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*4882 HUNTER REGION COUNSELLING SERVICES FOR MEN—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

- (1) How will the phone counselling services for men, as mentioned in the "It Stops Here" document, operate in the Hunter region?
- (2) How many other behavioral change programs for men will be introduced in the Hunter region?

Answer—

The Men's Referral Service provides telephone counselling, information and referral. The service is available via 1300 766 491 across all of New South Wales, including the Hunter Region.

*4883 HUNTER REGION CHILDREN IN CARE—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

- (1) How many foster children in the Hunter region are in the care of the Department of Family and Community Services (FACS)?
- (2) How many foster children in the Hunter region are in the care of non-government agencies?
- (3) Based on guidelines set by the NSW Office of the Children's Guardian, how regularly should FACS representatives visit children in foster care for welfare checks?
- (4) Are current figures available of the rate of FACS visits to foster children in the Hunter region?
 - (a) If so, what are these figures?
 - (b) If not, why not?

Answer—

(1) - (2) Information and statistics about children and young people in out of home care is available in the Department's Annual Statistical Reports.

(3) - (4) The NSW Standards for Statutory out of home care (OOHC) are available on the Office of the Children's Guardian's website and are not prescriptive on how often children should be visited by their caseworker. This Government is delivering on Wood recommendations to transfer children in OOHC to the non- government sector. NGO's are able to provide regular home visits to children in OOHC.

*4884 NATIONAL DISABILITY INSURANCE SCHEME—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

Does the National Disability Insurance Scheme Act 2013 override the Disability Services Act 1993?

Answer—

The National Disability Insurance Scheme Act 2013 (the NDIS Act) is not intended to override the Disability Services Act 1993 (DSA).

The NDIS Act is intended to operate concurrently with state disability laws as outlined in section 207(1) of the Act. This section says that this Act is not to apply to the exclusion of a law of a State or Territory to the extent that that law is capable of operating concurrently with this Act.

In the event of an inconsistency between the two laws, the NDIS Act will override the DSA in accordance with section 109 of the Commonwealth Constitution.

*4885 PORT OF NEWCASTLE LEASE—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

If the Government receives more than the estimated \$700 million for the 99 year lease of the Port of Newcastle, will the Hunter region receive more of the lease proceeds than the \$350 million pledged for a light rail system servicing Newcastle's central business district?

Answer—

The proceeds will be invested in the Government's infrastructure fund, Restart NSW, with 30 per cent of funds reserved for projects in regional areas.

The Government will invest \$340 million from the transaction in the revitalisation of the Newcastle CBD, including the light rail project. These proceeds are in addition to the \$120 million total already allocated from the Hunter Infrastructure and Investment Fund (\$60m) and Restart NSW (\$60m).

The term of the proposed lease is 98 years.

*4886 PORT OF NEWCASTLE LEASE COMMUNITY LIAISON GROUP—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

- (1) What criteria is used to select members of the community liaison group formed to provide input on the Government's plans for the long term lease of the Port of Newcastle?
- (2) Who is responsible for selection of the community liaison group?
- (3) How many members will be on the community liaison group?

Answer—

These questions would be more appropriately directed to the Minister for Roads and Ports.

*4887 INDEPENDENT LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW PANEL—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Local Government, and Minister for the North Coast—

The Local Government in NSW Future Directions Opinion Poll prepared for the Independent Local Government Review Panel found that Hunter residents scored councils relatively low on their ability to understand community needs and act in the best interest of the community:

What is the Government doing to support local councils and improve this result?

Answer—

I provide the following details in response to your questions:

The Government established the Independent Local Government Review Panel at the request of the then Local Government and Shires Associations of NSW (now Local Government NSW), to review the governance, structure and boundaries of local government in New South Wales. To inform its work, the Panel has commissioned research consistent with the intent of the review and its Terms of Reference.

*4888 PARRAMATTA COMMUNITY JUSTICE CENTRE—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

- (1) Will the new centralised Community Justice Centre in Parramatta have specific mediators to deal with referrals from community organisations such as Aboriginal groups, housing co-operatives and women's centres?
- (2) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

The backroom operations for providing mediation services will be centralised at the Parramatta Community Justice Centre, which will deal with all referrals for mediation in NSW. Mediators will continue to be made available and sent wherever clients are located.

*4889 FADED SCHOOL ZONE SIGNS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

- (1) Has the Government responded to the the National Roads and Motorists' Association's recent Keep School Zones Safe survey which showed 41 per cent of Hunter and Central Coast school zone signs had faded and 73 per cent had not been updated to comply with Australian standards?
- (2) If not, when will the Government take action on this issue?

Answer—

I am advised:

As part of the rollout of flashing lights, school zone signage is being upgraded to fluorescent signage. As at 30 September 2013, 10,000 signs have been replaced, about 40 per cent of the total in New South Wales. The Government is continuing the rollout, so every school in New South Wales has a set of flashing lights by December 2015.

Schools can request Roads and Maritime Services replace damaged signs and carry out maintenance, such as tree trimming around school zone signs, either through Roads and Maritime regional offices, the local Traffic Committee or by calling customer service on 13 22 13.

*4890 JOHN HUNTER HOSPITAL THEATRE NURSE VACANCIES—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) Has the Hunter New England Local Health District filled the seven budgeted positions for theatre

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nurses at John Hunter Hospital?

(2) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

All seven theatre nurse positions have been filled and all nurses have begun work at John Hunter Hospital.

*4891 CRIMES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (GANGS) ACT PROSECUTIONS—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

How many prosecutions have there been of offences introduced by the Crimes Legislation Amendment (Gangs) Act 2006:

- (a) Prior to 26 March 2011;
- (b) After 26 March 2011?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (BOCSAR) holds the information in relation to the number of charges finalised in NSW criminal courts for offences introduced into the Crimes Act 1900 by the Crimes Legislation Amendment (Gangs) Act 2006 for those respective periods.

*4892 INMATE SUPPORT SERVICES—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

- (1) Why have tenders not been called for the inmate support service strand of Corrective Services NSW funding?
- (2) Why has funding been refused for Prisoners Aid NSW beyond 1 July 2014?
- (3) Have you refused to meet representatives of Prisoners Aid NSW?
 - (a) If so, why?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Corrective Services NSW (CSNSW) undertook a review of its Community Funding Program which resulted in the development of the Funded Partnership Initiative (FPI). Tenders under the FPI closed on 11 November 2013.
- (2) Every three years CSNSW opens a tender process and invites applications for a range of inmate services. The Prisoners' Aid Association of NSW did not submit a tender application.
- (3) CSNSW met with the Prisoners' Aid Association of NSW in relation to the FPI and the tender process on two occasions.

*4893 ROSS SELLER JUDGMENT—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

What action is proposed against lawyer Ross Seller particularly bearing in mind the recent judgment of the NSW Supreme Court?

Answer—

I am advised:

No complaint has been filed to date with the Office of the Legal Services Commissioner against this lawyer in relation to the judgement of the Supreme Court in *Symond v Gadens Lawyers Pty Limited* (2013).

Criminal charges have been laid against Mr Seller that are unrelated to *Symond v Gadens Lawyers Pty Limited* (2013). As required by the Legal Profession Act 2004, Mr Seller notified the Law Society of those charges being laid. If convicted, Mr Seller will be required under section 67 of Act to show cause as to why he considers himself to be a fit and proper person to hold a solicitor's practising certificate.

*4894 NSW HEALTH PATHOLOGIST EXPERT ADVICE—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

Do you propose to respond to the letter from Uther, Webster and Evans dated 4 November 2013, a copy of which was sent to you concerning a directive preventing Ministry of Health pathologists providing advice or evidence at the request of lawyers for defendants?

Answer—

I am advised:

Yes. I also refer the honourable member to the response of the Minister for Health and the Minister for Medical Research to LA Question 4895.

*4895 NSW HEALTH PATHOLOGIST EXPERT ADVICE—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) Has the Ministry of Health issued a policy directive preventing any pathologist employed by the New South Wales Health Service from providing any expert advice or evidence on the request of defence lawyers?
- (2) If so,
 - (a) What is the basis of this directive;
 - (b) When did the directive come into effect?
- (3) Do you propose to respond to the letter on this topic from Uther, Webster and Evans dated 4 November 2013 to Mary Fidler, a copy of which was sent to you?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) - (2) No.

(3) Dr Mary Foley, Director General, NSW Health will respond to the correspondence from Uther, Webster and Evans.

*4896 SCHOOLS AS COMMUNITY CENTRES PROGRAM—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

- (1) Will you fund the Schools as Community Centres Program (under Families NSW) at the following schools beyond 30 June 2014:
 - (a) Ashcroft;
 - (b) Fairfield;
 - (c) Cabramatta;
 - (d) Canley Vale;
 - (e) Curran;
 - (f) Rosemeadow?
- (2) If so, when will that announcement be made?
- (3) If not,
 - (a) Why not;
 - (b) What alternative arrangements will you make for this type of work to continue?

Answer—

These questions would be more appropriately directed to the Minister for Education.

*4897 SCHOOLS AS COMMUNITY CENTRES PROGRAM—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Education—

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 - (a) Ashcroft;
 - (b) Fairfield;
 - (c) Cabramatta;
 - (d) Canley Vale;
 - (e) Curran;
 - (f) Rosemeadow?
- (2) If so, when will that announcement be made?
- (3) If not,
 - (a) Why not;
 - (b) What alternative arrangements will you make for this type of work to continue?

Answer—

The school principals at Ashcroft, Fairfield, Cabramatta, Canley Vale, Curran and Rosemeadow Public Schools have been advised that the projects at their schools will be continuing beyond 30 June 2014.

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*4898 **MOTORISED BICYCLES**—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

What steps do you propose to:

- (a) Ban motorised bicycles;
- (b) Regulate motorised bicycles;
- (c) Licence motorised bicycles;
- (d) Impose speed limits on motorised bicycles?

Answer—

I am advised:

Legal power assisted pedal cycles are typically powered by a low output motor of up to 200 watts, which is usually electric, with the primary source of power still being from the rider pedalling, and the attached motor providing a small amount of additional assistance.

Under existing New South Wales legislation, motorised bicycles which have a power output exceeding 200 watts are illegal to use on roads, footpaths and public areas. They do not meet the standards for a power assisted pedal cycle and are dangerous for the rider and other pedestrians.

It is largely impractical for petrol driven engines capable of propelling a bicycle to be under the 200 watt power limit. Subsequently, virtually all of the petrol powered engines currently being attached to motorised bicycles exceed this power limit and so are illegal for use on a road or road-related area in New South Wales.

I have asked the NSW Centre for Road Safety to undertake a review of petrol powered bicycles. The review is currently underway.

Under the New South Wales roads legislation, power assisted pedal cycles, where the primary source of power is the rider pedalling, are considered a form of bicycle and are subject to the same laws and road rules as a conventional bicycle.

*4899 **PROPOSED WOLLONGONG PRIVATE HOSPITAL DEVELOPMENT**—Ms Noreen Hay asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

How many proposals or expressions of interest have been received for the proposed development of a co-located private hospital at the Wollongong Hospital campus?

Answer—

I am advised:

Three companies indicated interest in the project and were given the opportunity to provide more comprehensive sets of proposals. Two of these companies withdrew their interest during August 2013 and the third submitted a proposal in mid-November 2013. The Ministry of Health and the Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District are currently considering whether the proposal represents a viable and deliverable solution for the development of a car park along with a co-located hospital.

*4900 **PROPOSED WOLLONGONG PRIVATE HOSPITAL TENDER COMPANIES**—Ms Noreen Hay asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

What are the names of the companies that have tendered for the proposed development of a co-located private hospital at the Wollongong Hospital campus?

Answer—

I refer the Member to the response to her earlier related question LA Question 4899.

*4901 **PROPOSED WOLLONGONG PRIVATE HOSPITAL AND CAR PARK**—Ms Noreen Hay asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

How many of the proposals or expressions of interest for the development of a co-located private hospital at the Wollongong Hospital campus include a car park for Wollongong Hospital?

Answer—

I refer the Member to the response to her earlier related question LA Question 4899.

*4902 **PROPOSED WOLLONGONG PRIVATE HOSPITAL AND CAR PARK TENDER COMPANIES**—Ms Noreen Hay asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

What are the names of the companies whose tender for the development of a co-located private hospital

at the Wollongong Hospital campus include a car park for Wollongong Hospital?

Answer—

I refer the Member to the response to her earlier related question LA Question 4899.

*4903 PROPOSED WOLLONGONG PRIVATE HOSPITAL ANNOUNCEMENT—Ms Noreen Hay asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

When will the successful applicant for the proposed development of a co-located private hospital at the Wollongong Hospital campus be announced?

Answer—

I refer the Member to the response to her earlier related question LA Question 4899.

*4904 PUBLIC HOUSING PROPERTIES—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

- (1) How many vacant public housing properties are there in the Illawarra region?
- (2) How many vacant public housing properties are there in the Shellharbour electorate?
- (3) How many public housing properties are there in the Shellharbour electorate?
- (4) What are the street addresses of public housing properties in the Shellharbour electorate?

Answer—

Details about the NSW Housing Register are available on the Department of Family and Community Services website.

The number of vacant properties changes from day to day.

*4905 PUBLIC HOUSING TRANSFER REQUESTS—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

- (1) How many public housing tenants in the Shellharbour electorate have requested a transfer to accommodation with fewer bedrooms?
- (2) How many of these tenant requests could not be accommodated?
- (3) Why could these tenant requests not be accommodated?

Answer—

A number of requests have been approved for transfer and all of these requests will be accommodated.

*4906 SHELLHARBOUR HOSPITAL SERVICE PLAN—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) What is the progress of the Government's response to the Shellharbour Hospital Service Plan?
- (2) Have the following plans commenced:
 - (a) Strategic Asset Plan;
 - (b) Clinical Division Plans;
 - (c) Shellharbour Hospital Master Plan?
- (3) If so, on what date did each plan commence and on what date is each plan expected to be finalised?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Shellharbour Hospital Service Plan was publicly released in September 2013, and is available on the Local Health District's website at www.islhd.health.nsw.gov.au. The other plans have all been completed.

*4907 ILLAWARRA SHOALHAVEN LOCAL HEALTH DISTRICT BOARD—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

What is the residential postcode for each member of the Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District Board?

Answer—

I am advised:

Information on members of the Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District's Governing Board is publically available on the Local Health District's website at: www.islhd.health.nsw.gov.au/Board.

*4908 YALLAH TO OAK FLATS ROAD UPGRADE—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

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- (1) Has the Government made any funding submission or application to the Commonwealth Government under any land transport program administered by the Commonwealth regarding the Yallah to Oak Flats upgrade?
 - (a) If so, what funding was requested and for what projects?
 - (b) If not, why not?
- (2) When was the Princes Highway classified as a state road?
- (3) Does the Princes Highway remain classified as a state road?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Refer to the answer provided for LA Question 3336.
- (2) 8 August 1928.
- (3) Yes.

*4909 HARBOUR MOORING AT SNAILS BAY—Mr Jamie Parker asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

- (1) What is the rate for mooring large vessels at Snails Bay, Birchgrove?
- (2) What is the current fee schedule for mooring different sized vessels for different lengths of time on the dolphins at Snails Bay, Birchgrove?
- (3) What is the policy for charging fees on the dolphins at Snails Bay, Birchgrove?
- (4) What are the current fees being charged for mooring at the dolphins at Snails Bay, Birchgrove?
- (5) For all vessels that are currently moored on the dolphins in Snails Bay, what is the:
 - (a) Name of Vessel;
 - (b) Vessel size (length, breadth and displacement);
 - (c) Age of vessel;
 - (d) Type of vessel;
 - (e) Date of mooring on the dolphins;
 - (f) Expected date of departure from the dolphins;
 - (g) Monthly mooring fees from date of mooring to 17 October 2013;
 - (h) Status of mooring fee account for each vessel as at 17 October 2013 (status of fees outstanding)?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) - (2) The rate for all vessels is \$2.00 per metre per day. Fees paid by existing clients that are currently below this rate are being increased incrementally until 1 July 2014. The fees currently being paid range from \$0.66 per metre per day to \$2.00 per metre per day.

(3) Moorings are charged one month in advance. There is a 10 per cent discount for vessels that have approval to operate commercially. There is a 20 per cent discount if two vessels are rafted together.

(4) - (5) Refer to below table:

Question 5a - Vessel Name	Question 5b - Length x Beam	Question 4 - Current Rate p/month	Question 5c - age of vessel (years)	Question 5d - Type of vessel	Question 5e - Date of mooring	Question 5f - expected date of departure	Question 5g - Approx Fees from arrival to to 17/10/13	Question 5h - Fees outstanding as at 17/10/13
Bass	30.48m x 6.71m	\$1,270	52	Fishing Vessel	Pre 1/9/2009	Unknown - dispute regarding ownership	Unknown, Pre Sydney Superyacht Marina	\$4,620
Goliath	40m x unknown	\$1,100	87	Vehicular Ferry	14/03/2012	Unknown	\$12,200	\$2,100
AUS BARGE	52.7m x 17m	\$3,206	Unknown	Barge	7/01/2013	Unknown	\$15,000	\$1,500
Amenities Barge	14.8m x 6.2m	No fees charged to RMS	Unknown	Barge	Pre 1/9/2009	Seized by Roads and Maritime	Unknown, Pre Sydney Superyacht Marina	\$15,387 outstanding to RMS direct

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Rose Bay Afloat	40m x unknown	\$1,000	Unknown	Floating restaurant	23/10/2007	Sydney Superyacht Marina terminated 2/10/13, 14 days to vacate. Reminded 15/10 and 28/10 to vacate immediately. Still unresolved at 2 December 2013	Unknown, Pre Sydney Superyacht Marina	\$550
Thales Floating Dock	60m x 20m approx	\$1,500	67	Floating dock	23/09/2013	Unknown	\$1,500	\$0
LC4	31.7m x unknown	\$1,300	Unknown	Barge	1/04/2012	Unknown	\$13,300	\$2,100
AP Recovery	51m x 12.5m	\$1,575	Unknown	Tug	14/12/2011	Unknown	\$33,000	\$1,500
Botany Salvor tug	38m x 11m	\$1,470	31	Tug	1/03/2012	Unknown	\$28,000	\$1,400
Utah V #22160	43m x unknown	\$1,500	Unknown	Unknown	25/07/2013	Unknown	\$5,500	\$0
Any one of three:	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
PM Melbourne	35m x 17m	\$1,500	5	Barge	1/04/2011	Unknown	\$46,500	\$1,500
Cockatoo #57151	19.4m x 8.4m	\$1,500	87	Barge	5/04/2013	Unknown	\$9,000	\$1,500
Tambai II	24.38m x 6.09m	\$1,500	14	Barge	1/08/2013	Unknown	\$4,500	\$0
Rafted:	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
139	50m x 8m	\$1,000	Unknown	Barge	1/10/2013	Unknown	\$2,000	\$1,500
140	50m x 8m	\$1,000	Unknown	Barge	1/11/2012	Unknown	\$15,000	\$1,500
-	-	\$17,421	-	-	-	-	-	-

*4910 FORT STREET PRIMARY SCHOOL TRAFFIC CONCERNS—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

In relation to concerns surrounding the safety of pedestrians, cyclists and motorists in and around the Fort Street Primary School:

Has monitoring been carried out in relation to safety at this location?

- (a) If so, what measures will be implemented as a result of this monitoring?
(b) If not, when will monitoring take place?

Answer—

I am advised:

The signage on the shared path at Fort Street Public School was assessed and faded markings were upgraded. Roads and Maritime will install cross hatched marking on the bridge deck to further raise awareness for both cyclists and pedestrians. This work is expected to be completed by the end of December 2013.

Roads and Maritime will continue to monitor community feedback.

