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- *0828 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR FUNERALS—Ms Linda Burney asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
 - (1) What financial assistance is available to bury or cremate a deceased person when family and friends cannot afford this service?
 - (2) If this assistance is available, how do people access it?
 - (3) Is the procedure for assistance user friendly, or is it complicated requiring extensive paperwork?
 - (4) How timely is this assistance, given that from time of death to interment is generally only a few days?
 - (5) Is this service widely known, enabling the public to access it, should the need arise?

Answer-

I am advised:

(1) to (5) NSW Health has a policy directive that outlines the financial assistance available for meeting the cost of the cremation or burial of persons who are destitute when they die. The policy directive (PD2008_012 Destitute Persons - Cremation or Burial) is publicly available on the NSW Health website.

Local Health Districts are responsible for meeting the cost of cremation or burial of a destitute person and administering the policy within hospitals and other public health facilities in their Districts. Generally it is the hospital social worker who provides advice and assistance to bereaved relatives and friends of destitute persons to help them access a funeral provider and to make arrangements for the cremation or burial of the deceased person.

The procedures for relatives and friends of the deceased are not administratively cumbersome and recognise that funeral rites are an important part of the bereavement process. Access to assistance is available when it is identified that the deceased person has no money or assets to pay for the funeral and that relatives or friends are unable to meet the cost.

- *0829 PUBLIC HOUSING—CANTERBURY ELECTORATE—Ms Linda Burney asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
 - (1) Given the high demand for public housing in the Canterbury electorate, can the Government advise whether any plans exist to provide additional public housing in the area, to ease the lengthy time people are waiting for accommodation in this high demand area?
 - (2) How many people on the public housing register are waiting for housing in the Canterbury electorate?
 - (3) What is the average waiting time for applicants desirous of accommodation in the Canterbury zone?
 - (4) How does the Canterbury electorate compare with other electorates on the availability of public housing properties?

Answer-

(1) and (4) There are 25 allocation zones across metropolitan Sydney. Compared to other metropolitan allocation zones, the 'Canterbury' zone is not considered a high demand area.

During 2010-11, Housing NSW acquired three four-bedroom homes in the Canterbury electorate to enable Housing NSW to provide accommodation for larger households.

A further 22 properties were built under the Nation Building Economic Stimulus Plan which are under the management of a community housing provider.

- (2) and (3) The number of people on the NSW Housing Register awaiting accommodation varies and changes constantly. Many factors influence how long each applicant waits including the type of accommodation sought (e.g. number of bedrooms, style of dwelling); the type of household (e.g. aged couple, single person); and special needs (e.g. ground floor requirement, disability modifications).
- *0832 MEETINGS WITH LOBBYISTS—Ms Linda Burney asked the Minister for Ageing, and Minister for Disability Services—

Since 26 March 2011:

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Answer—

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- *0834 MEETINGS WITH LOBBYISTS—Ms Linda Burney asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

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- *0836 ADDITIONAL NURSES—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

Following the 2011 Budget announcement of 107 extra nurses in the Hunter New England Local Health District, how many additional nurses will be employed at the:

- (a) John Hunter Hospital;
- (b) Calvary Mater Hospital Waratah?

Answer-

The 2011 Budget includes funding for approximately 45 full time equivalent extra nursing staff at the John Hunter Hospital and 28 at the Calvary Mater Newcastle. These figures may vary slightly as the Government's commitment to increase the number of nurses and midwives is progressively rolled out.

Hunter New England Local Health District will continue to actively recruit nurses and midwives in accordance with the Government's commitment to provide an additional 2,475 nurses over four years.

*0837 ADDITIONAL TEACHERS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Education—

Following the 2011 Budget announcement of extra teachers for NSW schools, how many additional teachers will be employed in the Wallsend electorate and in which schools?

Answer-

The Government's Literacy and Numeracy Action Plan will see an additional 900 teachers in schools in New South Wales over the next 5 years.

The Ministerial Advisory Group is currently seeking information from key stakeholders to inform the advice as to how best to progressively allocate the resources to schools in order to achieve the maximum benefit. These resources will be allocated to the schools across New South Wales most in need of literacy and numeracy support.

*0838 ADDITIONAL TAFE TEACHERS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Education—

Following the 2011 Budget announcements, how many additional TAFE teachers will be employed at Glendale TAFE?

Answer—

Following the State Budget, TAFE NSW will now proceed to develop budgets at Institute level.

Staffing establishment at individual TAFE Campus locations is determined by actual industry and community demand for training.

Training demand is met by a combination of full time, temporary and part-time casual teaching staff. The exact mix and number of teaching staff is determined by the volume and nature of the training required each year for the Hunter region.

*0839 FUNDING FOR CAPITAL WORKS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Education—

Following the 2011 Budget announcement of \$12 million capital works projects for Hunter schools and TAFE colleges, how much money will be allocated for capital works at Glendale TAFE?

Answer-

No allocation has been made for capital works at Glendale TAFE in 2011-12.

- *0840 COFFS HARBOUR BASE HOSPITAL STAFF—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
 - (1) How many interns have been appointed to Coffs Harbour Base Hospital (CHBH) in 2012?
 - (2) How many first preference applications were made to Coffs Harbour Base Hospital?
 - (3) How many interns, residents, and registrars are due to be employed at Coffs Harbour Base Hospital in 2012?
 - (4) (a) Has Coffs Harbour Base Hospital requested more junior staff?
 - (b) If so, In which area(s)?
 - (5) What enhancements will be provided in 2013 for:
 - (a) interns;
 - (b) other medical staff?

Answer-

I am advised:

(1) to (5) The Government is committed to enhancing the provision of front line health services. This commitment has been further demonstrated through significant frontline workforce investments announced in the NSW State Budget.

Staffing levels are determined and adjusted as required by local management in line with budget, patient need and the specified award and benchmark tools.

- *0841 PATIENTS ON HOME DIALYSIS—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
 - (1) What NSW Government rebates are available to reduce the financial burden for patients on home dialysis?
 - (2) What further enhancements or rebates for patients on home dialysis are planned by the Minister in the 2011-12 budget?

