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*3031 LAND AND HOUSING CORPORATION DWELLINGS—Mr Richard Amery asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

- (1) What is the number of dwellings owned by the Land and Housing Corporation in each of the following suburbs:
 - (a) Rooty Hill;
 - (b) Eastern Creek;
 - (c) Plumpton;
 - (d) Glendenning;
 - (e) Hassall Grove?
- (2) In percentage terms, what does each of the abovementioned figure represent with regards to the public/private housing mix for each of the suburbs mentioned?

Answer—

- (1) I am advised that the Land and Housing Corporation is the sole owner of public housing in the suburbs listed. As at 6 September 2012, I am further advised that the Land and Housing Corporation owned a total of 276 dwellings in the suburbs of: Rooty Hill, Eastern Creek, Plumpton, Glendenning and Hassall Grove.
- (2) The percentage of public housing dwellings in each suburb varies from 0% to 4.5%.

*3032 PUBLIC HOUSING—CESSNOCK ELECTORATE—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

Do any plans exist to provide additional public housing in the Cessnock electorate?

Answer—

There are no existing plans to increase public housing in the Cessnock electorate.

*3037 RESPONSE ON THE MINISTERIAL AUDIT OF POLICING RESOURCES—Ms Linda Burney asked 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—

Has the Minister received a response from the NSW Police Force on the Ministerial Audit of Policing Resources, following the release of the Parsons report, that proposed the restructure of police commands in NSW and recommended the merger of Campsie and Bankstown Police commands?

Answer—

The NSW Government's response to the Ministerial Audit of Police Resources will be finalised following due consideration by the Government.

*3039 MONITORING OF SCHOOL ATTENDANCE—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Education—

With 1,000 backroom school staff responsible for monitoring attendance facing job cuts, how will schools prevent students from skipping classes?

Answer—

There is no plan to cut 1000 backroom school staff. Further, backroom school staff do not have prime responsibility for monitoring school attendance.

*3040 TOURISM AND HOSPITALITY COURSES—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Education—

Given that tourism and hospitality courses have been dropped from Hunter TAFE's Glendale and Wyong campuses, how will the Minister ensure there will not be a shortage of skilled workers in the tourism and hospitality industries?

Answer—

Hunter Institute is currently undertaking a consultation process with staff and key stakeholders in relation to the consolidation of delivery for non-trade (non-apprentice) tourism and hospitality programs across the entire Institute.

The cost of delivering non trade (non-apprentice) programs that are low demand but high cost in six locations across the Institute, is not sustainable.

Hunter Institute will continue to offer trade (apprentice) programs at three locations including Hamilton, Kurri Kurri and Ourimbah Campuses to assist in addressing the need for skilled workers in the tourism and hospitality industry in the Hunter and Central Coast regions.

*3041 SALE OF GOVERNMENT ASSETS IN THE HUNTER—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) Which Government-owned assets in the Hunter will be sold?
- (2) How much money will be made by the sale?
- (3) How will that money be used by the Government?

Answer—

I am advised:

This information was made available in Premier's Budget Estimates 2012-2013 with the tabled document "Premier - Media Release: Government to sell Excess Property to unlock new housing".

*3042 HOSPITAL BED WAITING TIMES—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

In relation to the current research in the Emergency Medical Australasia Journal which claims that one in twenty NSW patients is delayed more than an hour with paramedics in emergency rooms before they are admitted:

- (1) Will action be taken to tackle this issue?
- (2) If so, when?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) and (2) Improvements in delays for patients attending emergency departments by ambulance requires whole of hospital strategies. With the implementation of the National Emergency Access Target, hospitals in NSW are using and developing a range of strategies to improve the flow of patients through the system thereby making more beds available. Initiatives include the early review and planned transfer of hospital patients to home or other levels of care, greater use of "hospital in the home", community packages of care and other support services.

*3043 HUNTER MEDICAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) What is the current level of funding for the Hunter Medical Research Institute at John Hunter Hospital campus?
- (2) (a) Will the Government demonstrate its commitment by providing ongoing funding for the Hunter Medical Research Institute?
(b) If so, how much funding will be provided?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) and (2) The NSW Government provided a \$23 million capital investment to construct the new Hunter Medical Research Institute (HMRI) Building, including an \$8 million contribution from the sale of the David Maddison Building. It also provides ongoing funding through the Medical Research Support Program (MRSP). In 2011-12, the State Government allocated \$3.9 million to HMRI through the MRSP.

On 7 September 2012, HMRI was one of 11 medical research institutes in NSW awarded funding in the 2012-16 MRSP, reaffirming the State Government's commitment to medical research in the Hunter Region. Instead of annual contributions, HMRI will be allocated MRSP funding for the next four years in two allocations, with a mid-term review to determine the level of funding for the ensuing two-year period. The government has significantly increased the funding for the HMRI. The initial allocation for 2012-13 and 2012-14 is \$5.32 million for each financial year.

*3045 WATER REBATES FOR HUNTER PENSIONERS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

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- (1) Why are water rebates of eligible Sydney pensioners worth more than double those of their Hunter counterparts?
- (2) (a) Will the Minister address this inequity?
(b) If so, when?

Answer—

- (1) Currently there are four water rebate schemes which have been in place for many years. Under these schemes, pensioners who are direct customers of a NSW water utility and are required to pay fixed water and sewerage charges are entitled to a rebate.

The existing schemes are complex and they are administered under different legislative frameworks by over a hundred water utilities. This has led to variability in the methods of determining the rebate amounts, eligibility criteria, administrative arrangements, payment levels and review frameworks across the schemes.

- (2) Earlier this year the 2012 NSW Commission of Audit report recommended a review of all concessional arrangements, including water and sewerage rebates. The NSW Government has given in principle support to the recommendations and envisages the review will minimise inequities in water and sewerage rebates across the different water utilities in NSW.

*3046 STATE HERITAGE REGISTER—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) What grants are available for the restoration of State Heritage Register-listed buildings?
- (2) Why does the Minister consider these grants "meagre" (Newcastle Herald 28 September 2012)?
- (3) Which buildings on the State Heritage Register are undergoing restoration?

Answer—

I am advised as follows:

- (1) The \$5.5 million NSW Heritage Grants program for 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 provides support for the ongoing conservation, maintenance and adaptive reuse of State Heritage Register and state significant heritage items, with funding of up to \$75,000 available for works projects. The program also provides smaller amounts of funding to local councils for heritage advisors and local heritage funds.
- (2) I was responding to a specific question about grants from the above program available to restore Newcastle City Hall, and pointed out these were modest compared with the estimated \$28 million needed.
- (3) A combined total of 42 State Heritage Register listed buildings are currently receiving funding for works projects under the NSW Heritage Grants program for the two financial years 2011-12 and 2012-13.

*3047 HUNTER MENTAL HEALTH STAFF—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Healthy Lifestyles, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

Given that there have been 21 resignations by medical staff from the Hunter New England mental health service in the past 18 months, what is the Minister doing to ease the workload of medical staff in the Hunter?

Answer—

I am aware of changes made under the previous Labor government to the Hunter New England Training in Psychiatry Unit, which led to a significant turnover in senior medical staff in the Hunter New England Mental Health Service.

On becoming aware of this, I asked the Chief Executive of the Local Health District, Mr Michael DiRienzo, to act to address the issue. I am advised that the Hunter New England Training in Psychiatry Unit structure has since been reinstated, with the subsequent return of staff and further successful recruitment.

