate Change has already provided assistance to Council, including funding for Dr Nelson's investigation. As the regulator, it would not be appropriate for the Department to fund the relocation program.

\*2761 AIR COOLING PROGRAM—Mr Rob Stokes asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—

- (1) Has the Department of Education and Training completed the prioritisation of competing projects for the 2007-08 Air Cooling Program?
- (2) What schools in the Pittwater electorate will benefit from the 2007-08 Air Cooling Program?

Answer—

The 2007/08 \$5 million Air Cooling Program is currently underway, providing air cooling to schools in the hotter parts of the state. Schools in the Pittwater electorate are not currently included in the air-cooling program, pending the completion of air cooling projects in hotter parts of the state.

\*2762 PATIENTS AT ROYAL NORTH SHORE HOSPITAL—Mr Rob Stokes asked the Minister for Health—

How many patients that receive renal dialysis treatment at Royal North Shore Hospital are residents of the Northern Beaches?

Answer—

The number of patients receiving dialysis treatment at Royal North Shore Hospital fluctuates over time. The Member has not specified a timeframe and any interpretation of the question would be subjective.

\*2764 SCHOOL BUS INTERCHANGE—SOUTH WEST ROCKS ROAD—Mr Andrew Stoner asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—

Given fighting and bullying is an increasing problem at the school bus changeover point at South West Rocks Road and Old Station Road:

- (1) Who is responsible for supervising children at the school bus changeover point at this school bus interchange?
- (2) Will the Minister implement detailed policy to control issues of fighting and bullying at school bus interchange points?

Answer—

Over the past twenty four months there has been a decrease in incidents of fighting and bullying at the South West Rocks and Old Station Road interchange. There have been no reported incidents in the past twelve months.

Local schools have clear systems in place to manage student safety as children leave school and enter buses. Schools in partnership with the bus company have developed safety procedures and expectations of students when travelling on buses and changing buses at the interchange. Of an afternoon 7 buses bring students from various locations to this school bus interchange. Students remain seated within the bus until all buses arrive and they then move to their next appropriate bus and are again supervised by the bus driver.

Should any behaviour incidents occur on buses or at the bus interchange the bus driver is encouraged to consult with the school and consequences of behaviour may be dealt with by the school in the context of the school discipline policy and/or by the bus company.

\*2765 ROAD BRIDGES OVER THE NORTH COAST RAIL LINE—Mr Andrew Stoner asked the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

In relation to road bridges over the North Coast rail line at Cockburns Lane and Browns Crossing Road, both at Warrell Creek, when will weight limit signs be updated now that the bridges have been substantially upgraded by Transfield?

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Answer—

I am advised Cockburns Lane and Browns Crossing Road are Local Roads under the responsibility of Nambucca Shire Council. The road bridges over the North Coast Rail line at Cockburns Lane and Browns Crossing Road are the responsibility of Australian Rail Track Corporation.

The updates of the weight limit signs on these Bridges are for Council and Australian Rail Track Corporation to determine.

\*2766 TUNCURRY AMBULANCE SERVICE—Mr John Turner asked the Minister for Health—

- (1) How many ambulances are available at Tuncurry Ambulance Service?
- (2) How many ambulances are on duty at any time?
- (3) How many diversions to the Greater Taree City Council area have occurred in the last six months of ambulances from the Tuncurry station?
- (4) When such diversions have occurred, what arrangements are made for arrangements in the Great Lakes area that would normally be serviced from the Tuncurry Ambulance Station?

Answer—

I am advised by the Chief Executive of the Ambulance Service of NSW:

(1) and (2) Two ambulances operate out of Tuncurry Ambulance Station during the day. One ambulance vehicle operates out of the station during the night and there is another vehicle available oncall.

(3) and (4) The Ambulance Service does not collect data on the number of responses on the basis of Local Government Areas.

All ambulance movements across the Northern Division are dispatched and coordinated from the Northern Operations Centre to ensure that the closest available ambulance resource to an emergency is sent.

To manage demand on ambulance services, ambulance crews are routinely deployed to an area during peak demand from surrounding ambulance stations to ensure there is adequate coverage to assist with workload as required.

\*2767 WENTWORTH NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH—PETITION—Mr John Williams asked the Minister for Health—

- (1) Has the Minister received a petition from Wentworth Neighbourhood Watch sent on 10 January 2008?
- (2) If so, why has receipt of this petition not been acknowledged?

Answer—

A search of my office has failed to produce a record of this petition. To the best of my knowledge, my office has not received the petition from Wentworth Neighbourhood Watch sent on 10 January 2008.

\*2768 OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PRIMARY SCHOOL IN KELLYVILLE—Mr Ray Williams asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—

Will the Minister for Education allow the Catholic Diocese of Parramatta to purchase the land adjoining Our Lady of the Rosary Primary School in Kellyville for the purpose of constructing facilities for a "kiss and drop zone" to improve the safety for the 650 primary school students that attend the school and improve the traffic flow in Diana Avenue?

Answer—

Yes. However, the Department of Education and Training has a policy that surplus school and TAFE sites should not be sold to educational providers. To enforce this policy it is the practice for a positive covenant to be registered on property titles.

