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- 2586 DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING DWELLINGS—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
  - (1) What is the number of dwellings owned by the Department of Housing in each of the following suburbs:
    - (a) Rooty Hill;
    - (b) Eastern Creek;
    - (c) Plumpton;
    - (d) Glendenning;
    - (e) Hassall Grove?
  - (2) In percentage terms, what does each of the abovementioned figures represent in terms of the public/private housing mix for each of the suburbs?
- 2587 HEALTH SERVICES—NEW SOUTH WALES RANKING—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

With respect to the 2012-13 Budget Paper Paper No. 2, page 4-19:

- (1) Where was New South Wales ranked, in Australia, for Emergency Department waiting times in 2010-11, at 76%?
- (2) Where was New South Wales ranked, in Australia, in national benchmarks for waiting times for elective surgery, with 91% of patients treated within 6 months to December 2010?
- (3) Are there specific Service Measures, identified in the budget that will be a focus for the Government because New South Wales is not ranked as No 1 in Australia?
- 2588 CESSNOCK AMBULANCE STATION—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

With regards to ambulances based at Cessnock Ambulance Station:

- (1) What is the average turnaround time per vehicle per trip from "call-out" to completion for the years:
  - (a) 2009-2010;
  - (b) 2010-2011;
  - (c) 2011-2012?
- (2) How many times did Cessnock Ambulances present to Maitland Hospital or John Hunter hospitals for the years:-
  - (a) 2009-2010;
  - (b) 2010-2011;
  - (c) 2011-2012?
- (3) How much time was spent waiting at hospital ambulance bays to deliver or collect patients in the years:
  - (a) 2009-2010;
  - (b) 2010-2011;
  - (c) 2011-2012?
- 2589 CESSNOCK AMBULANCE STATION—RESPONSE ZONES—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

With regards to ambulances based at Cessnock Ambulance Station:

- (1) What zone/area do these ambulances service?
- (2) How many times were these ambulances sent to respond to zone/areas other than their own in the

years:

- (a) 2009-2010;
- (b) 2010-2011;
- (c) 2011-2012?
- (3) How many times were ambulances sent from other zones/areas to respond to respond to calls from the Cessnock zone in the years:
  - (a) 2009-2010;
  - (b) 2010-2011;
  - (c) 2011-2012?
- 2590 INTENSIVE CARE UNIT BEDS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

With regards to Intensive Care Unit (ICU) beds in New South Wales Public Hospitals:

- (1) How many ICU beds were allocated and operational at John Hunter Hospital and how many staff were allocated to service the ICU beds in the years:
  - (a) 2009-2010;
  - (b) 2010-2011;
  - (c) 2011-2012?
- (2) How many ICU beds were allocated and operational at other hospitals across New South Wales and how many staff were allocated to service the ICU beds in the years:
  - (a) 2009-2010;
  - (b) 2010-2011;
  - (c) 2011-2012?
- 2591 NEW TRANSPORT TIMETABLES—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Transport—

With regards to the proposed transport timetable overhaul:

- (1) When will this take place?
- (2) What strategies are in place for community consultation?
- (3) What strategies will be in place to ensure regional areas are well represented in the drafting of new timetables?
- (4) How will the Government ensure that "local knowledge" will be an important element during drafting and finalisation of new timetables?
- 2592 MAINTENANCE AND UPKEEP OF LINE MARKINGS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

With regards to the Roads and Maritime Services road network in the Cessnock electorate:

- (1) How much money was spent on the maintenance and upkeep of line markings in 2009-10?
- (2) How much money was spent on the maintenance and upkeep of line markings in 2010-11?
- (3) How much money was spent on the maintenance and upkeep of line markings in 2011-12?
- (4) How much money is budgeted to be spent on the maintenance and upkeep of line markings in 2012-13?
- 2593 WORKERS COMPENSATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2012—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

With regards to the Workers Compensation Legislation Amendment Bill 2012:

- (1) When did the Government first seek to have the legislation drafted?
- (2) Will persons injured between 1 July 2012 and 1 October 2012 be covered by the previous workers compensation legislation or the new?
- 2594 FUNDING FOR STATE TRAINING SERVICES IN THE HUNTER REGION—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Education—

With regards to funding for State Training Services in the Hunter region:

- (1) How much funding was available in 2009-10?
- (2) How much funding was available in 2010-11?
- (3) How much funding was available in 2011-12?
- (4) How much funding is available in 2012-13?

