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0001 COMMUTER CAR PARK—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Transport—

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0002 WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE RAIL STATIONS—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Transport—

- (1) How many rail stations on the CityRail network have access for people with disabilities requiring a wheelchair?
- (2) What are the locations of these rail stations?
- (3) How many rail stations do not have this access available?
- (4) What plans does the Government have to make all stations on the rail network accessible to persons with disabilities?

0003 SCHOOL FENCING PROGRAM—ALBURY—Mr Greg Aplin to ask the Minister for Education—

Can the Minister provide an update on the School Fencing Program for the Albury electorate, specifically:

- (a) Which schools are listed for fencing?
- (b) What is the timeline for the fencing program in the Albury electorate?
- (c) Will Springdale Heights Public School be prioritised after the recent vandalism attacks?

0004 SCHOOL ZONE FLASHING LIGHTS—HOWLONG PUBLIC SCHOOL—Mr Greg Aplin to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

With regard to the program for installation of flashing lights for school zones in NSW can the Minister advise if flashing lights for Howlong Public School will receive high priority considering that:

- (a) the school is on the Riverina Highway;
- (b) the highway carries a high volume of heavy transport;
- (c) residents of Howlong have expressed concern that highway traffic does not slow down in the school area?

0005 JACKSON'S BRIDGE—TUMBARUMBA SHIRE—Mr Greg Aplin to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

Given continued road safety concerns and delays in completing planned construction, can the Minister provide an update on works being undertaken for the realignment of Jackson's Bridge, 7 km north of Tumbarumba on State Road 85?

0006 INCENTIVES TO SMALL BUSINESSES AND BANKS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Small Business—

What incentives does the Government provide to encourage small businesses and banks to locate in main street strips?

0007 SADLEIR PUBLIC SCHOOL—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Education—

Will the Minister allocate funds from the next State budget for an electrical upgrade at Sadleir Public School as recommended by NSW Public Works?

0008 LIVERPOOL COURT HOUSE—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

When will work on the renovation of Liverpool Court House commence?

0009 LIVERPOOL COURT HOUSE—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

When will work on the renovation of Liverpool Court House be completed?

0010 LIVERPOOL RAILWAY TURNBACK—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Transport—

When will work on the Liverpool railway turnback be completed?

- 0011 LIVERPOOL POLICE STATION—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

When will work on the renovation of Liverpool Police Station be completed?

- 0012 COST OF CHANGE OF NAME—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

In relation to the change of the name of Department of Justice and Attorney General to the Department of Attorney General and Justice:

- (1) What is the cost of this change of name?
- (2) What are the associated costs for new letterheads?
- (3) What are the associated costs for reprinting business cards?
- (4) What are the associated costs with updating the Department's website?
- (5) What are the associated costs with signage and displays?

- 0013 BLUE MOUNTAINS DISTRICT ANZAC MEMORIAL HOSPITAL—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) Will the Government commit to the reclassification of Blue Mountains District Anzac Memorial Hospital as a facility covered by the Rural Doctors Settlement Package (RDSP)?
- (2) If yes, when will this be done?

- 0014 UNATTACHED/DISPLACED EMPLOYEES—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

How many public servants were on the unattached/displaced employees list at the end of March 2011?

- 0015 VEHICULAR FLOW FROM ARCHBOLD ROAD TO PENSHURST STREET—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

What is the status of potential work to improve vehicular flow from Archbold Road to Penshurst Street in the vicinity of Boundary Road at Roseville?

- 0016 M2-F3 LINK PROJECT—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

Regarding the M2-F3 link project:

- (1) What is the status of the \$150 million the Federal Government allocated under the National Partnership Agreement for Major Infrastructure Projects 2009-2014, conditional on the State Government contributing \$37.5 million?
- (2) How much has the State Government allocated for future construction costs, if anything?
- (3) What is the current status for the provision of additional funds beyond June 2014 for the project as referred to in the National Partnership Agreement for Major Infrastructure Projects 2009-2014?

- 0017 WAKEHURST PARKWAY FLOODING—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

Given that between 1 January 2010 and 3 December 2010 the Wakehurst Parkway was closed on seven occasions due to flooding, what work is planned to improve the situation?