I am aware that it is the intention of the Trustees of the Roman Catholic Church for the Diocese of Parramatta to use the subject land to address car parking and traffic management issues associated with Our Lady of the Rosary School.

In the circumstances, should the Trustees be successful in purchasing the land, I will provide an undertaking that the Department will not take any action to enforce the provisions of the positive covenant, provided that the land is not used for educational purposes.

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\*2769 GOVERNMENT SUPPORT FOR LAWN BOWLS—Mr Richard Amery asked the Minister for Gaming and Racing, Minister for Sport and Recreation—

- (1) Does the State Government allocate money to support the game of lawn bowls?
- (2) If so, under what programmes are these allocations made?
- (3) Do Bowls Clubs receive assistance from the Capital Assistance Programme?
- (4) If so, what are the latest allocations and to what Clubs was this money allocated?
- (5) What are the amounts of money to each club referred to in question (4)?
- (6) What other assistance has been made by the Government to assist this sport?

Answer—

- (1) Yes.
- (2) Allocations in 2007-08 were made under the Country Athletes Scheme \$4,000, Sport Development Program \$60,000, International Sporting Event Program \$15,000 and Capital Assistance Program \$121,433.
- (3) Yes.
- (4) In 2007-08, 12 bowling clubs received funding under the Capital Assistance Program to the amount of \$121,433:
  - Baradine Bowling and Sporting Club Ltd - \$17,780
  - Bendemeer Bowling Club Inc - \$2,247
  - Birrong Bowling and Sports Club - \$10,000
  - Burringbar Men's Bowling Club - \$5,360
  - Corrimal Women's Bowling Club - \$1,785
  - Kensington Bowling Club Inc - \$1,540
  - Lane Cove West Bowling and Recreation Club Ltd - \$3,272
  - Lindfield Bowling Club - \$2,245
  - Sutherland Bowling and Recreation Club Ltd - \$10,725
  - Terrigal Bowling Club Ltd - \$22,204
  - Tuross Head Country Club Ltd - \$20,000
  - Waverley Bowling & Recreation Club Ltd - \$24,275
- (5) Answered in (4).
- (6) Lawn bowls programs are conducted through the NSW Institute of Sport and at four regional academies of sport.

\*2770 ROOF REPAIRS—WESTERN SYDNEY—Mr Greg Aplin asked the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—

- (1) Following the hailstorm of 9 December 2007 how many roofs of insured houses in Blacktown still required repair at the end of March 2008?
- (2) What is the proportion of claims subject to cash settlement?
- (3) Has the Minister been provided with figures showing the ratio of insured to non-insured houses in Blacktown?
- (4) If so, what are those figures?

Answer—

- (1) The Insurance Council of Australia has advised that as at 9 May 2008 essential repairs have been completed to more than 97% of the insurance claims for insured roofs resulting from the 9 December 2007 hailstorm.
- (2) Approximately 17% of insured properties with building claims have opted to arrange their own repairs.
- (3) and (4) While there has been no conclusive figures provided, advice from the Western Sydney Recovery Task Force indicates a very high level of building insurance in the areas affected by the hail storm.

2771 MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM—Mr Greg Aplin to ask the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—

2772 PATHOLOGY SERVICES—ALBURY—Mr Greg Aplin to ask the Minister for Health—

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- 2994 KOALA POPULATION IN HAWKS NEST/TEA GARDENS—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- 2995 NATIONAL PARKS AND WILDLIFE SERVICE ROTARY WING TENDER—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- 2996 ALEXANDRA CANAL—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- 2997 PROTECTION OF THE LONG-NOSED POTOROO COLONY—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- 2998 DEMOUNTABLE CLASSROOMS—DRUMMOYNE—Mr Anthony Roberts to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- 2999 DEMOUNTABLE CLASSROOMS—RYDE—Mr Anthony Roberts to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- 3000 DEMOUNTABLE CLASSROOMS—LANE COVE—Mr Anthony Roberts to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- 3001 REPLACEMENT OF DEMOUNTABLE CLASSROOMS—DRUMMOYNE—Mr Anthony Roberts to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- 3002 REPLACEMENT OF DEMOUNTABLE CLASSROOMS—LANE COVE—Mr Anthony Roberts to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—

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- 3003 REPLACEMENT OF DEMOUNTABLE CLASSROOMS—RYDE—Mr Anthony Roberts to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- 3004 GAP PARK MASTERPLAN SELF HARM PREVENTION WORKS—Mrs Jillian Skinner to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- 3005 AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER—Mrs Jillian Skinner to ask the Minister for Health—
- 3006 TARONGA ZOO FERRY—Mrs Jillian Skinner to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 3007 RADIOTHERAPY MACHINES—Mrs Jillian Skinner to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- 3008 SHIFT HOURS—MONA VALE HOSPITAL—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Health—
- 3009 MINISTERIAL REVIEW PANEL ON CURRAWONG—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- 3010 NSW SHERIFF'S OFFICE OPENING HOURS—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 3011 TRANSPORT FOR HEALTH PROGRAM—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Minister for Health—
- 3012 MANNING RIVER—Mr John Turner to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Lands, Minister for Rural Affairs, Minister for Regional Development—
- 3013 COUNTRY ATHLETES SCHEME—Mr John Turner to ask the Minister for Gaming and Racing, Minister for Sport and Recreation—
- 3014 CARETAKER MODE—Mr John Williams to ask the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—