*4911 FLOOD PRONE AREAS IN MOUNT DRUITT—Mr Richard Amery asked the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW, Leader of the House—

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- (1) Are parts of the Mount Druitt electorate identified as flood prone?
- (2) What action is being taken to ensure that new housing developments are not built in flood prone areas?
- (3) Are discussions held with the insurance industry regarding land releases in areas identified as flood prone?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Yes.
- (2) The applicable development controls for flood prone land are contained in Part A of the Blacktown Development Control Plan 2006 under Section 8 Development of Flood Prone Land and Section 9 Local Overland Flooding Major Drainage and Local Runoff.
- (3) Decisions on land releases in flood prone areas are made in accordance with the requirements of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.

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*4912 MOUNT OUSLEY ROAD REST STOP UPGRADE—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

- (1) When will the Mount Ousley Road rest stop and truck stop upgrade project commence?
- (2) How much funding has been allocated to this project by the NSW Government?
- (3) How much funding has been allocated to this project by the Federal Government?
- (4) When will this project be completed?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Design and development work has started.
- (2) \$4 million in the 2013-14 financial year.
- (3) \$4 million in the 2013-14 financial year.
- (4) A completion date has not been determined.

*4913 MOUNT KEIRA DEMONSTRATION SCHOOL FLASHING LIGHTS—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

Is there a time line for installing flashing lights at Mount Keira Demonstration School?

- (a) If so, when will the lights be installed;
- (b) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

On 11 June 2013, the Government announced an acceleration of the school zone flashing lights program, to ensure every school in New South Wales has a set of flashing lights by December 2015. This means around 1,500 schools that would have missed out, will now receive flashing lights.

Roads and Maritime is consulting with schools that do not have flashing lights, including Mount Keira Demonstration School, to determine the approach for the installation of flashing lights.

A rollout schedule will be developed once the consultation process is complete.

*4914 SPEED CAMERA TOLERANCE—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

- (1) Is the speed tolerance before a person is fined the same across mobile speed cameras, fixed speed cameras and front line police in New South Wales?
- (2) Is the speed tolerance the same for all mobile speed cameras operating in New South Wales?
- (3) Is the speed tolerance the same for all fixed speed cameras operating in New South Wales?

Answer—

I am advised:

As has been the practice for many years, including under the previous Labor Government, the Government does not comment on purported speed camera tolerances.

*4915 MALDON TO DOMBARTON RAIL LINK—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

- (1) What is the progress of the report into the Maldon to Dombarton Rail Link being conducted by Transport for NSW on behalf of the Commonwealth?
- (2) When will this report be completed?
- (3) When will this report be available to the public?

Answer—

I am advised:

Transport for NSW is not preparing a specific report into the Maldon to Dombarton Rail Link on behalf of the Commonwealth. Rather, Transport for NSW is managing the planning and pre-construction design work to support the potential future delivery of the project.

Information regarding the scope and progress of work being undertaken is available on the Transport for NSW website.

*4916 MALDON TO DOMBARTON RAIL LINK—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport—

- (1) What is the progress of the report into the Maldon to Dombarton Rail Link being conducted by Transport for NSW on behalf of the Commonwealth?
- (2) When will this report be completed?
- (3) When will this report be available to the public?

Answer—

I am advised:

Please refer to the answer to LA 4915 provided by the Minister for Roads and Ports.

*4917 TAFE NSW DISABILITY SERVICES—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) How much funding was allocated for the Disability Services component of the TAFE NSW budget over the last five financial years?
- (2) How much funding was allocated for the Disability Services component of the TAFE NSW budget over the last five financial years for the TAFE Illawarra Institute?

Answer—

The TAFE NSW budget does not allocate separate funding for Disability Services. Students with a disability are integrated into the mainstream and Institutes use their budget allocation to meet the resource needs of these students.

*4918 ILLAWARRA YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

- (1) Has the Minister received the report on youth unemployment that he said he requested at the estimates hearing for the Legislative Council's General Purpose Standing Committee No. 1 on Thursday, 15 August 2013?
- (2) Will the Minister release this report?
 - (a) If not, why not?
- (3) What is the level of youth unemployment in the Illawarra region?

Answer—

I receive regular updates on Illawarra labour force statistics from NSW Trade & Investment.

I am advised that ABS data in original terms shows the unemployment rate for the Illawarra region in October 2013 was 5.5 per cent and 6.1 per cent for Wollongong. For New South Wales it was 5.8 per cent and 5.6 per cent for Australia as a whole.

The youth unemployment rate for the Illawarra region in October 2013 stood at 15.1 per cent, while it was 17.2 per cent for Wollongong, 12.7 per cent for total New South Wales, and 12.2 per cent for Australia.

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*4919 RELOCATION OF GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

- (1) What government departments and agencies is the Minister examining for relocation to the Illawarra region as stated in his evidence to the Legislative Council's General Purpose Standing Committee No. 1 on Thursday, 15 August 2013?
- (2) Is the Shellharbour electorate being considered as a location for these government departments and agencies?
 - (a) If not, why not?
- (3) Has the Government relocated any existing government departments and agencies to the Illawarra region since March 2011?
 - (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) - (2) The Government has set a target of relocating 1,500 public sector jobs from metropolitan Sydney to regional New South Wales by 2021.

The Government has also issued a Call for Lease Proposals (CLP) to construct a new building to accommodate the Illawarra based State Emergency Services headquarters to be available in 2016.

The CLP seeks proposals for 5,000m² of office space in the areas between Thirroul and Shellharbour. The project will generate approximately 300 jobs during construction and support 250 ongoing skilled positions.

(3) NSW Fisheries has relocated seven positions from Cronulla to Wollongong and 31 positions to Nowra.

*4920 COMPULSORY DRUG TREATMENT CORRECTIONAL CENTRE—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

- (1) What is the Government's response to the Review of the Compulsory Drug Treatment Correctional Centre pursuant to the Crimes (Administration of Services) Act 1999?
- (2) Granted that in the four years since its establishment the Compulsory Drug Treatment Correctional Centre has never been at 100 per cent capacity, are referrals to the centre accepted from the Sydney Drug Court, the Hunter Drug Court as well as the Parramatta Drug Court?
 - (a) If not, why not?
- (3) How many positive tests for non prescription drugs occurred for participants in Stage 1 of the Compulsory Drug Treatment Program in the periods:
 - (a) 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012;
 - (b) 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013;
 - (c) 1 July 2013 to date?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Government is currently considering the recommendations of the review. Corrective Services NSW does not collect drug testing data based on Program stages.

*4921 SHALVEY PUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDING—Mr Richard Amery asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) Has needs based funding for Shalvey Public School been reduced by nearly \$35,000?
- (2) What circumstances changed at this school to warrant such a reduction in needs based funding?
- (3) What impact has this funding change had on programs being run at Shalvey Public School?

Answer—

(1) Shalvey Public School equity funding for 2013 was \$843,057. In 2014 the funding for the two new equity loadings (socio-economic and Aboriginal backgrounds) is \$794,536. Funding to schools in the Mount Druitt electorate increased by \$2,065,726.

(2) In 2014, the Department of Education and Communities is introducing a fairer funding model for all schools, which reflects the characteristics of individual schools and their students. The new Family Occupation and Education Index captures the data on every student enrolled in every New South Wales public school. Schools with a high score on the Family Occupation and Education Index and the highest proportion of disadvantaged students will be funded at the highest level under the new

equity loading for socio-economic background. This loading funds student need, not schools on a program and it considers all public schools across the state. For 2014, the needs based funding for Shalvey Public School has been allocated according to the new funding model.

- (3) Shalvey Public School will receive a combined equity allocation of \$794,536 and will be well placed to deliver quality educational programs and employ equity funded staff positions. The school is currently undertaking an evaluation of existing programs and planning for 2014. Key programs will remain with some minor adjustments to staffing. In the longer term, the new funding model will provide a more sustainable way for the school to plan over time, rather than make large adjustments in response to being 'on' or 'off' a program.

*4922 WINDSOR BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT—Mrs Barbara Perry asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

- (1) Has Roads and Maritime Services procured any goods or services in relation to any phase of the Windsor Bridge Replacement Project on the basis of a single invitation?
- (2) Has Roads and Maritime Services undertaken or arranged to have undertaken any works in the vicinity of the Windsor Bridge Replacement Project which would have any connection with the project if approved?
- (3) Has any land been acquired in respect to this project?
- (4) Have any project alliance team building activities taken place in anticipation of the construction phase of the Windsor Bridge Replacement Project?
- (5) Is it correct that under the terms of the alliance contract there will be no penalty payments to the construction contractor Baulderstone, or any other contractors, if the Minister determined the project would not proceed because it constitutes a misuse of public money?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Refer to answers LA Question 4489 and LA Question 4372.
- (2) Yes. Roads and Maritime has undertaken archaeological test excavations, geotechnical investigations, survey work and noise monitoring to inform the environmental assessment and the design of the project.
- (3) No.
- (4) A number of preparatory workshops have been held.
- (5) Should the Windsor Bridge replacement project not receive planning approval, the alliance agreement with the contractor contains a provision that would allow it to be terminated with reimbursement of costs incurred to date.

Undertaking relevant parts of the procurement process to allow for the project to ramp up quickly if approved, and terminated appropriately if the project does not proceed, is an established and sensible practice. This process has previously been used for other infrastructure projects, including for the Inner West Busway project along Victoria Road on the Iron Cove Bridge under the former Labor government.

*4923 BALMAIN PRESCHOOL FUNDING—Mr Jamie Parker asked the Minister for Education—

What funding was allocated to preschools in the Balmain electorate for the financial years ending:

- (a) June 2013;
- (b) June 2012;
- (c) June 2011?

Answer—

- (a) \$899,258
- (b) \$846,235
- (c) \$601,779.

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*4924 SALE OF ILLEGAL TOBACCO IN BANKSTOWN—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Fair Trading—

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- (1) How many instances of illegal tobacco sales in the Bankstown electorate has the Department of Fair Trading investigated in 2013?
(2) What actions have been taken to prevent the sale of illegal tobacco in Bankstown and across New South Wales?

Answer—

The registration of tobacco retailers falls within the portfolio responsibilities of the Minister for Health, the Hon Jillian Skinner MP. The question therefore should be referred to the Minister for Health for response.

*4925 REAL ESTATE LICENCE REGULATIONS—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Fair Trading—

What regulations exist to stop a person without a real estate licence being approved to operate as part of a real estate franchise group?

Answer—

The Property, Stock and Business Agents Act 2002 (the Act) requires all real estate businesses to have a licensee in charge and that licensee must be appropriately licensed for the work being carried out. This applies no matter how the business is structured and therefore applies to businesses that are franchises.

In addition the Act requires that a person must not carry out the functions of a real estate salesperson unless the person is the holder of a certificate of registration, and is employed by a licensed person or a corporation that holds a licence.

If a licensee enters into a franchise agreement, the Act requires that they notify Fair Trading within 30 days.

*4926 UNLICENSED TRADESPEOPLE—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Fair Trading—

What measures are the Government taking to crack down on unlicensed tradespeople, aside from encouraging customers to check whether operators are licensed on the Fair Trading website?

Answer—

The licensing regime under the Home Building Act 1989 establishes standards for competence, probity, contracts, statutory warranties and home warranty insurance to protect people against faulty or incomplete work. NSW Fair Trading is also responsible for administering the Electricity (Consumer Safety) Act 2004.

The Government is committed to protecting consumers from unscrupulous traders and stamping out unlicensed operators through a variety of actions including:

- the annual My Place Program which combines the provision of education information to both traders and consumers along with ensuring compliance with the relevant legislation;
- leading the national strategy to stamp out travelling conmen;
- joining forces with CrimeStoppers to raise consumer awareness of unlicensed tradespeople;
- using specific powers under the Fair Trading Act 1987 to issue public warnings and penalty notices; and
- pursuing prosecutions of breaches to deter others.

*4927 GENERAL PRACTITIONERS IN BANKSTOWN—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

How does the number of general practitioners in the Bankstown electorate compare to the state average?

Answer—

I am advised:

As the Commonwealth Government is primarily responsible for the supply of general practitioners throughout Australia, this question should be directed to the Commonwealth Minister for Health.

*4928 MALEK FAHD ISLAMIC SCHOOL—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) Will the Malek Fahd Islamic School in Greenacre be re-registered by the NSW Board of Studies in 2014?
(a) If not, why not?
(b) If not, how will the students at the school be accommodated in 2014?

Answer—

The Board of Studies considered the applications for the renewal of the school's registration and accreditation under the Education Act beyond 2013 at its meeting on Tuesday 10 December 2013.

While progress has been made in relation to the areas of the school's non-compliance with the Education Act, the Board continues to have concerns about the school's compliance with the requirements for registration and accreditation. Accordingly, the school's period of registration and accreditation has been extended until 31 December 2014 during which time the school is required to address the Board's concerns.

The school will be subject of further inspection early in Term 1, 2014, and subsequently as required, to expedite the resolution of the Board's concerns.

*4929 LIQUOR LICENCES IN THE BANKSTOWN ELECTORATE—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Hospitality and Racing, and Minister for the Arts—

- (1) How many liquor licences are currently in use across the Bankstown electorate?
- (2) How many liquor licences were in use across the Bankstown electorate in:
 - (a) 2012;
 - (b) 2011?

Answer—

The liquor licensing database established in 2008 by the Office of Liquor, Gaming and Racing is not capable of producing reports about licensed premises based upon electorates.

*4930 FOOD SAFETY BREACHES IN BANKSTOWN—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Small Business—

Noting that the NSW Food Authority's website lists almost 100 penalty notices issued for food safety breaches in Bankstown over the past 12 months:

What educational programs are being implemented in the Bankstown area to raise awareness of food safety and reduce the number of breaches?

Answer—

The NSW Food Authority, in conjunction with a number of councils including Bankstown City Council, is rolling out its 'hot bread shop project' targeting high risk food handling and food safety issues in 'at risk' businesses. Bankstown City Council's food safety education program includes free introductory food handler training provided in six languages with the help of interpreters and translated educational material. The training is delivered in Vietnamese, Arabic, Cantonese, Mandarin and Thai. Council also provides basic food handler training to temporary food stall operators and on-site training for schools and child care centres.

*4931 FIRE HAZARD REDUCTION OPERATIONS—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—

What bushfire hazard reduction operations will be conducted before summer at:

- (a) Lake Gillawana;
- (b) Flinders Slope;
- (c) Shortland Bush;
- (d) Georges River National Park;
- (e) Bushland on Henry Lawson Drive between the Hume Hwy and Milperra Rd?

Answer—

I am advised by Fire and Rescue NSW:

Extensive bushfire hazard reduction operations have already been undertaken in Georges River National Park. Proposals for hazard reduction in other areas, including Lake Gillawana, Flinders Slope and Shortland Bush, have been submitted to the local Bush Fire Management Committee. These are prioritised and undertaken as resource and weather conditions allow.

A small area of bushland on Henry Lawson Drive (near hazel Street) has been identified as requiring hazard reduction. This will be undertaken in December/January 2014.

*4932 INTERSECTION OF STACEY STREET AND GRIFFITHS ROAD—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

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- (1) When will the Roads and Maritime Services' review of the intersection at Stacey Street and Griffiths Road in Bankstown be completed?
- (2) Will Roads and Maritime Services put in place any temporary safety measures while the review is being completed given another serious accident occurred at the intersection on Monday 11 November 2013?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) Roads and Maritime expects traffic flow, pedestrian flow and crash data analysis for this intersection to be completed by the end of March 2014. The analysis will inform the most appropriate treatment to reduce the number and severity of crashes at this intersection.

(2) Roads and Maritime is engaging with police to monitor this intersection.

*4933 NUMBER OF AMBULANCES—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

How many ambulances were operating in the Ambulance Service of NSW fleet in the financial years:

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

Answer—

I am advised:

In the respective financial years there were the following number of ambulances in the fleet:

- (a) 999;
- (b) 1018;
- (c) 1021.

*4934 OUT OF AREA AMBULANCE RESPONSE—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) How many ambulances are located in the Hunter New England Health area?
- (2) Is there a maximum distance an out of area ambulance is expected to travel to respond to a call when local ambulances are not available?
- (3) Is there a maximum time frame an out of area ambulance is expected to travel to respond to a call when local ambulances are not available?

Answer—

I am advised:

There are currently around 150 ambulance vehicles allocated to the Hunter New England Sector.

There is no maximum distance or timeframe for ambulances responding to emergencies. Ambulance Control Centre staff will always respond the nearest available resources as necessary to a patient requiring emergency care, regardless of which station or region a crew started from.

To continually improve response times, NSW Ambulance has:

- Adjusted crew deployments to better match available resources to known demand patterns in Sydney and rural areas;
- Linked Ambulance patients to the appropriate healthcare community and non-emergency department pathways;
- Continued use of Extended Care Paramedics to reduce the number of patients needing hospital transport; and
- Enhanced Rapid Responder models.

*4935 PATIENT TRANSPORT UPON DISCHARGE—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) Do hospitals have a responsibility to ensure that patients who are transported to hospital by ambulance have available transport to their homes upon discharge?
- (2) What avenues are available to discharged patients who were transported to hospital by ambulance to return to their homes when there is no direct public transport to their suburb?

Answer—

I am advised:

Local Health Districts are expected to provide all possible advice and assistance to patients to ensure they have suitable discharge arrangements. Patients are advised that it is best to organise transport home with family members or friends upon discharge, regardless of their initial mode of transport to hospital. However, if a patient has no one to collect them or they are in a hospital a long way from home, the hospital may be able to assist with transport.

The Isolated Patients Travel and Accommodation Assistance Scheme (IPTAAS) provides financial assistance to help with travel and accommodation costs for people (and eligible escorts) who need to travel long distances to access specialist treatment not available locally. Further information can be obtained through the Enable NSW website at:

<http://www.enable.health.nsw.gov.au/iptaas>

Both the NSW Ambulance and Local Health Districts undertake patient transport and care, to and from pre-arranged hospital and medical appointments, including discharges from hospital, for patients who are medically unfit to travel by private or public transport.

Further information of the services available through the NSW Ambulance can be found at:

<http://www.ambulance.nsw.gov.au/Health-Professionals-Info.html>

*4936 NEW LOWER HUNTER HOSPITAL—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) What is the proposed commencement date for construction of the new Lower Hunter Hospital to be located at Metford?
- (2) What is the proposed completion date for construction of the hospital?
- (3) What is the proposed commencement date for patient care at the hospital?

Answer—

I am advised:

The project is currently being planned. Dates for commencement of construction and completion of the hospital can be determined after the finalisation of the master-planning process.

*4937 POLICE OFFICER FIRST RESPONSE AGREEMENTS—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—

Which police stations in the Hunter region do not have police officers documented with a first response agreement for their station besides Kurri Kurri Police Station?

Answer—

I am advised:

First response agreements are held with Local Area Commands not individual police stations.

*4938 MARITIME REGISTRATIONS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

When will all Roads and Maritime Services offices be able to process maritime registrations and not have to send the registrations elsewhere for processing?

Answer—

I am advised:

As at 4 December 2013, 115 Roads and Maritime registries across the state can process paperwork for all maritime transactions, including registrations. Of these, 41 are fully integrated Roads and Maritime service centres, and six are Maritime service centres where only maritime registration transactions can be completed. Integrated registries are continually expanding.

The Government is establishing Service NSW centres throughout New South Wales. All Service NSW centres will be able to process maritime registrations on site. The rollout of Service NSW has commenced, with 12 sites currently operational and another six planned for delivery in 2014.

*4939 MAJOR EVENTS FOR 2014—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Hospitality and Racing, and Minister for the Arts—

- (1) What major events will New South Wales be hosting in 2014?

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(2) Which of these events are new to the State?

Answer—

(1) Please refer to the Sydney & NSW Events Calendar available on Destination NSW's website at www.destinationnsw.com.au/events/nsw-events-calendar which is updated twice a year.