2595 NATIONAL SPECIFIC PURPOSE PAYMENTS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Treasurer—

With regards to the 2012-13 Budget Paper No. 2, pages 5-14, 6-14 and 6-15, National Specific Purpose Payments of \$7.2 billion:

- (1) What specific programs will be funded under the National Health reform funding (\$4.381 billion)?
- (2) What specific programs will be funded under the Education (\$1.312 billion)?
- (3) What specific programs will be funded under the Skills & Workforce Development funding (\$453 million)?
- (4) What specific projects will be funded under the Affordable Housing funding (\$404 million)?
- (5) What specific programs will be funded under the Disability program (\$416 million)?
- (6) What specific programs will be funded under the "other" funding (\$237 million)?
- 2596 INTERNSHIPS FOR LOCALLY-TRAINED DOCTORS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

Will the Minister increase the number of internships for locally-trained doctors so it is no longer forced to seek work placements overseas to address NSW's chronic doctor shortage?

- 2597 WAITING TIME TARGETS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
  - (1) What are the NSW Government's current waiting time targets?
  - (2) (a) Are the mandated targets being adhered to at the John Hunter Hospital and the Calvary Mater Hospital?
    - (b) If not, why not?
- 2598 NEWCASTLE PUBLIC TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport—
  - (1) Why is public transport infrastructure no longer a priority in Newcastle given that retention or otherwise of the rail into Newcastle is still to be determined?
  - (2) What major public transport infrastructure projects are planned for Newcastle and when will they be instigated?
- 2599 REGISTRATION OF SOCIAL WORKERS—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

In light of the fact social workers are not currently required to be registered and that that national registration for other allied health professions has commenced:

- (1) (a) Does the NSW Government support the need to register social workers as health professionals? (b) If so, should this registration be state-based or nationally-based?
- (2) How does the NSW Government plan to ensure public safety and standards for social work practice in the absence of a registration or a national framework?
- (3) How many social workers (FTE) are currently employed by the NSW Health Service?
- 2600 BASS HILL SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Education—

Given that construction of the Bass Hill Special Needs School would begin in September 2012, rather than the previously advised date of August 2012 (Question 2481):.

- (1) What has been the reason for this delay?
- (2) Can the Government commit to the people of Bass Hill that construction will commence in September 2012?
- 2601 REMOVAL OF POWER TO DETERMINE APPLICATIONS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW, Leader of the House—

In reference to the Minister's recent policy announcement that he intends to remove the power to determine applications from local councils (media release 14 July 2012):

While local councillors are held accountable for their actions through the electoral cycle, how can ratepayers have confidence in unelected bureaucrats in determining all development applications?

2602 REMOVAL OF POWER TO DETERMINE APPLICATIONS—CONSULTATION—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW, Leader of the House—

In reference to the Minister's recent policy announcement that he intends to remove the power to determine applications from local councils (media release 14 July 2012):

- (1) What action has the Minister taken to consult with the Local Government and Shires Association (LGSA) and local councils throughout NSW about this proposed policy?
- (2) What response have you received from the LGSA and other councils?
- 2603 REMOVAL OF POWER TO DETERMINE APPLICATIONS—CORRESPONDENCE AND MEETINGS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW, Leader of the House—

In reference to the Minister's recent policy announcement that he intends to remove the power to determine applications from local councils (media release 14 July 2012):

- (1) Will the Minister commit to make public all records of correspondence, phone calls and meetings between him or his office and individual developers and developer lobby groups?
- (2) If not, why not?
- 2604 RESPONSE TO PARSON'S REPORT—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

When will the Government's response to the Ministerial Audit of the NSW Police Force (Parson's Report) be finalised?