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- 3015 LOAN SCHEMES—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Youth, Minister for Volunteering—
- 3016 SPIT BRIDGE-MILITARY ROAD WORKING GROUP - RECOMMENDATIONS—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 3017 NEW EQUIPMENT—MANLY HOSPITAL—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Health—
- 3018 FLASHING LIGHTS IN SCHOOL ZONES—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 3019 CARINGBAH HIGH SCHOOL—Mr Barry Collier to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- 3020 ENDEAVOUR, WOOLLOOWARE, CARINGBAH AND CRONULLA HIGH SCHOOLS—Mr Barry Collier to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- 3021 AWARENESS OF UNSAFE DRUG USE—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Community Services—



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- \*3022 GUN LICENCES—Ms Pru Goward asked the Minister for Gaming and Racing, Minister for Sport and Recreation—
- (1) How many people that reside in the seat of Goulburn have registered gun licences?  
(2) How many licensed guns are registered to addresses in the electorate of Goulburn?
- Answer—  
The Department of Sport and Recreation has advised that:  
The issues raised in the Honourable Member's questions would be more appropriately addressed by my colleague, the Minister for Police.
- 3023 BIOBANKING—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- 3024 SALE OF KINCUMBER POLICE STATION—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 3025 ROAD WORKS—AVOCA DRIVE—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 3026 REDEVELOPMENT OF 'THE BLOCK'—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- 3027 DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES OFFICES—NORTHERN BEACHES—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- 3028 EXPOSURE DRAFT BILL OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING AND ASSESSMENT ACT—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- 3029 EXPOSURE DRAFT BILL OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING AND ASSESSMENT ACT—SUBMISSIONS—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- 3030 EXPOSURE DRAFT BILL OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING AND ASSESSMENT ACT—SUBMISSIONS—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- 3031 EXPOSURE DRAFT BILL OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING AND ASSESSMENT ACT—CONSULTATION—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- 3032 CANCELLED BUS SERVICES—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 3033 NURSING STAFF AT MANLY HOSPITAL—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Minister for Health—
- 3034 NURSING STAFF AT MONA VALE HOSPITAL—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Minister for Health—
- 3035 OURGUNYA WOMEN'S INCORPORATION SAFE HOUSE FUNDING—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- 3036 DEATH OF CHRISTINE HODDER—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Health—
- 3037 CIVILIAN POLICE STAFF—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 3038 MENTAL HEALTH INTENSIVE CARE UNIT—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health) —
- 3039 NURSES AND BUREAUCRATS—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Health—
- 3040 85 YEARS AND OVER DRIVING TEST—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

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- 3041 POLICE STATIONS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 3042 NEGLIGENCE CLAIMS—SUTHERLAND HOSPITAL—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Health—
- 3043 APPOINTMENT OF MR DUNN—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Minister for Ports and Waterways—
- 3044 BOAT LICENSES—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Minister for Ports and Waterways—
- 3045 BASS AND FLINDERS OH&S—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Minister for Ports and Waterways—
- 3046 CATTLE TICK RECOMMENDATIONS—Mr Donald Page to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—
- 3047 SPECIAL COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO ACUTE CARE SERVICES—MIDWIVES—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health—
- 3048 SPECIAL COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO ACUTE CARE SERVICES—RADIATION FACILITIES—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- 3049 SPECIAL COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO ACUTE CARE SERVICES—CANCER SCREENING FACILITIES—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- 3050 SYDNEY CATCHMENT AUTHORITY BORROWINGS—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—
- 3051 ACCELERATED SEWERAGE PROGRAM—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—
- 3052 MOUNTAIN PYGMY POSSUMS—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- 3053 BOTTLED DRINKING WATER—Mr Anthony Roberts to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts representing the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 3054 HELICOPTER FLYING HOURS—Mr Anthony Roberts to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts representing the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 3055 REMUNERATION OF DICK PERSSON—Mr Anthony Roberts to ask the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health) —
- 3056 PEAK TRAFFIC VOLUMES—GLADESVILLE BRIDGE—Mr Anthony Roberts to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 3057 MAJOR TOURISM EVENTS—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Premier, Minister for Citizenship—
- 3058 SAFETY AUDIT BY NSW FOOD AUTHORITY—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—
- 3059 TAFE COURSES—NORTHERN BEACHES—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—

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- 3060 FUNDING TO NSW FEDERATION OF COMMUNITY LANGUAGE SCHOOLS—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- 3061 RURAL HEALTH SERVICES—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Minister for Health—
- 3062 MRI APPOINTMENTS AT PORT MACQUARIE HOSPITAL—Mr John Turner to ask the Minister for Health—
- 3063 IPTAAS APPLICATIONS—Mr John Turner to ask the Minister for Health—
- 3064 LARGE BLACK CAT—HAWKESBURY ELECTORATE—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—