Mr DiRienzo has worked to reassure the Medical Staff Council and the senior medical staff of the support that will be provided through this period of a serious shortage of senior medical staff. These actions have served to assist the service to stabilise.

*3048 POLICE INTEGRITY COMMISSION—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) Has the Government received a report from previous Police Integrity Commission Inspector Moss concerning the providing of information and material by a PIC official to the media in relation to the Crime Commission and the PIC Inquiry into the Crime Commission?
- (2) If so:
 - (a) When was it received?
 - (b) When will it be released?
- (3) Does any such report recommend criminal prosecution of any person working at the relevant time at the PIC, or any other person?

Answer—

I am advised that:

- (1) to (3) On 16 November 2011, the Minister for Police and Emergency Services was provided with a confidential report from the Hon Peter Moss QC, then Inspector of the Police Integrity Commission concerning possible breaches of the secrecy provision of the Police Integrity Commission Act 1996. The report was referred to the current Inspector of the Police Integrity Commission, the Hon David Levine QC. In order not to prejudice any further investigation of the subject matter of the report, including consideration of any possible prosecution, the report is required to remain confidential at this time.

*3049 STRIKE FORCE EMBLEM INVESTIGATION—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) When will legislation be introduced to provide an appropriate legal basis for the Ombudsman to be able to investigate complaints received about Strike Force Emblem, its report and the warrants and phone tapping that it investigated?
- (2) What extra funding will be allocated to allow the Ombudsman to complete the investigation?
- (3) (a) Will the Ombudsman be able to retain interstate investigators of criminal matters to conduct the investigation?
(b) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised that:

- (1) The Ombudsman Amendment Bill 2012 was introduced to the Legislative Assembly on 20 November 2012 to make the necessary legislative amendments to support the Ombudsman's inquiry. The Bill was passed without amendment by the Legislative Assembly on 20 November 2012 and by the Legislative Council on 21 November 2012.
- (2) The Government will provide additional funding to ensure that the Ombudsman has the necessary resources to investigate the matters that have been referred to him by the Inspector of the Police Integrity Commission. The amount of funding required is being discussed with the Ombudsman.
- (3) The engagement of investigators is a matter for the Ombudsman.

*3050 POLICE INTEGRITY COMMISSION—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

Why was ministerial responsibility for the Police Integrity Commission moved from the Minister for Police to the Premier?

Answer—

Administration of the Police Integrity Commission Act 1996 is vested in the Premier. The Premier is also vested with the administration of the Independent Commission Against Corruption Act 1988 and the Ombudsman Act 1974. Ministerial responsibility for the Police Integrity Commission (PIC) has not moved during this Government.

Under the former Government, administration of the Police Integrity Commission Act was vested in the Minister for Police. At the time of the election in March 2011 a statutory review of the Act was overdue. The review was completed by the current Government.

*3051 IMPACT OF SOCIAL MEDIA ON CRIMINAL TRIAL PROCESS—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

- (1) Has a "working group" been established to examine the impact of social media on the criminal trial process?
- (2) If so:
 - (a) When was the group established and who are its members?

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- (b) How many times has it met?
- (c) When is it proposed to report?
- (d) Will the group's report be made publically available?

Answer—

- (1) and (2) At its meeting in October 2012, the Standing Council on Law and Justice (SCLJ) noted the potential for social media to jeopardise the right to a fair trial, and to compromise a jury trial. Ministers agreed that the issue will be considered by a cross jurisdictional working group of SCLJ officers, chaired by Victoria, which will provide recommendations to the SCLJ. The working group will be established shortly and a reporting date has yet to be set. No decision has been made as to whether the report will be publicly released.

*3052 NSW TRUSTEE AND GUARDIAN—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

What action has been taken in response to the comments of the Auditor-General in his November 2011 Report on Law, Order and Emergency Services concerning the internal control environment of the NSW Trustee and Guardian?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Audit Office of NSW commented on nine matters concerning the internal control environment of the NSW Trustee and Guardian (NSWTG). Action has been taken by NSWTG to respond to each matter identified by the Audit Office. Seven of the nine matters have been resolved and are complete. Actions taken include the development of a new accounts manual, improved reconciliation process for reporting income, periodic reviews, project reporting for depreciation, periodic testing and maintenance of the computer server room and completion of a disaster recovery plan.

The remaining two matters are currently being progressed with a Service Level Agreement being negotiated and a new business application under development.

*3053 EARLY INTERVENTION SYSTEM—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

When will you restore funding to allow the early intervention system, which has been delayed since May this year, to proceed to deter and detect corrupt Corrective Services officers?

Answer—

I am advised:

Funding for the early intervention system has not been withheld. Corrective Services NSW internally advertised for the position of Ethics Officer which is co-ordinating the project. The advertisement for the position closed on 30 October 2012 and applications are being assessed.

*3054 CORRECTIVE SERVICES MOTOR VEHICLES—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

- (1) How many motor vehicles are owned by Corrective Services?
- (2) (a) When were motor vehicle registrations for Corrective Services last done?
 - (b) When were they due to be done?
- (3) (a) How many Corrective Services motor vehicles were due for registration in October 2012?
 - (b) On which dates in October were Corrective Services motor vehicles due for registration?
 - (c) Were they renewed for registration before or after the day they were due for registration?

Answer—

I am advised:

Corrective Services NSW (CSNSW) owns 956 motor vehicles which were due for registration on 18 October 2012. As of today's date 7 remain unregistered pending rectification of defects.

*3056 EX SCIA OFFICER—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) When ex Specialist Corporate Intelligence Agency (SCIA) officer John Dolan retired, were his

separation payments in excess of those payable to other officers of a comparable rate?

- (2) If so:
(a) By how much?
(b) Why?

Answer—

I am advised:

It is not appropriate to comment on individual officers' financial benefits.

*3057 ARMIDALE HOSPITAL STAFFING SHORTAGES—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

With regards to Armidale Hospital's staffing shortages and the Minister's answer given on the same in question time (17 October 2012):

- (1) When were the vacant medical positions at the hospital advertised?
(2) Where were these advertisements placed?
(3) When were interviews for these vacant positions held?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) to (3) Advertising for a range of medical officer positions at Armidale Hospital has been ongoing since April 2010. Armidale Hospital has been advertising extensively in both Australia and overseas. Advertisements have also been placed on College and University websites, medical journals, medical training networks, Seek employment website, Hunter New England Local Health District internet site and NSW Ministry of Health employment internet site. Interviews for a number of positions were conducted during September, October and November 2012.

*3058 LOCUM DOCTORS—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

With regards to the minister's statement that one method of cutting the NSW Health budget would be "not relying on locum doctors" (<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2012-09-14/243-billion-squeezed-from-nsw-health-budget/4260814?section=nsw>):

- (1) What was the cost of locum doctors in the 2011-12 budget year for:
(a) Cooma Hospital;
(b) Queanbeyan Hospital;
(c) Maitland Hospital;
(d) Belmont District;
(e) Wyong Hospital?
(2) Will any of these hospitals be left without overnight emergency services?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) and (2) Information on the costs for locum medical services in hospitals is not held centrally. Local Health District Chief Executives have the flexibility to develop and implement local workforce strategies that are appropriate for the services being delivered.

Every Local Health District has received on average 4% growth funding for 2012-13 to meet the costs of treating more patients.

*3059 NALTREXONE IMPLANTS FOR TREATMENT OF OPIOID DEPENDENCE—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

With regards to the use of Naltrexone implants for treatment of opioid dependence:

In light of concerns about their use from the NSW coroner, the refusal of major insurers (such as MIPS and AVANT) to cover such treatment, limited evidence for their effectiveness and the fact that they are not approved for opioid dependence by the therapeutic good administration (TGA), will the minister rule out allocating NSW State Government funds for this treatment?