Answer—

- (1) I am advised that both water and electricity rebates are available to people undertaking home haemodialysis. Approximately \$250 is rebated for electricity per annum for people undergoing home haemodialysis. In addition, a free water allowance of 100,000 litres, every three months, is available to people undertaking haemodialysis at home.
 - More recently, approximately \$250,000 has been made available to Local Health Districts, each year, to assist people commencing home dialysis meet set-up costs and enabling them to carry out this life sustaining therapy.
- (2) The NSW Government has provided \$3 million to Local Health Districts to enhance renal services in 2011-12.
- *0842 PAMBULA HOSPITAL MATERNITY SERVICES—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

With regard to the establishment of an independent expert committee to determine maternity services at

Pambula Hospital (Question 0032):

- (1) Has this committee been established?
- (2) Who is on this committee?
- (3) How often has the committee met?
- (4) When is a report to be expected?

Answer-

I am advised:

- (1) to (4) The Pambula Maternity Services Working Group Committee is comprised of the following members:
 - Director of Medical Services Southern NSW Local Health District (Chairperson)
 - Integrated Services Manager Bega/Pambula Health Service
 - Acting Director of Obstetrics & Gynaecology Bega Health Service
 - VMO GP Obstetrician Representatives Pambula Hospital (two representatives)
 - Director of Nursing and Midwifery Bega /Pambula
 - External expert specialist in Obstetrics and Gynaecology
 - Area Clinical Midwifery Consultant
 - Nursing Unit Manager Pambula Hospital

The Committee has met 3 times since 11 August 2011 and the final meeting of the Committee is scheduled for Friday 7 October 2011. The Committee's Report is expected to be delivered for consideration in November 2011.

*0845 CYCLING EDUCATION—Ms Clover Moore asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

Given increasing numbers of people cycling, particularly children, young people and new riders:

- (1) What information, education and practical skills programs about the road rules does the NSW Government provide or fund for new cyclists?
- (2) What programs about the road rules and safe cycling does the Government provide or fund through shops selling bicycles and bicycle gear?
- (3) What information, education and practical skills programs about cycling and safety does the NSW Government provide or fund for motorists?
- (4) What information, education and practical skills programs about cycling and safety does the NSW Government provide or fund for heavy vehicle drivers including buses?
- (5) What information, education and practical skills programs about cycling and safety does the NSW Government provide or fund for taxi drivers?
- (6) What information, education and practical skills programs does the NSW Government provide or fund for pedestrians?
- (7) What community education campaigns does the Government provide or fund about sharing the road?
- (8) What partnership arrangements does the Government have with motorist, motorcyclist and cycling bodies about cycling and road safety information, education and training?
- (9) What plans does the Government have to expand community information, education and training on cycling and road safety?

Answer-

I am advised:

- (1) The RTA funds an extensive road safety education program in NSW primary and secondary schools that addresses the safe use of bicycles, foot scooters, skateboards and rollerblades. The "Safety on Wheels" resources that are used in this program from Kindergarten to Year 10 are based on two age-appropriate main road safety messages:
 - Wear a correctly fitted and fastened bicycle helmet certified to meet the Australian and New Zealand standard (AS/NZ2063).
 - Ride in a safe place (appropriate to each age-group).

Documents on teaching bicycle riding skills for Stages 3 (Years 5 and 6) and 4 (Years 7 and 8) are available to all NSW schools and Community and Road Education Schemes (CARES) groups.

Information pertaining to bicycle education and practical cycling skills can be obtained from the NSW Government bicycle website www.bicycleinfo.nsw.gov.au.

(2) The revised "Share and Be Aware" brochure was distributed to most bicycle shops across the State

and through motor registries.

All RTA cycling brochures are available to anyone, including bicycle shops. Bicycle shops and bicycle gear shops can order these brochures through the www.bicycleinfo.nsw.gov.au website.

- (3) In addition to the "Share and Be Aware" brochure, driver education of the needs of cyclists is included in the "RoadUsers" Handbook", a major reference for people to obtain a driver licence. The Hazard Perception Test is also an integral aspect of gaining a licence in NSW and includes education for drivers in terms of:
 - Keeping a safe distance.
 - · Scanning for hazards.
 - Situations where hazard perception is particularly important.
- (4) The brochure titled "Riding in Groups a Guide to Riding Safely on Our Roads" was developed at the request of the Road Freight Advisory Council and has been distributed to Council members.

All licensed road users are required to demonstrate a knowledge and understanding of NSW road rules, including those which pertain to sharing the road with bicycle riders, and the rights and responsibilities of bicycle riders.

- (5) Information regarding the training requirements which apply to applicants for taxi and bus driver authorisation is available at www.transport.nsw.gov.au.
- (6) The RTA has developed a "Walking Safely" PowerPoint presentation to promote safe road use practices by older pedestrians and users of motorised wheelchairs. This presentation has been distributed to local councils as a framework for discussion groups with older road users and key stakeholders and professionals working with the elderly. A broader educational campaign in seniors' magazines and visual display messaging in RSL, League and community clubs was delivered in May July 2011.

The Government provides funding assistance to councils to develop pedestrian mobility action plans.

One of the components of the NSW School Road Safety Education Program addresses child pedestrian safety. In primary school, pedestrian safety is addressed through the "Move Ahead with Street Sense" road safety education resource.

Pedestrian safety messages and information on pedestrian safety issues around schools and prior to school are conveyed routinely to parents, carers and the school community through the provision of free publications such as:

- "Safe School Travel, Safe Bus Travel".
- "Road Safety Issues around Schools Take Home Notes for Parents and Carers".
- The recently released "Kindergarten Orientation Day" road safety resource.

Public education campaigns are also delivered by RTA regions to encourage drivers to watch out for pedestrians.

In addition the NSW Government is finalising the NSW Pedestrian Plan that will outline strategies and programs for pedestrians.

(7) The two messages "Watch for Cyclists Be aware of blind spots" and "Slow down bicycles about: Always check your blind spot" are often displayed on variable message signs across Sydney to remind motorists of the safety of bicycle riders. The message "Watch for Cyclists" is also one of many road safety messages printed on the back of motor vehicle registration labels.

The Centre for Road Safety website has a bicycle safety section with a webpage promoting the safe use of shared paths by cyclists and pedestrians.

The NSW Government cycling website www.bicycleinfo.nsw.gov.au also provides information on sharing the road.

(8) Distribution channels for the "Share and Be Aware" brochure include RTA motor registries and local councils. Motoring organisations are welcome to contact the RTA and distribute it to their customers. This is free of charge.