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- 3065 BIDWILL SHOPPING CENTRE—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Housing, Minister for Tourism—
- 3066 COFFS/CLARENCE LOCAL AREA COMMAND—STAFFING—Mr Steve Cansdell to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 3067 RICHMOND LOCAL AREA COMMAND—STAFFING—Mr Steve Cansdell to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 3068 MOBILE PHONE DETECTION TECHNOLOGY—Mr Steve Cansdell to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 3069 GLASS RECYCLING—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- 3070 VACCINATIONS OF CHILDREN IN THE CARE OF THE MINISTER—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- 3071 OVINE JOHNES DISEASE—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—
- 3072 MOTORISED SCOOTERS—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 3073 DELIBERATELY LIT BUSHFIRES—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 3074 SCHOOL SECURITY FENCES—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- 3075 CROSSING SUPERVISORS—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- 3076 FUNDING FOR THE AMBULANCE SERVICE—WALLSEND—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health—
- 3077 PUBLIC HOUSING IN CRONULLA ELECTORATE—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Housing, Minister for Tourism—

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- 3078 DEMANDING BEHAVIOUR IN SOCIAL HOUSING—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Housing, Minister for Tourism—
- 3079 FUNDING FOR BROOKVALE OVAL—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Gaming and Racing, Minister for Sport and Recreation—
- 3080 ABORIGINAL LAND CLAIMS—WARRINGAH—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health) —
- 3081 BUDGET FOR PREVENTATIVE HEALTH MEASURES—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Health—
- 3082 DISABILITY PARKING—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 3083 CHEMOTHERAPY TREATMENT ADMINISTERED TO SAM MURPHY—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health—
- 3084 MEDICAL RECORDS AT TWEED HOSPITAL—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health—
- 3085 KULTARR RECOVERY PLAN—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- 3086 SIGHTINGS OF BRUSH-TAILED BETTONGS—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- 3087 SIGHTINGS OF BURROWING BETTONGS—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

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- 3088 INSPECTIONS OF SEWERAGE TREATMENT SYSTEMS—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—
- 3089 CO-LOCATION OF CHILD PATIENTS IN ADULT WARDS AT HUNTER HOSPITALS—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Minister for Health—
- 3090 FUNDING FOR MOTOR-NEURONE DISEASE RESEARCH—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Minister for Health—
- 3091 FUNDING FOR MOTOR-NEURONE DISEASE SUPPORT—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services—
- 3092 POLICE RADIO—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 3093 PAEDIATRIC REGISTRARS IN THE HUNTER REGION—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Minister for Health—
- 3094 TWO PERSON CREWS FOR HUNTER AMBULANCES—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Minister for Health—
- 3095 STUDENT ENROLMENT AND TRUANCY LEVELS—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—

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- 3096 SHARED ACCOMMODATION IN PUBLIC HOSPITALS—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Minister for Health—
- 3097 EARLY INTERVENTION CASEWORKERS—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- 3098 SCHOOL CROSSINGS—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 3099 SHEPHERDS COTTAGE AT COOMA COTTAGE—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- 3100 FUNDING FOR SCHOOL MAINTENANCE—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- 3101 DISABILITY HOMES IN HORNSBY—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services—
- 3102 MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELLING—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—
- 3103 FOSTER CARERS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- 3104 MOREE ABORIGINAL LANDS COUNCIL—Mr Kevin Humphries to ask the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—
- 3105 TRUANCY TRENDS—Mr Kevin Humphries to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- 3106 STUDENT DEBT—Mr Kevin Humphries to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- 3107 SUTHERLAND HOSPITAL BUDGET FOR NEW EQUIPMENT—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Health—
- 3108 NANOPARTICLES IN NSW FOOD—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—
- 3109 PLASTIC BAG WASTE—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- 3110 LARGE ERECTING SHOP ROLLING STOCK—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 3111 NATURAL DISASTERS—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—
- 3112 PARKING ON MOORE PARK—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Gaming and Racing, Minister for Sport and Recreation—
- 3113 PLANNING PANEL—KU-RING-GAI COUNCIL—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—
- 3114 COST ASSESSMENT DEPARTMENT—NSW SUPREME COURT—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

- 3115 TOWN CENTRE MAPS—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- 3116 DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Minister for Housing, Minister for Tourism—
- 3117 SUPPORT FOR DISABLED STUDENTS—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- 3118 TAFE CLASSES—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- 3119 PUBLIC DENTAL SERVICES IN THE TWEED—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health—
- 3120 HOUSING AVAILABILITY IN THE TWEED—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Housing, Minister for Tourism—
- 3121 CATTLE TICK FEVER—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—
- 3122 HEALTH CARE COMPLAINTS COMMISSION—Mrs Jillian Skinner to ask the Minister for Health—
- 3123 PUBLIC DENTAL TREATMENT IN THE FORSTER-TUNCURRY AREA—Mr John Turner to ask the Minister for Health—
- 3124 LANDS BOARD ORDERS—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Lands, Minister for Rural Affairs, Minister for Regional Development—
- 3125 CLOSURE OF WISEMANS FERRY ROAD—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