Answer—

I refer the Member to the response to Question No. 2868 in the Legislative Assembly.

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*3060 NALTREXONE IMPLANTS FOR TREATMENT OF OPIOID DEPENDENCE—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Healthy Lifestyles, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

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Answer—

I refer the Member to the response to Written Question No. 2868 in the Legislative Assembly.

*3061 LAND AT ELLIOTT STREET BALMAIN—Mr Jamie Parker asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

- (1) Who owns the land on which the social housing complex Robert Mahoney Place (Elliott Street Balmain) is situated?
- (2) (a) Is the land title based on a 99-year lease?
(b) If yes, when does the lease expire?
- (3) Can this land be transferred in the future to another person/entity and used for purposes other than social or affordable housing?

Answer—

- (1) NSW Land and Housing Corporation owns the land on which the social housing complex referred to as the Robert Mahoney Place is situated.
- (2) (a) No.
(b) Not applicable.
- (3) Yes, subject to planning approval from relevant authorities.

*3062 ELIGIBILITY FOR PUBLIC HOUSING—Mr Jamie Parker asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

With respect to the reforms introduced as part of the NSW State Government's "Reshaping Public Housing" platform in 2005:

- (1) (a) Are the reforms still in operation?
(b) If yes, according to those reforms, what are the grounds for determining someone as ineligible to remain in public housing?
- (2) How many public housing tenants had their eligibility to remain in public housing reviewed in the 2012 financial year?
- (3) How many public housing tenants have had their eligibility to remain in public housing reviewed since the introduction of these reviews (in 2007)?
- (4) For the 2012 financial year, how many public housing tenants were found ineligible on review?
- (5) How many public housing tenants have been found ineligible on review since the introduction of reviews?
- (6) For the 2012 financial year, how many public housing tenancies were terminated due to the tenant being found ineligible on review?
- (7) Since the introduction of reviews, how many public housing tenancies have been terminated as a consequence of the tenant being found ineligible on review?
- (8) Has consideration been given to concerns that the policy of eligibility review is a strong disincentive for tenants to seek employment?
- (9) Has consideration been given to the possibility of discontinuing the policy of eligibility review?

Answer—

- (1) (a) Yes.
(b) A tenant is ineligible for continuation of their tenancy if they or their partner/spouse own property or real estate that could provide a viable alternative to public housing, or if they have a total household income that is above the income limit for eligibility as the time of lease review.
- (2) to (9) Data relevant to these questions is not centrally held.

The NSW Government has no current plans to discontinue the eligibility review policy.

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*3064 BETTER FUTURES PROGRAMS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

With regard to Better Futures program:

What budget was/is allocated to the Better Futures program in:

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

Answer—

- (a) I refer you to Annual Report 2011, NSW Department of Education and Communities.
- (b) \$2,348,696 was allocated to 27 Better Futures projects.
- (c) \$475,394 was allocated to finalise Better Futures programs. After an extensive review of the Better Futures program in 2011, the NSW Government reallocated the \$3.1 million from the Better Futures program to Youth Opportunities, a grants program designed to encourage young people to lead and participate in community development activities, through projects based on leadership and mentoring. Further information can be found at http://www.youth.nsw.gov.au/youth_opportunities.html

*3065 PUBLIC HOUSING BUDGET FOR REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

With regard to the public housing budget for repairs and maintenance for public and community housing in the electorate of Cessnock:

- (1) What was the total funding in 2010-11?
- (2) What was the total funding in 2011-12?
- (3) What was the total funding in 2012-13?

Answer—

- (1) to (3) The NSW Land and Housing Corporation undertakes regular property condition surveys to guide planned maintenance work programs. The work programs are issued to head maintenance contractors in advance of each quarter. This is in addition to the regular day-to-day responsive repairs that are carried out as and when required.
2010-11 was \$2.379 million.
2011-12 was \$2.406 million.
Total funding for 2012-13 is not yet available as responsive maintenance is allocated statewide and prioritised as required.

*3066 F6 EXTENSION—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

In relation to the F6 extension:

- (1) What specific planning and investigation work will be undertaken in the next 12 months?
- (2) How much funding will be allocated for this planning and investigation work?
- (3) When will this work commence?

Answer—

- (1) Infrastructure NSW, in the State Infrastructure Strategy, has recommended the construction of the F6 Extension as a major project in a 10 to 20 year timeframe.
The Government's Long Term Transport Master Plan has also identified the F6 corridor as a longer term priority.
- (2) and (3) Specific planning and investigation for the F6 between the M5 and Waterfall will commence at an appropriate time prior to its construction.

*3067 INCIDENT CLEARING TIMES—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

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In relation to incident clearing times:

- (1) What is the current average incident clearing time on major transport routes?
- (2) Will the Minister provide a list that outlines the route and the current average incident clearing time for each route?
- (3) How many specific traffic emergency patrol units currently exist?
- (4) (a) Are they specifically allocated to individual transport routes?
(b) If so, which routes?
- (5) Are there any plans to increase the number of traffic emergency patrols?
(a) If so, when is this planned?
(b) If not, why?
- (6) What other specific incident management strategies are employed to improve traffic flow?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) Within Sydney, the Transport Management Centre works to achieve key performance indicators of an average 40 minutes clearance time for 98 per cent of incidents on identified principal transport routes, and four hours for major traffic incidents. These key performance indicators are usually achieved.

(2) There are 25 identified principal transport routes in the Greater Sydney Region on which the Transport Management Centre reports incidence clearance times. There were a total of 2353 incidents on these routes during October, with an average clearance time of 38.3 minutes.

Principal Transport Route	Number of incidents	Average clearance time (minutes)
Metroad 1 North: Brooklyn-City	379	30.27
Metroad 1 South: City-Waterfall	233	35.60
Metroad 2: Windsor-Lane Cove	105	36.03
Metroad 3: Warriewood-Blakehurst	187	41.78
Metroad 4: Mt Victoria-Broadway	433	34.64
Metroad 5: Blairmont-Beverly Hills	133	33.04
Metroad 6: Eastwood-Lucas Heights	74	45.67
Metroad 7: Thornleigh-Glenfield	176	44.49
Metroad 9: Harrington Park-Windsor	28	72.09
Metroad 10: Lane Cove-Mona Vale	92	34.88
State Route 27: Punchbowl-Concord West	26	49.45
State Route 29: Roseville-Dee Why	34	52.29
State Route 31: Greenacre-Warwick Farm	51	51.23
State Route 40 East: Parramatta-Rozelle	70	39.86

State Route 40 West: Windsor-Kurrajong Heights	15	97.53
State Route 44: Homebush-Emu Plains	84	36.99
State Route 61: Liverpool-Richmond	31	57.92
State Route 64: Kirrawee-Monterey	21	38.83
State Route 66: City-Rockdale	85	42.96
State Route 70: Moore Park-Kingsford	25	24.98
State Route 76: Darlinghurst-Edgecliff	12	28.40
State Route 83: Brooklyn-Normanhurst	20	33.09
Principal Traffic Route X: Seven Hills-Pendle Hill	8	48.34
Principal Traffic Route Y: Moore Park-Darlington	9	37.05
Principal Traffic Route Z: Darlinghurst-Woollahra	22	58.45
	2,353	38.30

(3) to (6) The Transport Management Centre utilises a range of mobile field staff and resources, including 12 mobile traffic commanders, eight traffic emergency patrol crews, and a network of both light and heavy vehicle tow trucks patrolling motorways, freeways and other main roads during peak travel times.