The RTA worked together with the NSW Road Freight Advisory Council, NSW Police Force, Cycling NSW and Bicycle NSW in producing the education brochure "Riding in Groups a Guide to Riding Safely on Our Roads".

The RTA is working with Bicycle NSW and the Amy Gillett Foundation to promote cycling and road safety information.

(9) The RTA has been piloting cycle skills training courses in Western Sydney since August 2010. The courses have been coordinated by the RTA in partnership with local councils and are run by accredited cycling teachers under the "AustCycle" banner.

AustCycle has been developed to provide access for all Australians, both adults and children, to a consistently high standard of cycling training. AustCycle was established, with Australian and NSW Government funding support, as a joint initiative of the Amy Gillett Foundation, the Bicycle Federation of Australia and Cycling Australia.

The RTA is now evaluating the pilot project and, subject to findings, will formalise initiatives that enable local councils, school communities and other organisations to offer regular AustCycle skills training sessions. These training opportunities will be publicised through www.bicycleinfo.nsw.gov.au.

The RTA is directly involved in working with peak community organisation Bicycle NSW to establish a community-based model for delivering AustCycle training to primary school children aged 10 to 12.

*0846 SCHOOL ZONE FLASHING LIGHTS—Ms Clover Moore asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

With respect to the statewide rollout of flashing lights at school zone crossings:

- (1) What criteria does the Government use in determining priorities for installation of flashing lights at school crossings?
- (2) What plans does the Government have to install flashing lights at schools in the Sydney electorate this year?
- (3) What plans does the Government have to install flashing lights at schools in the Sydney electorate in 2012? and
- (4) When will the Government install flashing school zone lights at:
 - (a) Ultimo Public School in Wattle Street;
 - (b) International Grammar School in Kelly Street and Wattle Street;
 - (c) St Andrew's Cathedral School in Bathurst Street;
 - (d) Sydney Grammar School in College Street?

Answer-

I am advised:

(1) The list of 66 school zones the Government has identified for the fast-tracked installation of flashing lights was determined in order to fulfil an election commitment. Installation will be completed by the end of November 2011.

The remaining additional flashing lights to be rolled out over the next four years will be selected by assessing school zones against set criteria including crash risk, traffic and pedestrian volumes, approach speed limits, number of travel lanes, existing crossing facilities, sight distance requirements, road environment and geometry.

All schools, including those in the Sydney electorate, will be assessed against these criteria.

(2) The Government has committed \$13 million over four years for the installation of flashing lights in school zones. This will almost double the number of zones with flashing lights in the State by the end of June 2015.

The following schools in the Sydney electorate currently have flashing lights installed:

- Sydney Boys High School, Cleveland Street and Anzac Parade, Moore Park
- Sydney Girls High School, Cleveland Street and Anzac Parade, Moore Park.

No school zones in the Sydney electorate will receive flashing lights in the current rollout due to be completed by the end of November 2011.

(3) and (4) The school zones to receive flashing lights in 2012 and beyond have not yet been identified.

All school zones, including those outside Ultimo Public School in Wattle Street, International Grammar School in Kelly Street and Wattle Street, St Andrew's Cathedral School in Bathurst Street and Sydney Grammar School in College Street, will be assessed against the selection criteria outlined above.

*0850 LICENSED PREMISES CCTV—Ms Clover Moore asked the Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Hospitality and Racing, and Minister for the Arts—

With respect to allegations that some licensed premises operators destroy or lose CCTV evidence associated with violence and other crime, or fail to comply with liquor licence requirements to collect CCTV footage:

- (1) What assessment has the Government made of the scale of this alleged problem?
- (2) What minimum standards apply to liquor licence conditions for CCTV coverage, quality, recording, retention and supply to law enforcement agencies?
- (3) Do these conditions and standards apply to all licensed premises, all higher risk premises, or only to some licensed premises?
- (4) What penalties apply to liquor licensees or their agents who destroy or lose CCTV evidence or claim that equipment has malfunctioned?
- (5) How do these penalties affect the relevant liquor licence and conditions?
- (6) What changes has the Government made to minimum liquor licence conditions and standards about CCTV following allegations that CCTV evidence was destroyed or lost?
- (7) What plans does the Government have to:
 - (a) improve enforcement of CCTV coverage and recording;
 - (b) require higher quality CCTV recording and retain CCTV footage for longer periods;
 - (c) expand the numbers and types of premises required to have CCTV;
 - (d) increase or expand penalties for breaches,
 - (e) impose automatic penalties where CCTV evidence has been destroyed or not provided?

Answer—

- (1) The assertion that some venue operators destroy or lose CCTV following a crime is not widespread. Where CCTV footage is required to be produced as part of an enforcement operation, OLGR compliance officers rarely encounter instances where CCTV evidence has been deliberately compromised. The majority of cases where CCTV has not been produced have resulted from defective cameras and or computer hardware. Where this is the case an independent technician's report is requested to verify the failure.
- (2) Where CCTV is required as a condition of licence, the quality, retention and production requirements are fully detailed upon the liquor licence. In particular instances this could include detail of the number of cameras required, their location within and outside the venue and the electronic method of data storage.
- (3) The Liquor Act 2007 does not require the installation and use of CCTV in all licensed premises. However, in many cases venues such as late trading hotels, nightclubs, public entertainment and Clubs install CCTV as best practice. In other cases the requirement to maintain CCTV is mandated by a licence condition following an application by the Director General, police or council.
- (4) On the spot penalties of \$1,100 apply to licensees who fail to comply with a condition of licence requiring the maintenance and production of CCTV. A deliberate act of destruction may also give rise to disciplinary proceedings before the Casino Liquor and Gaming Control Authority where the licensee could be suspended, trading hours reduced or the liquor licence cancelled.
- (5) Serious breaches of the Liquor Act 2007 and or misconduct by a licensee can result in additional conditions being placed upon the licence. It can also result in the suspension or disqualification of the licensee from holding the liquor licence.
- (6) In instances where it is proved that CCTV records were deliberately destroyed, prosecution action would be instituted against the licensee involved. Where records are lost, police and liquor inspectors can make application to impose more stringent licence conditions to ensure future compliance
- (7) (a) The Office of Liquor, Gaming and Racing particularly encourages late-trading licensed venues to install CCTV as best practice.
 - (b) There are already a number of current Australian standards relating to CCTV. These standards cover issues such as the management and operation of CCTV and technical considerations such as the quality of the CCTV picture.
 - (c) The Schedule 4 process of the Liquor Act 2007 recognises the benefits that may be achieved through the use of CCTV, including it as an option for level 1 venues requiring an additional security measure. The Casino, Liquor and Gaming Control Authority and the Director General may impose conditions regarding CCTV on a licensed venue on a case by case basis.
 - (d) Substantial penalties already apply for non-compliance with licence conditions, including significant fines.
 - (e) Refer to answer (d).