(2) Strictly Ballroom The Musical

Hobie 16 World Championships

Australian University Games

Port to Port Mountain Bike Classic

Opening Series Major League Baseball

Lake Macquarie International Children Games

XTERRA World Cup Finals

2014 V8 Sydney Motorsport Park Supercar Race Weekend

Bingham Cup

Ferrari Challenge

*4940 ABORIGINAL PLACES DEVELOPMENT BUFFER ZONES—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

How many Aboriginal Places that are registered and gazetted with the Office of Environment and Heritage are protected from current or proposed development by a buffer zone of:

(a) A maximum of 20 metres?

(b) Greater than 20 metres?

Answer—

I am advised as follows:

(1) The Aboriginal Place provisions under the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974 do not provide for buffer zones. Consequently, buffer zones for Aboriginal Places cannot be gazetted.

(2) As above.

*4941 PREMIER'S CHRISTMAS GALA CONCERT—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

With regard to the Premier's Christmas Gala Concerts to be held at Newcastle Civic Theatre in 2013:

(1) Who made the decision to only allow ticket issuing and collection from the theatre itself (excluding tickets issued to Electorate Offices)?

(2) Is this process the same for all venues in 2013?

(3) Why was ticketing not made available online or via telephone considering that the regional concerts appeal across a wide geographic region?

Answer—

(1) This decision was made by the Department of Family and Community Services after discussions with all four venues for the 2013 concerts.

(2) Yes.

(3) To ensure seniors from the local areas had the first opportunity to attend the concerts in their area, tickets were made available in the first instance only by local box office bookings in person. These arrangements were negotiated with and on the advice of the venues in each concert location.

The Department of Family and Community Services carefully monitored the release of tickets with the venues in each of the four locations. In the days following the ticket release, the Department agreed with each venue that if they had tickets remaining or returned, that they would accept phone bookings from eligible seniors, at their discretion. This has occurred at all four venues.

*4951 CONCESSION TICKETS FOR OLDER PEOPLE ON PUBLIC TRANSPORT—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Transport—

Noting the Tourism and Transport Forum recommendation that concession tickets on public transport for older people outside peak travel hours would reduce peak demand and increase off peak public transport use:

- (1) What assessment has the Government made of this proposal?
- (2) What research has the Government conducted on similar concessions in other jurisdictions?
- (3) What does the evidence from jurisdictions where these concessions are available suggest about costs and benefits?
- (4) What plans does the Government have to implement or trial such a scheme?
- (5) What further action will the Government take to help older people travel on public transport outside peak hours?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Government provides all Seniors Card holders with a half fare public transport concession, available in peak and off-peak periods.

\$2.50 excursion fares are also available to Seniors Card holders, which can generally be used for travel during peak and off-peak times, including:

- \$2.50 Pensioner Excursion Ticket, valid for all day travel on trains, buses, light rail and most ferries throughout the greater Sydney area;
- \$2.50 Country Pensioner Excursion Ticket, valid for one-way journeys on NSW TrainLink Regional train and coach services wholly outside of the greater Sydney area; and
- \$2.50 Regional Excursion Daily ticket, valid for all day travel on local bus services throughout rural and regional New South Wales.

The Government has no plans to change these arrangements.

The Government will retain the \$2.50 fare for seniors and pensioners when the Opal Senior/Pensioner card is introduced.

*4952 LATE NIGHT TRANSPORT IN SYDNEY—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Transport—

Noting the Sydney City Centre Access Strategy, which notes the need for improved public transport late at night given train services do not operate between midnight and 4.30am:

- (1) What assessment has the Government made of providing late night shuttle trains between Kings Cross, Town Hall and Central Train Stations in order to help the large number of people visiting the area get home?
- (2) What assessment has the Government made of extending train services later at night or earlier in the morning?
- (3) What research has the Government carried out about similar services in other jurisdictions?
- (4) How does Sydney's late night transport compare with similar global cities?
- (5) What plans does the Government have to trial or implement late night shuttle trains or extended rail services in Sydney?
- (6) What further action will the Government take to extend late night transport in Sydney?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) - (2) and (5) In 2012, the Government announced the Plan of Management for Kings Cross to address concerns about violence and anti-social behaviour.

The Plan's late night transport initiatives include additional late night bus services, increased security guard numbers and improved queuing facilities at secure taxi ranks, a trial of prepaid taxi fares, additional wayfinding and late night transport service information at Kings Cross Station, and traffic management improvements to favour the movement of public transport services leaving Kings Cross.

Late night buses from Kings Cross are preferable to trains because bus services better match late night public transport demand, offer direct connections with the NightRide bus network, and provide a more manageable environment in the event of an incident.

New late night bus services are one-way services – customers can travel safely home from Kings Cross, but trouble makers are unable to use these services to travel into Kings Cross late at night.

(3) - (4) Cities of comparable size and density around the world have found the level of demand for public transport after midnight is generally best met by bus services.

(6) As stated in the City Centre Access Strategy, the Government will work to simplify and extend the late night public transport network to provide more integrated late night bus services that connect to key late night hubs.

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*4953 CYCLING AND ROAD SAFETY EDUCATION—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

Noting the increase in the number of people riding bicycles, reports in some media about conflict between different road users, and that cyclists coming into the Sydney central business district come from a variety of areas on a range of different routes:

- (1) How does the Government monitor the number of people riding bicycles?
- (2) How is this number reported to the community?
- (3) What statewide community education programs about road safety and road rules does the Government provide directed to:
 - (a) Cyclists;
 - (b) Motorists;
 - (c) Taxi drivers;
 - (d) Bus drivers;
 - (e) Pedestrians?
- (4) What plans does the Government have to increase road safety education in response to the increase in people riding bicycles and media reports of conflict between different road users?
- (5) What further action does the Government plan to increase community understanding about road rules and sharing the road with cyclists?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) - (2) Roads and Maritime has installed automatic bicycle counters at 31 sites on key bicycle routes in the Sydney metropolitan area. Annual average counts and average weekday counts are available on the Bicycleinfo website: www.bicycleinfo.nsw.gov.au.

(3) New South Wales conducts a number of state-wide road safety education campaigns that run annually. The NSW Road Safety Education program is also available to one million school students.

The inaugural Road Rules Awareness week was held in February 2013. This campaign will be extended in 2014.

Information on these programs can be found on the Centre for Road Safety website.

(4) - (5) Transport for NSW is currently finalising a Cycling Safety Strategy. An early initiative from the strategy has seen a partnership with the Amy Gillett Foundation.

The Centre for Road Safety has committed \$400,000 to the NSW Safe Cycling Communities campaign, which sends messages to both drivers and bicycle riders about sharing the road and road rules. To date, over 30 billboards across the state advise bicycle riders to 'Stop on the red' and drivers to pass bicycle riders safely, with the 'A Metre Matters' message.

The next phase will include radio advertising about sharing the road, and a broader education campaign to increase community understanding about road rules and sharing the road with bicycle riders.

*4954 ELIZABETH BAY MARINA LEASE—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

- (1) What is the current status of the lease on the Elizabeth Bay Marina?
- (2) Was the former lease approved without a public tender process?
- (3) Has the current lease expired?
- (4) What steps in the process for a new lease have been taken?
- (5) Has a new lease been offered?
- (6) How will the Government ensure that future leases for this site are open for public tender and provide community benefit?
- (7) How will the Government ensure that future leases do not impact on the safety and amenity of the adjacent precinct and residents?
- (8) What plans does the Government have for the lease on the Elizabeth Bay Marina?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The lease is currently operating under a Tenancy at Will agreement, which can be terminated by either party giving three months notice.
- (2) The former lease, which commenced in 1985, was not subject to a public tender process.
- (3) The lease expired on 31 December 2009.

- (4) A site assessment has been undertaken in accordance with Commercial Lease Policy and the site was identified as being suitable to being put to the market.
- (5) No.
- (6) The site will be managed in accordance with all relevant State and Commonwealth laws, and applicable government guidelines and policies, including the NSW Government Procurement Policies and Guidelines, Independent Commission Against Corruption guidelines, and relevant Road Management Authority policies and guidelines.
- (7) A community consultation strategy will be developed prior to release of the initial Expression of Interest.
- (8) It is proposed that the site be put to the market through an Expression of Interest.

*4955 DISEASED DUCK MEAT—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Small Business—

- (1) Is the Government aware of any reports of duck meat from diseased birds being sold in New South Wales?
- (2) How many inspections of duck farms were made this year to check for diseased ducks?
- (3) How many inspections of abattoirs where ducks are slaughtered for meat were made this year to check for diseased ducks?
- (4) What disease prevention strategies are required on duck farms, given vaccines and antibiotics are not commonly used due to their expense?
- (5) What assessment has the Government made on the treatment of diseased ducks on duck farms?
- (6) What assessment has been made on the safety of ammonia exposure in duck farming, given substantially larger amounts are created in duck farming than chicken farming?
- (7) What investigations has the Government conducted into same species feeding (after rendering) in duck farming, given large death rates due to diseases?
- (8) What conclusions were made on these investigations?
- (9) What investigations did the Government conduct into the duck farming industry and the safety of duck meat following a decision in 2006 by New Zealand to refuse to allow the importation of Australian ducks due to disease concerns?

Answer—

- (1) No
- (2) NSW DPI does not carry out routine inspections of duck farms to check for diseased ducks.
- (3) The two larger processors have been inspected five times in 2013 and the two smaller operators, who process ducks intermittently, have been inspected three times.
- (4) It is recommended that duck farms have documented and implemented biosecurity procedures to prevent the introduction of diseases to duck farms.
- (5) None
- (6) Workplace Health and Safety Regulations require that ammonia is kept at safe levels for workers.
- (7) Adequate rendering procedures should eliminate any pathogenic microorganisms.
- (8) N/A
- (9) The current New Zealand list of prohibited imports does not include ducks.

*4956 DUCK FARMING PRACTICES—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Small Business—

- (1) What proportion of duck farms in New South Wales currently practice de-billing or bill trimming?
- (2) What research has the Government done into the pain and suffering experienced by a duck when its upper bill is trimmed?
- (3) What research has the Government done into the ongoing suffering experienced by a duck that has had its upper bill removed?
- (4) What consideration will the Government give to banning de-billing given it is not practiced widely?
- (5) Does live feather plucking of ducks for down or other duck feather production occur in New South Wales?
- (6) What restrictions are there on live feather plucking of ducks in New South Wales?
- (7) What research has the Government done into the pain and suffering experienced by a duck having its feathers plucked during live plucking?
- (8) What restrictions are there on raising ducks on dry land or in barns in New South Wales, given they are aquatic birds?
- (9) What research has the Government done into the suffering experienced by ducks raised on land without access to surface water?

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- (10) What assessment has been made on the appropriateness of the Model Code of Practice for the Welfare of Animals (Domestic Poultry) for ducks, given the code was largely written for chickens, which are not aquatic birds?
- (11) What consideration will you give to establishing a specific Code of Practice for farming ducks?

Answer—

- (1) This is not a standard practice on duck farms in New South Wales.
- (2) None
- (3) None
- (4) This may be considered as part of the national review of the Model Code of Practice – Domestic Poultry
- (5) No
- (6) No restrictions specifically relating to live feather plucking of ducks, however the provisions of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1979 would still apply.
- (7) None
- (8) None
- (9) None
- (10) A national review of the Model Code of Practice for the Welfare of Animals – Domestic Poultry and conversion to standards and guidelines is scheduled to begin this year. The review will include the recommendations relating to ducks.
- (11) Standards and guidelines for ducks will be included as a separate chapter in the revised standards and guidelines for domestic poultry.

*4957 PRIVATISED DISABILITY SERVICES—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

With respect to the privatisation of all disability services from next year in preparation for the national DisabilityCare Australia scheme:

- (1) What assessment has the Government made about coverage of the Anti-Discrimination Act for privatised disability services?
- (2) What protection will the NSW Anti-Discrimination Act or federal legislation provide for people with a disability using private providers?
- (3) What plans does the Government have to inform and educate consumers and providers about non-discrimination obligations and practices?
- (4) What further action will the Government take to ensure that people with a disability are protected from discrimination in private disability support providers?

Answer—

The transition to the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) model of service delivery is not a "privatisation" of services. It is the transfer of service capacity to where it is needed to ensure the NDIS can operate as planned.

The Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 will continue to operate in its current form in respect of the protections offered and services delivered by the non-government sector (NGO), in the same way it applies to the NGO sector at present.

The passing of the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NSW Enabling) Bill 2013 is the start of a long transitional process where we will communicate with people with disability (or consumers), their families and carers, staff members and service providers. This will include each party's rights and obligations under anti-discrimination legislation.

*4958 PUBLICATION OF PARLIAMENTARY ENTITLEMENTS—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

- (1) What consideration will the Attorney General give to extending the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 to cover the New South Wales Parliamentary departments in line with the Ombudsman's 2009 recommendations?
- (2) What consideration will the Attorney General give to making it a requirement to publish the use of entitlements to improve transparency?

Answer—

I am advised:

The previous Government considered the Ombudsman's recommendation and, after consulting with the Presiding Officers of the Parliament, determined that the recommendation should not be accepted. There is no plan to reconsider the recommendation at this time.

In 2009, the Ombudsman suggested that the issue of publication of information about the use of parliamentary entitlements should be considered as part of the first statutory review of the GIPA Act. As the GIPA Act is scheduled for statutory review in June 2014, this issue can be considered as part of that review.

*4959 WOLLI CREEK TRAIN STATION—Mr Barry Collier asked the Minister for Transport—

- (1) How many city bound trains on the Illawarra line stopped at Wollie Creek Train Station between 6am and 9am on:
 - (a) 14 October 2013;
 - (b) 15 October 2013;
 - (c) 16 October 2013;
 - (d) 17 October 2013;
 - (e) 18 October 2013?
- (2) How many south bound trains on the Illawarra line stopped at Wollie Creek Train Station between 4pm and 7pm on:
 - (a) 14 October 2013;
 - (b) 15 October 2013;
 - (c) 16 October 2013;
 - (d) 17 October 2013;
 - (e) 18 October 2013?

Answer—

I am advised:

Train timetables are available online at sydneytrains.info

*4960 OATLEY TRAIN STATION—Mr Barry Collier asked the Minister for Transport—

- (1) How many city bound trains stopped at Oatley Train Station between 6am and 9am on:
 - (a) 16 October 2013;
 - (b) 23 October 2013?
- (2) How many south bound trains stopped at Oatley Train Station between 4pm and 7pm on:
 - (a) 16 October 2013;
 - (b) 23 October 2013?
- (3) How many commuters caught city bound trains from Oatley Train Station between:
 - (a) 7am and 8am on;
 - (i) 16 October 2013;
 - (ii) 23 October 2013?
 - (b) 8am and 9am on:
 - (i) 16 October 2013;
 - (ii) 23 October 2013?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) - (2) The new timetable came into effect on 20 October 2013. The timetable delivers more than 1,000 additional weekly services, improved connections between other modes of public transport and reduced journey times. The timetable is easier for customers to use, with fewer stopping patterns and more express services, particularly during peak periods.

The new timetable can be viewed online at sydneytrains.info

(3) Data is available for passenger station entries during the 6.00 to 9.30am peak period on a typical busy weekday in 2012. This data is publicly available from the Bureau of Transport Statistics website.

*4961 TRAIN COMMUTER PATRONAGE—Mr Barry Collier asked the Minister for Transport—

- (1) What was the total patronage of commuters at each of the following train stations for the period 14 - 18 October 2013:
 - (a) Miranda;

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- (b) Gymea;
 - (c) Kirrawee;
 - (d) Sutherland;
 - (e) Jannali;
 - (f) Como;
 - (g) Oatley?
- (2) What was the total patronage of commuters at each of the following train stations for the period 21 - 25 October 2013:
- (a) Miranda;
 - (b) Gymea;
 - (c) Kirrawee;
 - (d) Sutherland;
 - (e) Jannali;
 - (f) Como;
 - (g) Oatley?

Answer—

I am advised:

Data is available for passenger station entries during the 6.00 to 9.30am peak period on a typical busy weekday in 2012. This data is publicly available from the Bureau of Transport Statistics website.

*4962 NEW TRAIN TIMETABLE COMPLAINTS—Mr Barry Collier asked the Minister for Transport—

- (1) How many complaints were received by the Minister's office regarding the new train timetable:
 - (a) before 20 October 2013;
 - (b) from 20 October 2013 to date?
- (2) How many complaints were received by Sydney Trains regarding the new train timetable:
 - (a) before 20 October 2013;
 - (b) from 20 October 2013 to date?

Answer—

I am advised:

The new timetable came into effect on 20 October 2013.

The timetable delivers more than 1,000 additional weekly services, improved connections between other modes of public transport and reduced journey times. The timetable is easier for customers to use, with fewer stopping patterns and more express services, particularly during peak periods.

Customers travelling longer distances from outer suburban areas will notice fewer stops and reduced journey times in many instances. Customers closer to the CBD receive frequent, more evenly spaced trains, with many stations receiving 'turn up and go' services.

Feedback on the timetable is appreciated. We will continue to closely monitor the performance of the new timetable as it is implemented.

*4963 SUTHERLAND HOSPITAL UPGRADE—Mr Barry Collier asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) What plans does the Minister have for the upgrade or redevelopment of Sutherland Hospital?
- (2) What will the upgrade or redevelopment involve in terms of:
 - (a) Extra beds;
 - (b) New facilities;
 - (c) New services?
- (3) When does the Minister propose to commence the upgrade or redevelopment of Sutherland Hospital?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Government is funding approximately \$10 million towards the expansion of the Sutherland Hospital car park. On 4 October 2013, the Government announced ADCO Constructions had been awarded the design and construction of the car park.

An additional 300 spaces will be provided on the site and will be available to both staff and the public. The car park is expected to ease congestion within surrounding streets and provide patients and visitors with easier access to services. Work has commenced and is scheduled to be completed in late 2014.

With respect to other services, I refer the Member to my response to his earlier question (LA Question 4875) concerning this matter.

***4964 OVERHEIGHT TRUCK DAMAGE TO ROADS AND TUNNELS**—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

- (1) How many trucking companies have been forced to pay for damage to roads and/or tunnel infrastructure as a result of accidents caused by overheight vehicles?
- (2) How much have each company had to pay towards this damage?
- (3) Did this cover the cost of damage at each of these incidents?
 - (a) If not, which companies did not have to pay the full damage bill?
 - (i) Why were these companies not required to pay the full damage bill?
- (4) How many over heighttrucks have had accidents in tunnels in New South Wales since 1 April 2011?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Since 2010, Roads and Maritime has made one financial recovery for damage to New South Wales roads by an overheight vehicle. Three others are being negotiated.
Lane Cove Tunnel, Sydney Harbour Tunnel, Eastern Distributor, Cross City Tunnel, M7 Motorway, M2 Motorway, and M5 South-West Motorway are privately operated. It is understood the private motorway operators recover costs wherever practical.
- (2) \$960,000.
- (3) This amount covered 83 per cent of the repair costs.
 - (a) The Road Transport Act 2013 prevents Roads and Maritime from releasing those details.
 - (i) Full recovery of costs cannot always be obtained for several reasons, such as the at-fault party cannot be located or there is insufficient evidence to support the cost of repair.
- (4) Eight.

***4965 HEAVY VEHICLE DIESEL RETROFIT PROGRAM**—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

Further to the Ministers answer to LA Question 4301 - Truck Exhaust Smoke In M5 Tunnel:

How many heavy vehicles have now been retrofitted under the diesel retrofit program?

Answer—

I am advised:

As at 22 November 2013, nine vehicles have signed up to the program and two vehicles have completed the M5 diesel retrofit and repair initiative.

***4966 PARTICULATE MATTER READINGS IN M5 EAST TUNNEL**—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

- (1) What has been the change in each of the particulate matter level readings that have been measured in the M5 East Tunnel from 1 January 2010 to October 2013?
- (2) What is the current status of the air filtration scheme that is in operation in the M5 East Tunnel?