There are currently five locations across Sydney's motorways that are patrolled by standby heavy vehicle tow trucks, with a regular response time of less than 20 minutes. These locations are:

1. M5East Motorway at Arncliffe.
2. Pennant Hills Road at Thornleigh.
3. Sydney Harbour Bridge and Tunnel.
4. F3 Freeway at the Hawkesbury River.
5. M4 Motorway at Auburn.

These field resources also support tow and recovery resources provided by operators on private motorways such as the M5 East and M7 motorways.

The Transport Management Centre plans to increase the number of field resources, including two additional heavy vehicle tow trucks for Sydney's recovery fleet. These two additional trucks will primarily patrol the busy road corridors around Port Botany and the greater western suburbs. Both of these areas carry large volumes of heavy vehicles and are expected to undergo significant growth in the future.

*3068 WINDSOR BRIDGE LOAD RATING—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

In relation to Windsor Bridge:

- (1) Has a decision been made to increase the load rating of the bridge by 50 per cent?
- (2) If so:
 - (a) When was that decision made?
 - (b) What advice did the Minister receive to justify this decision?
 - (c) What was the load rating before any increase was approved?
 - (d) What is it now?

Answer—

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I am advised:

- (1) As part of Higher Mass Limit bridge assessments, all Roads and Maritime Services' controlled bridges were assessed and Higher Mass Limit vehicles allowed on suitable bridges. There is no load limit on Windsor Bridge.

A speed limit of 40 km/h has been imposed for heavy vehicles to reduce potential excessive horizontal forces due to braking.

- (2) (a) to (d) Not applicable.

*3069 WESTCONNEX PROJECT—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

In relation to the WestConnex project:

- (1) What traffic modelling was used to justify this project?
- (2) What consideration has been given to the location of exhaust stacks from any of the underground road infrastructure required?
- (3) What various "user tolls" have been modelled in order to establish that the project would need to be around 75 per cent user-funded?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Preliminary strategic traffic modelling has been undertaken for the WestConnex scheme. Further detailed traffic modelling will be undertaken in the next stage for preparation of the business case.
- (2) Design details of the WestConnex scheme, including connections to the surrounding network, tunnel design, and locations of ventilation outlets, have not yet been determined.
- (3) The economic assessment undertaken for the preparation of the State Infrastructure Strategy is preliminary and was based on capped distance based tolling levels similar to those on existing toll roads in Sydney, such as Westlink (M7). Assessment of tolling and funding strategies will be investigated in preparing the business case.

*3070 MOUNT OUSLEY ROAD REST STOP—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

In relation to the Mount Ousley Road rest stop and proposed truck inspection facility:

- (1) Has the Minister or his department made any approaches to the Federal Government about joint funding for this project given the Federal Government has an established program for such upgrades?
 - (a) If so, when?
 - (b) If not, why not?
- (2) Given the recently announced Infrastructure NSW plan, is this project now one of greater priority?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Yes.
 - (a) In October/November 2012.
 - (b) Not applicable.
- (2) Mt Ousley rest area is one of a number of priorities for rest stop upgrades in New South Wales.

*3071 FIXED SPEED CAMERA LOCATIONS—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

In relation to the review of speed cameras:

Will the Minister provide an update on the status of each fixed speed camera location that was allocated a recommendation of:

- (a) Relocate Pending Review;
- (b) Relocate Pending Consultation and Review;
- (c) Relocate?

Answer—

I am advised:

A summary of the safety review of decommissioned fixed speed cameras and the alternative safety treatments for each decommissioned fixed speed camera location is available on the Roads and Maritime Services website.

Implementation of alternative safety measures is complete at two locations - New England Highway, Llangothlin and Brunswick Valley Way, Ocean Shores.

In addition, work implementing alternative safety measures has commenced at the following five locations:

- Pacific Highway, Urunga
- Bangalow Road, Clunes
- Princes Highway, Angledale
- New England Highway, Tilbuster
- Pacific Highway, Kundabung

Planning and development of safety works has also commenced at the remaining locations.

Completion of alternative safety works at all decommissioned fixed speed camera locations is expected by June 2013.

*3072 REPEAT OFFENDER STRATEGY—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

- (1) When will the Repeat Offender Strategy be finalised?
- (2) What specific sanctions and programs are being considered as part of this policy?
- (3) Do these strategies include Intelligent Speed Adaptation (ISA) systems?

Answer—

I am advised that:

- (1) The Repeat Offender Strategy will be finalised in 2013.
- (2) Specific sanctions and programs will be considered as part of the Strategy development.
- (3) Technology options will be considered as part of the Strategy development.

*3073 VARIATIONS IN LICENCE TEST PASS RATES—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

- (1) Is the Roads and Maritime Services undertaking investigations into variations in licence test pass rates between testing centres across NSW?
- (2) If so, when will this work be completed?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Yes.
- (2) Roads and Maritime Services has conducted an analysis of pass rate variances.

*3074 IMPROVEMENTS TO APPIN ROAD—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

- (1) What improvements is the Government considering to improve safety along Appin Road?
- (2) (a) Does the Government have any plans to widen Appin Road?
(b) If so, what is the timeline?
- (3) Are there any plans to reduce the speed along Appin Road?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) During the past 12 months Roads and Maritime Services has rebuilt Appin Road west of Westcliffe Colliery and resurfaced the road between Bulli Tops and Loddon River.

A \$250,000 project to resurface about 700 metres of Appin Road from Illawarra Street to Wilton Road has also recently been completed.

Roads and Maritime Services is currently repairing damaged bridge bearings on Appin Road Bridge. The \$250,000 project is expected to be completed at the end of December 2012.

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Early next year Roads and Maritime Services will carry out a \$300,000 project installing roadside barriers west of Baden Powell Drive. This will address the most common crash type on Appin Road, where vehicles run off the road and hit an object.

Strengthening and resurfacing of the southbound carriageway of Appin Road between New Narellan Road and Therry Road is scheduled to be carried out in November and December 2012 at a cost of \$700,000.

Roads and Maritime Services and the Centre for Road Safety are currently investigating what other road safety measures might be considered for Appin Road.

- (2) (a) At this stage, Roads and Maritime Services has no plans to widen Appin Road.
(b) Not applicable.
- (3) The current speed limits along Appin Rd will be considered as part of the investigations currently underway.

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*3075 AIR-CONDITIONING FOR SCHOOLS—Mr Richard Amery asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) What is the current situation with the provision of air-conditioning for public schools in NSW?
(2) Over the past 18 months, how many schools in the Mount Druitt electorate have had air-conditioning installed?
(3) Of the schools mentioned in question (2) above, what was the level of State Government funding of these projects?
(4) (a) Over the same period, how many schools in the Mount Druitt electorate have had electricity upgrades to facilitate the installation of air-conditioning?
(b) What are the names of these schools?

Answer—

- (1) The Department of Education and Communities' existing Air Cooling Policy allows for classrooms in schools located in areas at or above 30 degrees Celsius mean maximum January temperature to be air-cooled.
(2) Because schools can use their own funds to install air-conditioning, the Department does not record this information. To do so would be a significant diversion of resources from the core business of the Department's Asset Management Directorate, which is the maintenance and management of school assets.
(3) Not applicable.
(4) (a) It is not possible to identify any site as requiring an electrical upgrade due to air-conditioning alone.
(b) Not applicable.