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- *0857 MEETINGS WITH LOBBYISTS—Mr John Robertson asked the Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Hospitality and Racing, and Minister for the Arts—

Since 26 March 2011:

- (1) What action(s) has your office taken to ensure that meetings with potential lobbyists comply with the NSW Government Lobbyist Code of Conduct?
- (2) What meetings, if any, have you or members or your staff had with registered lobbyists?
 - (a) What were the dates and times of such meetings?
 - (b) What issues were discussed?
 - (c) Did your office keep detailed records of such meetings?
- (3) What meetings, if any, have you or members of your staff had with unregistered lobbyists?
 - (a) What were the dates and times of such meetings?
 - (b) What issues were discussed?
 - (c) Did your office keep detailed records of such meetings?
- (4) Have you made any appointments to Government boards or committees of individuals who have engaged in lobbying in the past twelve months?

Answer-

- (1) to (3) My staff and I meet with many stakeholders in relation to matters of relevance to my portfolio responsibilities. Arrangements for meetings are made in accordance with the requirements of the NSW Government Lobbyist Code of Conduct.
- (4) Appointments to Government boards and committees are made in accordance with the NSW Government's Guidelines for NSW Board and Committee Members: Appointments and Remuneration and Premier's Memorandum No 2011-13 Lobbying of NSW Government Officials.

All my staff is required to read and understand the NSW Government Lobbyist Code of Conduct upon their appointment.

*0862 MEETINGS WITH LOBBYISTS—Mr John Robertson asked the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Healthy Lifestyles, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

Since 26 March 2011:

- (1) What action(s) has your office taken to ensure that meetings with potential lobbyists comply with the NSW Government Lobbyist Code of Conduct?
- (2) What meetings, if any, have you or members or your staff had with registered lobbyists?
 - (a) What were the dates and times of such meetings?
 - (b) What issues were discussed?
 - (c) Did your office keep detailed records of such meetings?
- (3) What meetings, if any, have you or members of your staff had with unregistered lobbyists?
 - (a) What were the dates and times of such meetings?
 - (b) What issues were discussed?
 - (c) Did your office keep detailed records of such meetings?
- (4) Have you made any appointments to Government boards or committees of individuals who have engaged in lobbying in the past twelve months?

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- *0863 MEETINGS WITH LOBBYISTS—Mr John Robertson asked the Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

Since 26 March 2011:

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- (4) Appointments to Government boards and committees are made in accordance with the NSW Government's Guidelines for NSW Board and Committee Members: Appointments and Remuneration and Premier's Memorandum No 2011-13 Lobbying of NSW Government Officials.
- *0866 GREENWAY PROJECT—Ms Carmel Tebbutt asked the Minister for Transport—

With regards to the Minister's announcement on 6 September 2011 about the Greenway project:

- (1) To what date has the Greenway project been deferred?
- (2) What are the unresolved design issues relating to the Greenway?
- (3) What community consultation was undertaken prior to the decision to defer the Greenway project?
- (4) Is it more cost-effective to deliver the Greenway at the same time as the light rail is being extended to Dulwich Hill?
- (5) Why does the Minister claim the project is not in the best interests of commuters and taxpayers?

Answer-

(1) to (5) The Government will consider the GreenWay proposal as part of a broader transport plan.

The GreenWay as proposed in the planning approval for the Inner West Light Rail Extension was not properly scoped and has significant design issues which would add to the complexity of delivery of the light rail extension and to the project's construction risks.

*0867 TRANSITION TO YEAR 7 INITIATIVE—Ms Carmel Tebbutt asked the Minister for Education—

What is the estimated spending for the Transition to Year 7 initiative:

- (a) in the 2011-12 Budget;?
- (b) over the next four financial years?

Answer-

- (a) The estimated expenditure for Transition to Year 7 in the 2011-12 financial year is \$4.6 million.
- (b) Estimated expenditure on programs in forward years is subject to the annual State Budget process.
- *0868 SUPPORT FOR BEGINNING TEACHERS INITIATIVE—Ms Carmel Tebbutt asked the Minister for Education—

What is the estimated spending for the Support For Beginning Teachers initiative:

- (a) in the 2011-12 Budget;
- (b) over the next four financial years?

Answer—

- (a) The estimated expenditure for Support for Beginning Teachers in the 2011-12 financial year is \$8.1 million.
- (b) Estimated expenditure on programs in forward years is subject to the annual State Budget process.

*0869 BEST START INITIATIVE—Ms Carmel Tebbutt asked the Minister for Education—

What is the estimated spending for the Best Start initiative:

- (a) in the 2011-12 Budget;
- (b) over the next four years?

Answer-

- (a) The estimated expenditure for Best Start Initiative in the 2011-12 financial year is \$31 million.
- (b) Estimated expenditure on programs in forward years is subject to the annual State Budget process.

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(Paper No. 40)

- 0871 PRESCHOOL FEE RELIEF FOR ABORIGINAL FAMILIES—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Minister for Education—
- 0872 TEACHER SALARY CUTS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Education—
- 0873 JOHN HUNTER HOSPITAL—ADDITIONAL BEDS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 0874 LOSS OF SOLAR INDUSTRY JOBS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Resources and Energy, Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Central Coast—
- 0875 SCIENCE FACILITY POSITIONS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 0876 ENHANCEMENT FOR PARKES HOSPITAL—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 0877 ISOLATED PARENT TRANSPORT AND ACCOMMODATION ASSISTANCE SCHEME—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 0878 RADIOTHERAPY SERVICES—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 0879 FIGTREE HIGH SCHOOL—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Education—
- 0880 CORRIMAL DAY CARE PROGRAM—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Ageing, and Minister for Disability Services—
- 0881 DISABILITY SERVICES IN THE ILLAWARRA—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Ageing, and Minister for Disability Services—
- 0883 TRAINING OPTIONS FOR RETRENCHED WORKERS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Education—
- 0884 ILLAWARRA ADVANTAGE FUND—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