Answer—

I am advised:

Air quality data has been provided to the Office of the NSW Chief Scientist and Engineer for independent comment and verification. Once this is completed, the information will be made publicly available. Future directions for the M5 Air Quality Improvement Program will be determined following a review of the data by the Office of the NSW Chief Scientist and Engineer.

***4967 WILLMOT PUBLIC SCHOOL**—Mr Richard Amery asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) Has needs based funding for Willmot Public School been reduced by over \$48,000?
- (2) What circumstances changed at this school that would warrant such a decrease in funding?
- (3) What programs at Willmot Public School will be affected by this reduction in needs based funding?

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Answer—

- (1) No. In fact funding to schools in the Mount Druitt electorate for the two new equity loadings (socio-economic and Aboriginal backgrounds) increased by \$2,065,726.
- (2) In 2014, the Department of Education and Communities is introducing a fairer funding model for all schools, which reflects the characteristics of individual schools and their students. The new Family Occupation and Education Index captures the data on every student enrolled in every New South Wales public school. Schools with a high score on the Family Occupation and Education Index and the highest proportion of disadvantaged students will be funded at the highest level under the new equity loading for socio-economic background. This loading funds student need, not schools on a program and it considers all public schools across the state. For 2014, the needs based funding for Willmot Public School has been allocated according to the new funding model. The school also has a reducing enrolment pattern and this has affected total funding levels.
- (3) Willmot Public School will receive a combined equity allocation of \$456,012 and will be well placed to deliver quality educational programs and employ equity funded staff positions. The school is currently undertaking an evaluation of existing programs and planning for 2014. Key programs will remain with some minor adjustments to staffing. In the longer term, the new funding model will provide a more sustainable way for the school to plan over time, rather than make large adjustments in response to being 'on' or 'off' a program.

*4968 SCHOOL TEACHER NUMBERS—Ms Carmel Tebbutt asked the Minister for Education—

Noting the NSW Auditor-General's Report, Volume Nine 2012: Focusing on Education and Communities which shows the number of teachers in New South Wales declined by 380 in 2011-12 and the NSW Auditor-General's Report, Volume Five 2013: Focusing on Education which shows the number of teachers increased by 97 in 2012-13:

How does the Minister explain the claim that the Government has employed an additional 520 teachers since its election?

Answer—

The NSW Auditor-General's Reports, Volume Nine 2012: Focusing on Education and Communities and Volume Five 2013: Focusing on Education are based on changes in the numbers (headcount) of permanent teachers between 1 March 2011, 2012 and 2013 from the Department of Education and Communities' personnel system.

The employment of an additional 520 teachers since the Government's election relates to the Department's Workforce Profile data showing the change in full-time equivalent (FTE) teacher numbers between 30 June 2011 and 30 June 2012, where total teacher FTE increased from 61,144 to 61,664 for all teacher employment categories (permanent, temporary and casual).

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*4969 IT STOPS HERE DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE REFORMS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

- (1) Were any of the individuals, groups and agencies consulted for the It Stops Here Domestic and Family Violence Reforms based in the Hunter region?
- (2) If so, who or what groups and agencies in the Hunter region were consulted?
- (3) If not, why not?

Answer—

Consultations were held in metropolitan and regional locations. In addition, state-wide feedback and comment was encouraged via the Have Your Say website for a five week period ending 30 July 2013.

*4970 NEWCASTLE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE RESOURCE CENTRE—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

Will the Newcastle Domestic Violence Resource Centre receive an increase in government funding for its assistance programs and referral service as a result of the It Stops Here reforms?

- (a) If so, how much increase?
- (b) If so, when will the centre receive an increase?

(c) If not, why not?

Answer—

This service is not directly funded by the Department of Family and Community Services.

*4971 DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE FUNDING PROGRAM—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

- (1) How will the effectiveness of any new early intervention programs developed under the Domestic and Family Violence Funding Program be measured?
- (2) What will be the timeline for measuring the effectiveness of these programs?

Answer—

This will be undertaken on a program by program basis. The results will be published on the Department of Family and Community Services website.

*4972 NEWCASTLE COMMUNITY JUSTICE CENTRE CLOSURE DATE—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

- (1) What is the date for the closure of the Community Justice Centre in Newcastle?
- (2) When will the new centralised Parramatta Community Justice Centre be fully operational?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Community Justice Centre office at Newcastle is scheduled to close in March 2014. The Parramatta office is already fully functional and arrangements are underway to ensure that it has the required staff numbers to handle the workload when it is transferred from the Newcastle office.

*4973 NEWCASTLE COMMUNITY JUSTICE CENTRE CLOSURE—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

- (1) How will future rural mediation venues operate following the closure of the Community Justice Centre in Newcastle?
- (2) How many of these venues will be located in the Hunter region?

Answer—

I am advised:

The closure of the Community Justice Centre (CJC) office in Newcastle will not affect the operation of mediation venues across New South Wales.

CJC uses a variety of venues to provide mediation services in the Hunter Region, as it does across New South Wales. There are no set venues.

*4974 LEGAL AID IN LOCAL COURT MATTERS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

- (1) How much money will be saved and jobs lost as a result of the decision to make Legal Aid only available to local court defendants who face imprisonment if convicted?
- (2) What avenues for legal assistance remain for people intending to defend minor charges in the local court?

Answer—

I am advised:

There has been no reduction in staff in the Criminal Law Division, nor are there any planned reductions in staff, as a result of the decision to make legal aid only available to local court defendants who face a real possibility of imprisonment if convicted.

Free legal advice and minor assistance is also available to all individuals facing charges through advice clinics. These are available at Legal Aid offices around New South Wales and at some outreach locations.

The granting of legal aid will still be available to people who are not at risk of imprisonment in some circumstances.

*4975 HUNTER AND CENTRAL COAST PRIORITY SCHOOLS PROGRAM DEBATING COMPETITION—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Education—

Will the Hunter and Central Coast Priority Schools Program Debating Competition continue in some

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form next year under the new Resource Allocation Model for primary school funding?

Answer—

In 2014 funding for equity programs such as the former Priority Schools Program will be distributed directly to schools through the Resource Allocation Model.

In 2014 primary schools will have the choice to enter the Premier's Debating Challenge or form networks with other schools to conduct more localised competitions if they choose to do so.

*4976 JOHN HUNTER HOSPITAL STAFFING LEVELS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) On what grounds is Hunter New England Health refusing a request by the NSW Nurses and Midwives Association for an external review of staffing levels, particularly in relation to operating theatre nurses, at John Hunter Hospital?
- (2) When did Hunter New England Health last comprehensively review its levels of operating theatre nursing staff at John Hunter Hospital?

Answer—

I am advised:

Hunter New England Local Health District declined the request for an independent review on the grounds that John Hunter Hospital had already reviewed staffing numbers and provided this detail in discussions with NSW Nurses and Midwives' Association representatives, who had not raised any specific issue or concern with what was presented.

I am advised that this was supported by the Industrial Relations Commission which ruled on 28 October 2013 that an independent review was not necessary and that the Hunter New England Local Health District and the Nurses and Midwives' Association should consult on this matter.

This matter has since been closed by the Industrial Relations Commission.

John Hunter Hospital reviews its theatre nursing staff numbers monthly to ensure service demand is met.

*4977 MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY IN HUNTER REGION—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Trade and Investment, and Minister for Regional Infrastructure and Services—

- (1) How is the Government ensuring that no more jobs are lost from the manufacturing industry in the Hunter region?
- (2) What is the Government doing to create career paths for apprentices currently working in the manufacturing industry in the Hunter region?

Answer—

- (1) The Government recognises the vast potential of the Hunter and is committed to supporting the region's continued growth. The Government, through NSW Trade & Investment oversees a range of initiatives which support local manufacturing and investment in the Hunter region. Key programs include the Regional Industries Investment Fund (RIIF), which provides financial assistance for projects that result in or promote economic growth in the region and payroll tax relief provided to manufacturing businesses taking on new employees through the Jobs Action Plan.

Other initiatives supported by NSW Trade & Investment include:

- A roundtable discussion of 15 of the Hunter's leading exporters hosted by RDA Hunter, which focused on a range of issues that will assist the region to grow as an export hub;
- A stakeholder roundtable convened by RDA Hunter in November 2013 that explored opportunities for growth in the Hunter region;
- The Hunter Infrastructure Forum, Mining Industry Forum and Defence Forum meetings, which are held monthly by HunterNet to inform local businesses about investment opportunities;
- Hunter Stakeholder group monthly meetings, in which NSW Trade & Investment, Ausindustry, Enterprise Connect, the Office of Environment & Heritage and Austrade collaborate to provide assistance to local manufacturing and other key industry sectors;
- The HunterNet Defence Project, which helps accelerate supply chain collaboration by identifying opportunities, building relationships, enhancing skills and helping SMEs win defence related contracts; and
- Support for the annual Hunter Manufacturing Awards which showcase best practice in manufacturing.

- (2) The Government provides support to HunterNet, founder of the HunterNet Group Training Company which provides companies with structured on the job training programs and connects apprentices and trainees on behalf of employers throughout the Hunter region. The company ensures that training is tailored to satisfy the needs of employers, apprentices and trainees.

The Government also supports the RDA Hunter ME Program, a path for high school students to experience and explore career opportunities in the manufacturing industry.

- *4978 REDUCED WORKERS COMPENSATION BENEFITS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Finance and Services—

How many workers in the following postcode areas have been advised that their workers compensation benefits have been or are able to be reduced since the introduction of the workers compensation changes:

- (a) 2307;
- (b) 2284;
- (c) 2285;
- (d) 2305;
- (e) 2299;
- (f) 2287?

Answer—

Relevant information can be found in the 2012-13 WorkCover Scheme Report.

- *4979 NSW STATE PAROLE AUTHORITY—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

What changes do you propose to the membership and structure of the NSW State Parole Authority?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Law Reform Commission is currently reviewing the mechanisms and processes for considering and determining parole.

- *4980 REVIEW OF WHELAN CASE—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

What is the Government response to the request for a review of the Director of Public Prosecutions' decision concerning A. Whelan in relation to case number C48684723 (Police Event Number E49006026)?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) responded to the request for a review of the decision in this case on 13 November 2013. That response advised that the DPP had considered the request for review and did not propose to change the terms of his advice to NSW Police Force.

- *4981 GRAHAM HARRISON—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

- (1) What levels and degree of supervision by Corrective Services NSW has Graham Harrison been subject to since 1 January 2013?
- (2) What offences has Graham Harrison been charged with since 1 January 2013?
 - (a) Which incidents were these charges in relation to?

Answer—

I am advised:

CSNSW does not comment on individual matters and/or cases that are currently before the courts.

- *4982 VANDALTRAK GRAFFITI MANAGEMENT SYSTEM—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) Does the Endorsement Policy (or any other policy) of the NSW Police prevent them from using, receiving or viewing information from the VandalTrak Graffiti Management System concerning graffiti?
- (2) If so, how can this policy be changed to allow NSW Police to access valuable information and material in the fight against graffiti?

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Answer—

- (1) I am advised the NSW Police Force's continued association with VandalTrak would breach its Sponsorship and Endorsement Policy. The NSW Police Force is obliged to adhere to Government guidelines relating to the procurement of goods and services.
- (2) The NSW Police Force fights graffiti as part of a broader Government anti-graffiti strategy. The NSW Graffiti Hotline enables the public to report graffiti in their community. The hotline can be called on 1800 707 125 from 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday, excluding public holidays. It enables Local Government Areas to receive referrals in real time to ensure a rapid response to graffiti removal.

Members of the public can also report incidents of graffiti or vandalism through the Police Assistance Line (131 444). The NSW Police Force responds to all reported incidents of malicious damage to public property and makes every effort to identify and charge the persons responsible.

*4983 EMPLOYMENT OF MATT DANIEL BY LIVERPOOL COUNCIL—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Local Government, and Minister for the North Coast—

What inquiries have you or the Division of Local Government conducted into the circumstances surrounding the engagement and termination of Matt Daniel's employment by Liverpool Council?

Answer—

I provide the following details in response to your questions:

The appointment and dismissal of senior staff members is a matter for that council's General Manager following consultation with the elected body.

*4984 GRAFFITI HOTLINE—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Local Government, and Minister for the North Coast—

- (1) What has been the response of New South Wales councils to the graffiti hotline?
- (2) Does the graffiti hotline provide councils with the following in relation to individual acts of graffiti:
 - (a) A photo;
 - (b) Global Positioning System coordinates;
 - (c) An accurate and specific address;
 - (d) A police Event Number?

Answer—

I provide the following details in response to your questions:

Graffiti vandalism is a significant problem for New South Wales councils and their communities. The Government is addressing this issue on a number of fronts, including the establishment of the Graffiti Hotline. This service is administered by the Department of Attorney General and Justice. These questions should be directed to the Attorney General.

*4985 VACANT LAND ON HOXTON PARK ROAD—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

Given the Minister is selling land on Hoxton Park Road, Liverpool adjacent to Liverpool West Public School, what plans does the Minister have for the vacant land on Hoxton Park Road between Memorial Avenue and Maryvale Avenue?

Answer—

I am advised:

The vacant land at Hoxton Park Road between Memorial Avenue and Maryvale Avenue owned by Roads and Maritime is surplus to road infrastructure requirements.

The land is zoned R4 High Density Residential under the Liverpool Local Environmental Plan 2008, permitting a wide range of uses with council consent.

The land will be sold in accordance with Government Property Principles contained in the Department of Premier and Cabinet's Memorandum M2012-20 and in line with the Treasurer's direction TD 469.01.

*4986 COMMUNITY JUSTICE PROGRAM—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

When will the Minister provide adequate resources to the Community Justice Program to meet demand

for the program's services?

Answer—

On 3 December 2013, the Government launched Ready Together. By the conclusion of this program, the Community Justice Program will deliver 400 places with an annual budget of \$40.6 million.

Beyond 2015-16, the supports delivered by the Community Justice Program will continue to be enhanced by the National Disability Insurance Scheme. Through this scheme, resources across the disability sector will grow for all people with disability by over \$3.3 billion.

Further information on the Ready Together initiative is available on the internet.

*4987 HOXTON PARK ROAD BP SERVICE STATION—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Finance and Services—

In light of the answer to LA Question 4275, what was the result of the listing before the Coroner for hearing of the matter involving the fires and explosions at the BP Service Station on Hoxton Park Road, Liverpool?

Answer—

The matter was scheduled for callover by the Coroner on 1 November 2013, when it was stood over for further callover on 6 December 2013. On this day, the matter was again stood over for further mention on 21 February 2014.

*4988 NUMBER OF EXTRA ILLAWARRA LINE TRAIN SERVICES—Mr Barry Collier asked the Minister for Transport—

In response to Question Without Notice - Miranda Electorate Train Services asked on 23 October 2013, the Minister stated that "there will be an extra 149 services on the Illawarra Line, 55 of them in the peak period":

- (1) How many of the extra 149 services are on:
 - (a) Saturday and Sunday;
 - (b) Monday to Friday?
- (2) How many of the extra weekday services are:
 - (a) City bound;
 - (b) South bound?
- (3) How many of the extra city bound weekday services are during the morning peak period?
- (4) How many of the extra south bound weekday services are during the afternoon peak period?

Answer—

I am advised:

The new timetable came into effect on 20 October 2013. The timetable delivers more than 1,000 additional weekly services, improved connections between other modes of public transport and reduced journey times.

On the Illawarra Line the new timetable delivers 149 extra weekly services, including 55 in the peak.

The new timetable can be viewed online at sydneytrains.info

*4989 ILLAWARRA LINE TRAIN SERVICE TO MIRANDA ELECTORATE—Mr Barry Collier asked the Minister for Transport—

Of the 149 extra train services on the Illawarra Line referred to by the Minister in response to Question Without Notice - Miranda Electorate Train Services asked on 23 October 2013:

- (1) How many south bound trains terminate at Hurstville?
- (2) How many city bound trains commence their journeys at Hurstville?
- (3) How many south bound trains stop at Miranda during weekdays?
- (4) How many south bound trains from Bondi Junction stop at the following stations during weekdays:
 - (a) Jannali;
 - (b) Como;
 - (c) Wolli Creek?

Answer—

I am advised:

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*4990 TIME AND DESTINATION OF EXTRA ILLAWARRA LINE TRAIN SERVICES—Mr Barry Collier asked the Minister for Transport—

For each of the 149 extra train services on the Illawarra Line referred to by the Minister in response to Question Without Notice - Miranda Electorate Train Services asked on 23 October 2013:

- (1) What is the station of:
 - (a) Origin for the service;
 - (b) Final destination for the service?
- (2) On what day and at what time does the journey:
 - (a) Commence;
 - (b) Conclude?

Answer—

I am advised:

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*4991 PLANNING FOR NEW CEMETERIES—Mr Richard Amery asked the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW, Leader of the House—

In planning for the new release areas in the North West of Sydney, have any lands been identified for the establishment of new cemeteries to address the expected shortage of cemetery space over the next 50 years?

Answer—

The draft Metropolitan Strategy for Sydney includes an action to 'plan for adequate burial lands to meet the needs of Sydney's diverse community and provide guidance on their appropriate location'. The Cemeteries Agency, to be established as part of the Government's cemeteries and crematoria reforms and report to the Minister for Primary Industries, will work with Department of Planning and Infrastructure to assess current and future interment needs and develop planning strategies for cemetery space to meet those needs.

*4992 LEGACY PAYMENTS FOR OLYMPIC FACILITIES—Mr Richard Amery asked the Minister for Sport and Recreation—

- (1) Does the Government provide various councils with legacy payments for the upkeep of Olympic facilities?
- (2) Has the Government provided Blacktown Council with legacy payments for the management and upkeep of the Olympic Park at Rooty Hill?
 - (a) If so, how much money has been paid to Blacktown Council since these payments commenced?
- (3) Will the Government continue to provide these legacy payments to Blacktown Council and other councils?

Answer—

- (1) I am advised Sport and Recreation has only provided Blacktown City Council with funding for the upkeep of Blacktown International Sports Park.
- (2) I am advised by Sport and Recreation that between 2002-04 and 2012-13 Sport and Recreation provided Blacktown City Council with a total of over \$8 million in funding. The former Government provided Blacktown City Council with funding between 2004-05 and 2011-12 without any formal agreement. In 2012-13 a new one year funding agreement was negotiated.
- (3) Blacktown City Council has been advised that any future requests for funding would need to be supported by a comprehensive business case.

*4993 MOUNT DRUITT SWIMMING POOL—Mr Richard Amery asked the Minister for Local Government, and Minister for the North Coast—

- (1) Was the site of the Mount Druitt swimming pool being used as a public swimming pool at the time it was transferred to the Blacktown City Council?
- (2) Was there any condition imposed that the land must be used for a public swimming pool?
 - (a) If so, is the Minister aware that the Blacktown City Council proposes to close the swimming pool, and sell the land for residential development?

Answer—

I provide the following details in response to your questions:

- (1) Council has advised the Division of Local Government that the pool was constructed approximately 40 years ago for the State Planning Authority. Council entered into a deed at that time to operate the pool. Ownership of the site was transferred to Council approximately 15 years ago.
- (2) I am further advised that there are no encumbrances on the Certificate of Title, and Council is unaware of any usage conditions imposed on the transfer of the site to Council.
 - (a) The management of assets and decisions relating to the allocation of a council's resources are matters for each individual council to determine.

