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- 1327 CLOSURE OF METROPOLITAN FIRE STATIONS—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- \*1328 IMPROVING SAFETY FOR CYCLISTS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Local Government, and Minister for the North Coast—
- (1) In view of the increasing number of people switching to cycling, what is the Government doing to support local councils to improve and provide safer cycleways?
  - (2) Given that Newcastle has the third highest number of cycling-related accidents in the State, what is the Minister doing to support Newcastle City Council in improving safety for cyclists?

Answer—

I provide the following details in response to your questions:

As Roads and Maritime Services is lead agency for cycling safety, the Member may wish to direct her questions to the Minister for Roads and Ports, the Hon Duncan Gay MLC.

Ultimately, it is a matter for each council to determine how to allocate its resources and expenditure on cycleways and improving safety for cyclists.

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- 1333 ELECTROMAGNETIC RADIATION—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
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- 1346 VISITING MEDICAL OFFICERS AND RESIDENT MEDICAL OFFICERS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
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- 1352 HUME HIGHWAY AND STACEY STREET INTERSECTION—Mr Robert Furolo to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 1353 SCHOOL ZONE FLASHING LIGHTS—Mr Robert Furolo to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 1354 TIME-OF-DAY TOLLING—Mr Robert Furolo to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 1355 REDIRECTION OF SPEEDING AND TRAFFIC FINES REVENUE—Mr Robert Furolo to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
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- 1359 ASSISTANCE TO SOLE TRADERS TO RECOUP MONIES OWED—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Fair Trading—
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- 1384 ENERGY REBATE ELIGIBILITY—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Resources and Energy, Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Central Coast—
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- 1386 WOLLONGONG CONSERVATORIUM OF MUSIC—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Hospitality and Racing, and Minister for the Arts—
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- 1393 JOHN HUNTER HOSPITAL EMERGENCY SHORTFALL—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 1394 PRINCIPAL CONTROL IN UNDERSTAFFED SCHOOLS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Education—
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- 1397 TRAINING ORGANISATIONS IN THE WALLSEND ELECTORATE—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Education—
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- 1409 PETROLEUM EXPLORATION LICENCE—CAMDEN GAS PROJECT (PEL 2)—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Resources and Energy, Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Central Coast—
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- 1429 ESTABLISHMENT OF "TRANSPORT FOR NSW"—Mr Richard Torbay to ask the Minister for Transport—

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- 1452 LITERACY AND NUMERACY ACTION PLAN—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—

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- 1453 ARSON IN MOUNT DRUITT—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) How many persons have been charged at the Mount Druitt police station for the offence of arson during the 2011 calendar year?
- (2) How many of these offences related to the damage by fire to dwellings?
- (3) How many of these dwellings were owned by the New South Wales Department of Housing?

- 1454 NSW EMERGENCY CARE INSTITUTE—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

With regards to the NSW Emergency Care Institute (Ministerial press release dated 4 November 2011):

- (1) What is the total budget for 2011-12?
- (2) Is this institute permanently established?
- (3) How was the position of Medical Director advertised?
- (4) How many applications were received?
- (5) What interview process for the position of Medical Director was conducted?
- (6) What is the expected recurrent annual budget?
- (7) How many FTE staff will be employed?
- (8) Where will their offices be located?
- (9) What data will be collected?
- (10) (a) Will this data be made publicly available?  
(b) If yes, how soon after the data it received?
- (11) How much research funding has been provided for the year 2011-12?
- (12) What quality and safety monitoring/reviewing will be conducted?
- (13) What parameters will be measured?
- (14) How will the results of this monitoring of quality and safety be publicly reported?

- 1455 BANKSTOWN SOUTH INFANTS SCHOOL FEES—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Education—

- (1) What was the basis for the recent fee increases announced by the Government?
- (2) Given that South Bankstown is an area of social disadvantage, why are fees at Bankstown South Infants School increasing to \$30?

- 1456 REVIEW OF COUNSELLING SERVICES—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Education—

In reference to the ongoing "comprehensive review of counselling services" that the Minister mentioned in his letter to me of 21 November 2011:

- (1) Will school principals and existing counsellors have the opportunity to provide feedback to this review?
- (2) If not, why not?

- 1457 ASBESTOS REMOVAL FROM SCHOOL—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Education—

In reference to the Minister's letter to me of 21 November 2011 Reference RML 11/5360, when will necessary works involving asbestos removal be undertaken at the school in question?

- 1458 MINOR CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAMS—SOCIO-ECONOMIC CIRCUMSTANCES—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Education—
- Given your advice that "Minor Capital Works funding is distributed across each of the 10 school regions based on a formula which takes into account student enrolments and the gross floor area of permanent buildings" (Question 1267):
- (1) Were socio-economic circumstances taken into consideration in the allocation of funding as part of the Minor Capital Works Programs?
  - (2) If not, why not?
- 1459 CORRESPONDENCE FROM KAREN TAN—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Fair Trading—
- When will the Minister address or acknowledge the specific claims made by Ms Karen Tan in correspondence to his office?
- 1460 CORRESPONDENCE FROM AGGI THEOCHAROUS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Fair Trading—
- In reference to correspondence sent to the Minister and his Department by Aggi Theocharous of Hunters Hill on 9 April 2011, 30 August 2011, 7 September 2011 and 21 October 2011:
- (1) Given that Mr Theocharous has hired solicitors to undertake work which was provided to Fair Trading, what avenues are available for Mr Theocharous to recoup costs?
  - (2) What action will Fair Trading undertake to protect NSW consumers within the real estate market?
- 1461 MAJOR CULTURAL EVENTS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—
- What funding or grants programs are available for cultural groups based in the Bankstown area to subsidise the celebration of major cultural events such as the Lunar New Year?
- 1462 SIKH GAMES—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—
- Given that previous states hosting the Sikh Games have provided funding, will the Government provide funding for the 2012 Sikh Games to be held in and around Bankstown?
- 1463 RAILCORP EMPLOYEES ENTITLEMENTS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport—
- In reference to a speech given by then Shadow Minister for the Central Coast Chris Hartcher on 22 June 2010 regarding "RailCorp Employees Entitlements":
- (1) Will the Minister reconsider the request made by Kevin Cornford of Greenacre, a former RailCorp employee, in spite of prior advice provided by RailCorp?
  - (2) If not, why not?
- 1464 INCREASE IN M5 TOLL—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- What advice has the Minister received from his department concerning the impact of the increase of the M5 toll on small businesses, particular those in the construction and skilled trade industries which rely on road transport?
- 1465 PARSONS REPORT—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- Given advice that you are obliged to present the report to the Cabinet (Answer 1277):
- (1) Will the Minister make the entire Parsons Report, including its findings, available to the public by tabling the report in Parliament?
  - (2) If not, why not?
- 1466 STATEWIDE SMOKING BAN—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Healthy Lifestyles, and Minister for Western New South Wales—
- Given that not all councils in NSW have implemented a ban on smoking on beaches, children's playgrounds and sporting fields, will the Government introduce a statewide ban on smoking on our beaches, sporting fields and children's playgrounds?