*3076 RESTART NSW—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

With regard to Restart NSW, since establishing the fund:

- (1) How much money has gone into this fund for distribution?
(2) What projects have been funded by Restart NSW?
(3) Are there any funds in Restart NSW that have not yet been allocated?

Answer—

- (1) As at 15 November 2012, \$345.9 million has been deposited into the Restart NSW fund.
(2) The following infrastructure projects have been identified for Restart NSW funds:
 - Pacific Highway
 - Princes Highway
 - Sydney Motorway (Westconnex)
 - Singleton Council - road infrastructure projects
 - Muswellbrook District Hospital - Emergency Department
 - Bridges for the Bush program
- (3) All funds from Restart NSW have been identified for infrastructure projects.

*3077 CALLS TO 000—Mr Clayton Barr asked 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—

With regard to calls to "000" and the allocation of appropriate emergency services:

- (1) Who is responsible to ensure that those allocated respond in a timely manner?
- (2) Do "000" operators receive confirmation that the service has attended?
- (3) How many "follow-ups" of allocations does "000" carry out to ensure the service has attended?

Answer—

I am advised that:

Telstra is responsible for answering all calls to Triple Zero (000) and connecting callers to the nearest and most appropriate emergency service organisation. Any matters in relation to the 000 service should be directed to Senator the Hon Stephen Conroy, Federal Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy.

If a call is transferred from 000 to a NSW emergency service agency then that agency will determine the appropriate service response, based on the details of each call, such as the urgency of the situation. Experienced agency call operators will then dispatch the job to the most appropriate agency resources to address the incident.

*3078 TRAFFIC LIGHTS PHASES—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

With regard to traffic lights phases:

- (1) (a) Are traffic light phases assessed and evaluated at any time after installation?
(b) If yes, how frequently?
- (2) (a) Can a local community call for the re-assessment of traffic light phasing?
(b) If yes, what is the process for this?

Answer—

I am advised:

SCATS (Sydney Coordinated Adaptive Traffic System) manages traffic signals. Approximately 4000 sets of traffic lights throughout New South Wales are connected to SCATS.

For each individual set of signals on the network, specially trained staff analyse current and historical traffic data to determine the parameters to deliver the most efficient signal operation and traffic flows.

Within these parameters, SCATS automatically selects the most appropriate priority to the approach road with the most traffic.

Vehicles are detected by special detectors located beneath the road surface. The spaces between vehicles as they approach an intersection allows SCATS to identify which approach to the intersection has the most traffic and therefore a higher demand for green time.

The system is self calibrating so it can adjust to changing traffic patterns over short periods of time.

Staff based at the Transport Management Centre monitor the network of traffic signals for unusual traffic patterns 24 hours a day. Additionally, specially trained Network Operations staff monitor the network to identify any problems.

Customers can contact the Transport Management Centre by phone or email at any time to report problems with traffic signals or to request a review of the signal timings. Staff will investigate and respond to the customer as required.

*3079 COMMUNITY BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS GRANTS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

With regard to Community Building Partnerships Grants:

- (1) In 2011 were 100% of funds available fully committed in every electorate?
- (2) Were any funds returned or unclaimed in the 2009 and/or 2010 editions of the scheme?
- (3) What happens to returned or unused funds?
- (4) In 2012, will the electorate of Cessnock be eligible for the additional \$100,000 funding as per the criteria?

Answer—

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The Community Building Partnerships program is administered by the Department of Premier and Cabinet therefore this question would be more appropriately directed to the Premier.

*3080 RESIDENT AND VISITING MEDICAL OFFICERS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

With regard the costs of Resident Medical Officers and Visiting Medical Officers in NSW hospitals to the NSW Health budget:

- (1) Has a comparison of the costs been done?
- (2) If yes, what was the outcome?
- (3) If no, will a comparative costing be done and when will a comparative costing be done?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) to (3) It is impractical to attempt to directly compare the cost and numbers of Resident Medical Officers to Visiting Medical Officers in NSW hospitals due to the completely different methods by which each group is engaged and remunerated.

Resident Medical Officers are salaried employees who are paid by the hour for their work whilst Visiting Medical Officers are engaged as contractors, not employees, under sessional, fee for service or modified fee for service arrangements depending on whether they are working in metropolitan, regional or more remote rural locations.

*3082 STAFF PARKING AT BLACKTOWN HOSPITAL—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

With regards to staff parking at Blacktown Hospital:

- (1) What are the current fees paid by nurses to use the parking facilities on a weekly basis?
- (2) What were these fees in October 2010?
- (3) When were these fees last increased?
- (4) (a) Are parking facilities at Blacktown Hospital currently privately run?
(b) If so:
 - (i) Are NSW Health employees responsible for cleaning the car park?
 - (ii) Are NSW Health employees responsible for the security of the building?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) \$2.67 per week.
- (2) \$2.55 per week.
- (3) 1 July 2011.
- (4) No.

*3083 WESTMEAD HOSPITAL—SENIOR MEDICAL STAFF ACCRUED ANNUAL LEAVE—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

With regards to Westmead Hospital:

- (1) How many of the senior medical staff have accrued annual leave balances in excess of ten weeks?
- (2) Have senior medical staff been instructed to take outstanding leave balances?
- (3) Will senior medical staff who take leave be backfilled?
- (4) Can the Minister guarantee that patient care will not be affected if senior medical staff who are directed to take excess leave do so?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) to (4) (4) Staff identified as having excessive annual leave balances are formally advised in writing and requested to submit a plan of how they intend to reduce their annual leave balances over the next 15 months.

The Local Health District has a process in place to review patient/clinical requirements to ensure patient safety is not compromised when senior medical staff are on annual leave.

*3084 WESTMEAD HOSPITAL BUDGET—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

With regards to Westmead Hospital:

- (1) What was the status of the Westmead Hospital budget at 1 October 2012?
- (2) Is there a plan for the hospital to cut \$20 million from its budget?
 - (a) Is there a deadline to achieve these changes?
 - (b) If so, when?
- (3) What are the consequences if this deadline is not met by the current administration of Westmead Hospital?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) to (3) Local health districts have been empowered to take greater responsibility in delivering health care, including managing their own budgets. In meeting this requirement, the Western Sydney Local Health District received 4.2% in growth funding this financial year to allow them to treat more patients.

The District is working with the Ministry of Health to ensure that agreed Efficiency Improvement Plan targets are monitored and progressed through to the end of the financial year.

*3085 WESTMEAD HOSPITAL—SAVINGS TARGETS—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

With regards to Westmead Hospital:

- (1) Have savings targets of five per cent for salaries and wages been set to keep the hospital on budget?
- (2) How is this to be achieved?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) and (2) The Budget announced a Labour Expense Cap in 2012-13 of \$89 million and the cap has been distributed proportionally across all NSW Health entities.

In meeting this requirement the Director-General of the Ministry of Health and Chief Executives of Local Health Districts, Specialty Networks, Ambulance and other Health entities have the flexibility to develop and implement local workforce strategies that are appropriate for the services being delivered.

The Western Sydney Local Health District received 4.2% in growth funding this financial year.

*3086 HIGH-RISE APARTMENT BUILDING FIRE—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked 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—

With respect to residents of a high-rise apartment building in Bankstown where there was a recent major fire and are still locked out of their homes:

When can these residents expect to return to their homes?

Answer—

Fire & Rescue NSW has advised me that residents began moving back into their units on Monday 29 October 2012.