- 0018 RAPID BUS TRANSIT SYSTEM—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

What plans are there to undertake a feasibility study for a Rapid Bus Transit system for the strategic bus corridor between Chatswood and Dee Why?

- 0019 STATE DEBT RECOVERY OFFICE—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

Regarding the State Debt Recovery Office (SDRO):

- (1) How much is currently owed to the SDRO?
- (2) How many full time equivalent staff are currently employed in the SDRO?

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- 0020 PRIMARY SCHOOL DRUG PREVENTION PROGRAM—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Education—
- What was the cost of the State Government primary school Drug Prevention Program for the last two financial, or calendar years, as appropriate?
- 0021 BULLI HOSPITAL—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- (1) What is the latest information about the \$9.4 million Community Health Centre located adjacent to Bulli Hospital?
 - (2) What upgrades and service improvements if any are planned for Bulli Hospital over the next 12 months?
 - (3) What upgrades and service improvements if any are planned for the Emergency Department of Bulli Hospital?
- 0022 MOUNT OUSLEY ROAD REST STOP—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- What is the latest information about the progress of the Mt Ousley Road rest stop upgrade?
- 0023 PICTON ROAD IMPROVEMENTS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- (1) What specific works will be completed as part of the Government's \$10 million commitment to improvements to Picton Road?
 - (2) Are these improvements the same or in addition to the upgrades already committed to under the previous Government?
- 0024 FIGTREE HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Education—
- (1) What is the latest information on the commencement of the new library for Figtree High School?
 - (2) When will the design be completed?
 - (3) If required under the legislation, when will the Development Application be lodged?
 - (4) When will construction commence?
- 0025 LAKE MACQUARIE LOCAL AREA COMMAND—Mr Greg Piper 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—
- What were the authorised and actual strengths of the Lake Macquarie Local Area Command over the period 1995 to 2010?
- 0026 AIR-CONDITIONING POLICY FOR SCHOOLS—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Minister for Education—
- As the school year does not commence until the end of January, why is the schools' air-conditioning policy criteria for "hot spots" based on the mean maximum temperature for January and not a subsequent summer month?
- 0027 CASINO-MURWILLUMBAH RAIL LINE—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Transport—
- What is the annual maintenance cost, including the budgeted cost and the actual cost, for the Casino-Murwillumbah rail line over the following years:
- (a) 2007-08;
 - (b) 2008-09;
 - (c) 2009-10;
 - (d) year to date?
- 0028 TWEED HOSPITAL—HIP REPLACEMENTS—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- In relation to Tweed Hospital:
- (1) How many people are currently on the waiting list for hip replacements?
 - (2) How many people are on the previously undisclosed "waiting-to-wait" list for hip replacement surgery?
 - (3) How many hip replacement procedures occurred at Tweed Hospital in the following years:
 - (a) 2008-09;
 - (b) 2009-10;

- (c) 2010-to date?
- (4) What was the budgeted cost and the actual cost of these hip replacement surgeries in the years:
- (a) 2008-09;
 - (b) 2009-10;
 - (c) 2010-to date?
- 0029 SOLAR BONUS SCHEME—Mr Richard Torbay to ask the Minister for Resources and Energy, Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Central Coast—
- (1) (a) Have all grid connections under the Solar Bonus Scheme been halted until after the Solar Summit?
(b) If not, which connections can proceed?
 - (2) What is the position for operators who have ordered solar panels, installed panels not yet connected to the grid or have panels ready to be installed for applications approved for connection to the grid?
 - (3) Are consumers entitled to ask for a refund if they have paid for panels but have not yet had connection to the grid?
 - (4) When is the Solar Summit expected to make its recommendations and what is on hold until after the Summit?
 - (5) Given that on 8 April 251 MW has been connected to the grid and there are currently applications for 351 MW, 50 MW above the 300 MW limit set by the Government, how will the successful applications be determined and will it mean that 50% of the applications will be unsuccessful?
 - (6) Would there be any compensation for operators if applications approved for connection to the grid get knocked back through the halt?