2605 CAMPSIE AND BANKSTOWN LOCAL AREA COMMANDS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

Will the Minister rule out Campsie and Bankstown Local Area Commands being combined into a single police district as proposed on page. 74 of the Parson's Report?

2606 SMOKING RESTRICTIONS IN PUBLIC PLACES—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

Given that Authorised Inspectors located in NSW Health Public Health Units of Local Health Districts across the state would be responsible for enforcing the new tobacco legislation (Question 2398):

- (1) How many inspectors are located throughout NSW?
- (2) In which Local Area Health Districts are inspectors located?
- (3) Are inspectors required to undertake any functions in addition to tobacco control enforcement?
- (4) Will the Government consider increasing the number of inspectors to cope with potential demand in growth of the need for tobacco control as a result of recent legislation?
- (5) What time(s) during the day and night are inspectors able to carry out inspections?
- 2607 BANKSTOWN FREE SHUTTLE BUS TO BANKSTOWN HOSPITAL—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport—
  - (1) Given the lack of public transport directly to Bankstown Hospital and the lack of parking at the hospital will the Minister support extending the Bankstown Free Shuttle Bus so that it provides direct access to Bankstown Hospital?
  - (2) If not, why not?
- 2608 REMOVAL OF DEVELOPMENT CONSENTS FROM INDIVIDUAL COUNCILS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW, Leader of the House—

With respect to the proposal to remove all development consents from individual councils and to the initial consultation which will take place in determining the planning zones, what action will the Minister take to ensure the local community is not shut out of the final stage of determinations about complex major developments in their local communities?

2609 NSW PLANNING REVIEW—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW, Leader of the House—

In relation to the next stage of the NSW Planning Review:

- (1) Will the Government consider giving stronger enforcement powers to local councils to crack down on owners of derelict buildings in the community?
- (2) If not, why?
- 2610 PAYROLL TAX REBATE SCHEME—Mrs Barbara Perry to ask the Minister for Ageing, and Minister for Disability Services—
  - (1) How has the Payroll Tax Rebate Scheme been publicised?
  - (2) How much money has been spent on publicising the Payroll Tax Rebate Scheme?
  - (3) What information has been sent to employer groups?
- 2611 EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION SERVICES BUDGET—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—
  - (1) Why has the 2011-12 Early Childhood Education Services budget been under-spent by \$40 million, as indicated by the 2011-12 revised budget published in the 2012-13 budget papers?
  - (2) (a) Has the \$40 million underspend for Early Childhood Education Services in 2011-12 been rolled over to 2012-13?
    - (b) If not, why not?
- 2612 YOUTH DRUG AND ALCOHOL COURT—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

Why did the Government axe the Youth Drug and Alcohol Court which aims to divert young offenders into specialist treating programs?

2613 ELECTIVE SURGERY WAITING LISTS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

What is the Minister doing to improve elective surgery waiting lists which have grown to more than 71,500 people now waiting for surgery in NSW hospitals?

- 2614 JOBS FOR NSW—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—
  - (1) What action has the Premier taken to create his promised 100,000 new jobs in NSW?
  - (2) Have 7,000 jobs actually been lost since March 2011?
- 2615 FRONTLINE STAFF—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

What action has the Premier taken to fulfil his March 2011 contract which stated plans for NSW including hiring more frontline staff?

- 2616 EDUCATION STANDARDS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Education—
  - (1) By what measures and indicators does the Minister use to assess whether education standards have risen?
  - (2) What is the net number of teachers since March 2011?
  - (3) What is the net number of support staff since March 2011?
  - (4) Will he guarantee to maintain school funding and class sizes?
  - (5) If he will not make any guarantees, how will this raise education standards?

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