*3087 HIGH-RISE APARTMENT BUILDING FIRE—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked 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—

With respect to residents of a high-rise apartment building in Bankstown where there was a recent major fire and are still locked out of their homes:

What safety works are presently being undertaken in the building?

Answer—

Fire & Rescue NSW has advised me that on completion of its fire fighting responsibilities, building compliance officers from Bankstown City Council conducted an inspection of the apartment building. Further questions concerning safety works should be addressed to the Council.

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*3088 BANKSTOWN LOCAL AREA COMMAND—EXTRA RESOURCES—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked 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—

Regarding the successful discovery by NSW Police of a cache of drugs in the Greater Bankstown area:

Will the Minister commit to provide more resources to the Bankstown Local Area Command so that police can continue their fight against organised crime?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Government is committed to high visibility policing and will boost the NSW Police Force by a total of 859 police officers. We have already delivered 210 of these officers since December last year and plans are in place for a class of more than 300 probationary constables to attest in December 2012. This significant commitment will see the authorised strength of the NSW Police Force reach a record 16,665 officers in August 2015.

As at 24 August 2012, Bankstown Local Area Command's operational capacity was 100%.

On top of improving operational strength, the Government is maintaining dedicated resources targeting crime. The NSW Police Force is conducting a number of high visibility policing operations, including Operation Spartan and Strike Force Kinnarra to deal with gang crime and drive-by shootings in South West Sydney. Also in South Western Sydney there are Region Enforcement Squads, Metropolitan Robbery Units, Emergency Management Units, Region Strike Forces and Unsolved Homicide Teams in addition to resources at the Local Area Command.

*3089 BANKSTOWN LOCAL AREA COMMAND—AUTHORISED NUMBERS—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked 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—

In reference to the latest police strength figures which state that Bankstown Local Area Command is over its new operating capacity of 239 police officers:

- (1) Why was the authorised number of officers reduced from 272 in July 2012?
- (2) Will the Minister commit to increasing the number of authorised officers so that these officers are stationed at Bankstown on an official basis?

Answer—

I am advised that changes to authorised strength were due to the creation of standalone Traffic & Highway Patrol and Police Transport Commands. Officers who were already performing highway patrol or commuter crime-related duties are no longer counted in Local Area Command numbers, rather they are counted under the Traffic & Highway Patrol or Police Transport Command and go towards the total number for Field Operations shown in the strength figures.

*3090 TATTOO PARLOUR AMENDMENT BILL 2012—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked 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—

In reference to the Tattoo Parlour Amendment Bill 2012:

Will the Government now act to require tattooists to undertake public health training to help counter the spread of infectious disease by tattoo needles?

Answer—

I am advised :

The new licensing regime focuses on ensuring that tattoo parlours are legitimate businesses, not fronts for criminal activities. For this reason, the licensing scheme includes a stringent fit and proper person test to ensure that owners, operators and employees of parlours are not involved in or associated with organised crime.

The health aspects of the tattoo industry are appropriately dealt with under the Public Health Act and Regulation. Licensed operators and artists must ensure that they comply with all necessary health regulations. They will also still be subject to the necessary Local Government and Health inspections.

*3091 HIGH-RISE APARTMENT BUILDING FIRE—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

With respect to residents of a high-rise apartment building in Bankstown where there was a recent major fire and are still locked out of their homes:

- (1) How many requests for assistance have been received by Housing NSW from these residents?
- (2) What is the status of these requests?

Answer—

- (1) and (2) Following the fire, Housing NSW staff were onsite at the Emergency Information Centre established by Bankstown Council to provide advice and assistance to residents.

Emergency assistance measures were in place for residents who required help with temporary accommodation.

Assistance was also available to owner residents through strata insurance arrangements and to some renters through negotiations with landlords.

Bankstown Council allowed residents to return to their properties on 2 November 2012.

*3093 SALE OF SOCIAL HOUSING PROPERTIES—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

- (1) Does the Minister intend to sell any Social Housing properties located in the Greater Bankstown area?
- (2) If so, will the Minister commit to undertake local consultation before approving any final sale?

Answer—

- (1) NSW Land and Housing Corporation applies a sales criteria to identify assets across the state that are suitable for disposal. Revenue generated from these sales is reinvested within the public housing portfolio to ensure it better meets current needs.
- (2) All tenants affected will be consulted by Housing NSW once the property they reside in is identified by Land and Housing Corporation to be sold.

*3094 SALE OF OFFICE SPACE—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

- (1) Does the Minister have any plans to sell NSW Government office space in the Greater Bankstown area?
- (2) If so, will the Minister commit to undertake community consultation before approving any final sale?

Answer—

The first tranche of assets as identified by the Property Asset Utilisation Taskforce (PAUT) does not include any office space in the Greater Bankstown area. Any further assets are to be confirmed and subject to further investigation.

Any divestment of assets will be conducted in accordance with government protocols and guidelines.

*3095 PUBLIC AND COMMUNITY HOUSING MAINTENANCE—Mr Jamie Parker asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

- (1) What was the total NSW Government funding allocated to public and community housing in the 2009 financial year, including funding for Housing NSW, programs, repairs and maintenance, building and upgrading?
- (2) What was the total NSW Government funding allocated to public and community housing in the 2010 financial year, including funding for Housing NSW, programs, repairs and maintenance, building and upgrading?
- (3) What was the total NSW Government funding allocated to public and community housing in the 2011 financial year, including funding for Housing NSW, programs, repairs and maintenance, building and upgrading?
- (4) What was the total NSW Government funding allocated to public and community housing in the 2012 financial year, including funding for Housing NSW, programs, repairs and maintenance, building and upgrading?
- (5) In the 2010 financial year, what was the total amount of public housing maintenance backlog?
- (6) In the 2011 financial year, what was the total amount of public housing maintenance backlog?
- (7) In the 2012 financial year, what was the total amount of public housing maintenance backlog?
- (8) (a) In light of the increasing maintenance backlog, has consideration been given to increasing

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spending on repairs and maintenance for public and community housing?

(b) If not, why not?

- (9) What is Housing NSW's strategy to clear the \$300 million maintenance backlog that has existed since 2008?
- (10) What is the timeframe to clear the backlog?
- (11) For the financial year 2012, how many recalls were received by Housing NSW for maintenance work that had previously been attended to by contractors?
- (12) What steps has the Government taken to ensure that contractors' work is of an adequate standard to minimise the number of recalls for work that has previously been carried out by contractors?
- (13) Have concerns been raised by Housing NSW staff regarding the impact that the split between assets and management is having on their ability to progress urgent repairs to Housing NSW properties?
- (14) For the financial year 2010, what was the average response time for maintenance repair requests?
- (15) For the financial year 2011, what was the average response time for maintenance repair requests?
- (16) For the financial year 2012, what was the average response time for maintenance repair requests?
- (17) As at 30 June 2012, how many properties in NSW are not "well-maintained" according to Housing NSW Asset Performance Standards?
- (18) In the period 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012, how many Compliance Incident Notices did Housing NSW issue to contractors?
- (19) In the period 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012, how many Non Compliance Notifications (NCN) were issued by Housing NSW to contractors?
- (20) As at 20 June 2012, what is the risk profile of each contractor engaged by Housing NSW?
- (21) In the period 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012, did Housing NSW or its representative conduct six-monthly and/or quarterly program reviews for each contract area in NSW?
 - (a) If yes, what were the findings of those reviews?
 - (b) Did expenditure and commitment meet program budget forecasts?