*4994 DAPTO TAFE—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) Is the Minister aware of any plans by the Illawarra Institute of TAFE to dispose of the buildings and land at the Dapto TAFE campus or lease the buildings and land to a private training provider under the Smart and Skilled program?
 - (a) If so, on what date did the Minister become aware of these plans?
- (2) Will the Minister commit to retaining the buildings and land at the Dapto TAFE campus as an asset owned and managed by TAFE NSW?
 - (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

- (1) No. TAFE Illawarra is reviewing and adjusting its course offerings to match the changing patterns of employment and demand for training in its region. This review does not include the disposal or leasing of buildings or land at Dapto Campus.
- (2) Facilities at Dapto Campus will be retained as a TAFE NSW asset while they are required for the delivery of approved educational and training programs.

*4995 RENAMING OF FLINDERS RAILWAY STATION—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Finance and Services—

What is the progress of the Geographical Names Board of New South Wales' consideration of the proposal to rename the railway station formerly known as Flinders Railway Station to Shell Cove Railway Station?

Answer—

The proposed name 'Shell Cove Station' does not meet the Geographical Names Board of New South Wales' guidelines as the railway station is located outside the suburb of Shell Cove.

The Board has invited Transport for NSW to submit a revised proposal.

Guidelines for the determination of place names can be found at www.gnb.nsw.gov.au

*4996 LIVE TRAFFIC NSW APP—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

- (1) Are all existing traffic cameras linked to the Live Traffic NSW App?
 - (a) If not, why not?
- (2) Will the number of traffic cameras that provide images to the Live Traffic NSW App be increased?
 - (a) If so, when will they be increased;
 - (b) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) No. The cameras used on the Live Traffic NSW website and mobile apps are special web cameras installed just for use by online customers.

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- (a) The Transport Management Centre has access to more than 1,400 closed-circuit television cameras across New South Wales. However, these cameras are used for operational traffic management purposes and are not appropriate for displaying on the website and apps.
- (2) Yes. Twenty additional live traffic cameras were activated in December 2013, including locations on the M1 Pacific Motorway and M1 Princes Motorway, which will allow customers to plan their journeys more effectively. These new cameras are available on the Live Traffic NSW website and in the smartphone applications.

The Live Traffic NSW website and smartphone apps have also been upgraded to be faster, simpler and more useful for smartphone users. The apps have all the latest traffic information, personalised incident alerts, and access to live traffic cameras.

*4997 TENDERS FOR PROVISION OF HOMELESSNESS SERVICES—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

- (1) Why has an open tender not been announced for the provision of specialist homelessness services, given the commitment to do so by 18 November 2013?
- (2) Is the Minister aware that agencies have engaged consultants and suspended staff holiday leave in order to assist in the preparation of tenders?
- (3) How does the Minister intend to assist these agencies with the tender process?
- (4) When will the Minister provide certainty around the time frames for implementing reforms to the provision of specialist homelessness services?

Answer—

An updated timeframe for tender opening and closing has been announced and information on the Government's reform of the Specialist Homelessness Service sector is available on the Housing NSW website.

*4998 NEWINGTON COLLEGE STUDENT TRAVEL PASS—Ms Carmel Tebbutt asked the Minister for Transport—

- (1) Will the Government continue to provide Newington College students residing in the inner west with both a bus and train pass so they have access to safe and timely alternate modes of transport when after school commitments prevent them from using the designated school bus?
- (2) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

The School Student Transport Scheme ensures that all New South Wales school students, who do not live close to their school, have access to education through free travel to and from school. Transport for NSW is required to select the most appropriate and cost-effective transport mode for each student.

From the end of 2013, Transport for NSW will no longer issue students with both train and bus passes for the journey to and from Newington College, as a suitable journey can be taken by buses alone.

There are a number of bus routes operating within 900 metres of the school. This includes Route 444 for students travelling between Stanmore and Balmain, Rozelle and Ryde. Students who need to interchange in the Sydney CBD can use Route 428 from Addison Road, a 450 metre walk from the school.

This decision does not prevent Newington College students travelling on other services, including train services. School students are entitled to half price fares when using trains, buses and ferries.

*4999 CRITICAL INDUSTRY CLUSTERS IN THE HUNTER VALLEY—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Small Business—

- (1) What criteria were used to determine which vineyards were included in the recently released Government maps of critical industry clusters in the Hunter Valley?
- (2) What criteria were used to determine which horse breeding areas were included in the maps?
- (3) Were any existing and established vineyards not included in the maps?
- (a) If so, on what grounds?
- (4) Were any existing and established horse breeding properties not included in the maps?
- (a) If so, on what grounds?

Answer—

- (1) Viticulture enterprises included in the exhibited maps comprise three categories: vineyards, cellar door/wineries and wine industry related tourism. The remapping identified establishments currently used as a vineyard and confirmed through one or more of the following:
 - Full member of the Hunter Valley Vineyard Association as listed on the Hunter Valley Wine Industry Association website.
 - Submitted a Livestock Health and Pest Authority annual return indicating "vineyard" in the past year.
 - Identified on a council database of vineyards (Muswellbrook Shire Council), contains vineyards mapped by AGL from aerial photograph analysis.
- (2) Equine enterprises included in the exhibited maps comprise three categories: horse breeding, horse husbandry and horse sales. The remapping has so far identified horse breeding enterprises through one or more of the following sources:
 - The list of members of the Hunter Thoroughbred Breeders Association and the Australian Stock Horse Society.
 - The database of horse studs compiled by Upper Hunter and Muswellbrook Councils.
 - The Livestock Health and Pest Authority annual return which specified 15 or more horses.
- (3) The purpose of the public exhibition of the viticulture critical industry cluster maps is to determine whether all existing and established enterprises have been identified. Enterprises that meet the criteria and submit the relevant information by the closing date will be considered by Government as additions to the critical industry cluster area.
- (4) The purpose of the public exhibition of the equine critical industry cluster maps is to determine whether all existing and established enterprises have been identified. Enterprises that meet the criteria and submit the relevant information by the closing date will be considered by Government as additions to the critical industry cluster area.

Further information can be found at www.planning.nsw.gov.au/critical-industry-clusters-in-the-upper-hunter.

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*5005 IMPLEMENTATION OF LOCAL SCHOOLS LOCAL DECISIONS—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

- (1) Have the Regional Advisory Committees and the Ministerial Consultative Committees provided any advice to your office on the implementation of the Local Schools Local Decisions policy?
- (2) If so, what advice has been provided by these committees?

Answer—

- (1) The Regional Advisory Councils are established by the Community Relations Commission and Principles of Multiculturalism Act 2000 under Section 10 of the legislation. Any advice they provide is to the Community Relations Commission for its consideration. The Ministerial Consultative Committees are representative of the local community and aim to work with the Government on the needs, interests and concerns of the multicultural community in New South Wales.
- (2) See above.

*5006 LOCAL SCHOOLS LOCAL DECISIONS PROGRAM—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Education—

In the planning and roll out of the Local Schools Local Decisions program, what specific oversight mechanisms, risk assessments, consultation or evaluation processes have been conducted to ensure that:

- (a) The Principles of Multiculturalism are adhered to;
- (b) Any risks to English as a Second Language (ESL) service provision in a culturally diverse school system are avoided?

Answer—

The Department of Education and Communities' Multicultural Education Policy requires all areas of the Department to adhere to the Principles of Multiculturalism.

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Schools will be required to develop, implement and report on their school plans that connect student learning outcomes and the school budget. The Annual School Report will report on the delivery and implementation of programs, including English as a Second Language programs.

*5007 CHANGES TO ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE SERVICES—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Education—

(1) Does the Minister consider changes to English as a Second Language (ESL) services, made under the Local Schools Local Decisions program, as gaps in agency performance warranting follow up and improvement under the Multicultural Policies and Services Program?

(2) If not, why?

Answer—

(1) No.

(2) Under Local School, Local Decisions resources to provide English language instruction will be allocated to schools annually. Principals will develop, implement and report annually on a school plan that connects student learning outcomes and the school budget.

*5008 ACCOUNTABILITY OF LOCAL SCHOOLS LOCAL DECISIONS—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Education—

What specific monitoring and accountability mechanisms will the Minister establish to ensure future Local Schools Local Decisions program implementation complies with the Community Relations Commission and Principles of Multiculturalism Act?

Answer—

The Department's current Multicultural Education Policy addresses the requirements of and complies with the Community Relations Commission and Principles of Multiculturalism Act 2000. Under Local Schools, Local Decisions, principals will be required to develop, implement and report annually on a school plan that connects student learning outcomes and the school budget.

*5009 BATHURST BASE HOSPITAL EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

(1) How many full time equivalent positions at the Bathurst Base Hospital Emergency Department exist for:

- (a) Consultants;
- (b) Registrars/Career medical officers;
- (c) Registered nurses?

(2) How many full time equivalent clinical staff positions at the Bathurst Base Hospital Emergency Department are currently unfilled?

(3) For how long has each position been advertised?

(4) What has been the total cost of locums in this department for 2013 to date?

Answer—

I am advised:

Bathurst Health Service is staffed as per the New South Wales Nurses and Midwives Association State Award, and according to clinical need. Vacancies are filled following the normal recruitment processes.

The Hospital is reviewing the staffing establishment as part of a review of operations. Any changes will be made in consultation with the Medical Staff Council.

With respect to locum costs, I direct the Member to the response to LA Question 3909.

*5010 BATHURST BASE HOSPITAL INTENSIVE CARE UNIT—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

(1) How many full time equivalent positions at the Bathurst Base Hospital Intensive Care Unit exist for:

- (a) Consultants;
- (b) Registrars/Career medical officers;
- (c) Registered nurses?

(2) How many full time equivalent clinical staff positions at the Bathurst Base Hospital Intensive Care Unit are currently unfilled?

(3) For how long has each position been advertised?

(4) What has been the total cost of locums in this department for 2013 to date?

Answer—

I refer the member to the response provide to the LA Question 5009.

*5011 PLAYMATES COTTAGE CHILD CARE CENTRE DUBBO—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) Do plans exist to demolish the Playmates Cottage child care centre at Dubbo Base Hospital as part of the hospital's planned redevelopment when the lease expires in December 2015?
- (2) If so, when will the centre be notified?
- (3) If so, what plans are there for relocating the centre?

Answer—

I am advised:

Planning for the redevelopment of Dubbo Base Hospital has identified the site occupied by Playmates Childcare Centre for potential use in the future expansion of the health service. While there are no current plans to demolish the building, any future redevelopment of the site will be in response to the health needs of Dubbo and the surrounding community.

The Local Health District will work in partnership with Playmates Cottage to assist in identifying suitable alternative sites, if necessary, and in any subsequent relocation.

*5012 ST VINCENT'S HOSPITAL—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) What is the built capacity of Ward 8 North at St Vincent's Hospital?
- (2) How many beds are currently open in this ward?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Xavier 8 North ward was previously leased to the Navy and was configured for their specific use.

After the Navy ceased using Xavier 8 North ward in the first half of 2013, the Short Stay Surgical Unit was relocated to the ward.

*5013 INTERVENTIONAL CARDIOLOGY SERVICES IN THE CENTRAL COAST LOCAL HEALTH DISTRICT—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) How many cardiac catheter laboratories are available in the Central Coast Local Health District (CCLHD)?
- (2) Which hospitals in the CCLHD have cardiac catheter laboratories?
- (3) Is acute percutaneous intervention (PCI) for STEMI (ST elevation myocardial infarction) available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week in these hospitals?
 - (a) If so, when did this 24 hours a day, 7 days a week service commence;
 - (b) If not:
 - (i) During which hours is acute PCI available;
 - (ii) How are acute STEMI patients treated out of hours;
 - (iii) Are there plans to make this service available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week?

Answer—

I am advised:

Gosford Hospital has one cardiac catheter laboratory and two are located at Gosford Private Hospital. The laboratory at Gosford Hospital provides percutaneous intervention during operating hours, between 8am and 4:30pm Monday to Friday.

There are clinical protocols in place for patients presenting to emergency departments at both Wyong and Gosford Hospitals. Those who require urgent percutaneous intervention after hours are transferred to the Royal North Shore Hospital. These arrangements have been in place for many years including under the previous Government and are operating effectively.

*5014 WAGGA WAGGA PARAMEDICS—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) How many full time equivalent paramedics are employed in Wagga Wagga?
- (2) How many vacancies currently exist for qualified paramedics in Wagga Wagga?
- (3) What was the average response time for paramedics in Wagga Wagga for the year to October 2013?

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Answer—

I am advised:

There are currently no vacancies at Wagga Wagga Ambulance Station.

Information regarding NSW Ambulance emergency response time is available on the NSW Ambulance website at www.ambulance.nsw.gov.au.

*5015 OUT-OF-HOME CARE ADOPTION—Ms Linda Burney asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

- (1) How many applications to adopt children and young people in Out-of-Home Care (OOHC) were received in:
 - (a) 2010;
 - (b) 2011;
 - (c) 2012;
 - (d) 2013?
- (2) How many applications to adopt children and young people in OOHC were assessed in:
 - (a) 2010;
 - (b) 2011;
 - (c) 2012;
 - (d) 2013?
- (3) How many children and young people in OOHC were adopted in:
 - (a) 2010;
 - (b) 2011;
 - (c) 2012;
 - (d) 2013?
- (4) What was the cost of assessing applications to adopt children and young people in OOHC in:
 - (a) 2010;
 - (b) 2011;
 - (c) 2012;
 - (d) 2013?

Answer—

Information relating to Out Of Home Care (OOHC) adoptions is available in the Department of Community Services Annual Report.

A discussion paper was released in November 2012 outlining the Government's proposed legislative amendments designed to encourage open adoption as a preference to long-term OOHC. It is regrettable no input on this important issue to vulnerable young people was received from the NSW Labor Party.

*5016 SIBLINGS IN OUT-OF-HOME CARE—Ms Linda Burney asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

- (1) How many of the children and young people in Out-of-Home Care (OOHC) have siblings also in care?
- (2) How many groups of siblings are in OOHC?
- (3) How many of these sibling groups are not in a common placement?

Answer—

Availability of this data in a reportable format remains the same as it was when you were the Minister.

*5017 CHILD PROTECTION LEGISLATIVE REFORM DISCUSSION PAPER—Ms Linda Burney asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

- (1) How many submissions were received in regard to the Family and Communities Services Child Protection Legislative Reform Discussion Paper?
- (2) When will the Government publish these submissions?
- (3) When and how does the Government intend to respond to the submissions received?

Answer—

A total of 231 submissions were received. The Discussion Paper was released in November 2012, but no submission was received from the NSW Labor Opposition.

The Government's response to the submissions, which were carefully considered, is contained in the public consultation report, *A Safe Home for Life*, which was released on 21 November 2013. This was also the day you wrote to my office requesting a briefing on the reforms.

*5018 NEW ROADS AND MARITIME SERVICES LOGO—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

- (1) How much was spent on the new logo and branding for Roads and Maritime Services?
- (2) How much was spent on consultants to assist with the new logo and branding?
- (3) When did work start and finish on the new logo and branding?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) - (2) \$634,975 was spent on the development and testing for the transport cluster brands, including Roads and Maritime. The costs cannot be apportioned as the transport cluster logos and branding were developed as an integrated solution. This has resulted in new identities for Roads and Maritime, as well as light rail, train, ferry and bus services.

(3) Work started in May 2012. To ensure cost efficiencies, wherever feasible, implementation of the new brand is being undertaken as existing materials are expended and before new stock is ordered.

*5019 PLANNING FOR NEW CEMETERIES IN SOUTH WESTERN SYDNEY—Mr Richard Amery asked the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW, Leader of the House—

In planning for future land releases in the South Western sector of Sydney, have any areas been identified for the establishment of new cemeteries to address the stated shortage of burial space in the Sydney region?

Answer—

The draft Metropolitan Strategy for Sydney includes an action to 'plan for adequate burial lands to meet the needs of Sydney's diverse community and provide guidance on their appropriate location'. The Cemeteries Agency, to be established as part of the Government's cemeteries and crematoria reforms and report to the Minister for Primary Industries, will work with Department of Planning and Infrastructure to assess current and future interment needs and develop planning strategies for cemetery space to meet those needs.

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*5020 CEMETERIES AND CREMATORIA EDUCATION—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Small Business—

With regard to the Cemeteries and Crematoria Bill 2013:

- (1) What form of education is proposed to educate the community about sustainable burial practices?
- (2) What form of education is proposed to educate individuals in recognising the symbolic value of grave sites?
- (3) What is the time frame for these educational processes?
- (4) What measuring system will be used to evaluate the success of the educational processes?

Answer—

(1) Once the Board of Cemeteries and Crematoria NSW is established it will consider the need, scope, timing and evaluation criteria for an education program.

(2) See (1) above.

(3) See (1) above.

(4) See (1) above.

*5021 NEW SOUTH WALES CEMETERIES—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Small Business—

(1) How many cemeteries are there in New South Wales?

(2) Using projected figures, can you provide the name and location of cemeteries which will be full by:
(a) 2030;

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- (b) 2040;
(c) 2050?

Answer—

- (1) Cemeteries on land for which a Crown reserve trust has been established include:
- Rookwood Cemetery, jointly managed by a trust board and a corporation;
 - 10 cemeteries managed by 6 trust boards;
 - 5 cemeteries managed by 5 corporations; and
 - 118 cemetery reserves under trust management by 54 local councils.

In addition, there are 1073 cemetery reserves managed by 120 local councils under LGA s48 and 5 cemetery reserves in the Unincorporated Far West Region managed by the NSW Government.

Detailed information is not available for cemeteries on Local Government and private land. The new Cemeteries and Crematoria Act will require cemetery operators to notify standard information for inclusion on a Cemeteries and Crematoria Register to be kept by Cemeteries and Crematoria NSW.

- (2) Projected figures indicate that all eight Crown cemeteries managed by Crown reserve trusts in the Sydney Greater Metropolitan Area (GMA) will be full by 2035 and that all available space in the GMA may be exhausted by 2050 with earlier shortages in some locations or for specific religious or cultural groups.

*5022 NEW SOUTH WALES CREMATORIIUMS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Small Business—

- (1) How many crematoriums are there in New South Wales?
(2) Using projected figures, can you provide the name and location of crematoriums which will be full by:
- (a) 2030;
 - (b) 2040;
 - (c) 2050?

Answer—

- (1) NSW Health, which keeps the current register of crematoria, advises that there are 47 crematoria in New South Wales.
(2) Crematoria undertake the cremation process and as such do not fill.

*5023 STOCKTON HOSPITAL UPGRADE—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

- (1) Will the Minister rule out the use of Stockton Hospital as a future disability facility in the absence of funds to upgrade infrastructure, given that the Minister for Finance and Services in his second reading speech on the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NSW Enabling) Bill 2013 described the hospital's buildings as "not up to scratch"?
(2) What funding has the Government made available for the upgrade of Stockton Hospital since being elected in March 2011?
(3) Will Stockton Hospital be considered for future disability services uses?

Answer—

The Government is proceeding with the redevelopment of all large residential centres by mid 2018. The Government is committed to providing modern and appropriate accommodation for people with disability.

*5024 PORT OF NEWCASTLE LEASE—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

- (1) Will the successful lessor of the Port of Newcastle be required to pay the full purchase price within the first three years to ensure the promised funds for Newcastle can be provided by the Government?
(2) Will the Treasurer confirm that contracts entered into between the successful lessor and the Government will include a clause that no sublease can be entered into by the lessor and a third party to ensure the community will always be aware of the use of the Port?

Answer—

- (1) An upfront payment, as was the case for Ports Botany and Kembla, will be made for the lease of the Port of Newcastle.

The Government will invest \$340 million of transaction proceeds in the revitalisation of the Newcastle CBD, including the light rail project. These proceeds are in addition to the \$120 million total already allocated from the Hunter Infrastructure and Investment Fund (\$60 million) and Restart NSW (\$60 million).

- (2) The lease, as is the case for Ports Botany and Kembla, will include port stewardship obligations and permitted uses of the leased area. The lease will be a registered and publicly available document at the Land Titles Office.