- 0886 PRIMARY HEALTH CARE FACILITY AT BULLI HOSPITAL—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 0887 SYDNEY WATER AND HUNTER WATER CORPORATION—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 0888 HUNTER WATER CORPORATION—PENSIONER DISCOUNT—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

9 SEPTEMBER 2011

(Paper No. 41)

- 0889 DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING TENANTS RENTS—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 0892 INDICATORS TO BE USED—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 0893 INDICATORS TO BE USED—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Education—
- 0894 INDICATORS TO BE USED—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW—
- 0896 INDICATORS TO BE USED—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 0897 INDICATORS TO BE USED—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Hospitality and Racing, and Minister for the Arts—
- 0898 INDICATORS TO BE USED—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Treasurer—
- 0900 INDICATORS TO BE USED—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Ageing, and Minister for Disability Services—
- 0902 SOIL TESTING FOR LEAD CONTAMINATION—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 0903 CABRAMATTA COMMUTER CAR PARK—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Treasurer—
- 0904 ST JOHNS PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Education—
- 0905 MOUNT PRITCHARD PUBLIC SCHOOL—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Education—
- 0906 MOUNT PRITCHARD EAST PUBLIC SCHOOL—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Education—
- 0907 LES POWELL SCHOOL, MOUNT PRITCHARD—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Education—
- 0908 LANSVALE PUBLIC SCHOOL—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Education—
- 0909 LANSVALE EAST PUBLIC SCHOOL—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Education—
- 0910 KING PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Education—
- 0911 HARRINGTON STREET PUBLIC SCHOOL—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Education—
- 0912 CANLEY VALE PUBLIC SCHOOL—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Education—
- 0913 CANLEY HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Education—
- 0914 BONNYRIGG PUBLIC SCHOOL—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Education—
- 0916 HORNSBY KU-RING-GAI HOSPITAL—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 0917 ADDITIONAL BEDS—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- 0918 COAG-FUNDED SUBACUTE BEDS—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 0919 NORTHERN BEACHES HOSPITAL—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 0920 RYDE HOSPITAL—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 0921 COMMUNITY PHARMACY—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 0922 DELAYS OR BREAKDOWNS—BANKSTOWN LINE—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 0926 M90 AND M92 SERVICES—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 0927 962 AND 922 SERVICES—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport—

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- 0929 MOUNT DRUITT COURT HOUSE—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 0930 TILLEGRA DAM—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Resources and Energy, Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Central Coast—
- 0931 JUSTICE ACCESS CENTRE—WALLSEND—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 0932 COMMUNITY BUILDING PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 0933 HIGHER FEES FOR PUBLIC PRESCHOOLS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Education—
- 0934 CABRAMATTA WEST PUBLIC SCHOOL—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Education—
- 0935 CABRAMATTA PUBLIC SCHOOL—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Education—
- 0936 TECHNOLOGY INFRASTRUCTURE STRATEGIES UPGRADE—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 0937 UPGRADE OF CELL CALL AND DURESS SYSTEMS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 0938 LEGAL-E-SERVICES—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 0939 TECHNOLOGY UPGRADES—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 0940 DEVELOPMENT OF A JUSTICE PRECINCT—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 0941 LAW COURTS BUILDING, QUEENS SQUARE—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 0942 RATE OF ASSAULT—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 0943 INMATE TRANSPORT VEHICLE FLEET—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 0944 MAGISTRATES EARLY REFERRAL INTO TREATMENT PROGRAM—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

- 0945 ACTION TAKEN AGAINST NIGEL HADGKISS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 0946 SEXUAL ASSAULT COMMUNICATIONS PRIVILEGE REFERRAL PROJECT—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 0947 NSW TRUSTEE AND GUARDIAN—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 0948 TRANSITION TASK FORCE—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 0949 WAGGA WAGGA BASE HOSPITAL INTERNS—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 0950 ANTENATAL CLASSES—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 0951 STATEWIDE NSW PAIN MANAGEMENT PLAN—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 0952 SCHOOL MINOR WORKS PROGRAM—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Education—
- 0953 DEMOUNTABLE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM—GEORGES HALL PUBLIC SCHOOL—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Education—
- 0954 DEMOUNTABLE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM—BANKSTOWN NORTH PUBLIC SCHOOL—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Education—
- 0955 BANKSTOWN GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL—AUDIT OF SCHOOL FACILITIES—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Education—
- 0956 PUNCHBOWL BOYS HIGH SCHOOL—AUDIT OF SCHOOL FACILITIES—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Education—
- 0957 BASS HILL HIGH SCHOOL—AUDIT OF SCHOOL FACILITIES—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Education—
- 0958 COMMUNITY BUILDING PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Treasurer—
- 0959 HIGHLY ACCOMPLISHED TEACHERS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Education—
- 0960 SCHOOL BASED MANAGEMENT PILOT—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Education—
- 0961 POLICE CITIZENS YOUTH CLUBS—Mr Ryan Park 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—
- 0962 AUDIT OF LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 0963 AIR QUALITY MONITORING SITES—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—
- 0964 REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS FUNDING—Mr Richard Torbay to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Trade and Investment, and Minister for Regional Infrastructure and Services—

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(Paper No. 43)

- *0965 PROPERTIES MANAGED BY NON-GOVERNMENT AGENCIES—Mr Richard Amery asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
 - (1) How many dwellings owned by the Department of Housing are being managed by non-Government

agencies?

- (2) What are the names of all non-Government agencies now managing Department of Housing properties?
- (3) How many properties does each of the agencies named in (2) above manage?
- (4) Do the tenants who reside in properties managed by these non-Government agencies pay the same rent as tenants who reside in dwellings managed by the Department of Housing?
- (5) Will these tenants also get the rent increases that apply to all tenants of the department?