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- 3126 SECONDARY SCHOOLS—ECONOMICS—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- (1) Do secondary schools provide students with studies in economics?
  - (2) If so, does this subject teach students on issues such as:
    - (a) personal financial management;
    - (b) debt management;
    - (c) home/family budgeting?
  - (3) If not, which subjects provide this level of learning?
- 3127 JUSTICES OF THE PEACE—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- (1) Under the most recent changes to the regulations governing justices of the peace, is the term of office limited to 5 years?
  - (2) Can a justice of the peace apply for the renewal of their commission prior to the expiration of the five year period?
  - (3) Will a reminder notice be sent to justices of the peace advising that their term of office is about to expire?
  - (4) What notification will be sent to a justice of the peace that their commission is about to expire or has expired?

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- 3128 PRINCE OF WALES HOSPITAL—Mr Greg Aplin to ask the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—

Given the latest crisis at Prince of Wales Hospital where staff have again threatened to walk off the job in protest at the conditions, what steps are being taken to address the staff concerns over the lack of mental health beds at this hospital, taking into consideration the fact that Prince of Wales already has an established Psychiatric Emergency Care Centre?

- 3129 DISCREPANCY IN PUBLISHED INFORMATION—Mr Greg Aplin to ask the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—

Why do the NSW Health website mental health readmission figures for the proportion of adults readmitted within 28 days to the same facility with an acute mental health problem in 2004/05 differ to those for the same heading and date released in the "Interagency Action Plan for Better Mental Health: Second Yearly Progress Report"?

- 3130 MARKET VALUE OF STATE-OWNED ELECTRICITY GENERATORS—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts representing the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter—

In the interests of public transparency, will the Minister release the current mark to market position (i.e. current market value) of the state-owned electricity generators and retailers electricity hedging position and a copy of their overall hedging policy?

- 3131 STATE-OWNED GENERATORS—COAL COSTS AND CONTRACTS—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—

- (1) For all the state-owned generators, when were the most recent coal contract negotiations held?
- (2) What is the predicted impact of rising coal costs on the sale price of the state-owned generators given the short-term nature of existing coal contracts expiry profile?

- 3132 STATE-OWNED GENERATORS—CAPITAL EXPENDITURE—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—

Could the Minister provide a break down of capital expenditure (beyond summaries in Annual Reports) on all state-owned generators for each of the past five years?

- 3133 VALUATION ADVICE—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—

- (1) Has the Minister received any valuation advice for both the generator and retail businesses over the past three years?
- (2) Will he release a copy of this valuation advice?

- 3134 RENEWABLE ENERGY TARGETS—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—

- (1) What steps has the Government taken to reach its renewable energy targets in 2008?
- (2) What potential projects (both feasible and actual) are in line to help the Government achieve its renewable energy target by 2020?
- (3) What costs are forecast for the Government to achieve its renewable energy target by 2020?
- (4) What costs are forecast if the renewable energy target is not achieved by 2020?

- 3135 ENERGY CONSUMPTION—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—

- (1) How much energy does the average household in NSW currently consume?
- (2) What was the average consumption figure in each of the past five years?
- (3) What is the average energy consumption for households in the Manly electorate?

- 3136 GREENPOWER SCHEME—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—
- (1) How many and what percentage of customers in the State subscribe to the GreenPower scheme?
  - (2) How many and what percentage of customers in the Manly electorate subscribe to the GreenPower scheme?
- 3137 IMPACT OF GREENPOWER SCHEME—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—
- (1) What impact has the GreenPower scheme had in reducing consumption of fossil fuels since it was introduced in NSW?
  - (2) What impact has the GreenPower scheme had in reducing greenhouse gas emissions since it was introduced in NSW?
  - (3) What impact has the GreenPower scheme had in boosting the renewable energy industry since it was introduced in NSW?
- 3138 CLEAN ENERGY ROUNDTABLE—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—
- (1) How many times has the Government's Clean Energy Roundtable met since it was formed?
  - (2) When was the most recent meeting?
  - (3) What recommendations has the Roundtable made and which of these have the Government adopted?
- 3139 LAND AT FAME COVE—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- With reference to Lots 101, 102, 103 and 104 in Deposited Plan 1049845, 409 ha with foreshore on North Arm Cove, Fame Cove and Nanabah Creek, on Port Stephens:
- (1) Does the Minister recognise the community concern regarding the extreme environmental degradation of the land by the current owner?
  - (2) Will the Minister:
    - (a) immediately call in the 409 ha Fame Cove site as a State significant site;
    - (b) issue a "stop work" order on the site for all activity until an updated and thorough environmental and conservation study can be conducted with the support and input of Great Lakes Council;
    - (c) request Great Lakes Council to immediately restore the site to its draft LEP for rezoning to 7a1 Environmental Protection and progress the LEP as a matter of priority;
    - (d) oversight a NSW Government working party of key departments to develop a case for presentation to the Federal Government on a jointly-funded forced acquisition of Fame Cove lands?
- 3140 ENFORCEMENT OF SPEED LIMIT ALONG FULLERS ROAD—Ms Gladys Berejiklian to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- What action is the Government intending to take to ensure enforcement of the new 50 km per hour speed limit along Fullers Road, Chatswood?
- 3141 SYDNEY FERRIES REVIEW—Ms Gladys Berejiklian to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- When will the Sydney Ferries review into free and subsidised travel for charities be completed?
- 3142 ADVANCE NOTICE OF ROADWORKS—Ms Gladys Berejiklian to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- In relation to construction works for the upgrade to the Chatswood Railway Station and associated roadworks:
- (1) Why were residents in Chatswood, particularly those in Brown Street, not advised that their street would be blocked off on the weekend of 10-11 May thereby preventing access to their driveway?
  - (2) What is the Government's policy in relation to advising local residents when roadworks are in progress?
  - (3) Will the Minister ensure the residents of Willoughby electorate that they will be given advance