Answer—

- (1) I refer to the 2008-09 Annual Report of Housing NSW.
- (2) I refer to the 2009-10 Annual Report of the Department of Human Services.
- (3) I refer to the 2010-11 Department of Community Services Financial Statements.
- (4) I refer to the 2011-12 Annual Report of the Department of Finance and Services.
- (5) to (7) The maintenance backlog estimate provided in 2008-09 remains unchanged at \$300 million.
- (8) to (10) Land and Housing Corporation will continue to allocate available funds to the highest priorities, in alignment with long-term asset portfolio strategies.
- (11) In 2011-12, 4.2% of maintenance works orders were recalls, where a contractor attended a previous job and carried out further work.
- (12) The Maintenance Services for Residential Properties (MRP08) contract with head contractors governs quality of repair works to ensure work complies with contracted specifications and standards. The contract also covers auditing procedures.
- (13) Response to urgent repairs has not been affected by the split between Housing NSW and the Land and Housing Corporation.
- (14) to (16) The timeframe varies according to the type of repairs required, ranging from 4 hrs for urgent health and safety related repairs to 90 days for non-urgent programmed upgrades.
- (17) These results will be made available at the conclusion of the current Property Assessment Survey.
- (18) and (19) All notifications relating to maintenance compliance are issued as Compliance Incident Notices (CINs) to head contractors. 282 CINs were issued in 2011-12.
- (20) All five maintenance head contractors are currently rated as either "Good" or "Superior".
- (21) (a) All five contractors are performing at an overall satisfactory level.
 - (b) Maintenance funds were fully expended in 2011-12.

*3097 SKILLS LIST FOR GOVERNMENT SUBSIDISED TRAINING—Ms Carmel Tebbutt asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) What is the process to develop the skills list for government subsidised training?
- (2) Who is responsible for developing it?
- (3) How will it be updated?

Answer—

- (1) The Skills List will be based on labour market analysis and research as well as industry and community consultation.
- (2) The NSW Board of Vocational Education and Training will oversight development of the Skills List.
- (3) The Skills List will be updated annually based on ongoing labour market research and industry and community consultation.

*3098 COMMUNITY SERVICE OBLIGATION PAYMENTS—Ms Carmel Tebbutt asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) How much will each TAFE institute receive in community service obligation payments?
- (2) How will this funding be determined/calculated?

Answer—

The Department of Education and Communities will be commissioning the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal to provide advice on the pricing of community service obligations.

*3099 REFORMS TO EMPLOYMENT MODEL—Ms Carmel Tebbutt asked the Minister for Education—

What reforms has TAFE NSW been authorised to make to its employment model to achieve flexibility?

Answer—

Last year, an amendment was passed to the Technical and Further Education Act 1990 to restore the employer power to TAFE NSW.

On 1 December 2011, the NSW TAFE Commission once again became the employer of all TAFE staff.

TAFE NSW employees are now covered by the Commonwealth Fair Work Act 2009 and are employed under enterprise agreements.

These enterprise agreements are negotiated between TAFE NSW as the employer and TAFE NSW employees and their representatives.

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- 3101 HUNTER NEW ENGLAND HEALTH—STUDY ALLOWANCE—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 3102 JOHN HUNTER HOSPITAL—SURGERY WAITING TIMES—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 3103 JOHN HUNTER EYE CLINIC—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
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- 3110 JUSTICE BLANCH—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
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- 3118 INQUIRY INTO JUST TERMS COMPENSATION—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- *3119 GAME AND FERAL ANIMAL CONTROL AMENDMENT BILL 2012—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

In relation to the Game and Feral Animal Control Amendment Bill 2012:

- (1) Is the Minister aware of concerns raised by professional hunters in relation to the impacts that changes to section 17 (1) (e) has had on their ability to cull feral deer in the Illawarra?
- (2) Will the Government consider reintroducing this section to enable the effective culling and control of feral deer in the Illawarra?
 - (a) If not, why not?
 - (b) If yes, when will this occur?

Answer—

I am advised as follows:

- (1) Yes.
 - (2) As this legislation is administered as part of the Primary Industries portfolio, concerns in relation to the Game and Feral Animal Control Act, should be directed to the Minister for Primary Industries, the Hon Katrina Hodgkinson MP.
- 3120 NOISE CAMERA ON MOUNT OUSLEY ROAD—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 3121 CRIME STATISTICS—ETHNIC GROUPS—Mr Nathan Rees 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—
- 3122 ALBION PARK RAIL BYPASS—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

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- 3123 EMERTON EDUCATION OFFICE—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Education—
- *3124 IVOTE—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- Noting the Allen Consulting Group review of iVote demonstrates the cost effectiveness, improved access for voters and support for expanding access to this form of voting to wider groups:
- (1) What plans does the Government have to better promote iVote for future elections?

- (2) What action has the Government taken to remove the technical glitches identified?
- (3) What consideration has the Government given to expanding the use of iVote beyond people with a disability and those outside the state or electorate during an election?
- (4) Will the Government provide legislative changes to allow greater use of iVote in future?

Answer—

I am advised:

Earlier this year, the Premier made a reference to the Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters to consider, among other things, whether the current legislation provides appropriate voting options at State and local government elections for people with a disability. The Committee's final report is due by April 2013. The Government will consider the recommendations of the Committee with respect to the use of iVote at future NSW elections.

- 3125 TITANIUM DIOXIDE IN FOOD—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 3126 OXFORD STREET TRAFFIC—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 3127 311 BUS SERVICE—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 3128 FACTORY FARMING OF PIGS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Small Business—
- 3129 MARGINAL RENTERS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Fair Trading—
- *3130 DRIFT SMOKE IN APARTMENTS—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Fair Trading—

With apartment living the fastest-growing form of housing in Sydney and more families and young children living in apartments:

- (1) Is the Government aware of growing concerns about second-hand smoke from balconies and patios in apartments drifting in to adjacent homes?
- (2) Is the Government committed to ensuring that all apartment residents can have a smoke-free home?
- (3) What consideration will the Government give to empowering an authority such as the strata managing agent in the Strata Schemes Management Act 1996 to issue orders and notices where second-hand smoke drifts into another apartment?

Answer—

Smoking in strata schemes is one of the matters examined in the Government's strata and community title law review discussion paper, Making NSW No. 1 Again: Shaping Future Communities, released on 15 September 2012. The paper is the second stage of a four stage review process and sets out a number of possible options to deal with the issue of smoke drift.

The paper seeks the community's views and the Government has not yet made any policy decisions on the issues discussed in the paper. The Government is committed to consulting widely to ensure that the new approach is shaped by the community's input and meets their needs. We will be carefully considering all submissions received before making decisions on any of the issues raised in the discussion paper.

- *3131 CENTENNIAL PARK AND MOORE PARK TRUST FUNDING—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

Given rapid population growth in the suburbs surrounding the Centennial Parklands is increasing the need for public green open space:

- (1) (a) Will the current State contribution of four per cent of the Centennial Park and Moore Park Trust (the Trust) annual operating budget be abolished in 2014?
- (b) If so, how will the Government ensure that the trust is able to maintain the parklands?
- (2) What assessment has the Government made on using expected stamp duty income from the adjacent Green Square renewal to fund the parklands, which is estimated to deliver \$665 million from 22,000 new houses selling for between \$650,000 and \$1.1 million?
- (3) What consideration will the Government give to the trust's proposal for a joint State and Federal fund of \$20 million to provide interest revenue for parkland maintenance and improvements?