Answer—

- (1) and (3) The number of properties under community housing management is published in the Housing NSW component of the Department of Family and Community Services' Annual Report. As at 30 June 2010, 18,910 properties were managed by registered community housing providers.
- (2) Details of the 235 registered community housing providers managing social housing properties is available on the Registrar of Community Housing website.
- (4) Community housing tenants generally pay the same net rent as public housing tenants. A small number of community housing tenants on higher incomes pay up to 30% of their assessable income as rents. Rents for both community and public housing tenants are capped at market rents.
- (5) Yes.
- 0966 ACCESS AND PARKING AT FUTURE NEWCASTLE UNIVERSITY—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Education—
- 0967 WALLSEND-GLENDALE HISTORIC TRAMWAY WALKWAY/SHARED PATHWAY—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 0969 RURAL FIRE SERVICE TANKERS—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 0970 CABRAMATTA COMMUTER CAR PARK—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 0972 CLINICAL NURSE EDUCATORS—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 0973 DENTAL BUDGET—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 0974 OUT OF HOSPITAL CARE—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 0975 BETTER WORKPLACES FOR TEACHERS AND NURSES PROGRAM—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 0976 FEE FOR PROCESSING BLOOD PRODUCTS—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 0977 CONNECTING CARE PROGRAM—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 0978 HURLSTONE AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Education—
- 0979 EXPANSION OF NRE MINES—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW—
- 0980 BULLI HOSPITAL—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

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- 0982 INDICATORS TO BE USED—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 0983 INDICATORS TO BE USED—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 0984 INDICATORS TO BE USED—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- *0988 INDICATORS TO BE USED—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Healthy Lifestyles, and Minister for Western New South Wales—
 - (1) What indicators will be used in the Mental Health portfolio to determine if NSW is No. 1?
 - (2) What indicators will be used in the Healthy Lifestyles portfolio to determine if NSW is No. 1?
 - (3) What indicators will be used in the Western New South Wales portfolio to determine if NSW is No. 1?

Answer—

The Government's performance targets are contained in "NSW 2021". It is publically available.

- 0989 INDICATORS TO BE USED—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—
- 0992 CONSTRUCTION AND RENOVATION OF PCYC CENTRES—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 0993 FEDERAL FUNDING INCLUDED IN BUDGET—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Treasurer—
- 0995 FEES PAID FOR CONSULTATION—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW—
- 0996 COST OF REVIEW—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW—
- 0997 TRANSFER OF HOUSING NSW ASSETS—Mr Michael Daley to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 0998 TRANSFER OF HOUSING NSW STAFF—Mr Michael Daley to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 0999 WORKCOVER NSW OFFICES—Mr Michael Daley to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 1000 INTERACTIVE WHITEBOARDS—Mr John Flowers to ask the Minister for Education—
- 1001 HIGHLY ACCOMPLISHED TEACHERS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Education—
- 1002 SCHOOL BASED MANAGEMENT PILOT—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Education—
- 1003 CUTS IN NURSING POSITIONS—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 1004 HERITAGE LISTED PROPERTIES—99-YEAR LEASES—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 1005 OXFORD STREET CLEARWAY—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 1006 BICYCLES ON PUBLIC TRANSPORT—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 1007 COMPANION ANIMALS ON RAILCORP LAND—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 1008 LOCAL AREA TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PLAN—CONSULTATION—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

- 1009 LOCAL AREA TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PLAN—REVIEW—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 1010 FUNDING FOR "DITTO'S KEEP SAFE ADVENTURE"—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—
- 1011 ADDITIONAL LITERACY AND NUMERACY TEACHERS—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—
- 1012 TEACHER NUMBERS—BEGINNING OF SCHOOL YEAR 2011—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—
- 1013 TEACHER NUMBERS—30 JUNE 2011—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—
- 1014 NEWTOWN STATION UPGRADE—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 1015 TRAIN STATIONS—CAPITAL ALLOCATION AND PROJECTS PROPOSED—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Transport—

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- 1016 COMMUTER CAR PARK—ST MARYS RAILWAY STATION—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 1017 SPENDING ON HEALTH SERVICES—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 1018 SPENDING ON EDUCATION—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Minister for Education—
- 1019 SPENDING ON FAIR TRADING—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Minister for Fair Trading—
- 1020 SPENDING ON CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENT—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—
- 1022 NATURAL RESOURCES ADVISORY COUNCIL—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—
- 1024 SAFETY OF WARATAH STATION COMMUTERS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 1025 BASS HILL SPECIAL NEEDS SCHOOL—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Treasurer—
- 1026 FUNDING ALLOCATION FOR HENRY LAWSON DRIVE—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 1027 PRESCHOOLS IN ELECTORATE OF BANKSTOWN—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 1028 PUBLIC HOUSING FUNDING—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 1029 GRAFFITI—ALTERNATIVE SOLUTIONS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Local Government, and Minister for the North Coast—
- 1030 WARATAH CARRIAGES—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 1031 SCHOOLS CAPITOL WORKS FUNDING—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Education—
- 1032 EASY ACCESS PROGRAM—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 1033 ADDITIONAL EASY ACCESS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport—

- 1034 REPLACEMENT AND GROWTH BUSES—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 1035 HOMELESSNESS—ELECTORATE OF BANKSTOWN—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 1037 TRANSFER OF PUBLIC HOUSING TENANT—Mr Jamie Parker to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 1038 OFFERS OF VOLUNTARY REDUNDANCY—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 1039 OFFERS OF VOLUNTARY REDUNDANCY—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Trade and Investment, and Minister for Regional Infrastructure and Services—
- 1040 OFFERS OF VOLUNTARY REDUNDANCY—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 1041 OFFERS OF VOLUNTARY REDUNDANCY—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Education—
- 1042 BIRRONG BOYS HIGH SCHOOL—MAINTENANCE BUDGET—Mrs Barbara Perry to ask the Minister for Education—
- 1043 AUBURN NORTH PUBLIC SCHOOL—MAINTENANCE BUDGET—Mrs Barbara Perry to ask the Minister for Education—
- 1044 BERALA PUBLIC SCHOOL—MAINTENANCE BUDGET—Mrs Barbara Perry to ask the Minister for Education—
- 1045 GRANVILLE SOUTH PUBLIC SCHOOL—MAINTENANCE BUDGET—Mrs Barbara Perry to ask the Minister for Education—
- 1046 FILLING OF VACANT POSITIONS—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—
- 1047 CONDITIONS ASSESSMENT OF NSW GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—
- 1048 CENTRALLY-DEVELOPED SUPPLY CONTRACTS—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—
- 1049 RISK OF HARM REPORTS—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—
- 1050 NSW EDUCATION AND TRAINING CHILD WELLBEING UNIT—REPORTS MADE—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—
- 1051 NSW EDUCATION AND TRAINING CHILD WELLBEING UNIT—STAFF NUMBERS—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—
- 1052 FAIRFIELD HOSPITAL—ADDITIONAL BEDS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 1053 FAIRFIELD HOSPITAL—NEW NURSES—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 1054 FAIRFIELD TRANSPORT INTERCHANGE—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 1055 BRIDGE OVER LOWER PROSPECT CANAL RESERVE—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 1056 PUBLIC SCHOOL UPGRADES—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Education—
- 1058 FUNDING FOR ARTERIAL AND LOCAL ROADS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