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warning of roadworks impacting on access to their homes?

3143 ARTARMON RAILWAY STATION—COMMUTERS—Ms Gladys Berejiklian to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

In relation to Artarmon Railway Station:

- (1) How many commuters used the station in 2005?
- (2) How many commuters used the station in 2006?
- (3) How many commuters used the station in 2007?
- (4) How many commuters currently use the station?

3144 COMMUNITY SERVICES GRANTS PROGRAM—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Community Services—

- (1) What is the scheduled completion date for the review of the Community Services Grants Program?
- (2) Are any new projects being funded under this program while the review is underway?

3145 ABORIGINAL HOUSING—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Housing, Minister for Tourism—

- (1) How many dedicated houses are available in the Burrinjuck Electorate through the Department of Housing and other sources that are dedicated for use by Aboriginal tenants?
- (2) How many people are on the waiting list for housing in the Onerwal Lands Council area?
- (3) On what date was the last Aboriginal Housing Home constructed in Yass and in the Burrinjuck Electorate, under the Community Housing and Infrastructure Program?

3146 YASS HOSPITAL—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Health—

- (1) Has the Greater Southern Area Health Service completed its investigation into the complaint of Ms L Gibson of Yass regarding the refusal of the Yass Hospital to provide emergency department services to her on 12 April and 14 April 2008?
- (2) If so what was the result of this investigation?

3147 WATERFRONT PROPERTIES—HOUSE/LOT NUMBERS—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Lands, Minister for Rural Affairs, Minister for Regional Development—

In relation to the many waterfront properties in the Hornsby electorate that do not have an easily identifiable house/lot number:

- (1) What is the Government policy on this if any?
- (2) How is the policy being implemented and assessed if at all?

3148 BROOKLYN AND DANGAR ISLAND SEWERAGE SYSTEM—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—

- (1) How many homes and businesses are now connected to the new sewerage system in Brooklyn and Dangar Island?
- (2) What difficulties have been met and how are they being overcome?

3149 DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING DWELLINGS IN HORNSBY—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Housing, Minister for Tourism—

- (1) How many Department of Housing dwellings are empty but could be occupied in the Hornsby electorate?
- (2) How many dwellings are being repaired?
- (3) How many are going to be sold?

3150 BEECHWOOD HOMES—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Youth, Minister for Volunteering—

How many families have been affected in the Wallsend electorate by the Beechwood Homes collapse?

3151 STUDENTS AT PORT HACKING AND JANNALI HIGH SCHOOLS—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—

- (1) What is the total number of students at the following schools:
- (a) Port Hacking High School;
  - (b) Jannali High School?
- (2) What number of male and female students attends each of the high schools in question (1)?
- (3) What is the total number of teachers and staff at each of the high schools in question (1)?
- 3152 WHISTLEBLOWER PROTECTION—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Premier, Minister for Citizenship—
- (1) What is the NSW Government's response to State Ombudsman data showing a drop in the number of protected disclosures from 153 in 2000 to 76 in 2007?
  - (2) How does the NSW Government ensure that public authorities effectively implement the Protected Disclosure Act 1994?
  - (3) (a) Given recommendations by the Independent Commission Against Corruption and support from the NSW Ombudsman, the Protected Disclosures Act Implementation Steering Committee and the Auditor General, will the NSW Government support a Protected Disclosure Unit in the State Ombudsman office?
  - (b) If not, why not?
- 3153 SUPPORT FOR CARERS—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services—
- Following the Four Corners "In My Shoes" program's exposure of the desperate situation for many people who care for family members with very severe disabilities, what action has the NSW Government taken to:
- (1) Coordinate services and support programs with the Commonwealth Government, given new commitments from the Commonwealth in the 2008/2009 budget?
  - (2) Implement Carers NSW's proposed Carers' Recognition Act?
  - (3) Introduce a NSW Carer Card based on the Queensland Carer Business Discount Card to help reduce costs for carers?
  - (4) Fund Carers NSW's proposed \$50,000 research into carers' needs?
  - (5) Expand the Young Carer Project with \$300,000 as requested by Carers NSW?
  - (6) Increase funding for the Program of Aids for Disabled People (PADP) to \$35.7 million as recommended by Carers NSW, the Physical Disability Council of NSW and NCOSS?
  - (7) Provide support services in conjunction with social housing as listed in the NSW Carers Action Plan 2007-2012?
  - (8) Increase supported accommodation places to meet escalating need, as identified by Carers NSW, NCOSS and disability peak bodies?
  - (9) Increase Home and Community Care (HACC) funding by 20 per cent to meet need backlogs?
- 3154 EMPLOYEE NUMBERS OUTSIDE NEW SOUTH WALES—Mr Barry O'Farrell to ask the Minister for Health—
- (1) How many employees within your department/s work outside NSW borders?
  - (2) What is the total annual cost of these employees?
- 3155 PREPAID BUS TICKETS—Mr Barry O'Farrell to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- (1) As at 1 May 2008, what is the wholesale price for each prepaid bus ticket sold to third parties for sale to commuters?
  - (2) As at 1 May 2008, what is the retail price for each prepaid bus ticket sold to third parties for sale to commuters?
  - (3) As at 1 May 2008, what is the cost difference between wholesale and retail price for each prepaid bus ticket sold to third parties for sale to commuters?
  - (4) As at 1 January 2002, what is the wholesale price for each prepaid bus ticket sold to third parties for sale to commuters?
  - (5) As at 1 January 2002, what is the retail price for each prepaid bus ticket sold to third parties for sale to commuters?
  - (6) As at 1 January 2002, what is the cost difference between wholesale and retail price for each prepaid bus ticket sold to third parties for sale to commuters?
- 3156 IMPACT ASSESSMENT—RAIL LINK CANCELLATION—Mr Barry O'Farrell to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—