*5025 TRAIN AND STATION ANNOUNCEMENT PILOT PROGRAM—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Transport—

- (1) Was the pilot program announced in August 2012 aimed at eliminating muffled and incomprehensible announcements on trains and railway stations successful and has it now been made available to all staff?

- (a) If so, when was the program completed and how much money was spent on the program?
(b) If not, when will the program be completed and how much money has been spent to date and how much is yet to be spent?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Radio School pilot program was successfully rolled out in November 2012 to frontline staff at a number of locations on the Illawarra Line. Customers at these locations enjoyed a marked improvement in the quality of announcements.

The full program rollout commenced in August 2013 across the Sydney Trains and NSW TrainLink networks, and is due for completion in June 2014.

*5026 PRISON FARM VEGETABLE GARDENS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

- (1) Is there a program in place whereby inmates of prison farms and/or minimum security prisons in New South Wales tend to vegetable gardens and the resulting produce is donated to the needy of the community through local community centres?

- (a) If so, is the program in place in all available facilities;
(b) If not, what needs to be done to introduce this program into the NSW Corrective Services system?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) No. At locations where vegetables can be grown, they are grown as broad acre crops under the Corrective Services Industries Farm business unit. These crops are used to feed inmates.

- (a) Not applicable.
(b) Introducing such a program would require additional human and financial resources.

*5027 JOHN HUNTER HOSPITAL NEUROSURGEON WAITING TIME—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) What is the expected waiting time to be given an appointment with a neurosurgeon at John Hunter Hospital?

- (2) How many neurosurgeons are available to see public hospital patients at John Hunter Hospital?

- (3) What waiting time is deemed unacceptable for an appointment not to be allocated at John Hunter Hospital?

Answer—

I am advised:

Patients referred to John Hunter Hospital's outpatient clinics to see a neurosurgeon are offered an appointment based on their clinical urgency on advice from referring GPs.

Five neurosurgeons are available to see patients at John Hunter Hospital.

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Patients who believe there has been a change in their condition while waiting for an appointment are advised to visit their treating GP again so a revised referral can be issued and their clinical priority re-evaluated.

*5028 SPECIALIST EDUCATIONAL CONSULTANCY CONTACTS CESSNOCK ELECTORATE—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Education—

As a result of the reduction to the statewide network of Multicultural and English as a Second Language (ESL) Consultant, Refugee Support Officer and Community Information Officer positions, who will public schools in the Cessnock electorate now contact:

- (a) For support in dealing with an incident of racism at their school;
- (b) For support if there is a breakdown in community relations or cultural misunderstanding between their school and the local community;
- (c) For advice about enrolling and supporting a newly arrived family with children of unknown ages and visa subclass who do not speak English;
- (d) In order to access ESL professional learning programs for class teachers so that they can provide a culturally inclusive and language rich classroom learning environment for all students?

Answer—

Through the Local Schools, Local Decisions education reform, principals will make decisions about the type and level of support required to meet the needs of their students and their communities. Schools will have much more flexibility to direct resources according to local priorities. This includes strategies for countering racism, determining the best way to establish effective partnerships with families, and English language and settlement support for students, including newly arrived migrant and refugee students.

Multicultural and ESL Advisors in the Equity team in the Department's Learning and Leadership Directorate will work in collaboration with Educational Services Directors and their teams located throughout New South Wales to build the capacity of school leaders and assist schools in accessing the professional learning they need to implement appropriate programs and strategies.

*5029 NEW TRAIN TIMETABLE COMPLAINTS TO SYDNEY TRAINS—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport—

- (1) How many complaints have been received by Sydney Trains in relation to the implementation of the new train timetable?
- (2) How many of these complaints were from commuters who reside in:
 - (a) Chester Hill;
 - (b) Sefton;
 - (c) Yagoona;
 - (d) Birrong;
 - (e) Bass Hill;
 - (f) Georges Hall;
 - (g) Bankstown?

Answer—

I am advised:

The new timetable came into effect on 20 October 2013. The timetable delivers more than 1,000 additional weekly services, improved connections between other modes of public transport and reduced journey times. The timetable is easier for customers to use, with fewer stopping patterns and more express services, particularly during peak periods.

Customers travelling longer distances from outer suburban areas will notice fewer stops and reduced journey times in many instances. Customers closer to the CBD receive frequent, more evenly spaced trains, with many stations receiving 'turn up and go' services.

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*5030 NEW TRAIN TIMETABLE COMPLAINTS TO MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport—

- (1) How many complaints have been received by the Office of the Minister for Transport in relation to the implementation of the new train timetable?
- (2) How many of these complaints were from commuters who reside in:
 - (a) Chester Hill;
 - (b) Sefton;
 - (c) Yagoona;
 - (d) Birrong;
 - (e) Bass Hill;
 - (f) Georges Hall;
 - (g) Bankstown?

Answer—

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*5031 ILLEGAL STREET DRAG RACING—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—

- (1) What measures are being implemented to deter illegal street drag racing on New South Wales roads particularly in light of the recent fatality in Greenacre?
- (2) What measures have been implemented to deter illegal street drag racing in the Bankstown electorate in the past year?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force has advised me that its Traffic and Highway Patrol Command (THPC) works with the Centre for Road Safety and Roads and Maritime Services through the Road Safety Coordination Group to address road safety issues including street racing. Known social media sites are regularly monitored and high visibility patrols conducted in identified areas to deter and detect racing. THPC is also working with the Environmental Protection Authority, Councils, private land owners, car enthusiast clubs and local shows to educate and limit opportunities for street racing.

A number of recent operations have been conducted in the Sydney metropolitan region, along with high visibility patrolling and stationary enforcement in locations known for street racing. Police advise that street racing in the Bankstown Local Area Command is generally opportunistic rather than planned, and the THPC has no current complaints about street racing in the area.

There is a highly visible police presence in the Bankstown area, with the Bankstown Highway Patrol's nine marked vehicles supported by Region resources, Traffic Strike Force and Traffic Support Group as required. In the past year, 115 street racing offences were detected and vehicle sanctions imposed. Eight of these were in Bankstown.

*5032 RAISING AWARENESS OF CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Healthy Lifestyles, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

What measures have been implemented in the Bankstown electorate to raise awareness of the lifestyle factors which are contributing to the increased instances of cardiovascular disease?

Answer—

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I am advised:

Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital provides a cardiac rehabilitation program for patients who have had a cardiac event. This includes exercise programs and information to patients and their families about heart disease and how to better manage lifestyle factors such as exercise regimes and diet.

The Hospital also coordinates a heart failure clinic for chronic and complex patients. As part of the clinic a Registered Nurse visits patients and facilities in the community and provides education on risk factors and provides individual management plans.

Other awareness strategies include "heart week" providing for the community a free service which includes checking blood pressure, body mass index and waist circumference measurements and offering community awareness on the risk factors and how to prevent heart disease through lifestyle changes. Education leaflets about the service are made available to the community in culturally and linguistically appropriate languages at these events.

A further initiative known as The Heart Support Program also offers patients and families ongoing education in the community. The patron of this program, a Cardiologist at Bankstown, attends community meetings every six weeks to discuss awareness and prevention of heart disease. Additional initiatives of this group include attendance at shopping centres and large retail outlets promoting heart health and offering support and advice for health checks.

Information about a number of services and programs can be accessed at www.health.nsw.gov.au.

*5033 RAISING AWARENESS OF DRUG AND ALCOHOL RISKS—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Healthy Lifestyles, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

What measures have been implemented in the Bankstown electorate to increase awareness regarding the lifestyle risks associated with the consumption of drugs and alcohol?

Answer—

I am advised that:

The South West Sydney Local Health District provides a range of services in the Bankstown area to address harms associated with drug and alcohol use. The Bankstown Community Health Centre offers drug and alcohol counselling and harm minimisation services including brief intervention, referral and provision of clean injecting equipment. In addition, an Opioid Treatment Unit, which provides treatment for opioid dependence, is located at Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital.

South West Sydney Local Health District's Drug Health Services also liaise with NEAMI, a local non-government organisation which provides mental health rehabilitation and recovery, to promote awareness of drug and alcohol issues and advise treatment options.

The District also supports the Bankstown Community Drug Action Team, comprising membership from local service providers whose focus is drug and alcohol prevention. During Drug Action Week in June 2013, the Bankstown Community Drug Action Team collaborated with local youth workers from Barnardo's to conduct a range of activities to occupy young people and provide health education on drug and alcohol related issues.

In addition, the 'Drug info at your library' resource and book collection is on permanent display at the Bankstown Library. The collection is a partnership between NSW Ministry of Health and the State Library of NSW which provides access to reliable and authoritative information on drugs and alcohol for the New South Wales community. The Bankstown City Library and four Bankstown library branches have 65,375 registered library members (2011-12).

Free drug and alcohol information resources are also available to Bankstown residents through the NSW Health drug and alcohol information website www.yourroom.com.au - for viewing and online ordering. In the last 12 months more than 2,000 resources have been delivered to services in Bankstown including Bankstown Hospital and Bankstown Women's Health Centre.

The Ministry of Health has also implemented the state-wide 'Know when to say when' campaign which ran between January and May 2013. The campaign addressed the issue of excessive alcohol consumption and the potential social and lifestyle impacts.

*5034 PAWNBROKER INTEREST CHARGES—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Fair Trading—

- (1) How many instances of breaches to the interest charging provisions of the Pawnbrokers and Second Hand Dealers Act 1996 have been investigated by NSW Fair Trading in the past two years?
- (2) What measures is NSW Fair Trading implementing to protect consumers from illegal interest charges

by pawnbrokers?

Answer—

Sections 32A and 32B of the Pawnbrokers and Second-Hand Dealers Act 1996 (the Act) concern the charging of interest by pawnbrokers. NSW Fair Trading has no records of alleged breaches of these sections over the past two years. Accordingly Fair Trading has not conducted any investigations of breaches to the interest charging provisions of the Act in that time.

Fair Trading conducts proactive operations on pawnbrokers and second-hand dealers to check for compliance with the Act, which includes checking for breaches of the interest charging provisions. Fair Trading also acts on complaints received from the public.

*5035 LICENSED PAWNBROKERS—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Fair Trading—

- (1) How many licensed pawnbrokers are operating in New South Wales?
- (2) How many licensed pawnbrokers are operating in the Bankstown electorate?
- (3) How does this figure compare proportionately to other electorates within New South Wales?

Answer—

The total number of licensed pawnbrokers in New South Wales is 754. Licensing data is not recorded on an electoral basis and therefore data is not available on the number of licensed pawnbrokers in an electoral area. Accordingly, comparisons cannot be made between electorates.

*5036 DUNC GRAY OLYMPIC VELODROME—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Sport and Recreation—

What support has the Government provided to Bankstown City Council and the Bankstown Sports Club to ensure the future viability of the Dunc Gray Olympic Velodrome site?

Answer—

I am advised:

Sport and Recreation provides no direct operating subsidy to Bankstown City Council or the operator, Bankstown Sports Club. Any request for funding from Bankstown City Council or Bankstown Sports Club would need to be supported by a comprehensive business case.

*5037 SPECIALIST EDUCATIONAL CONSULTANCY CONTACTS BANKSTOWN ELECTORATE—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Education—

As a result of the reduction to the statewide network of Multicultural and English as a Second Language (ESL) Consultant, Refugee Support Officer and Community Information Officer positions, who will public schools in the Bankstown electorate now contact:

- (a) For support in dealing with an incident of racism at their school;
- (b) For support if there is a breakdown in community relations or cultural misunderstanding between their school and the local community;
- (c) For advice about enrolling and supporting a newly arrived family with children of unknown ages and visa subclass who do not speak English;
- (d) In order to access ESL professional learning programs for class teachers so that they can provide a culturally inclusive and language rich classroom learning environment for all students?

Answer—

Through the Local Schools, Local Decisions education reform, principals will make decisions about the type and level of support required to meet the needs of their students and their communities. Schools will have much more flexibility to direct resources according to local priorities. This includes strategies for countering racism, determining the best way to establish effective partnerships with families, and English language and settlement support for students, including newly arrived migrant and refugee students.

Multicultural and ESL Advisors in the Equity team in the Department's Learning and Leadership Directorate will work in collaboration with Educational Services Directors and their teams located throughout New South Wales to build the capacity of school leaders and assist schools in accessing the professional learning they need to implement appropriate programs and strategies.

*5038 LIVE MUSIC AND PERFORMANCE ACTION PLAN—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Hospitality and Racing, and Minister for the Arts—

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Regarding the Live Music and Performance Action Plan developed by the City of Sydney's Live Music and Performance Taskforce which reports that this industry generated revenues of \$1.21 billion in Australia in 2009-10 and identified significant barriers to live music and performance in New South Wales:

- (1) What assessment has the Government made of the taskforce's report and recommendations?
- (2) What liaison has been carried out with other Government agencies to:
 - (a) remove duplication in noise controls and implement better processes for addressing neighbourhood noise concerns;
 - (b) provide better information to promoters about planning and liquor approvals;
 - (c) amend loading zone regulations to provide access to musicians, technicians and performers for live music and performance venues;
 - (d) establishing a major new outdoor events space for inner Sydney;
 - (e) clearer and more consistent user-pays policing policy for live music and performance venues?
- (3) What liaison has been carried out with the National Live Music Office about data collection, research and promotion of live music and performance venues?
- (4) What assessment has been carried out into the risk factors associated with live music and performance venues based on alcohol consumption patterns?
- (5) What changes are proposed for liquor licensing conditions for live music and performance venues based on risk assessment?
- (6) What consideration has been given to exempting live music and performance venues from inappropriate liquor licence restrictions?
- (7) What consideration has been given to streamlined and more flexible temporary liquor licences for live music and performance venues?
- (8) What consideration has been given to financial assistance programs that support live music and performance venues?
- (9) What other action does the Government plan to support and promote live music and performance venues?

Answer—

The Government was not represented on the task force. The Government will consider the taskforce report as part of the development of the NSW Arts and Cultural Policy.

*5039 OXFORD STREET LIQUOR LICENCE FREEZE—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Hospitality and Racing, and Minister for the Arts—

Regarding the freeze on new and expanded liquor licences on Oxford Street, Darlinghurst which is set to end on 24 December 2013:

- (1) What assessment has been made of the risk that lifting restrictions in the Kings Cross Plan of Management, including the liquor licence freeze and ID scanning, will cause licensed venues to proliferate in Oxford Street, Darlinghurst?
- (2) Will a tool to prevent saturation of licensed premises and cumulative impacts be available for use on Oxford Street, Darlinghurst from 24 December 2013?
- (3) To what extent has the Government identified the number of venues and patrons that Oxford Street, Darlinghurst can sustainably accommodate, given NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research data shows a strong link between alcohol outlet density and assaults?
- (4) Will the Minister extend the liquor freeze on Oxford Street to ensure that drops in alcohol related crime in this location are not reversed?

Answer—

- (1) An evaluation of the various strategies under the Kings Cross Plan of Management will be undertaken to inform future decisions regarding the Kings Cross precinct. Possible displacement effects will be considered as part of this evaluation.
- (2) The Environment and Venue Assessment Tool (EVAT) is currently being trialled in the City of Sydney (including the Oxford St/Darlinghurst freeze precinct) and City of Newcastle local government areas. This tool provides evidence-based risk assessments for each new liquor licence application in the two trial areas. The trial continues until March 2014, and the outcomes of an evaluation of the EVAT trial will be considered by the Government in mid 2014.
- (3) While the Government has not determined a maximum number of venues or patrons for the Oxford St/Darlinghurst precinct, applications in higher density areas will be assessed by the EVAT as higher risk. As part of the EVAT trial, these risk assessments are currently being used to inform the

Independent Liquor & Gaming Authority's decision making for new licence applications in the two trial areas.

- (4) Alcohol related crime data for the Oxford St/Darlinghurst freeze area has informed the Government's decision to extend the Oxford St/Darlinghurst liquor licence freeze to 24 June 2015.

*5040 SYDNEY HARBOUR CLEAN UP—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) When were remediation works in relation to dioxin pollution in Homebush Bay and Sydney Harbour completed?
- (2) Which sites have been cleaned up since the commercial fishing ban was introduced in early 2006 due to dioxin contamination?
- (3) What sites does the Government plan to clean up in the future?
- (4) What pollutants other than dioxins have been found and removed from Homebush Bay and Sydney Harbour?
- (5) What intergenerational change in relevant fish species have been found with regard to contaminated sediment and dioxin levels in Homebush Bay and Sydney Harbour ?
- (6) What conclusions have been made on remediation outcomes?
- (7) What further work is required to remove contamination from Homebush Bay and Sydney Harbour?

Answer—

I am advised as follows:

- (1) Remediation works in Homebush Bay were completed in 2009. There have been no other remediation works related to contamination by dioxins in Sydney Harbour.
- (2) The site cleaned up due to contamination by dioxins was approximately 8 hectares of Homebush Bay.
- (3) Remediation of elevated levels of tars in Kendall Bay is to be remediated by Jemena Gas Networks (NSW) LTD under regulation by the Environment Protection Authority.
- (4) Lead contamination has been found and removed in Homebush Bay by Orica.
- (5) The testing of fish for assessment of intergenerational change in levels of dioxins is scheduled for 2014-15.
- (6) The testing in 2014-15 will inform the assessment of remediation outcomes.
- (7) No further remediation work is planned for Homebush Bay. Remediation is planned for Kendall Bay. (refer to note 3 and 6 above)

*5041 NATIVE VEGETATION ACT COMPLIANCE—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) How many breaches of the Native Vegetation Act 2003 have been detected over the last three years?
- (2) Of these breaches, how many hectares of native vegetation were cleared?
- (3) How does the Government monitor compliance with the Act?
- (4) How does the Government encourage compliance with the Act?
- (5) What assessment has the Government made of the importance of native vegetation and habitat on private land in protecting biodiversity and threatened species?
- (6) Does the Government remain committed to banning the clearing of native vegetation on private land?

Answer—

I am advised as follows:

- (1) For the period July 2010 until June 2013, the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) undertook 361 compliance actions for alleged breaches of the Native Vegetation Act 2003. These actions included issuing warning letters, penalty notices, remedial directions and undertaking prosecutions.
- (2) For the period July 2010 until June 2013, OEH undertook nine successful prosecutions in relation to 592 hectares of alleged illegal clearing, and issued 59 directions to remediate 4,004 hectares of cleared land. OEH does not keep data on the area of alleged illegal clearing related to warning letters and penalty notices as accurate collection of spatial data requires significant work and validation that is not warranted for these lower risk cases.
- (3) Monitoring activities include field surveillance by OEH staff; reports from other Government authorities; reports from the public via the 131 555 Environment Line, targeted charter aircraft surveillance; and a state-wide satellite monitoring program using Landsat and SPOT5 imagery.

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- (4) This Government actively promotes compliance with native vegetation legislation by assisting the community to understand and meet their legislative obligations. This includes developing and publishing fact sheets on the OEH website and working with Catchment Management Authorities to disseminate information at field days and directly to landholders. Promotional campaigns include advertisements in local media across the state about the state-wide satellite monitoring program, and informing others who work with landholders including clearing contractors, stock and station agents, and lenders about the requirements of the law. Media coverage of court actions also helps ensure that the minority of people considering breaching the law are aware of the potential consequences.
- (5) The importance of native vegetation on private land in providing habitat for biodiversity and threatened species has long been recognised by scientists, is widely accepted in the community, and is acknowledged by this Government. There is a wealth of information on the OEH website about the value of native vegetation.
- (6) The focus of this Government is on building an effective, streamlined system for the management of native vegetation on private land that supports farmers to manage native vegetation on their land. We have started this work with the introduction of the Native Vegetation Regulation 2013 and we will continue this work with the exhibition of new self-assessable codes for certain clearing activities in the New Year. Clearing is not now, and has never been, banned on private land. This Government remains committed to appropriate management of native vegetation, including through sensible exemptions to allow a range of activities such as day to day farming activities and to protect life and property from the threat of bushfire.