- 1059 MOUNT DRUITT HOSPITAL DENTAL CLINIC—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 1060 MILLFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOL—FLASHING LIGHTS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 1061 FLASHING LIGHTS FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 1062 PUBLIC SERVICE JOB CUTS IN RESEARCH FACILITIES—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 1063 CORRECTIVE SERVICES NSW—PENALTIES IMPOSED—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 1064 AIRFLIGHT EXPENDITURES—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 1065 NSW TRUSTEE AND GUARDIAN—ASSAULTS ON STAFF—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 1066 CORRECTIONAL CENTRES—EXTRA BEDS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 1067 CORRECTIONAL CENTRES—WALL MOUNTED RINGS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 1068 NEEDLE EXCHANGE PROGRAM—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 1069 FORUM SENTENCING—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 1070 INTENSIVE CORRECTION ORDERS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 1071 OUTSTANDING BENCH WARRANTS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
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- 1074 COMMUNITY OFFENDER SUPPORT PROGRAM CENTRES—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 1075 RIFLE SHOOTING IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS—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—
- 1076 OFFERS OF VOLUNTARY REDUNDANCY—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 1077 OFFERS OF VOLUNTARY REDUNDANCY—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW—
- 1078 OFFERS OF VOLUNTARY REDUNDANCY—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport—
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- 1080 OFFERS OF VOLUNTARY REDUNDANCY—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Ageing, and Minister for Disability Services—

- 1081 OFFERS OF VOLUNTARY REDUNDANCY—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 1082 OFFERS OF VOLUNTARY REDUNDANCY—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Fair Trading—
- 1083 OFFERS OF VOLUNTARY REDUNDANCY—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—
- 1084 OFFERS OF VOLUNTARY REDUNDANCY—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation—
- 1085 INQUIRY INTO LYSAGHT OVAL—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation—
- 1086 BULLI HOSPITAL URGENT CARE CENTRE—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 1087 BULLI PCYC—Mr Ryan Park 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—
- 1088 VISITS TO CRONULLA FISHERIES RESEARCH CENTRE—Mr Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Small Business—
- 1089 COST OF SUPPLYING WATER FOR FISHERIES RESEARCH—Mr Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Small Business—
- 1090 SOURCE OF WATER SUPPLY FOR FISHERIES RESEARCH—Mr Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Small Business—

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- 1091 STAMP DUTY CONCESSION—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Treasurer—
 - (1) During the financial year ending 30 June 2011, how many persons received a stamp duty concession for buying their first home in the following postcode areas:
 - (a) 2770;
 - (b) 2761;
 - (c) 2766?
 - (2) What was the total value of these concessions
- 1092 JOHN NESS PROTESTANT FEDERATION GIRLS HOME—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
 - (1) Who was responsible for the care and wellbeing of children accommodated at the former John Ness Protestant Federation Girls Home situated at 50 Garnet Street, Dulwich Hill that was established in 1921 and operated until the building was sold in 1983;
 - (2) If these children were Wards of the State, and it cannot be determined exactly who or what organisation was responsible for their care and well being, does this not mean that the NSW Government is ultimately responsible?
- 1093 CARDIFF RAILWAY STATION—EASY ACCESS UPGRADE—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport—
 - Given a July 2011 CityRail publication which stated that the upgrade to Cardiff Railway Station is expected to be completed towards the middle of 2012, and the Minister's answer to my question No. 0579 that the upgrade is expected to be completed in late 2013:
 - What transpired between July 2011 and 7 September 2011 to delay the expected completion date of the upgrade of Cardiff Railway Station from the middle of 2012 to late 2013,
- 1094 BUS SERVICES PATRONAGE—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport—
 - (1) Do State Transit Authority figures indicate that bus services patronage is down more than a quarter

- of a million passenger boardings over the past two years?
- (2) What is the Minister doing to ensure a cessation of this trend, in terms of offering better, more efficient services?
- (3) What is the Minister doing to address the surge in malicious damage, vandalism and offensive behaviour incidents which are hampering efforts to attract passengers?
- 1095 VIOLENCE ON TRAIN STATIONS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport—
 - (1) Has the Newcastle and Hunter Region dominated the list of the state's most violent train stations by rate of incidents per passenger and is Waratah Station the worst station in the Hunter?
 - (2) Will the Minister ensure that visible, uniformed staff patrol all railway stations each and every day, as well as all trains, to improve community confidence in public transport in the region?
- 1096 HUNTER CRIME STATISTICS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
 - (1) Do Hunter crime statistics for 2010 and 2011 indicate a surge in sex offences, in thefts from vehicles and in fraud offences?
 - (2) Will the Minister be addressing this increase in crime with a corresponding increase in police numbers to ensure the safety and well-being of Hunter residents?
- 1097 DNA BACKLOG—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
 - (1) What is the Minister doing to address the current crisis in DNA processing and matching backlog?
 - (2) Has a young woman in Newcastle been waiting for her assailant, who is out in the community, to be identified so she can resume her life without fear.
- 1098 CALVARY MATER HOSPITAL—CANCER TREATMENT AND RESEARCH CENTRE—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
 - (1) What has the Minister done to secure the vital cancer treatment and research centre at the Calvary Mater Hospital, given its election promise to purchase land next to the Calvary for the centre?
 - (2) Has the community identified this centre as a priority given the region's long waits for cancer treatment and the need for more medical oncologists?
- 1099 METHADONE PHARMACOTHERAPY TREATMENT—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
 - (1) Which unit or units of Hunter New England Area Health Service denies methadone pharmacotherapy treatment to released ex-prisoners who are referred to Hunter New England Area Health by the Justice Department?
 - (2) What is the reason for this injustice to released prisoners?
- 1100 FREE RAGE STOCKING DENSITIES—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Small Business—
 - (1) What is the recommended maximum stocking density for free range laying hens in NSW?
 - (2) If there is no maximum stocking density, why not?
 - (3) What is the Government's policy on the Australian Egg Corporation working towards establishing a cap on free range stocking densities to two birds per metre square, which equates to 20,000 hens per hectare, given the current acceptable density is 1,500 per hectare?
- 1101 2017 INTERNATIONAL EXPOSITION—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Hospitality and Racing, and Minister for the Arts—
 - (1) What is the Government doing to secure a bid for Newcastle to host the 2017 International Exposition, given its election promise of \$1 million for Newcastle to fund a bid to host the 2017 event?
 - (2) Is the Government aware that it has until 10 December to lodge its interest, to showcase Newcastle and continue its revitalisation?
- 1102 NORTH COAST AREA HEALTH SERVICE JOB CUTS—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