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- (1) Has your department conducted an impact assessment of the cancellation of the heavy rail North West Rail Link and CBD Rail Link on the metropolitan strategy?
- (2) Has your department conducted an impact assessment comparison between the heavy rail North West Rail and CBD Rail Links and the North West Metro Line on the metropolitan strategy?
- 3157 LANDCOM LOTS—Mr Barry O'Farrell to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- (1) What was the total number of lots held by Landcom as at 9 May 2008?
- (2) How many lots did Landcom sell in the 2007-08 financial year to date?
- (3) What was the total number of lots held by Landcom at the end of the 2006-07 financial year?
- (4) How many lots did Landcom sell in the 2006-07 financial year?
- (5) What was the total number of lots held by Landcom at the end of the 2005-06 financial year?
- (6) How many lots did Landcom sell in the 2005-06 financial year?
- (7) What was the total number of lots held by Landcom at the end of the 2004-05 financial year?
- (8) How many lots did Landcom sell in the 2004-05 financial year?
- 3158 TWEED HOSPITAL—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health—
- (1) What is the budget amount for the Tweed Hospital for:
- (a) 2006-07 financial year;
- (b) 2007-08 financial year?
- (2) What is the expenditure for the Tweed Hospital for:
- (a) 2006-07 financial year;
- (b) 2007-08 financial year-to-date?
- (3) What is the number of (i) doctors and (ii) nurses employed at the Tweed Hospital in:
- (a) the emergency department;
- (b) the maternity unit?
- 3159 DADHC ACCOMMODATION IN THE TWEED—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services—
- (1) What is the status of the properties in Tweed electorate that are used as DADHC accommodation?
- (2) Are there any vacancies in the properties listed in response to (1) at present?
- 3160 RENAL DIALYSIS AT THE TWEED HOSPITAL—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health—
- (1) Is the Minister aware that a group of eight elderly renal dialysis patients rely on NSW ambulances to transport them to and from the Tweed Hospital for treatment three times a week, as a cost of over \$770,000 per annum?
- (2) Is the Minister aware that these renal dialysis patients frequently face waits of up to five hours when patient transport ambulances are re-tasked to emergency duties?
- (3) Given the unpredictable availability of patient transport ambulances and the \$770,000 cost of providing ambulance transport to all eight renal dialysis patients, will the Minister allow them to travel home via taxi instead, at a comparative cost of only \$210,000 per annum?
- (a) If yes, when will this commence from?
- (b) If no, why not?
- 3161 SIGHTINGS OF BILBIES—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- Where and when have there been confirmed sightings of bilbies in New South Wales since 1980?
- 3162 SIGHTINGS OF GOLDEN BANDICOOTS—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- Where and when have there been confirmed sightings of Golden Bandicoots in New South Wales since 1980?
- 3163 SIGHTINGS OF NUMBATS—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