*5042 ILLEGAL HUNTING—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Small Business—

- (1) How many fines have been issued for illegal hunting in the last three years?
- (2) How many warnings have been issued for illegal hunting in the last three years?
- (3) Where did these incidents occur?
- (4) In the last three years, how many charges have been laid against hunters under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1979 for cruelty to:
 - (a) Game and feral animals;
 - (b) Dogs used in hunting such as pig dog hunting?

Answer—

- (1) 53.
- (2) Nil.
- (3) Of the 53 incidents 43 occurred in State Forests, 1 in a Crown Reserve, 2 in National Parks and 7 on private property.
- (4)
 - (a) Nil.
 - (b) Nil.

*5043 BACKPACKER IMPACTS ON KINGS CROSS—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

With regard to growing reports that some backpacker hostels in Kings Cross create significant noise and anti-social behaviour impacts associated with hundreds of patrons consuming liquor late at night on the premises and adjacent footpaths:

- (1) What assessment has the Government made of this issue?
- (2) What discussions have occurred between Government agencies to develop a whole-of-government response to this issue including the NSW Police Force, the Department of Planning and Infrastructure, the Office of Fair Trading and the Independent Liquor and Gaming Authority?
- (3) What liaison has occurred with the City of Sydney on this issue?
- (4) What legislative changes is the Government considering to deal with this issue?
- (5) What consideration will the Government give to requiring all backpacker hostels to establish a plan of management that includes rules to prevent noise and anti-social behaviour?
- (6) What other action does the Government plan to address this concern?

Answer—

I am advised:

The compliance of backpacker hostels in Kings Cross is a matter for the City of Sydney under the relevant planning controls.

In relation to noise and anti-social behaviour, there have been a number of bills introduced by the Government as well as implementation of the Kings Cross Plan of Management, that is a whole-of-government response committed to creating safer public spaces in Kings Cross. This plan can be viewed at:

www.nsw.gov.au/news/kings-cross-management-plan

*5044 MARDI GRAS POLICING—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

With respect to recommendations in the "Policing at NSW Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex and Queer (LGBTIQ) Events and Venues" report recently provided to the Government by the Gay and Lesbian Rights Lobby, Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras, Inner City Legal Centre and ACON to address concerns about intimidating, violent, homophobic and excessive policing during the 2013 Sydney Mardi Gras Festival:

- (1) What action has the Government taken to ensure coordinated planning and management of future Mardi Gras Festivals, given the event generates \$30 million to the New South Wales economy annually?
- (2) What work has been done to increase LGBTIQ cultural competency training at the Police Academy, and how are LGBTIQ community representatives involved?
- (3) What work has been done to provide LGBTIQ cultural competency training for officers who have not had any previous training?
- (4) Does the Government remain committed to the Gay and Lesbian Liaison Officer (GLLO) program?
- (5) How will the Government develop the GLLO program to ensure it is achieving its goals?
- (6) What work has been done to make the NSW Police Force a member of the ACON Pride in Diversity Program?
- (7) What plans does the Government have to ensure all police officers are briefed on LGBTIQ history and cultural competency prior to working at major LGBTIQ events such as the Mardi Gras Festival?
- (8) What assessment has been made of the public order risks during the Sydney Mardi Gras Festival and how will this assessment determine the scale and approach of policing at the 2014 festival?
- (9) How will the Government ensure that there are contingency plans for policing during future Mardi Gras events to respond to changing conditions such as unplanned alterations to start and finish times during the parade?
- (10) To what extent will the Government review and alter procedures and instructions for drug dog operations and strip searches for future Mardi Gras events to ensure they:
 - (a) are carried out lawfully;
 - (b) are carried out with sensitivity to the LGBTIQ community;
 - (c) reflect the risks associated with drug use at events and venues?
- (11) What consideration will the Government give to requiring drug detection officers conducting a strip search to provide subjects with written reasons for the search?
- (12) Will the Government eliminate riot squad uniforms at future Mardi Gras events in order to ensure that events feel safe and welcoming?
- (13) What measures has the Government taken to restore confidence in potential overseas visitors about safety and policing at Mardi Gras Festival events?
- (14) What information and education materials will the Government provide to overseas visitors to ensure they understand relevant legislation and police operations when attending Mardi Gras Festival events?
- (15) What other action will the Government take to ensure the reputation of future Sydney Mardi Gras Festivals have not been damaged by the incidents that occurred in 2013?

Answer—

The Department of Premier and Cabinet convenes whole of government planning meetings for the Mardi Gras Parade. Planning meetings include representatives of Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras, NSW Police and stakeholders such as City of Sydney Council and the Transport Management Centre. On the day of the parade, representatives of NSW Government agencies along with a representative from Mardi Gras, oversee management of the Parade from the NSW Police Operations Centre.

Local Area Command and Major Events and Incidents Group Commanders are consulting and working closely with the Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras Organising Committee in preparation for the 2014 Mardi Gras Festival.

As with all police operations, thorough and ongoing risk assessment processes will be undertaken during the planning phase to determine any risks and appropriate mitigation strategies. Police are working with the Mardi Gras Organising Committee to develop appropriate briefing material for officers deployed to

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festival events and the CEO of Mardi Gras 2014 will address police during the final pre-festival deployment briefing.

The NSW Police Force's policy on Sexuality and Gender Diversity 2011-2014 Working with lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex and queer (LGBTIQ) people supports all NSW police officers to gain a better understanding of LGBTIQ issues.

Whilst reaffirming its commitment to working productively with LGBTIQ people, the policy formalises a commitment to working with these communities to prevent and reduce crime and the fear of crime.

LGBTIQ specific cultural training is provided to all student police officers prior to attestation and the LGBTIQ Corporate Spokesperson is working with Mardi Gras and other community representatives to enhance and expand training material in this area for wide circulation to all ranks within the NSW Police Force.

The NSW Police Force is committed to the Gay and Lesbian Liaison Officer (GLLO) program and will continue to ensure the program is achieving its goals. Region Sponsors for Sexuality and Gender Diversity have been appointed in all police Regions and will provide support to the GLLO network at a regional level.

There are approximately 200 police GLLOs located across metropolitan and regional Local Area Commands in New South Wales. Their primary focus is to improve the capacity of officers within their commands to work effectively with communities in response to key issues such as prejudice related violence, domestic violence in same sex relationships and challenging homophobic bullying in schools.

Regarding drug dog operations, at the Mardi Gras After Party a senior officer will be deployed to assess determinations made by arresting police and provide advice to officers to ensure they are exercising search powers appropriately and that people being searched understand their rights and obligations in terms of compliance. Searches will be conducted in enclosed search areas in a manner that takes into account issues such as privacy and gender sensitivity. Police uniforms are an operational matter for the NSW Police Force. Appropriate uniforms allow police officers to be easily identified during an event.

The LGBTIQ Corporate Spokesperson and officers from Surry Hills Local Area Command have been working with the Inner City Legal Centre and ACON's Anti Violence Project in relation to the publication of joint advice regarding legislation, individual rights and behavioural expectations for visitors and all those involved in Mardi Gras festival events.

Members of the LGBTIQ community may be assured that the NSW Police Force is committed to interacting appropriately with all victims of crime and has a responsibility to respond to and treat victims, and indeed all members of the community, with compassion, courtesy and respect.

The Government, through Destination NSW, has continued its support for the Mardi Gras in 2014 and is working with the Mardi Gras Board.

The Mardi Gras is an important event on the New South Wales Major Events Calendar and we will continue to invest in this event to ensure it continues to be an international draw card for tourist to Sydney.

In 2013 Destination NSW played a major role in promoting the 35th anniversary; as they did in 2012 by working with the Mardi Gras Board to reinvigorate the parade, including securing Kylie Minogue as the Ambassador.

Tourism figures over the past two years have indicated an increase in overnight visitation and a resurgence in crowd numbers, showing the success of the event and its importance of to the New South Wales visitor economy.

*5045 ALEXANDRIA PARK COMMUNITY SCHOOL—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) What plans does the Government have to upgrade and expand library facilities at Alexandria Park Community School Senior Campus?
- (2) What plans does the Government have to regrade, resurface and landscape outdoor space at the school to make it safe and useable?
- (3) What funds are currently budgeted for these projects and when are they expected to be completed?
- (4) What other plans have been approved for upgrading and expanding facilities at Alexandria Park Community School Senior Campus?
- (5) What funds are currently budgeted for other projects at this school and when are they expected to be completed?
- (6) What other action will be taken to update facilities and conditions at Alexandria Park Community

School Senior Campus?

Answer—

- (1) Currently there are no specific plans for the library.
- (2) The school has nominated the outdoor tiered learning space in the Senior Campus as a priority for inclusion in their 2013-14 Planned Maintenance Works program. At this stage it is anticipated that the work will take place during the coming summer holiday period.

There are currently no other landscape related projects nominated for Alexandria Park Community School Senior Campus.

- (3) The school's 2013-14 Planned Maintenance funding entitlement totals some \$62,000. At this stage it is anticipated that most of the scheduled work funded from this source will be completed by February 2014.
- (4) \$62,000 in planned maintenance has been allocated to provide upgrades to the school.
- (5) As previously stated, the school will receive approximately \$62,000 in Planned Maintenance funding. There are no other projects currently planned for the school.
- (6) Alexandria Park Community School Senior Campus has nominated an upgrade to its railings and balustrades for its stairwells and walkways at an estimated cost up to \$100,000.

*5046 SYDNEY ELECTORATE SCHOOL BUS SERVICES—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Transport—

- (1) What bus services are provided in the Sydney electorate to transport students to school?
- (2) What changes will be made to school bus services for 2014?
- (3) What changes are planned for Ultimo and Pyrmont school bus services?
- (4) What changes are planned for Alexandria Park Community School bus services?
- (5) How will the Government ensure that there is timely and reliable bus services to all inner city schools?
- (6) How will light rail services be integrated into the school transport scheme?
- (7) What other action will be taken by the Government to ensure students can easily get to and from school?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) This information is available on the transportnsw.info website.
- (2) to (5) State Transit will review existing bus service arrangements when schools provide information on their student transport requirements for 2014.
- (6) to (7) Transport for NSW is investigating whether light rail could be included as part of the current School Student Transport Scheme policy guidelines.

*5047 COMMUNITY SERVICES RESOURCES—Ms Linda Burney asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

Are the resources available to the Community Services division of the Department of Family and Community Services sufficient to meet service delivery requirements?

Answer—

This Government is focused on continuing its reforms to the child protection system. Please refer to Budget Papers for detail on resourcing.

*5048 CASE WORKER VACANCIES—Ms Linda Burney asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

How many full time equivalent non-government organisation case worker positions are currently vacant within the:

- (a) Child Youth and Family Support Program;
- (b) Intensive Family Preservation Program;
- (c) Brighter Futures Program;
- (d) Out-of Home Care Program?

Answer—

For the first time in New South Wales, the Government requires the Department of Family and Community Services to regularly publish a dashboard online, which provides information relating to the

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number of Community Services caseworkers and the number of at-risk children given face-to-face assessments.

Regrettably, the previous Labor government and yourself as Minister did not take the same transparent approach to publishing data online. The dashboard also includes the number of non-government caseworker positions funded by the Government, and is available on the FaCS website.

*5049 HOUSING NSW MAINTENANCE—Ms Linda Burney asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

How much funding has been allocated for maintenance of Housing NSW properties located in the electorate of Canterbury for:

- (a) 2013-14;
- (b) 2014-15;
- (c) 2015-16?

Answer—

Each year, the Land and Housing Corporation allocates an annual maintenance budget to deliver responsive and planned repairs, and upgrading based on forecast requirements and funding.

*5050 HOUSING NSW PROPERTY NUMBERS—Ms Linda Burney asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

What is the number and location of Housing NSW properties in the suburbs of:

- (a) Roselands;
- (b) Kingsgrove;
- (c) Belmore?

Answer—

Details about the number of social housing properties, by allocation zone, is available on the Department of Family and Community Services website.

*5051 NEW PUBLIC HOUSING IN CANTERBURY ELECTORATE—Ms Linda Burney asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

How many new properties does Housing NSW plan to construct in the electorate of Canterbury in:

- (1) 2013-14;
- (2) 2014-15;
- (3) 2015-16?

Answer—

The NSW Land and Housing Corporation has an ongoing program to review its public housing assets to ensure they meet the needs of public housing tenants. New housing is provided based on available funding and priorities within the social housing system.

*5052 SPECIALIST EDUCATIONAL CONSULTANCY CONTACTS CANTERBURY ELECTORATE—Ms Linda Burney asked the Minister for Education—

As a result of the reduction to the statewide network of Multicultural and English as a Second Language (ESL) Consultant, Refugee Support Officer and Community Information Officer positions, who will public schools in the Canterbury electorate now contact:

- (a) For support in dealing with an incident of racism at their school;
- (b) For support if there is a breakdown in community relations or cultural misunderstanding between their school and the local community;
- (c) For advice about enrolling and supporting a newly arrived family with children of unknown ages and visa subclass who do not speak English;
- (d) In order to access ESL professional learning programs for class teachers so that they can provide a culturally inclusive and language rich classroom learning environment for all students?

Answer—

Through the Local Schools, Local Decisions education reform, principals will make decisions about the type and level of support required to meet the needs of their students and their communities. Schools will have much more flexibility to direct resources according to local priorities. This includes strategies for

countering racism, determining the best way to establish effective partnerships with families, and English language and settlement support for students, including newly arrived migrant and refugee students.

Multicultural and ESL Advisors in the Equity team in the Department's Learning and Leadership Directorate will work in collaboration with Educational Services Directors and their teams located throughout New South Wales to build the capacity of school leaders and assist schools in accessing the professional learning they need to implement appropriate programs and strategies.

*5053 DRAFT BLACKTOWN LOCAL ENVIRONMENT PLAN—Mr John Robertson asked the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW, Leader of the House—

Does the draft Blacktown Local Environment Plan 2013 and the accompanying Blacktown Council reports adequately address the following matters:

- (a) Department Practice Note PN09-003 Classification and Reclassification of Public Land through a Local Environment Plan;
- (b) Planning System Circular PS09-011 Certification of Draft Standard Instrument LEPs for Public Exhibition;
- (c) Department of Planning Recreation and Open Space Guidelines for Local Government (2010);
- (d) Department of Planning Guide to Making Local Environmental Plans (2009, updated in 2013)?

Answer—

I am advised that:

The draft Blacktown LEP is still being considered by Blacktown City Council and the issues raised will be closely reviewed upon its submission to the Department of Planning & Infrastructure for finalisation.

*5054 DRAFT BLACKTOWN LOCAL ENVIRONMENT PLAN AND LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY—Mr John Robertson asked the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW, Leader of the House—

- (1) Which documents did the Department of Planning and Infrastructure view for the purposes of issuing a Section 65 Certificate to exhibit a draft Blacktown Local Environment Plan 2013 (BLEP) involving substantial rezonings?
- (2) Was a local environmental study or recent open space study conducted to justify extensive rezoning of residential land as proposed in the draft BLEP?
- (3) Is the draft BLEP consistent with Local Environmental Plan guidelines which require solid justification and consideration of costs and alternatives?

Answer—

I am advised that:

The draft Blacktown LEP is still being considered by Blacktown City Council and the issues raised will be closely reviewed upon its submission to the Department of Planning & Infrastructure for finalisation.

*5055 PUBLIC CONCERN REGARDING THE DRAFT BLACKTOWN LOCAL ENVIRONMENT PLAN 2013—Mr John Robertson asked the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW, Leader of the House—

Noting that in the Section 65 Certificate issued to Blacktown Council regarding the draft Blacktown Local Environment Plan 2013 (BLEP) the Department of Planning and Infrastructure states that the BLEP is inconsistent with section 6.2 Reserving Land for a Public Purpose:

What is the Department's current view on this matter given the public concern regarding the BLEP?

Answer—

I am advised that the draft Blacktown LEP is still being considered by Blacktown City Council and the issues raised will be closely reviewed upon its submission to the Department of Planning & Infrastructure for finalisation.

*5056 PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR DRAFT BLACKTOWN LOCAL ENVIRONMENT PLAN—Mr John Robertson asked the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW, Leader of the House—

- (1) Why were public hearings held in relation to the reclassification of Blacktown Council land from open space to residential but not for private land being rezoned from residential to recreational under the draft Blacktown Local Environment Plan 2013 (BLEP)?

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- (2) Will the Minister ensure that the BLEP is consistent with the Department of Planning and Infrastructure Practice Note PN09-003 Classification and Reclassification of Public Land through a Local Environmental Plan and Section 55 and 57 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979?

Answer—

I am advised that:

The draft Blacktown LEP is still being considered by Blacktown City Council and the issues raised will be closely reviewed upon its submission to the Department of Planning & Infrastructure for finalisation.

- *5057 OPEN SPACE IN DRAFT BLACKTOWN LOCAL ENVIRONMENT PLAN—Mr John Robertson asked the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW, Leader of the House—

In regards to the area in the Mount Druitt West Precinct at the corner of Luxford Road and Carlisle Avenue where residential land has been rezoned under the draft Blacktown Local Environment Plan 2013 to open space as an expansion of an existing park:

- (1) Has the Department of Planning and Infrastructure required Blacktown Council to consider alternatives to this proposal?
- (2) Has Blacktown Council considered a more suitable location for the creation of open space given the busy roads surrounding this park (zoned SP2) and the sloping nature of the area of expansion?

Answer—

I am advised that:

The draft Blacktown LEP is still being considered by Blacktown City Council and the issues raised will be closely reviewed upon its submission to the Department of Planning & Infrastructure for finalisation.

- *5058 REDUCTION OF RESIDENTIAL LAND UNDER THE DRAFT BLACKTOWN LOCAL ENVIRONMENT PLAN—Mr John Robertson asked the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW, Leader of the House—

- (1) How will the Government assist the financial hardship and the availability and affordability of local housing facing residents affected by the widespread acquisition of people's homes under the draft Blacktown Local Environment Plan 2013 (BLEP)?
- (2) How does the acquisition of homes under the draft BLEP fit with the objectives of the Government's Metropolitan Strategy for Sydney of providing a fair go for all Sydney residents?
- (3) What action will the Minister take regarding inconsistency between the proposed rezonings in Section 117 Direction 3.1 of the plan and the requirement that a Local Environmental Plan must not contain provisions to reduce the residential density of land?

Answer—

I am advised that:

The draft Blacktown LEP is still being considered by Blacktown City Council and the issues raised will be closely reviewed upon its submission to the Department of Planning & Infrastructure for finalisation.

- *5059 REDUCTION IN SCHOOL STAFF AND SERVICES IN THE MARRICKVILLE ELECTORATE—Ms Carmel Tebbutt asked the Minister for Education—

What staff and services to schools within the Marrickville electorate will be reduced as a result of Government reductions to the statewide network of Multicultural and English as a Second Language Consultants, Refugee Support Officers and Community Information Officer positions?

Answer—

Under Local Schools, Local Decisions, resources previously used to fund these positions will be distributed to schools through the Equity Loading tier of the Resource Allocation Model. In the Marrickville electorate, resources equivalent to one regional Equity Coordinator, one Multicultural/ESL Consultant K-6, one Multicultural/ESL Consultant 7-12 and two Community Information Officers will be allocated to schools in January 2014.

- *5060 NATIONAL PLAN FOR SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT—Ms Carmel Tebbutt asked the Minister for Education—

What funding arrangements, improvement strategies and data collection and accountability reporting processes relating to the English as a Second Language student target group has been included in New

South Wales' implementation plans for the National Plan for School Improvement given the Government's commitment under its signed Heads of Agreement on National Educational Reform to improving the learning outcomes of all students against international benchmarks and The National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) performance standards?