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- 1467 BACKLOG OF MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS FOR PUBLIC HOUSING PROPERTIES—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- (1) What is the estimated backlog of maintenance and repairs for public housing properties in the electorate of Keira?
  - (2) What major maintenance and repair projects will be carried out in 2011-12 on public housing properties in the electorate of Keira?
  - (3) For each of these projects can the Minister outline the specific addresses for the properties, the timeline for the commencement and estimated finish date and the estimated costs of each project?
- 1468 LILYFIELD TO DULWICH HILL LIGHT RAIL EXTENSION—Mr Jamie Parker to ask the Minister for Transport—
- (1) Has the Government been provided with costings and advice by Metro Light Rail regarding the Lilyfield to Dulwich Hill light rail extension?
  - (2) If yes:
    - (a) Will the Government be releasing this information to the public?
    - (b) If not, why not?
- 1469 GREENWAY PROJECT—Mr Jamie Parker to ask the Minister for Transport—
- (1) Did over 500 people attend a rally in Dulwich Hill on 29 October 2011 to support the GreenWay?
  - (2) Did over 7,000 people sign the petition calling on the Government to reverse its decision to defer the GreenWay?
  - (3) (a) What consultation with the community was done before the decision was made to defer the GreenWay?
    - (b) If none, why was consultation not done prior to making this decision?
  - (4) (a) What consultation with local councils was done before the decision was made to defer the GreenWay?
    - (b) If none, why was consultation not done prior to making this decision?
  - (5) (a) What community consultation does the Minister plan to undertake in order to seek practical solutions for delivering the GreenWay at the same time as the Light Rail?
    - (b) If none, why is the Minister not planning to undertake community consultation on this issue?
- 1470 FUNDING FOR 900 FULL TIME EQUIVALENT TEACHING POSITIONS—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—
- How will the Minister fund the commitment to have 900 full time equivalent teaching positions fully utilised by the beginning of the 2015 school year, as part of the Literacy and Numeracy Action Plan, given the 2011-12 Budget Papers indicate that the final \$97 million funding for the plan will not be provided until 2015-16?
- 1471 HIGH DENSITY SOCIAL HOUSING DEVELOPMENT IN CHESTER HILL—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- (1) Has the Government submitted any application for a high-density social housing development in Waldron Road, Chester Hill?
  - (2) If not, does the Government plan to build a high-density social housing development in Waldron Road, Chester Hill?
- 1472 VET TEACHERS IN THE FAIRFIELD ELECTORATE—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Education—
- (1) (a) How many VET teachers will be employed in the Fairfield Electorate in 2012?
    - (b) Has there been an increase or decrease in the number of VET teachers in Fairfield schools from previous years?
  - (2) How many first year VET teachers will be employed in each Fairfield school for 2012?
  - (3) What are the specific VET subjects taught in each school?
  - (4) What is the ratio of VET teachers to students in each school in the Fairfield Electorate?
  - (5) What is the budget for the delivery of VET programmes in each Fairfield school for 2012?
  - (6) Does this funding represent an increase or decrease in funding from previous years?
- 1473 FAIRFIELD TRAIN STATION INTERCHANGE—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Transport—

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What is the current progress of construction for the Fairfield Train Station Interchange?

1474 TRANSFER OF PROCEDURES FROM FAIRFIELD HOSPITAL TO LIVERPOOL HOSPITAL—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) In the last four years, what procedures have been moved from Fairfield Hospital to Liverpool Hospital?
- (2) (a) Were any of these procedures transferred to Liverpool Hospital after April 2011?  
(b) If so which procedures were affected?

1475 TIME FRAMES FOR DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING APPLICATIONS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

- (1) Are there set time frames for Department of Housing to assess applications for Housing, in particular applications for priority placements?
- (2) If so what are the guidelines in place?

1476 STAFFING POLICIES AT NSW NURSING HOMES—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) What policies are in place to regulate staffing quality and staffing numbers at nursing homes in NSW?
- (2) Do the number of registered nurses and other nursing support staff fluctuate depending on the time of day?

1477 DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING MAINTENANCE LINE—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

In relation to the Department of Housing's Maintenance Line:

- (1) How many operators are available to answer calls to the Maintenance Line?
- (2) Are all operators specifically dedicated to answer calls to the Maintenance Line?
- (3) (a) Does the number of operators who answer Maintenance Line calls vary depending on the day of the week and the time of the day?  
(b) If so how?