Answer—

I am advised as follows:

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- (1) The 2014 Budget for Centennial Parklands will be considered as part of the 2013-14 State Government Budget Process.
- (2) This is a matter for the Minister for Finance and Services.
- (3) The State Government has not received any such proposal.
- 3132 COMMUNITY LANGUAGE SCHOOLS FUNDING—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Education—
- 3133 COMMUNITY LANGUAGE SCHOOLS FUNDING—CABRAMATTA—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Education—
- 3134 CABRAMATTA FIRE STATION LAND—Mr Nick Lalich 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—
- 3135 INDICATING AT ROUND-ABOUTS—TRANSLATED MATERIAL—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 3136 INDICATING AT ROUND-ABOUTS—EDUCATION AND AWARENESS CAMPAIGNS—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 3137 CHINESE MINISTERIAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—
- 3138 INDIAN MINISTERIAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—
- 3139 KOREAN MINISTERIAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—
- 3140 RUSSIAN MINISTERIAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—
- 3141 CHILDREN'S COURT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 3142 ABORIGINAL LEGAL ACCESS PROGRAM—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 3143 HAY HOSPITAL—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 3144 DRIVER REVIVER PROGRAM—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 3145 MOBILE SPEED CAMERAS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 3146 SPEED CAMERA LOCATIONS—ASSESSMENTS AND REVIEWS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 3147 ROADS AND MARITIME SERVICE CENTRE—CORRIMAL—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 3148 CENTRE FOR ROAD SAFETY—ROAD TOLL RESPONSE PACKAGE—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 3149 RURAL ROADS—WIDER CENTRE LINE—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 3150 SPEED CAMERAS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 3151 FLINDERS RAILWAY STATION—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Transport—

- 3152 OAK FLATS RAILWAY STATION—CAR PARKING—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 3153 AMBULANCE SERVICE OF NSW—CHANGES TO ROSTER—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

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- 3154 SCHOOL TRUANCY—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Education—
- 3155 PRIORITY SCHOOLS PROGRAM—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Education—
- 3156 CESSNOCK AND KURRI KURRI TAFE CAMPUSES—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Education—
- 3157 SECURITY FENCING—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Education—
- 3158 HOME INVASION INCIDENTS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 3159 SPEED CAMERAS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 3160 HUNTER TRANSPORT PLAN—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 3161 DESTINATION NSW—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Hospitality and Racing, and Minister for the Arts—
- 3162 REPATRIATION WORKS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Local Government, and Minister for the North Coast—
- 3163 CESSNOCK DISTRICT HOSPITAL DENTAL CLINIC—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Healthy Lifestyles, and Minister for Western New South Wales—
- 3164 CONTAINER DEPOSIT SCHEME—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—
- 3165 COAL SEAM GAS MINING—HEALTH EFFECTS—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 3166 BANKSTOWN AIRPORT FLIGHT NUMBERS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 3167 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND COMMUNITIES OFFICES—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Education—
- 3168 BUDGET ESTIMATES QUESTION ON NOTICE NO 28—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Fair Trading—
- 3169 FINES ISSUED BY PRIVATE COMPANIES—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Fair Trading—
- *3170 CIVIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL REGISTRIES—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Fair Trading—

Can the Minister confirm that all NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal registries will have the staff and resources necessary to address matters which are presently the purview of the Consumer, Trader and Tenancy Tribunal?

Answer—

Questions regarding the operation of the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal should be directed to the Attorney General.

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- *3171 CONSUMER, TRADER AND TENANCY TRIBUNAL REGISTRIES—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Fair Trading—
Can the Minister commit to maintaining all existing Consumer, Trader and Tenancy Tribunal registry locations when the tribunal is consolidated into the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal?
Answer—
Questions regarding the operation of the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal should be directed to the Attorney General.
- *3172 RENTAL BOND BOARD GRANTS—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Fair Trading—
Who were the successful applicants of the latest round of Rental Bond Board Grants and the amount of funding provided to each organisation?
Answer—
Details of Rental Bond Board Grants are outlined in the Rental Bond Board Annual Report. The 2011-12 report is now available on the NSW Fair Trading website (www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au).
- 3173 RESIDENTIAL PARKS ACT 1988—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Fair Trading—
- 3174 BANKSTOWN CHILD SEXUAL ASSAULT SERVICE—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Healthy Lifestyles, and Minister for Western New South Wales—
- 3175 ART GALLERY OF NSW—GALLERY OFFICERS—Mr Nathan Rees to ask the Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Hospitality and Racing, and Minister for the Arts—
- 3176 ART GALLERY OF NSW—SECURITY SERVICES—Mr Nathan Rees to ask the Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Hospitality and Racing, and Minister for the Arts—
- 3177 ART GALLERY OF NSW—WESTFIELD PERSONNEL—Mr Nathan Rees to ask the Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Hospitality and Racing, and Minister for the Arts—
- 3178 ANTI-BULLYING POSITIONS—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—
- 3179 RELIEF TEACHER BUDGET—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—
- 3180 DISCUSSIONS WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF SHOOTERS AND FISHERS PARTY—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—
- 3181 ILLAWARRA INSTITUTE OF TAFE—DAPTO AND SHELLHARBOUR CAMPUSES—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Education—
- 3182 SHELLHARBOUR HOSPITAL—PROPOSED EXPANSION AND UPGRADE—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 3183 ALBION PARK AD DAPTO RAILWAY STATIONS UPGRADE—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Transport—
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- 3185 MINISTERIAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEES—ETHNIC GROUPS REPRESENTED—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—
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- 3189 MINISTERIAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEES—NUMBER OF MEMBERS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

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- 3190 CHIFLEY SENIOR CAMPUS (MOUNT DRUITT) YEAR 12 SUBJECTS—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Education—
- 3191 WARATAH WEST PUBLIC SCHOOL—FUNDING CUTS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Education—
- 3192 HEATON PUBLIC SCHOOL—FUNDING CUTS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Education—
- 3193 GLENDALE EAST PUBLIC SCHOOL—FUNDING CUTS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Education—
- 3194 NEWCASTLE TRAIN LINE—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 3195 PROTECTION FROM ARMED ROBBERIES—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 3196 GENERAL DUTIES POLICE VEHICLES—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 3197 ROLES OF COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION AND MINISTERIAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEES—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—
- 3198 OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL, BONNYRIGG—FUNDING CUTS—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Education—
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- 3201 CANLEY VALE HIGH SCHOOL—FUNDING CUTS—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Education—
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- 3206 MAGISTRATE IPADS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 3207 STAFF EMPLOYED IN NSW PUBLIC HEALTH FACILITIES—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 3208 SEXUAL ASSAULT CONSELLORS IN NON-METROPOLITAN AREAS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 3209 EMAIL REPLY—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
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- 3213 COMMERCIAL CREMATORIA—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
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- 3226 FIREFIGHTERS UNIFORMS—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 3227 USE OF PEPPER SPRAY—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—
- 3228 HIGH SCHOOL COURSE ON SAFETY FOR GIRLS—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Minister for Education—
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- 3234 HARRIS STREET SAFETY—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
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- 3236 COMMERCIAL FISHERIES POLICY—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Small Business—
- 3237 ECONOMIC BENEFITS OF MARRIAGE EQUALITY—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Hospitality and Racing, and Minister for the Arts—
- 3238 REGIONAL RELOCATION GRANT—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—
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- 3245 CHARGES ARISING FROM OPERATION SPARTAN—Mr Nathan Rees to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
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- 3248 TEACHERS-AIDES—ELECTORATE OF CESSNOCK—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Education—
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