Answer—

The Government remains committed to providing support for students from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds.

Under Local Schools, Local Decisions principals will be accountable for the local allocation of resources to improve the learning outcomes of students, including new arrivals, refugees and students with limited English language proficiency. Schools will use the Annual School Report to report on the delivery and implementation of English as a Second Language programs.

Multicultural and English as a Second Language program advisors in the Department of Education and Communities will work in collaboration with Educational Service teams located throughout New South Wales to build the capacity of school leaders and assist schools in accessing the professional learning and expertise that they need to provide English language support for students from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds.

*5061 ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE PROGRAM FUNDING—Ms Carmel Tebbutt asked the Minister for Education—

What data, evidence or research has been used as the basis for the decision to untie targeted funding for English as a Second Language (ESL) teachers in schools and disband local ESL consultancy support to teachers under the Local Schools, Local Decisions program?

Answer—

There has been no decision to untie targeted funding for ESL teachers in schools.

There will be support available for schools both at the State and local levels. From 2014, Multicultural and English as a Second Language Advisors in the Learning and Leadership Directorate will work with Educational Services Directors and their teams located throughout New South Wales to assist schools in identifying and accessing appropriate multicultural and English as a Second Language expertise and resources.

*5062 SPECIALIST EDUCATIONAL CONSULTANCY SERVICES—Ms Carmel Tebbutt asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) Why has the Government chosen the front line school support services of 13 Multicultural and English as a Second Language consultants, 1.6 Refugee Support Officers and 17.2 Community Information Officer positions for statewide reductions in the Department restructure, while the Department's other specialist educational consultancy services in the areas of Aboriginal and Special Education have been retained?
- (2) How will the service gap created by the loss of these positions be addressed to ensure continuity of these services to schools from the beginning of the 2014 school year?

Answer—

- (1) Under Local Schools, Local Decisions, resources previously used to fund these positions will be distributed to schools through the Equity Loading tier of the Resource Allocation Model. This will result in a fairer, more equitable allocation of resources to a greater number of schools and allow principals and school communities to make local decisions about the type and level of support they require.
- (2) Multicultural and ESL advisors will work with Educational Services teams to assist schools to identify and access the expertise and professional learning they need.

In addition, the current allocation of 896 FTE school based positions (20 of which are targeted to support the complex needs of refugee students) will continue to be available to support ESL learners. Targeted support will also continue for those students who are new arrivals or refugees.

*5063 SPECIALIST EDUCATIONAL CONSULTANCY CONTACTS MARRICKVILLE ELECTORATE—Ms Carmel Tebbutt asked the Minister for Education—

As a result of the reduction to the statewide network of Multicultural and English as a Second Language (ESL) Consultant, Refugee Support Officer and Community Information Officer positions, who will public schools in the Murrumbidgee electorate now contact:

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- (a) For support in dealing with an incident of racism at their school;
- (b) For support if there is a breakdown in community relations or cultural misunderstanding between their school and the local community;
- (c) For advice about enrolling and supporting a newly arrived family with children of unknown ages and visa subclass who do not speak English;
- (d) In order to access ESL professional learning programs for class teachers so that they can provide a culturally inclusive and language rich classroom learning environment for all students?

Answer—

Through the Local Schools, Local Decisions education reform, principals will make decisions about the type and level of support required to meet the needs of their students and their communities. Schools will have much more flexibility to direct resources according to local priorities. This includes strategies for countering racism, determining the best way to establish effective partnerships with families, and English language and settlement support for students, including newly arrived migrant and refugee students.

Multicultural and ESL Advisors in the Equity team in the Department's Learning and Leadership Directorate will work in collaboration with Educational Services Directors and their teams located throughout New South Wales to build the capacity of school leaders and assist schools in accessing the professional learning they need to implement appropriate programs and strategies.

*5064 NORTHERN BEACHES HOSPITAL TENDER HEALTHSCOPE—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) Have you, your office or your department met with or been lobbied by paid external lobbyists representing Healthscope with regards to the tender process for the Northern Beaches Hospital?
- (2) If so:
 - (a) When did the meetings take place;
 - (b) Where did the meetings take place;
 - (c) Who was present at the meetings?

Answer—

I am advised:

No meetings have been held with me, my staff or the Ministry of Health with external lobbyists from Healthscope, about the tender process for the Northern Beaches Hospital.

*5065 NORTHERN BEACHES HOSPITAL TENDER RAMSAY HEALTH—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) Have you, your office or your department met with or been lobbied by paid external lobbyists representing Ramsay Health with regards to the tender process for the Northern Beaches Hospital?
- (2) If so:
 - (a) When did the meetings take place;
 - (b) Where did the meetings take place;
 - (c) Who was present at the meetings?

Answer—

I am advised:

No meetings have been held with me, my staff, or the Ministry of Health with external lobbyists from Ramsay Healthcare, about the tender process for the Northern Beaches Hospital.

*5066 CONRAD CAPITAL—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

Regarding the answer to LA Question 4672 and the employment of Conrad Capital by the Ministry of Health:

- (1) How much was Conrad Capital paid for this work?
- (2) Was Conrad Capital paid by the Department or by the Minister's office?

Answer—

I am advised:

Between April 2012 and October 2013, Conrad Capital was engaged and paid \$182,000 by the Ministry of Health.

*5067 ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA DRAGONS RUGBY LEAGUE CLUB GAMES AT WIN STADIUM—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Sport and Recreation—

- (1) Is the agreement signed between the St George Illawarra Dragons Rugby League Club and Venues NSW in 2012 to play a certain number of games at WIN Stadium Wollongong for the next five years legally enforceable?
- (2) Will Venues NSW seek to enforce the five year agreement with the St George Illawarra Dragons Rugby League Club?
- (3) If not, why not?
- (4) What implications does the decision announced on 18 November 2013 by the St George Illawarra Dragons Rugby League Club to play less games at WIN Stadium, in breach of its agreement with Venues NSW, have on the Government's Stadia Strategy 2012?

Answer—

I am advised the following:

- (1) Yes.
- (2) Yes.
- (3) Not applicable.
- (4) None.

*5068 EATING DISORDER SERVICES IN THE ILLAWARRA REGION—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Healthy Lifestyles, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

- (1) What services are available for the treatment of patients with an eating disorder in the Illawarra region?
- (2) At which hospitals in the Illawarra region are these services available?
- (3) Does the Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District have an eating disorders coordinator?
 - (a) If not, why not?
- (4) Will the Illawarra region be eligible for a dedicated adult day program similar to that in the Hunter region at Fletcher House, Newcastle?
 - (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) - (2) The Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District provides a community based Eating Disorder Service based in Wollongong and Nowra. The service has clear referral pathways to and from hospital services, general practitioners, private psychiatrists and public and private allied health practitioners. The Service is district wide, servicing the Illawarra and Shoalhaven regions. Medical stabilisation services can also be accessed through the Wollongong Hospital, Shellharbour Hospital or Shoalhaven District Memorial Hospital.

(3) The new NSW Service Plan for People with Eating Disorders 2013 2018 incorporates a statewide 'hub and spoke' model designed to best meet the needs of every Local Health District. All aspects of this Plan, including its goals to support each District in its service delivery, are overseen by the NSW Eating Disorders Coordinator, who is engaged with all Districts and who will oversee the activities of the four regional Eating Disorder Coordinators who are available to support development of local and statewide care options.

(4) Under the Service Plan all Local Health Districts identify and expand local treatment options, including establishment of local clinical and support networks, and pathways to local and tertiary services funded under the Plan. There is currently no dedicated Adult Eating Disorder Day Program in the Illawarra region; however, the Ministry of Health will be monitoring local developments to ensure maximum access to care. As services build local access capacity, the Ministry will work closely with all Districts to identify future options.

The Statewide Coordinator is working with the Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District to determine the exact needs of the service and how its programs will be tailored to provide enhanced specialist support. This will form part of the establishment process in each District and will be overseen by the Statewide Steering Committee. The Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District will have access to the statewide Adult Day Program and statewide Children and Adolescent Program being developed as part of the Service Plan.

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In addition, all Local Health Districts (including Illawarra Shoalhaven), in partnering with the Statewide Coordinator's office, will have access to free expert multi-disciplinary online training via the Centre for Eating and Dieting Disorders.

The NSW Service Plan emphasises the responsibility of Local Health Districts to develop a local service plan for eating disorders within the next two years, and to outline plans for creating local networks, referral pathways and treatment options to maximise local access and service provision.

*5069 SPECIALIST EDUCATIONAL CONSULTANCY CONTACTS MOUNT DRUITT ELECTORATE—Mr Richard Amery asked the Minister for Education—

As a result of the reduction to the statewide network of Multicultural and English as a Second Language (ESL) Consultant, Refugee Support Officer and Community Information Officer positions, who will public schools in the Mount Druitt electorate now contact:

- (a) For support in dealing with a racist incident at their school;
- (b) For support if there is a breakdown in community relations or cultural misunderstanding between their school and the local community;
- (c) For advice about enrolling and supporting a newly arrived family with children of unknown ages and visa subclass who do not speak English;
- (d) In order to access ESL professional learning programs for class teachers so that they can provide a culturally inclusive and language rich classroom learning environment for all students?

Answer—

Through the Local Schools, Local Decisions education reform, principals will make decisions about the type and level of support required to meet the needs of their students and their communities. Schools will have much more flexibility to direct resources according to local priorities. This includes strategies for countering racism, determining the best way to establish effective partnerships with families, and English language and settlement support for students, including newly arrived migrant and refugee students.

Multicultural and ESL Advisors in the Equity team in the Department's Learning and Leadership Directorate will work in collaboration with Educational Services Directors and their teams located throughout New South Wales to build the capacity of school leaders and assist schools in accessing the professional learning they need to implement appropriate programs and strategies.

*5070 SPECIALIST EDUCATIONAL CONSULTANCY CONTACTS KEIRA ELECTORATE—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Education—

As a result of the reduction to the statewide network of Multicultural and English as a Second Language (ESL) Consultant, Refugee Support Officer and Community Information Officer positions, who will public schools in the Keira electorate now contact:

- (a) For support in dealing with an incident of racism at their school;
- (b) For support if there is a breakdown in community relations or cultural misunderstanding between their school and the local community;
- (c) For advice about enrolling and supporting a newly arrived family with children of unknown ages and visa subclass who do not speak English;
- (d) In order to access ESL professional learning programs for class teachers so that they can provide a culturally inclusive and language rich classroom learning environment for all students?

Answer—

Through the Local Schools, Local Decisions education reform, principals will make decisions about the type and level of support required to meet the needs of their students and their communities. Schools will have much more flexibility to direct resources according to local priorities. This includes strategies for countering racism, determining the best way to establish effective partnerships with families, and English language and settlement support for students, including newly arrived migrant and refugee students.

Multicultural and ESL Advisors in the Equity team in the Department's Learning and Leadership Directorate will work in collaboration with Educational Services Directors and their teams located throughout New South Wales to build the capacity of school leaders and assist schools in accessing the professional learning they need to implement appropriate programs and strategies.

*5071 LAKEMBA ELECTORATE FIRE STATIONS—Mr Robert Furolo 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) How many incidents were responded to during the period 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013 by:
 - (a) Riverwood Fire Station;
 - (b) Lakemba Fire Station?
- (2) How many times since 1 July 2012 have the following fire stations been closed (taken off line) due to rostered staff not being replaced:
 - (a) Riverwood Fire Station;
 - (b) Lakemba Fire Station?
- (3) How many times between 1 January 2013 and 31 October 2013 have the following fire stations been closed (taken off line) due to rostered staff not being replaced:
 - (a) Riverwood Fire Station;
 - (b) Lakemba Fire Station?

Answer—

Fire & Rescue NSW has advised me:

- (1)
 - (a) 1,030.
 - (b) 1,298
- (2) - (3) None. Riverwood and Lakemba fire stations remain operational at all times.

*5072 SUTHERLAND SHIRE COUNCIL INQUIRY—Mr Barry Collier asked the Minister for Local Government, and Minister for the North Coast—

- (1) When will the Minister report on the findings of his Department's inquiry into the administration of Sutherland Shire Council?
- (2) Will the Minister make those findings and any recommendations public?

Answer—

I provide the following details in response to your questions:

The Division of Local Government, Department of Premier and Cabinet has finalised its review of the matters raised and has written to Sutherland Shire Council's Mayor and General Manager advising of the outcome.

*5073 F6 FREEWAY EXTENSION FROM LOFTUS TO ST PETERS—Mr Barry Collier asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

- (1) When will the Government commence construction on the F6 freeway extension from Loftus to St Peters?
- (2) Will there be extensive community consultation regarding the environmental impact of this project?
- (3) Will the section of the extension that travels through the residential areas of Miranda, Kirrawee and Gympie be built underground?
- (4) Will emission stacks be located away from homes, parks and schools?
- (5) Will the extension consist of at least three lanes each way?
- (6) Will the extension be built as a toll road?
- (7) Will public transport options be integrated as part of the project?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Developing a motorway in the established F6 Corridor is identified as a 'Longer Term' project in the Long Term Transport Master Plan and Infrastructure NSW's State Infrastructure Strategy.
- (2) Yes. This is a part of the normal Environmental Impact Assessment process.
- (3) Transport for NSW will commence investigations to prepare for the F6 motorway, connecting the Sydney motorway network and the Illawarra. The investigations will:
 - identify the forecast transport demand in the broader corridor;
 - design options for development; and
 - assess the likely social, environmental and economic impacts of any road or public transport projects in this corridor.

The design of a motorway in this corridor cannot begin until the outcome of these studies is known.

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Feedback from the community will be taken into account.

*5074 SUTHERLAND HOSPITAL REDEVELOPMENT—Mr Barry Collier asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

When is the construction work on the Sutherland Hospital redevelopment, announced in October 2013, expected to commence?

Answer—

I refer the Member to my response to his earlier question (LA Question 4875) concerning this matter.

*5075 SHOOTINGS IN FAIRFIELD—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

How many shootings in public places were reported within the Fairfield Local Area Command in each month this year?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (BOCSAR) collect this data.

*5076 SUTHERLAND HOSPITAL RAILWAY STATION—Mr Barry Collier asked the Minister for Transport—

- (1) Does the Minister have any plans to build a railway station on the Cronulla Line adjacent to Sutherland Hospital?
- (2) Has the Minister investigated the possibility of building a railway station adjacent to Sutherland Hospital?
- (3) What would be the approximate cost of building a railway station adjacent to Sutherland Hospital?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) - (3) The Government released the NSW Long Term Transport Master Plan in December 2012, which sets the State's transport priorities for the next 20 years. An integral part of the NSW Long Term Transport Master Plan is Sydney's Rail Future, a plan to transform and modernise Sydney's rail network so that it can grow with our population and meet the needs of customers into the future. The NSW Long Term Transport Master Plan and Sydney's Rail Future are available on the Transport for NSW website.

*5077 NURSING HOME AT SUTHERLAND HOSPITAL—Mr Barry Collier asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) Does the Minister have any plans to build a nursing home on the grounds of Sutherland Hospital?
 - (a) If so, will the nursing home be funded:
 - (i) wholly by public funds;
 - (ii) as a public-private partnership?
- (2) Does the Minister support the construction of a railway station adjacent to Sutherland Hospital for visitors, patients and employee public transport needs?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) There are no current plans to build a nursing home on the grounds of Sutherland Hospital.
- (2) As this question relates to rail and public transport, this matter falls under the portfolio of the Minister for Transport.

*5078 CRONULLA FISHERIES RESEARCH CENTRE SITE—Mr Barry Collier asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Small Business—

- (1) What plans does the Minister have for the site of the former Cronulla Fisheries Research Centre?
- (2) What community consultation will the Minister undertake regarding the future use of the former Cronulla Fisheries Research Centre site?
- (3) Has the Minister received any proposals or offers to sell the former Cronulla Fisheries Research Centre site?
- (4) Are there any plans or proposals to use the former Cronulla Fisheries Research Centre site as:
 - (a) a nursing home;

- (b) sporting fields;
- (c) schools or educational facilities;
- (d) public housing;
- (e) private housing;
- (f) public parks;
- (g) shopping facilities?

Answer—

- (1) The Hungry Point Reserve Trust was gazetted in March 2013 and that Trust is now responsible for the management of the site.
- (2) The Government commissioned David Harley AM to prepare a report of the Recommendations for the Future use of the site. During the preparation of that report, extensive community consultation was undertaken, including written submissions, and consultation with the community and opinion leaders. All submissions and the result of all consultation were taken into consideration in making recommendations for the future use of the site. The recommendations from that report, notably that the site remains in public ownership and that a trust be established to manage the site, were accepted by the Government.
- (3) The Hungry Point Reserve Trust is now responsible for management of the site.
- (4) Please see answer to question 3, above.

*5079 CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE LEAVING OUT-OF-HOME CARE—Mrs Barbara Perry asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

- (1) How many children and young people left Out-of-Home Care in:
 - (a) 2011;
 - (b) 2012;
 - (c) 2013?
- (2) How many children and young people who left Out-of-Home Care did so from statutory relative and kinship placements in:
 - (a) 2011;
 - (b) 2012;
 - (c) 2013?
- (3) How many children and young people who left Out-of-Home Care from statutory relative and kinship placements were in receipt of aftercare financial support in:
 - (a) 2011;
 - (b) 2012;
 - (c) 2013?
- (4) What was the total expenditure on aftercare financial support in:
 - (a) 2011;
 - (b) 2012;
 - (c) 2013?

Answer—

Information on children and young people exiting out-of-home care is reported in the Community Services' Annual Statistical Report on the Department of Family and Community Services' website.

*5080 CEMETERY SPACE IN SYDNEY—Mr Richard Amery asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Small Business—

- (1) What are the latest figures relating to the available space in Crown Cemeteries in the Sydney metropolitan area?
- (2) How has this figure changed since the passage of the Cemeteries Legislation Amendment (Unused Burial Rights) Bill in 2001?
- (3) How many unused grave sites have been put to use since the passage of this legislation in 2001?

Answer—

- (1) For the Greater Metropolitan Region of Sydney, including the Sydney, Hunter and Illawarra regions, a 2005 report indicated that critical shortages will occur by 2036 and all current grave sites may be used by 2050, if not before. For some communities the shortage will be imminent. The report indicates that there were 680,000 grave sites available at that time.
- (2) Unknown, there has been no further count of grave site numbers since the 2005 report.

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- (3) A recent survey of the major Sydney Crown Cemeteries has indicated that the revocation process is costly, the revoked unused burial licences are for grave sites generally in the older, less desirable areas of the cemeteries and the process of readying a grave site for resale is also costly. These cemeteries indicated that there were possibly 9,500 unused burial licences that could be revoked. Of these, only approximately 900 have been revoked and only 12 have been resold.

*5081 LIVERPOOL PUBLIC SCHOOLS VANDALISM—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

How many incidents of vandalism on public school property within the electorate of Liverpool have been reported since 1 July 2012?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (BOCSAR) holds police recorded crime data for each NSW Local Government Area (LGA). BOCSAR does not classify crime data by electorate.

*5082 RED LIGHT SPEED CAMERA REVENUE—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Finance and Services—

- (1) How much revenue was generated from the red light speed camera on Stacey Street, Bankstown during the financial years of:
- (a) 2012-13;
 - (b) 2013-14 so far?
- (2) How much revenue was generated from red light speed cameras in the Bankstown electorate during the financial years of:
- (a) 2012-2013?
 - (b) 2013-2014 so far?
- (3) How much revenue was generated from red light speed cameras across New South Wales during the financial years of:
- (a) 2012-2013?
 - (b) 2013-2014 so far?

Answer—

The Office of State Revenue publishes data on its website about the number of penalty notices issued for safety camera offences, including speed and not stopping at a red light.

The data can be found on the website at www.osr.nsw.gov.au/info/statistics. The data is updated monthly and is provided by financial year and camera location.