- Where and when have there been confirmed sightings of numbats in New South Wales since 1980?
- 3164 WARRAGAMBA DAM AUXILIARY SPILLWAY PROJECT—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—
- (1) When will the Sydney Catchment Authority's claim against the Reliance Insurance Company over the Warragamba Dam Auxiliary Spillway Project be finalised?
  - (2) How much money does the Sydney Catchment Authority expect to receive back from the Reliance Insurance Company?
  - (3) What warranty provisions does the Warragamba Dam Auxiliary Spillway Project contractor allege were breached?
  - (4) How long does the contractor claim the project was delayed by these alleged breaches?
- 3165 SYDNEY CATCHMENT AUTHORITY STAFF—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—
- Given that the Sydney Catchment Authority is currently seeking a Senior Community Engagement Officer:
- (1) Who was the previous occupant of this position?
  - (2) On what date did he or she leave?
  - (3) Why did he or she leave?
  - (4) Who has been filling this role in the meantime?
- 3166 SYDNEY CATCHMENT AUTHORITY DEBT—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—
- (1) What capital projects were funded with the Sydney Catchment Authority's (SCA) increased borrowings of \$64 million in 2007?
  - (2) What institution was this money borrowed from?
  - (3) What are the total borrowings for the SCA?
  - (4) How much interest does the SCA pay on this debt annually?
  - (5) In the Abridged Consolidated Income Statement, what forms of income are included under "Other Income"?
- 3167 SES VEHICLES—Mr Anthony Roberts to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—
- Once an SES unit has purchased a new vehicle what is the average time for reimbursement by the State Government for vehicles purchased by year for the year 1995 to 2007 inclusive?
- 3168 SES VOLUNTEERS—Mr Anthony Roberts to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—
- How many SES volunteers with more than 10 years service were registered by year for the years 1995 to 2008 inclusive?
- 3169 SES VOLUNTEERS—Mr Anthony Roberts to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—
- How many SES volunteers with more than 15 years of service were registered by year for the years 1995 to 2008 inclusive?
- 3170 SES VOLUNTEERS—Mr Anthony Roberts to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—
- How many SES volunteers were registered by year for the years 1995 to 2008 inclusive?
- 3171 RURAL FIRE SERVICE VOLUNTEERS—Mr Anthony Roberts to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—
- How many Rural Fire Service volunteers were registered by year for the years 1995 to 2008 inclusive?
- 3172 RURAL FIRE SERVICE VOLUNTEERS—Mr Anthony Roberts to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—
- How many Rural Fire Service volunteers with more than 10 years service were registered by year for the years 1995 to 2008 inclusive?

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- 3173 RURAL FIRE SERVICE VOLUNTEERS—Mr Anthony Roberts to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—  
How many Rural Fire Service volunteers with more than 15 years service were registered by year for the years 1995 to 2008 inclusive?
- 3174 SES EMERGENCY RESPONSE VEHICLES—Mr Anthony Roberts to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—  
(1) What is the total number of SES emergency response vehicles in New South Wales?  
(2) How many of these vehicles are not air conditioned?
- 3175 RURAL FIRE SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP—Mr Anthony Roberts to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—  
How much of the Rural Fire Scholarship's \$25,000 was funded by:  
(a) the State Government;  
(b) the Rural Fire Service?
- 3176 ACCESSIBILITY FOR DISABLED STUDENTS—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—  
What plans does the Government have to improve the accessibility of schools in Pittwater for students with a disability?
- 3177 WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE SCHOOLS—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—  
Which schools in the Pittwater electorate are completely wheelchair accessible?
- 3178 PERMISSIVE OCCUPANCY—CURRAWONG BEACH—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Lands, Minister for Rural Affairs, Minister for Regional Development—  
(1) Has a permissive occupancy or other form of licence been granted in respect of land bordering Currawong Beach at Pittwater?  
(2) If yes, what are the terms of the permissive occupancy or other form of licence?  
(3) If yes, what payments have been made under the permissive occupancy or licence for each of the following years:  
(a) 2004;  
(b) 2005;  
(c) 2006;  
(d) 2007?
- 3179 REPLACEMENT OF SICK BUS DRIVERS—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—  
(1) What is the procedure within Sydney buses to replace a bus driver, when a driver calls in sick for work?  
(2) Has it ever been the case that a replacement cannot be found?
- 3180 PRIVATE MEDICAL INSURANCE—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Health—  
How many Pittwater residents, as at 13 May 2008, have private medical insurance?
- 3181 MINISTERIAL REVIEW PANEL ON CURRAWONG—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—  
What remuneration arrangements have been entered into with each of the members of the Ministerial Review Panel on Currawong?
- 3182 APPLICATIONS UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Premier, Minister for Citizenship—

Is it lawful for an officer of the NSW Ombudsman's Office to alter the wording of an application for information under the Freedom of Information Act 1988 without the approval of the applicant?

3183 GROWTH CENTRES CORPORATION—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—

What was the total remuneration paid to the Growth Centres Corporation for each of the following years:

- (a) 2005;
- (b) 2006;
- (c) 2007?

3184 INDEPENDENT HEARING ASSESSMENT PANEL ON CURRAWONG—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—

What remuneration arrangements have been entered into with each of the members of the Independent Hearing Assessment Panel on Currawong?

3185 FUNDING OF CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITIES—Mr John Turner to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

- (1) What is the Government's plan for the continued funding of catchment management authorities?
- (2) What guarantees exist for funding?
- (3) If no guarantees exist what arrangements are there for funding?
- (4) If there are no guarantees or arrangements for funding, when will funding expire?
- (5) If funding expires, how will catchment management authorities be funded?
- (6) If catchment management authorities intend to levy rates, what formula has been set for the levy of such rates?