With regard to the previous "axing of 400 jobs" in the North Coast Area Health Service:

- (1) In which hospitals were these job cuts made?
- (2) In which positions?
- (3) Were the deleted positions permanently funded positions?
- (4) Were any services closed as a result of these cuts?
- 1103 PORT MACQUARIE HOSPITAL—FOURTH POD—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

With regard to the proposed "fourth pod" at Port Macquarie Hospital:

- (1) What is the latest estimate of the final cost?
- (2) Which sources (i.e. Federal and NSW Government contributions) of funding will be used?
- (3) When will construction commence?
- (4) What facilities will be constructed?
- (5) When will construction end?
- 1104 SUTHERLAND HOSPITAL EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
 - (1) What enhancements to the Sutherland Hospital Emergency Department are planned in the 2011-12 financial year?
 - (2) What staffing enhancements have been approved for the 2011-12 financial year?
- 1105 NATIONAL BOWEL CANCER SCREENING—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

In regard to National Bowel Cancer screening and follow up:

- (1) How many colonoscopies were performed in NSW public hospitals for the year 2010-11?
- (2) How many patients are on the waiting list for colonoscopy in NSW in category 1, 2 and 3?
- (3) For the months April to June 2011, what were the median wait times for colonoscopy in categories 1, 2 and 3?
- (4) What enhancements for colonoscopy services in response to bowel screening will be approved in the 2011-12 financial year?
- 1106 RENAL DIALYSIS—FORBES AREA—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
 - (1) How many patients in the Forbes area are on home dialysis?
 - (2) How many are on hospital-based dialysis?
 - (3) How many chairs for hospital-based dialysis are currently available in Forbes?
 - (4) What is the total annual budget?
 - (5) (a) Are there any patients who are required to travel from Forbes to (a) Orange or (b) other hospitals for dialysis?
 - (b) If so, for what reasons(s)?
- 1107 TOMAREE COMMUNITY HOSPITAL—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

With regard to Tomaree Community Hospital:

Given your answer to Question 0145 and your commitment to an upgrade that would "include the provision of a day surgery centre, residential aged care, hostel type units and a comprehensive community health care centre":

What enhancements for Tomaree Community Hospital are planned for:

- (a) the 2011-2012 budget year;
- (b) the following two financial years?
- 1108 MORISSET AMBULANCE STATION—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

What are the dates and hours of any occasions on which Morisset Ambulance Station has been unmanned since its administration was transferred to the Central Coast Zone?

- 1109 JENOLAN CAVES TRUST—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—
 - Will the Government initiate an independent investigation of the validity of the administrator's appointment to the Jenolan Caves Trust?
- 1110 CRONULLA FISHERIES RESEARCH CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE—STAFF REDUNDANCIES—Mr Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Small Business—
 - What is the number of staff redundancies which you expect and what is the cost of staff redundancies which you expect (with a breakdown of the calculation), associated with relocation of functions from the Cronulla Fisheries Research Centre of Excellence?
- 1111 CRONULLA FISHERIES RESEARCH CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE—STAFF RELOCATION TO PORT STEPHENS—Mr Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Small Business—
 - What is the number of staff whom you expect will relocate from the Cronulla Fisheries Research Centre of Excellence to Port Stephens and what do you expect will be the cost (with a breakdown of the calculation) for that staff relocation?
- 1112 CRONULLA FISHERIES RESEARCH CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE—STAFF RELOCATION—Mr Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Small Business—
 - Separately for each site apart from Port Stephens to which functions of the Cronulla Fisheries Research Centre of Excellence are to be relocated, what is the number of staff whom you expect will relocate to that site and what do you expect will be the cost (with a breakdown of the calculation) for that staff relocation to that site?
- 1113 WINMALEE PUBLIC SCHOOL HALL—COVERED WALKWAY—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—
 - (1) How much funding has been allocated in the 2011-12 financial year to construct a covered walkway to Winmalee Public School hall?
 - (2) When will the project begin and when will construction be completed?
- 1114 SCHOOL ZONE FLASHING LIGHTS—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
 - (1) How much funding has been allocated in the 2011-12 financial year for the installation of school zone flashing lights?
 - (2) How much funding has been allocated across the forward estimates period for the installation of school zone flashing lights?
 - (3) When will the following schools have school zone flashing lights installed:
 - (a) East Hills Boys' Technology High School;
 - (b) Arthur Phillip High School;
 - (c) Parramatta Public School;
 - (d) William Stimson Public School;
 - (e) Kiama High School;
 - (f) Roland Hassall Public School?
- 1115 BLAXCELL STREET PUBLIC SCHOOL AIR-CONDITIONING—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—
 - (1) How much funding has been allocated in the 2011-12 financial year for the installation of air-conditioning in classrooms at Blaxcell Street Public School?
 - (2) How much funding has been allocated across the forward estimates period for the installation of air conditioning in classrooms at Blaxcell Street Public School?
 - (3) How many classrooms does Blaxcell Street Public School have and how many of these will be airconditioned?
 - (4) When will this project commence and when will it be completed?
- 1116 HOMOPHOBIC BULLYING IN SCHOOLS—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—
 - (1) How much funding has been allocated in the 2011-12 financial year for programs to combat homophobic bullying in schools?

- (2) How much funding was allocated in the 2010-11 financial year to combat homophobic bullying in schools?
- (3) How much funding has been allocated across the forward estimates period for programs to combat homophobic bullying in schools?
- (4) How much funding is allocated to each Government program to combat homophobic bullying in schools?
- 1117 DEVELOPMENT AT KAMIRA COURT, VILLAWOOD—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

Can the Minister provide the status of the Department of Housing development at Kamira Court, Villawood?

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